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Death toll climbs



In this photo taken by a tourist Eric Skiltzi from England, tourists watch as tsunami waves hit the shore from a safe place inside Casuarina Beach Hotel resort in Penang, northwestern Malaysia around 2:00 p.m. in the local time Sunday.

Local family weathers a storm of worry

By Michelle Dunlop
Times-News writer

BUHL—On the morning of Christmas Eve, LaVor Jackson called his family from Thailand where the 71-year-old was vacationing.

Less than two days later, a 9.0 magnitude earthquake struck near Indonesia, causing tsunamis to sweep across 10 countries in the region, including Thailand. Thousands of miles away in Magic Valley, Jackson's family waited anxiously to hear news of the Hagerman man's whereabouts.

"You just have a knot in your stomach," said Jackson's son Shane, who lives in Buhl.

LaVor Jackson flew to Bangkok in mid-December to visit the family of Jim Vudhivad — one of two Thai brothers the Jacksons "adopted" years ago. The family befriended the



LaVor Jackson

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Tsunami has claimed more than 120,000

Knight Ridder News Service

BAKONGAN, Indonesia—The death toll from Sunday's earthquake and tsunami kept past the 100,000 mark Thursday as rescue workers finally reached devastated areas of western Sumatra, Indonesia, where entire coastal towns had been scrubbed off the Earth.

Relief dollars poured into the region, while South Asia experienced a fresh round of panic after unfounded warnings that a new tidal wave might be about to hit the area.

Also Thursday, the White House announced that President Bush will send a delegation led by Secretary of State Colin Powell and including the president's brother Florida Gov. Jeb Bush to assess the damage and the need for additional assistance.

The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies put the death toll above 120,000. The huge increase in the tally from Wednesday to Thursday was driven by relief workers' ability to reach isolated villages in Indonesia, and the total seemed certain to keep rising as the search for survivors continued.

The current toll comprises nearly 80,000 from Indonesia, the nation closest to the epicenter of the 9.0 magnitude earthquake in the floor of the Indian Ocean; 27,000 from Sri Lanka, the island nation off the tip of India; 11,000 from India; about 5,000 from Thailand; and fewer than 100 from each of several other nations in the Indian Ocean region, including those as far away as eastern Africa.

In other developments:

• An Indian government announcement that another tidal wave might be on the way sent people fleeing inland along the southern coast of that country. Some people clutched their possessions; others fled with just the clothes on their backs. The government eventually backed away from its warning.

• The United Nations estimated that, in addition to the dead, nearly 500,000 people were injured and 1 million people had been displaced from their homes.

The World Health Organization said 3 million to 5 million people in the region didn't have the basic requirements of life: clean water, adequate

shelter, food, medical care. On the coast of Aceh province in Indonesia, for example, only one hospital was operational. The WHO's director-general called the quake and tsunami "the most serious natural disaster to affect the region for several decades," and reiterated the organization's plea to get the necessary relief in place to prevent as many deaths from disease as from the tidal wave.

• The United Nations said it had received pledges of \$500 million for its relief effort. Supplies were moving into place, including oral rehydration salts, blankets to sustain the living and body bags to wrap the dead.

• The U.S. military dispatched a team of disaster relief experts to Medan, Indonesia, adding to similar teams in Thailand and Sri Lanka. Ten C-130 cargo planes have arrived in the region to ferry food, medicine, water and medical supplies. Other military planes have conducted coastal-surveillance missions, and U.S. Navy ships have been dispatched to help supply helicopter transportation to the relief efforts.

USDA's silence irks U.S. cattlemen

Canadian officials say agency knew of possible BSE case

By Carol Ryan Dumas
Ag Weekly editor

TWIN FALLS—Expressing confidence in the safety of Canadian beef, the Bush administration said Thursday it would stand by its decision to renew Canadian beef imports beginning in March despite a possible new case of mad cow disease.

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency verified Thursday that a 10-year-old dairy cow from Alberta showed multiple positive results for the disease, which also is known as bovine spongiform encephalopathy or BSE for short.

But the U.S. Department of Agriculture had knowledge of the suspected case prior to announcing Wednesday the planned opening of the border. Canadian officials are saying,

"When asked whether the USDA was informed before its conference, Marc Richard, a spokesman for the Canadian Food Inspection

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2005 will bring host of new laws in the states

The Associated Press

Resolved for 2005: No tigers as pets in New York, better access to health care for everybody in Maine, and no lawyers or juries arguing about whether a restaurant is to blame for obesity, at least in Illinois and Missouri.

Along with dried-out Christmas trees and garbage bags full of torn wrapping paper, the new year dawns with a stack of new laws. Many states set Jan. 1 as the effective date for laws passed last year, offering a few weeks to the priorities, concerns and quirks of state lawmakers and the citizens who elect them.

Health care is among legislators' biggest concerns. Maine continued to phase in its ambitious state-supported universal health care program, with coverage beginning for small businesses and the self-employed. The voluntary program provides access to affordable health care, and premiums are based on people's ability to pay.

Rhode Island expanded health insurance for disabled poor people, giving them access to a Medicaid buy-in program.

Violence in sports drew attention in Illinois, where fans can now get up to a year in prison for assaulting umpires, referees or coaches — something that has happened at Chicago White Sox games.

In Missouri, a new law toughens penalties for dog owners and climbing walls, after the death of a woman on a mobile climbing wall at a fair.

Wild animals are no longer allowed as pets in New York, a year after a 100-pound tiger kept in a Harlem apartment clomped on its owner's right leg. The law carries a \$500 fine for a first offense, \$1,000 for each subsequent violation.

At least two more states approved measures to protect the restaurants and fast-food chains that serve up fattening food from being sued. Illinois and Michigan joined at least 10 other states in outlawing such litigation. Their message: People make people fat, not restaurants.

"This is one more thing we don't really need on our plates," San Diego owner of 17 Chicago-area restaurants serving Italian-American cuisine such as pizza and lasagna, told Illinois lawmakers, urging them to impose the ban.

Health association says obesity is spreading in preschool kids

The Associated Press

DALLAS—The obesity epidemic is reaching down to the playpen: More than 10 percent of U.S. children ages 2 to 5 are overweight, the American Heart Association reported Thursday.

That is up from 7 percent in 1994, according to the heart association's annual statistical report on heart disease and stroke. The 10 percent number comes from 2002, the most recent year for which figures are available, and the situation is probably even worse now, said Dr. Robert H. Eckel, president-elect of the heart association and professor of medicine at the University of Colorado.

"These statistics are not anything but alarming," Eckel said. The prevalence of obesity among adults is well-known, with an increase of 75 percent since 1991. So is the problem with school-age children, reinforced by new statistics showing that nearly 4 million children ages 6 to 11 and 5.3 million young people ages 12 to 19 were overweight or obese in 2002.

“I think that what we're seeing is that obesity is increasing across the board in adults, adolescents and children.”

— Dr. Christopher O'Donnell, chairman of the American Heart Association's statistics committee

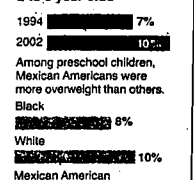
But the findings among preschoolers are a strong indication that kids' weight problems are beginning even earlier.

"I think that what we're seeing is that obesity is increasing across the board in adults, adolescents and children," Dr. Christopher O'Donnell, chairman of the heart association's statistics committee and associate director of the Framingham Heart Study, which has been following the health of generations of Massachusetts residents.

Experts blame the prevalence of junk food marketed to children, too much TV, and the decline in the number of families who sit down together to eat. Dr. Sarah Blumenschein, an assistant professor of pediatric cardiology at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas, said doctors and parents need to watch the weight of even very young children.

Heavy kids

A recent study found that more than 10 percent of U.S. children ages 2 to 5 are overweight — more than a three percentage point increase from 1994.



SOURCE: American Heart Association AP

Dr. William Cochran, a pediatric gastroenterologist and nutritionist for the Geisinger Clinic in Danville, Pa., said he sees many youngsters who weigh 300 to 400 pounds. He is also seeing more and more children with diabetes, high blood pressure, even liver disease.



TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Clouds and showers are expected. Most of the showers will be in the form of snow. Highs in the upper 30s. Tonight: Cloudy with rain or snow showers expected. Lows in the middle to upper 20s. Tomorrow: More clouds and snow showers. It will be breezy. Highs in the middle 30s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Cloudy with occasional rain or snow showers. Highs in the middle to upper 30s. Tonight: Cloudy with occasional snow. Lows in the middle 20s. Tomorrow: Cloudy and breezy with light snow showers. Highs in the middle 30s.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

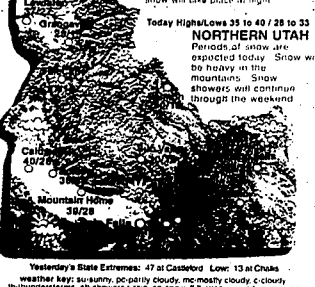
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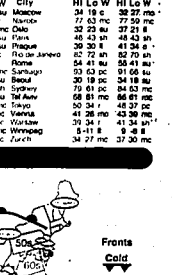
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Justice Department issues rewritten memo on torture

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Justice Department is issuing a rewritten legal memo on the meaning of torture, backing away from its own assertions prior to the Iraq prison abuse scandal that torture had to involve "excruciating and agonizing pain."

"Consideration of the bounds of any such authority would be inconsistent with the president's unequivocal directive that United States personnel not engage in torture," said the memo from the Justice Department's Office of Legal Policy, written by Deputy Attorney General James Comey.

USDA

Continued from A1. Agency said, "They absolutely were." That information was not sitting well with certain U.S. cattle organizations, whose spokesmen said in interviews Thursday that until contacted by The Times-News they were unaware that the USDA might have had prior knowledge.

Family

Continued from A1. brothers while living in Utah. "Mom and Dad took them underneath their wing," Shane Jackson said. "They had no family here."

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Family. Continued from A1. out of nervousness during those initial moments. However, 12 hours after the earthquake hit, Vudhivad phoned that all was well with him and his family.

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Volunteers and residents run following a tsunami warning at Nagappattinam, in the southern Indian state of Tamil Nadu, on Thursday.

False tsunami alarm stirs panic in India, other areas

NEW DELHI (AP) — The false alarm that fresh tsunamis were heading toward India's southern coast sparked panic in three countries Thursday. Tens of thousands — rescuers and villagers — ran for their lives, fleeing inland, climbing roofs and jamming roads.

Hours later, the Indian government said the alert was based on bad information from a little-known U.S. operation based in Oregon. The government had been criticized for not giving sufficient warning in the hours a tremendous earthquake struck off Sumatra and a tsunami barreled into the southern coastline.

The confusion and mass panic that ensued Thursday in India, Sri Lanka and Thailand highlights the lack of a coordinated tsunami warning system in the region.

Experts have said such a system would have helped save lives in the disaster that has claimed more than 114,000 people since Sunday's 9.0 magnitude quake off Indonesia sent wall-high waves racing across the Indian Ocean, slamming into an arc of nations across Asia and Africa.

Only one of the 11 countries hit by the tsunamis, Thailand, is

part of the international warning system in place for Pacific Rim nations. There is no counterpart for the Indian Ocean.

Indian officials said they feared several underwater aftershocks early Thursday had triggered fresh tsunamis.

The alert was issued around noon in southern Tamil Nadu state, sending thousands of already traumatized residents, aid workers and refugees in the coastal town of Nagappattinam streaming out in a panicked train of cars and trucks.

"We got into a truck and fled," said Gandhimathi, a 40-year-old woman who, like many south Indians, goes by one name. "We do not know where to go or where to spend the night."

Panic gripped nearly everyone, including hospital patients, in the town that lost some 4,000 residents.

"Even people with fractured legs got up and said, 'We want to go. Put us in a vehicle and send us out of town,'" said Dr. Sudhanthiran.

India's evacuation warning was also heard in the neighboring island-nation of Sri Lanka, where people climbed onto roofs and jammed roads in their rush to escape.

"There is total confusion here," said Rohan Bandara, a resident in the coastal town of Tangalle.

"The aim of all the people is not to see the waves again, so they are leaving."

The mad dash inland was chaotic as cars reversed and turned off the road, some trying to race past one another on narrow lanes. Clutching their possessions in plastic bags, residents made their way to higher ground, some on foot.

In Thailand's southern Phang Nga region, rescuers and villagers along a beach in the Takuapa district ran after a siren warning wailed that a new tsunami was expected to hit.

The Indian government later acknowledged it had relied on faulty information from a U.S.-based group that claimed it could forecast quakes. Science and Technology Minister Kapil Sibal explained that the government had initially seen the warning of an imminent quake on the group's Web site.

The U.S. office of the Indian Space Research Organization contacted the company, the Oregon-based Terra Research and Consulting Services, passing along the information to New Delhi.

Militants groups warn Iraqis not to participate in election

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Three militant groups warned Iraqis against voting in Jan. 30 elections, saying Thursday that people participating in the "dirty force" risked attack. All 700 employees of the electoral commission in Mosul reportedly resigned after being threatened.

The warning came a day after insurgents in Mosul, which has seen increased violence in recent weeks, launched a highly coordinated assault on a U.S. military outpost.

The United States said 25 insurgents were believed slain and one American soldier was killed in the battle, which involved strafing runs by U.S. warplanes.

The United States, which has said the vote must go forward, has repeatedly sought to portray recent attacks that have killed dozens of people as the acts of a reeling insurgency, not the work of a force that is gathering strength.

The radical Ansar al-Sunnah Army and two other insurgent groups issued a statement Thursday warning that democracy was un-Islamic. Democracy could lead to passing un-Islamic laws, such as permitting homosexual marriage, if the majority or people agreed to it, the statement said. "Democracy is a Greek word meaning the rule of the people,

which means that the people do what they see fit," the statement said.

"This concept is considered apostasy and defies the belief in one God — Muslims' doctrine," Ansar al-Sunnah earlier posted a manifesto on its Web site saying democracy amounts to idolizing human beings.

Thursday's joint statement reiterated the threat that "anyone who accepts to take part in this dirty force will not be safe."

Insurgents have intensified their strikes against the security forces of Iraq's U.S.-installed interim government as part of a continuing campaign to disrupt the elections for a constitutional assembly.

The statements by the Sunni Arab-dominated insurgent groups seemed aimed at countering Shiite leaders' claims that voting in the election is every Muslim's duty. Shiites, who

make up 60 percent of the population, hope to use the vote to power from minority Sunnis, who were favored under Saddam Hussein.

Iraqis will elect a national assembly that is to write a new constitution.

The Al-Jazeera satellite channel reported that all 700 workers for the electoral commission in Mosul resigned Thursday because they had been threatened and that Iraq's leading Sunni political party, the Iraqi Islamic Party, had withdrawn from the race.

If true, the move will severely hamper efforts to prepare for the vote in Mosul, which has been too dangerous for most work to even begin though the vote is now only a month away.

Farid Ayar, spokesman of the Independent Electoral Commission of Iraq, could not confirm the Al-Jazeera report.



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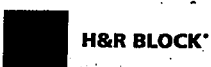
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Ukraine officials reject appeal

KIEV, Ukraine — Election officials on Thursday rejected Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich's voluminous challenge to results showing he lost this week's presidential vote, saying he did not prove any widespread violations. Yanukovich's campaign team vowed to take their legal fight for the presidency to Ukraine's Supreme Court even as reformer Viktor Yushchenko mapped out plans for his inauguration and first 100 days in office.

"The vote has changed the country and it changed us," Yushchenko told Ukrainians in a New Year's greeting issued four days after the former Soviet republic's third presidential balloting in two months.

The revote was ordered by the high court after it annulled a Nov. 21 runoff election, ruling the results that gave victory to Yanukovich were tainted by fraud. Sunday's redo resulted in a solid win for Yushchenko, according to preliminary results. Final results can only be announced after all appeals

World in brief

are exhausted. Yanukovich submitted a 27-volume complaint to the commission. The 15-member Central Election Commission unanimously rejected the complaint.

Washington governor's election gets certified

OLYMPIA, Wash. — After three vote tallies and 59 days of waiting, Democrat Christine Gregoire was declared Washington's governor-elect on Thursday. But her Republican rival did not concede and wants a new election.

Secretary of State Sam Reed, a Republican, certified Gregoire, the three-term attorney general, as the winner of the closest governor's race in state history. She won a statewide hand recount by a scant 129 votes out of more than 2.8 million cast. While there were mistakes,

Reed told a news conference, "at this time there is nothing that appears fraudulent."

"I saw serious mistakes being made. I saw them being corrected," Reed said. "That's part of the process. The system itself has worked well."

But Republican candidate Dino Rossi, a former state legislative leader and real-estate investor, said the election was hopelessly flawed and that the Legislature should authorize a new election. He won both of the earlier counts.

Rossi also held open the possibility of contesting the election in the courts.

Abbas embraces leading Palestinian gunman

JENIN REFUGEE CAMP West Bank — A prominent West Bank gunman carried a smiling Mahmud Abbas on his shoulders Thursday, endorsing the presidential candidate and prompting questions of whether Abbas is playing campaign poli-

tics or identifying with violent groups.

Abbas, the interim Palestinian leader, is the front-runner in a Jan. 9 election for Palestinian Authority president, and his statements on how he will deal with Palestinian militants are closely monitored by the world.

The highlight of Abbas' visit to the Jenin refugee camp next to the northern West Bank town of Jenin was his encounter with a group of gunmen led by Zakaria Zubeidi, the local leader of the Al Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades, a violent group with ties to Abbas' ruling Fatah party.

Zubeidi, who is idolized and wanted by Israel for organizing attacks and sending suicide bombers into Israeli cities, took center-stage in welcoming Abbas to the camp.

