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#### GOOD MORNING





Today: Rain and snow showers, wind. High 37, low 25.

#### Magic Valley

Tragedy: Gooding snowmobiler dies in Elmore County avalanche.

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#### MONEY

Slight improvement: Average annual unemployment for the Twin Falls area dropped one-tenth of a percent, the state

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#### West



Cookin' compost: Company mines gold at south end horse, markets high-end manure.

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#### SPORTS

It's H-Bowl time: Boise State takes on Iowa State in the Humanitarian Bowl today.

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Coaching carousel: Three NFL coaches lost their jobs Monday, and an old stan-dard could be back in the league soon.

#### OPINION

Spotlight on letters: A heartfelt note of thanks for those who wrote letters in 2002, in today's editorial.

#### COMNGUE



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Your complete guide to the winter semester at the College of Southern Idaho.

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# **MEMORIES**

A year of jubilation, sorrow - and quirks

Te saw fire in 2002, and we saw rain. The

began with an Olympic torch extravaganza. Dell Computer Corp.'s local work force grew like wildfire, until more than 700 Twin Falls workers could say, "Dude, I got a Dell job!"

But stormy economic conditions clouded the Mini-Cassia area. In the midst of tough times nationwide, the J.R. Simplot Co. plant began hundreds of predicted layoffs at its Heyburn potato plant.

piant.

In some ways, 2002 was like many other years for Magic Valley. Drought-wary farmers kept their fingers crossed all summer. Dairy odors incited political scuffles.

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Republicans, as usual, won most of the elections.
But 2002 had its quirky stories, too. The sidearm-slinging surgeon. The postal pot



as she retrieves personal items and her cat from her home at 260 Blue

principal. The tomato green-houses that never quite ripened. It was a year worth remem-bering. You'll find lots more memories on Page B1.





A federal investigator photographs the wreckage of a light ( that crashed into a feel track at Joslin Field, Magic Yelley Regional Airport in September, killing three people.





low people who was happy on un-n-ar at the J.P. Simplot Co. in October. ethement and no longer has to work.

### Council votes to buy Auger Falls land

Times-News writes

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TWIN FALLS - When the city takes formal possession of about 545 acres in the Auger Falls area of the Snake River Caryon, don't expect it to be highly developed, Twin Falls Mayor Lance Clow said.

"It's not going to be the type of park with soccer fields and things like that," Clow said. "It's going to be a nature park with hiking trails and great views."

The City Council voted unanimously Monday to spend about 51.3 million from the city's reserve funds to buy the land, It includes about 23 acres just west of the city's sewage treatment plant, and more than 500 acres located about 2 mile and three quarters west - or downstream from there.

The deal is still subject to final review by City Attorney Frit.
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### Attacker kills three Americans in Yemen

The Washington Poet

Three American missionaries were slain and a fourth was seriously wounded at a Baptist charity hospital in Yemen Monday by a suspected Islamic militant who snuggled a semi-automatic rifle into the heavily guarded facility by cradling it under his coarlike a beby in his arms, officials said.

The suspected guaman, Abed Abdul-Razzag al-Kamil, 30, surrendered to hospital authorities after his gan apparently jammed following the shootings at Jibila Baptist Hospital, which is located about 125 miles south of the

Who the victims were - A4

Yemeni capital, Sanaa. Officials in Yemen said al-Kamil was connected to extremist groups and believed the killings would bring him closer to God.

Killed in the attack were hospital administrator William Koehn, 60, of Arlington, Texas, who had planned to retire in October, purchasing agent Kathleen Gariety, 53, of Wawatosa, Wis; and physician Martha Myers, 57, of Montgomery, Ala. Donald Caswell, 49, a pharmacist from

Levelland, Tex., was wounded in the attack. Caswell underwent surgery to remove two bullets from his abdomen and is expected to recover from his injuries. The assault was quickly condemned by U.S. officials, who said investigators were still trying to determine if the shootings were connected to the al-Qaida network or other organized terrorist groups. White House spokesman Scott McClellan indicated U.S. authorities would seek to prosecute those responsible.

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### M.V. wage growth beat state's numbers

The Times-News and The Associated Press

TWIN FALLS - Low wages are still a reality of life in Magic

still a reality of life in Magic Valley. But the valley's workers last year narrowed the wage gap between themselves and the rest of Idaho, new data indicate. Particularly improved were wages on the north side of the Snake River

Snäke River
Canyon, where
dairies and
cheese plants
have provided
year-round, stable income for
many formerly seasonal workers.

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Annual average wages rose during 2001 in seven of Magic Valley's eight counties, and all those hikes were bigger than the state's tiny average, the U.S. Department of Commerce's Bureau of Economic Analysis reported Monday. Sparsely pop-ulated Camas County, with a S.S percent decline, was the excep-tion.

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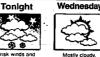


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### Poleline At Blue Lakes North Seven-way battle develops for **Resources Committee top spot**

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replace him pits seniority against philosophy and East against West. Rep. Joel Heffey of Colorado and Rep. Barhara Cubin of Wyoming are tying for the leadership position along with Saxton of New Jersey and Californians Ren Calvert. Elton Gallegly and Richard Pumbo. House forces subdommittee chairman Scott McInnis of Colorado said be would have gotten in the race "il I didn't think Duncan waw pretty sure on the deal."

deal."

The committee, which oversees millions of acres of public lands concentrated west of the Mississippi River, has almost always been led by a Westerner.

Hänsen

A property-rights advocate from Tennessee who once compared environmentalists to Nazis is apparently the leading candidate in the seven-way Republican race for what many in the West see as the most important job in the U.S. House.

House.

Rep. John Duncan of Knooville has emerged in the GOP majority as the consensus candidate to head the House Resources Committee. The panel will play a critical role in energy legislation and any fix to the West's forest-fire critics.

Current Chairman Jim Hansen Utah is retiring. The battle to

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While the general vision for the city's use of the area is settled, many operations are still open for discussion. Clow said, Better access to the Snake River for a state point and a state from the same period to the fully treated state from the fully treated pumping it onto the fully treated pumping it on the fully treated pumping it on the full treated state from the full fully treated and other wildlife. Interface state for a supported by the Idaho Department of state fully treated by the Idaho Department Quality and the sportsmen's group Ducks Chamiel, he said.

Spending the money on the full fully treated shouldn't draw too much strain on the city's budget. Courtney said.

Council

### Wages

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Lincoln County was the fastest mover. In all of Idaho, in fact.
Its average annual wage shot place from the ping second-place Power County by almost 4 percentage points. Gooding and Minidoka counties, with increase of 7.2 and 6.1 percent respectively, enjoyed the fourth, and fifth-highest wage growth in the state.
Statewide 10 counties, including the largest, saw average wages fall during 2001 - one of the early signs of Idaho's faltering economy.

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The average wage in Idaho last year rose an anemic 0.7 percent, the weakest increase in the coun-try, the Bureau of Economic Analysis reported.

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The average wage actually dropped L5 percent in the state's major cities while it now 2.7 percent in rural lidabic reversing the previous five years when growth was concentrated in the state capital and Coeur d'Alene Magic Valley trends had something to do with that.

The wage gap between lidabic rural and urban areas narrowed slightly, but cit's workers will averaged nearly \$5.900 more last year than their rural counterparts.

parts.

In Magic Valley, only Blaine
County's annual wages topped
the statewide average. With the
fourth-highest average wages in

### Changing wages

ers, county by county, are the average annual wages for 2001 and the percentage change from 2000.

County	_ Wage	" change
BLAINE	\$31,748	09
CAMAS	16,133	-5.5
CASSIA	21,838	4.3
GOODING	21,666	7.2
JEROME	22,266	42
LINCOLN	21,064	118
MINIDOKA	22,997	61
TWIN FALLS	22,012	10
STATE	\$27,268	0.7

the state, Blaine also has some the highest property values a costs of living.

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Nationally, the average wage was up 26 percent.

The weaknesses in Idaho wages happened as lawmakers were being cautioned against major permanent tas reductions or spending increases to dispose of what was a record \$300 million surplus at the beginning of 2001.

2001.
The recession has since wiped out that surplus, forcing the repeal of nearly all the new spending commitments made with that money while protecting the record tax cut.
Defenders of the tax cut, including Gov. Dirk Kempthorne,

say the current economic down-turn would be even worse if co-porate and personal income taxes had not been reduced. The weakness in average wage growth also was occurring at the same time Idaho's population growth was picking up. The Census Bureau reported earlier this month that the date's popu-lation from mid-2001 to mid-2002 continued Climbing toward 1.4 million, rising another 1.6 per-cent.

cent. Only eight other states showed stronger growth, and in every case those states also showed average wage growth in excess of 2 percent, apparently eliminating strong population growth as a diluting factur in wage rates.

rates. Accounty and two of its bed-from counties, Gem and Boise, all reported declining average wages last year, abruptly ending the state capital city's distinction as the anchor of the final eco-nomic surge in the late 1990s and into 2000.

The other wage losers were rural counties including the four that have been mired in double-digit percentage unemployment

digit percentage unemployment for the past several years -Clearwater, Idaho, Adams and Shoshone.

Times-News Business Editor Virginia S. Hutchins contributed to this report.

### Rehnquist lobbies Bush for judicial pay raises

WASHINGTON (AP) - Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist has tepped up the pressure for judicial pay raises, making a personal appeal to President Bush. Rehnquist met with Bash before Christmas at the White House about pay raises for federal judges, a meeting that stoked rumors that the 78-year-old chief justice, who has had bouts with illness and injury, may retire in 2003. Supreme Court spokeswoman Kathy Arberg did not know details of the meeting except that Rehnquist met with Bush to seek his support for increasing the salaries of federal judges. A senior White House official, speaking on condition of annymity, confirmed the meeting but said Rehnquist's possible retirement was not a topic of the get copether, farst reported Monday by the Los Angeles Times.

In a speech lass summer. Echnquist und the federal judicial system cannot tolerate the loss of experienced judges leaving the bench for the more lucrative private sector.

#### Yemen

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deplore the murder of three
American citizens who were prosiding humanitarian assistance to
the Venneni people, "McClellan
indi teporters in Crawford,
Texas, where President Bush was
actationing at his ranch, "Our
intention is to bring to justice aim
and all people who were respiratble for these murders."

The killings were the latest in a
string of attacks on Western targets in Vennen, which is the
ancestral home of all Quida leader
thama bin Laden. The imponer-

ished country, with its vast, law-less tribal areas, has emerged as an active front in the war on ter-

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Hospital staff limited their work to humanitarian purposes and were careful not to proselytize in Yemen, an overwhelming-like their years and were careful not to proselytize in Yemen, an overwhelming-like their years and year careful not to proselytize in Yemen, and seek said Bill Bangham, a spokesman for the mission board.

U.S. authorities have said dependedly since the Sept. 11, 2001, tertror attacks that Yemen is an ally in the war on terrorism, but they have also acknowledged the Yemen ignovernment's limited their said of the Yemen in the Sept. 11, 2001, tertror attacks that Yemen is an ally in the war on terrorism tons in controlling Islamic extremists, many of whom trained and fought in the 1980s with Afghanistan's mujiheddin against Soviet occupation forces. Suspected terrorists rammed a French oil tanker on Oct. 6 with an explosive-laden boat off the Yemen cost, an attack that was similar to an assault on the USS Cole two years earlier in which 17 U.S. sailors were killed.

The U.S. also has retailated against suspected terrorists there: Last month, an alleged al-Quida leader and five suspected accomplicer traveling in a vehicle were killed by a missile fired from a CLA Fredstor drone.

"Yemen has been in a danger-ous in the continues to out the said of the property of the

be in a dangerous neighbor-hood," State Department spokeman Philip Recker said in

spokesman Philip Revier said in Washington. The victims killed in Monday's attack were shot as they took part in a morning meeting. After killing the intree, the gunman went into a nearby room where he shot and wounded Caswell. He then aimed his gun at a Filippian hospital employee, but the waapon did not fire, mission board officials said. The assailant then surfendered to hospital security and was taken into custody.

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Officials in Yemen said the suspect was a member of the opposition Islah Party. He was a follower of Ali Mohammed Jarallah, an extremist leader being questioned by authorities in consideration with the killing on Saturdity of the Socialist Party's deputy feader, according to Yemen't Saba news agency. Saba-algo reported that ali-Kamil said Jarallah planned the attack in Jibla because missionariba preached Christianity there.

The U.S. Embassy in Yemen to investigation, and called you u.S. citizens in Yemen U.S. citizens in Yemen by enhance their personal security.

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\*Variance - The council granted Marvin Hempleman a yearlong extension of the approval of a mobile-home park variance on grouperly he owns at 2016 E. 3600.

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\*Locus Grove Subdivision - the council approved the final plat of the Locust Grove Subdivision - about 9 acres near the intersection of Falls Avenue East and Locus Street North.

\*North Pointe Ranch Subdivision - The council approved the final plat of the North Pointe Ranch Subdivision - The council approved the final plat of the North Pointe Ranch Subdivision which is about 6 acres north of North Point Drive And East of Grandsess Drive North.

\*South North State Market Market State of Grandsess Drive North. Sunday S<sup>2</sup>(1) per week, duly only SS(1), per week. Sunday only SS(1) per week. Sales fay included in all above rates. A SS(S)(1) charge will be levied for all returned checks.

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### **Nuclear inspectors** leave North Korea

North Korea, are seen in this satel-lite image taken on Aug. 13.

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allies - but not to Nort Korea
at this time," Secretary of State
Colin Powell said Sunday.
The Bush administration said
Monday that North Korea is danferously isolating itself from the
world community, including
China, by its declared determination to revive its nuclear
reapons program.
"The international community
has made clear that North
Korea's relations with the outside world hinge on its termination of its nuclear programs,"
deputy White House spokesman
Scott McClellan told reporters
covering President's Bush's holiday respite at his Texas ranch.

# UNITED NATIONS - The U.N. Security Council Monday adopted a U.S.-sponsored resolution that tightens regulations on Iraqi imports of some viruses, airplane flight simulators, communications equipment and high-speed motorboats that have potential military applications.

U.N. broadens Iraqi import ban

been able to respond to the needs of the Iraqi people, and nothing but the lifting of sanctions will end their suffering."
Washington failed to win council support for one its most important initiatives: a proposal to regulate Iraqi imports of atropine, a standard heart drug that also is a nerve agent antidote. Citing concerns that Bughdad may be purchasing large, quantities of atropine in preparation for a

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chemical weapon attack against American troops, U.S. officials-argued that the council should play a central role in monitoring its use in Iraq.

But faced with opposition from France and Russia, Iraq's two major suppliers of atropine, the United States sertled for a com-promise that would allow Iraq to import atropine without council monitoring in doses typically used for medical purposes.

After Christmas Sunglass Sale

#### They're resolute.

Find out what some Magic Valley people are resolving to do in the new year

Wednesday in The Times-News

### White House sees no need

to rush on N. Korea action

WASHINGTON - In a shift in policy, the Bush administration said Monday that it is in on rust or U.N. Security Council action on North Korea's nuclear pro-gram and played down emerging differences with key allies over the issue.

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Three days after signaling a deure for swift Security Council condemnation of Pyongyang's resumption of its nuclear program, officials said they now attention of bloom which the said of the control of the said of t

pressure known as "tailored con-tainment," is not publing allies to apply sanctions.

"The secretary of state has not asked any nation to take econom-ic actions against this desperately poor country. North Korea," said Phillip T. Reeker, the deputy State Department upokesman.

The shift suggested that the administration wants to slow the pace of developments on the North Korean arms issue at a time when Pyongyang has been trying to urge the United States to make concessions on economic and the state of the state of the total control of the state of the sta

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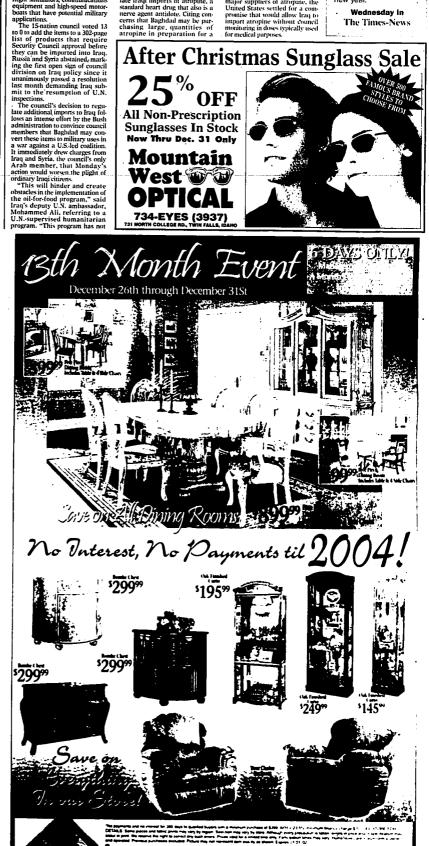
South Korea's Yunhap newservice said this morning that two inspectors had left North Korea on a flight to Beijing. The third had felt Saturday. Some analysis had felt North Korea to the administration's desire at the administration's desire to the administration's desire to the administration's desire to to to the longenther a program of international sanctions.

On Monday, Russia and South Korea warned that taking a hard line against the isolated and impoverished nation could be counterproductive. But analysts said the latest pronouncements out of Washington left it even less clear how the White House hopes to get Pyongyang to abandon its nuclear arms programs. "I want to know: What are we intending? It's just very confusing," said Joel S. Wit, a top State Department specialist on Korea during the Clinton administration.

during the Clinton administration.

In television appearance
Sunday, Secretary of State Colin
L. Powell sought to reduce tensions by declaring that
Pyongyang's recent actions had
not created a crisis. He said the
United States was not contemplasting military action.

L. Gordon Flake, executive
director of the Mansfield Center
for Pacific Affairs in Washington,
and it appeared that US. officials
were determined not to do anything to precipitate a crisis. So if
they can use the cover of the
IAZA process to give themselves
more time, that's what they'll do.



