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Beehive in the bonnet: Roarin' Orrin Hatch sets the agenda for other presidential candidates to follow, today's editorial says.

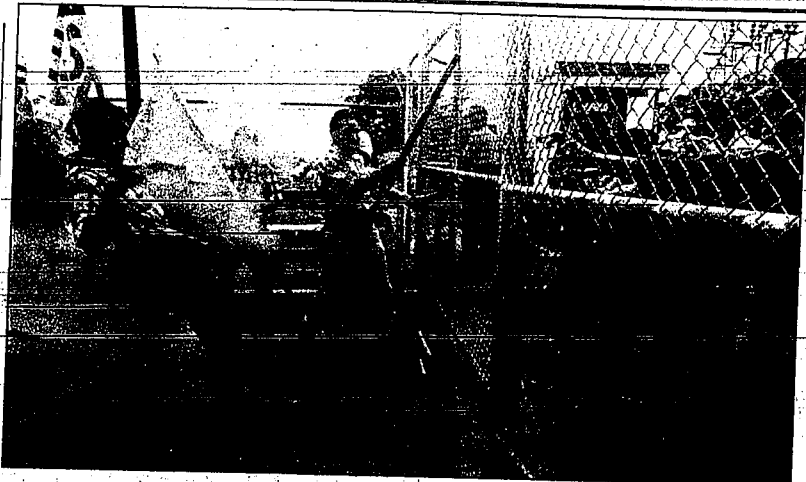
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Police fire teargas at protesters during a demonstration against the United States Tuesday outside the Panama Canal. The ceremonies were inside the gates.

U.S., Panama observe transfer
Sides sign papers, prepare for Panamanian takeover on Dec. 31

The Washington Post

PANAMA CITY — With the words, "It is yours," former president Jimmy Carter symbolically turned over the Panama Canal to Panama at a ceremony Tuesday, marking the end of American control of the 51-mile waterway that for nearly a century represented the projection of U.S. power in Latin America.



Former President Jimmy Carter speaks at ceremonies Tuesday in Panama City.

Although the United States does not officially relinquish ownership of the canal until Dec. 31, Tuesday's ceremony was scheduled to avoid any confusion, with millennium activity. It was the ceremonial culmination of the transfer launched by Carter in 1977 with the signing of the Panama Canal Treaties.

The festivities were overshadowed by the absence of President Clinton and Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, both of whom stayed away from a ceremony that focused attention on the turnover of the strategic waterway, which remains widely unpopular with American conservatives.

Speaking under a light rain, Carter said the original canal accord signed at the birth of Panama as an independent country in 1903, were unjust, and that the United States "did not understand clearly enough that the

transited by 14,000 vessels a year, would be effectively maintained and improved under Panamanian control and run under a "code of ethics."

Clinton has not said why he opted to skip Tuesday's ceremonies, but the White House denied that U.S. conservative opposition to the transfer played a part in the president's decision.

Historian David McCullough, author of a best-selling 1977 book on the canal's construction, "The Path Between the Seas," described Clinton's failure to attend as "shameful."

"This is a major event. You don't just let yourself slink away into history," he said. "How many great nations have given away something of such great consequence? This is arguably as great an achievement as construction of the canal itself."

Albright was to have represented the United States, but remained in Washington because of the start of peace talks today between Israel and Syria.

U.S. conservatives have criticized the handover of the canal — which cost the United States more than \$500 million and 5,600 lives to complete in 1914 — saying Panama has no army and the canal's security could be vulnerable to left-wing rebels in neighboring Colombia.

Critics have also contended that China is seeking to control the waterway through the Hong Kong-based Hutchison Whampoa Ltd., which operates cargo terminals at both ends — charges that the White House and the Pentagon have dismissed.

States improperly deny Medicaid to some poor

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — States are illegally denying Medicaid benefits to poor families being dropped from welfare rolls, federal auditors have found. Medicaid's top administrator said Tuesday the errors are widespread and promised a crackdown.

"I was very disappointed when I saw this," said Nancy Ann DeParle, head of the Health Care Financing Administration, which runs Medicaid. "I can't say

The problems include:

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whether these are significant will failures or mistakes"

DeParle promised to investigate and force states to fix the problems once the audit is complete. She did not name any of the states with problems out of the 40 investigated, saying they will be made public when audits are completed next year.

DeParle's comments came nine months after her agency warned states that strict welfare rules should not prevent families eligible for Medicaid from getting the government-sponsored health care benefits.

But many such Medicaid-eligible families have been dropped from the program as its rolls have continued to decrease along with the welfare rolls, officials said.

States realize they are not signing up everyone who is eligible for Medicaid, though they are not acting deliberately to keep people from the program, said Bill Waldman, executive director of the American Public Human Services Association, which represents state welfare and Medicaid agencies.

Good grief: Charles Schulz says he's parting ways with 'Peanuts' gang

Los Angeles Times

It seems Charlie Brown will never outwit Snoopy, never get the little red-headed girl and never kick the football. He won't get the chance.

Because of a continuing battle with colon cancer, "Peanuts" creator Charles Schulz announced Tuesday that he will retire shortly after the new year. One of the world's most widely read comic strips has its last original daily strip appear Jan. 3 and its final Sunday release Feb. 13.



The first 'Peanuts' cartoon strip appeared Oct. 2, 1950.

Then United Feature Syndicate, which has distributed "Peanuts" for almost five decades, will release old strips at least through the end of 2000.

"I have always wanted to be a cartoonist, and I feel very blessed to have been able to do what I love for almost 50 years," Schulz, 77, said in a retirement letter to readers, colleagues and friends. "Although I feel better following my surgery, I want to focus on my health and my family without the worry of a daily deadline."

Schulz's retirement ends a lifetime of cartooning that reached into virtually every facet of popular culture. In addition to daily appearances in 2,600 newspapers around the world, his cast of affable characters — Charlie Brown, Snoopy, Lucy, Linus and others

Done deal?

TF County signs on to waste district

By John T. Huddy Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — County officials have approved a deal to join a waste district they tentatively split from more than seven years ago — a deal that they say will bring lower tipping fees at a waste transfer station.

The contract is good until May 31, 2014.

But the contract between the county and the district, signed Monday, will not take effect until a \$12 million transfer station is built by the district south of town, Reed said.

"The fees will stay the same everywhere until the new transfer station is up and running," Reed said Tuesday.

The new station should be operating by July or August 2000, she said.

Waste district officials have guaranteed an immediate drop in tipping fees at the transfer station, and the Hub Butte Landfill by \$2 per ton, once the contract begins.

The reduced rate will help the county pay off its \$4 million Hub Butte landfill debt, half of which has already been paid, Reed said.

But once that debt is paid off, Reed said she didn't know if the fees would stay down.

It's likely that they will, though she said.

"(The district) has said that as Twin Falls County grows and the more garbage we generate,

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Tree festival aids cancer awareness

By Jennie Sanderson Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Donations to the 15th annual Festival of Trees this year will help bring a new breast cancer endorsement card toward expanding local education awareness campaigns.

The 15th annual Festival of Trees held in the former Waremart building on Kimberly Road earned about \$65,000 before expenses, up slightly from a year ago, the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Foundation reported Tuesday.

Exactly how much the festival raised for local health care services will be available in January after all fund-raising expenses are paid, said Larry Baxter, founder.

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Message to readers

are everywhere: bedrooms, lunch boxes, greeting cards, amusement parks, management seminars, TV specials, musicals, movies and

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# THE REGION

### Camas Prairie

High 32 Low 23  
Cloudy today and tonight with chance of snow. Same Thursday, high 35.

### Treasure Valley

High 42 Low 32  
Cloudy today and tonight with chance of rain/snow. Same Thursday, high 46.

### Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley

High 35 Low 17  
Cloudy today and tonight with chance of snow. Same Thursday, high 35.

### Eastern Idaho

High 31 Low 25  
Cloudy today and tonight with chance of snow. Same Thursday, high 35.

### Northern Idaho

High 41 Low 34  
Cloudy today with rain likely, breezy, some clearing tonight. Rain early Thursday, some clearing high 42.

### Northern Utah

High 37 Low 30  
Mostly cloudy today and tonight with chance of rain/snow. Same Thursday, high 44.

### Northern Nevada

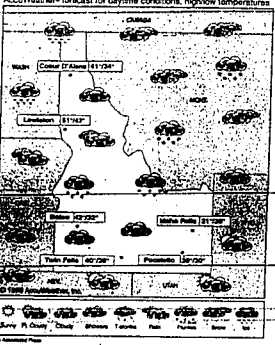
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# MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
High 40 Low 28 Cloudy with slight chance of rain. Some tonight, but snow.	High 43 Low 30 Cloudy with slight chance of snow/rain.	High 40s Low 20s Partly cloudy with chance of fog.	High 30s Low teens Rain or snow likely.	High 30s Low teens Mostly cloudy with chance of rain or snow.

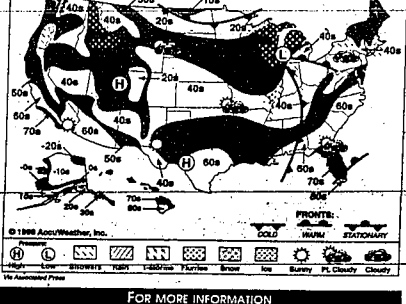
## Idaho weather

Wednesday, Dec. 15  
AccuWeather forecast for daytime conditions. High/Low temperatures



## National weather

The AccuWeather forecast for noon, Wednesday, Dec. 15.  
Bands separate high/low temperature zones for the day.



Tune to the National Weather Service radio band at VHF/FM 162.4 or 162.55 MHz. The Internet address for Idaho Transportation Department road reports is: <http://www.state.id.us/tra-roads/index.html>

### UV INDEX

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Burn time: 60 minutes

### FIRE DANGER

The BLM has ended its fire report for the season. Officials ask public lands users to use caution.

### SKYWATCH

Sunset today 5:56 p.m.  
Sunrise tomorrow 8:02 a.m.  
Lunar phase: First quarter, Dec. 16; full, Dec. 22; last quarter, Dec. 29; new, Jan. 6, 2000.

### ACROSS THE NATION

Idaho: Moist northwesterly airflow originating over the Pacific Ocean brought clouds and scattered light precipitation to the state Monday night. Scattered showers will continue through the week. Elsewhere, storms brought rain and snow to the Midwest, Plains and Northeast Tuesday while the Pacific Northwest had rain. A storm system stretching from the Ohio Valley to the mid-Atlantic states brought rain from southern Michigan and Indiana into Delaware, New Jersey, Connecticut and Massachusetts. Snow fell on northern Michigan.

A few storm systems over the Plains were producing widespread clouds and some rain and snow in some areas. The first storm system was moving across the northern Plains. Snow showers were found from northwestern Minnesota and eastern North Dakota, south into eastern South Dakota and eastern Nebraska. Most of the snowfall was light.

Besides a few rain-snow showers over the Pacific Northwest, most of the western United States was under the influence of high pressure.

— The Associated Press

# YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Twin Falls	Precipitation	Highs/Lows
Yesterday 32/16	Yesterday in Twin Falls in.	Idaho High: 43
Last year 41/24	Normal mo. to date: .60	Low: 11 degrees at Lewiston.
Normal 41/22	Water year to date: 1.29	Nation: High: 84 at Hollywood, Fla. Low: 23 at Ft. Valley, Colo.
	Normal year to date: 2.55	Idaho's record: High: 97 at Yellowstone, Wyo. Low: -25 at Lewiston, Idaho.