Jenin was the scene of heavy fighting during an Israeli incursion in 2002 that followed one of the bombings.

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Detroit gets new weapon against urban decay

DETROIT (AP) — On a block of neat, single-family homes in northwest Detroit, one burned-out house stands with its porch roof caved in, the lawn turned into a dump. The house has been like this for months — an eyesore, a hazard to curious children and a scene for potential mischief.

But neighborhood activists have high hopes that could soon change.

Starting next week, Detroit has a new, more powerful weapon to force owners of decayed properties to clean them up and repair them: blight court.

Actually, it is not a court at all. Under the new legal process, building code violations will be heard not by judges, but by administrative hearing officers. And such violations will no longer be criminal offenses but civil infractions.

The new setup is designed to handle cases more speedily than the overburdened courts using methods not available in criminal cases. Hearing officers will have authority to attach people's wages and bank accounts, place liens on any



President of Motor City Blightbusters Inc., John George talks to a reporter in front of an abandoned house in northwest Detroit on Monday.

property they own, even block them from renewing their driver's licenses.

"I think most of the residents intend to maintain their property," said Medina Noor, director of the city's new Department of Administrative Hearings. "We just need to give them that nudge."

The changes have the sup-

port of community activists and some business circles. But others worry the system could be used to produce revenue for the city with little regard for fairness.

Detroit has thousands of abandoned buildings — a legacy of the decades-long exodus to the suburbs that accelerated after the 1967 riots. The city's

population is half of what it was in the 1950s, when it approached 2 million.

Unlike other major cities, where blight mostly is concentrated in bad neighborhoods, Detroit has abandoned buildings "spread" all over, from outlying residential areas to the downtown core. The blight is a major obstacle in the city's efforts to clean up its reputation and get ready to host baseball's 2005 All-Star Game and the 2006 Super Bowl.

John George, who as founder of Motor City Blight Busters has made a career of cleaning up eyesores in the northwest neighborhood where he lives and where the burned house is located, likens blight to a cancer that spreads quickly through a neighborhood. Neglected buildings often become drug dens and breeding grounds for other types of crime, he said.

Cities around the nation have set up hearing offices to more speedily enforce quality-of-life ordinances. Detroit's program is modeled after Chicago's, which was created in 1997 and deals with a wider range of problems, including disorderly conduct.

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With respect to building code violations, since our existence, landlords are taking the violations more seriously. They're taking the process more seriously," said James Reilly, director of the Chicago department.

Previously in Detroit, if someone failed to show up in court to answer a building code violation, a judge could issue a warrant for the homeowner's arrest. But that often accomplished little. Hauling someone in for a building code violation is a low priority for police in a

crime-ridden city like Detroit. Building inspectors used to joke that their only hope was to wait for the person to get caught making an illegal left turn.

Now, if the homeowner fails to show, the hearing officer will automatically rule against him or her.

Up to now, building code violations, illegal dumping and other blight offenses in Detroit have been heard in a court that handled only 150 such cases a week. The new city department, with three full-time hearing officers, will handle 40 times that number.

The department's decisions can be appealed in court, but only on the basis of a legal error, not on the merits of the case.

The new department was made possible by legislation enacted this year at the urging of Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick, who made clearing abandoned buildings a priority when he took office in 2002.

The Detroit Regional Chamber, representing the business community, supports the changes, saying blight hurts all businesses, even law-abiding ones.

Bush administration supports disaster help

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration lent its support Thursday to a European-hosted international conference designed to accelerate pledges of assistance to victims of the Asian and African tsunamis and added the United Nations to a four-nation coalition organizing humanitarian relief.

Responding to persistent criticism that U.S. pledges have been slow to materialize and deliveries of aid not fast enough, State Department spokesman Richard Boucher tucked off a string of relief flights and declared: "Any implication we are not leading the way is wrong."

"Our effort is strong and it is active," he said at a State Department briefing that touched on the grisly efforts to find missing Americans and to identify victims.

Boucher said American diplomats, for instance, were visiting morgues in Indonesia as part of their search.

The U.S. death toll was officially raised from 12 to 14, with seven dead in Thailand and seven in Sri Lanka.

Some 600 Americans who were listed as missing have been found, Boucher said, but several thousand had not been located four days after the disaster struck.

In Sri Lanka, Boucher said, Americans have been showing



Colin Powell

up at U.S. consular offices wearing bathing suits, with no money and no clothes.

Secretary of State Colin Powell conferred by video hookup with U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan, and the United Nations was added to the core group planning relief efforts. The others are the United States, Japan, India and Australia, which raised its pledge to \$27 million, just \$8 million below the U.S. pledge.

Powell will meet with Annan at the United Nations on Friday. Ambassador Dirk Jan van den Berg said Thursday after meeting with Annan that he expected the European Commission to be part of the core group.

With the death toll rising above 117,000, European governments were taking soundings on holding an international donors conference Jan. 7, Boucher said. "The United States will participate at a senior level in whatever donors conference is held."

The coalition of core group set up Wednesday by President Bush was scheduled to hold another conference call among top officials Thursday night.

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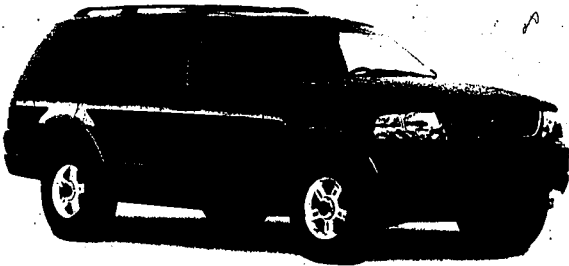
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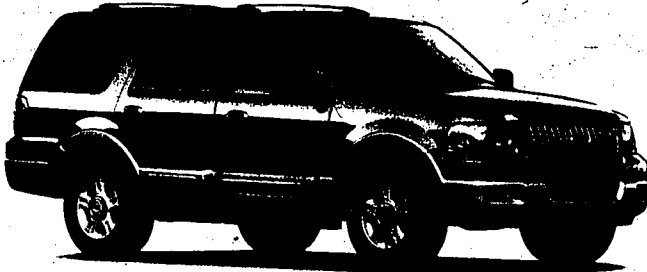


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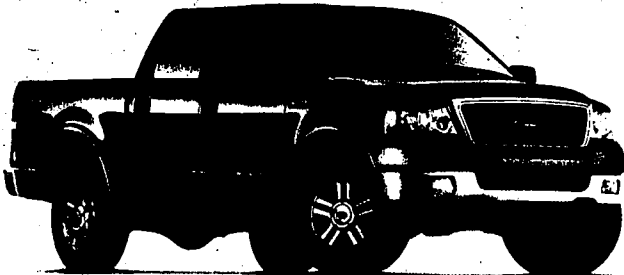


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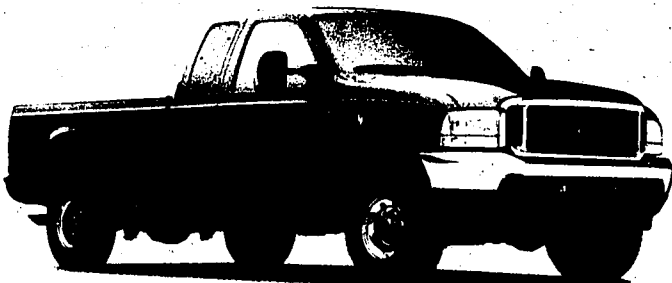


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AROUND THE VALLEY

Fire damages Twin Falls home

TWIN FALLS — A fire of unknown origin rendered a home uninhabitable Thursday morning, but no injuries were reported. Members of the Twin Falls Fire Department were called to 3520C N. 3000 E. just before midnight Wednesday, said Battalion Chief Dick Capps. Eleven firefighters in three engines, two tankers and a battalion chief vehicle responded to the scene. The fire began outside the split-level home, then spread. Damage was confined to one floor, Capps said. The pre-incident value of the home — including property and contents — had an initial estimate of \$250,000, Capps said. Initial damage has been estimated at \$150,000. Fire officials are not releasing the owners' names but did say they were insured. Firefighters cleared the scene just after 4 a.m. Thursday, Capps said. The fire remained under investigation Thursday night.

Many offices will be closed today

TWIN FALLS — Many offices, agencies and places of business will be closed today for New Year's Eve. Here's a rundown of what's closed and open:

- City and county offices will be closed.
- State and federal offices will be closed.
- Social Security Administration office will be closed.
- U.S. Post Offices will be open, but some will close early.
- Most banks will be open during regular hours.
- Twin Falls Public Library will be closed.
- YMCA in Twin Falls City Pool will be open for regular lap swim and also open swim from 1 to 4 p.m.; the pool will close at 4 p.m.
- College of Southern Idaho will be closed.
- Magic Valley Mall will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Trash collection will follow the regular schedule.

DMV offers an audio manual online

TWIN FALLS — An audio version of the Idaho Drivers Manual is available online at the Idaho Transportation Department's DMV Web site. To listen to the manual, go to id.idaho.gov, click "DMV Online," then click "Driver Services." "This new tool is a great source for valuable safe driving tips and will help provide an understanding of Idaho's basic motor vehicle laws," Ed Pemble, DMV driver services manager, said in a news release. The audio version of the manual includes information on licensing; traffic laws; signs, signals and pavement markings; adjusting to driving conditions; vehicle equipment and safety; and vehicle title and registration. Both audio and print versions of the manual can be downloaded from the Web site. Print copies of the manual also are available at local county driver licensing offices. The online audio manual is among the first of its kind in the nation, and is the latest addition to a variety of services available from the DMV site. Other online services include motor vehicle registration renewals, motor vehicle record requests and driver record requests.

— compiled from staff reports

Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% season
Salmon	75%	29%
Big Wood	63%	33%
Little Wood	83%	32%
Big Lost	83%	32%
Little Lost	83%	34%
Henry's Fork/Teton	80%	32%
Upper Snake Basin	74%	30%
Oakley	99%	38%
Salmon Falls	91%	35%

As of Dec. 30

*A comparison of basin snowpack, on this day, with a 30-year average.
**An indicator of basin snowpack for the entire snow season.



A member of the 126th Brigade Combat Team waves goodbye to family and friends as he boards a Boeing 727 bound for Fort Bliss, Texas. Some 300 Guardsmen from the brigade began an 18-month deployment that will include a one-year tour of duty in Iraq.

A year at a glance

2004 was a year of joyous celebrations and tearful goodbyes, climactic closures and unresolved conflicts. Some of the biggest news of the year in south-central Idaho included:

- **National Guard deployment:** The Department of Defense announced that the Idaho Army National Guard would be federally mobilized to take part in Operation Iraqi Freedom. All of the 4,300-member 116th Cavalry Brigade was mobilized, including 2,000 Idahoans. Soldiers with the newly dubbed 2-116th Brigade Combat Team began an 18-month deployment in Fort Bliss, Texas, continuing on to Fort Polk, La., and then overseas. They arrived in Iraq just before Christmas.

- **Water fight:** Exacerbated by several years of drought and the threat of 1,300 Magic Valley wells shutting down, a struggle among stakeholders in the Eastern Snake River Plain Aquifer continued throughout the year. Surface users and ground pumpers reached a deal that allowed the wells to continue operating temporarily.

- **With a March 15, 2005 deadline to get the problem of the diminishing aquifer under control, groups acknowledged the importance of arriving at a solution to present to the 2005 Legislature.**

- **City centennial:** Twin Falls spent the year celebrating its 100th anniversary. Residents enjoyed various thematic events such as historical exhibits, the debut of several local history books and the installation of the I.B. Perrine bronze statue near the Buzz Langdon Visitors' Center. The celebration left a legacy for the future, too — a new stretch of scenic canyon trail ris-

ing from Shoshone Falls Park.

- **Football champs:** Twin Falls High School, under the direction of first-year coach Toke Smith, won its first state football championship in 53 years. The Bruins beat Coeur d'Alene 41-35. The title came despite the dismissal of former head coach Gary Krumm prior to the season after he pleaded guilty to two misdemeanor counts of domestic battery and one count of driving under the influence. The last group of Bruins to win a state football title was the 1951 team.

- **Murder suspect released:** A judge dismissed the case against Jerome County resident Iovany Vazquez, who was charged in connection with the murder of Francisco Ferrer. Vazquez was released from jail but, citing a gang order, officials did not say why.

- **Faces of illness:** Downwinders got their say during National Academy of Sciences hearings in Boise. Idahoans with cancer testified how they believe fallout from nuclear bomb tests in the 1950s and 1960s is related to their illnesses.

- **Better business:** Rapid job creation in the major three-county Magic Valley labor market dwarfed statewide job-creation rates. Despite failures — Veterinary Pet Insurance and Hydro Fitting — local leaders managed to snag Gossner Foods Inc., Hilex Poly Co., Jayco Inc. and Kiefer Built LLC.

- **Outgoing superintendent:** The State Board of Education settled with Angel Ramos, the first deaf superintendent of the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind. Ramos agreed to resign in exchange for a \$150,000 settlement and ownership of the Optischool program.

- **Senate struggle:** State Sen. Laird Noh, R-Kimberly, retired after 24 years. His announcement set off a spirited race among contenders seeking to replace him. Chuck Colner beat fellow Republicans Ken Edmunds and Randy Hansen in the primary, then held off Democrat Gary Baty in the general election.



Mitch Smith and Cody Faught, center, embrace as Erik Larson, right, gestures "No. 1" as the Twin Falls High Bruins celebrate at midfield following the Bruins 41-35 win over Coeur d'Alene in the Idaho 5A state football championship game in Pocatello's Holt Arena. It is the Bruins first state football title since 1951.



Laura Miller lights candles on the Twin Falls Centennial Birthday Cake, donated by The Cake Boutique, while "Happy Birthday" is sung at the Centennial New Year's Gala at the Magic Valley Mall last New Year's Eve.



Angel Ramos, left, laughs with then-high school senior Dora Lynn McClain while pulling files for a fund-raising project in this November 2001 photo. Ramos resigned in exchange for a \$150,000 settlement.



Diene Christensen Corbin, right, talks with her husband, Bob, during a public meeting at Boise State University's Taco Bell Arena in November. Diene and many of her family members are suffering from illnesses she says are a result of being downwinders.

MAGIC VALLEY

JEROME COUNTY COURTS

JEROME — Recent activity in 5th District Court in Jerome County included the following:

Misdemeanor arraignments
 Miguel A. Arceaga-Ruiz, 19; driving without privileges; driving - obstructed view due to ice, snow, sleet, dust, etc.; pretrial conference Jan. 24; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
 Ross Barry Borenman, 45; carrying a concealed weapon without a license; pretrial conference Jan. 24; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
 Joey Albert Gabriel, 35; driving under the influence; pretrial conference Jan. 24; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
 Shelley Marie Dayley, 36; trespass; theft by acquiring lost property; pretrial conference Jan. 24; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
 Adrian Guasco-Chavez, 19; providing false information to an officer regarding offense/identity; underage consumption of alcohol; pretrial conference Jan. 24; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
 Bradley Dean Huler, 30; driving under the influence; pretrial conference Jan. 24; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
 Jessica Klinsky, 18; petit theft; pre-

trial conference Jan. 24; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
 Carol Jo Lee, 53; providing false information to an officer regarding offense/identity; pretrial conference Jan. 24; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
 Diane Marshall, no date of birth listed; failure to stop damage, leaving the scene of an accident; pretrial conference Jan. 24; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
 BoLee Carroll Miller, 19; injury to a child; failed to appear; pretrial conference Jan. 24; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
 Michael R. Newbury, 41; driving without privileges; pretrial conference Jan. 24; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
 Marcia May Olivas, 19; battery; pretrial conference Jan. 24; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
 Daniel Pereira Jr., 26; use or possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to sell; pretrial conference Jan. 24; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
 Nathan Shane Silvers, 21; malicious injury to property; pretrial conference Jan. 24; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
 John A. Welch Jr., 24; driving without privileges; pretrial conference Jan. 24; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
 Kathie J. White, 52; petit theft; pretrial conference Jan. 24; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.



Juvenile misdemeanor arraignments

Kaleb Edward Lancaster, 16; failure to stop damage, leaving the scene of an accident; pretrial conference Jan. 24; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
Misdemeanor sentencing
 Jesus V. Cardenas, 21; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; \$68.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
 Adam Costa, 28; battery - domestic violence amended to battery; \$300 fine, \$200 suspended, \$63.50 court costs, \$50 public defender fee; one year supervised probation; 90 days in jail, 86 suspended; credit for four days served; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
 Riley O. Chatfield, 19; failure to provide proof of insurance; \$300 fine, \$200 suspended, \$63.50 court costs; 90 days in jail, 25 suspended; inattentive/careless driving; \$300 fine, \$200 suspended, \$63.50 court costs; 90 days in jail, 25 suspended; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
 Jose J. Corona-Garcia, 18; reckless driving amended to inattentive/careless driving; \$300 fine, \$200 suspended, \$63.50 court costs, \$50 probation fee, \$50 public defender fee.
 Please see COURTS, Page B3

GOODING COUNTY COURTS

GOODING — Recent activity in 5th District Court in Gooding County included the following:

Misdemeanor arraignments
 Michael Scott Aslett; driving under the influence; preliminary hearing Jan. 31; Magistrate Judge Casey Robinson.
 Melissa Lynn Davis; driving under the influence (under age 21); pretrial conference Jan. 31; Magistrate Judge Casey Robinson.
 Melissa G. Dixon; possession of a controlled substance; use or possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use; driving without privileges; failure to provide proof of insurance; arraignment continued Dec. 20; Magistrate Judge Casey Robinson.
 Rhonda Lee Levett-Ulfich; driving under the influence; open container; sentencing Jan. 24; Magistrate Judge Casey Robinson.
 Dragon Keeman; driving without privileges; status hearing Jan. 3; Magistrate Judge Casey Robinson.
 Charlotte M. Martin; residing or obstructing officers; court trial Jan. 24; Magistrate Judge Casey Robinson.
 Christopher R. Montgomery; driving without privileges; arraignment continued Dec. 20; Magistrate Judge Casey Robinson.