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### Shooting victim was nearing retirement

MANSFIELD, Texas (AP) - Less than a year short of his retirement, William E. Kochin died doing what the way called to do, running a few was called to do few was one of three Americans guined down Monday of Jibla Bapitsi Hospital in the Yemeni city of Jibla. The Extremist attacks who had been there nearly as long as Kochn, and a hospital purchasing agent from Wisconsin A pharmacist from Texas was wounded. The guinnam entered the hospital hiding a semiautomatic rifle under his jacket to make it resemble a child, according to Yemeni ble a child, according to Yemeni officials. He opened fire in a toon where Kochn was holding a meeting, said a statement from the Southern Baptist Convention's International Mission Baard, based in Richmond, Va.
Kochn, 60, originally of Arlington, Texas, had planned to tritre next October, the mission baard said.

retire next October, the mission retire next October, the mission board said.
Koelin and his wife, Marty, had been in Yemen since 1975, their som-in-law, Randal Pearce, said outside his home in Mansfield, about 15 millse from Fort Worth.
"There are always concerns, but he knew why he was there. He was there to help people, and he felt safe," Pearce said.
"We have found them to be gractious and kind," Pearce said of the Yemenix." Otherwise, Bill and the Yemenix. "Otherwise, Bill and Marty would never have spent

cious and kind," Pearce said of the Yemenis, "Otherwise, Bill and Marty would never have spent their lives serving there." In addition to being the hospital administrator, Kuehn made wood-en cars for orphans in Jibla. His wife Koehn was not near the shooting and was not hurt. Also killed was Dr. Martha C. Myers, "She kwed the people very nuch. She felt like that was home," her father, Ira Myers, said in Montgomery, Ala. Ira Myers, the retired director of the Adabama Department of Public Health, said Yemen had been his daughter's home for 24 years. He said his daughter," had the opportunity to talk to the native women. That would not have been

#### Missionaries slain

vounded at a Southern Baptist hospital in Jibla, Yemen, on Monday, A suspected Islamic militant was arrested.

William E. Koehn, 60 Artington, 1000.

Occupation: Hospital director

Dr. Martha C. Myers, 57

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Kathleen A Garlety, 53 Hometown: Wauwatosa, Wis Occupation: Purchasing age

INJURED

Donald W. Caswell, 49 Hometown: Levelland, Texas Occupation: Pharmacist Mission service: 1 1/2 years

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possible for a male doctor in that culture. She delivered lots of babia. "

babies."

He said his daughter also helped UNICEF with immunization programs. "We are concerned for the people who have been getting their care from Martha and the others at the hospital. Now where do they go?" asked Myers, 78.

### FBI searches for five illegal immigrants

WASHINGTON (AP)
Information from a passport
smuggling investigation set off a
nationwide search for five men of
Middle Eastern origin who may
have entered the United States
from Canado on Christmas Eve,
an FBI official said Monday.
A White House spokesman said
the intelligence came from an
anti-terrorism investigation but
the official, and an FBI
spokesman, said they could not
link - or rule out - a connection
to a terrorist plot or cell.
The FBI released photographs
of five men Sunday in hopes they
would be recognized. However,
bureau spokesman Ed Cogswell
acknowledged the FBI is not certain the names and birth dates
released with the photos are correct, or that the men even
entered the country.
Nonetheless, federal and local
officials are taking no chances.
U.S. Customs Service
spokesman Dean Boyd said

officials are taking no chances, U.S. Customs Service spokesman Dean Boyd said inspecturs along the U.S.-Cariada border have stepped up their vig-lance, asking more questions and increasing the number of vehicle and cargo inspections. The intelligence information

Wanted by the FBI





All 21









NOTE Names and ones may have been falsified

SOURCE FBI
on the men came from an investigation into a worldwide smuggling operation that brings individuals with llegal passports into
the United States.

The subjects of the manhunt
are not those who ran the operation but likely are people who
may have been smuggled across
the border, Cogswell Said.

The search comes just before
large crowdy gather for New
Year's Eve celebrations, especial-

Jy in New York. The nation's color-coded terrorism alert system remained at yellow'- the third of five levels.

New York City police spokesman Michael O'Looney said his department hancreased its counterterrorism efforts as a result of the FBI warning and shared the names and photographs of the five men with its various police commands. In Crawford, Texas, where

President Bush is spending time at his ranch, White House spokesman Scott McClellan told reporters the information on the five men was developed "in the course of ongoing investigations relating to the war on terror-

relating to the war on terror-ism."

"We don't have any specific information that ties them to ter-rorist activity, but we do believe they have entered this country illegally." he said, "And any time anybody enters the country ille-gally we want to know why they're here and we want to ques-tion them."

McClellan said he would not comment on sources or methods of intelligence that tipped off authorities.

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The names released by the FBI are: Abid Noraiz Ali, Ifrikhar Khozmai Ali, Mustafa Khan Owasi, Adil Pervez and Akhar Jamal. Each has a purported birthdate between 1969 and 1983.

The FBI said it was working with the Customs Service, the Immigration and Naturalization Service and the Transportanion Security Administration to find the men.

### Helicopter lifts escapees from prison

PONCE, Puerto Rico (AP) – A helicopter swooped down to a maximum security prison in this city in suthern Puerto Rico and flew away with five "extremely dangerous" convicts on Monday, authorities said. The charter helicopter later landed at lala Grande airport in San Juan without the convicts and

the pilot told investigators he had been kidnapped.

The pilot said two people hired him toly from San Juan to Ponce, police Li. Col. Jose Caldero said, without identifying the pilot.

During the flight both pointed guns at him and ordered him to fly to Lus Cucharas prison, Caldero said.



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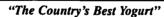
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### Judge orders access to sniper case statements

FAIRFAX, Va. (AP) – A judge ordered prosecutors Monday to turn over statements that sniper suspect John Lee Malvo may have made to police regarding two of the shootings.

Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court Judge Kimberly. Daniel ordered the statements turned over to the defense by Jan. 8. She also denied a request by attorneys for Malvo, 17, to postpone the Jan. 14 preliminary hearing in the death of Linda Franklin.

Malvo and John Allen Muhammad, 41, are suspected in 21 shootings – 14 of them fatal – in five states and Washington, D.C., including the October

in five states and Washington, D.C., including the October super attacks that terrorized the capital region.

The two are being tried first in Virginia, where they face capital charges. Malvo is charged in Franklin's Slaying Oct. 14 in Falls Church, while Muhammad is charged in the Oct. 9 shooting of Dean Harold Meyers in Manassas.

Dean Manassas.
The judge's order covers any statements Malvo may have made about either of those two slayings.

Prosecutors had argued that



Sniper shooting suspect John Lee Maivo is escorted out of Fairfax Domestic Relations Court after a hearing in Fairfax, Va., Monday.

they weren't required under the law to turn over statements before a preliminary hearing unless the defense had a com-pelling reason to examine them early in the process. "Under the rules they're not

entitled what they were given today." Fairfax County prosecu-tor Robert Horan said. If the case ends up in circuit cour for trial, then the defense is entitled to the information. Horan said. But the judge said she thought

the defense had a compelling interest to be given the information early. It believe there is good cause hecause of the complexity and severity of this case. The defense also rited news reports that investigators had recorded statements made by Malvo.

"To deny us access to the recordings is a denial of due process," said lead defense attorney Michael Arif. Everyone in the free world scems to have Malvo's statements except the defense.

Malvo's statements except the defense."

The Washington Post reported in November that police spent seven hours interrogating Malvo after he was sent to Fairfax County to be prosecuted in the Franklin Saying, Malvo's court-appointed guardian, Todd Petit, sad he asked investigators to end the questioning but was brished askide.

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Both the Post and The New York Times have reported that Malvo confessed to being the shooter in some of the sniper shootings, and the Times said investigators concluded that Malvo may have been the trigger-man in most if not all of the killings.



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### Report: 59 million in U.S. volunteered after Sept. 11

WASHINGTON (AP) – After a 10-hour workday on Capitol Hill, political staffer Kim Taylor heads to a poor section of Washington to tutor children. On Sundays, she takes the second

to a poor section of Washington to utor children. On Sundays, she takes them to a museum, play or ice skating rink.

"It's a chance for me to actually feel like firm doing something," said Taylor, 32, of Washington.
According to the Labor Department's newest estimate, 59 million Americans like Taylor performed volunteer work between September 2002. They tutor, mentor, build affordable housing, teach computer skills, clean parks and streams, and help communities respond to disasters.

In its first such study of whometerism in more than a decade, the agreeny found 27.6 percent of the crystian propulation age 16 and over value. According to the clean of the control of the con

the agency tound 276 percent or the civilian population age 16 and over volunteered.

On average, Americans put in about \$2 hours of volunteer work during the year, according to the estimate by the Bureau of Labor 57 attainers. The numbers were 53 attainers. The numbers were 53 attainers who has behavior of 60,000 households in September.

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"It gives halance to my life," said Lajors, who volunteers for 160 Maschidds, and September of 160 Maschidds and seed thorton's Mockan may be a said as the control of the manufacturing organization. Working with these children reminded me that no matter how hard my job was, it wasn't as hard as the challenges that these bushiers have the said of the Union address in January urging Americans to commit at least 4,000 hours – the equivalent of almost two joers of work weeks – to community service during their lifetimes. More recently, he's touted volunteers in television ads.

The department survey showed regious, educational and youth-service-elated organizations had the greatest number of volunteers.

Celebrating a birthday

Unteers Facts on the 59 million people who volunteered in the U.S., Sept. 2001-Sept. 2002:

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Other findings include:

The volunteer rate was higher among women than men.

Employed persons were more likely to volunteer than those who were unemployed or not in the labor force.

Among the age groups, those 35-to-54 were the most lakely to volunteer, with one in three having donated their time. Volunteer rates were lowest among senior citizens and those in their early 20s.

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### Musharraf: Pakistan was prepared for nuclear war

KARVCHI. Pakistan — Pakistan's president indicated Monday he had been ready to use nuclear weapons if Indian forces grossed the two countries? Monday the name of the dam we are in the and to test strossed the two countries border earlier flux year, but his government later backed off the gosettion, swing he mere specifically mentioned atomic weapons. Nevertheless. Pervey Musharial's comments appear a voired at the firme, that it has a world was chosen to winessing its in without properties of the firme, that it has been a support of the firme of



Perce Mushanal, at the time place and the situation so wanned Washington became a key ally in the war on her to the cross-state wanted Americans in leave India, and Pokistan sent troops to their Stared bonder after a deadly attack on the Indian Partiament last becomber. New belin blamed Islamabad for helping to mastermind the assault that killed 14 people, white Pakistan demied playing any part.

ing to mastermind the assault that killed 14 people, while Pakistan denied playing any part.

"I personally conveyed messages to Indian Prime Minister Vajpavee through every international leader who come to Pakistan that it Indian troops moved a single step across the disputed frontier, "they should not expect a conventional war from Pakistan," he fold Pakistan. In overvierans.

Thowever, atmy spikesman Gen. Rashin Quereshi said later Monday that the president's Monday that the president's mention of one-conventional gar was not a reference to the use of miclear weapons.

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### Kenya's third president takes oath 100,000 people attended the cer-emony; many were perched on trees, lampposts and adjacent buildings to witness the historic

#### Throng roars approval for new leader

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) - Tens of thousands of Kenyans roared their approval as Mwai Kibaki was sworn in as their president Monday, exulting in his historic yetory over the party that ruled the country for nearly four decades.

viciny over the party that ruled the country for nearly four decades.

Many people climbed up trees and lampposts to witness the manufaction of the man they are counting on to rebuild this once prosperous East African nation. Kidaki, 71, a former vice president and finance minister, promised not to disappoint them. The crowd gerred and brekled outgoing President Dainel arap Mor who ruled the country for 23 years with an autocratic hold on power – as he arrived at Nairobb's downtown Churu Park for the manufaction of the third of the manufaction of the third with the too the manufaction of the present which has been hadds ravaged by years of micrule and ineptitude. You have asked me to lead that mental on the present widerness and malaise on to the growness and malaise on to the present widerness and malaise on to the present widerness and malaise on to the present widerness and malaise on to the present of the remembed land, and I shall do so?

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for millions of memployed, provide free primary education and lead a government that won't be mu on the "whims of individuals."

Kibaki's National Rainbow Coalition won a landside victory in elections on Fridax, ending 39 years of rule by the Kenya Africa National Union.

In Washington, State Department spokesman Philip T. Recker welcomed the election as having been free and fair. He praised Moi and Kibaki's opponents for an orderly change in Narrolb.

Moi, 78, was forced to step down by a 1991 constitutional amendment that limits presidents to two fivesyear terms. In complying, he paved the way for a peaceful transfer of power, rare on the African continent.

On stage, he handed over the everyonal wood of command to Kibaki – who was in a wheekhair with a case on this leg from a car accident this month – and should.

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Many Kenyans blame Moi, hose blanket use of patronage resulted in crippling miomanagement, for the culture of corruption that that has planged Kenya and the word seconomic cities since independence from Bittain in 1983 and fixplienced away much needed foreign investors.

Christmas bird count tracks those that flew

through the area.

# unknown. Meteorologists said Monday that the storm was strong enough to level buildings. Cyclone Zoe swept over the

### Mazda 6 Sports Sedan

Storm rips islands; fate of residents unclear

CANBERRA, Australia (AP) = A savage evelone that swept over two remote Pacific islands has wiped out communications and left the fate of the 1,300 residents unknown. islands of Tikopia and Anuta in the southwest Pacific on Sunday

the southwest Pacific on Sunday morning, with winds possibly gusting up to 223 miles an hour, according to the Tropical Cyclone Warning Center in Brisbane, Australia. The islets are in the Solomon Islands' remote Temotu Province.

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### U.N. inspectors' visit hits a nerve at Iraqi plant

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wards to reporters were bit a blip in an otherwise routine day, keeping the inspections from turning sour is important because America has threatened military action at any suggestion the U.N. program is being ubstructed. Iraq also raised new objections Monday to U.S. demands for Iraqi weapons scientists to be interviewed unistide the country. Gen. Hossam Mohammed Amin, Iraqis liason to the inspectors, urged any interviews be held in Iraq and

said past U.N. talks with scientists showed assertions Iraq would pressure scientists to lie were "cheap American claims." "They met thousands of scientists for thousands of hours, with the presence of the Iraqi side, without intervention from the Iraqi side, be told the Arab suchlite TV channel Al-Jaceera. U.N. teams visited at least six sites Monday, including three facilities they had checked earlier. Among these were the Central

Public Health Laboratory in Baghdad, a water treatment plant and facilities that deal with pesti-cides and results. Also Monday, 13 U.S. religious leadies and experts on a humani-turian without to road beautiful and the period of the period of the period include rours of schools and hospi-tals and meetings with Iraqi Christians. The delegation is head-ed by Bob Edgar, general scer-eary of the National Council of Churches.

#### Venezuelan oil minister says crisis will affect markets 'for some time'

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)— World pil markets will suffer for some tide from the effects of the strike aimed at toppling President Hugo Ghavez, Venezuela's top oil official said Monday. The 4-weekoold strike has shut down key sectors of the economy and created gasoline and food shortages throughout Venezuela, the world's No. 5 exporter. Oil production has plunged from 3

million barrels a day to 260,000 barrels a day.
"For some time, we will have distortions on the world oil mar-kets due to this situation." Oil Minister Rafael Ramirez acknowl-edged Monday.
The strike escalated Monday as

police used tear gas to separate opponents and supporters of Chavez outside the state oil monopoly's headquarters:



morning at the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center in northwest China's

### China plans to put human in space

BEIJING (AP) - Exilting over the launch of its fourth immanied space capital, Claims and Monday it is on the verge of sending a human into other a step toward fulfilling its decadesold theam of noting the chief child of space tan incustoms. The Shenzhon capsule, which blasted off before dawn Monday from a rocket have in the Goli desert, carried all the equipment and it said the invoton will test life-support and other systems. If no problems are reported, then a manuel flight its "just around the content," said Zhang (ingover, president of the state run China Aerospase Sievice and Erchnebog Copy, which manufactured the capsule, uposted by the state run China Aerospase Sievice and Erchnebog Copy, which manufactured the capsule, uposted by the state run China Aerospase Sievice and program is a key pressing proposition the community government Amanufactured the capsule, uposted by the community alter the community and the community and the community of the community and the community of the community and the community and the community of the community of the community and the community of the com

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is believed to take place in a con-verted medical laboratory in Beijing.

The Shenzhou is based on Russia's Soyus space capsule, with extensive modifications by Chinese designers.

Two astronauts – dubbed 'taikonauts' after the Chinese word for space – have been sent to study at Russia's cosmonaut school, and are believed to be teaching others. The astronauts used the Shenthou IV before its launch for their first training in a capsule, state media said.



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### PC makers move in new directions

How old is too old?

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Once upon a time, computer users fell ubliked to upgrade their machines on a regular listis. But sales of the desktop PC fixed have been basically flat for a conject years now.

The near future doesn't look any better. Marketing consultant oldswey Ventures found this year that consumer interest in buying a new computer is at a five-year how. Half of computer-owning consumers have had their PCs for more than two years, the lungest since 1994.

They can afford to do that for a

They can afford to do that for a simple reason: The primary uses for home computers are still word processing, surfing the Web and writing e-mail, none of which require much in the way of hard-

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aren't buying the latest and
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Clomena, an electrical engineer
who lives in Mantssas, Va., is still
using an olds. The model that runs
Windows 95.

He has mu interest in modernicing his computers because what
he's got works. "I'm periodied of
upgrading." he said. "Every dime
ree upgraded it takes days to get
things running. Some things
never work again."

As a result, computer makers
are heading in some surprising
directions in search of profits.
Who would've thought a few
years ago that Dell would market
handheld organizers, that
Gateway would sell plasma television sets and that Apple would
become known as the company
that makes those nifty ibod MP4
player?
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that makes turns may players?
It's gadgets such as digital cameles and music players whose sales are still increasing, not the computers they connect to.
Roger Kay, director of client computing at research firm IDC, thinks that is partly because most people who have computers have reached a "good enough" level of commuting.

omputing.

Microsoft has positioned its



Computer makers are moving in new directions, such as Dell marketing handheld organizers and Gateway selling plasma TVs

Windows XP as the operating sys-tem for experiencing multimedia on your computer. But set axis the company's als that showed people rejoicing in XP's multime-dia talents (then taking sponta-neous flight): The MP3 plavers and dietal cameras that resouls and digital cameras that people are buying all work time on previ-ous versions of Windows. To take

as typical example, Kidak's EasiShare LS447 room digital camera, for example, work on operating systems going back to Window St., and on processors storting a 25MHz (Why Windows 98; Windows 95; doesn't support the USB con-nections used by nearly all new peripherals).

The same goes for computer games. Gaming used to he the multer one application for converting shiny new computers into wheezing husels. But even the latest pixel-pushing titles haven't kept up with the advances Silicon Valley has made in terms of Malley has made in terms of the properties of the properties of the properties as its minimum processor a 500MHz Intel Pentium III or equivalent AMD processor. Even the cheapest computer available from discount computer maker eMachines offers mofe than three times that horsepower on its most basic configuration, which goes for \$399. (Many games do require more powerful graphics cards, but they can be added to older systems much easier than processor upgrades.)