### Idaho

City	Max	Min	Pop	Idaho High	Idaho Low
Boise	36	24	01	43	11
Burley	36	20	00	43	11
Coeur d'Alene	30	13	13	84	23
Grangeville	m	m	m	84	23
Hayden	19	4	01	73	11
Idaho Falls	25	2	00	84	23
Lewiston	43	35	00	43	11
Malad	m	m	m	84	23
Malia	37	12	00	43	11
McCall	33	11	00	43	11
Pocatello	32	21	00	43	11
Salmon	36	14	01	43	11
Shoshone	19	4	01	73	11
Sun Valley	23	-3	00	43	11

### The Nation

City	Max	Min	Pop
Albuquerque	0	17	01
Anchorage	55	45	01
Atlanta	64	49	01
Chicago	40	38	01
Dallas	70	37	01
Detroit	34	23	01
Des Moines	35	27	01
Denver	47	39	01
Honolulu	79	63	01
Houston	73	63	01
Indianapolis	69	57	01
Kansas City	37	31	01
Las Vegas	54	43	01
Los Angeles	69	45	01
Memphis	52	37	01
Minneapolis	68	69	01
Miami	81	66	01
New York	46	42	76
New Orleans	51	34	01
Omaha	38	28	01
Phoenix	46	40	86
Pittsburgh	42	32	01
Portland, Ore.	47	21	01
Reno	42	21	01
San Antonio	39	34	01
Seattle	51	44	01
St. Louis	57	40	01
St. Paul	51	34	01
Spokane	38	28	01
Washington	49	45	101
Yuma	69	45	01

### Canadian Cities

City	Max	Min	Pop
Calgary	35	0	00
Ottawa	34	14	00
Toronto	39	31	00
Vancouver	45	36	00

## Festival

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tion director. Some proceeds will go toward the 13-year-old Magic Valley Breast Cancer Endowment, which is about \$12,000 from reaching its \$100,000 investment goal.

Once that happens breast cancer awareness programs can be expanded throughout the region thanks to interest earned by the endowment, said Susan Courtney, clinical manager of Southern Idaho Regional Cancer Center, a service of the hospital. The new endowment is charged with educating women about the disease.

"Mostly that's done by encouraging women to get their annual mammograms," she said.

The festival also generates \$1,000 to about 12 rural emergency response units in the Magic Valley. Trained QRS volunteers often are the first medical help to arrive on the scenes of rural emergencies. The units need money for supplies, equipment, gas, vehicles, training and vaccinations. They operate for the

## \$25 theft sends woman to Italy after years in U.S.

ROCHESTER, N.Y. (AP) — A woman jailed for shoplifting \$25 worth of cigarettes, eye drops and deodorant was ordered Tuesday to be deported to Italy, a country she left behind at age 5 when her family came to the United States.

Maria Wigent, 37, who is married to an American and has two teen-age sons, drew a two-year sentence last year for three misdemeanor convictions after she had committed multiple attempted larcenies at neighborhood stores.

Under a 1996 change in U.S. immigration law, any non-citizen who gets more than a year behind bars can be classified as an "aggravated felon" and be subject to deportation.

## Waste, Hub fast facts

At the landfill, the county expects about 60 percent of the trash — about 42,000 tons — worth about \$1.4 million in revenue to the district — to go to the district's Miner Butte Landfill.

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## Peanuts

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even an exhibit at the Louvre. Estimates are that the carton's franchise generates \$1 billion in revenue each year.

He's in the rich tradition of the little man. His characters survive because they refuse to give up, no matter how many insults and pressures," said M. Thomas Inge, a humanities professor at Virginia's Randolph-Macon College who is editing a book on Schulz due out in October 2000.

A man of modest origins, Schulz would seem unlikely to produce international acclaim. He was born in St. Paul, Minn. on Nov. 26, 1922, the son of a barber and a homemaker.

Nicknamed "Sparky," the young Schulz showed an early inclination for comic strips and vowed he would create one some

## Waste

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The less it costs to operate," he said.

Ferry Schultz, executive director of the district, has said the district would pay for the transfer station's construction costs. The county will not have to pick up the tab.

But the county will ultimately pay the transfer station's operating costs, according to the contract.

Some county landfill employees, such as Robert Smith, have questioned if the rates will stay low.

Schultz has admitted that some rates, including PSI Waste Systems Inc.'s city trash hauling rates, would not drop as much as originally projected.

However, the transfer station tipping fee rates will go down, he said.

Smith said Tuesday he had not

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NATION

# Terrorist group plans attack on U.S.

WASHINGTON — The Clinton administration said Tuesday there is a direct link between the terrorist group led by Saudi exile Osama bin Laden and a dozen suspects detained in an unnamed Mideast country on grounds they were planning a 1999 attack against Americans.

Bin Laden has been indicted by a New York grand jury on charges of conspiracy, firearms and murder in the 1998 bombings of U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania that killed 220 people. He is living in Afghanistan under the protection of the ruling Taliban militia.

The State Department dispatched its top counter-terrorism official, Michael Sheehan, to New York on Monday to warn the Taliban representatives there that Afghan leaders would be held responsible for any attacks committed by bin Laden's network.

Department spokesman James Foley said U.S. officials believe the suspects who have been detained in recent days are members of bin Laden's Al Qaeda organization.

The arrests prompted a State Department worldwide warning Saturday urging Americans to exercise extreme caution during the final weeks of 1999 and the first days of the new year.

## Israel, Syria to open peace talks without handshake

WASHINGTON — Israel and Syria will open peace talks today without a handshake and with the White House rejecting an agreement in this get-acquainted round.

That will take time, presidential spokesman Joe Lockhart said. The issues confronting Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak and Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk al-Sharara over two days "are quite difficult and long-standing," he said.

President Clinton will kick off the talks, stirring where Israel and Syria left off two years ago, another U.S. official said.

This appears to ratify the Syrian position that Israel had earlier committed itself to give up the strategic Golan Heights before those talks broke up.

## Clinton likes pressure of politics

WASHINGTON — (AP) "Although President Clinton calls politics "a high-stakes business," he's fully supportive of his wife's bid for a U.S. Senate seat and would encourage his daughter to seek a political career if she chooses.

In an interview with People magazine, Clinton said so far, he has only been asked to lend advice to the first lady's campaign for Senate in New York, and he accepts that role dutifully.

"We just talk about it. We've always talked about everything," Clinton said. "It's just funny, it's sort of reversing roles now."

He said he doesn't really mind all of the press scrutiny of his marriage, but he's a bit of a people believing it is a "commercially viable" story to pursue. He took issue only with a recent National Enquirer article headlined "Hillary Demands Divorce."

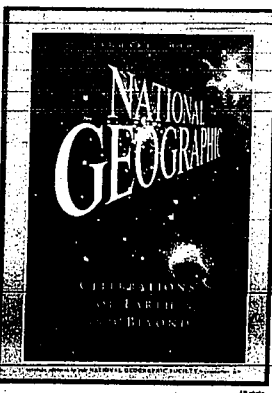
"There has been a lot of interest in us, which has not been unhealthy, it hasn't all been bad," Clinton said. "But a lot of what has been said is not true, including the headline in the Enquirer."

He said although such scrutiny is part of the nature of politics and life, he feels so strongly that it is "a wonderful life and immensely rewarding" that he would encourage his daughter Chelsea to seek elective office.

"I certainly would if she wanted to. Only if she wanted to," Clinton said. "You've got to want it, because it's a high-stakes business. She knows what the ups and downs are. If she wanted to do it, I would be as supportive as I could."

The interview was conducted Dec. 3 in the Oval Office.

## NEW LOOK



National Geographic will report a new one-line cover for the January 2000 issue as this stylized and futuristic nameplate depicts.

## Nation in brief

The 55-page complaint claims that St. Louis-based Monsanto defrauded farmers when it told them the seeds were safe and that the public would accept genetically modified crops, because — according to the plaintiffs — the company should have known that no nation's standards of testing are adequate to guarantee such safety.

## Many support Cuban boy's return to his father

WASHINGTON — Almost half of Americans say a 6-year-old Cuban boy, now in Florida with relatives, should be returned to his father in Cuba, two polls indicate.

But the percentage that favors Elian Gonzalez staying in this country varied, possibly depending on how the question was asked.

Asked what was in the best interests of the boy, about 45 percent said he should stay in this country with relatives and an equal number said he should be returned to Cuba to live with his father, according to a new poll by CNN/USA Today/Gallup.

Now Elian is at the center of an international custody fight that has caused thousands in Cuba to march in the streets waving posters of him.

— compiled from wire reports

## USDA OKs irradiation of raw beef, pork

WASHINGTON — Processors will be allowed to irradiate raw beef, pork and lamb to eliminate deadly bacteria and other organisms, but products will have to carry labels informing shoppers of the treatment, the government said Tuesday.

"While there is no single silver bullet to cure all food safety problems, irradiation has been shown to be both safe and effective," Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman said.

Labels on irradiated products, including sausage made from irradiated beef or pork, will have to carry the international symbol of irradiation, known as a "radura," and a statement that they were treated. The symbol, colored green on a white background, depicts two leaves resting in a semicircle, with a green dot above it to resemble a broken-lined semicircle.

Industry groups, farmers in the United States and other nations filed a class action lawsuit in U.S. District Court in Washington against Monsanto, the largest producer of genetically modified seeds and the focus of anger by those who oppose the technology.

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## Crash in downtown L.A. claims two

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A father and his teenage son were killed and nine people injured Tuesday in a chain-reaction crash of two public buses and several cars in a business-district thoroughfare downtown.

One bus struck a car, throwing a 15-year-old boy several feet and flipping the car, with the boy's

father inside, onto the sidewalk. Several storefronts along the busy road in the Los Feliz neighborhood were wrecked.

The boy later died at the hospital while the man inside the car was pronounced dead at the scene, said fire Capt. Steve Ruda. Authorities were still trying to sort out the chain of events.

MALL HOURS THIS WEEK						
Sunday Dec. 12	Monday Dec. 13	Tuesday Dec. 14	Wednesday Dec. 15	Thursday Dec. 16	Friday Dec. 17	Saturday Dec. 18
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# Prosecutors win big victory in Tripp case

ELLCOTT CITY, Md. — A judge ruled Tuesday that Linda Tripp did not have federal immunity when she turned over her secret tapes of Monica Lewinsky to Kenneth Starr's office. It was a victory for state prosecutors planning to try Mrs. Tripp on wiretapping charges.

Calling it "a technicality" in the law, Howard County Circuit Judge O. Leasius said Mrs. Tripp's disclosures to Starr weren't protected until Feb. 19, 1998, when a federal judge signed an immunity order.

Mrs. Tripp's lawyers had argued that she had immunity starting a month earlier, Jan. 16, 1998, the day she turned over the tapes under an agreement with the prosecutors investigating President Clinton.

The judge's order appears to clear the way for the state to use the tapes against Mrs. Tripp.

It also means Mrs. Tripp wasn't protected by the immunity agreement when her attorney Diane Lewinsky on Jan. 17, 1998, to Newsweek magazine — the basis of one of two charges against her.

### One in three schools teaches only abstinence

WASHINGTON — A third of the schools in the United States teach their students that "just say no" is the only appropriate form of birth control, studies released Tuesday found.

Idaho leaves the choice up to local districts and no information is available at the state level detailing how many schools use the abstinence-only approach, said Allison Westfall, spokeswoman for the Idaho Department of Education. The state offers teacher training about AIDS and how it can be prevented including forms of birth control, but schools ultimately decide what will be taught in local classrooms, she said. The training also includes information about decision-making and refusal skills.

Conservative groups have long promoted abstinence-only programs, were heartened that the idea appears to be catching on that abstinence from sex is the best way to avoid unwanted pregnancy.

Advocates of more comprehensive programs saw the glass as two-thirds full. The two studies found that two of every three schools teach birth control methods alongside abstinence.

"We need to communicate the same no-excuses message with regard to premarital sex that we do with alcohol and drugs," Janet Parrish of the conservative Family Research Council said.

A more liberal activist made an analogy to alcohol as well. Teens shouldn't drink, but some do, and when they do, they shouldn't drive, said Sarah Brown, director of the National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy.