Michael Joshua Northrup; driving without privileges; \$500 fine, \$250 suspended, \$78.50 court costs, \$35 probation fee; one year supervised probation; 180 days in jail, 178 suspended; Magistrate Judge Casey Robinson.
 Patrick S. Smout; driving without privileges; \$500 fine, \$250 suspended, \$78.50 court costs, \$35 probation fee; one year supervised probation; 180 days in jail, 178 suspended; Magistrate Judge Casey Robinson.

days in jail, 178 suspended; 180-day driver's license suspension; Magistrate Judge Casey Robinson.
 Lishawna Renee Gortinger; possession of a controlled substance; \$500 fine, \$250 suspended, \$63.50 court costs, \$35 probation fee; one year supervised probation; 180 days in jail, 180 suspended; Magistrate Judge Casey Robinson.
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DEATH NOTICES

Benton J. Jones
 MERIDIAN — Benton J. Jones, 82, of Meridian and formerly of Jerome, died Wednesday, Dec. 29, 2004, at his home.
 A funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, Jan. 3, 2005, at the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.
 Friends may call from 9 a.m. to noon Monday at the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel.

Nellie Hollenbeck
 FAIRFIELD — Nellie H. Hollenbeck, 90, a resident of Fairfield, Idaho, died Thursday, Dec. 30, 2004, at Magic Valley Manor in Wendell, Idaho.
 Arrangements will be made by Demary's Gooding Chapel.

Chloe Day
 BOISE — Chloe Day, 89, of Boise and formerly of Twin Falls, died Thursday, Dec. 30, 2004.
 Arrangements will be made by White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park," in Twin Falls.

Johnnie Jones
 FILER — Johnnie Jones, 79, of Filer, died Wednesday, Dec. 29, 2004, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.
 Arrangements will be made by White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park."

Max McCaslin
 HAZLETON — Max McCaslin, a 95-year-old Hazleton resident, died Thursday, Dec. 30, 2004, at the Creekside Care Center in Jerome.
 Arrangements will be made by Payne Mortuary in Burley.

Carol I. Robinson
 RICHFIELD — Carol I. Robinson, 70, of Richfield, died Dec. 29, 2004, in Twin Falls. Arrangements will be made by Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343 S.

Lincoln, Jerome.
Tateton SanDale Kent
 RUPERT — Tateton SanDale Kent, the son of Sarah and Troy Kent, died premature on Dec. 29, 2004, at Cassia Medical Center in Burley.
 A funeral will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Jan. 3, 2005, at Hansen Mortuary Rupter Chapel with Bishop David Coats officiating. Burial will follow at the Pella Cemetery.

SERVICES
 Simon Eugene Balles of Twin Falls, funeral at 11 a.m. Friday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel.
 George Kerr of Twin Falls, service at 2 p.m. Friday at White Mortuary.
 Richard "Rick" Lee Halman, celebration of life from 3 to 7 p.m. Friday at 509 W. Ave. D, Jerome (Farnsworth Mortuary).
 Marjorie Joan Whitesides of Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. Friday at the Acequia LDS 2nd Ward Building with burial to follow in the Rupert Cemetery. Friends may call one hour before the service at the church (Hansen Mortuary).

Rupert Chapel).
 Sharon K. Federer of Twin Falls, memorial service at 2 p.m. Monday at Rock Creek Community Church/Seventh Day Adventist Church. A reception will follow at the church (Serenity Funeral Chapel).
 Faith C. Johnson, celebration of life at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday at Parkes Magic Valley - Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls with graveside service to follow at Twin Falls Cemetery.
 Richard "Dick" Dale Beeson of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel.

OBITUARIES

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Opal Faye Robinson
 Opal Faye Robinson, 87, Twin Falls, Idaho, died Tuesday, Dec. 28, 2004.
 Opal was born Sept. 4, 1917, in Mountain Home, Ark., the oldest child of Everett and Annie Taylor. Opal married Ray Robinson on July 5, 1934, and later moved to Idaho where they raised three children. Opal was a housewife and helped Ray farm and run their dairy in Wendell. In 1973; Ray and Opal retired and moved to Twin Falls. There they grew a beautiful garden and grandchildren. Opal was a Baptist, an accomplished seamstress, who also crocheted and embroidered, and enjoyed making a home for her husband. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.
 She is survived by her husband, Ray Robinson of Twin Falls, Idaho; two daughters,



Betty "Robbie" Harbert of Pocatello, Idaho, and Dolores "Dodie" Chapman of Fairfield, Idaho; four grandsons, Jan Jerke, Blaine Jerke, Nell Robinson and Stuart Robinson; five granddaughters, Traci Harbert, Kimberly Harbert, Rebecca Robinson, Rebecca Robinson and Erin Chapman; and eight great-grandchildren.
 She was preceded in death by her parents, Everett and Annie Taylor; and her son, Lavern Robinson.
 A funeral viewing will be held at 11 a.m. until noon Monday, Jan. 3, 2005, at White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park."
 A graveside service will then follow at 1 p.m. at the Wendell Cemetery.

Robson Bonnichsen
 Robson Bonnichsen, 64, of College Station, Texas, died on Dec. 25, 2004 in Bend, Ore.
 He was born on Dec. 3, 1940, in Twin Falls, Idaho, to Everett and Helen (Williams) Bonnichsen. He grew up and graduated from high school in Filer, Idaho. He received his Bachelor of Arts in anthropology from Idaho State University in 1965.
 Rob had over 44 years of archaeological field experience all over the world.
 He received his Ph.D. in anthropology from the University of Alberta in 1974 and then served as the associate professor of anthropology

at the University of Maine from 1974-1991. He served as the professor of anthropology at Oregon State University in Corvallis, Ore., from 1991-2002 and for the past two years had been the professor of anthropology at Texas A & M University.
 He was also the Director of the Center for the Study of the First Americans at both Oregon State and Texas A & M.
 He is survived by his wife, Peggy Hays of College Station, Texas; his stepmother, Mabel Bonnichsen of Lake, Stevens, Wash.; three sons, Sven of Portland, Ore., Shield of Tucson, Ariz., and Max in Calif;

two brothers, Bill of Moscow, Idaho, and Joe of Albany, Ore.; a sister, Janet Towle of Tigard, Ore.; and one grandchild.
 He was preceded in death by his parents.
 A memorial service will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 6, 2005, at the Tigard Christian Church, 13405 SW Hall Blvd., Tigard, Ore. Memorial contributions may be made to the Center for the Study of the First Americans, Dept. of Anthropology, Texas A & M University, College Station, TX 77843-4353; Niswonger-Reynolds Funeral Home, Bend, Ore., is in charge of arrangements.

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MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

Innovative swing era musician Shaw dies

Los Angeles Times

Artie Shaw, who rose to fame as one of the swing era's finest bandleaders and most innovative clarinetists but then slammed the door on the music business with a Shakespearean flourish, died Thursday. He was 94.

Shaw, whose eight wives included such Hollywood legends as Lana Turner and Ava Gardner, died at his home in Newbury Park, Calif., about 40 miles northwest of downtown Los Angeles.

The cause of death was not announced, but Shaw had been in failing health for some time.

From the 1930s to the mid-1950s, Shaw formed, disbanded and reunited bands that made some of the most enduring recordings of the swing era, from his first hit in 1936 with Cole Porter's haunting "Begin the Beguine" to his last recordings with the highly esteemed Gramercy Five, made in 1954 and released more than 30 years later.

Benny Goodman, another

clarinetist bandleader of the swing era and a rival of Shaw, was perhaps more famous, which helped Shaw.

But Shaw's innovations, musical depth and swinging style placed him firmly in the pantheon of 20th century big band and jazz musicians.

"He was a real master of the clarinet, virtually incomparable in the beauty of his tone and unique in his flawless control," said composer Gunther Schuller, who has written extensively about jazz.

Dan M. Morgenstern, direc-

tor of the Institute of Jazz Studies at Rutgers University, ranked Shaw as "one of outstanding clarinetists in the history of jazz — he was able to do things in the upper register — really go up — with great facility."

What was so remarkable about him? Morgenstern continued. "Is he always had a great band, and they were all great in their different ways, but each of them had their distinctive profile. ... The bands were all wonderfully musical bands. ... He really had a gift for that."

Chronic-wasting disease researchers killed in crash

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) — Husband-and-wife wildlife veterinarians who were nationally prominent experts on chronic wasting disease and brucellosis were killed in a snow-weather crash on U.S. 287 in northern Colorado, authorities confirmed Thursday.

2002 Ford pickup truck hit a jackknifed trailer Wednesday night, according to the Wyoming Game and Fish Department and Colorado Highway Patrol.

Williams, 53, had taught at the University of Wyoming since 1982 and was also familiar with wildlife diseases. "She was probably the foremost chronic wasting disease expert in the country," Game and Fish

spokesman Al Langston said.

Thorne, 64, was acting director of the Wyoming Game and Fish Department for nine months in 2002 and 2003.

"He worked closely in the department for 35 years before retiring in 2003 and was a prominent researcher of chronic wasting disease in deer and elk, as well as of brucellosis in bison and elk. The accident happened around

10 a.m. near Virginia Dale a few miles south of the Wyoming line, according to Colorado State Trooper Scott Boskovich. Both vehicles had been going at least 10 mph below the speed limit. After spinning out of control and coming to a stop in the north-bound lanes, the trailer was struck by the pickup, which was wedged underneath, according to Master Trooper Ron Watkins.

Courts

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for one year unsupervised probation 90 days in jail, 90 suspended, one day eligible for work program; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Misdemeanor withheld judgments

Joshua N. Murphy, 19; possession of a controlled substance; judgment withheld for one year; \$300 fine, \$250 suspended, \$63.50 court costs, \$50 public defender fee; one year supervised probation; 90 days in jail, 68 suspended, two days eligible for work program; use or possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Juvenile misdemeanor sentences

Thomas Jerry Gulken, 17; reckless driving; sentenced to institute/careless driving; \$200 fine, \$200 suspended, \$63.50 court costs; six months unsupervised probation; five days in jail, five suspended; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Misdemeanor dismissals

Patricia J. Faltress, 78; reckless driv-

ing; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Cindy K. Barnett, 41; open container; unlawful entry; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Hoss Barry Bateman, 45; battery; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Kelvin Kent Knudson Jr., 22; reckless driving; operating a motor vehicle that is not registered; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Richard Thomas Ridinger, exhibition or use of a deadly weapon; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Felony arraignments

Isaura Lynn Bills, 18; forgery; failed to appear; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Mario Garcia-Rojas, 30; three counts fraud - insufficient funds check; failure to appear; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Lorrie M. Hampton, 29; lottery - counterfeit/previously paid/alterec ticket, etc; preliminary hearing Dec. 21; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Jason Spencer, 36; sex offender - failure to register/provide notice; status hearing Jan. 7; District Judge John

K. Butler.

Scott N. Lucke-Thomas, 18; possession of a controlled substance; sentencing Feb. 4; District Judge John K. Butler.

Bobby L. Phillips, 49; enticing children over the Internet; sentenced to jail; sentencing Feb. 4; District Judge John K. Butler.

Wendy Diane Reynolds, 25; forgery; status hearing Jan. 31; District Judge John K. Butler.

Kurtle J. Sedorus, 22; possession of a controlled substance; use or possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use; arraignment continued Dec. 21; District Judge John K. Butler.

Felony sentences

Bobby David Tunstall, 27; possession of a controlled substance; \$1,000 fine, \$68.50 court costs; three years determinate penitentiary time; credit for 33 days served; District Judge John K. Butler.

Civil

CACV of Colorado vs. Robert L. Miller, Seeking \$4,752.71, plus interest; \$1,100 attorney fees. Plaintiff alleges that defendant owes for accounts assigned to the plaintiff for collection.

Beneficial Mortgage Company of Idaho vs. Clint T. Lee, Seeking

\$10,274.09, plus interest; \$2,300 attorney fees. Plaintiff alleges that defendant owes for accounts assigned to the plaintiff for collection.

Child support cases

State of Idaho Health and Welfare vs. Roger A. Thompson and Alexis Mellos. Seeking of Mr. Thompson: 50 percent of child's medical expenses for Dylan Mellos and Zachary A. Thompson; \$3,257 for his pro rata share of birth costs; attorney fees.

State of Idaho Health and Welfare vs. Joseph E. Warren and Christina Maria Warren. Seeking of Mr. Warren: \$462 monthly support for Dominic Michael Warren and Gabriel J. Warren, plus 63 percent of children's medical expenses; \$4,214 for his pro rata share of birth costs; attorney fees.

State of Idaho Health and Welfare vs. Brett J. Shropshire and Kimberly R. Shropshire. Seeking of Mr. Shropshire: \$462 monthly support for Joshua S. Shropshire and Nicholas G. Shropshire, plus 59 percent of children's medical expenses; attorney fees.

Divorces

Melinda Faye Osterhout Wallis vs. Ronald James Wallis. Stephanie Turin vs. Francisco Turin

Runs open at Soldier Mountain Ski area

The Times-News

FAIRFIELD — Skiers have one more option to add to their New Year's weekend activities. With the accumulation of four more inches Thursday afternoon, Soldier Mountain Ski

area opened, said manager Larry Davenport. Earlier this week, there were 8 inches at the top of the mountain and 24 inches at the bottom. For more information, call 764-2526.

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MAGIC VALLEY/IDAHO

Private college allows alcohol sales

CAMBRIDGE (AP) — Albion College of Idaho plans to allow beer and wine sales to students on campus this spring, but only under tight restrictions including drink limits and a membership fee.

The Albion College Board of Trustees approved the plans to establish a pub in the McCain Student Union Building on the Caldwell campus for a trial period.

Bob Appelt, a private contractor that provides food and beverage services at the private university, will operate the alcoholic beverage sales at the tavern, to be called The Pub at

Twenty-one Twelve. The policy will be re-evaluated at the end of the 2004-2005 school year by the college leadership.

The decision was reached only after a committee found similar colleges that serve alcohol in pub-like atmospheres had seen success, said Beth Zborowski, communication specialist for Albion.

"This will be a fun and safe environment for everyone," Zborowski said. "We plan to provide an educational environment for everyone on campus."

Beer and wine will be served

from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Wednesday, 5 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Friday and 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Saturday.

The restrictions include a two-drink maximum will be set during the first hour of operation and one drink each subsequent hour.

Bob Appelt employees — not student — will serve alcoholic beverages, campus officials said.

Dean of Student Affairs Paul Bennion hopes the pub can be used as an educational tool to inform students how to handle alcohol responsibly.

Student fees have paid for re-

cent renovations at the pub. A \$5 yearly membership fee will be charged to all eligible faculty, staff and students.

All members will be required to visit with Campus Safety about procedures and responsibilities before receiving a sticker on their ID cards.

Students under 21 will be allowed in the pub if accompanied by a member, within the boundaries of state law.

"We follow the law, but we need to make sure the issue is not swept under the rug," Bennion said.

Police catch man who escaped in car chase

BLACKFOOT (AP) — A man who escaped Blackfoot police after a high-speed car chase in which he interrupted a funeral procession has been caught and charged with traffic and drug-related crimes.

Alphonso Leon Hendricks, 36, was caught in Aberdeen Tuesday when a business called police to report a suspicious man covered with tattoos who had been loitering there for several hours.

Earlier, Hendricks allegedly led police on a chase that reached speeds of more than 100 mph Tuesday. Police called off the chase when Hendricks entered Highway 39 at top speed, running several cars off the road. Charges include felony eluding police, felony aggravated assault and felony possession of methamphetamine.

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Moody's boosts Idaho's debt rating close to best

BOISE (AP) — Moody's Investors Service boosted Idaho's credit rating to two notches below the highest investment grade, which could lower borrowing costs on future bond sales.

Moody's analysis in New York this week raised Idaho's rating to a2 from a1. The new rating is two steps below the highest AAA rating and is a sign Idaho is financially sound and likely to repay its obligations, officials said.

The agency said Idaho's savvy financial management, including a vote by the Legislature to temporarily boost the state's sales tax during the recent econ-

omic downturn helped stave off budget troubles that plagued other states.

Moody's upgrade could give Idaho leverage to demand lower interest rates on future bond issues, including the possible sale of securities to support purchases of water rights.

"For future bonds, we'll get a better rate," said Liza Carberry, state investment manager in Boise, who helps oversee about \$2.4 billion in investments, of the state.

Idaho Department of Water Resources officials say selling bonds has been discussed as possible way to help finance the purchase of up to 60,000-acre

feet of surface water from private owners downstream of Thousand Springs to meet endangered species Act requirements for salmon recovery. That proposal, which includes rental agreements and canal-improvement projects, could cost the state more than \$80 million.

"Bonding is an alternative," said Mike Kecker, a water department spokesman. "It's encouraging to hear the bond rating has increased. But without bonding is used is uncertain."

Carberry declined to say how much interest costs could be reduced, challenging them

"incremental."

While Idaho had its credit upgraded, neighboring states have faced challenges following the recession two years ago. Oregon's credit rating was downgraded by three ratings agencies in 2003, prompting calls by officials there to get the tax system in order.