For non-gaming users who aren't interested in editing digital video, the desktop is becoming more of a hub – a locker for stacking your digital stuff? than anything else, Load up your MPD payer, drop off some wheely propries of your digital files, and of you go, if that's how you use you then if you you for the offers. If you want no steam to start editing that if even we desktop for years to come.

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your computer, you can skate by without a new desktop for years to come.

It's only if you want more than that, if you want to start editing that content, that a new PC begins to become important. You're not going to be doing any digital video editing without a reasonably fast and new procesor, a huge hard drive and a FireWire ports to bring your footage in from a digital camorder. You're not going to be able to connect a DVD-recording drive to your PC unless it has other FireWire or a USB 2.0 port. So, how old is too fully Maybe the question isn't relevant any more. It used to be the case that the computer industry made sure that your PC was obsolete by the time, you got home from the complete industry made sure there's only one person who can determine whether your PC is too old; you.

22.300 miles overhead.
REPORT CARD: B. Direct-broadcast satellite television, which didn't exist in 1922 is now a certified hit, with somewhere around 19 million homes in the United States subscribing to either Directiving dish betwork. However, the need to precisely aim the receiving dish has prevented the development of portable satellite TV players. Portable players are due next year, meanwhile, for the XM and Sirius satelline radio services.
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6. Shopping

On the way home from work, Nancy decides to look for a dress, She asks the car phone to tell her which stores are having sales, With a call into an electronic Yellow Pages database and coordination with the car's internal satellite navigation system, a display screen quickly produces a map showing Nancy's location and the nearest stores holding sales on women's clothing.

REPORT CARD C. Incar electronic navigation systems have been available for several years, but are still quite expensive and are. There are a few services, such as General Motor's OnStar, that gives a rehicle's location to a human operator, who will then tell the driver how to reach nearby stores. But the process isn't yet automated.

### Thin-screen TV industry produces flat-out success

plasma sets and other thin, flat televisions out of

thousands of mass-market outlets such as Custro, a wholesale buying club lest known for offering

members bulk

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discounts.

In addition to giant tubs of mayonnaise and mega-packs of toilet paper, thousands of Costco-shoppers are finding room in their carts for a more high-end product; plasma TV sets.

Sharp price cuts have brought plasma sets and other thin, flat televisions out of high-end electronics boutiques and into thousands of mass-marker outlets such as Costco, a wholesade buying club best known for offering members balk items and big discounts.

The least expensive plasma

Sharp price cuts hace brought

bulls items and big discounts.

The least expensive plasma sets still cost a hefty \$3,000 or more, yet sales are growing so rapidly that many manufacturers are racing to boost production.

"Everyone has been surprised by the quantines that have moved," said Tim Farmer, a vice president at Isaquah, bush-hased Costeo Wholesale Corp.

The surprised corp.

The language of the product of the product of the product. That increase, combined with expanding production capacity and improved technology, could push the price of plasma sets down by one-third next year, according to analyst. Richard Doherty Stephen of Envisioneering Group, a technology research firm in Sodroft, NY.

"There is strong consumer demand, but not enough to stop the free fall. Doherty said improved technology research firm in Sodroft, NY.

"There is strong consumer demand, but not enough to stop the free fall. Doherty said improved the price of plasma set – the glose panel plasma set – the glose

than their current TVs can.

'This sharpness is most vivid on screens that are 40 inches diagonal or larger. At that size, however, traditional, direct-view and projection TVs are so bulky that many consumers have trouble finding a place for them at home. Hence the interest in thin screens – models swelle and light choose the interest in thin screens – models swelle and light choose the interest in thin screens – models swelle and light choose the interest in thin screens – models swelle and light choose the interest in thin screens – models are trouble finding a place for them and the county of the heart of plasma panets should double. Helping drive the card market for TVs. The sound in the sound

high-end electronics boutiques and into

plasma production miss.

plasma production from 180,000 duction from 180,000 marels a year to 300,000. Matsushita Electric Corp., which sells TVs under the Panasonic brand, is opening a factory in China that should rase its annual output from 300,000.

Meanwhile, plants are becoming far more efficient, slashing the cost per unit. The average factory had to scrap or rework 85 percent of the panels produced three years ago, but mue rejects only 10 percent, said Tum Edwards, senor analyst at NPD Technorld, a research firm. As competition has heatted up during the last four years proceed a plasma display sold in the United States the average price of a plasma display sold in the United States dropped from \$12,700 in January 1999 to \$6,100 in October 200, Trices will have to drop 50 ginlicantly more, however, to attract masses of boyers, said Tamaryn Pratt, an analyst at Quiacel Research in New York A Quael survey found that more than 70 or onsumers interviewed want screens larger than \$2,000.

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client by high-resolution color
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REPORT CARD: A and B.
give myself an A for predicting
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by attaching digital pictures for mail messages.

3. Showing a home in Los Gatos, Nancy's clients are eager to buy Nancy's clients are eager to buy Nancy takes her composition of of the purse and calls into a local bank. Writing on the phome's streen with a stylin, Nancy quick y assures the potential buyers they can just barely afford the \$900,000 three-bedroom house.

REPORT CARD: A and A. Asa darkly satire joke, I suggested in 1992 that ordinary homes in Los Gates would cont nearly \$1 mil.

darkly sattre joke, I suggested in 1992 that ordinary homes in Lis Gates would cost nearly 51 mil-lion in 2002. The joke's on us it anything, I was on the low side As fur the "compu-phone," it exists today in the form of wire-

gy prediction

less "communicators" such as the
Handspring Treo and T-Mobile
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questions such as how log a mortstage homebowers can afford.

4. At the office
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5. Jamels of the control of the way to a nearby park to florch. Namey grabs a sandwish from the office refrigerator and her five-pound portable satellite IV. Sitting on a park bench, Namey unfolds the collapsible 2 foot dish, pops up the lounch flat screen and watches today's episode of the newly merged mega-soap "As the llospital furns in Santa Barbara" beamed directly from a satellite





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DEAR ABBY: In response to the woman whose mother thought wearing black to a wedding was taboo: That mom has obviously never been to a New York weding, where wearing black is practically a requirement. My husband's family lives there, and at a recent wedding with more than 100 guests, I was one of only six women not wearing black. (Two of my three sisters-in-law had their bridesmaids wear black.)

—CULORFUL.

bridesmaids wear black.)

— COLORFUL.
IN NEW ENGLAND
DEAR COLORFUL: Interesting.
However, let's be clear to all my
readers. Nowhere is it written that
black must be worn to a weeding
— unless the bride requests it.

### Black becomes basic for weddings

DEAR ABBY: Re the letter bout wearing black at weddings am a professional pianistorgan-t who has played for numerous

about wearing back at west-way.

I am a professional planist/organist who has played for numerous
weddings.

Last winter, I was asked to play
for a large wedding, I chose a
black dress with a fancy sequined
jacket. Before the wedding, I
dropped by to visit my 90-year-old
mother, who questioned my black
dress. I assured her that black was
now appropriate.

My house was on the way to the
church, and taking my mother's
comments into consideration, I
decided to change into a rose-colored dress. When I walked into
the church, you guessed it — I was
greeted by a sea of black. The
groomsmen all wore black tuxes,
the bridesmatis had long black tuxes,
the bridesmatis had long black tresses, and even the singer's
was to accompany were dressed in
hlack.

For a moment, I wanted to dash
back home and change again, but
I didn't. I just smiled at the irony.

—CHARLOTTE:
I MARCHITE:
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I MARCHITE I hadn't
realized that so many women now
wear black to weddings that the
few who don't have become
"standusts." Read on:

DEAR ABBY: In response to

DEAR ABBY: While wearing

DEAR ABBY: While wearing black may, indeed, be considered "classy" and "tasteful" by many women today. I personally find the trend depressing. The last wedding 1 attended, only about five of us wore something other than black. When I looked out at the couples on the dance floor, it reminded me of television clips I had seen of the crowds in the Middle East. I have told my friends repeatedly, "We are not nuns, we are not Amish and we are not oppressed women."

DEAR ARRY Abigail VanBuren

We have the freedom to wear and enjoy beautiful, joyful colors!" This is especially true at wed-dings, which should be happy occasions.

dings, which should be happy ceredinals.

And by the way, to those ladies who shop so carefully to find just the right black dress—one you neter a room full of other black dresses, you're just another grain of sand on the seashore.

Whoever believes the myth that black dresses make one look slimguess again. Sorry, girls, if you're fut, you're far – that black dress isn't fooling anyone.

—LOVES COLOR IN OHIO DEAR LOVES COLOR: The old saying that color evokes emotion must be true, because from the tone of your letter it's clear you're seeing red. Please remember that what people wear fart as important as how they feel in it. (It would be interesting to know you will be you will b

CONFIDENTIAL TO READERS: Farewell to 2 0 MY 2002 -MEADERS: Farewell to 2002 – and what a year this has been! Let's all say a prayer for world peace, and for our stalwart mem-bers of the military who are far

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If it's not wet, a fly can't eat it. Maybe you didn't know you quoted Lord Byron now and then. It was he in his "Don Juan" who originated the antique saw: "Truth is stranger than fiction." Men told pollsters what qualities they wanted most in the women they marry. This was 30 years ago. The men voted for these, in order: 1. Sincerity. 2. Good humor. 3. Personality. 4. Beauty. S. And "a terrific torso without the aid of mechanical underwear." How would their answers stack up today?



L.M. Boyd

Q. What's the shape of the Milky Way?
A. Think of it as a warped phonograph record with a scalloped edge, one side bent up, the other down. So says a University of Maryland astronomer.

### Aries: People will look to you for entertainment

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IF DECEMBER 31ST IS YOUR
BIRTHDAY — you were on your
warm mentally and physically at relatively early age. Your parents
remained together for many years,
at times mainly because of you,
You are unorthodon in your riews,
drawn to ancient wisdom, including astrology. Taurus, Leo and
Scorpio persons play major roles
no your life.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19):
People will look to you for entertainment, especially comedy.
Keep up with news from faraway
places, including foreign lands.
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places, including foreign lands.
The long-awaited telephone call
comes prior to midnight.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20):
Details unrawel, and you obtain
story behind the story. Broken
relationship can be mended if you
to desire. Leo, Scorpio and another Taurus figure in scenario.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Lielow, play waiting game. Attention
rectolves around partnership and
marriage. This could be a romanic
Kew Year's Eve, but your heart
may not be completely in it.
Sagittanus represented.

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CANCER (June 21-July 22): Be close to home if possible. Family member feels neglected; help make up for this with show of affection. Go easy on consumption of adult beverages.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You don't have necessary information; wait. Iisten and observe. Individual utters romantic words, but this may be under the influence of "strong waters." Avoid self-deception.

out in self-deception. VIRCO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You will be with one who cares about you; be aware, don't wander too far afield. Make necessary arrangements for arrivals and departures. People will rely on your judgment.

departures. 1 e-up., your judgment.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Finish what you start. Steer dear of arguments based on religious beliefs. You may not agree, but insist that others have right to express them-

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Let

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Let go of preconceived notions; it is the time to try something new. New Year's twill be very romantic for you, but don't get involved unless your heart is in it. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. The notion of the high; you can also the high; you can easily the same that the

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#### EDITORIAL

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hey are doctors, farmers, teachers, politicians, average Joes and Janes They live in the governor's mansion, a Twin Edl's apartment, or a Bliss farmhouse.

They have opinions about politics, agriculture, education, economics, and even a fleat-bitten dog named Shep. Who makes up this vibrant collection of wii, wisdom and wrs humo? You do, of course. This year The Times-News printed letters from 1,950 readers—an increase of 200 authors over the previous year. And that wasn't the only jomp. Our total volume of published letters from 1,230, an increase of 300 com-

pared with 2001.

Most of them appeared on the Opinion page, but they also adorned our Religion, Ag Weekly, Community, and Sports pages.

year, take a bow and relish the spotlight, You are the living embodiment of the First Amendment. Our lively, diverse curps of letter writers is evidence that democracy is alive and well in Magic Valley.

We hope each of 2002's letter writers will keep writing, to make our pages even better the tecoming year. And if you haven't yet sent us a letter, consider yourself invited to join the pen party in 2003.

Happy New Year!

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### Bits of the best from 2002

Let's face the sad truth; you "Timed Smoze" editorial writers would endorse a three-legged, fleshing, editorial writers would endorse a three-legged, fleshing, editorial writers would wise, editorial with the work of the w

As an aside, isn't it ironic that the proponents of term limits have cowed to vote those legisla-tors out of office who disregarded the popular vote, thereby proving that we already have term limits? JOIN COX Twin Fulls

There is a hig difference between voting for someone who is smart and voting for someone that thinks you are stupid. DAN HENRIE Burley

During my 69 years, I have lived in nine Idaho counties and testify to the fact that the woods are full of bright folks who are filled with an abundance of com-

filled with an abundance of com-munity pride.

Induced, too, these woodsy folk pruned their trees and colled their herds, which had a positive effect on productivity. (Must have been a public official who figured that out for them.)

I stare want to thank our gover-nor for the fierce battle be waged to "\_\_protect the will of the peo-ple." He must be plum tuckered out and deserving of a rest.

O. DEAN HODGES

Twin Falls

No, they are not changing the name of the Burley airport. We will call it the Burley airport any way. That's like the Frank. Church River of No Return. No, it's will the Salmon River. If they change the name of



Burley to "the town that once was," I'll go for that, LLOYD ELDON COX

The police would be spending their time much mare oscilly doine some thing about the inattentive drivers running around with a cell plone stock in their ear-like for instance the Twn Ealb Police Community Resource officer who was driving thown Addition at 430 this driger mon with one stock in this ear, And micidentally, guess who was not wearing a soal belt while doing it?

not wearing a doing it? WAYNE FRANDSEN Twin Falls

I would remail you that, in the same was that the First Amendment is the Law Greguring lead, we are those laws requiring less external enforcement, making may be proposed to Perrine Bridge cran? Certainly Bot have you ever the rail of natural selection? To the extent that nature has considerably more resources, let's allow

NAMES FOR 2002

her to enforce her own laws. All of them. them.
RICK BOLLAR

Rupert

A gathering system of pipelines
should be built to all of the effluent ponds in southern Idaha, terminating at a manifold into a
large central pipeline. That centrad line would go to California.
This way Idaho would get rid of
the most offensive source of
odors and groundwater pollution
and California would get the
Idaho water they have so long
covered.
TED LINDGREN
Hollister

Just a curiosity on my part, but if one could translate terrorist words such as "al Qarda," "Hamas," "Jihad" and "Heribolah" into English language, would it say smething like "Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals," BO ISAAK Paul

Many years ago after a good

performance on the Lawrence Welk show, he would say, "Wonderful, wonderful, wonder-ful,"

ful."

After seeing the placement of
the speed limit sign near the
Twin Falls High School going
east (it is behind a tree). I must
say, "Wonderful, wonderful, wonderful."

This (letter) has two messa One, maybe someone should move the sign, and two, I am showing my age. RON DABNEY Twin Falls

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#### **Inmate walks** away from job site

TWIN FALLS - Police were looking late Monday for a Twin Falls Community Work Center inmate who apparently walked away from a job site.

and thinday in a house of the community Work Center inmate who apparently walked away from a job Daniel Reyes, 23, was last seen at about 4 pm. at his blace of work in Twin Falls, said Idahu Department of Corrections spokeswaman Terestances, when Community Work Center staffers went to pick him up from work after his shift ended at ahout 6.25 pm., he wasn't there and was reported as a "walk-away." Reyes had been at the center about a month. He was nearing parale after serving a little over a year for two convictions one and a half to five years earing a little over a year for two convictions one and a half to five years for aggravated hattery in Cassia Chauty, and a concurrent term of one and the conversal to the control of the control of the conversal to the control of the co

#### Deputies search for suspect in burglary

BUHL. Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office deputies late Monday were looking for a man who apparently entered a home near Buhl and assume entered a home near Buhl and assumed a teen-age girl that morning. It was reported that a man entered the home, at 4000 N., 1400 W., at about 8 are until as each about 8 are until as each about 8 are until as each and the sinked the sinked and a second as each and a second as each as a second as a second as each as a second as a second as each as a second as a second as a second as a second as each as a second as a sec

the home, at 4000 N., 1400 W., at about 8 a.m. and assaulted the girl, who was asleep in the house at the time, a sheriff's office news release

and, a sterilir vinite news release said.

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The suspect was described as 6 fort-time to the steriling of the steriling of the theory of the steriling of the steriling of the information of the steriling of the steriling of the mine at the sheriff's direct, 745-4019, or CrameStoppers at 732-3387, Caller to CrimeStoppers at 732-3387, Caller to CrimeStoppers may termain atomy-

#### Hospital contributes to swim program

to swim program

TWIN FALLS - Magic Valley gamly YNGA is getting some new help to provide swimming instruction for 1 win Falls third graders.

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center joins Wells Farpo Bank and the United Way of Magic Valley as sponsory of the program, through which all third graders in the city's public schools receive eight free water safety lessons at the YNGA city pool. The hospital's Community Relations Committee approved a \$4,000 donation to help with the program.

The money comes from the Community mainty Health Improvement Fund designated each year by the Hospital Board to assist program that improve the overall health of the community.

The YMGA has been conducting this program in cooperation with the Twin Falls School Detrict for the past 18 years and will proude water safety instruction to more than 800 boys and girls this year.

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ussuration to more than 800 boys and girst his year.

"By providing this program, the YMCA is able to promote safety to children and ultimately to reduce the number of injuries and deaths related to water sports," said Terry Schultr, Hospital Board member, "We're proud to help sportsor the program."

### Snowpack levels

# THE YEAR THAT WAS 2002

Here are some of the events and issues that shaped Magic Valley in 2002:

Leslie Peter Bowcut of Burley gets 30 years to life for his part in an Internet child porn

ring.

• A rash of robberies hits Twin

• A rash of robberies hits Twin Falls.
• Victor Cuellar is shot to death at a Hansen panky. His kiwin, Francisco Cuellar, is wounded. Rolando Garza charged in the death.
• Dr. James Retmier, chief of staff at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, is charged in connection with a shooting outside a Twin Falls bar. He pleads innocent and awalts trial.
• A man kills himself after wounding a Camas County deputy.

wounding a Committee deputy.

• A seven hour motel standoff in Twin Falls ends in an arrest. A murder-suicide leaves two men dead in Hailey.

#### **Fatalities**

Fatalities

\* Three people die in Twin Falls fires, including a November blare that kills two children.

\* Jade Edwards, 2, spends a night in a wrecked car, after her mother dies in a crash north of the Perrine Bridge.

\* A plane crash kills three people at the Twin Falls airport.

\* A Babs E jumper dies in a Petrine Bridge leap.