### Amtrak will stop trains briefly on New Year's Eve

WASHINGTON — Amtrak plans to halt its trains at the stations briefly on New Year's Eve to ensure there are no Year 2000 computer problems that affect tracks, railroad crossings or safety equipment.

To compensate for the delays, the national railroad plans to hold onboard celebrations and give its riders a commemorative train whistle inscribed, "I rode Amtrak into the new millennium."

France has already announced a similar decision, and other railroads in Europe and Asia are expected to follow suit.

### Strain of caring for disabled spouse proves deadly

CHICAGO — The strain of caring for an ailing husband or wife can be deadly for the elderly.

### Nation in brief

Elderly spouses who are protected by providing such care are 63 percent more likely to die within four years than other spouses, a study found.

"This is the first demonstration that caregiving can lead to mortality," said the leader of the study, Richard Schulz, a psychiatrist and director of the University Center for Social & Urban Research at the University of Pittsburgh.

Researchers tracked 819 spouses, ages 66 to 95. A total of 317 were responsible for helping a spouse move around the house, eat or go to the bathroom, or handle the partner's laundry, housework or shopping. Of those 317 caregivers, 179 reported strain.

The strained caregivers had higher levels of depression and were less likely than other spouses to get enough exercise and rest or to see a doctor when they were sick.

### State Inspectors impose penalties on nursing home

WASHINGTON — The Clinton administration is broadening the category of nursing home violations for which state inspectors must impose immediate penalties including fines of up to \$10,000.

The change expands the instant-penalty violations to include nursing homes that are found in two or more consecutive inspections to have caused harm, through abuse or neglect, to even a single resident. Violations would include excessive weight loss or severe bedsores.

Previously, immediate penalties were mandatory only for nursing homes that showed a pattern of harm and involved multiple residents.

### Gunmakers receive threat of national lawsuit

WASHINGTON — Despite recent setbacks to the gun lawsuit cause in Florida and Connecticut, federal and local officials are still threatening to bring a national lawsuit against the gun industry if manufac-

ers fail to enter negotiations designed to increase firearm safety.

"This is a problem that can no longer be ignored," Housing and Urban Development Secretary Andrew Cuomo said after meeting Tuesday with representatives of 19 local jurisdictions and the NAACP.

Characterized by participants as a productive session, the gathering at HUD headquarters was the first step by national and local officials to persuade gun makers to negotiate or face a federal class action suit from public housing authorities.

### Jury partially agrees with mom who left baby outside

NEW YORK — A Danish mother arrested for leaving her baby in a stroller outside a restaurant while she and the child's father

drank margaritas was awarded just \$66,400 Tuesday in her \$20 million lawsuit against the city.

A federal jury rejected most of the claims by Anette Sorenson, 32, who had argued that she was falsely arrested and that leaving babies outside is a common practice in Denmark.

The jury found only that she should not have been strip searched and that the city commonly failed to advise arrested foreigners of their right to notify their consulates.

Standing in a soft rain outside the Manhattan federal courthouse, a misty-eyed Ms. Sorenson said she was disappointed by the verdict.

"I wanted to be cleaned in this way," she said. "That didn't happen. I have to let go of it. I don't want it to ruin my life."

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# McCain tackles health care

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — Republican presidential candidate John McCain accused both parties of malpractice in their handling of the nation's health care system Tuesday, and offered a \$4.3 billion prescription drug program for the elderly and a promise to spend 70 percent of federal government surpluses on Social Security and Medicare.

Trying to strike a balance between Democratic and Republican philosophies, McCain said, "We need to rely on time-tested market principles rather than the placebo of government control, and on human compassion rather than corporate distaste to focus attention on the most vulnerable in our society — children and the elderly."



John McCain

The address afforded McCain a not a better opportunity to tie his signature campaign — a prescription reform — to a topic that polls show is popular with voters. As he does on taxes, education and military spending, the Arizona senator said of health care: "No reform is possible until we give our government back to the people."

The plan gives him an edge over chief rival Texas Gov. George W. Bush, who has yet to offer a package of health care reforms and is waiting to monitor fallout from other campaign proposals.

Bush's campaign said he welcomed McCain's suggestions, while the more conservative campaigns of rivals Steve Forbes and Gary Bauer accused the Arizona senator of trying to increase government's role in health care.

McCain's speech lacked certain details, including how he would pay for it, and efforts by the candidate and his campaign to clarify matters yielded conflicting information.

— He said cutting wasteful spending and eliminating tax loopholes would more than pay for the plan, which he expects to cost \$4.3 billion a year.

His speech and a campaign fact sheet suggested he also would allow some punitive damages in legislation giving people the right to sue HMOs in federal courts.

The senator, however, said in a news conference afterward that he does not support punitive awards.

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# 'Don't ask, don't tell' is law, says Pentagon

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon's spokesman declined to comment Tuesday on calls by Vice President Al Gore and Democratic rival Bill Bradley for scrapping the "don't ask, don't tell" policy toward military gays other than to note it was created by Congress.

"And of course both Vice President Gore and (former) Senator Bradley were in Congress when the policy was passed and they understand what will be required to change the policy," said spokesman Kenneth Bacon.

Gore on Monday called for the elimination of the policy, Bradley had previously called for its abandonment.

Defense Secretary William Cohen ordered a 90-day review of the policy after President Clinton over the weekend suggested it wasn't working as intended.

Asked whether Cohen or other Pentagon officials had any reaction to Gore's comments, or Bradley's earlier one, Bacon said, "Well, they have all appropriately pointed out that this is a policy that was adopted by Congress and the place to change the policy is in Congress."

Bacon was reminded that when Hillary Rodham Clinton called for scrapping the policy a week ago, he had remarked that she was a private citizen and had a right to

say what she wanted.

"Well, Senator Bradley is a private citizen who happens to be running for president. And as I said, political candidates have a right to say what they want about military policies and many of them do," Bacon said, adding, "This happens to be a law that they're commenting on, and they understand and we all understand that to make a fundamental change in the policy requires a change in the law."

# Candidates battle over policies as front-runners dominate debate

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — In a spirited presidential campaign debate, Texas Gov. George W. Bush and Sen. John McCain fought over tax policy and farm subsidies while McCain was pushed to defend his centrist campaign finance proposals.

Bush challenged McCain to include working women in his tax cutting plans, while McCain asked Bush to join in on campaign finance reform.

"We can commit to having nothing to do with salt money," McCain told Bush. "I hope you'll make that commitment right here tonight."

"I don't think that's fair, I think that's unilateral disarmament," Bush said. Looking to McCain, he said "It's going to hurt the Republican Party, John."

"We have a flawed campaign finance system — that (has) given the megaphone to the big-money people," retorted McCain, of Arizona.

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recent soundings. His rise there presents a challenge to Bush's effort to march unopposed to the nomination.

McCain did make a plea for backing in Iowa, hoping for an early surprise that would add to his momentum.

"I will be on the ballot, and I hope that hearty band of brave souls will go out and vote for me," he said.

McCain also clashed with his rivals by going out of his way to trash subsidies for ethanol, a gasoline additive made from corn, which are very popular in Iowa.

"I'm here to tell you things you don't want to hear as well as things you want to hear," said McCain. "Everybody here on this stage, if it wasn't for the fact that Iowa has the first caucuses, would share my view that we don't need ethanol subsidies."

Bush quickly countered that "I'd support ethanol whether I was in Iowa or not."

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Blaine OKs stream permit

By Karen Bossick Times-News correspondent

HAILLEY - Blaine County commissioners Monday approved a stream alteration permit to reclaim and reinforce a river bank along the East Fork of the Big Wood River.

The permit also allows Brockway Engineering to remove a gravel bar in that same area to protect a bridge in the Thunder Meadows subdivision.

"The river's meandering has eroded to the point where it's starting to wipe out the south abutment of the bridge," said Blaine County Engineer Jim Koonce. "We're about to lose a \$60,000 bridge due to erosion if they don't do something."

Brockway Engineering plans to restore the natural channel by removing the gravel bar so the current will go under the bridge. Work could start in the next several weeks.

Commissioner Len Harlig expressed some reservations about gravel removal and the redeposition of gravel. "Whatever deposition occurred behind the gravel bar and along the stream would be natural and

hydrologists reassured him Brockway Engineers plans to dig as little as possible to maintain a constant grade.

In other matters, Commissioners Harlig and Dennis Wright tabled a decision on what to do about the Carey airport until they can discuss it with Commissioner Mary Ann Mix who was absent from Monday's hearings.

Blaine County wants to get out from under its upkeep of the airport. The county has been spending nearly \$4,000 a year in liability costs, providing snow removal and mowing services and irrigation upkeep for the 20-acre site. The city of Carey, if it were to take over responsibility for the airport, could decide whether it's worth it to keep the airport open or to use the ground for other purposes.

Carey Mayor Rick Baird asked whether the county would be willing to meet the city halfway, helping to pay for snow removal and other maintenance while the city picked up liability costs. Eventually, he said, the city might be able to turn the airport into a revenue producer from user fees.

Commissioner Wright asked if it was useful or ever necessary to have the airport open 12 months a year. Useful, Baird responded. "I don't know if it's necessary," he added.

The issue is a Catch-22 one for both the county and the city, he added. The only benefit the airport provides the county is as another public landing strip. "We have the same kinds of questions as to whether it's in the best interests of the city of Carey to take it over," he added.

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Street angers Hailey residents

By Kristan Kennedy Times-News correspondent

HAILLEY - Two ex-mayors and a handful of residents showed up Monday night to urge city officials to keep residents of a Woodside neighborhood from chaining off a street to control traffic.

"That the city would allow a small group of people to chain off a road is very far-fetched indeed," said ex-mayor Keith Roark, an attorney. He said all city residents should have to suffer "our fair share of sacrifice and inconvenience" amid burgeoning growth and traffic in Hailley.

At issue is the end of Green Valley Drive in the Woodside sub-

division, which abuts the Wood River High School parking lot. After neighbors complained about traffic from the high school, city officials chained off the end of the street to prevent traffic, leaving Fox Acres Road the only other access to the high school.

That action angered some. "One neighborhood should not be allowed to block access," former Mayor Steve Kearns said. "The whole city has to bear the burdens of growth."

More access to the high school and athletic fields would allow for better traffic flow and reduce congestion in the high school parking lot, he said.

Steve Keefe said the access at the end of his street is poor and unsafe. He urged the council to postpone any decision that would remove the chain at the end of his street.

In other council business, Mayor Brad Siemer said the city is ready for a Y2K catastrophe, should one occur. He said the city's water supply should function without power, since the main source is a well. The city's sewage also flows by gravity to the treatment plant, although treatment requires electricity. Extra police officers will be on duty New Year's Day, and the city's accounts receivable program is Y2K-compliant.

Wendell residents protest Gunning Dairy near town

By Aimee Wilson Times-News correspondent

GOODING - County commissioners on Monday scheduled a public hearing next month to hear comments from residents on the F.F. and G.C. Gunning Dairy located near Wendell.

The dairy began construction without a siting permit, didn't meet requirements of a grandfather clause and was issued a stop-work order by the Gooding County Planning and Zoning Commission. However, construction on the dairy continued.

Wendell Mayor Gwen Best began protesting the dairy in February 1995. Despite a several year battle through the Gooding County Planning and Zoning Commission, county commissioner hearings and various legal proceedings, the dairy was never issued a siting permit. Wendell residents are protesting the fact that the operation is once again up and running - without a permit.

Hearing set

Gooding County commissioners will hold a public hearing at 4 p.m. Jan. 24 at the county building to hear comments on the F.F. and G.C. Gunning Dairy located near Wendell.

mission business. Gooding County Sheriff Shaun Gough said persons needing driver's license renewals who are unable to get to the sheriff's office before 4:30 p.m. closing time may call the office and make other arrangements.