According to Moody's, Idaho's Legislature and Gov. Kempthorne were able to avoid these pitfalls by slashing expenses in response to lower tax revenue and adding to residents' tax burden — if only temporarily — to make sure the state had enough money to pay its bills.

Records

Continued from B2 Misdemeanor withheld judgments

Daniel Wyatt Parkhurst; driving under the influence judgment withheld for one year; \$1,000 fine, \$800 suspended, \$78.50 court costs, \$35 probation fee; one year supervised probation; 180 days in jail, 178 suspended, credit for one day served; 180-day driver's license suspension; Magistrate Judge Casey Robinson.

Elizabeth A. Matz; driving under the influence (under age 21) amended to driving under the influence; judgment withheld for one year; \$1,000 fine, \$800 suspended, \$78.50 court costs, \$35 probation fee; one year supervised probation; 180 days in jail, 178 suspended, credit for one day served; 180-day driver's license suspension; Magistrate Judge Casey Robinson.

Shawn Marvin Short; driving under the influence; judgment withheld for one year; \$1,000 fine, \$800 suspended, \$78.50 court costs, \$35 probation fee; one year supervised probation; 180 days in jail, 178 suspended, credit for one day served; 180-day driver's license suspension; Magistrate Judge Casey Robinson.

Misdemeanor dismissals Rafael Ayala Beltan; failure to appear for a misdemeanor citation; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Casey Robinson.

Felony arraignments William Henry Lewis; possession

of a controlled substance; use or possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use (misdemeanor); pretrial conference March 1; District Judge Barry Wood.

Antonette Michelle Martinez; possession of a controlled substance; use or possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use (misdemeanor); motion to suppress Jan. 11; District Judge Barry Wood.

Dixie Ann Parker; possession of a controlled substance; use or possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use (misdemeanor); pretrial conference March 8; District Judge Barry Wood.

Daniel Jaye Putman; driving under the influence; use or possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use (misdemeanor); pretrial conference March 1; District Judge Barry Wood.

Felony sentencing's James R. Hunsell III; possession of a controlled substance; \$80.50 court costs; three years supervised probation; two years determinate probation; three months in jail, 120 days served; fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer; driving under the influence (misdemeanor); privilege (misdemeanor); dismissed by prosecutor; District Judge Barry Wood.

Felony dismissals Andy Steven Conklin; criminal conspiracy; burglary; grand theft; fraudulent use of a financial transaction card; dismissed by prosecutor; District Judge Barry Wood.

Civil Advanced Collection Technology vs. Paul L. Sauvevin; Seeking \$1,635.37, plus interest; \$500 attorney fees. Plaintiff alleges that defendant owes for accounts assigned to the plaintiff for collection.

Idaho Collection Bureau vs. Kristina Thiemann, also known as Kristina Dillon. Seeking \$1,425.35, plus interest \$105.88; attorney fees of \$475. Plaintiff alleges that defendant owes for accounts assigned to the plaintiff for collection.

Child support cases State of Idaho Health and Welfare vs. Christopher S. Gilbert and Angela M. Mallane. Seeking of Mr. Gilbert: \$328 monthly support for Hannah R. Mallane, plus 65 percent of child's medical expenses; \$3,012 for his pro rata share of birth costs; attorney fees.

State of Idaho Health and Welfare vs. John Edward Lorenzo and Aolily M. Lorenzo. Seeking of wife Lorenzo: 39 percent of child's medical expenses for Nichole A. Lorenzo and Patrick A. Lorenzo; attorney fees.

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Rock on

The Young Dubliners will usher in 2005 with a concert tonight at the Big Easy Concert House in Boise.



That's funny

The Toronto-based Second City touring comedy troupe will do shows Wednesday and Thursday night at the Liberty Theater in Hailey.

You're the star

Open microphone night will be featured Thursday at Java in Twin Falls. No cover charge.

Ice is nice

Spectators are welcome at the annual Freeze on Skis water-skiing-for-charity fundraiser at Shoshone Falls Park at noon on Saturday. Water-skiers, knee-boarders and wake-boarders have gathered pledges, and proceeds go to the families of Magic Valley servicemen and women in Iraq. There's no charge to watch.

Nora times 2

The Bob Nora Band will perform Saturday night at Mixers in Kimberly and Wednesday night at The Oasis in Twin Falls.

For times, dates and details, see Events Spotlight on Pages C5-7

Champagne basics

Although there are many types of sparkling wine, champagne usually refers to a specific type developed in France's Champagne region in the late 17th century. The bubbles in champagne naturally arise from Champagne's cold climate and short growing season. Out of necessity, the grapes are picked late in the year. Fermentation begins in the fall but is slowed down by the onset of the first frost. Come spring, a second fermentation process occurs, but this time in the bottle. This second fermentation creates carbon dioxide, which is trapped in the bottle and released when the bottle is uncorked—unleashing tiny bubbles.

Seventeenth-century winemakers such as Benedictine monk Dom Perignon considered the bubbles an imperfection and are believed to have spent much time trying to eradicate them. But eventually, unable to avoid the bubbles, Dom Perignon instead enhanced the process for creating the bubbly beverage, developing the *methode champenoise* for making champagne. Among Perignon's contributions were the blending of grapes from different villages, and the use of corks and stronger bottles to prevent the contents from bursting under the pressure of the trapped carbon dioxide.

Champagne often refers only to wines produced in the Champagne region of France using the *methode champenoise*. Sparkling wines made in other areas are usually given different names, such as spumante in Italy or sekt in Germany. The exceptions are some wines produced in the United States, which also are labeled as champagne.

Source: National Restaurant Association

Serving tips

Champagne-and-wine consultant Jean-Louis Carbonnier, based in New York City, recommends the following guidelines for storing and serving champagne:

How to store

Champagne wines should be kept in a cool, dark place away from heat, light, vibrations and severe temperature variations.

How to chill

Before serving, chill the wine well, but do not freeze it. Champagne is best chilled by placing the bottle in a bucket filled with ice and water for 30 to 40 minutes.

How to open

Slant the bottle at a 45-degree angle away from guests. Put a thumb on the cork, twist the cork and loosen the wire muzzle. Grasp the cork firmly; twist the bottle slowly and let the pressure help push out the cork. Allow a light and merry pop.

How to serve

Champagne is best served in tall flutes or tulip glasses, at a temperature of 42 to 47 degrees F. If serving champagne — especially a vintage or prestige cuvee — with food, the temperature should be closer to 50 degrees F. Tiny bubbles will rise in a continuous stream. When serving, pour a small quantity of wine into each glass and allow it to settle. Then fill each glass two-thirds full.

How much

For a champagne aperitif at cocktail hour, allow one bottle for every three to four guests. When serving champagne at a meal, count on one bottle for every two to three people. For the traditional champagne toast at a wedding, one bottle can serve six to 10 people.

Source: National Restaurant Association

Bubbly varieties

Every champagne house or grower offers a range of different wines. Varieties include:

• **Blanc de Blancs.** Wines made primarily from chardonnay, the exclusive white grape variety of the Champagne region. Literally translated, the phrase means "white of whites."

• **Blanc de Noirs.** A white or slightly tinted wine made from black grapes, usually pinot noir. The tint comes from the pigments in the grape skins. Literally translated, the phrase means "white of blacks."

• **Brut.** A champagne's style that is very dry. meaning it has little or no residual sugar, usually between 0 percent and 1.5 percent.

• **Cuvee.** A blend of many still (nonsparkling) wines designed to become a well-balanced champagne. Prestige cuvees are the finest champagnes that a producer makes and are made from the most subtle and distinctive wines.

• **Demi-Sec.** A sweet champagne that contains between 3.3 percent and 5 percent residual sugar.

• **Rose.** A champagne with a slightly pink tint that may come from the addition of a small portion of red wine to the cuvee or from contact with grape skins.

• **Vintage.** Champagnes produced exclusively from the wines of a single harvest. Producers "declare a vintage" only in exceptional years.

Source: National Restaurant Association

HERE'S TO



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CHAMPAGNE

Everything you need to know about bubbly

"The night they invented champagne it's plain as it can be."

From "The Night They Invented Champagne" from "Gigi" by Alan Jay Lerner and Frederick Loewe

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The bottles are green, the bubbles are gold and you drink it once a year.

What else do you need to know about champagne?

Quite a lot, actually. "Technically, champagne is produced only in the Champagne region of France," said Jeannette Fuller, wine manager for Rudy's — A Cook's Paradise, a Twin Falls culinary emporium. "Everything else is just sparkling wine."

Maybe so, but the pretenders account for the vast majority of U.S. champagne sales, and there are labels and price-ranges very far from, say, a \$336-a-bottle Dom Perignon 1995 Brut rose.

"In general, with champagne you get what you pay for," Fuller said. "There are a few basic varieties, but great variation in quality."

The \$5 champagne you pick off the bottom shelf at the supermarket is likely to be a Brut — very dry, containing very little sugar — or an Asti, a sweet variety that originated in northern Italy. And it'll be non-vintage, which means it's made from several different harvests, rather than from grapes gathered in a single year. Such *vin ordinaire* accounts for about four-fifths of the American sparkling wine market.

But walk up a flight, say to the \$12-

\$18 price range, and the possibilities proliferate.

"There are some very nice mid-range champagnes," Fuller said, including an Italian sparkling wine called Prosecco.

Prosecco comes from the region around Venice, and — unlike classic Champagne — is aged very little, giving the wine a fresher taste.

Rudy's champagnes top out at \$16 a bottle, and include Moet and Chandon White Star, Duval-Leroy Paris, C.H. Mumm Brut Jubileum, Moet and Chandon Brut Imperial, all from France; Sofia Blanc de Blanc, a sparkler produced by the California winery co-owned by filmmaker Francis Ford Coppola, and two champagnes from the Golden State's Napa Valley: Greg Norman Estates Sparkling Pinot and Barcoff Bubbly.

Please see CHAMPAGNE, Page C3

New Year's Eve offers many choices in Magic Valley

The Times-News

A roundup of New Year's Eve fun in the Magic and Wood river valleys tonight:

John Deere green

"Nineties Nashville honky-tonker Joe Diffus will do two shows at Casitas Petes Resort Casino in Jackpot, at 8 and 10 p.m. Tickets, which are \$30, \$35 and \$40, can be reserved by phoning (800) 421-1113. Diffus will also do two shows, at 8 and 10 p.m., on Saturday night."

Watch the ball

Twin Falls' Old Towne merchants have organized the dropping of large copper balls from the silos behind the Depot Grill at midnight. It's free, and

Phat Eddy's and the Depot Grill will offer dinner specials.

The boys from Clayton

Clayton, Idaho's own Willy and Cody Braun and their Texas-based all-country band Reckless Kelly will perform at The Mint Bar in Hailey at 10 p.m. A balloon drop and champagne toast is scheduled for midnight and breakfast will be served at 1 a.m. Tickets, which are \$75, are available at Big Bad Bills in Hailey and Twist and Trout Music in Keetchikan, by phoning 788-MINT, or at the door.

Big fun in Albion

The Bronsons will play for a New Year's Eve party at 8:30 p.m. at the Marsh Creek Event Center in Albion. Snacks and party fa-

vors will be provided. Cost is \$7.50 per person or \$15 for couples; must be 21 to attend. The Marsh Creek Event Center is located at 899 S. Highway 77.

Art and fun

Keetchikan's Ochi Gallery will host a New Year's Eve gala, featuring performances by Katherine Edson, Mark Nelwirth and David Neuman of the Sun Valley Summer Symphony. Tickets are \$50, and all proceeds go to the symphony. For reservations, call 788-4616. The Ochi Gallery is located at 119 Lewis St.

Dance at Roseland

The Roseland Band will play for a New Year's Eve dance from 8 p.m. to midnight at the Roseland Crystal Ballroom in Filer.

Cover charge is \$10 per person or \$18 per couple. The Roseland Crystal Ballroom is located at 523 Main St.

A Blissful new year

The Hellhounds will play for a New Year's Eve party from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. at the Cadwans and Angels Bar and Grill in Bliss. No cover charge. The Outlaws and Angels Bar and Grill is located at 204 Highway 30.

Dine and dance

The Lighthouse Room at the Sun Valley Resort will host a sit-down New Year's Eve dinner starting at 8:45 p.m., with music and dancing to Barry Core and the Sound of Music and the Paul Tibbitt Trio. Tickets, which are \$145, include party favors and a

bottle of champagne. For reservations, call 622-4111.

Dinner at Shakers

The Fugitives will play for a New Year's Eve party at 8:30 p.m. at Shakers in Declo. The event will include a potluck with Shakers furnishing the meat. Party favors will be provided. No cover charge. Reservations are recommended and will not be held after 8:30 p.m. To make reservations, call 654-4421. Shakers is located at 826 Highway 81.

Pure country

Pure Country will play for a New Year's Eve party from 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. at Toponis in Gooding. No cover charge. Toponis is located at 413 Main. Please see NEW YEARS, Page C3

WEEKEND

ANNIVERSARIES 'Grease' auditions will be Jan. 9-10

THE HASTINGSSES
GOODYING — Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln Hastings of Goodying will be honored at a private celebration for their 50th wedding anniversary.

They have resided in Boise, Payette and Caldwell, and have resided in Goodying since 1971. Their children include Linda Hastings, Connie (Tim) Alexander and Donna (Bryan) Ludwig. The couple has six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

THE HEWARD'S
BURLLEY — Mr. and Mrs. Gerald B. Heward of Burley celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Dec. 30 with their 10 children and spouses attending a session at the Bountiful LDS Temple.



Heward and Dora Wigley were married Dec. 28, 1944, in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. They have lived in Burley in the Ohmy and View areas. He has taught school and also farmed. She has been a homemaker and mother. They have been active in various organizations of the LDS Church, Cassia County Teachers Credit Association, Burley Music Club and Daughters of the Utah Pioneers.



Dora and Gerald Heward and Lorn Heward, all of the Burley area.

The Times-News
TWIN FALLS — The Dilettantes of the Magic Valley will hold auditions on Jan. 9-10 for their upcoming production of Jim Jacobs and Warren Casey's musical "Grease."

Auditions are open to anyone interested, with or without acting and singing experience. The parts are suitable for teenagers and adults. For more information, call Sharon Warner at 733-7321. "Grease" is scheduled March 18-20 and March 24-26 in the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium.

Magic Valley Youth Orchestra rehearsals will start on Jan. 8

The Times-News
TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Youth Orchestra will have rehearsals for its winter session on Jan. 8.

The first rehearsal will start at 9:30 a.m. on the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium. The orchestra is under the direction of Diane Davis and consists of young musicians from throughout the Magic Valley. Anyone interested in joining the Magic Valley Youth Orchestra may contact Judy Call at 734-7335.

Guitarist Hank Garland dies

Los Angeles Times

Hank "Sugarfoot" Garland, country, rock and jazz guitarist known for his technical expertise and innovations such as the memorable musical riff on Elvis Presley's recording "Little Sister," has died. He was 74.

Garland, who also performed with the Everly Brothers, Roy Orbison, Conway Twitty, George Jones and Gary Burton, died Monday in Orange Park, Fla., of a staph infection. Presley had run through "Little Sister" twice in a Nashville, Tenn., recording studio by 2:30 a.m. June 16, 1961, and the song wasn't working. The legendary singer suddenly stopped the music and pleaded, "I think help me out of this one."

Garland, known for his spontaneous bursts of music, came up with the eight-note riff that lifted the recording from humdrum to dazzling and helped make it a hit. Wolf Marshall, author of "The Cutters of Elvis," described Garland, who worked with Presley for four years, as "a quintessential Nashville studio guitarist." Presley called Garland "one of the finest guitar players anywhere in the world." Shortly after the "Little Sister" recording session, however, Garland was thrown from his station wagon when it overturned in a crash. He was 31. He returned to work, talk and play guitar. But he never regained his coordination or musical memory, and his brilliant riffs, solos and innovative fingering drifted into history.

ENGAGEMENT

PORTER-CALL
TWIN FALLS — Terry Porter of Meridian and Verdon Smith of Middleton announce the engagement of their daughter, MeDynn Porter, to Matthew Charles Call, son of Ben and Judy Call of Twin Falls.



Matthew Call and MeDynn Porter from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 8, 2005, at the LDS Church on Caswell Avenue West in Twin Falls.

Porter is majoring in biology education at Utah State University. She has her associate's degree from Brigham Young University-Idaho. Call is a graduate of Twin Falls High School. He served an LDS mission to Paraguay. He is majoring in public health at Utah State University.

The wedding is planned for Friday, Dec. 31, at the Boise Temple. An open house will be held

JUMP Company plans to hold auditions next week

The Times-News
TWIN FALLS — The Junior Musical Playhouse Company will hold auditions on Jan. 7-8 for its winter production, "Tied to the Moon."

Koffer at 734-3054 from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday. The production is scheduled for Feb. 25-26 at the Hoyer Auditorium. For more information on JUMP Company auditions, visit the Web site at www.jumpcompany.org.

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Godby exhibit opens Thursday

The Times-News
BOISE — Paintings by Idaho cowboy and artist Dyck Godby will go on display at the Eighth Street Center on Thursday. The exhibit will run through Feb. 25, with a reception scheduled for Thursday from 5-7 p.m. The Eighth Street Center is located at 200 N. Eighth St. Gallery hours are noon to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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New Years

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Sun Valley new year

The Sun Valley Resort will host a cocktail party, dance and sit-down dinner at 8 p.m. in the Lodge Dining Room, with music by the Joe Maccurro Trio. Tickets, which are \$195, include a bottle of champagne. For ticket information, call 622-2101.