#### Education

Twin Falls voters reject a \$7 million professional-technical center.

million professional-technical center.

• Facing a tight budget, the College of Southern Idaho cuis jobs, raises tuition and puts construction on hold – even as enrollment rises.

• Bickel Elementary School's principal is caught mailing herself a pound of marijuana. Mary Lee Roberts resigns and pleads guilty to a felony.

• Jim Pehrson resigns as the

guilty to a felony.

• Jim Pehrson resigns as the Cassa County School District's finance director, charged with emberzing more than \$48,000.

• The Twin Falls School bistrict adopts random frug testing for high school students who take part in activities. But no tests for employees.

#### The environment

Gooding County rejects
Jerome Cheese Co.'s wastewater



es across the top of a pile of tires at Idaho Tire Recovery Inc and created a hazard, but the former of



Neighbors fight a Glanbia Foods Inc. plan increase waste-water. Land application in Gooding County.
 Shoshone's much-disputed tire pile finally begins to shrink.

The Energy Department meets a deadline for hauling 15,000 drums of nuclear waste

out of Idaho

Ruth Monahan becomes supervisor of the Sawtouth National Forest.

State Rep. Celia Gould of Buhl loses the GOP nonunation for heutenant governor

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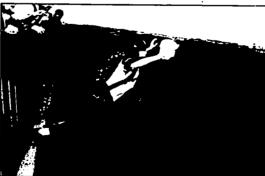


Above, fifth-grader Tyson Clark, 10, reads "Harry Petter and the Goble Fire" during reading time at Hanson Elementary School. Housen Rith-g had some of the highest scares in Magic Valley on the inaugural fall 2 nent Test.

ns and Edith Kep urns, sure expenses and Edith Keppner, from left, and their friends Gladys Gillespie and Bill Jacobson are getting a new, improved space to play cards and socialize in. The center is moving from its location on South Addison to Shoukone Street in dows. Even Train Falls after voters approved a \$500,000 Lax override to buy and removate a different building.



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The new earner. Left, Horth Carolinian Jim Guyer, 74, makes history in August by becaming the eldest man in the world to BASE jump from a man-made structure, the Perrine Bridge.

### Expert says weather caused avalanche

MOUNTAIN HOME Snowmobilers caught in an avalanche that took the life of an 18-year-old Gooding man Saturday were the victims of unfortunate circumstance through no fault of their own, a search and rescue expert said Monday.

Monday.

Chase Swenson was pronounced dead at the scene after
attempts to revive him through
cardiopulmonary resuscitation
failed, said Elmore County
Search and Rescue Coordinator
Jim Noland.

Jim Noland. Swenson, his brother,

**Backcountry Information** Center's Web site at http://www.avalanche.org/ ~svavctr/adv\_current.php.

Sheridan Swenson, and two others had just stopped their snowmobiles near the base of a bowl-like feature near Big Roaring River Lake in the Trinity Mountain Area of Elmore County when the slide struck, Noland said. He said he didn't know the identities of the other two people in the party.

Chase Swenson and the oth-

Chase Swenson and the others hadn't gone into a restricted area, ridden their machines on dangerous dopes or done anything else to invite trouble. Noland said.

"One of the witnesses told me they felt a mist—like a light snow/rain mist. And then instantly, the slide hit them; with no warning at all," he said. Sheridan and Chase Swenson were both buried, but the slide missed the other two, Noland said. They spotted one of Sheridan Swenson's gloved hands sticking out of the sand quickly dug him out.

But Chase Swenson was Peasse eAMALMCME Page B3

ut Chase Swenson was Please see AVALANCHE, Page B3

### Architect pitches plan for Ketchum city offices

To find out more

he public can learn about and comment on the Retchum als construction aroposal at the lam 21 investing of the Ketchum City Council. The meeting will begin at 5-30 p.m. in Ketchum City Hall.

He envisions a two-story, 30,000-square-foot building that occupies a footprint of 15,000 to 16,000 square-feet. That would leave several thousand square Please see RETCHUM, Page B3

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For oblituary rates and information, call 733-0931, Ext. 278, between 2 p.m., and 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Deadline The e-mail address for oblituaries is oblits@magicvalley.com. Death notices are a free service and can be placed

#### TWIN FALLS





Donald F. Youtz

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#### TWIN FALLS



Betty Ann McDowell age 54, of Twin Falls, passed away Friday, December 27, 2002 in a motor vehicle accident Betty was born May 11, 1948, at Onlario, Oregon, the daughter of



#### TWIN FALLS





#### BURLEY



#### Woodrow 'Woody' Barlow

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She was preceded in death by her brothers. Randy Allen and Ricky Allen and Ricky Allen Funeral Services will be held Tuesday. December 31 at the Farmer Funeral Chapel, 130 N. Minth in Bulk at 11 am Interment will follow at West End Cemetery. Retail

#### BUHL



JR Dixon

JR Dixon, 71, passed away at his inome in Buill on Monday. December 30, 2002

He was horn May 13, 1931, in Harrison, Airansas, line son of Ariss and Edih Droin JR was a Marine and served in the Korean War. He are served in the Korean War. He is served in the Korean War. He included the served of the served in the Casteleror area until the mid 80s. If raised goals for years, was one of Casteleror High School's devotic footbal and basketbal flans and enjoyed playing cards with his many Casteleror finends the pattern and best frend Joe-Lee Parin of Built, three children, Carly (Ed) Young of Mendan ID. Steve Dison of Redondo Beach. CA and Scott (Michele) Dison of Manle Vailey WA Iso grandchildren, Lacy (Bill) Cradiano, Bose. ID and Farran Date (Betty) Donn of Harrison. All and three sisters Vignas (Wayne) coet London (Norman) Stompaugh and Shriey (Terry) Pearson at residents of Bur He was preceded in cash by his Are Peggy his parents and the borders. But and Michael Standay 2.

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SHOSHONE



#### Ethel C. Martin

**Looking for** more obituaries? They're on B-3 today.



### -DEATH NOTICES

Harvey J. Walter
JEROME - Harvey J. Walter,
J. REGOME - Harvey J. Walter,
Sl. of Jerome, died Sunday, Dec.
29, 2002, at the St. Benedicts Long
Term Care Center.
Arrangements will be
announced by Hbve-Robettson
Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

#### Lea B. Holcomb

TWIN FALLS - Leo B. Holcomb, 87, of Twin Falls, died Monday, Dec. 30, 2002, at his home. Arrangements will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

#### Ricardo Hitchcock

POCATELLO - Ricardo Hitchcock, 94, of Pocatello and for-merly of Buhl, died Monday, Dec. 30, 2002. Arrangements will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

#### Shirley B. Uptain

BUHL - Shirley B. Uptain, 74, of Buhl, died Saturday, Dec. 28, 2002. in Twin Falls. The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at the United Methodist Church in Buhl. A viewing will be-held from 1 to 7 p.m. Hutsday at the Farmer Funeral Chapel, 130 N.

Ninth, Bohl low at the Grove City Cemetery. An obituary will appear in the Blackfoot newspaper. Lynn J. Parris

SHOSHONE - Lynn J. Parris,
83, of Shoshone and formerly of
Blackfoot, died Friday, Dec. 27,
2002, at the Gooding Memorial
Hospital.
The funeral will be held at 11
am. Thursday at the Hill-HavkerSandberg Funeral Home, 214 S.
University, Blackfoot, Viewing will
be held at 10 a.m. Burial will fol-

### - Services -

Bobby Joe Denton of Hazelton, memorial service at 11 a.m. today at the Valley Christian Center, 215 Main St., Hazelton (White Mortuary, Twin Falls).

Estelle L. Carraway of Rupert, service at 11 a.m. today at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St.; friends may call one hour before the service at the funeral chapel.

Royce J. Booth of Malta, service at 11 a.m. today at the Malta 1st and 2nd Ward LDS chapel; friends may call from 10 to 10:45

a.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home, Burley).

Lucy Ella Sonner of Twin Falls, service at 2 p.m. today at White Mortuary.

George W. Mendenhall of Kimberly, service at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Kimberly 2nd Ward LDS Chapel, 222 Birch S.; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls and one hour before

### HOSPITAL

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER Released Kathryn Syverson of Twin Falls.

#### RENO, NEV.



### Cindy Lee Climer Roberts

he Kare Jo Cindy was born and raising in mbory. She graduated in m mbory High School in 1960. Six as bas fond and was a mental in it Knowly ist Ward of the Church I Jesus Christ of Later day Sarins.

### **OBITUARIES**

She married her husband, Norman Roberts Hawaiian-style in the grotio made famous in the Ewis Pressey move. Blue Hawaii. They later remarried in Rein, Nev. She is survived by ner husband, Norman Roberts one son Nathan Wayne Climer (Skeeter) one daugner Hearner Lee Climer all of Reno ner mother. Bernoice Climer of Kmberty, sister Roby Carl of Limit Fats and brother Wayne Climer of Carberty Street Play Carl of Limit Press and brother Wayne Climer of Carberty Street Play Carl of Limit Press and brother Wayne Climer of Carberty Street Play Carl Carberty Street Play Carl Carl of Limit Play Street Play Carl of Limit Pla

hars and brother Wayne Climer of Kmberly. A memorial service for Chidy will be hed at 2 pm. Finday. January 3: 2003. at the Kimberly 1st Ward LDS chable, north of Kimberly. Memorial c. Intributions in ay be made to the American Cancer Society or Home-tics.

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Anna Dounard Jensen was a lady of dueld dighty singere faith and possessed of the wonderful ability to earn and ency frendship. She was active not plassive in her beautial faith until the key end of her days. Sho is the be oved mother of eight children seven of whom are still living. They are LaRue Massae of Jerome, Myrna (Boyd) Shrist of loano Fairs, Caroyin (Kem) Stone of Fairners vife. Carl Jowen (Carol) Downard of Fair (Gord) a Downard of Fairners vife. Carl Jowen (Carol) Downard of the system of Santand of Bervice, Carl and Gen (Linds) Downard of Sattave Cry, Unit and Mads Larteen of Chandre Are Criter dreet descendants ship has 23 and granderhoten and a streidly government of chandre and great grander of grandered granderic dreet.

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State Sen. Robbi Barratia, R. Glenns Ferry, is defeated after second drunken-driving conscious.

\*\*Nepublican Tom Gannon of Buhl beats Democra! Bill Chrisboim for a state Senate was Magoc Valley incumbent legislators all win re-election.

\*\*Long stame Twin Falls County Commissioner Marvin Mempleman prepares for returnent. Republican Tom Mikesell was rarc to replace him.

\*\*Plans for fueling bothouse jouantees with dairy waste fall through.

#### **Dairy issues**

2002

The state cites three Magic Valley darries for odor violations.
Filer-area dairy neighbors complain about door, but most beknowledge some improvement.
Industry opposition puts hydrogen sulfide standards on hold.

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Twin Falls County ends its
iry moratorium by adopting

o in including the dairy moratorium by new rules.
The Idaho Dairymen's Association fires director Lewis Eibers. Association fires out.

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Cassia County contemplates nomble dairy growth.

• Dell Computer Corp. opens • Dell Computer Corp. opens a Twin Falls service center. It hires more than 700 people by year's end. • J.R. Simplot Co. begins hun-dreds of layoffs at its Heyburn spud plant; closure is due by 2004. • The Corp.

The Canyon Park retail strip opens in Twin Falls.
 Kmart closes its Burley and Mountain Home stores.

Mountain Home stores.

Plans are announced for a 550 million ethanol plant in Mini-Cassia.

Companies announce plans for a wind farm and geothermal power in Cassia County.

Twin Falls sets another home-building record.

#### Health care

• The county-owned Magic Valley Regional Medical Center buys the Twin Falls Clinic and Hospital.
• St. Benedicts Family Medical Center announces plans for a new hospital south of Jerome.
• Despite anti-abortion

Jerome.

• Despite anti-abortion protests, Planned Parenthood of Idaho opens a clinic in Twin Falls.

#### Local government

Twin Falls County voters reject a \$16 million jad.

Twin Falls County's sheriff takes command of the four-county 911 center. Persistent conflicts leave the center's future in doubt.

ooubt.

A giant Twin Falls subdivi-sion's first phase gains approval, after the developer makes con-cessions to neighbors.

Twin Falls merchants pro-pose new street names down-town.

town.

Twin Falls spends \$1.3 million for canyon property near Auger Falls.

Twin Falls voters approve \$500,000 in taxes for a new senior center.

or center. The YMCA takes over opera-of the Twin Falls city pool.

#### Agriculture

Continuing drought pinches water users, but favorable spring weather helps.
 Surface water users and

Surface water users and groundwater pumpers make a historic deal that leads to curtai-ment of pumping.

Farmers sue for crop damage due to Oust herbicide sprayed by Bureau of Land Management.

### Avalanche

#### Continued from B1,

buried under about 5 feet of subw, and it took the members of his party and some passers by who 3 topped to help about 20 minutes to find him and dig him out, Noland said.

One of the people there start-ed CPR immediately, but to no

avail, he said.

Snow setting up after an avalanche can be as hard as concrete, he said.

Prevailing conditions in the area - beary snow followed by warm weather, rain and then more snow - have made the situation particularly dangerous,

Noland said. That's because new snow has been piling up on top of old, froren snow, and masses of it can break free with little or no warning. Snowmobilers, skiers or snow-shoers should stick only to marked trails and avoid open slopes entirely, he said.

### Cassia Commissioners plan for courthouse reorganization

By Nate Johnson Times-News writer

BURLEY - Cassia County commissioners are already moving offices in the courthouse in anticipation of the assessor's office moving out of the building in 2003.

The Cassia County Assessor's Office will move into the brick office building across the intersection to the southeast of the courthouse sometime next year. The occupants of the building already the move out by the end of February. Workers will then remodel the building, and the building have to move out by the end of February. Workers will then remodel the building, and the second of the courthouse to make more room for other county offices and to increase the security of the building by reducing foot traffic. Commissioners decided to start moving some offices immediately. They will move the court assistance office from an isolated second-floor room to the basement office occupied by Deputy Cassia County Prosecuting Attorney Kerry McMurray. Commissioners wanted to move the assistance office would county the properties of the county employees so Court Assistance Officer Shantel Williams could call for help if one of her clients became abusive. The room now used as the county employees so Court Assistance Officer Shantel Williams could call for help if one of her clients became abusive. The room now used as the county employees so Court Assistance Officer Manuel as a contract of the county of the

have to be covered with bars.
The current holding cell could become an attorney-client conference room.
Because McMurray has been bired as the new Cassia County

ence room.

Because McMurray has been hired as the new Cassia County administrator, he will move out of his other office at the end of the week.

County Assessor Marty Holland gave commissioners tentive plans for the new county annex. When people walk into the huilding, they would see a 24-foot counter for the motor vehicle division to the left and a smaller counter opening into the property division on the right. The plans include rest rooms, storage rooms and a public work starios in the ty division on the right. The plans include rest rooms, storage rooms and a public work station in the property division.

"I think it looks good. I think it looks very functional," Commissioner Paul Christensen eaid

said.
Other commission business included:

orcured:

• Probation violation decrease

• In his monthly report to commissioners. Public Defender
Doug Whipple said the number of
parole violations has decreased
this fiscal year. In October and
November 2001, there were 36
probation violations. In October
and November 2002, there were
11 probation violations. Whipple
credited the misdemeanor probation program for the decrease.

"We're catching them earlier."

• Jall census – Mini-Cassia

criminal Justice Center Director
Dennis Dexter reported there
were 98 people in jail.

"We haven't seen that low of a
census in a year and a half," he
said.

All the counties in the area. Probation violation decrease
 In his monthly report to com

All the counties in the area

have fewer inmates around the end of the year, he said.

• Black Pine Mine taxes - Black Pine Mine owes the county \$98,599 in taxes, Cassia County Prosecuting Attorney Al Barrus said. The mine's bankruptey jawyers claim the taxes accrued after the company declared bankruptey in 1998.

• International Building Code - Commissionners adopted the 2000

• International Building Code— Commissioners adopted the 2000 edition of the International Building Code, the International Residential Code—except for chapters five through eight—and the International Energy Conservation Code. If commissioners had not adopted the codes before the end of the year, they would have been in violation of Idaho law.

they would have been in violation of Idaho law.

Building fee schedule—Building Inspector Dan Barker recommended commissioners nortises to cover the county building fees to cover the county building fees to cover the costs of planning and aming. Commissioners asked for more information before they'll make a decision.

Quarry expansion - Forest Service Minerals Specialist Steve Fluck reported the Fish Creek Outrry is asking for permission to expand. The quarry is on forest Service Iand south of Oakley.

Public lands appointment - Commissioners agreed to ask Shay Watterson to serve on the Cassia County Public Lands Committee.

Times-News writer Nate Johnson

Times News writer Nate Johnson can be reached at the newspaper's Mini-Cassia Bureau at 677-4042, Ext. 637, or by e-mail at njohn-son@magicvalley.com.

### Heyburn man dies of crash injuries

BOISE - A 20-year-old Heyburn man died Sunday of injuries suf-fered in a Friday morning acci-dent near the Rupert-Heyburn exii in Intersate 84. Steven Harrison died at Saint Alphonaus Regional Medical Center in Boise.

Center in Boise.
Harrison was thrown from his vehicle about 8 a.m. Friday, according to a press release from the Idaho State Police.
He was taken to Boise by air ambulance.

rie was taken to house by air ambulance. Harrison was reportedly dri-ving east on 144 on an icy road-way, the release said. He lost control of the automo-bile and went off the right side of

Magic Valley in brief the mad.

The vehicle rolled several times, going through a fence before stopping in a field.

Naturalist offers animal

tracking workshop
KETCHUM - Neethum naturalst Ann Christenen will present a
free winter animal tracking withshop for kids on Thirsday And
you don't even have to wear your
warm mittens for it.
The workshop, geared for youth

ages 8 to 12, will be held indoors at the Environmental Resource Center at Sixth and Leadville streets. Children – and their parents – will have an opportunity to

Children - and their parents -will have an opportunity to view track molds of a variety of ani-mals, including moose, mountain lon and wolf. And they might get a chance to make molds of their own. They'll also get a chance to handle bones and skulls, learn about animal behavor and how to tell rabbut tooks from dog tracks. Though the workshop is free, claw sare is hunted. To register, call 726-4333. - compiled from staff reports

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### Montana, Idaho want hunting ruling shot down The August ruling that Ariona's limits are an unconsti-tutional restriction on interstate commerce conflict with numer-ous other court decisions, Morris

said. He said the court's logic "runs squarely into a long line of cases holding that recreational hunting does not qualify as interstate commerce and that widdle does not constitute an article of commerce."