Nancy Cranton, chief executive officer of The Brown Schools, said the school's Austin, Texas headquarters has advised her they will build a facility in Mountain Home and hope to have the facility open in August. Cranton said plans to enlarge the Gooding facility are no longer necessary.

Times-News correspondent Aimee Wilson can be reached in Gooding at 934-8174.

Valley board has concerns

By Julie Penick Times-News correspondent

EDEN - Valley School Board members Monday expressed displeasure about an Advanced Technical Education Coalition contract dictating "curriculum alignment process."

So Valley Superintendent Neil Nelson said he will speak with ARTEC officials about rewording the contract. Signing the contract means the district would commit itself to a curriculum. Consulting would help ARTEC standards meet state testing standards along with certain defined employment skills, Nelson said.

Board members expressed concern about loss of local control. "I feel like we are losing more chunks of control with all this setting up of standards," board member John Brune said.

Board members discussed how teachers would react to someone from the outside telling them how and what to teach. Elementary school principal John Graham said he sees the contract more as an aid to matching the curriculum to existing standards.

Still, board members complained about contract wording. "I don't like this word 'dictate.' I thought this was supposed to be a 'cooperative,'" Board Chairman Jim Ritchie said.

Nelson warned that not signing

the contract could mean losing ARTEC equipment, but the board rejected the contract because of wording.

Also Monday: The board approved the school-to-work program for the first year.

Nelson expressed concern about the Viking Foundation, because it isn't coming up with operating funds for many clubs and organizations.

A meeting was set for Tuesday to meet with the Viking Pride board of directors.

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# Sides reach pact on Nazi labor

BERLIN - U.S. and German negotiators have agreed to establish a fund of \$5.2 billion for Nazi slave and forced laborers, a German lawyer representing the victims said Tuesday.

The breakthrough in the months-long negotiations came after the German government raised its offer to \$2.6 billion, equaling the amount already pledged by industry to compensate those forced to work for Hitler's war machine. Michael Witt, a Munich lawyer representing victims, said the agreement would be formally announced in the next few days.

The U.S. envoy to the talks, Deputy Treasury Secretary Stuart Eizenstat, announced the deal in a conference call with lawyers and victims' groups. Witt said, "The deal is done," he said. Meanwhile, a Nazi victims' group said Tuesday that a proposed German law setting up the compensation fund would actually deny money to most of the survivors who should qualify. The victims' group said the proposed structure of the fund includes strict requirements that would block 70 to 80 percent of survivors from receiving compensation.

## Bosnian Serb 'Adolf' gets 40 years for war crimes

THE HAGUE, Netherlands - A Bosnian Serb who tortured and executed Muslims and Croats at a prison camp was sentenced Tuesday to 40 years behind bars for war crimes.

The punishment was handed down by the Yugoslav war crimes tribunal. In an unusually wrathful denunciation, the U.N. court said the brutality of the crimes committed by Goran Jelic, a 31-year-old farm mechanic turned-prison commander who likened himself to Adolf Hitler, "shock the conscience of mankind."

Jelic was convicted in October for 31 counts of war crimes and crimes against humanity against 13 Muslims and Croats while he was in charge of the notorious Luka prison camp in northern Bosnia in the summer

of 1992. That was shortly after the outbreak of the three-year war in the former Yugoslav republic.

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TOKYO - In a major victory against sexual harassment in Japan, a governor has been

ordered to pay \$107,000 in damages to a university student who accused him of groping her on his campaign trail.

Although rampant both in the office and on campus, sexual harassment has long been kept in the shadows in this male-dominated society.

Considered an imported Western concept, the Japanese even use the English phrase for it - "sekushuharoh harassment," or "seku-hara" for short.

The latest sexual harassment civil lawsuit, filed by a 23-year-old university student in April, has finally brought the issue some serious attention.

Oakla. Gov. Knott Yokoyama, a 67-year-old married man who also goes by the name of Isamu Yamada, has repeatedly denied the charges but failed to appear in court to contest them.

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## World in brief

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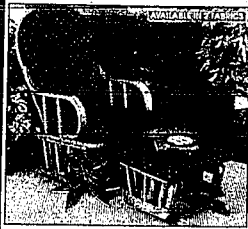
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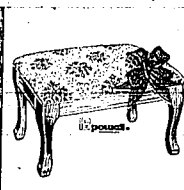
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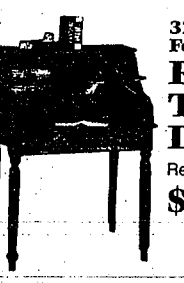


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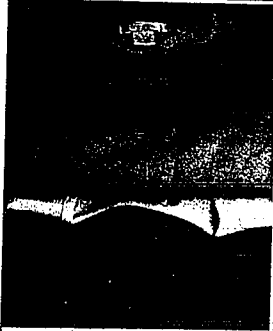
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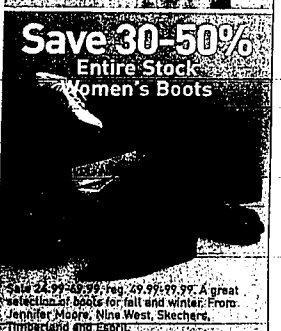
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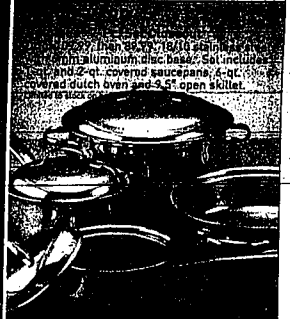
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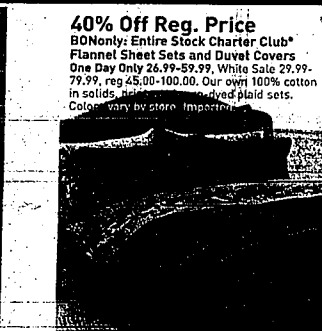
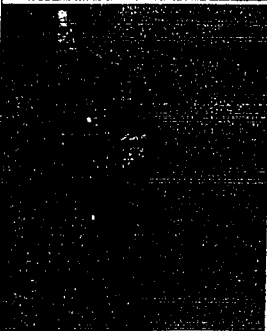
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## EDITORIAL

### Roarin' Orrin sets agenda for candidates to follow

When he peers into the mirror every morning, Utah's Republican Sen. Orrin Hatch probably knows his bid to become the GOP's presidential nominee is doomed: He is far more likely to become political roadkill, crushed by the financial juggernauts of George W. Bush, Steve Forbes and other rivals.

But that hasn't stopped Hatch from trying. And though he's not a front-runner, his efforts aren't in vain. Hatch's approach to the issues could — and should — help set some of the agenda for the eventual Republican nominee.

If elected president, Hatch has pledged to pursue an ambitious list of initiatives. We don't agree with all of them, but we do admire his vision and sense of purpose.

For example, Hatch says he would limit the power of labor unions and allow federal contractors to hire permanent replacements for striking workers. He also would remove the Justice Department from a lawsuit against gun makers, and order prosecutors to aggressively prosecute gun-toting criminals. After that, he would create a task force of top Cabinet leaders to "examine the threat from foreign nations that have become 'gangster states' in terrorism and crime against the U.S."

Hatch also would reverse some of Bill Clinton's most audacious land grabs, most

notably the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument in Utah. That's an issue that resonates deeply with Westerners appalled by Clinton's transparent use of the region as a pawn for environmentalists.

Hatch's rivals probably will turn these goals inside out and pick them apart, but we admire politicians who clearly articulate what they're for — and against.

Like him or not, Hatch's stand on the issues is as clear as an unclouded lake. He is all for combining the FBI and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms into a single entity. He is against federal funding for abortion counseling. And he wants to nullify America's involvement in a global warming treaty.

Hatch is chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee and a veteran of more than 20 years in the U.S. Senate. He's a shrewd, seasoned politician who knows how to set an agenda. That's what he's doing.

He's a no-hoper for the White House, and he probably won't survive the first few primaries. He knows that, but his lack of money and momentum doesn't mean he lacks clout. He is hammering out positions that other Republican candidates can adopt, personally walking the plank so others will have planks on which to campaign.

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### Idaho should pull together

Robert Hoover

Happy New Year — a little early! Idaho has much to be proud of as we leave the 1990s. The incredible work ethic of our citizens as well as their strong sense of the individual and fierce independence have made Idaho what it is today — a physically beautiful state with a strong economy that is among the fastest growing in the country. Founded a year before Idaho was named a state, the University of Idaho has been a partner in that prosperity for more than 100 years. It, too, is a product of Idaho citizens and their support.

My hope for Idaho in the century to come is that we continue to understand and fight despite the geographic barriers and independent spirit that may separate us, we truly are one state with a single history.

### Idaho Reflections

A series of essays by Idahoans reflecting on the state's past and their hopes for the future. Today's writer, Robert Hoover, is the president of the University of Idaho.

ry and unique legacy. And as a unified Idaho, we have a responsibility to work together for what is best for citizens in every region of the state. As our populations grow and technology advances, I am looking forward to more and stronger partnerships with our sister institutions, private industry and other government agencies. I will work for even greater integration of higher education — and all that it offers — in every aspect of our state's progress.

## LETTERS

### Read the book, learn how to cope

I went to see "Breakfast of Champions," the movie based on the Kurt Vonnegut books. I had the same thought: If you haven't read it, you ought to read the book because it tries to tell you to cope.

If you've got a miserable life and would like to know what to do about it but don't want to read the book, this is what the book says: You may be frustrated and confused and going insane, but just be glad you're alive.

Now compare that to the offer made by the Rabbi from Nuareth: "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

KYLE B. FRISHBARGER, Twin Falls

### Coalition 21 welcomes comment

My letter of Nov. 13 clearly got the attention of Peter Rickards. Coalition 21 has researched the risks of plutonium, including cancer. We included a summary of these risks in our public

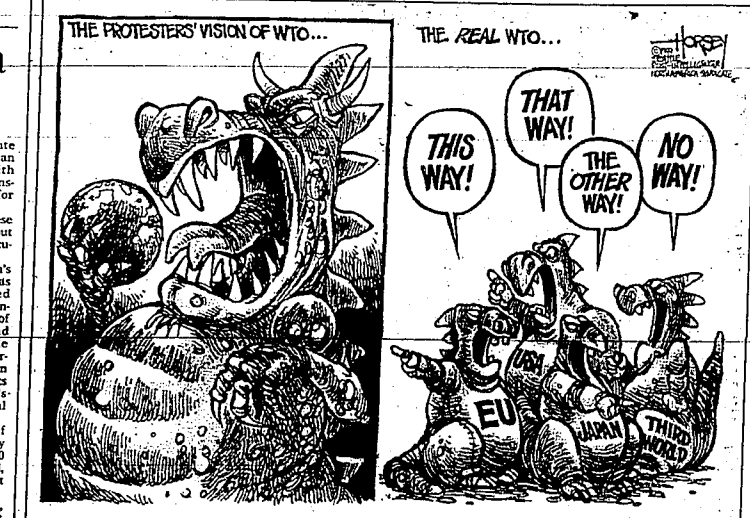
comments on the Advanced Mixed Waste Treatment Facility. They appear in the Public Comment Document of the Final Environmental Impact Statement issued in January 1999.

We asked the Department of Energy to critique that summary. The agency failed to do so. We also asked other stakeholders to comment on our risk summary. That offer continues to be open to Peter Rickards and anyone else. We welcome any factual evidence that should cause us to revise the document. It is on Pages 3-47 to 3-50 of Volume 2 of the FEIS. It is also posted on our website at Coalition21.org.

GEORGE BRYAN, Vice-President, Coalition 21, Idaho Falls

### Dick Baun will be remembered

I am very sorry to hear of the death of Dick Baun. I had him as a social studies teacher back in 1959. He was a great man. MICHAEL REED, Edinburg, Texas



### Candidates can't keep health private

In the past week, both John McCain and Bill Bradley have been pushed into revealing parts of their medical history in order to deal with adverse developments in their campaigns for the Republican and Democratic presidential nominations.