Rock and country

Timeline will play for a New Year's Eve party from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Mr. Bill's in Jerome. No cover charge. Mr. Bill's is located at 101 N. Alder.

Wild things

Wild Side will play for a New Year's Eve party from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at Montana No cover charge. TJ's Lounge is located at 112 Broadway Ave. S.

Party at the Roosevelt

Katium's Roosevelt Tavern will host a New Year's Eve party and dance, with music by Muse Inc. Dinner will be served until 10 p.m., followed by free champagne and party favors at midnight. Dinner tickets are \$20 per person; otherwise, the cover charge is \$25. For reservations, call 726-0051.

Boot-scootin'

Country Classics will play for a New Year's Eve party from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at Montana Steakhouse in Twin Falls. No cover charge.

cover charge. Montana Steakhouse is located at 1826 Canyon Crest Drive.

Dinner at The Mint

Haley's Mint Bar will host a three-course New Year's Eve dinner, with seatings at 7 and 8:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$25, can be reserved by phoning 788-MINT.

Boogie at Woody's

Onctle Shack will play for a New Year's Eve party from 10 p.m. until closing at Woody's Sports Bar and Grill in Twin Falls. Cover charge is \$3. Party favors will be provided. Woody's is located at 213 Fifth Ave. S.

Midnight at The Oasis.

Split Second will play for a New Year's Eve party from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at The Oasis in Twin Falls. No cover charge. The Oasis is located at 1007 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

New Year's at Whiskey's

Ketchum's Whiskey Jacques will host a New Year's Eve party with music by Marmalade Hill. Cover charge is \$40, which includes party favors and champagne at midnight.

Party in Paul

Crazy Red will play for a New Year's Eve party from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Brutus in Paul. Party favors will be provided. Advance tickets, which are \$8 per person or \$15 per couple, are available at Brutus or by phoning 438-

2767. Tickets are also available at the door for \$10 per person. Brutus is located at 118 E. Idaho St.

Silver Dollar fun

Bellevue's Silver Dollar will host a New Year's Eve party with music by Audioophile. The \$5 cover charge includes champagne, food and party favors.

Karaoke in Twin Falls

Karaoke with Lone Star Entertainment will be featured from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Pioneer Club in Twin Falls. No cover charge. The Pioneer Club is located at 1519 Kimberly Road.

Sing along in Burley

Karaoke will be featured from 8 p.m. to midnight at the 610 Club in Burley. The 610 Club is located at 1054 Overland Ave.

More Burley karaoke

A Karaoke contest will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Cheers in Burley. Cheers is located at 163 West U.S. Highway 30.

Music at midnight.

Moonlight Madness Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Blue Room in Rupert. No cover charge. The Blue Room is located at 613 Fremont Ave.

Klover Klub karaoke

Karaoke will be featured from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Klover Klub Lounge in Twin Falls. The Klover Klub is located at 402 Main N.

Champagne

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But if you're looking for an Idaho champagne, your choices are limited, even though, like France's Champagne region, Idaho has a relatively short growing season — and hence is, in theory, good champagne country.

"St. Chapelle is the only Idaho champagne that I know of," Fuller said.

There are actually two St. Chapelle sparklers on the market. Sparkling Brut, made at St. Chapelle's winery outside Caldwell, is made of chardonnay and pinot noir grapes harvested early. The grapes are first crushed and fermented into still wines, then assembled into a traditional blend of 70 percent chardonnay and 30 percent pinot noir, which is then put through a cool secondary fermentation to produce the bubbles. Chardonnay is the backbone of this wine, with the pinot noir adding a richness and complexity to the structure.

"It's a basic Brut," Fuller said. "Very popular and marketed very widely in the Northwest."

The second product is St. Chapelle Sparkling Riesling, which starts with Johannisberg Riesling grapes to make a chardonnay or a blend of still wines transformed into a sparkler. Whitegrapes are harvested early, and the grapes are first crushed and fermented into a still wine

Clink!

Consumption of champagne/sparkling wines in the U.S., in gallons:

Year	U.S. produced	Foreign produced	Total
2003	17.8 million	10.5 million	28.3 million
2002	17.3 million	9.7 million	27.0 million
2001	16.9 million	9.8 million	26.7 million
2000	17.8 million	12.6 million	30.4 million
1999	24.4 million	8.8 million	33.2 million
1998	20.0 million	8.2 million	28.2 million
1997	21.5 million	8.1 million	29.6 million
1996	21.5 million	8.0 million	30.5 million
1995	23.0 million	8.1 million	31.0 million
1994	25.0 million	8.1 million	33.1 million
1993	25.3 million	8.1 million	33.4 million
1992	24.7 million	8.7 million	33.4 million
1991	25.4 million	10.3 million	35.7 million
1990	27.6 million	12.0 million	39.6 million

Source: The Wine Institute

and then put through a cool secondary fermentation to produce the sparkle.

Both wines retail for about \$8. St. Chapelle sparkling wines, like all champagnes, should be served chilled, of course, but Fuller says it's possible to serve champagne too cold.

"If you over-chill champagne, you lose some of the taste," she said. "The best way to serve it is in an ice bucket filled half with ice and half with water."

"Champagne and refrigerators don't mix for long, she says. If you're storing champagnes for more than a few days, keep them in a cool place other than the fridge.

And when you serve champagne, you don't *have* to drink the whole bottle.

Stoppers are available for about \$3 that will contain the bubbles for as long as several weeks, Fuller says.

While you don't need to drink champagne from a traditional flute, that's the best way to appreciate the taste.

"The advantage of the champagne flute is that it's a narrow glass that concentrates the flavor," she said.

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Video watch

Anchorman

This Will Ferrell comedy is a hilarious parody of the news industry. It's a comedy that's as funny as a punchline.

PG-13

Written by Ferrell and director Andy McKay, it's former Saturday Night Live writer, "Anchorman" rests on the likable funniness of Ferrell and his bag of unexpected tricks.

Contains cartoonish violence (a car crash); some obscenity; sexual situations; banter and an entire rendition of "Afternoon Delight."

Resident Evil: Apocalypse

Less a sequel to 2002's \$100 million grossing "Resident Evil" than a regular video game than a next genre level.

R

"Resident Evil: Apocalypse" returns the evergreen favorite biochemical warfare Allen (Michelle Rodriguez) to Raccoon City to battle persistent though undead, corpses and the evil Umbrella Corp. This time, a biogenetically enhanced Alice's bubbly from two popular "Resident Evil"

New T.F. theater troupe plans auditions

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Auditions for the Mad Hat Theatre Company will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Jan. 8 at the Radio Rondeau, 241 Main Ave. W.

The newly formed company will perform both contemporary and classical plays, with the first production scheduled

for late February and early March.

Adult male and female actors are needed, and no prior stage experience is necessary.

Auditions should involve reading from a script or a prepared monologue.

Audition records will be kept for future productions.

The Mad Hat Theatre Company's artistic director Michael Johnson holds a master's of fine arts degree in directing from the University of Idaho. He is an experienced instructor of theater and communications at the university level, and is a veteran of stage and screen acting. For more information, contact Johnson at 420-5567.

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WEEKEND

'Fockers,' 'Lemony,' 'Fat Albert' top M.V. movie screens

Continuing

'Alexander'
Oliver Stone's over-the-top story of paganism and Freudianism stars Colin Farrell, in blond mullet and toga minkie, as the conqueror duke known as Alexander the Great. Angelina Jolie, with a frizzy-curlieup accent, port pythons and Medusa hair, plays his mother, Olympias, and Val Kilmer, recasting a debauched Cyclops, is his father, Philip. 2 hrs. 53 (violent battle scenes, nudity, sex)

'The Aviator'
Martin Scorsese's look at a pivotal 20 years of Howard Hughes' life is a traditional wide screen epic of the old school, the kind of meticulously executed extravaganza, complete with an all-star cast, that the director has admired for years. With Leonardo DiCaprio in the title role and lots of cameras they isn't that hard to see why Scorsese's tendency to be show-offy. Here he's put all his technique, energy and style at the service of a story we can't look away from, at least initially (2:49) PG-13 for thematic elements, sexual content, nudity, language and a crash sequence.

'Blade: Trinity'
In the third film of the horror franchise, vampire hunter Wesley Snipes gets upstaged by a fanged Pomeranian and sitcom second banana Ryan Reynolds, strutting his earnest star in comic comedy. With Parker Posey. It (strong violence, profanity, sexual content)

'Christmas with the Kranks'
Tim Allen and Jamie Lee Curtis star in this brutally boring family farce about a couple who decide to forgo the usual holiday rituals, thereby alienating their neighbors and friends. Adapted from John Grisham's "Skipping Christmas" — and would that it hadn't been. 1 hr. 38 PG (profanity, adult themes)

'Closer'
Jude Law, Julia Roberts, Clive Owen and Natalie Portman star in this four-way roundelay about lust, longing and the cruel things people do to one another in the name of love. Directed with much cool sophistication by Mike Nichols, working from playwright Patrick Marber's own screen adaptation. R (profanity, nudity, adult themes)

'Darkness'
An American teen and her family move into a strange old house in the Spanish countryside and are tormented from

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"The Aviator"
Halley/Ketchum/Sun Valley
Magic Lantern
"The Aviator"
"Meet the Fockers"
"Ocean's Twelve"

Jerome
Jerome Cinema
"Lemony Snicket's Series of Unfortunate Events"
"Meet the Fockers"
"National Treasure"
"Ocean's Twelve"

Gooding
Gooding Cinema
"Lemony Snicket's Series of Unfortunate Events"
"National Treasure"

'The Incredibles'
A movie with the sweet soul of "Toy Story" and the boisterous spirit of "Spy Kids." Brad Pitt's eye-popping cartoon boasts a pro-family, pro-tort reform agenda and a witty, atomic-modern style. It resembles the way the future looked circa 1954, if pop artist Roy Lichtenstein had designed rockerships for NASA and ranchers for suburban developers. PG (animated violence, suspense, suitable for children 4 and older)

'Kinsey'
Intelligently written and directed with a pleasing frankness by Bill Condon and well played by Liam Neeson, Laura Linney and a strong supporting cast, this film based on the life of Indiana University Professor Alfred Kinsey skillfully uses the form of old Hollywood to tell a daring story. Kinsey and his team collected 18,000 sexual histories, still considered the most extensive portrait of human sexual behavior ever assembled, and exposed a serious gap between public moral rhetoric and private bedroom behavior that bedevils us today. In his private life, Kinsey was unapologetically bisexual and given to mischievous behavior that extended to self-mutilation. Fitting all these questions and controversy into a film biography is a daunting task, but Condon succeeds by employing a dispassionate tone that ends up echoing Kinsey's own (1:58) R for pervasive sexual content.

'Flight of the Phoenix'
A worthy remake of Robert Aldrich's terrific 1965 original film. Director John Moore and writers Scott Frank and Edward Burns have done an excellent job of retaining the key elements of the original plot and creating an entirely new set of characters that give the film a crisp contemporary feel. Dennis Quaid's surly captain has flown to Mongolia to evacuate a crew of unsuccessful oil riggers only to run afoul of an epic sandstorm over the Gobi Desert on the return flight. It becomes quickly clear that if the passengers are to have a hope of survival after a crash landing they will have to rebuild their damaged plane. Just as lively and suspenseful as the original. With Giovanni Ribisi, Tyrese Gibson, Miranda Otto, Hugh Laurie. (1:52) PG-13 for some language, action and violence.

including some graphic images and descriptions.

'Ladder 49'
This heartfelt tribute to firefighters falls as a drama but succeeds as a "When bad things happen to good firemen" procedural. With Joaquin Phoenix and John Travolta. PG-13 (intense fire and rescue scenes, profanity)

'Lemony Snicket's Series of Unfortunate Events'
Based on the children's book series of the same name, this is a tale of unmitigated disaster related in a high Wildean style. Abruptly orphaned when a fire burns their parents to a crisp, the clever Baudelaire children (Emily Browning, Liam Aiken, Kara and Shelby Hoffman) are ignored, mistreated or worse by their evil uncle, Count Olaf (Jim Carrey); thespian, miscreant and impunctuous fancy pants, who plans to kill the children and take their money. If anyone knows his way around the part of scary actor, it's Carrey. But what the movie lacks is anything that might infuse it with the sense of true dread that keeps kids coming back for the viles. With Meryl Streep. Directed by Brad Silberling. (1:48) PG for thematic elements, scary situations and brief language.

'The Life Aquatic with Steve Zissou'
On the face of it, Wes Anderson's movie is an adventure tale about a Jacques Cousteau-on-the-skids-type (Bill Murray) who decides to pull an Alub on the shark that ate his buddy. But mostly, like all of Anderson's movies, it's about the way nostalgia works on people. Co-written with Noah Baumbach, this is an exquisitely evocative movie that elevates mild melancholia to its apex. It does that thing movies used to think they were supposed to do — paint with light, sculpt in time, drive you nuts with longing for something hard to pinpoint that you probably never had, deliver an emotional experience from which you won't recover. With Cate Blanchett, Anjelica Huston,

Willem Dafoe, Jeff Goldblum and Michael Gambon. (1:58) R for language, some drug use, violence and partial nudity.

'Meet the Fockers'
The sequel to the 2000 hit "Meet the Parents" brings back Ben Stiller as Greg (the Gaylord)

Focker, the mild-mannered nurse who suffered humiliation at the hands of his girlfriend's (Teri Polo) father, Jack (Robert De Niro) — a former CIA operative, surveillance enthusiast and psycho-hug. Two years later, Greg is ready to introduce her
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Dance/Utah
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EVENTS SPOTLIGHT

for a New Year's Eve dance from 8 p.m. to midnight at the Roseland Crystal Ballroom. Cover charge is \$10 per person or \$18 per couple. The Roseland Crystal Ballroom is located at 523 Main St.

Variety/Bliss
The Hellhounds will play for a New Year's Eve party from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. at the Outlaws and Angels Bar and Grill. No cover charge. The Outlaws and Angels Bar and Grill is located at 204 Highway 30.

Country/Declo
The Fugitives will play for a New Year's Eve party at 8:30 p.m. at Shakers. The event will include a potluck with Shakers furnishing the meat. Party favors will be provided. No cover charge. Reservations are recommended and will not be held after 8:30 p.m. To make reservations, call 854-4021. Shakers is located at 826 Highway 81.

Country/Gooding
Pure Country will play for a New Year's Eve party from 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. at Teponis. No cover charge. Teponis is located at 413 Main.

Country-Rock/Jerome
Timeline will play for a New Year's Eve party from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Mr. Bills. No cover charge. Mr. Bills is located at 101 N. Alder.

Variety/Buhl
Wild Side will play for a New Year's Eve party from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at T.J.'s Lounge. No cover charge. T.J.'s Lounge is located at 112 Broadway Ave. S.

Country/Twin Falls
Country Classics will play for a New Year's Eve party from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at Montana Steakhouse. No cover charge. Montana Steakhouse is located at 1826 Canyon Crest Drive.

Variety/Twin Falls
Oracle Shack will play for a New Year's Eve party from 10 p.m. until closing at Woody's Sports Bar and Grill. Cover charge is \$3. Party favors will be provided. Woody's is located at 213 Fifth Ave. S.

Rock/Twin Falls
Split Second will play for a New Year's Eve party from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at The Oasis. No cover charge. The Oasis is located at 1007 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

Variety/Paul
Crazy Red will play for a New Year's Eve party from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Bruths. Party favors will be provided. Advanced tickets, which are \$8 per person or \$15 per couple, are available at Bruths or by phoning 438-2767. Tickets are also available at the door for \$10 per person. Bruths is located at 118 E. Idaho St.

Variety/Grand View
Buck and The Bad Dawgs will play for a New Year's Eve party at 8 p.m. at JC Landing on Main Street. No cover charge.

Karaoke/Twin Falls
Karaoke with Lone Star Entertainment will be featured from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Pioneer Club. No cover charge. The Pioneer Club is located at 1519 Kimberly Road.

Karaoke/Burley
Karaoke will be featured from 8 p.m. to midnight at the 610 Club. The 610 Club is located at 1054 Overland Ave.

Karaoke/Burley
Karaoke contest will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Cheers. Cheers is located at 163 West U.S. Highway 30.

Karaoke/Twin Falls
Karaoke will be featured from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Clover Klub Lounge. The Clover Klub is located at 402 Main N.

Rock/Idaho
Young Dubliners will perform at the Big Easy Concert House at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$29.50, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-1027, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum.

The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

Theater/Ketchum
Actor Jim Jarett's one-man performance of Leonard Nimoy's "Vincent" is scheduled for 7 p.m. at the nextStage Theater. Tickets, which are \$15 and \$25, can be reserved by phoning 726-4857.

Country/Jackpot
Joe Diffe will do two shows a night, at 8 and 10 p.m., on at Cactus Pines Resort Casino. Tickets, which are \$30, \$35 and \$40, can be reserved by phoning (800) 821-1103.

Variety/Kimberly
Bob Nora Band will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Mixers. No cover charge. Mixers is located at 105 Main St.


Country/Twin Falls
Country Classics will play from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at Montana Steakhouse. No cover charge. Montana Steakhouse is located at 1826 Canyon Crest Drive.

Karaoke/Twin Falls
Karaoke with Lone Star Entertainment will be featured from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Pioneer Club. Please see EVENTS, Page C6


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near Club. No cover charge. The Pioneer Club is located at 1519 Kimberly Road.

Karaoke/Twin Falls

Karaoke will be featured from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Klover Klub Lounge. The Klover Klub is located at 402 Main N.