HELENA, Mont. (AP) Montana, Idaho and 20 other states are asking the U.S. Supreme Court to overturn a rul-ing that struck down Attrona's limits on big game licenses to out-of-state hunters.

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In Montana's request to the
nation's high court, Brane Morra,
state solicitor, and the decruon by
the 9th U.S. Circuit of Appeals
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Other states sagning Montana's appeal are Alaska, Alabama, Arhanas, Colorado, Delaware, Idabo, Induana, Kannas, Kentucky, Mannewan, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, Penanyivania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tenneware, Utah, Vermont and Wusaning.

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not constitute an article of com-merce."

The case is important for Montana, which has similar caps on the number of liceriesa avail-able to out-of-state hunters. It also charges nonresidents more for licenses, something that Morris said could be jeopardized if the appeals court decision is allowed to stand.

A three-judge panel of the Carcuit Court said m August that

Artimas's 1991 Law allotting 10 percent of bull elk and antiered deer hunting tags to nonresidents was an act of "overt discrimination." It said the limit whates the constitutional bain on interfering with interstate symmetre. It sent the case back to federed district court, giving Artimona's chance to prime that its restriction is the unity means the state has to carry out a legitimate state interest in managing widdlife. Alorris said it was unlikely any state could successfully make that legal argument. He said the case centers on whether recreational hunting is a matter of a commerce and whether the limits on out of state tags affect the comings and goings of nonresident huntiers to the point of affecting interstate commerce.

### Fish and Game adds fee for late harvest reports

BOISE (AP) – Hunters who plan on faling their mandatory beg-game harvest reports from 2002 when they buy a new locess frest year will dig deeper into their pockets.

The fdaho Fish and Game Chemismon this month approved a "document insuance fee" to be paid when a houser false the 2002

report at a liceme vendor before a new hunting license can be

issued.

Regulations prohibit issuing a new license to those with definquent reports on whether they 
harvested a deer, elk or antelope. 
Hunters are required to send 
in their reports within 10 days of 
harvesting an animal, or within

10 days of the end of the season for which the tag was valid.

Those who have filed within those deadlines are eligible for entry in a drawing for 10 "super tags," that hunters could use in any controlled hunt in the state for that particular species. They must choose the species by May 1.

### Ketchum

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feet of open space outside that would preserve views of Baldy

would preserve views of Baldy, he said. The \$5.5 million brick building would be modeled after turn-of-the-century architecture found on such buildings as the Chapter One bookstore, which was Ketchum's first beak when it was built in the late 1800s. Corners would be cut back to open up views.

views.

An underground parking arage for 150 cars would feature an atrium skylight to make it more user friendly than typical parking garages. One or more of ketchum's historic ore wagons—considered the symbol of

Ketchum - could be included on the site outside a new visitor cen-

ter. Ruscitto also suggested remod-eling the existing Kerchum City Hall - formerly a car dealership -for \$1.5 million or tearing it down and rebuilding it for \$5.5 million to accommodate the Kerchum Fire Department, which is burst-ing at the season.

Fire Department, which is bursting at the seams.

As many as 20 affordable housing units could be included as part of the new fire station.

"It's just a schematic proposal. It's up to the city and community they want to do part or all of it," Ructito said.

The project would give the city a chance to lead by example, he

added, referring to the city's attempts to discourage big.

added, referring to the city's attempts to discourage helps, bulky, but like buildings. Henry Dean, who has been involved in such projects as Seattle's Kingdome, said the design build finance method that he and Ruscitto are proposing is a proven method of constructing public building projects such as this.

public building pousses this.

He said he could apply for federal housing tax credits to help finance the affordable housing units.

Dean said he and Ruscitto would like to begin construction in spring if the project is approved. The project would take about 16 months, he said.

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#### Americans would rather wait on new tax cuts

Almost two thirds of Americans polled believe it would be better to wait on tax cuts to make sure the budget does not go into a deeper deficit

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1. Looking shead to a year from



3. Do you think it is more 3. Do you mank it is more important to pass additional tax cuts to stimulate the economy now or do you think it is better to hold off on tax cuts to make sure that the budget does not go into a deeper deficit?

Pass tax cuts to stimulate the economy. 28 % cuts, 64% 2

5. If you had to choo 5. If you had to choose, which-do you think poses the greater threat to the United States: Iraq and Saddam Hussein or the al-Qalda terrorist network and Osama bin Laden?

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2. Has recent financial news made you more cautious about spending money, less cautious about spending money or has it not changed your spending habits?

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NOTE: Poll based on like when entenders with 1,008 rank-mly selected adults from all states except Alaska and Hawaii. The poll has a marginal error of plus or minus. 3) percentage points. The interview were conducted Dic. 11.17 by ICR International Communication Research of Web 27.3.

### **Poll suggests Americans** are wary about tax cuts

WASHINGTON (AP)
Americans believe by a 240-1
margin that it's prudent to hold
off on more tax cuts, a centerpiece of President Bush's dometic policy apenda, an Associated
Press poll found.
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Press poll found.

They greet the new year more cautious about their personal spending yet somewhat optimistic their financial situation.

they greet the new year more cautious about their personal spending yet somewhat optimistic their financial situation will improve.

On the international front, the pull found people wary of a war with Iraqu and much more likely to exec Osama bin taden and his ad-Quida network as threats than Iraqu President Saddian Hoseian Butte, Mont. She's seem her retirement fund reduced sharply the the troubled economy, worther should be president to differ the saddian securities of the saddia

go, but a lot of young people aren't.

"When the war starts, it will start bere, too I think that once we're in the war, we're going to see something orn our saft.

Two thirds said they were were rised that war with fraid would increase chances of a tertor attack in the United States, according to the Official Ordinated I CR/International Communications Research of Media, Fa

Media, Pa On economics, even most Republicans said it would be bet-ter to hold off on tax cuts to avoid deeper deficits. The White House is putting together tax avoid deeper delicits. The White House is putting together Lax-cuts that could rotal \$300 billion it would feature lower taxes on shareholders' dividends, acceler-ate the 2001 tax curs for all but the wealthnest Americans and provide new depreciation breaks

for businesses.
"My bushand and I decided to
pay off all our debts," said Julia
Kerner, 37, a pharmary technical from Federick, Md., "and I
bink it's better for the government to wait on more tax cuts.
They are a quick fix, but they
start undermining the mecome
coming in to support this or that
program."

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Almost half, 44 percent, said they expect their family's financial situation will be better a vest from now. That's a more optimistic way of the finuter than a way. The polls of 1,000 feet their back taken bee, 13-17 and havour error margin of plus or minus. 3 percentage points.

Republicans were more optimistic than bemostats and young adults significantly more optimistic than older people.

But if many people are expecting the economy to improve, they're also watching their spending more carefully. In the poll, 44 percent said they were now more cautious about what they spend than they had been, whithe half have not changed spending habus. Harty up from 40 percent who said they were cautious about spending in the spring of 2000, before the spring of 2000 b

### GOLD FROM THE TAIL END OF A HORSE

#### Colorado company markets high-grade manure as compost

manure as compostCARBONDALE, Colo. (AP) —
Many folks might look at the fruit
of Jim Duke's labor and deem it a
bunch of horse manure.
They'd be right.
But the piles sitting out here on
a scenic mess above the Roaring
Fork Valley represent something that
just might be the ultimate in
designer goods in an area where
designer fabels already grace
everything from dog bowls to
dourstops: designer compost.
This "enca," as Duke likes to
call it, comes from the barns and
patdocks of pampered thoroughbreds.
And much of it will be recycled

plattons or pumpers
And much of it will be recycled back to the owners of those fillies and statlions as truckloads of introgen-rich compost for their lawns and flowerbeds. But some of it will be turned into what between the compost for the place of th

of it will be turned more with a buck hopes will become a must-have gift for those who have everything dash his wife and business partner, Kathy, will be rolling out several lines of composted manure will be sold in brightly colored bags with clevery barbed narratives that set it apart from plain old sacks of ding.

As the Dukes put it in their advertisements: "Can't find the right gift? Give 'em allithe Caca."

The products will include "Caca de Cabolla Feliz" – loosely translated. "Happy Horse Droppings." The narrative on this product will explain how only happy horses contributed to the compost. Dake said that happy horses aren't hard to find in Aspen because they have private trainers, therapits, masseuses and psychic. "Aspen Blonde Bedding Material" is, according to the packaging, 'extremely hor' and Turning volative if



Jim and Kathy Duke stand in front of steaming compost piles in the horse manue processing area above Carbondale. Colo., one of two outdoor processing plants they operate as CacaLoco Compost, earlier this month

Ilm and Kathy Duke stand in front of a Colo., one of two outdoor processing p improperly handled."

"Buddapoo" dumps a little manure on the craze for yoga and Eastern mysticism.

"This is worth trying in Aspen," said Jim Roman, who sells tons of the Dukes' bulk product at his Planted Earth nurseries in Carbondale and Aspen.

The Dukes also have piles of human sewage sludge, chipped construction waste and shredded Ountry landfill. The piles are undergoing the pathogen-killing composting process that turns the material into a rich garden additive that is so changed after it crooks." that Duke can dig into the pile with his bare hands and hold up an earthy-smelling handful for an upclose sailf.

Even that product is getting the designer treatment.
"Bureaucrap is already being sold in bulk to nurseries and landscapers. But soon Bureaucrap is going to be offered as the perfect gift for friends who work in white-collar cubicles."

naming compost piles in the horse manue must sheep operate as Cacatoco Compost.

halanced budget known to exist where the outputs never exceed the inputs," reads the narrative that will grace the bags.

The Dukes also will offer some personalized caca options. Usaka Caca, a refillable hag for CacaLaca compost, will be available with buyers' own personal messages on the bags. Instead of giving out coffee mugs, key chains or hats with logos, CacaLaco will give businesses the option of handing out clever bags of manure.

"We have a lot more fun doing this than probably anyone else in this business," Duke said as he looked out over his excrement empire at the landfill.

Duke says with pride that jost about everything he has ever done has turned to caca. And it would be the truth.

Duke holds a master's degree in range ecology and has completed a "fecces thesis" toward a doctorate.

His caca-focused working days began with a stint in Alaska

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processing area above Carbondale, analier this month.

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### California nears deadline to sell river water

EL CENTRO, Calif. (AP) – California's prorest county found itself under enormous pressure Monday to self a portion of its Colorado River water from desert farms to cities – or trigger an immediate cut in the state's water supply.

water supply.

The Bush administration has The Bush administration has given a water board in the Imperial Valley until midnight Tuesday to decide, along with the ultimatum: Sell the water or we will take it away.

Imperial has what everybody in the thirsty West wants. More than a trillion gallons of Colorado

of the richest farm belts on Earth.

Earth. "Sometimes, it's not good to be the big fish in the pond," said Don Cox, a retired farmer and former member of the Imperial Irrigation District's board. "Everybody's trying to catch you."

"Everybody's trying to catch you."

Three weeks ago, Imperial's water board narrowly rejected a deal to tell a portion of its masive share of Colorado River water to San Diego for the next 75 years. The deal, years in the making, was the cornervtone of a broader agreement to wean California from its overdependence on the Colorado.

Following weeks of intense discussion with other Southern California water agencies aimed at resurrecting the deal, the Imperial Valley water board scheduled a series of meetings Monday and Tuesday. The board aid it could take action Tuesday. "Every board member I've spoken to has talked about deepless nights," said Sue Giller, a spokenoman for the Imperial Irrigation District. "All of them feel the weight of this decision."

The federal government wants that deal signed. Unless Imperial's water board apprivaces it by New Year's Eve, Interior Secretary Gale Norton will force

Imperial farmers and water districts serving Los Angeles and San Diego to live with less water from the Colorado in 2003. Even if the board refuses to

From the Colorado in 2005.
Even if the board refuses to change its vote, taps won't rundy in California. Water agencies that supply Los Angeles and San Diego say they have enough reserves to supply I7 million cutsomers for at least two years.

In Imperial, the cuts will deprive the county of about 7 percent of its supply of Colorado River water – roughly the same amount that would have gone to San Diego under the sale.

If that's not a threat, what is a threat? Cox said.

### Yellowstone opens most of its roads to snow traffic

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL Yellowstone National Park were open Monday to snownobiles and snowcoaches, but Superintendent Suzanne Lewis

warned they could close at any time because of weather and road conditions.

The majority of the park's roads were scheduled to open Dec. 18, but insufficient sowfall prompted officials to open the toads one section at a time.

The road from Mammoth Terraces near the North Entrance to Norris Geyser Basin remained closed Monday, and the remained Gooed Monday, and the road from Fishing Bridge to Canyon closed Sunday because there were long stretches of bare pavement, Levis said. The East Entranne toad near Mary Bay and Steamboat Point was open to lumied traffic. Roads completely open the South and West entrances to the South and West entrances to

Old Faithful, the road from the East Entrance to West Thumb and the Madison to Norris road. The road from the North

OREM, Utah (AP) - He could have had a mee meal and free skeldt passes. But a man who tried to get autographed memorabilita for finding Robert Redford's box credit card got a visit from the cops instead. Police in Orem, a city close to Redford's home and, his Sundance resort, say the man found the card Saturday near a convenience store and called the

The viction was Stuart Bodell The accident happened Saturday as about 10 people from two Utah County families were shooting skeet just west of

resort to report the find.

But after being offered free ski-lift passes and dinner for two if he would bring the card to the resort, the man reportedly insist ed on some signed Redford mem-

ed on some signed assumed or orabita.

When a resort representative responded that Redford "does not do that kind of thing," the man said Redford wouldn't get his card back and hung up, Orem

Sheriff's Set. Dennis Harris

Police Lt. Doug Edwards said.
Police then called the man, who refused to give his address and told an officer that he threw Redford's card in a trash bin.
Police could fish it out, he told an officer. officer.
Police traced the call and went

autograph. He also did not get charged with a crime, Edwards

said.
"The finder was not charged, on account of his sudden change of heart to gladly give the card to the officers when they arrived at his home," according to a report about the incident on the city's





See Wednesday's paper for complete New Year's Day TV listings.

The Times-News

Gala! New Year's Eve Larty



#### to the man's apartment. They recovered the credit card. The man did not get the free ski passes, a free dinner or an The report concluded: "Greed often has its consequences." Cannon explodes, kills man ŭve Bond SARATOGA SPRINGS, Utah (AP) – A 29-year-old Saratoga Springs man was killed when a relative set off a homemade can-non and it exploded. The victim was identified as Stuart Bodell. Saratoga Springs near Lake Mountain Estates. Invest in your

said no citations were issued, but the case was still under investiga**future** tion.

He said the cannon was made of metal that had been welded Read the Money pages together.

The victim was struck by two pieces of metal.

Man tries to get actor's autograph for finding credit card

in The Times-News

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### MORNING LINE

**SPORTSQUOTE** 

6 6 What I have to think about is the players. here. All the boosters and alumni and the support I've gotten has grounded me that I came here for a reason. I came here to win a championship and that has not been done vet.

- U of I football coach Tom Cable, on why he turned down an offer to join new UCLA could Kent Donnell as an assistant

IN BRIEF

#### **CSI** moves CNCC games to Thursday

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho announced it has moved Friday's scheduled men's and women's home basketball games with Colorado Northwestern to Thursday due to a scheduling conflict.

CSI will also host the College of Eastern Utah on Saturday.

Tipoff times remain the same for both nights at 6 and 8 p.m.

#### Filer holds weekend basketball camp

Dasketball Camp
FILER - The Filer buys basketball team will huld its annual
Wildert Basketball Camp of the
high school on Saturday and Storday
from 10 am to more ach day.
Children in grades 48 are digible
to participate with a camp to the
525 per player. Filer coach Jim
Annala and the boys varsity will camp.
For more information, call
Annala att 484/967.

#### Log Tavern holds dart tourney tonight

TWIN FALLS - A New Year's ive dart tournament will be held the Log Tavern tonight starting at 7 p.m.

Cost is 55 per person with a complete payout and blind draw. The tavern is located at 401 4th Ave. W.

#### Group offers free cross-country lessons

Gross-Country lessons
HAGERMAN - Cruss-country
Idabo is offering free cruss country ski lessons and rentals on
Saturday, Jan. 11 at Magic
Mountain Ski Resort.
Anyone interested in learning
how to cruss country ski is encouraged to attend. Magic Mountain is
located south of Hansen on Rock
Creek Road. For more information.
and Jack Tarbrough at 827-4305.

#### U of i's Cable turns down UCLA assistant job

UCLA assistant job

MOSCOW - University of idaho football coach Tom Cable had decided to stay in Moscow. despite recently saying he would be used to stay in Moscow. despite recently saying he would be used to be used to be used. Cable said he decided Sunday high not to take a job as offenive coordinator at UCLA. The offer came from New Bruins coach Karl Dorrell, who worked with Cable in 1998 at Clorado.

The contract for assistant coachs formerly lasted one year, from June to June. But University of Idaho doministrators decided to shorten next season's contract to a six next to be used to be used to short the same to be used to be used to short the same to be used to be use

said.

Cable makes about \$160,000 a year at Idaho, plus fringe benefits. If all incentives are met, he stands to make nearly \$200,000.

The offer from UCLA was believed to be worth about \$230,000 a year.

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### **Surging Broncos meet slumping Cyclones**

No. 18 Boise State eyes opportunity in Humanitarian Bowl

The Associated Press

BOISE - For a team looking to enhance its stature, the Humanitarian Bowl is just what Boise State needs. The game is on national television, and the 18th-ranked Broncos play lowa State, a respected opponent from the powerful Big 12.

12.
Yet today's game on the blue furf of Bronco Stadium might be even more important for lowa State, which is desperately seeking a positive finish to a disappointing season. The Cyclones started the Season 6-1 and were ranked ninth in the

country. Now they're 7-6, having lost five of their last six games.

Another loss could leave a langover that coach Dan McCarney might have to spend the rest of the winter trying to cure, especially with 40 of his top 48 players return-

cially with 40 of his top to proper ing.

"Will it be a good taste, bad taste, sugar or lemons?" McCarney said. "There's a monumental difference between 8-6 and 7-7. That eighth win is real big."

To get it, the Cyclones will have to slow a potent offense.

Roise State (11-1) leads the nation in

Boise State (11-1) leads the nation in scoring (46.6) and total offense (516.8). The

Broncos won the Western Athletic Conference in a romp, going 8-0 and win-ning those games by an average of 37 points.

points.
They did stumble in their only game against an opponent from a major conference, turning the ball over seven times and giving up seven sacks in a 41-14 loss at Arkansas. That's not much consolation for

lown State,
"They are so outstanding with the foot-ball," McCarney said. "They didn't even get a game in their conference. Nobady even slowed them down. We have to con-trol the football. If our punt team is on the field a lot Tuesday, we're in real trouble against this team."