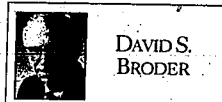
The two friends, who will join hands in New Hampshire on Thursday to promote campaign finance reform, also have a lesson to teach on the tricky question of privacy in presidential politics. In the public forums and roundtables I've attended this year, nothing seems to bother people more about today's journalism than the blurring of lines between the public records of candidates and their private lives.

Such a concern is to be expected after the horrendous experience families had in being subjected to the gross details of President Clinton's liaisons with Monica Lewinsky. Voters clearly are determined to buy themselves an insurance policy against that kind of embarrassment when they choose a new tenant for the Oval Office next year.

But the after-effects of the Clinton scandal are much broader. Time and again, on college campuses and at town halls, reporters are being asked to justify what the questions are called "invasions of privacy" and to weigh the impact of such "trespasses" on the willingness of able men and women to offer themselves as candidates.

The implicit — and occasionally explicit — question is: "Why would anyone run for high office, knowing that you (and the press) will rummage through everything in their backgrounds and expose every human weakness you can find?"

It is certainly the case that reporters at times have pushed their examinations of candidates' personal histories beyond decent limits. I wrote months ago, when



DAVID S. BRODER

Texas Gov. George W. Bush was being subjected to a blitz of questions about his possible use of cocaine in earlier years, that absent any evidence of drug abuse, such rumor-based interrogation was "harassment."

I still believe that. And I also believe that other general "have you ever?" type questions should be out of bounds. They are lazy shortcuts to the serious reporting that needs to be done on presidential candidates' formative experiences and professional careers. Too often, they have no purpose other than providing a quick tabloid headline or satisfying someone's prurient curiosity.

But the McCain and Bradley developments serve as a reminder that there are personal matters — the kinds of things most of us properly choose to keep to ourselves — that do become matters of press and public interest when someone is running for president.

The health of a president — or a presidential candidate — is certainly one of them. We elect 435 members of the House and 100 senators. There are nine members of the Supreme Court. But we elect only one president. Before the nominating conventions, we have no idea who the vice-presidential candidates will be. Even after the election, we rarely can judge that stand-in's capacity to fill the top job.

So the public has every right to know what, if any, health problems may affect a would-be president's capacity to do

the job. McCain and Bradley both acknowledged that fact — but only after it became necessary. The Arizona senator released about 1,500 pages of medical records, dating back to his release from a Vietnam POW camp, in order to stop rumors that his lengthy imprisonment had left him emotionally unstable.

Bradley issued his health data after an irregular heartbeat forced him to cancel some campaign events on the West Coast last week. The former New Jersey senator disclosed for the first time that he had been diagnosed with this quite common form of "atrial fibrillation" back in 1986 and had been taking daily medication for it since 1998.

Both of them would have been well-advised to have made the disclosures sooner than they did. McCain should have been aware that once he became a presidential candidate, the flashes of temper for which he is known among colleagues in the Senate and political associates back home would certainly be discussed.

Bradley had had more than half-a-dozen incidents of his heartbeat going awry for brief periods of time, including one earlier in the presidential race. He said he had planned to make his medical history public this week, but when the problem popped up last Thursday, his hand was forced.

On the available evidence, neither McCain nor Bradley has a medical problem that should cause any concern. But the lesson of their experiences for other candidates is clear: Disclose your medical records early. And then fight like hell to keep private those other aspects of your life that are nobody else's business.

David S. Broder is a Washington Post columnist.

## LETTER

### Think of community, not just money

The adults I grew up among — the civic and business leaders in Burley through the '50s, '60s and '70s — cared deeply about their community. It wasn't just about making money. My parents taught me that my well-being was interrelated with the well-being of my neighbors and the community at large. I listen to the discussion now as to confined animal feeding operations, convention centers and the World Trade Organization, and I think what is missing among many of our so-called civic and business leaders is a sense of community. Too much emphasis is put on money.

Wendell Barry says it well, "Our present leaders" — the people of wealth and power — do not know what it means to take a place seriously; to think it worthy,

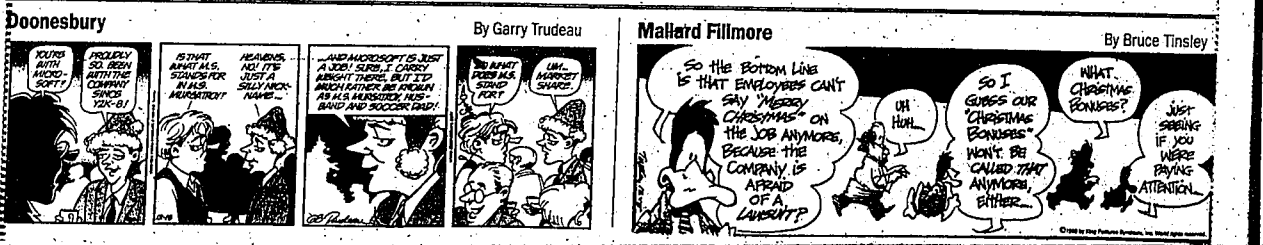
for its own sake, of love and study and careful work. They cannot take any place seriously because they must be ready at any moment, by the terms of power and wealth in the modern world, to destroy any place.

The city of Twin Falls turns 100 years old soon, and we must think about the warnings from those charged with protecting the interests of the next generations. At the Idaho Association of Cities meeting this summer, I heard Steve Allred, the head of the state's Division of Environmental Quality, say, "In some places it may become unsafe for pregnant women and children to live."

What kind of legacy is that? It is time to strike a different course. It is time to give this place so that future generations might have the opportunity live in this once-glorious

valley. It is time to rein in the destructive forces of greed and pursue policies that ensure sustainability. Einstein said, "We cannot solve our problems at the same level of thinking at which we created them."

As a first step, I have asked the Twin Falls County commissioners to grant a moratorium on all new and expanding, concentrated animal feeding operations over 1,000 animals. Take time out for the study and careful work, not just for the place but for the community as well. Support this request by calling the commissioners at 736-4068 and urge them to pass this moratorium. It will be a great way to start off the new year, and depending on how you read it, the new millennium as well. BILL CHISHOLM, Buhl



OPINION

LETTERS

Speak out for outdoor Idaho

Do you like to play in "your door" Idaho? Your opportunities to do so may soon be limited. President Clinton's proposal to create 50 million acres of roadless areas in the West, about 8 million acres of which are in Idaho, will curtail outdoor activities. The public comment period to provide input prior to the environmental impact statement ends Monday.

You may have thought that this is good thing as it curtails the development of new roads and preserves a "wilderness atmosphere." But what are the consequences? Access will be limited to the roads currently on the Forest Service maps. A road for these purposes is defined as an "improved" road and, as such, is a "numbered" road.

These are the roads that you use every year to get to your favorite camping, fishing, hunting, birding, sightseeing or cross-country skiing spot or to just ride your off-road vehicles over. If this proposal is allowed, access over these "roads" will be denied. Rather than dispersing the impact of recreational activities, we will concentrate not only our activities but also our impact.

Currently the plan (1) covers areas of 5,000 acres or more, (2) subsequent plans will include areas as small as 1,000 acres, (3) future plans call for the decision on roads to be made in the regional office level, not by local forest supervisors, (4) the inventoried roads only include "numbered roads." The number of primitive roads used by many people are not included in the inventory.

If you love "outdoor" Idaho, become informed and comment on this pseudo-wilderness proposal. Time is short. Comments need to be submitted to: USDA Forest Service, CEAT, Attention: Roadless NOI, P.O. Box 221090, Salt Lake City, UT 84122, or by e-mail: roadlessareanoi/wocent@www.fs.fed.us.

Please become involved. The administrative branch of government should not usurp Congress where hearings can be held and the citizens of this country can have input. Go to your local Forest Service office and see the impact this will have on the areas.

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As I was reading through the classifieds recently, I saw it. I knew it was coming. It happens every year at this time: You know what it is. Those cute, adorable, fluffy, cuddly, "Christmas puppies."

Because I am a huge animal lover, I know how exciting and special a new puppy can be. I also know how much work, responsibility, commitment and "money" it takes to care for a new puppy.

If you are set on getting a puppy for Christmas, maybe you could consider a delay in picking it up and bringing it home for a day or even two days after Christmas. Christmas mornings are always noisy, hectic, with goodies, small pieces of toys, paper bows, etc. Bringing a new pet home to a different environment with different people and possibly other family pets can be a very traumatic experience in itself. So waiting a couple of days for things to quiet down but while the kids are still on vacation would be a better time than Christmas morning.

Also, if you are considering a new pet for the family, why not look at the animal shelters? I

have been there before and there are many beautiful and loving animals that really need a good home. They only need to be loved and cared for and, in return, can be the best, most loyal friend you could ever want.

More than likely, most of the animals in the shelter were once those cute, adorable, fluffy, cuddly "Christmas puppies." And just like some of the Christmas toys, they are discarded after

four or five months—either to a fenced back yard, a rope and tree or a kennel, only seeing their family at feeding time.

I urge you to give very careful thought if you are considering a new pet at this holiday season because they don't run on batteries and you can't just unplug them when you're done because they run on a heart with feelings.  
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## AROUND THE VALLEY

### CSI board hosts legislators today

**TWIN FALLS** - The College of Southern Idaho board will host legislators today following its board meeting.

Following a brief board meeting the college will host a dinner and presentation for lawmakers. Among issues to be addressed include an addition to the college's Fine Arts Center auditorium.

The board will meet at 6 p.m. in the Herrett Center library and the program for legislators will follow.

### Railroad tie files through windshield, misses driver

**DECLEO** - A man escaped serious injury Monday afternoon after his vehicle crashed into a fence, sending a post through the passenger side of his windshield.

Dan Gillet, 58, of Declo, had been driving eastbound on Idaho Highway 81, when severe crosswinds and icy roads sent him off the road, into a ditch, through a fence, down a hill and into a pasture where he hit a second fence, according to a Cassia County accident report.

The impact of the collision caused the fence post, a railroad tie, to flip through the passenger side of the windshield, rammung the passenger seat, the report said.

Gillet was taken in a private vehicle to Cassia Regional Medical Center, where he was treated and released, hospital officials said.

### Jerome hospital honored among the top 100

**JEROME** - St. Benedict's Regional Medical Center was given the 1999 100 Top Hospitals/Regional Benchmark for Success award this week.

The award, based on a study of performance, identifies top performing hospitals based upon quality of care, efficiency of operations, and overall performance.

The awards are published in the industry magazine "Modern Healthcare."

### Community to hold dance for displaced family

**GOODING** - A fund-raising dance will be held Friday to help the Randy Heibert family, whose Gooding home burned down early this month.

The dance, called "A Family Christmas Dance," goes from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at Gooding Middle School. Admission is \$3.50 per child, \$3 per person, \$5 per couple and \$10 per family. Cash donations will also be accepted.

Donations can also be deposited in accounts at Fiorini Federal Credit Union and First Security Bank in Gooding in the name of Chris Barnett.

### City of Twin Falls updating billing systems

**TWIN FALLS** - City residents will be getting their bills a little later than normal, according to a city press release.

The city is in the process of upgrading the billing systems and the conversion has resulted in late bills, the press release said. November utility bills are scheduled to be sent out by the third week of December, according to the press release.

For more information, call the city office at 736-2249 or 736-2250.

### Wendell School Board to hear structural review

**WENDELL** - The Wendell School Board today is scheduled to discuss structural issues at the district's aging middle school.

The original part of the school dates back to about 1920, and the building is considered to be one of about 50 of the worst school buildings in the state, according to surveys reported by districts.