Karaoke/Burley

Karaoke will be featured from 8 p.m. to midnight at the 610 Club. The 610 Club is located at 1054 Overland Ave.

Karaoke/Burley

Kroakers Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Riverside. No cover charge. The Riverside is located at 197 Highway 30W.

Country/Boise

Reckless Kelly will play the Big Easy Concert House at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$10, can be reserved by phoning (800) 865-4827, online at <http://www.recklesskelly.com> or at Adkison's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

SUNDAY

Theater/Ketchum

Actor Jim Barrett's one-man performance of Leonard Nimoy's "Vincent" is scheduled for 7 p.m. at the NextStage Theater. Tickets, which are \$15 and \$25, can be reserved by phoning 726-4877.

Karaoke/Twin Falls

Karaoke will be featured from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Klover Klub Lounge. The Klover Klub is located at 402 Main N.

MONDAY

Karaoke/Burley

Kroakers Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Rendezvous Lounge. No cover charge. The Rendezvous Lounge is located at 109 E. Main St.

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TUESDAY

Karaoke/Burley

Kroakers Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at George K's East Restaurant. No cover charge. George K's is located at 325 E. Third N.

WEDNESDAY

Comedy/Hailey

The Second City will perform at the Liberty Theater in Hailey at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$20 and \$25, can be reserved by phoning 578-9122.

Variety/Twin Falls

Bob Nora Band will play from 8 p.m. to midnight at The Oasis. No cover charge. The Oasis is located at 1007 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

Karaoke/Twin Falls

P & D Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Montana Steakhouse. No cover charge. Montana Steakhouse is located at 1826 Canyon Crest Drive.

Karaoke/Paul

Karaoke with Full Moon Music Madness will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Bruhars. Bruhars is located at 110 E. Idaho St.

THURSDAY

Variety/Twin Falls

Open microphone night will be featured from 7 to 9 p.m. at Java. No cover charge. Java is located at 228 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

Comedy/Hailey

The Second City will perform at the Liberty Theater in Hailey at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$20 and \$25, can be reserved by phoning 578-9122.

Karaoke/Twin Falls

P & D Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Montana Steakhouse. No cover charge. Montana Steakhouse is located at 1826 Canyon Crest Drive.

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Karaoke/Twin Falls

Karaoke with Lane Star Entertainment will be featured from 8:40 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Pioneer Club. No cover charge. The Pioneer Club is located at 1519 Kimberly Road.

Karaoke/Burley

Karaoke will be featured from 8 p.m. to midnight at the 610 Club. The 610 Club is located at 1054 Overland Ave.

Karaoke/Burley

Kroakers Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Riverside. The Riverside is located at 197 W. Highway 30.

NEXT WEEKEND

Comedy/Boise

Bill Engvall will perform at the Morrison Center on the campus of Boise State University at 8 p.m. on JAN. 7. Tickets, which are \$31.25, can be reserved by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 426-1494, online <http://www.idahotickets.com> or at Albertson's in Twin Falls.

Comedy/Idaho Falls

The touring company of Second City will play the Colonial Theater at 8 p.m. on JAN. 7. Tickets, which are \$25, can be reserved by phoning (208) 522-0471. The Colonial Theater is located at 498 W. St.

Classical/Utah

The Symphony will perform the works of Beethoven and Lalo at 8 p.m. on JAN. 7-8 in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which range from \$20 to \$38, can be reserved by phoning (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

Rock/Utah

Volante will perform at Lo-Fi Cafe in Salt Lake City at 8 p.m. on JAN. 8. Tickets, which are \$9, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 880-TIXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. The Lo-Fi Cafe is located 165 South West Temple.

Country/Utah

Ty Herndon will play the Velvet Room in Salt Lake City at 7:30 p.m. on JAN. 8. Tickets, which are \$15, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 880-TIXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. The Velvet Room is located at 155 West 200 South.

NEXT MONTH

Classical/Utah

Utah Symphony will perform "Beethoven: A Life in Music" at 7 p.m. on JAN. 11 in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which are \$11 and \$17, can be reserved by phoning (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

World music/Utah

The Chieftains will perform with Utah Symphony at 8 p.m. on JAN. 14-15 in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which range from \$27 to \$45, can be reserved by phoning (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

Folk/Boise

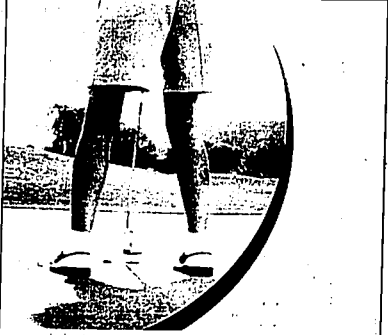
Rosalee Sorrells will perform at 8 p.m. on JAN. 15 at the Egyptian Theater. Tickets, which are \$22, can be reserved by phoning (208) 387-1273. The Egyptian Theater is located at 700 W. Main St.

Figure skating/Boise

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Jazz/Utah

Wynton Marsalis and the Lincoln Center Orchestra will perform in Kingsbury Hall on the campus of the University of Utah in Salt Lake City at 7:30 p.m. on JAN. 18. Tickets, which are \$35, \$45 and \$55, can be reserved by phoning (801) 355-2787.

Country/Ketchum

Tony Furtado will play Whiskey Jacques at 10 p.m. on JAN. 19. No

cover charge.

Gala/Twin Falls

The Lamphouse Theater will host a gala fundraiser at 7 p.m. on JAN. 19 to help local filmmaker Wes Malvini finish his film, "The Muffin Man." There will be live music by Seattle accordion player and Jason Wobley, clips from "The Muffin Man" and Malvini's previous film, "The Fear in the Freezer," as well as wine, dessert and a raffle. Tickets, which are \$10, are available by phoning 735-1861, the Lamphouse Theater at 735-8600 or the Magic Valley Arts Council office at 734-2787. The Lamphouse Theater is located at 223 Fifth Ave. S.

Dance/Bolse

Michael Flatley's Lord of the Dance will perform at the Morrison Center on the campus of Boise State University at 7:30 p.m.

on JAN. 19-20. Tickets, which are \$27.50, \$40 and \$49.50, can be reserved by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 426-1494, online at <http://www.idahotoickets.com>, or at Albertson's in Twin Falls.

Circus/Twin Falls

Magic Valley Arts on Tour will present the New Shanghai Circus, 7:30 p.m. on JAN. 20 in the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium, Twin Falls. Tickets, which are \$18 for adults and \$15 for children and seniors. Tickets, which are \$12 for adults and \$8 for children and students, are available at Everybody's Business, Kur's Pharmacy and Hallmark, Crowley's Old Time Soda Fountain, the CSI Community Education Center and the Magic Valley Arts Council office in Twin Falls, at Save-Mor Drug in Buhl, at Arlene's Flowers in Jerome, and at CSI Outreach Centers in Burley, Halley and Gooding.

Classical/Utah

Utah Symphony will perform the chamber music of Beethoven, Stravinsky and Schoenberg at 7:30 p.m. on JAN. 20 in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which are \$18 and \$28, can be reserved by phoning (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

Acappella/Buhl

The Standards will perform at the Buhl Middle School Auditorium at 7 p.m. on JAN. 21. Tickets, which are \$15, can be reserved by phoning 543-5714, or at the door.

Theater/Burley

The Mount Harrison Heritage Foundation will present Alan Jay Lerner and Frederick Loewe's "Camelot," 7:30 p.m. on JAN. 21-22 and 27-29 at the King Center. For information, call 678-0404.

Dance/Utah

Michael Flatley's Lord of the Dance will perform at Kingsbury Hall on the campus of the University of Utah at 8 p.m. on JAN. 21 and at 2 and 8 p.m. on JAN. 22. Tickets, which are \$32.50, \$42.50 and \$52.50, can be reserved by phoning ArtFix at (801) 355-2787.

Rock/Utah

Diseast will play "The Circuit" in the Salt Lake City suburb of Murray at 6 p.m. on JAN. 22. Tickets, which are \$8, can be reserved by calling (800) 888-TDCX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. The Circuit is located at 7711 South 700 West.

Opera/Utah

Utah Opera will perform Leon Janacek's "Jenufa" at 7:30 p.m. on JAN. 22-24, 26 and 28 and at 2 p.m. on JAN. 30 in Salt Lake City's Capitol Theater. Tickets, which range

from \$12 to \$58, can be reserved by phoning (801) 355-2787. The Capitol Theater is located at 50 West 200 South.

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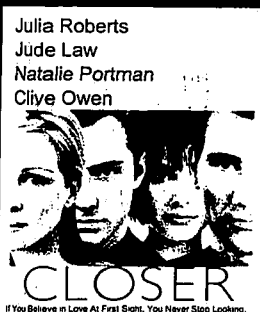
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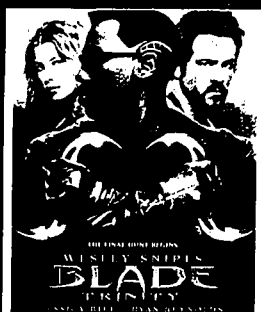
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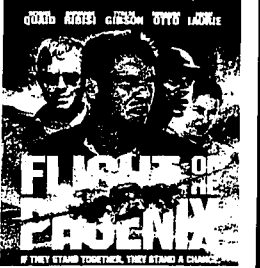
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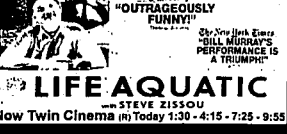
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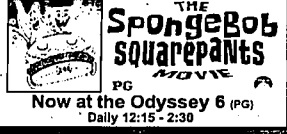


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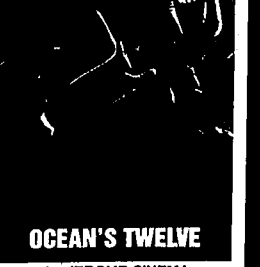


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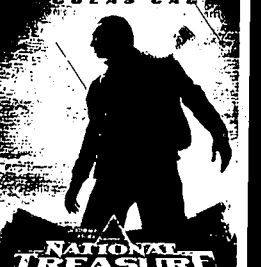


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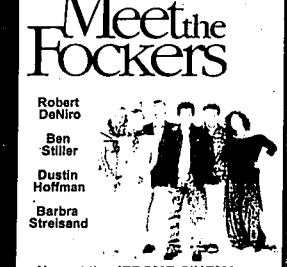
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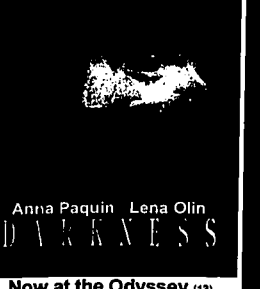
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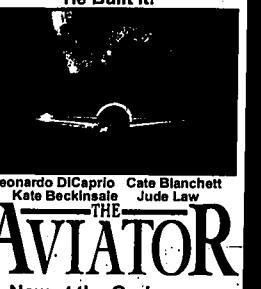


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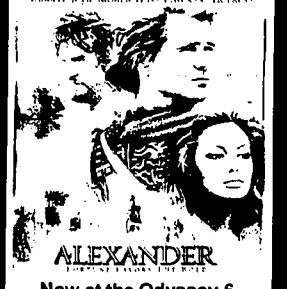
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WEEKEND

Movies

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family to his own parents, Bernie (Dustin Hoffman) and Itoz (Barbra Streisand) locker. This is one of those relatively rare comedies that's at once puny, charming and very funny throughout. Sillier, dutifully reprises his nervous routine, and Polo does what she can in a criminally bland part. Hoffman and Streisand have a blast as Bernie and Itoz, the unself-conscious free spirits who make their son into the cringing milkop he is today. Directed by Jay Roach. (1:55) PG-13 for crude and sexual humor, language and a brief drug reference.

'National Treasure'

'National Treasure' stars Nicolas Cage as Ben Gates, a cryptographer and civics geek who steals the Declaration of Independence in order to decode a treasure map engraved on the back. A hot-hungry popcorn movie, this family-friendly "treasure" may fall a notch below "Pirates of the Caribbean" on the pleasure-o-meter, but it does give American history sex appeal and celebrates a guy who relies on brainpower rather than gadgets. PG (discrete violence, suspense)

'Ocean's Twelve'

Danny Ocean's gang is back, along with newcomers and old

ies, in this loose, gaudy follow-up to Steven Soderbergh's all-star Vegas heist hit. This time, Clooney, Damon, Pitt, Roberts and company (and Zeta-Jones) hop around Amsterdam, Paris and Rome, striking poses and sending up caper pies — and themselves. It's glamorous, riffy, immensely enjoyable and almost instantly forgettable. PG-13 (sex, profanity, violence, adult themes)

'The Phantom of the Opera'

Joel Schumacher's filmed reprise of the Andrew Lloyd Webber Broadway mega-musical tends to drift in a semi-conscious fog as though purposefully trying to lose us in all the murkiness and floroco design. The story is a classic love triangle between the dashing Raoul (Patrick Wilson), Christine (Emmy Rossum), the orphaned chorus girl who's been living in the ballet dormitory since she was a child, and the title phantom (Gerard Butler), a disgraced musical genius who dwells in the basement of

the opera. Rossum is lovely and she has a pretty voice, but the real problem with the film is the problem with Andrew Lloyd Webber musicals in general. It's a slow-moving orgy of lowbrow grandiosity that's as tedious as it is overblown and pretentious. (2:23) PG-13 for brief violent images.

'The Polar Express'

Tom Hanks provides the voice and movements for live characters, including the boy hero, in this visually lavish computer animated adaptation of the Chris Van Allsburg picture book. It's about a boy in the throes of a Santa credibility crisis, who takes a magical train ride on Christmas Eve, and it feels just a wee bit padded. G (vertiginous train ride)

'Spanglish'

A comic drama about the way we live now, this is a film as contemporary as its title by writer-director James L. Brooks, who has a well-established gift for showing us who

we are. It gives us ideas to chew on, arguments to laugh at and performances to admire, but, like so many current lives, it is also somewhat in disarray, not always equal to its admirable intentions and the grace of its most successful aspects. Flor (Spanish star Paz Vega), seeking a better life for her daughter, illegally crosses the border into the U.S. and is hired as a housekeeper for an affluent family. Lea Lioni makes the most indelible impression as wife and mother Deborah, an immensely complicated character, endlessly exasperating but completely believable. Adam Sandler and Chris Leachman also star. (2:08) PG-13 for some sexual content and brief language.

Sources: Los Angeles Times, Knight Ridder News Service

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RESOLUTIONS

A Sure Fire Plan For Achieving All Your New Year's Resolutions

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Sound familiar? You've likely made resolutions like these in years past. And like most people, you make the same resolutions year in and year out, only to return to the same old habits two weeks later.

Anyone can make New Year's resolutions. But the hard part is sticking to them. To help you follow through with your goals, follow this plan:

Write it down. Record what you want to achieve and why. Each day, write down your progress toward your goal. That way, you'll be able to keep yourself in check.

Don't try to achieve the goal on your own. Tell a friend or two who will support and encourage you along the way. Read a book, visit some web sites, join a support group, seek counseling, take a course. Visual cues will help you stay focused. Wrap a loose rubber band around your finger. Stay positive. Negative thinking will get you nowhere.

Don't overextend yourself. In short, don't make too many resolutions at one time. Instead, focus on one, maybe two goals that you strongly want to accomplish.

Plan. Think about how you will achieve your goals, and plan for them accordingly. If you want to give up your morning donut, keep cereal on hand for breakfast instead. Make resolutions that you can really attain. Achieve goals slowly.

Remain flexible. Don't just give up on a resolution if it isn't working. Modify it. If you can't exercise five times a week, try to exercise three times a week. It's okay to make adjustments to your resolutions as long as you still stick with it.

Also, financial fitness for the new year is always a good plan! The most popular resolution people make each year is becoming "financially fit". Maintaining control of your finances not only helps you in the short term, it's an essential step toward achieving your financial goals in the new year — such as buying a new home, purchasing a new car, making home improvements or sending a child off to college.

What you may not realize is that your credit score, or FICO (R) score, affects your ability to achieve these goals. Fortunately, instituting only a few good practices can help you raise your credit score. A few examples are: Paying bills on time. Paying your bills on time for at least three months can raise your FICO score as much as 20 points. Paying down balances. Visit your local consumer credit agency for more advice and help.

2005 should be the year that you achieve your resolutions and reach your financial goals!

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WHAT'S ON T.V.

Basketball

California at Washington, FSNW, 8:30 p.m. 7eters at Nuggets, ESPN2, 6 p.m.

Football

Music City Bowl, Alabama vs. Minnesota, ESPN, 10 a.m. Sun Bowl, Arizona St. vs. College, Great Lake Invitational, championship, FSRW, 11 a.m.

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D'backs, Yankees reach agreement for Johnson

NEW YORK - Randy Johnson finally appears headed to New York. The Arizona Diamondbacks and Yankees reached a tentative agreement Thursday on a deal to send the Big Unit to the Bronx for pitchers Javier Vazquez and Brad Hawley, young catcher Dioner Navaro and \$9 million, a baseball official said on condition of anonymity.

Yao leads Shaq by 60K in All-Star voting

NEW YORK - Yao Ming is more than 60,000 votes ahead of Shaquille O'Neal in the race to finish No. 1 overall in NBA All-Star game balloting. Through two rounds of voting, Yao - the center for the Western Conference's Houston Rockets - has 1,373,458.

Arizona State QB gets first start in Sun Bowl

EL PASO, Texas - Purdue won't have to worry about Arizona State quarterback Devin Taylor in Friday's Sun Bowl. Taylor made his first start, which allowed O'Neal to return to action even though he had not served all of the 25-game suspension imposed by NBA commissioner David Stern.