Crucial.com

Who: lowa State (7-6) vs. No. 18 Boise State (11-1)
Where: Bronco Stadoum, Boise
When: Idday, 10.02 a.m.
TV: ESPN (Ch. 29 Twin Falls)

Boise State has a balanced offense, which could puse a challenge for Iowa State, Tailback Brock Forsey has rushed for 1,533 yards and scored 20 touchdowns Quarterback Ryan Dinwiddie, who missed

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## NFL ax falls

#### Campo, Coughlin, LeBeau lose coaching jobs

By Dave Goldberg Associated Press writer

America's Team fired its coach.
America's Team fired its coach.
America's laughingstock did, too.
And Jacksonville got rid of the
only coach it has ever had.
The Dallac Cowboys fired Dave
Campo after three straight 5-11
seasons; Cincinnati fired Dick
LeBeau after finishing with 2-14
record – awful even by the
Bengals' low standards; and the
Jaguars fired Tom Coughlin after
a 6-10 mark, their third straight
losing season.

a 6-10 mark, their third straight lossing season.

The Bengals' coaching change probably won't bring a sudden turnaround for the NFL's worst franchise. The team hasn't had a winning record since going 9-71 1990 and winning the AFC central title. LeBeau went 12-33 in three seasons, but team president Mike Brown said he wouldn't change the front-office structure.

wouldn't change the front-office structure.
Coughlin had served as coach and general manager during all eight years of the Jaguars' existence. He went 72-64 and two-field to the AFC championship game, but the Jagwars went 19-29 the past three years. The firing with the most ramifications is Campo's, Jargely because the Cowboys are a high-profile team and because of Jones' approach to Bill Parcells, who won two Super Bowls with the Giants and took the Patriots to a third.

to a third.

That is somewhat complicated by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers' demand for compensation if Dallas hires Parcells. The Bucs contend that Parcells signed a contract with them last year before backing out at the last minute.

The NFL said it is studying the merits of that claim



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"This change is more about a large in philosophy, not about hat Dave didn't do," Jones said

what Lawe dum i od, Jones sam of Campo.
That philosophical change presumably would take Jones out of
the coaching equation and off the
sideline, where he often watches
during games. Jones also has
served as his own general manager and has made mout of the personnel decisions.
Parcells doesn't seem to likely
to tolerate that.

Parcells doesn't seem to tolerate that.
In Cincinnati, meanwhile, the philosophy is staying the same.
Brown was asked whether he intended to bring in a GM to run



### Reports conflict over Parcells, Cowboys

With Dave Campo out of the ay, Bill Parcells can step right for the Dallas Cowboys. Of course, with Parcells, you

never know.

The Cowboys fired Campo on Monday, and within hours conflict-

rancus rand rates the coaching job.
Team owner Jerry Jones spoke
at length with Parcells at least
twice before the Cowboys ended
their season with a 20-14 loss at
Washington to Sunday.
The Dallas Morning News
reported on its Web site Monday

afternoon that Parcells agreed to an \$18 million, four-year deal and would be introduced as the team's coach today. The story was based on an unnamed source close to Parcells and Jones. But ESPN, the network for which Parcells have worked as a football analyst, reported on its Web site

Anterson heals in a 57-yard touch-down pass from James McPhorson as

Oracea 38-17

that Parcells' agent, Jimmy Seston, and two other unnamed sources said there was no deal.

Team spokesman Rich Dalrymple wouldn't comment on the newspaper's report and said the team had no plans to discuss the coaching situation any lurther Monday.

**Playoffs** look to be

wide open

By Dave Goldberg Associated Press writer

The NFC playoffs must go through intimidating Veterans Stadium. The AFC playoffs go through Oakland and its Black Hole.

ole. Yet this could be the NFL's lost wide-open tournament in

most with supersonable property sears.

The Engles need Domovan McNabb to be healthy and, preferably, in top form, to make it to San Diego. He might not be And remember that the Raiders lost four manow at one

And remember that the Raiders lost four in a row at one point.

"In coaching you always hock at a team that is on a roll and has beaten some good teams coming down to the wire," says Giants coach Jim Schedule Fassel, whose team won its last four games to get into the postseason as an SFC wild-card team.

"It's all about momentum, it's not who you play but when you play them sometimes."

So bere's a look at the placet teams, in order of Super Boxt possibilities.

AFC

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AFC

1. Tennessee (11-5), Go by Eassel's "hot team" theory. The Itians have won nine of 10. They're not always pretty, but they gist to the Super Bool after the 1999 season and were 13-3 in 2000. Don't underestimate Sieve McNair's impact—be made a late MVP push.

2. Oukland (11-5). The Raiders beat the Titans \$2.25 on Sept. 29 As the cuaching clothe gives in season. With Jevon Kearse back, the Titans should get same pressure on Richt Gannon if they meet in the conference title game.

meet in the conference ritingame.

3. New York Jets (9-7), Another hot team, 8-3 after a 1-4 start. That coincides with the blossoming of Chad Permington, who led the league in passer raining. The Jets should get by the Colts amorphably would go to Oakland They lost 26-20 at the Raiders during the regular season but could have won with a few booaks. breaks.
4. Pittsburgh (10-5-1). Might be

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### Wake Forest shoots down Ducks

Minnesota surprises No. 25 Arkansas ociated Press

The Associated Proce

SEATTLE - Despite having one of the nation's best rushing offenset, Wake Forest took to the air in the Seathle Bowl.

James MacPherson completed

9 of 16 passes for a Bowl season-high 241 yards and two touchdowns (\*\*Poport\*\*) as the Demon Deacons (\*\*Poport\*\*) as the Demon Deacons of the Poport\*\* as the Demon Deacons (\*\*Poport\*\*) and two touchdowns (\*\*Poport\*\*) as the Demon Deacons (\*\*Poport\*\*) as the Demon Deacons MacPherson, who also ran for a score, hit Jason Anderson with TD passes of 57 and 53 yards as Wake Forest (\*\*\*) finished with a winning record for the second straight year. The Deacons when I had conscurive winning seasons since 1887-88.

The Ducks (\*\*\*) stated the season 6-0 and were ranked as



high as No. 6, but they simply weren't the same without quar-terback Joey Harrington, a 2001 Heisman finalist last year. The team lost five of its last skx, a year after going 11-1 and winning the Fiesta Bowl.

Entering Monday's game, Wake Forest was ranked eighth nationally in rushing offense, averaging 239.9 yards a game. The Deacons ran for 256 against Oregon, even with their

### Clemens, Yankees agree to 1-year, \$10 million deal

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Roger Clemens wants to say goodbye to baseball with the New York Yankees.

The six-time Cy Young Award winner agreed Monday to a 510.1 million, one-year contract and probably will retire after next season, his 20th in the major leagues.

"My feeling is right now that I don't anticipate playing past this year," Clemens said. "I plan on going out the right way - like I always have, full throrde."

An eight time All-Star who rurns 41 in August, Clemens saids gone 60-27 during four seasons with the Yankees, winning World. Series titles in his first two years. Clemens, who joined the Yankees after 13 seasons in Boston and two in Toronto, has

3,909 strikeouts, third on the career list behind Nolan Ryan (5,714) and Steve Carlton (4,136). With a 293-151 record, Clemens

career list behind NoIan Ryan (5,714) and Steve Cartino (4,156). With a 293-151 record, Clemens has a chance to overtake Tom Seaver (311) and Gaylord Perry (314) next season, which would put him in 15th place on the career wins list.

After going 20-3 in 2001. Clemens was 13-6 with a 4-35 ERA in 29 starts last season, bailing leg problems.

Under the new deal. Clemens will not start receiving his salary until 2004 and will not get the entire amount until 2014, making the present-day value of the contract about \$51 million, according to calculations by the commissioner's office.

Clemens was coming off a \$30.9 million, two-year agreement with the Yankees.

### Late triple helps Bucks bag Mavs

DALLAS (AP) - Tim Thomus hit a 3-pointer from the left corner with 9.9 seconds remaining as the Milwaukee Bucks rallied from a 17-point second-quarter deficit and handed the Dallas Mavericks their second home defeat of the season, 110-107 on Monday night.

Dirk Nowitzki, who matched his career high with 40 points, made two free throws with 2.9 left neven the deficit in 109-107, but I bomas hit one of two fouls the season of the control o

107-105 lead.

Steve Nash lannched a 3-pointer for the Mavericks with 4.5 left that fell short, with Sam Cassell, who led the Bucks with 28 points, grahling the rebound.

Dallas is still a league-best 25-5 moral!

#### Jazz 107, Raptors 85

SALT LAKE CITY - Andrei Kirilenko scored 20 points and blocked five shors as the Utah Jazz heat Toronto 10745 Monday night, the Raptors' seventh straight loss. Karl Malone led Utah, which won for the lifth time in six

points and 10 rebounds. Kirilenko, who had a career-high six blocks in Utah's last game against Philadelphia, also had three steals and sparked the

had three steam and Voshon big Jazz runs.
Morris Peterson and Voshon Lenard led the Raptors with 18 points each. Tornoth has lost 11 of its last 12 games and fell to 0-4 on their five-game road trip.

#### Knicks 96, Spurs 95

Knicks 96, Spurs 95
NEW YORK - Allan Houston scored 28 points, including the game-winning free throws with 5.4 seconds left, and Michael Dolean added a season-high 16.
Tim Duncan made a short jumper while being fouled with 6.8 seconds left. His free throw gave the Spurs the lead, 95-94.
But Stephen Jackson fouled Houston trying for a steal, and New York's leading scorer sank both free throws.

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Duncan then missed a short jumper as time expired.
Duncan hod 31 points and 17 rebunnds for his 13th straight double-double, and Jackson added 19 points for the Spurs, added 19 points for the Spurs.

#### Magic 112, Wizards 95

ORLANDO, Fla. – Michael Jordan had 21 points, nine assists and eight rebounds in his final regular-season game in Orlando, but Tracy McGrady scored 32

points as the Magic beat the Washington Wizards 112-95 Monday night. Pat Garrity had 21 points off the bench and Mike Miller added 20 far Orlando, which has won five of its last six. Jerry Stackhouse scored 18 points but made just 4 of 15 shots for the Wizards, who have dropped four of their last five.

#### Nets 102, Cavaliers 88

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EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. Kenyon Martin celebrated his
25th birthday with 28 points and
10 rebounds, and the New Jersey
Nets tied a franchise record with
their 13th straight home win.

Jason Kidd added 17 points for the
Nets, who have won seven
straight overall and 18 of 19 at
the Continental Airlines Arena.

Ricky Davis hit five 3-pointers,
scorred 24 points and added 10
assists, but he couldn't prevent
the Cavaliers from losing their
14th straight on the road, two shy
of the team record ser in 1984.

#### Heat 93, Hawks 84

MIAMI - Eddie Jones scored 23 points and Travis Best added 20, including four 3-pointers to lead the Miami Heat over Atlanta

93-84.

Rookie Caron Butler scored 21 as Miami won for the sixth time in eight games. It was the first

loss for Atlanta under new Terry Stotts, who replace fired Lon Kruger on Friday

#### Trail Blazers 85, Pistons 74

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. -Rusheed Wallace scored 19 points and Bonzi Wells added 17 as the Portland Trail Blazers won

Portland blew a 13-point third-quarter lead, allowing Detroit to tie the game at 68 with 8:20 to olay

#### Supersonics 79, Nuggets 77

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DENVER – Desmand Mason
scored 23 points and Gary Payton
21 as the Seattle SuperSonics
handed the Denver Nuggets their
10th straight loss, 79-77 on
Monday night.
Mison had eight points in the
third quarter and Kenny
Anderson six points in the final
period to help the Sonics hold off
the Nuggets.

period to help the Sonies hold off the Nuggets. Rookie Nene Hilario led Denver with 21 points, and Juwan Howard had 19 points and 15 relyaunds.

#### Timberwolves 104, Suns 98

MINNEAPOLIS - Kevin Garnett had 22 points and 14 rebounds as the Minnesota snapped Phoenix's five-game win-ning streak.

ning streak.

Rookie Amare Stoudemire had a season-high 38 points and added 14 rebounds for the Suns.

### Utes stun No. 1 Alabama for milestone win

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Nick Jacobson scored 13 points, including two free throws with 24.2 seconds left, as Utah defeat-ed No. 1 Alabama 51-49 Monday nichr

rim Frost added nine points ad Britton Johnsen scored eight, and Britton Johnson stored eight, all in the second half, as the Utes (8-3) got the 1,500th win in school history while handing the Crimson Tide (9-1) its first loss.

#### No. 4 Arizona 85, Boston U 71

TUCSON, Ariz. - Luke Walton hopped off the court after re-injuring his troublesome right ankle, and No. 4 Arizona beat Boston University 85-71 Monday night to win its Fiesta Bowl Classic for the 17th time in 18 tries.

Classic for the LTH time of so-tries.
Walton, a preseason All-American forward, left the game with 944 remaining. It was the fourth time be has injured the ankle this season.
Freshman Hassan Adams scored 17 points on 7-for-9 show-ing for Arusna (7-1) and was cho-sen the tournament MVP.

sen the tournament MVP.
Billy Collins and Jason
Grochowalski scored 13 apiece
for Boston University (5-6).

#### No. 5 Oklahoma 100, North Carolina-Asheville 64

NORMAN, Okla. – Ehi Ere scored 19 points and freshman Kevin Bookout had 17 for 10th-ranked Oklahoma (7-2), which beat North Carolina-Asheville 10044 Monday night.

#### No. 7 Illinois 63, Coppin St. 37

CHAMPAIGN, III. - Brian Cook, the Big Ten's leading scor-er, matched his season average with 20 points as No. 7 Illinois

#### Top 25 college basketball

heat Coppin State 63-37 on Monday night.

### No. 8 Notre Dame 76,

Vanderbilt 63
SOUTH BEND, Ind. - Chris
Thomas scored 19 points and
Matt Carroll added 15 as No. 8
Notre Dame (11-1) beat
Vanderbilt 76-63 Monday night.

#### No. 9 Texas 58. Louislana Tech 50

AUSTIN, Texas - Brandon Mouton scored In points to lead No. 9 Texas to a 58-50 victory Monday night over Louisiana

#### No. 12 Florida 91, Florida A&M 58

CAINES VILLE, Fla. – Matt Bonner scneed 18 points, hitting four 3 pointers, as No. 12 Florida beat Florida A&M 91-58 Monday night.

#### East Carolina 73, No. 13 Marquette 70

NO. 13 Marquette 70 GREENVILLE, NC. – Derrick Wiley made a pair of foid shots to break a tie with 32 seconds left and East Carolina beat No. 13 Marquette 73-70 Monday night, operting the Golden Eagles (82) for the sevend straight season at Minges Colsecum.

#### No. 14 Kentucky 115, **Tennessee State 87**

LEXINGTON, Ky. - Keith Bogans scored a season high 26 points and ignited a decisive sec-

ond-half spurt with a series of layups as No. 14 Kentucky pulled away to defeat Tennessee State 115-87 Monday night.

Tigers coach Nolan Richardson III served the second game of an indefinite suspension for an undisclosed violation of universi-ty policy.

ty policy.

The NCAA is investigating the program for rules violations under Richardson. The inquiry involves allegations of impermis sible practice out of season, pro viding extra benefits to recruit and unethical conduct by a coach

### No. 15 Michigan St. 76

EAST LANSING, Mich. - Nick Moore scored 19 points as Toledo blew a 13-point second-half lead but held on to upset No. 15 Michigan State 81-76 Monday night.

#### No. 16 Mississippi St. 85. South Alabama 74

MOBILE, Ala. - Tummy Bowers and Derrick Zimmerman scored

and berrick zumerman seved 21 points apiece to lead Mississippi State over South Alabama 85-74 Monday night. Mario Austin added 16 points and a game-high nine rebounds for the Bulldogs (9-1).

#### No. 17 Missouri 65, Valnaraleo 47

Valparaiso 47
COLUMBIA. My — Rickey
Paulding scored 22 points and
former College of Southern Idaho
star Bicky Clempin, added 18 and
seven acosts of No. 12 Missouri
defeated Valparaiso 65-47 on
Monday mgb.
Leading just 21-20 at halftime.
Missouri (73) opened the second
half with a 12-2 run.

### New Orleans 57

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BATON ROUGE, La. – Ronald
Duprece scored 18 points on 7-of11 shorting as 24th-ranked
Louisiana State rallied from a
four-point halffume deficit and
recorded its seventh straight win,
69-57, over New Orleans,
Jaime Lloreda also made 7-of11 shots and contributed 14
points and Antonio Hudson
added 11 to help LSU improve to
8-0 at home.

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Hector Romero paced New
Orleans with 15 points.

#### Top 25 women No. 3 Connecticut 74, Florida St. 55

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Digner TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Digner Taurasi and Ann Strother refered 18 points apiece as thirtyfanked Connecticut (110) extended the nation's longest winning streak to 50 games with a 7455 victory Monday night over Ebrida State.

#### No. 9 Arkansas 87. Loyola Marymount 52

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. - Ruby Vaden scored 16 points and reserve Dana Cherry added 15 before leaving with an injury in ninth-ranked Arkansa' 87-52 vic-tory Monday night over Loyola

#### No. 10 Minnesota 83, Dayton 64

DAYTON, Ohio - Lindsay Whalen had 33 points, 11 assists six rebounds and six steals as No 10 Minnesota remained undefeat ed with an 83-64 victory Monday

### Rams pull major rally to knock off San Francisco

ST. LOUIS (AP) - Long gos from postseason contention, the St. Louis Rams showed one last time what made them NFC cham-

time what made them NFC cham-points just a year ago.

Dre Bly returned a fumble 20 yards for a touchdown and the Rams scored 28 fourth-quarter points to go out as winners, beat-ing the playoff-bound San Francisco 49ers 31-20 Monday night.

night

Bly stripped Garrison Hearst
after a screen russ for the first

The NFC West champion 49ers (10-6) played a game of keep-away in the first half, taking a 17-0 lead as they tuned up for next week's wild-card playoff game against the New York Gants, Jeff Chandler's 45-yard field geal with 13-43 made it 20-3

3. Then the Rams railied against a 49ers defense largely populated by second-teamers. Jamie Martin, who didn't start because of a bruised left knee that kept him out of three practices. Last week, hit

Brandon Manumaleuna for a 6yard touchdown pass and Isaac Bruce for a 26-yarder that cut the gap to three points with 7.09 to go.