Other business to come before the board includes the Advanced Regional Technical Education Coalition, a coalition of school districts and businesses pooling resources to offer technical programs to high school junior and senior.

The board meeting will begin at 7 p.m. in the Wendell High School library.

Compiled from staff reports

# School board nixes bus, waiver requests

By Jennifer Sandmann  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - Bus route extensions and requests from nonprofit groups to waive school facility rental fees have been standard fare recently for the Twin Falls School Board.

Board members Tuesday denied the two latest requests, citing concerns that if they approved them still more people would ask for exceptions to district policies.

The district says publicity in October about residents on the east side of town asking for bus service down a private road yielded a call from a resident who lives down a private road on the west side of town where bus service had been provided.

The district, which has since discontinued the service, has no record that the drive had been authorized, Superintendent Terrell Donchik told board members. It's a narrow, gravel road, he said.

Meander Point residents in a letter to the School Board asked that the route be re-instated but the board said no, citing liability concerns associated with driving down a private road and worry of setting a precedent for bus service on other private roads.

The board also denied a request from Lighthouse Christian Fellowship to waive the Roper Auditorium rental fee. The church wants to bring Darrel Scott, parent of Columbine High School shooting victims, to Twin Falls.

The board has reduced fees for other requests, but decided Tuesday it should no longer continue to cut rates that already are reduced for nonprofit groups.

"Though this is a worthy cause as they all seem to be, there is a reduced rate for nonprofit groups and we should stick with it or change the fees," Donchik said.

Board member Del Traveller said the board is in danger of misusing district funds by not charging groups what it costs the schools to open the buildings.

"I am more inclined to say we better stop doing it and stick with the policies established," board member Chad Hafer said. In other business: Lincoln Elementary School received \$50,000 from the Idaho

Department of Education, the second installment of a three-year grant for schoolwide reform.

The board approved a contract with Boise-based Public Consulting Group Inc. to handle the district's complex Medicaid billing for reimbursement of some special education services. The company will receive 20 percent of the district's reimbursement, which has been netting about \$150,000 a year, Donchik said. Contracting the service will cost the district the same or less than hiring a new person to replace the former district employee who handled the billing.

"Just in case Bill Clinton is watching," Traveller said, "I think it's a shame that 20 percent of the money that should go

toward the good of the kids goes toward paperwork." Board members are broadcast on a local cable channel.

Donchik briefed the board on a proposed change to the district's workers' compensation policy that would require employees injured on the job to first see a doctor designated by the district. Workers' compensation claims in the district have increased, Donchik said, and the proposed policy is intended to help reduce the amount of claims. The proposal will come back to the board for a vote at a later meeting.

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## COUNTING ON POSITIVE CHANGE



Misay Stubbs, recording secretary for the Twin Falls High School Student Council, counts change that she and other council members have collected from their classmates to help needy families in the Magic Valley over the holidays. They're almost halfway to their \$2,000 goal.

# United against bigotry

By Michael Journee  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - Local human rights activists heard a rousing on the merging of two regional organizations which support local groups in the fight against bigotry in their communities.

Hosted by the Magic Valley Human Relations Council, Bill Wassmuth, the former executive director for the Northwest Coalition Against Malicious Harassment, and Terrence Rybovich, executive director of the Coalition for Human Dignity, discussed the merging of the two regional groups into a six-state organization designed to support grassroots efforts to end discriminatory and gender bias. A handful of community members involved with the Magic Valley county attended the luncheon at Elmer's restaurant in Twin Falls Tuesday.

The new organization, a nonprofit group funded by private foundations and donations, is called the Northwest Coalition for Human Dignity. Rybovich will head the Seattle-based organization.

"We're really just in transition now," said Wassmuth, who became involved with human rights efforts while working against efforts to ban the Aryan Nations in northern Idaho.

A former Catholic priest, Wassmuth was targeted by white supremacists in 1986 when his Cornerstone home was bombed. He is assisting Rybovich with the merging of the two groups, but will not be in charge of the new organization after December.

Rybovich said Idaho will be a main area of focus for the new coalition which is bringing in

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## The wait is nearly over for Cassia tech center

By Lorraine Cavener  
Times-News writer

**BURLEY** - An almost \$1 million project, which Cassia Regional Technical Center has waited to start building for nearly a year, looks like it will finally become a reality.

The Cassia County School District awarded Harris

Construction of Pocatello the contract Monday to build the 12,500-square-foot addition to the center. The company's bid was for \$1,043,000 and the school district plans to delete portions of work, such as one of the rooms, to bring the cost down to fit a \$900,000 grant.

The grant was awarded to the district by the federal Economic

Development Administration nearly a year ago, said Gaylen Smyer, the center's director. But because of red tape it has taken this long to get to the point of actually starting the construction process, Smyer said.

"It has taken a long time to move through the system," Smyer said.

While waiting for the building to be completed, the district has housed its early childhood professions, graphic communications and automated manufacturing technology classes in temporary locations, Smyer said.

Jerry Doggett, the Cassia County School District's superintendent, said.

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## Don't get buried looking for fun: Beware of avalanches

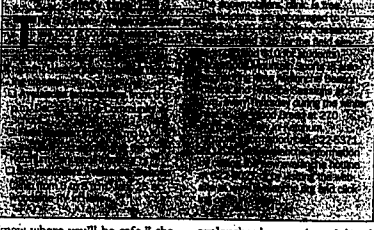
By Karen Bossick  
Times-News correspondent

**SUN VALLEY** - The snow's been slow to pile up in the south central Idaho mountains this year. But that hasn't erased the potential for deadly avalanches, according to Janet Kellam and Anne Marie Deveraux of the Forest Service Sun Valley Avalanche Center.

There's already been one death - a backcountry skier smothered under an avalanche in recent snow near Big Sky, Mont. Last year 49 people died in avalanches on U.S. soil, a number which seems to be increasing every year. In about 95 percent of the cases, the avalanche victim or a member of his party triggered the avalanche themselves, Kellam said.

The good news is that there are usually multiple warning signs alerting skiers, snowshoers and snowmobilers to the possibility of an avalanche. Hearing them could save your life, Kellam said.

"You can still be out very safely when the snow's unstable, as long as you know enough to



know where you'll be safe," she said.

There are three components to avalanches - moderately steep terrain, snowpack and weather.

Things to watch for include big dumps of snow or strong gusty winds like those that roared through Idaho on Monday. If only a couple inches of snow falls on a given day, that new snow is likely to bind to the snow if falls on like Silly Putty. But heavy snowfall is likely to trigger

avalanches because it can't bond as well. Three to four inches of new snow is not much, but wind can transport 10 times that amount, depositing 40 inches of snow somewhere.

Skiers and snowmobilers need to avoid gulches - they're terrain traps, Kellam said. "They're like being in the bottom of the tubs with somebody ready to flush it," she said. "If you go in a gully, make sure the snowpack is stable." Skiers and snowboarders also

need to watch the slopes above them - snowmobilers have been crushed by avalanches while motoring along flat roads. And they need to watch for other signs indicating unstable snow. Among the signs to watch for:

- Trees with no branches on the upside.
- Areas that have been wiped clean of trees.
- Cracks in the snow.
- Avalanches rolling down ski slopes or slopes along the highway.
- Snow that falls at an inch an hour or greater. When it's difficult to see through snowfall, hoist a red flag in your mind.
- Sinking in past your knees in wet snow.
- Rain on new snow.
- Windblown conditions.
- Rapid temperature rise.
- Cornices.
- Avalanches on similar slopes.
- Snow that provides resistance when you stick your pole in and then goes "whoosh" as the pole breaks through.

they should carry avalanche shovels and probes.

Kellam and Deveraux said if you get caught in an avalanche, try to board up the area normally towards the edge of the avalanche to escape it. Keep your pack on to protect you and help you float. Let your sled and poles (you shouldn't wear straps in the backcountry). Grab a tree or try to swim to the top of the snow. As the snow slows down, make an airpump in front of your nose and try to reach a hand to the surface. Then relax (panic will use your air supply) while you wait for friends to rescue you.

If your buddy gets buried, get digging. Avalanche victims have a 50 percent chance of being found alive if uncovered within a half hour.

"This is a fight for your life so be aggressive," Deveraux said. "And, remember: You can always get out, but you can't get out one day or snowmobile that hill another day. The snow will be there another day."

Times-News correspondent Karen Bossick can be reached at Hailey at 578-2111.

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## OBITUARIES

For obituary rates and information, call 733-0931. Ext. 278, between 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 4:30 p.m. for next-day publication. Death notices are a free service, and can be placed until 8 a.m. every day.

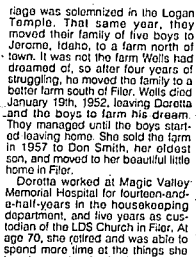
## Lawmakers look to squelch frenzy over tobacco money

BOISE (AP) — Gov. Dirk Kempthorne and top lawmakers on Tuesday moved to squelch the anticipated frenzy over disposition of the tens of millions of dollars Idaho is due from the tobacco industry. As they awaited the electronic transfer of the initial \$9 million payment, they endorsed in principle putting the cash in a trust and spending only the interest earned on that money. Kempthorne called the eventual annual investment earnings significant on a fund that would exceed \$100 million in just four more years and \$700 million by 2025. By never touching the principle and spending only the earnings from it, the governor said, "we all are beneficiaries of that in the future." But the initial investment earnings will total only \$5 million or \$2 million a year until the trust balance builds far less than the tens of millions a year many had been contemplating. "The Legislature has not suffered from a shortage of advice on how to spend the money," Attorney General Al Lunce said. "There are no strings attached. The Legislature's job is to appropriate."



### Stefan Robert Stults

Some people come into our lives and quickly go. Some stay a while and leave footprints on our hearts. And we are never, ever the same. Stefan Robert Stults, beloved infant son of Robert and Jamie Stults, went to be with his Lord, Sunday, December 12, 1999. His smile will live in our hearts forever. Stefan is survived by his parents, Robert and Jamie Stults, by his sister, Britney Stults, by his grandpa, Bruce and Nancy Lutz, Charles and Darlene Stults, and Bill Smith, by his great-grandparents, Ken and Jeannine Garay and John and Shirley Lutz. He is preceded in death by his grandma, Norma Smith, who truly goes to hold him. Services will be held at Clover Trinity Lutheran Church, Thursday, December 16, 1999 at 1:00 pm, with graveside following at Clover cemetery. The two months he was in our lives were a special gift and we'll miss you "wonder kid."



### PRESTON



### Glenn W. McMurray

Our beloved father, grandfather and friend, Glenn W. McMurray, 74, passed away Sunday, December 12, 1999 at his home in Preston, Idaho. He was born August 30, 1925, in Oakley, Idaho, to Raymond Elliott McMurray and Lillian Wilson McMurray. He married the love of his life, Carol Emma Gilford, on December 12, 1948 at his home in Preston, Idaho. He was born August 30, 1925, in Oakley, Idaho, to Raymond Elliott McMurray and Lillian Wilson McMurray. He married the love of his life, Carol Emma Gilford, on December 12, 1948 at his home in Preston, Idaho. He was born August 30, 1925, in Oakley, Idaho, to Raymond Elliott McMurray and Lillian Wilson McMurray. He married the love of his life, Carol Emma Gilford, on December 12, 1948 at his home in Preston, Idaho. He was born August 30, 1925, in Oakley, Idaho, to Raymond Elliott McMurray and Lillian Wilson McMurray. He married the love of his life, Carol Emma Gilford, on December 12, 1948 at his home in Preston, Idaho.

### KIMBERLY



### H.D. 'Spoony' Witherspoon

H.D. 'Spoony' Witherspoon died Dec. 11, 1999, at Mountain View Care Center in Kimberly, Idaho, of an extended illness. He joined the US Navy right out of high school. After the Navy, he went to auctioneer school in Billings, Mont., where he was president of his class. He became a top-notch livestock auctioneer, working at sales up to five days a week all over the northwest. His other love was racehorses, that he raised and trained himself. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, and spending time with his friends. No services are planned.