Florida, Miami left to play for 'state title'

ATLANTA - Florida linebacker Travis Harris last played in the Georgia Dome as a freshman in 2000, when the Gators beat Auburn in the Southeastern Conference championship game. Harris figured it would become an annual trip.

Former major league umpire, pitcher dies

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. - Ken Annett, a former big-league pitcher and umpire who made one in World Series history, has died. He was 89.

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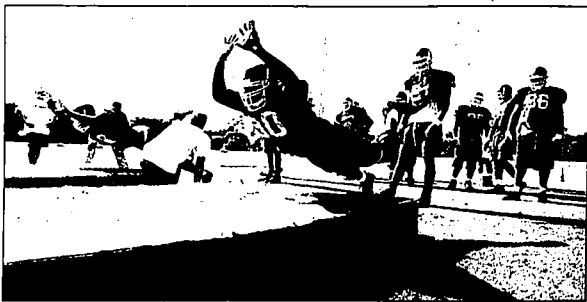
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SPORTS



Oklahoma defensive linemen practice drills Thursday in Miami. Oklahoma faces Southern California in the Orange Bowl on Jan. 4 in Miami.

Carroll, Stoops lead return to glory at tradition-rich programs

By John Nadel
Associated Press writer

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — The red T-shirt Southern California tight end Alex Holmes wore Thursday spoke volumes: "Pete Carroll for President."

A lot of people out West feel that way, no matter their political affiliation.

Of course, they weren't quite so supportive when Carroll was a surprise, unpopular choice to succeed the fired Paul Hackett as USC's coach after the 2000 season.

Bob Stoops could tell a similar story: He's wildly popular now, he wasn't when Oklahoma handed him his first head coaching job in 1998 after John Blake's dismissal.

USC and Oklahoma were tradition-rich programs that had fallen on hard times. The Trojans were 25-22 in the four years before Carroll was hired, and the Sooners were 17-27-1 in the four seasons before Stoops' arrival.

Both struggled in their first years as coach: USC was 6-6 in 2001; Oklahoma was 7-5 in 1999. And both have been exceptional since: The Trojans are 35-3 in the last three years; the Sooners are 60-6 the past five.

Those numbers say it all. The top-ranked Trojans and No. 2 Sooners bring college football's premier programs into Tuesday night's Orange Bowl, with both Carroll and Stoops in search of a second national championship.

The similarities don't stop there. "The obvious perspective you see in this game is that this is such a great matchup of two teams that have had really successful seasons and have 'like strengths,'" Carroll said Thursday. "We both play defense well, and both have big-time Heisman quarterbacks and flashy running backs and very exciting teams."

Carroll, 53, was fired as coach of the New England Patriots following the 1999 season and out of football until being hired by



Southern California tailback Reggie Bush carries the ball during practice Thursday in Davis, Fla.

USC nearly a year later.

"That was really an important year for me," he said. "I took a look at what retirement is and found out I didn't like it. It was 10 months down from football. That was fun. I enjoyed the time, but I realized I'm not ready to do that and I found the opportunity to kind of get refueled and I really did have some profound opportunity to get my football in order."

Stoops, 44, was the defensive coordinator at Florida for three years under Steve Spurrier before leading to Oklahoma.

"Joe took a big risk hiring me," Stoops said, referring to Oklahoma athletic director Joe Castiglione. "I had never been a head coach. Being last in every

offensive category, he hires a defensive coordinator from Florida, and a lot of people, they won't maybe admit it now, but they were scratching their head."

Normally, Stoops is more serious and less glib than Carroll, but he seemed relaxed and even came up with a little comedy when asked about defensive end Larry Birdline, who last week called Stoops' offense "average."

Stoops then made Birdline off limits to reporters before the Orange Bowl, but said Thursday: "It's not a big deal. You want to talk to him today? You can talk to him."

Then, after a pause, Stoops smiled and said: "Well, maybe you can't."

Steelers realize dangers of a late-season letdown

By Alan Robinson
Associated Press writer

PITTSBURGH — The Pittsburgh Steelers insist they'll play Sunday's game at Buffalo as if it is any other during their unexpectedly good season. If history is any indicator, doing so could be difficult.

With home-field advantage and a first-round playoffs bye secured, the Steelers (14-1) have little incentive other than extending a 13-game winning streak that is the longest in team history. They also can complete the first 15-1 season in team history.

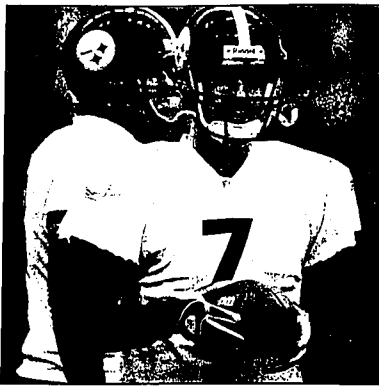
Still, that's probably not enough motivation for coach Bill Cowher to play injured quarterback Ben Roethlisberger (ribs) and running back Jerome Bettis (ankle), even though both might play if the game were more meaningful.

It's also likely the Bills will see a lot more of players such as wide receiver Lee Mays, cornerbacks Ike Taylor and Richard Colclough, center Chukky Okobi, defensive end Brett Keisel and offensive tackle Max Starks. They rarely play with the regulars and, when they do, mostly fill situational roles.

"It's still an important game for us — like I say every week, it's the biggest game for us," said Roethlisberger, who is 13-0 as a starter. "We still want to go out and win this game, no question about it. We're going to do everything we can to win this game."

Well, maybe not everything. Wide receiver Hines Ward, for example, doesn't expect to play the entire game, even though he almost certainly would if the Steelers had anything to gain.

"We can't go out there and lay down. We are approaching the playoffs so, mentally, we have to come out and take the same approach we've been



Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger (7) and backup Tommy Maddox work out Thursday in preparation for Sunday's final regular season game against the Buffalo Bills. Steelers coach Bill Cowher has said Maddox, the backup, will start Sunday against the Bills to give Roethlisberger's bruised ribs time to heal.

taking all year," Ward said. "This is an important week, we can't have any falloff knowing we've got the bye."

The game is far more important to the Bills (9-6), who have won six in a row but must win to retain their playoff hopes. The Bills are loaded with former Steelers personnel, including general manager Tom Donahoe, coach Mike Mularkey and offensive coordinator Tom Clements.

"They're playing with a lot of confidence. And they're on a roll, so teams that are peaking at the right time going into the playoffs are tough. So it would be nice to keep them out of the playoffs," said quarterback Tommy Maddox, who will make his first start since Sept. 19.

The Falcons and Eagles

talked similarly last week, only to fall flat in games that had little meaning. The Eagles treated their 20-7 loss to St. Louis on Monday night almost like an exhibition game, with quarterback Donovan McNabb playing only one series — not surprisingly the only offensive series they had.

The Steelers have played well in some meaningless games during Cowher's 13 seasons as coach, beating Cleveland 28-7 to finish the 2001 regular season and nearly upsetting Green Bay to end the 1995 season.

The Packers won 24-19 to clinch their division, yet were on the verge of losing until a wide-open Yancey Thigpen dropped a seemingly certain touchdown pass in the end zone with 11 seconds remaining.

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Defending champs struggle at home and away

By Donna Tommelio
Associated Press writer

STORRS, Conn. — Connecticut has 10 games, its top 10 ranking and a whole lot of swagger.

The three-time reigning NCAA women's basketball champions are just 6-3 — the first time they've dropped three games this early since 1992. The Huskies already were ranked 11th before losing by 16 points at home to Michigan State on Wednesday night.

They haven't been that low in the AP poll since 1994.

"What we've seen in UConn teams in the past is that attitude and that confidence. Right now, we have it sometimes, and sometimes we don't," junior guard Ann Strother said.

The setback against No. 10 Michigan State was UConn's worst home loss since 1992.

Coach Geno Auriemma saw it coming.

"I said early on this is not going to be good," Auriemma said. "We don't have any semblance of continuity."

The Huskies also don't have All-American Diana Taurasi anymore and it shows. Her hold leadership was a staple the last four years; she imposed her will on opponents and teammates. Auriemma tinkered with his lineup hoping that a leader or leaders would emerge. Instead, he's left at times with the gang that can't shoot straight.

"If you can't make open outside shots you can't win basketball games," Auriemma said. "Nobody can make a shot."

Opponents have focused on Strother, UConn's best returning shooter, and her teammates



Michigan State's Kristin Haynie tries to drive past Connecticut's Ann Strother, left, and Barbara Turner, right, during the second half in Hartford, Conn., Wednesday, Michigan State defeated Connecticut 67-51 to hand UConn its worst home loss since 1992.

have failed to capitalize on their open looks. The Huskies are making 40 percent of their shots. Junior Barbara Turner leads the team with 13.9 points a game, getting most of her offense in the paint.

Four of the last five games featured different starting lineups and 11 of 12 UConn players have started this season. Last year the starting five appeared in 35 of 36 games. With the graduation of Marla Conlon, the point guard position has been the biggest area of concern.

Freshman Mel Thomas had the last two starts at the point. Ketai Swainie, another freshman, also has taken her turn running the offense. The youngsters have big shoes to fill in a

position played in the past by Sue Bird and Jennifer Rizzotti. Auriemma mixed and matched all night Wednesday, but nothing worked against the Spartans.

"We don't have any more defenses we can play. We don't have any more offenses we could run," he said. "I was making stuff up on the fly."

Opponents are not fearing the five-time NCAA program like they did in the past, either. Unranked South Florida, which will join the Big East next year, battled the Huskies into the first overtime game in the 14-year history of Gampel Pavilion on Dec. 1. UConn escaped with a 75-65 win, eventually wearing the Bulls down in the extra period.



GOODBYE TO ALL THAT



The year in business

Stories by The Washington Post

If International Business Machines Corp. could bid farewell to its personal computer business, as it did a fortnight ago, selling it to China's largest PC manufacturer, who are we to cling to such anomalies as long-distance telephone service and getting our canceled checks back? And if we could cut ourselves loose from film cameras so easily, shouldn't we have been just as flexible in reassessing the safety of drugs on the American market? The 12 months of 2004 brought many new things into our lives, but they also entailed some leave-taking. Here is a sampling of things soon to be, as they say, eclipsed by events.

Flying away from solvency

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Atlantic Coast Airlines transformed itself from a regional "feeder" line into the low-cost, low-fare Independence Air. But just six months after its inaugural flight in June, Independence began cutting routes and selling planes to remain in business.

Meanwhile, it was déjà vu for bankruptcy and S Airways. This time the filing was preceded by the resignation of chief executive David Siegel - who flew away with nearly \$5 million in severance. The airline has a mid-January deadline to avoid liquidation.

Elsewhere, United Airlines marked its second anniversary in Chapter 11. And Delta Air Lines was kept from bankruptcy by \$1 billion in last-minute concessions from its pilots.

And all this in combination with record-high fuel prices and competition from low-cost carriers.

Meanwhile, as those scrappers Southwest, JetBlue and Air Trn expanded, Indianapolis-based ATA Airlines became the nation's largest low-cost carrier to operate under court protection.

Less privacy - never out of IM reach

TYL, GTC.
Talk to you later. Got to go.
These instant message (IM) sign-offs are almost useless now. At the end of 2004, we are expected to be there. Somewhere. All the time.

BlackBerrys, also known as CrackBerrys for their addictive qualities, have also infiltrated our time, but it's not just the senders' fault. A survey this year didn't say that 15 percent of wireless-device users had been caught by a message in a restroom, but that they had initiated a message from the loo.

About 1.6 million BlackBerrys, introduced in 1999, are used in the United States today. Those quickly sent BlackBerry messages can buckle in, as in the case of one D.C. lobbyist this year who sent one that said "My house, 30 minutes" to the wrong person.

So it goes with IMs. Many a personal message has popped up on the conference-room screen during a PowerPoint presentation. Oh well.

About 70 percent of all organizations used IM by the end of 2003, according to market researcher Gartner Inc. By the end of 2005, IMing is expected to surpass e-mailing.

Thus, 2004 marked the end of personal conversations and privacy as we once knew it.

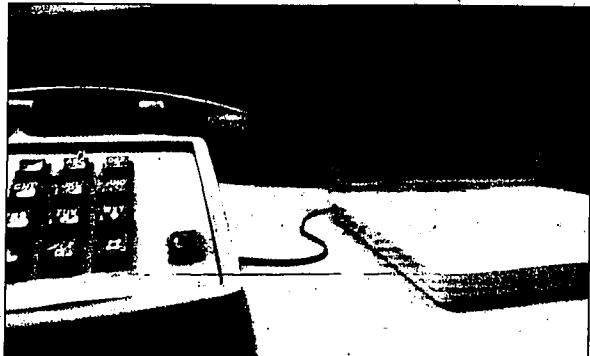
TYL? Well, of course. Always.

Cameras advance beyond film

This was the year the world said adieu to the camera - at least as a word that can stand on its own.

That's because 2004 was the milestone year in which more digital cameras were sold than film cameras. Now we have to say "film camera" or "digital camera" to make clear what kind of picture-grabbing device we mean.

This year saw the introduction of seven-megapixel and eight-megapixel cameras, as modest as most of our megapix-



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els to five megapixels became the standard. We're to those still using those once-cutting-edge two- or three-megapixel models.

As sales of cell phones with built-in digital cameras doubled this year to 190 million, Eastman Kodak Co. quietly retired the slide projector - effectively consigning all those slides of the '72 trip to Yellowstone to that box up in the attic forever.

Dial-up's downfall

It's the sound of dial-up Internet access we'll miss the most. That long, high-pitched screech followed - usually, hopefully - by a muffled explosion of static that signaled success.

With high-speed broadband services, alas, silent, round-the-clock connections to the Internet seem to be our future.

Subscribers to dial-up services have been in decline for several years now, but in 2004 the technology fell way, way out of vogue. Take America Online, the company that once embodied the possibilities of the World Wide Web. That company

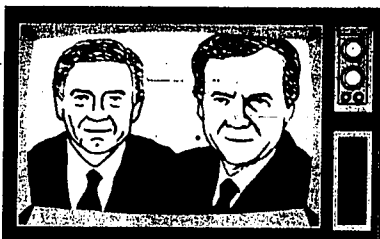


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lost about 2 million subscribers, many of them dial-up customers.

Use of dial-up connections peaked in 2001, with 52 million homes, according to Jupiter Research.

By the end of this year, that number is expected to drop to 40.5 million, and the number will likely continue to drop.

Jupiter predicts that by 2009, only 40.7 million homes will have dial-up. And by 2008, more than half of all connections will be broadband.

"It's like color TV versus black-and-white," said Joe Laszlo, a Jupiter analyst. "There is no reason in the world that you'd want to have a black-and-white TV if you can have a color one."

Corporate taxes: Going, going...

Given the remarkable plunge in corporate tax receipts since 2000, Congress might have logically responded this past year by closing loopholes, attacking tax shelters and raising business taxes.

Instead, Congress opted to pass the most sweeping corporate tax law in nearly 20 years, a measure with tax breaks worth \$143 billion over 10 years, benefiting restaurant owners and Hollywood producers; makers of bows, arrows and sonar fish finders; NASCAR track owners; even importers of Chinese ceiling fans.

Between the years 2000 and 2003, corporate tax revenue went from \$207.3 billion to \$131.8 billion, a three-year slide that encompassed not only a recession but also a recovery, both in economic growth and corporate profits. By 2003, corporate tax receipts, relative to the size of the economy, had sunk to a level not seen since 1983 and, before that, the Great Depression.

In an analysis of taxes paid by 275 of the largest U.S. corporations, the liberal watchdog group Citizens for Tax Justice found that effective corporate tax rates have fallen by 20 percent since 2001, even as pretax profits jumped 26 percent. Between 2001 and 2003, the 275 companies paid taxes totaling 18.4 percent on their total profits, about half the 35 percent corporate income tax rate. Of the 275, 82 either paid no taxes or received large refunds in at least one of the past three years.

The obituary on corporate taxes may be premature. In the fiscal year that ended Sept. 30, business taxes rebounded sharply, to \$169 billion. That's still lower than the level in 2000, but it beat this summer's White House projections by \$8 billion.

But the turnaround may be temporary. The White House and congressional Republicans may

allow corporations to deduct the full amount of any business investment as part of a broad overhaul of the tax code. They are also considering a radical simplification of the way the government taxes profits on overseas ventures; just stop taxing them.

Gone on the air waves

In 2005, ABC news anchor Peter Jennings will be the guy looking around asking, "Hey! Where'd everybody go?"

Not only did his two longtime rival anchors - NBC's Tom Brokaw and CBS's Dan Rather - announce their retirements this year, but the network news audience continued its 20-year egress as well, migrating to the 24/7 cable news channels that do not require viewers to stop what they're doing at 6 p.m. and sit down in front of a television.

As the Federal Communications Commission handed out record fines for on-air indecency, radio shock jock Howard Stern said he was leaving

the FCC.

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ways of making flu vaccines that are more reliable than using millions of purified chicken eggs.

They don't work on this street anymore

Wall Street said farewell for good in 2004 to technology investment banker Frank P. Quattrone, who once earned \$120 million in a single year but now faces 18 months in the clink.

Quattrone, the dominant dot-com banker of the 1990s, received a lifetime ban from the securities industry following his felony conviction for failing to cooperate with a federal investigation into kick-back allegations. He is, of course, appealing.