On the first play after the ensu-ing kickoff, Bly put them over the

top. Hearst's fumble with 2:51 to go, forced by Leonard Little and recovered by Destar McCleon at the St. Louis 49, finished off the 49ers. Martin, who was 22-for 35 for 245 yards and a career-best three touchdowns, tacked on a 32-yard scoring pass.

to Ernie Conwell with 1:53 remaining to complete the

remaining to complete the comeback.

Jeff Garcia opened the game by directing the NFL's longest drive of the year in terms of elapsed time as the 49ers chewed up 12:07 on a 20-play. Blyard march capped by a 13-y ard Chandler field goll-sylvard march then took over, throwing touchdown passes of 2 and 27 yards to Tai Streets for a 17-0 halftime lead.

#### **Music City Bowl** Arkansas 14

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - If

#### Coaches

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Brown has kept many of the same assistants in place since Sam Wyche left, meaning the hiring options are limited for any new coach.

coach.

Ticket sales have declined pre-cipitously in Jacksonville, after ricket sates nave declined pre-cipitously in Jacksonville, after the early success turned to medi-ocrity and then losing. Last win-ter, Coughlin was enlisted to take part in a sales campaign, but his dour personality wasn't suited to that

that.

There are probably more changes to come around the league.

Seattle coach Mike Holmsten was meeting with team officials and may be forced to let go of his dual duties as general man-ager and coach. He also might have to fire some defensive assistants.

assistants.

But team president Matt Millen and coach Marty Mornhinweg apparently remained safe for the time being in Detroit, which is 5-27 in the past two seasons. Owner William Clay Ford was vacationing in Florida, and the Lions said they were closing down for the next two weeks.

### **Playoffs**

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decade. Have to get by Cleveland
first - they had two three-point
wins over the Browns this year.

5. Cleveland (9-7). Kelly
Holcomb has performed better
at quarterback than the
injured Tim Couch, and rookie
running back William Green
has come on late. Could beat
Pittsburgh, but it's hard to
envision the Browns going very
6Holdanapolis (10-6). The
improved defense was exposed in
a 4-4-27 loss to the Giants in Week
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1. Philadelphia (12-4).
Playing at home is a huge
plus, particularly against
Tampa Bay, which has turned
in three straight awful performances at Veterans Stadium.
But McNabb, coming back
from a broken ankle, is a huge
saterisk. "I know what he can
do and what he can't do and if
he can't do enough to be efficient out of trouble then he won't
be out i there." coach Andy
Reid says.

2. Tampa Bay (12-4). But only
if Brad Johnson is healthy. Best
shot is a Philadelphia loss,
which would potentially give
them the conference title game
at home. Have lost in
Philadelphia the last three seans and seem intindicated
every time they go there. If they
have to go with Rob Johnson tor
Shaun King) at OB, they won't

only do so much.
3. New York Giants (10-6). A 3. New York Giants (10-6). A long shot with a legitimate chance. New York is on a roll, especially on offense, and is the only NFC team to heat the Eagles this season, running up 461 yards on them Saturday. One of the few teams not intimidated by the Vet, where they've been very competitive. Have to get by San Francisco first, but played the 49ers well in the season opener. Three road wins is probably asking too much, but they were 5-3 in away games this season.

season.

4. Green Bay (12-4). Brett Favre has carried this team before. The Packers should beat Atlanta, but lost in Tampa this year (which is why they failed to get a byes. The defense is badly banged up and was shredded Sunday by the Jets in a game that mattered a lot – the playoffs would have gone through Lambeau Field if the Packers had won.

5. San Francisco (10-5 perore Monday night's game). Who would have happened in the 99ers if the Rams had played like? Hey'd been expected to play? Visibe it was too gay in the NFC Sun Francisco (10-5 befor Maybe it was too day in the NFC West. Sometime it's hard to sud-denly turn things on. If the 49er-get by the Giants and McNabb's not at 100 percent, they could

August 196-1). Lost three of its last four. Took Green Bay to overtime in the season opener, but that was in September at Lambeau, not January. Always dangerous with Michael Vick, but that was all eo out in the first amagerous with Michael Vick, but probably will go out in the first round.

### Wake

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arly emphasis on the passing early emphasis on the passing game.

The Ducks opened the game with Jared Siegel's 45-yard field goal, but Wake Forest answered with a seven-play, 65-yard drive, topped by Ovie Mugheill's 1-yard run.

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Oregon starter Jason Fifecompleted just 1 of 7 passes for 4 yards before he was replaced late in the first quarter by redshirt freshman Kellen Clemens.

MacPherson fared batter, he string Anderson with a 57-yard scoring pass early in the second quarter to push Wake's lead to 14-3. MacPherson added a 1-yard douchdown dash with 2-40 left before halftime.

With 26 seconds left in the half, Clemens hit Samie Parker with a 7-yard scoring strike to make it 21-10.

Matt Wisnosky had a 43-yard

21-10. Matt Wisnosky had a 43-yard field goal for Wake Forest before Oregon's Matt Floberg narrowed it to 24-17 on a 1-yard run with 5:39 left in the third quarter.

narrowed it to 24-17 on a 1-yard quarter.

3 lyard in the third quarter.

MacPherson, who had just six touchdown passes going into the game, closed the third quarter with his 63-yard touchdown pass to Anderson. Chris Barclay added a 12-yard TD run late in the game for the final margin.

Clemens finished 19-of-31 for 10-yard touchdown pass to Anderson. Something the control of th

downs.

The second annual Seattle Bowl marked the first meeting between the Ducks and Demon Deacons since Dec. 31, 1992 in the Independence Bowl in Streveport, La. Wake Forest won 39-35.

### Minnesota 29, No. 25

Minnesota coach Glen Mason had his way, Dan Nystrom would not have been the Most Valuable Player of the Music City Book.

Nystrom teed an NCAA record by kicking five field goals as Minnesota upset No. 25 Arkansa. 29-14 Monday for the Golden Gophers' first book victory unce 1985.

1985.
"I wish he was standing next to me and we were scoring touch downs," Mason said of the senior kicker. "He had a great day today."

kicker. "He had a great day today."

The Gophers (8-5) had lost three straight books wine hearing Clemson in the 1985 Independence Book! They came their thing heart start since 1961 by losing their final four games of the regular season and finishing seventh in the Big Ten.

Arkansas (95), the SEC's Western Division champ, was seeking its first 10-win season since going 10-2 in 1989. But Minnesota, with only two sensor sarters, dominated the Raioribacks. Arkansas is now 1-10 in its last 11 book games.

The Gophers controlled the ball and forced four turnovers, including two interceptions by senior cornerback Michael Lehan. Asad Abdul-Khaliq thew for a touchdown in the third quarter and Thomas Tapeh added a 33-yard run in the fourth.

"If Danny wasn't on the top of

added a 33-yard run in the fourth.

"If Danny wasn't on the top of his game, then it would've bren a lot tougher to win," said Abdulkhalo, who was 16-0-31 for 216 yards passing.

Nystrom bailed the Gophers out in the first half, when they repeatedly stalled near the goal line. He had kicks of 24, 5, 21 and 22 yards in the first half for a 12-7 halftime lead and added a 22-yarder in the fourth. His first three kicks made, him the Big Ten's carreer field goal leader, passing Travis Dorsch, who had 58 at Purdue.

The senior became the fifth

Broncos.

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four games with a broken ankle, has completed 67.6 percent of his passes for 2,123 yards and 19 TDs.

TD. Dinwiddie didn't play in enough games to qualify for the NCAA passing efficiency statistics. Otherwise, he would lead the nation. "That doesn't matter to me." Dinwiddie said. "If you're going to focus on things like that, you've got some issues. We're here to focus on the team and the WAC championship speaks

for itself."

for itself."

Iowa Siate presents a challenge of its own with quarterback Seneca Wallace, who was menioned as a contender for the Heisman Trophy before he and his teammates were done in by a rugged schedule.

Four of lowa State's late losses were to Top 25 teams on the road, and Wallace has thrown eight interceptions in his last three games. Still, he set a school total offense record (493 yards) against Missouri, threw for 313 yards against Florida State and

passed for 361 as the Cyclones handed Iowa its only loss of the

handed town to see cases.

"I don't know if we've played a quarterback like Seneca Wallace by any means," Boise State coach Dan Hawkins said. "I think that's a guy who can put a team on his back and carry a football team to win games."

lowa State has battled the per-ception that it didn't want to be in Boise because its sights were set on a bigger bowl in a warmer climate.

But the Cyclones have said all

the right things since arriving and, just as important in McCarney's view, they've practiced with the rip and enthusiasm that was missing in their last game, a humbling 37-20 loss to Connecticut.

"We've had great bowl preparation," said Lane Danielsen, the team's leading receiver. "We've definitely improved over the past three or four weeks. We're just glad we've got another game to prove to the nation that we're a good football team and try to

prove to the nation that we're a good football team and try to erase what happened at the end."

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### Thrashers earn first victory over Penguins

PITTSBURGH IIya Kovalchuk scored on a break-away with 20 seconds left in overtime. Iffing Atlanta to its first victory of the property of the

Johning the Cell, three seasons ago.

The Penguins, who had a four-game withing streak snapped, rallied to tie it with a pair of goals by Milan Kraft, the second with 5:53 remaining in regulation.

with 555 (conorms, continuation, Kovalchuk's goal was the Thrashers only shot of overtime, while the Pengains fixed seven at Atlanta's Pasi Norminen.

Andy Sutton and Dany Heatley also scored for Atlanta.

### Predators 3, Senators 2

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. Bill
Houlder snapped a third-period
tie with his first goal in 145
games and lifted Nashville over
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The Predators, Houlder's game-winmer came in his 200th consecutive
game.
Peter Schaefer and Daniel
Alfredson had Schators goals.

#### Capitals 4, Sabres 3

WASHINGTON - Dainius Zubrus had a goal and an assist in his return from the injured list as the Washington Capitals extend-ed Buffalo's losing streak to six

games with a 4-3 victory Monday night.

Jaromir Jage broke a 2-2 tic carty in the third period, and Mike Grier and Ivan Cierpik also scored for Washington - 500 1-1 in its last seven games. The Capitals have won five straight at home.

Dmitri Kalmin, Miroslav Satan and Vaclav Varada scored for Buffalo, 1-84 in its last 10 games. Zubrus missed 12 games with a right band miny.

#### Devils 1, Bruins 0

BOSTON - Martin Brodem made 33 saves in recording his fourth shutoni of the season as New Jersey heat Boston. He is 17th on the NIII, career list with 39 duitouts.

17th on the NIII, career list with 39 shittonis. Jay Pandolto scored the only goal at 16:13 of the first period when John Madden's short deflected off of Pandolfo's skare and bear John Grahame.

#### Islanders 2, Panthers 1, OT

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The Islanders have won three
straight, all at home. They took
all seven shors in overtime to
move within one game of 5:00
(15 to 50). Chirs Osnood stopped
21 shors.

23 shots Ivan Novosellsev scored for the Pauthers, who played their 19th overtime in only 37 games this season.

### -SPORTS IN BRIEF-

#### Indiana coach gets one-game suspension

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BLOOMINGTON. Ind. —
Indiana coach Mike Paris knew
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#### Kentucky hires Rich Brooks to coach football

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for nearly two years, so ne scane do to think his cooking career was one. Then the University of Kentinky called, and the bit year. Then the University of Kentinky called, and the bit year off Brooks was fured Woodey as the Wide and Brooks was fured to have year ouncerned. There were periods in the Last see months to a year that I thought I worst purgle to get a short at 17, said Brooks, who signed a tree year contract worth \$725,000 a year. Brooks, who previously coached Oregon and the St Louis Rams, has been out of football since Januars 201, when he resigned as the Atlanta Fakein's defereive condinator.

### W.Va. governor asks

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U. of Virginia for apology
CHARLENTON, W.Va. - West
Virginia Gor. Bob Wise wants
an apology from the University
of Virginia after a halftime
show he school's jeep hand
in the Tire Bowl Lumpsonned
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During the CastaliersMountaineers matchup at
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Virginia officials said they plan to address the issue Tuesday.

#### Blazers spurn sister team Portland Fire

PORTLAND, Ore. - The Portland Trail Blazers organiza-tion will not take over the Portland Fire for financial rea-sons, possibly spelling the end

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of the city's professional women's baskethall ream. The Blazes - who have operated the Free for the last two years - will find the free for the last two years - will find the free court from over to the WNBA, becoming the fourth NBA team to due fur ownership of a WNBA tranchest from officials sand Monday. If the Fire can't find a local private owner, the team will disband. That would leave portain with inst one major professional sports form. In October, the MIV's Board of Governors approved a restrictioning plan allowing owners of MBA feams the first pilot for the MAM will be supplied operating who if then MBA comine parts dayled not foliated. The Utah Stary sand last week that their franches would move to San Amonor.

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### **Bell choir rings** in the holidays

TWIN FALLS - Bells were ringing at the Bridgeview Estates Dec. 14 when the Presbyterian; Chancel Handbell Chuir performed beautiful Christman music fur residents to enjoy.

The hand bells are from England, and arranged like a piano keyboard. Each of the 10 members of the chuir is responsible for different "motes" on the keyboard. Gold bells are like the silver hand chimes are like the silver hand chimes are like the

Jedd Callen and Devin Walker are part of the Jerome High School Chorallers group, which spent much of December

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Bell playing originated in the 1950s in England, and Mix says there are more bell choirs now

than ever.

The choir is capable of playing everything from jazz to Latin to African music, not just holiday music.

The bell choir plays about once a month in church during the year, and every week during the month of December.

"They work really hard," Mix says.

The bells used by the Presbyterian Chancel Handbell Choir are sup posed to reflect keys on a plano.



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#### HOLIDAY SINGING



Buriey City Administrator Mark Mitton delivers Christmas greetings to Burley Fire Chief Phil Heiner and other city employees. Mitton had the help of 'reindeer,' Mayor

#### **BUILDING GINGERBREAD HOUSES**





#### **CHRISTMAS GREENERY**



Jeanne Quigley, both mem-rs of the Castleford Petal Pals

### Santa delivers meals, holiday cheer to seniors

TWIN FALLS - Carrying on what has become tradition, the Iwin Falls Senior Citizent Center dispatched Santa Claus on Dec. 19 to bring holiday there in some recipients of the center's bome delivered meals program. Christmas gift bugs containing fruit, mixed nuis and cands were delivered to about 120 older, homebound fiwin Falls residents An equal number of seniors received gift bugs as part of a special Christmas hinch served at the senior center, located at 50 Eastland Drives. The programs of to solunteer at the center, call Karen Lewis at 734 form the center, call Karen Lewis at 734 form the program of the program of the program, played the role of Santa for the center this year. In full Santa goar, he distinct the bomebound clients on his 20 mile route.

About 30 volunteers assist in delivering meals, which are provided five days a week, with frozen meals delivered for weekends. However, turnover is high among the volunteers who receive only modest imelage allowance and special auto accident insurance coverage, said Karen Lewis, home-delivered mals coordinator.

"We are always in need of additional standby and regularly scheduled drivers," She said.

Tyn Falls city residents presented the center with a gift in November when they voted in support of a city tax override measure to finance a new senior center at 530 shoshoot Ave. W. That building is scheduled to replace by, late spring the older building currently in use, said Jacqueline Nix, center manager.







Left, Pat Barden, the Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center 'Santa Claus' for 2002, visits be Right, Santa visits Joe Laragon, Santa delivering the meals and holday cheer has becom

At Bicket Elementary School, Angle Fillmore receives

congratulations from Terrell Donicht, Twin Falls School District

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#### TWIN FALLS COMMUNITY

### Students name their best teachers

Teachers in the region were honored by their former students in the 2002 edition of "Who's Who Among America's Teachers, 2002"

Who Among America's Teachers. 2002."

The former students are listed fire Who's Who Among American High School Students" or "The National Dean's List" publications, which recognize 5 percent of the nation's high school and college students respectively, according to the publishers, which are based in Austin, Texas. The students were requested to inominate one teacher who "made a difference in their lives" by helping to shape their values, Inspiring interest in a particular subject and/or challenging them to strive for excellence.

Area teachers are listed as fol-

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TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors awarded the extra mile award to Angie Fillmore, a music teacher in the Twin Falls School District.

When the school district discontinued funding the orchestra for the elementary students because of budget cuts, Fillmore started an all-volunteer after-school elementary orchestra

T.F. music teacher lauded

for going 'extra mile'

called Strings Alive for students from all over the district, a full-time music feather, is a volunteer conductor and music educator of the new orchestra.

The example that Fillmore has set is a great reason for the extra mile award and the hopes that the community is aware of the people who go the evita mile for the rest of us, stated Jack Jardine.

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The Magic Valley Relay for Life won a second place state award for raising the most funds per capita in 2002. The local leaders recta in 2002. The local leaders rec-ognized Magic Valley Bank for Sherry (Kelley) Blass' work as co-chairman and the work of other community volunteers. From left are Bob Giles, 2003 co-chairman; Pam Wright, a bank volunteer: Michelle Martin, a bank volunteer; Michelle Martin, a bank volunteer; Blass, and Phill Bratton, bank pres-ident. Giles picked up the award in er. Colo.

### 2003 Relay kicks off next month

TWIN FALLS - It's time to think about Relay for Life. The kickoff for this year's Relay for Life will be held for 5.30 pm. to B pm. Jan. 8, 2003 in the Bridgeview Estates Great Room at 1828 Bridge View Blyd in Twin Falls.

Room at IR28 Bridge View Bird in Twin Falls. The community fundraiser for the American Cancer Society takes place each May at the Filer Elementary School rack. Relay for Life is a team event, and it is time to start forming teams and begin the fundraising in preparation for the event which will be held May 16-17, 2003, organizers say. Those interested in forming teams for this year should have at least one member of the team in attendance at the Jan 8 meeting.

For more information

About the event or the bickoft, call Bob Giles at 734 5618, Matthy Kent at 825 5717 or Mary Baker at 326 6461

Detailed information will be available for new teams that want to form, and former teams will team what's new this year, ideas for fund-raising also will be

discussed.

The evening will include speakers, films and refreshments.

Teams can be made up of bos-ness associates, club and church members, families, friends and school classmates, and include children and adults.

Each team is made up of an average of 10 to 15 people. Each team agrees to have at least one member on the track during the entire. 18 hour event, and attempt to raise at least 810 per team member for the American Carcer Society. Relay for lafte is not a "per 12—20 people of and during the event. In 2002, more than 50 teams raised more than \$150,000 for the American Carcer Society at the Fifer track. Besides being a the Fifer track Besides being a the Fifer track have survived concer and includes a memoral service for those who lost then less to carcer, organizers say.