### MOUNTAIN HOME



### Rosa M. Evans

Rosa M. Evans, 71, of Mountain Home, and recently of Twin Falls, died Sunday morning, December 12, 1999, at the Twin Falls Care Center. Rosa was born on November 7, 1928, in Pocatello, Idaho, the daughter of Thomas and Margaret Morgan Murphy. She grew up attending schools in Pocatello, Idaho, where she graduated from Pocatello High School. Rosa was employed by the telephone company, where she met her future husband. She married Lyle Evans on July 6, 1950, in Elko, Nevada. They lived in Idaho Falls, Boise, Buhl, and then in Mountain Home, where she lived until moving to Twin Falls a few months ago. Rosa was a member of the First Congregational Church in Mountain Home, where she sang in church and civic groups. She was an avid reader of history, political science, and Irish history. She was an active member of the Republican Party. She enjoyed bowling, and being a homemaker.

### FILER



### Doretta Astle Hoskin

Doretta Astle Hoskin, 38, a long-time Filer resident, passed from this life December 13, 1999, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, after a brief illness. Doretta was born in the beautiful Star Valley near Grover, Wyoming, on the 17th day of March, 1936. She was the eighth of thirteen children born to John Francis Astle Sr. and Lauretta Hopworth. Doretta attended grade school in Grover, high school at South Cache High in Hyrum, Utah, and college at Brigham Young College in Logan. She really enjoyed school. Doretta married Don Estle Smith in Logan, Utah, on the 3rd of August, 1958. They spent a brief, but special, 18 months together, when Don died suddenly. She married Walter Hoskin in Farmington, Utah, on the 19th of February, 1934. The couple resided in Wallace, where they farmed. On the 11th of June, 1947, their mar-

### BOISE



### Sara M. Fowler

Sara M. Fowler, 88, passed away Friday, Dec. 10, 1999, at a Boise nursing home of natural causes. Sara or Sally, as close friends called her, was born in Warren, Idaho, on July 8, 1911. She was raised in Buhl, Idaho, by Dr. McClusky and Louise C. McClusky. She attended Buhl High School,

graduating in 1930. She attended Colorado State College in Greeley and finished her Bachelor's degree in education at the College of Idaho. A few years later, she attended Idaho State University and received her Master's degree in Education. Eager to teach, she began her career as a teaching English at various schools around the Magic Valley. Including Superior School and Buhl High School. She then moved to Twin Falls, Idaho, and taught first grade at Washington Elementary School. She had a great time teaching first-graders. Including many of her own nieces and nephews. In Twin Falls, Sara met and married her first husband, Ted Spielman, and later moved to Boise. She continued her career with the State Department of Education in 1958, as the Elementary Supervisor, and Supervisory Compensatory Education. During this time, she was responsible for the selection of textbooks used statewide, and development of various teaching curriculums. She was also a member of the national and state committees on social studies. After the death of her first husband, she married Jim V. Fowler on August 14, 1965. They shared a busy and happy life together until his death. Although Sara had no children, she considered and taught her many nieces, nephews, and grown stepchildren like her own children. Sara had a very active and energetic personality. She was involved in many local activities, functions, and organizations. In 1982, she was the first woman to ever hold office in the Boise Knits and Fork Club, and served on its Board of Directors. She also held the first woman president of the organization. She was a member of the Boise Knits and Fork Club, and belonged to the Eastern Star Association. She often served as a hostess for the Boise Little Theatre. She was a very well-known and prominent citizen of Boise, and was honored as one of Boise's most distinguished citizens. Sara loved to travel, shop, read, and entertain. Her bright and energetic soul will be missed by all the organizations, the community, those she touched in a special way, and especially by her family. Special thanks to all those individuals who have cared for her in the last few years as she struggled with her health. Home Health Care, Dale Galivan, and 24-hour caregiver, Life Care Center of Boise, and the Staff of St. Luke's Regional Medical Center in Boise. Sara was preceded in death by her parents, two husbands, four brothers, four sisters, and one stepdaughter. She is survived by two sisters, Ruth Jones of Boise, and Charlotte Wilson of Twin Falls; three stepchildren, Ed and Carolyn Fowler of Washington, D.C., Gary and Karen of St. Lukewood, Wash., and Vernone Passmore of Blackfoot, Idaho; and many nieces, nephews, grandnieces, and grandnephews. Memorials may be given in her name to the Boise Youth Ranch, or the Boise Little Theatre; contributions may be left to Reynolds Funeral Chapel staff at job services, or mailed to Reynolds Funeral Chapel at P.O. Box 1142, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303.

## SERVICES

**K. Dwain Butler**, of Gooding, services at 2 p.m. today at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Gooding. Friends may call one hour prior to services at the church (Demaray's Gooding Chapel).  
**Orville C. Lange**, of Twin Falls, services at 11 a.m., Thursday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.  
**Raymond A. Herbold**, of Rupert, services at 1 p.m. today, at Fraise Chapel in Rupert.

## HOSPITALS

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Richfield council sends request back to planners

By Sandra L. Calkins  
Times-News correspondent

RICHFIELD - The City Council on Monday referred Neil Richards to the city Planning and Zoning Commission for a conditional use permit to place two mobile homes on property where the old Texaco station is located.

Richards said the mobile homes would be owner-occupied and therefore would not constitute a new mobile home court. Before this can be accomplished, the property must be changed from acreage into lots.

Richards said he would like to repair the mobile homes after bringing them into the city, which is against city ordinances. He also asked that he be allowed to pay current city water and sewer hook-up rates which may soon be increased.

Craig Hobby, the city's attorney, advised the council to refer Richards to the city Planning and Zoning Commission to request a special use permit.

Also Monday, the council held a public hearing on proposed increases in water and sewer hook-up charges. The council heard a first reading of new water and sewer ordinances which would increase the fee for a water hook-up from \$200 to \$300 and increase the fee of a sewer hook-up from \$405 to \$705. The council will hold a second reading of the new ordinances at its January meeting which is open to the public.

Other City Council business: Mayor Charles Burtch reported that a grant that would fund more police coverage in the city is now being finalized.

Beer and liquor license renewals were approved for Pipers Store, the Stockade Bar and the Richfield Convenience Store.

Richfield teachers asked the council to consider citing people who allow their dogs to run loose at the school.

Commissioner Frank Johnson asked the council consider buying or leasing an outhouse for the arena.

Times-News correspondent Sandra L. Calkins can be reached in Richfield at 487-3212.

Keep up with the games. Read Sports

We would like to thank everyone for making our 50th Anniversary a big success. It was nice for all to take time out to help us celebrate. Thanks for the cards, baskets, gifts, flowers and phone calls. Many thanks to our children and grandchildren for all their hard work in putting on the celebration. They did a great job. We appreciate every thing very much.

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ENGAGEMENT

SOCWELL-BROWN TWIN FALLS - Roxanne Socwell and Ryan Brown have announced their engagement.

Socwell is the daughter of Debbie and Archie Grindy of Richmond, Utah, and Jeff and Paulina Socwell of Ogden, Utah. She is a 1995 graduate of Smithfield High School and is currently attending Utah State University, majoring in family and human development. She is employed at Pepperidge Farms in Richmond.



Roxanne Socwell and Ryan Brown

Brown is the son of Robert and Cathryn Brown of Twin Falls. He graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1995 and served a mission for the LDS Church in the California San Bernardino Spanish-speaking mission. Upon his return, he attended one year at Utah Valley State College in Orem. He worked for the Anasazi Foundation in Mesa, Ariz., for the summer and is attending Utah State University, majoring in biology. He is employed at Global Marketing.

The wedding is planned for 11 a.m. Saturday in the Logan Temple. An open house will be held that evening in Logan. After a honeymoon in Miami Beach, Fla., the couple will greet friends at an open house from 7 to 9 p.m. Dec. 30 at the home of his grandparents, Doug and Laura Brown, 581 Filer Ave.

The couple will continue their education at Utah State University.

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The Times-News

Wednesday, December 15, 1999

## Preserve memories for the new year

The turn of the millennium will pass in the blink of an eye, but mementos of this special time will last much longer.

**MEMORY BOOKS**  
Invite guests at a New Year's party to fill the pages of a blank book with their names and brief messages. For example, ask everyone to jot down their favorite memories, inventions or quotations of the 20th century or their predictions for the future.

An alternative is to have guests write their messages on a long sheet of sturdy art paper that has the date in calligraphy at the top. Hang the sheet on a wall, and hang a pen nearby using a length of ribbon or twine. After the party, frame the paper, or roll it up like a scroll and tie with a ribbon.

You can also send out questionnaires as invitations and have guests bring their completed questionnaires to the party. Compose the questions on a computer, and print them out on a sheet of heavyweight letter stock. Write information about the party on the top half of the back of the sheet (or send it through the printer on the other side). Fold the sheet in half horizontally, concealing the questionnaire side, then fold it in half vertically so that only blank paper shows. Sealed with a piece of decorative tape, the invitation is ready to be addressed and mailed.

After the party, compile a "keep-it" yearbook by photocopying the questionnaires and sending a set to everyone who stopped by. It also takes in an instant camera and a bulletin board to create a "photo booth" at your party; let guests take pictures of each other, and display the photos on the wall. Later, copy the photos on a color copier, and send a few to everyone in attendance. Then create a lovely party album for yourself.

You can also take digital photos and e-mail them to your guests—or post them on a web site and contact friends with the address.

**TIME CAPSULES**  
The memory book would be a wonderful addition to a time capsule, to open in 20 or 30 years.

Begin with a sturdy wood or corrugated cardboard box with a tight-fitting lid. Line the box with acid-free tissue paper to protect its contents from deterioration. Wrap each item in acid-free tissue and interleave photographs and other papers with acid-free paper.

Include photographs, especially pictures of people, neighborhood vistas and other changeable scenes. Number the photos on back corners with a soft lead pencil, and include a separate sheet that identifies each one and records the date it was taken. Or ask the people in the pictures to write descriptions of each scene.

Include cherished toys and artwork, baby clothes; items that reflect today's trends and clippings from magazines and newspapers. You might also ask each school-age child in your family to draw a map of his or her room, house or street.

Finally, ask each member of the family to write a letter to him- or herself for the capsule. Record memories, plans and hopes for the future, and place each in an envelope addressed to the writer.

Before entering your time capsule, wrap it like a present to discourage peeking—fold edges under and use embroidery thread to hand-sew the edges closed with a decorative slip stitch. Attach a tag indicating the date completed and the opening date (or embed the information directly onto the fabric before wrapping). Store in a cool, dry place, such as the back of a closet—and forget about it.

Questions should be addressed to **Martha Stewart**, care of *The New York Times Syndication Sales Corp.*, 125 E. 42nd St., New York, N.Y. 10017. Write to *The New York Times* at the address above. *Online's NewsLink* page to contact **Martha Stewart** by e-mail.

## Local cooks earn a spot in cookbook

By **Karen Bossick**  
Times-News correspondent

**KETCHUM**—The gardens of Diane Joseph Peavey and Mary Jones have been buried in snow since Thanksgiving—but that hasn't put the lid on the fresh vegetables.

Peavey and Jones are so well known in these parts for their love of vegetables that they earned a couple of pages in the new Smith and Hawken "Gardener's Community Cookbook."

The two use vegetables as ably and avidly during winter and throughout the holiday season as they do in the summer.

"I love vegetables," said Peavey, a Carey sheep rancher. "I can't live without them. Vegetable salads are my favorite part of a meal. If I go to someone's house and they feed me meat and potatoes, I feel deprived."

Peavey and Jones, who owns The Chocolate Moose in Ketchum, are among 350 cooks featured in the 468-page cookbook, available in bookstores for Christmas giving.