The Credit Suisse First Boston banker was far from alone in getting booted from Wall Street in 2004. Officials at NASD, the securities industry's main self-regulatory body, say that during the year they issued about 400 lifetime bans and suspended for shorter periods of time many more miscreants, including several caught in the mutual fund late-trading and market-timing scandals. At Massachusetts Financial Services Co., for instance, chief executive John W. Ballen and chief investment officer Kevin D. Parks each received three-year bans from the industry.

Corporate America also bade adieu to a number of executives who received lifetime bans from serving as directors or officers at public companies.

Among the castoffs were Scott D. Sullivan, former chief financial officer of former WorldCom Inc. (now MCI Inc.), and Kevin P. Hannon, former chief operating officer of Enron Corp.'s Internet unit.

Others shown the door included Cees van der Horst and A. Michiel Meurs, respectively the former chief executive and chief financial officer of troubled Royal Ahold NV, the global grocer.

Long distance, on its way out?

Long distance doesn't mean much to a 17-year-old who can call friends in a dozen states and never have to worry how much it will cost, as long as she doesn't go over her wireless minutes.

And that, more than anything, is why the whole concept of long distance is on its way out.

Though the disappearance of long distance has played out gradually, 2004 was a signal year in its demise.

In July, AT&T Corp. - the once venerable Ma Bell herself - announced the company would stop marketing long-distance service to consumers. Then, bloodied by Federal Communications Commission decisions that went against them, longtime long-distance giants MCI Inc. and Sprint Corp. quickly followed AT&T's lead. When Sprint announced this month it would merge with Texas-based Nextel Communications Inc., consumer long-distance service was barely mentioned. The deal was all about wireless.

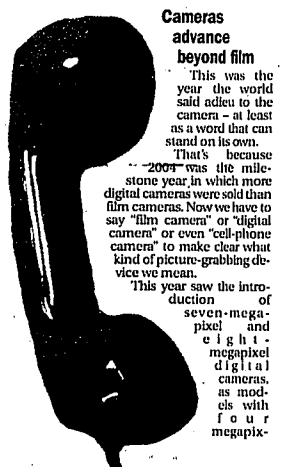
For today's long-distance caller, the choices are many: a bundled wireless plan from one of the major phone companies; Internet calling with an upstart like Vonage; a cell phone plan that measures minutes, not miles; even service through cable TV and satellite companies.

Yet some things never change. Competition may be high. Rates may be low. But 17-year-olds everywhere have risen to the challenge and proved their ability to run up enormous phone bills, just like in the old days. Only now it takes a little more talking than it used to.

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NEW YORK (AP) - Stocks were mixed in a listless session. Thursday as investors collected profits for a second straight day despite an unexpected drop in unemployment claims.

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Part of Weston Inn will stay open

TWIN FALLS - A portion of the Westin Inn on Blue Lakes Boulevard will remain open after most of the motel property is demolished next month to make room for a new bank.

Briefly in Money

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retor of social responsibility. It would replace a slaughtering process in which chickens are hung by their legs on a moving conveyor line and pulled through an electrified vat of water.

Building inspectors invited to conference

TWIN FALLS - General contractor and building inspectors will have the chance to learn more about the latest changes in building and energy codes at a conference next week.

McDonald's will consider humane slaughtering

CAK BROOK, Ill. - McDonald's Corp. is considering whether to require its processors to use a method for slaughtering poultry that animal rights groups say is more humane.

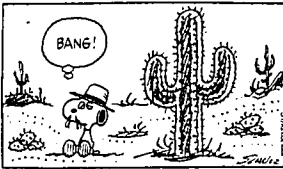
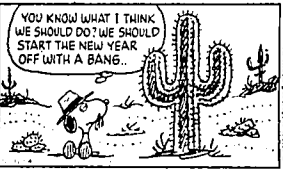
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BUHL - The Buhl Chamber of Commerce will hold its 60th banquet Jan. 28 at Clear Lake Country Club.

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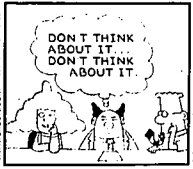
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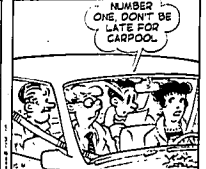
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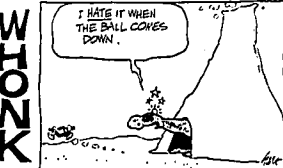
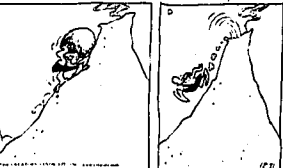
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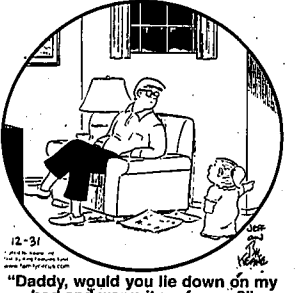
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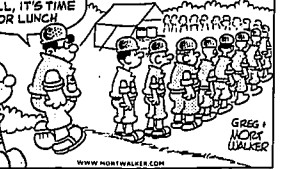
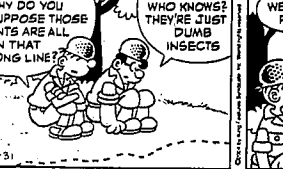
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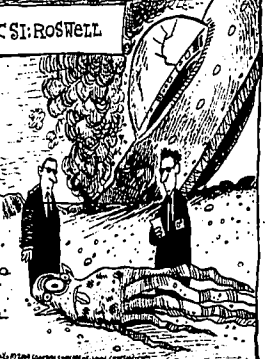
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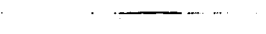


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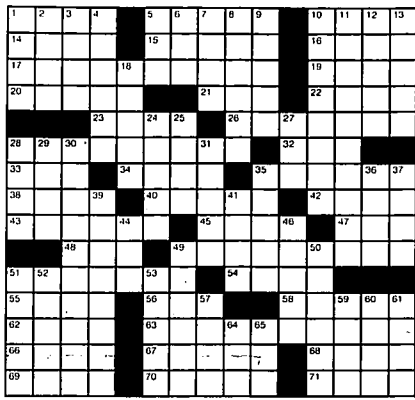


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Thursday's Puzzle Solved

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Basketball Hall of Fame springs leak

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (AP) — There's some unwanted dribbling going on at the Basketball Hall of Fame. City officials say the \$109 million dome-shaped building has sprung some leaks since it was built about two years ago.

The Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame, along with its parking garage and 18.5-acre site, are owned by the city. The property is rented to the hall in a 99-year lease.

The state put up \$42.5 million for the museum's construction, and about \$80,000 of that is left, said city economic developer Thomas McColgan. He expects the remaining money to cover repair costs.

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IF DECEMBER 31 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY ... Everyone celebrates on your birthday, but this year you can truly choose to make some fantastic New Year's resolutions as major opportunities are in store for you. Revolutionary planet Uranus will send some radical new ideas your way between May and August, and you are likely to experience an internal shift as something new becomes important and life conditions alter.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Flirting with danger might get your adrenaline flowing, but this evening other people may have their fight-or-flight mechanism in high gear as well.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Though the prospect of staying home tonight might seem dull and boring, by evening you are content to cuddle up with a special someone.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Ring in the New Year tonight surrounded by friends and loved ones who are willing to listen to your ideas and are fascinated by your chatter.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Early day rebelliousness gives way to a much more mellow mood by the time evening festivities get into full swing. Don't let minor spats between friends spoil your plans.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): A deep desire to embrace the exotic could create the perfect atmos-

HOROSCOPE

Jeraldine Saunders

phere to throw a one-of-a-kind New Year's Eve celebration. Someone near and dear could shock or bemuse you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): People in close connection could get all fired up over their favorite team or latest passion. Keep a calm, cool head when others are losing their heads and you are guaranteed to have a wonderful evening.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): That lover of yours may not be content to sit in front of the TV and watch the ball fall in Times Square on New Year's Eve. Something out of the ordinary may be required.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): The double-dare attitude in the air is fine for sports and games of chance, but shouldn't be extended to anything foolhardy.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Getting carried away with some sudden enthusiasm could cause opposition on the home front. Avoid arguments and disputes early in the day.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Liberties may be taken with the rules of the road so drive slowly if you must go out. Partners could be in a dither with holiday preparations so tiptoe

past hot issues and avoid clashing with loved ones.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Try something different. Throw traditions out the window along with your inhibitions as 2004 ends.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): There could be a spark of defensiveness in the air, but it is easily channeled into constructive activities. Sports or games of chance can drain excess energy and help maintain the peace. But a spur-of-the-moment gamble might be regretted.



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MORNING BREAK

Daughter on short leash will break free

DEAR ABBY: I am 35 and the mother of a 10-year-old daughter, Savannah, who is in the fourth grade.



DEAR ABBY
Jeane Phillips

Savannah claims that I am smothering her. She is not allowed to have sleepovers, and she may not attend any of the co-ed parties her friends throw. No sugar is allowed in our house unless it is a special occasion like a birthday. Whenever she goes to a friend's house, I call every hour to see how she is doing.

In the kitchen, Savannah is not allowed to use the stove, the oven, the blender, or any other appliance unless I am there to supervise.

My daughter attends an all-girls school because I don't want her exposed to some of the things boys do when they are her age. Savannah is not allowed to wear makeup, and I shop for her. Every morning, before she leaves home, she must come to me so I can monitor what she is wearing.

Abby, I love my daughter very much, and I only want what is best for her. Do you think I am smothering her?

—GOOD MOM IN HOUSTON

DEAR GOOD MOM: I believe you are a caring parent, but I also think you have gone off the deep end. In the name of being a conscientious parent, you have placed your daughter under virtual house arrest. How is your daughter to learn to be independent and make intelligent decisions if you restrict her every move?

Calling her every hour at a friend's house to "see how she's doing" is overkill. If it doesn't stop, it won't be long before she

will rebel. I know you mean well, but please, talk with a counselor about this. In the name of being a "good mom," you are stunting her growth and doing your child a disservice.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a college sophomore, and my roommate, "Sal," is driving me crazy. She talks down to me when we're in a group. She'll hijack my conversations and answer for me, even though I'm standing right there.

I'm not the only person who feels this way. Sal talks down to everyone. A large group of us went out to dinner and "Mike" was goofing off. She told him to sit still and use his indoor voice. She was completely serious!

She also tries to intimidate us physically. She shows the guys around, and if the girls annoy her, she stands up as tall as she can, looks down her nose at us and announces, "I can eat you!" At one point, she

pinned me to my bed and tried to shove food in my mouth because she didn't believe I ate enough.

The few times we've tried to talk to Sal about this, she became defensive and stormed out as she snarled that we are all immature and should grow up. We've about had enough. Can you help?

—LIVING WITH THE ALPHA DOG

DEAR LIVING: From your description, the girl has problems beyond what you and I can solve. Counseling could help her, but only if she's willing to face the fact that she needs help.

Since talking to the "alpha dog" hasn't worked, if you're living off campus, call a meeting of the housemates and inform her that you'd like her to leave. If you're staying in a dorm, request a change of rooms. And should she lay a hand on any of you in an effort to intimidate you, call the police and report the assault.

The Dead Sea has high levels of salinity

Why is the Dead Sea dead? Blame the high level of salinity — 25 percent and rising. Not even salt-loving brine shrimp can survive levels that high. This day in history: The farthing, legal tender in England since the 13th century, was retired as a monetary unit on Dec. 31, 1960.



RANDOM FACTS OF KINGS
Jack Mingo
Erin Barrett

Reader Polly Morpheus asks: "We sing the song every New Year's Eve, but what the heck does 'Auld Lang Syne' mean?" When Scottish poet Robert Burns rewrote an old song in the late 1700s, he didn't update the old language of the chorus, for old time's sake. And that's pretty much what the chorus means: "auld lang syne" literally translates to "old long ago."

If all of the evolutionary history of the earth could be squeezed into one year, it would look something like this: The planet formed on Jan. 1. Bacteria would come along about March 22. Invertebrates would make an appearance on about Nov. 9, followed by fish on Nov. 20. Mammals would show up sometime on Dec. 28. Humans? Expect them to arrive late to the party, a few minutes before midnight tonight.

Is it a coincidence that both had famous books with a cow in the title? Dr. Seuss (Ted Geiss) and Kurt Vonnegut were fraternal brothers in college.

LoBSTERS shed their shells 25 to 30 times in the first half-dozen years of their lives,

gaining about 15 percent in length and 40 percent in weight each time. After that, they settle down to about one molting a year for the rest of their lives. A hundred-year-old lobster can measure more than 3 feet long.

Be kind. Lobsters don't really have to be boiled alive to maintain their flavor and safety. It's an inhumane old tradition from centuries ago before people invented refrigeration.

If you're in Panama, you can watch the sun rise over the Pacific and set over the Atlantic, thanks to the curve of its isthmus.

You have about 2 million sweat glands.

When you hit your "funny bone," you get tingling, numbness and pain. Funny that it's not a bone, but the ulnar nerve. Even funnier, it got its name because the bone that runs from your shoulder to your elbow is the "humerus."

To, a human turned into a cow by a love-spurned Zeus, became the goddess of all bovines.

Erin Barrett and Jack Mingo can be reached at www.bathroomcompantun.com

Brawler bites off other man's finger in bar fight

HARARE, Zimbabwe (AP) — A man allegedly bit off and swallowed another man's finger during a bar brawl, authorities said.

Alex Nyarubakora, 39, appeared in court in the town of Chitungwiza on Wednesday charged with assault with intent to cause grievous bodily harm. Prosecutor Ken Inati said Nyarubakora was arguing with his wife in a bar last week when he allegedly became incensed by the second man's attempts to interfere.

Odds and ends

After the two men began fighting, Nyarubakora is accused of biting off his opponent's finger and chewing and swallowing it. No remains of the finger were found at the scene, Inati said.

Teenager returns bag filled with \$21,500
ST. LOUIS (AP) — After briefly

considering keeping \$21,500 he found in a shopping cart at work, 17-year-old Jeff Aiken fought the temptation and reunited the cash with its rightful owner.

That honesty this month made his mother mighty proud, though she couldn't communicate it well.

For the past three years, Lou Gehrig's disease had robbed 53-year-old Bev Aiken of her ability to speak.

So when she lost her fight the day after the Christmas, Bev

Aiken left feeling quite rich about her son's conscience. relatives say.

I think it gave her hope that everything was going to be OK once she left "Jeff's 20-year-old sister, Jen, said Tuesday from the family's home in Overland, a St. Louis suburb.

Jeff Aiken's life — and that of his family — could have taken a different path Dec. 11, when he spotted a bag full of \$100 bills in a cart at a Schnucks supermarket at the end of his shift.

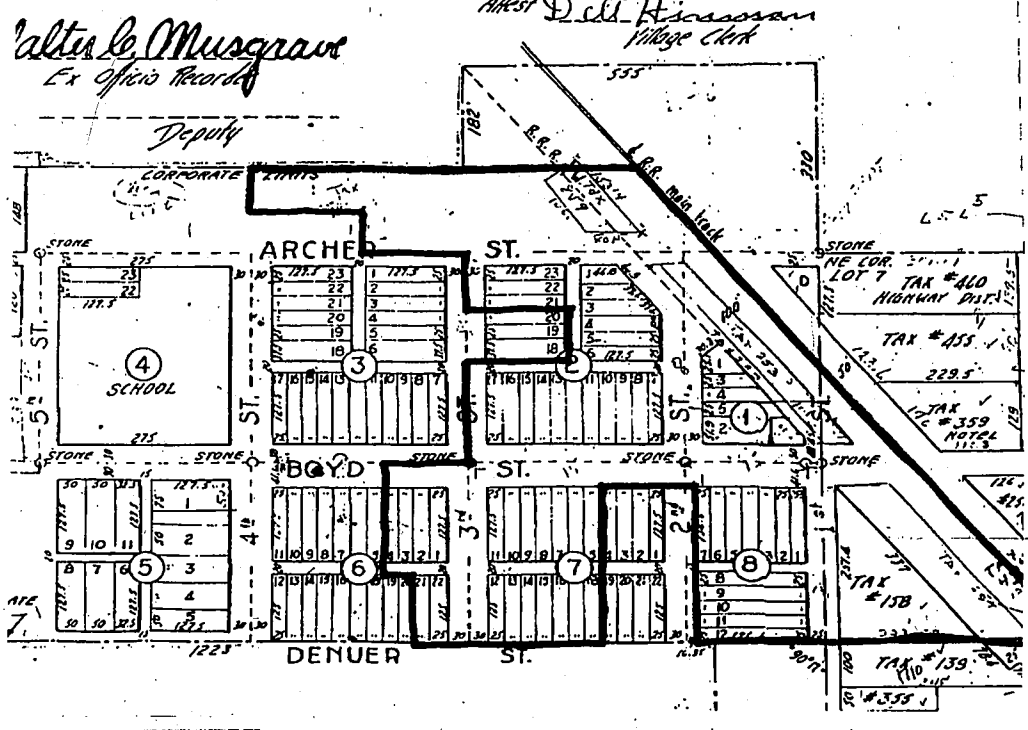
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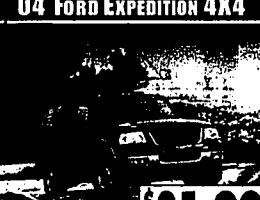
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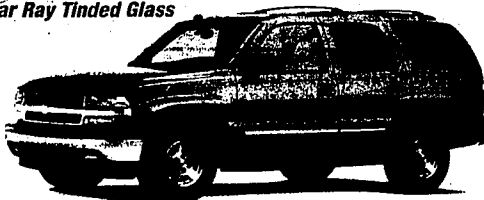
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