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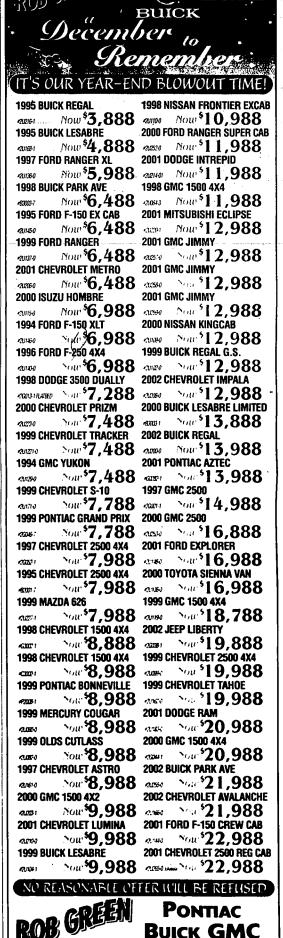
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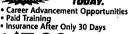
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When you see partner return the diamond three, ask yourself who has the diamond two. Not declarer he would not be through a work of the work of the work of the diamond who. Not declarer he would not he throwing away a trick in the suit for no reason by keeping a losing diamond instead of a winning one. No, partner has the 3-2 left, and was returned the higher of his doubleton, correctly. By contrast, with 8-3-2 left, he would have played back the two. So do not fall for declarer's rather subth trap of concerning his diamond, and when partner gets in with the heart ace, he will still have a diamond left to play to you to allow you to cash out the will still have a diamond of the will still have a diamond of the will still have a diamond of the will still have a diamond that the will still have a diamond still the will still have a diamond still the will still have a diamond still the still have a diamond still the still still the will still have a diamond still have a diamond still the still still have a diamond still the still still have a diamond still the still still the

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#### Briefly IN MONEY

#### WestCoast expects bigger losses for Q4

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TWIN FALLS - Washingtonbased WestCoast Hospitality Corp.
- owner of WestCoast Twin Folls
Hotel - on Monday updated its
guidance for the fourth quarter
and year ending today.

The company now expects its
fourth-quarter loss per share to be
in the range of 17 cents to 14 bear
of the property of the property of the control
year ago. The year's earnings per
share is estimated to be between
40 cents and 44 cents, compared
with 95 cents last year.

WestCoast will release financial
results during the last week of
January.

Revenue is expected to range
from \$43.7 million to \$44.7 million
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and \$120.6 respectively in the
pear, compared with \$56.2 million
and \$120.6 respectively in the
prior year periods.

The fourth quarter is typically
the lowest revenue quarter during
the year, and results this year have
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WestCoast's Twin Falls have is
slated to be rebranded as Red Lion.

Wal-Mart: Sales picked up

#### Wal-Mart: Sales picked up but will miss projection

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BENTONVILLE, Ark. – World's
largest retailer Wal-Mart Stores
Inc. said Monday its sales were
strong Christmas week – before
and after the holiday – but it still
expects only a modest gain in sales.
Wal-Mart – which has stores in
Burley and Jerome – had earlier
pulled back from its projection of a
ales increase of a percent to 5 percent for the holiday season over
2001 in stores open at least a year.
On Monday, the company stock to
on store the prediction that samestore sales would gain 2 percent to
3 percent.

store sales would gain 2 percent to 3 percent. The company noted that its Sam's Club warehouse store divi-sion will likely post same-store sales lower than that of a year ago. WalMart tracks its five-week holi-day period from Nov. 30 through Jan. 3.

For the week ending last Friday.

Jan 3.

For the week ending law Friday, Wal-Mart said sales were strongest in home furnishings, electronics, toys, health and heauty and seasonal items. Also, sales were strongest in the northeast and Midwes, the company said.

Gift card sales were "very strong," the company said.

Analysts have said retailers had a tough holiday season because of the dow economy and a shortage of hot items.

#### California firm plans to sell both operations

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CALDWELL - KIT Manufacturing
Co. has terminated the proposed
ale of its Caldwell recreational
vehicle production plant to one of
its executives and is now planning
to sell both the recreational vehicle
and manufactured housing operations to an unidentified buyer.
In a statement, the Lung Beach,
Callif-hased company also said its
intends to have its common stock
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#### Markets see mixed day as holiday lull continues

AEW WORKE - Wall Street extended its holiday lull Monday, closing mixed as investors refrained from making big bets.

The Dow Jones industrial average closed up 29.07, or 0.4 percent, at \$332.85, having lost 2.4 percent lead much work.

to \$352.53, having not 2.5 percent light week. • Wall Street's broader gauges were mixed. The Nasdaq compos-ide index fell 8.77, or 0.7 percent, to 1529.54 after falling 1.1 percent lagt week. The Standard & Poor's 500 index advanced 3.99, or 0.5 percent, to 879.39.

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Tenn., left, reassures Cindy Hency she did a

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tomer-service call. The Dell Computer Corp. center in Twin Falls began taking

calls in June about

ter originally opened to handle only techni-cal questions from

d job on a difficult and complicated cus-

Robin Hutchinson takes a photo of her shift friends on break in the J.R. Simplot Co. lunchroom on her last night of work in late October. As the first round of per manent layoffs hit the Heyburn processing plant. Simplot provided cake and ice cream, free disposable cameras and address books to employees

# A small gain in 2002

#### Comings, goings add up to slight job growth in western Magic Valley

By Virginia S. Hutchins Times-News writer

mes-lews writer

TWIN FALLS – Jobs gained, jobs lost.
Both happened in the hundreds this year, with Dell Computer Corp. Leading the creation and J.R. Simplot Co. leading the creation and J.R. Simplot Co. leading the cust.
The west side of the valley enjoyed the largest share of new jobs this year – eking out a little improvement overall – while the heaviet losses hit Mini-Casvia.

Here are snapshots of Dell's rapid expansion in Twin Falls: The computer maker's first local hirse joined the payroll as transes in January. On opening day in early manuary. On opening day in early a proposed to the payroll as transes in January. On opening day in early Aprillary, be employed 201 people. In mid-Aprillary, be employed 202 people. In mid-Aprillary, be employed 202 people. In mid-Aprillary, be employed 202 people. In mid-Aprillary, be employed 203 people. In mid-Aprillary, be employed to differ the company's site director, aid Monday, More than 500 of those workers are on the technical-support side of the Issin Falls operation, and fewer than 200 are in customer service. Nearly all work full time. It has a state of the Pasin Company of

employment levels.
On the other end of the valley this year, the biggest economic headlines announced had news.
J.R. Simplot Co. in May said it will clore its levels of the policy of the policy of the first phase of shutdown at the end of October brought 168 permanent layoffs at the plant and may have caused additional indirect job loss.
After the Heyburn spud plant's true week Christmas closure ends Monday, it will still employ about 287 hourly and 30 salaried workers, as it did following the October layoffs. Simplot spokeman Fred Zerra said workers, as it did following the October layoffs. Simplot spokeman Fred Zerra said of that labor now, to fill in for regular employees on vacation, do special projects and take up the slack left by continuing attrition.
Simplot still projects April 2004 as the Heyburn plant's final shutdown date. Market conditions will determine whether the company can operate all three remaining production lines until then, as it currently intends. Zerra said.
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Zerra said.

Magic Valley in 2002 saw other new employers arrive (such as a warehousing operation in Jerome, and canyon rim store and restaurants in Tein Falls) and existing firms expand (including a Tein Falls) plastic plant and a Jerome dairy processor. But the valley also felt other layofs hit. Among those with pink slips were Burley



Kmart workers, telemarketers in Jerome and cream-cheese factory workers in Rupert.

#### Three-county labor market

Three-county labor market

On the west side of the valley, the job news added up to slight growth in annual job numbers and slight decline in seasonally adjusted unemployment. The Idaho Department of Labor extimates annual average unemployment for Magic Valley, main labor market - Gooding, Jerome and Twin Falls connies combined - at a seasonally adjusted 3-9 percent, said Greg Rogers, the department's regional labor economist for Magic Valley.

That's one-tenth of a percentage point lower than 2001's 4 percent.

This was accomplished by a 3 percent increase in the civilian labor force coupled with just a very small increase in unemployment from last year. Rogers wrote in an annual report the department will release later. This unemployment rate is very low, and the downward trend was opposite of most areas in the state that showed an upward trend in unemployment in 2002.

Annual data for Mini Cassia weren't available before the department's regular publication.

"2002 was a very good year for the Magic Valley economy despite a great deal of outwide recessionary pressure on a statewide and nationwide hass," Rogers said.

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Twin Falls, Jerome and Gooding counties enjoyed robust growth in nonagricultural job numbers in the early months of 2002. But by the end of the third quarter, the three-county job growth flattened.
"And in the fourth quarter the trends were slightly downward as the economy showed ugns of cooling and

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#### Valley growth

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### Getting financial help is tough for caregivers

Question: I'm living with my mother, who has the beginnings of Alzheimer's. She is unable of unction on her own because of her dementia. Physically, she is in good shape. Mentally, she gets quite confused and doesn't even remember sometimes that I'm living with her. Can I get any leimbursement from Medicare for being a live-in caregiver? I am not getting paid anything. We live off her trusts and the estate of her late husband. I am 58 and gave up my job, my life in another state and my friends to take care of her. At this point I don't feel comfortable leaving



her alone for too long during the day and have decided it wouldn't be wise for me to get a part-time job. Are there any financial programs I can investigate?

Answer: Ed Long, an attorney who specializes in elder law, says it's extremely unlikely that

Medicare would pay you for your

Medicare would pay you no you work.

First of all, Medicare doesn't pay for most home-provided care—particularly the kinds of custo-dial care needed by people with dementia. What measer pay is provided goes for professionals. So Medicare would pay your salary only if you were a licensed nurse, Long said, and willing to work for a home-care agency that served clients other than your mother.

Some states have programs linked to Medicaid that provide some support services for in-home caregivers. Medicaid is a

separate government program that does pay for custodial care-but usually only for the indigent. Given your mother's resources, your family probably doesn't malife

quality.

Long suggests that you contact
your local Area Agency on
Aging, listed on the government
section of the phone book, for
more details and for other
resources that might provide
some help. Alternatively, you
could talk to a geriatric care
manager or an elder law attorney in your area.

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#### **COURT FILINGS**

The Times-News

BOISE - Recent activity in U.S. Bankruptcy-Court included these Magic Valley filings:

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### These resolutions can make for a better financial new year

night Ridder News Service

Your last day of 2002 probably will be spent doing things other than protecting your consumer interests, unless you count seouring after-Christmas sales and searching for best values in champagne and noisemakers. So let's look ahead. Here are 10 things you can do to make yourself a smarter (aid safer) consumer in 2003:

#### 1. Avoid your impulses

Too many times, people, many of whom cannot afford a large financial mistake, make snap decisions on big purchases, acr, a home, an appliance, said Rob Schoffeld, staff attorney for the North Carolina Justice, and Community Development

Community
Center.
"Don't think it's something that
you can't do without," he suggest
ed. That just puts pressure on
you to seal a deal to satisfy your
impulse.

Step back and think about
what you're doing.
"Don't just rely on the salesperson," Schoffeld added. "Their
loyalty is making a profit and not

to (you), even if they seem like a really nice person."

And don't go alone - take a friend or relative who can help you keep your head.

#### 2. Don't be too trusting

Learn as much as you can about sellers on online auction sites, mailorder operators or any-one else who wants your money before you get the goods. Charlotte-Mecklenburg (N.C.) Fraud Detective Vivian Walton said.

said.

The one thing you should trust, she added, is your gut: "If it doesn't feel right, then it's probably not right."

#### 3. Don't guess

3. Don't guess
Know the correct answers
about your rights as a consumer,
Charlotte Better Business Bureau
President Tom Bartholomy said.
Guessing will leave dispates unresolved and leave you unhappy.
"I still hear people say, I have
three days to return anything," it
could be a car or a toaster,"
active three days to return anything, it
could be a car or a toaster,"
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#### 4. Be destructive

Care for your mail by destroy-ing it, North Carolina Consumers Council President Brad Lamb

said.

It's been said before but bears repeating: Fight identity thieves by shredding, bill stubs, credit card statements and anything else that contains personal information.

#### 5. Google it

5. Google it Use the search engine that has become a verb (www.google.com) as a key tool in checking out offers, researching companies or learning about a new trend. The hits you get could include news articles in addition to other Web pages that should provide useful information. It's a good first step and an easy way to empower yourself.

#### 6. Get the whole picture

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Avoid focusing solely on the
monthly or weekly payments,
whether you're leasing a car or
getting a large-screen TV from a
rentinous store.

"Consider the entire cost of
what you're spending. Do the

math - include all the fees or cal-culate the total amount you will spend over the life of the deal.

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(Doing the arithmetic also is essential in taking advantage of those zero percent financing deals, some of which could cost you more than a low-percentage annual interest rate.)

#### 7. Know when not to share

Jealously guard your bank and credit-card account information and your Social Security number, said Patrick Cobb, AARP's South Carolina communications direc-tor

Carmina communications direc-tor.

This is another crucial step in defeating identity theft, consid-ered by some the nation's fastest-growing crime.

It doesn't matter how polite or respectable the person is on the phone, don't share the numbers that are the keys to your financial security.

#### 8. Make three important calls

Get familiar or reacquaint

yourself with these three companies: Equifax. Experian and TransUnion. These folks are masters of your credit history, the lynchpin for whether you get a credit card, car loan or mortgage. Buy a copy of your credit report from each of these at least once this year. Make it easy and pick a week and make calls to all three. Reports cost 59 each. When you get the reports, look for anything out of the ordinary-credit accounts you didn't open or loans you never sought or activity on a credit card you haven't used in years. Here are the dights. Equifax – (800) 683-1111. Experian – (880) 397-3742. TransUnion – (800) 888-4213.

#### 9. Ask yourself: Who started it?

who started IT.

If nothing else, remember this:
If you didn't initiate the call, the letter, the email or the conversation and you're not sure of the source, don't bother listening to 
the offer. This is how scams enter 
your life.

Hang up, tear up, press delete 
or shut the door.

It might not be the most polite

thing to do, but neither is taking your money and sense of security.

#### 10. Be a squeaky wheel

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Don't just complain about a
had experience to your spouse,
co-worker or neighbor. Change
comes only when you complain to
the right people – those with the
ability to fix it.

Start with managers and company customer complaint lines.
Still no satisfaction?

Then take the next step and
reach the Better Business Bureau,
which can mediate disputes, or
state or federal consumer protection agencies, which can take
legal action if they receive
enough complaints about a business.

Scammers, such as those running work-at-home schemes or
illegal foreign lotteries, are
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swindled.

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Federal Trade Commission www.ftc.gov; (877) 382-4357,
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If your mother is well off, by the way, you could arrange to be paid a reasonable salary from her assets. You'll want to talk to the paid a reasonance soary runn ne-assets. You'll want to talk to the elder law attorney about the best way to do this. There's nothing wrong with such arrangements, as long as the salary you take isn't coarbitant. Q: In your response regarding the effect on a FICO credit score when an account is chosed, you gave some misinformation. As a well-informed mortgage broker

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whose entire business is built upon repeat clients and referrals. I have had the opportunity to view and track a consumer's credit history and score fluctuations over an extended period. I have witnessed scores improving after accounts were closed. The scoring model perceives that a consumer with numerous credit cards is at a higher risk of credit cards. The only way to climinate this problem is to close accounts, or not open to close accounts, or not open

them in the first place. My purpose in sending you this letter is
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The company that creates the FICO credit score, Fair, Isaac & Co., says it unequivocally: Closing

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credit accounts can never help a credit score, and might hurt it.

That's because the score measures the difference between available credit and how much is being used. The more available credit is being used. The more available credit is being used, the worse hotenial effect on the score. Reducing the total available credit by shutting down an account makes any remaining balances look bigger, proportionately.

You're right in saying that too many accounts also can hurt a score. But once the account has

been opened, Fair Isaac says, the effect on the credit score can't be reversed by shutting down the line of credit.

Of course, the number of open accounts is just one of the numerous factors that help shape a soure. Another is the passage of time. That might be why you've seen some scores rise after an account was closed.

Rather than making assumptions about how credit scoring works, you might want to contact the National Association of

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Mortgage Brokers, which has information and seminars for lending professionals on this topic. Your clients deserve a broker who truly is well informed – not just one who thinks she is.

Questions can be sent to Liz Pulliam Weston at asklizveston@hotmail.com or mailed to her in care of Money Talk, Business Section, Las Angeles Times, 202 W. First St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

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### Existing home sales slip, stay on pace for record year

WASHINGTON (AP) - Fewer previously owned homes were sold in November, but sales for all of 2002 are on track for the best year on record as some of the lowest mortgage rates seen in decades becken people to buy. The National Association of Realtors reported Monday that sales of existing homes slipped to a seasonally adjusted annual rate

of 5.56 million in November, a 3.5 percent decling from the previous month.

The slippage came after sales jumped by 5.9 percent in October to a rate of 5.76 million, the fourth-highest monthly pace on record.

Even with November's drop, sales remained quite good, racking up the sixth best month ever.

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in new hiring, Rogers said.
In the three counties, the sectors that showed the heftiest
year-over-year increases were
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and services, with 8 percent, the
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Some of the trends in local
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Sectors showing the steepest downward trends included finance, insurance and real estate; mining and construction; education; and nondurable; goods manufacturing.

"Mining and construction decreases were due to a dropoff in heavy construction," Rogers said. "Many road and commercial building projects wrapped up early in the year, and so numbers were off slightly. The downward trends in heavy construction."

In the city of Twin Falls, officials issued 317 building permits on the work of the permit of the per

Economist's predictions

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"It is not an exaggeration to say that the Magic Valley was a bright spot and an economic leader in the state of Idaho in

2002," Rogers said, "Low unemployment and modes job growners were the opposite of statiswide and nationwide trends. The on-look for 2003 is somewhat uncertain."

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Rogers' other predictions for 2003.

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Rogers' other predictions for 2003:

Retall job creation will slow because much retail expansion took place in 2002 and not many mey projects are on the horizon.

The services sector may show modest gains, possibly in the medical sector.

Employers will be cautious in new hires in most sectors, and much will depend on the national economy rebounding and the stock market improving.

Consumer confidence should remain high in the western Majec Valley but will deteriorate in Mini-Cassia as unemployment rates rise there.

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• Continued state revenue shortfally - at least through the first half of 2001 - will be felt in government employment.

• Joblessness will rive slightly in the major Magic Valley labor market but should not go oner 45 percent. Unemployment may reach double-digits in Mini-Cassia. In summary, Rogers and, "pilo growth is expected to flatten out and unemployment res slightly, lowever, the Magic Valley economy should continue as a leader in the state, and should be prived for robust growth as state and national ten derices improve.

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