Two percent of the proceeds go to Second Harvest, the largest charitable hunger relief organization in the United States.

The book features all kinds of vegetables, from Deep-fried Cheese-filled Jalapeno Tostitos to Grilled Chicken-Salad with Roasted Red Bell Pepper Dressing, from Broiled Lamb Chop with Garden Vegetables and Fiddlehead Ferns to Strawberry-lemon Balm Scones and Sweet Potato Crunch.

It also has tips on seaming seafood and cooking pasta and the history of such foods as gumbo file.

Peavey, an avid reader of cookbooks, said she can't wait to explore the book and try some of the recipes, which come from all 50 states.



Ketchum-area locals Diane Joseph Peavey, front, and Mary Jones are both featured in the "Gardener's Community Cookbook."

"It has some interesting dishes — from Sweet Potato Carmelized Onion and Butternut Squash

Lasagna to Lamb-in-a-Pumpkin," she said.

and likes to combine different tastes. Her Thai Tuna Sandwich is a scoop of tuna, carrot, celery

**Where to get it**  
The "Gardener's Community Cookbook," Smith and Hawken, \$19.95, is available at many stores.

and onion salad spiked with cayenne pepper and larded onto bread spread with peanut butter and avocado to mellow out the heat.

"I like to add a flavor I like to a favorite food to get something completely different than the standard dish," she said. "The worse that can happen is that it tastes bad and you never make it again."

Peavey, by contrast, likes to keep things simple — as long as there are plenty of vegetables. She melts a little goat cheese on top of green beans sautéed with a little olive oil and garlic. Or she layers onions, potatoes and riccinni on the bottom of a dish brushed with extra virgin olive oil and drizzles on a little olive oil, garlic, thyme, oregano and other herbs and bakes it at 350 degrees for an hour.

For Christmas, she makes a salad of light lettuces (Boston or Red) spiked with Siltion cheese, an English blue cheese used traditionally at Christmas and walnuts that have been roasted for 10 minutes, drizzling a little oil and vinegar over the entire concoction.

"We'd always get a big wheel of the cheese at Christmas when I was growing up," she said. "It says Christmas to me."

The other thing that says Christmas to Peavey is lamb — a favorite dish her mother always greeted her with when she came home for the holidays.

Good thing she likes it so well, since she married a sheep rancher.

Here are some dishes with vegetables that Jones and Peavey use during the holidays and all winter long — oh, and one Christmas cookie recipe that Peavey couldn't help but throw in as a bonus.

**NEARBYONES' ZUCCHINI BREAD**  
2 pounds grated unpeeled zucchini

Please see COOKBOOK, Page C6

## Cookies make for sweet holiday memories

By **Suzanne Loudemilk**  
Special to the Baltimore Sun

Sugar and spice and everything nice. That's what holiday cookies are made of. But they're also made of love and memories and treasured traditions.

That's what we found out when readers responded to our request for holiday cookies. They sent us dozens and dozens of their favorite recipes with notes about how the cookies have become a part of their lives.

We hope you'll find a cookie or two to include in your holiday baking. After all, traditions have to start somewhere.

*This was one of my favorites as a child. I dug this out of my mother's collection last Christmas and made them for the first time in years. I got so many compliments that I just had to send them in.*

—**Henry Simmont, Bel Air, Md.**

### OATMEAL LACE COOKIES

- 1 egg, beaten
- 1 cup rolled oats, uncooked
- 2 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup butter, melted
- 3 tablespoons flour
- 1/4 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla

Mix together all ingredients. Cover cookie sheet with aluminum foil, bright side out. Drop batter by teaspoon onto-foil. If mixture is too runny, refrigerate for 20 minutes to firm the batter. There will be about six cookies per sheet as they spread out and are very thin. Bake at 350 degrees for 8-10 minutes. Slide aluminum foil off cookie sheet and let cool 5 minutes. Makes 5 dozen to 6 dozen.

*These butter-colored cookies' citrus flavor evokes Florida citrus-blanter winter days. After a heavy holiday meal, these airy cookies are the only thing over-stuffed celebrants at family meals would crave to.*

—**Gina Buckley O'Toole, Ellicott City, Md.**

### ORANGE COOKIES

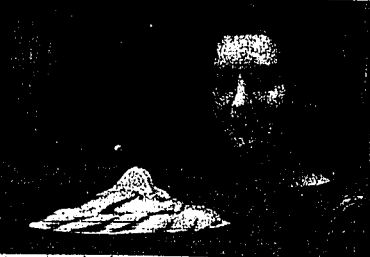
- 3/4 cup butter, softened
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 2 1/2 cups flour
- 1 tablespoon orange zest
- 3/4 cup orange juice
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda

Cream butter, add sugar and eggs, and blend well. Stir together salt and flour in a small bowl. Stir orange zest into orange juice. Mix juice and flour mixture alternately into butter mixture. Add baking soda with last bit of flour. Spoon half-teaspoon sized plops of batter, 2 inches apart, onto greased cookie sheets. Bake 8-10 minutes in preheated 400 degree oven until barely browned at edges and just firm enough to handle. Cool on racks, then transfer to wax paper to be load. Makes about 4 dozen.



Left, Barbara Cohn, with the help of her 7-year-old granddaughter Stephanie Carter, makes Mrs. Hayes' Christmas Cookies. Below, Gina O'Toole of Ellicott City, Md., shows off a plate of Orange Cookies.

2 1/2 cups flour  
1 tablespoon orange zest  
3/4 cup orange juice  
1/2 teaspoon baking soda  
Cream butter, add sugar and eggs, and blend well. Stir together salt and flour in a small bowl. Stir orange zest into orange juice. Mix juice and flour mixture alternately into butter mixture. Add baking soda with last bit of flour. Spoon half-teaspoon sized plops of batter, 2 inches apart, onto greased cookie sheets. Bake 8-10 minutes in preheated 400 degree oven until barely browned at edges and just firm enough to handle. Cool on racks, then transfer to wax paper to be load. Makes about 4 dozen.



1 cup sugar  
2 eggs, beaten  
1/4 teaspoon salt

Please see COOKIES, Page C6

# FOOD & HOME

## Gardeners will use these books again and again

Dear Cathy, I have a friend who likes gardening and doesn't know what to get her for a Christmas present. Can you help?

Santa's Helper



**GREEN THUMBPRINTS**  
Cathy Walworth

Dear Helper, Love to. Why don't you get her a copy of my favorite book? The "Sunset Western Garden Book" is the same one I'm talking about when I say "Never go plant shopping without it."  
The best part of this book is the plant listings. You can look up plants by their common or botanical name. Everything is cross-referenced both ways. This, for example, is listed as iris, then *Iridaceae*, followed by which zones it will grow in, its water needs and lots of information about the different iris varieties.  
I quickly look under "Junipers" and will tell you which ones grow and how large they get at maturity. Handy information to have in hand when you're strolling through the greenhouse.  
The worst part of this book is that

Sunset has invented their own hardiness zones. The rest of the world depends on the USDA Hardiness Zone map, and most of us know our zone according to the U.S. government. Sunset has divided up the land into 24 climate zones that nobody else uses.  
In spite of that little shortcoming, I still heartily recommend this book for anyone who plants things. It is the best plant manual around.  
While you're in the bookstore, you might want to take a look at the Taylor's Guide series. There is a large volume, "Taylor's Encyclopedia of Gardening," but we're talking about the hand-sized

volumes (they only measure about 4 inches across by 8 1/2 inches tall) that focus on one plant species each. "Taylor's Guide to Roses," for example, has color photos of 400 roses, conveniently divided up into species roses, climbers, shrub roses and old garden roses. "Taylor's Guide to Houseplants" has 427 color photographs, a great plant chart, basic botany, how to pot plants and more. I would only recommend these smaller volumes for someone who is serious about one type of plant or another.  
Another favorite of mine is the soft-handled trowel. The trowel itself is forged of one solid piece of steel, but the handle is covered in soft, bright orange rubbery stuff. This trowel is tough enough to dig in, but nice to my hands. Even if your friend has one or more trowels, this one will be adored in their potting shed. Happy holidays to you both.

for you! If you're an herb grower with a nice selection of herbs drying in your doorways, rafters, etc., you can create a handsome herbal swag that keeps bugs out of your closet. Build a bouquet out of bug-repelling herbs such as wormwood, yarrow, pennyroyal, tansy, lavender and sage. You want the swag to lie against the wall, so begin with a large, flat piece, then layer smaller pieces on top, arranging them so all the layers show. Trim all the stems evenly at the bottom and wrap a couple of rubber bands around them to hold them together. Finish by winding some ribbon around the bottom to conceal the rubber bands. Add a bow, and hang the finished product in your closet.  
What's bugging your garden? Write to Cathy in care of this newspaper or e-mail her at: [caworth@portlightnews.net](mailto:caworth@portlightnews.net)

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## You can make stylish gifts at home

By Linda Crosson  
The Dallas Morning News

There are lots of good reasons to give handmade presents. Finicky friends. Traffic jams. Budgets. Sizes. ... And above all, when you do it yourself, you're really giving - your hands, your time.

**BLANKET PONCHO**  
Project rating: Easy  
Time to make: 15 minutes to 1/2 hour  
Expense: Less than \$15  
Notes: The hardest part is finding a light blanket in the right size. You'll probably want a small-size blanket, about the size of a small throw for a couch; twin size would be too big.  
Materials:  
-Fleece blanket about 50-by-70 inches (Thick cotton, wool or other types of blankets are fine. The blanket used here cost about \$12 at Target.)  
-Sewitch Witchery (This is tape that seals fabric with an iron so no sewing is necessary. It's sold at fabric stores (\$1 to \$2 for 20 yards). We used the 1/4-inch width.)  
-Scissors  
-Iron  
-Straight pin

Directions:  
1. Open the blanket vertically on a large table. Find the center of the blanket by measuring or by folding the blanket in quarters. Mark the center with a straight pin.  
2. Cut a straight line up the middle of the blanket from the bottom edge to the center.  
3. Finish the cut edges with a hem. You could whipstitch it, but the easiest way is use Sewitch Witchery - cut two strips the length of the part you cut. Roll the cut edges over the Sewitch Witchery and iron to seal.  
Additional Tips:  
To wear this type of poncho, leave the front loosely open, or draw one end across the other and drape it over the shoulder.

**RATILBOMBS**  
Project rating: Easy  
Time to make: 1/2 hour, plus several hours to harden  
Expense: \$20 and up  
Notes: A bath bomb is a solid form of salts that fizzes when placed in bath water.  
Materials:  
-Baking soda (A large box is about \$2 at any grocery store.)  
-Citric acid (About \$3.50 for 8 ounces.)  
-Essential oils (\$3 and up at health food stores)

-Witch hazel (An 8-ounce bottle is about \$2)  
-Glass spritzer bottle for adding witch hazel (\$6)  
-Plastic molds (\$2 to 5 at craft stores.)  
Directions:  
1. Mix the following dry ingredients together in a large mixing bowl:  
-3 cups baking soda  
-1 cup citric acid  
(You might try 1 cup baking soda and 1/2 cup citric acid to make a small trial batch. Increase amounts to suit your needs; keep proportions at 3 to 1.)  
2. Add the essential oils or fragrances - 40 drops for 4 cups of dry ingredients.  
3. Add dried flowers.  
4. Add the witch hazel to the dry ingredients using the spray bottle to spritz a little at a time. It doesn't take much. It will make the dry ingredients stick together. Try to pack the mixture into the mold and flip it over. If it falls apart, add more witch hazel.  
5. After the bath bombs are molded, let them sit undisturbed for at least 6 hours before removing from molds.

**BEADED BRACELETS**  
Project rating: Easy - a good project for kids  
Time to make: About 10 to 20 minutes per bracelet  
Expense: \$2 to \$5  
Notes: Prices of beads vary great-

ly. Austrian crystals cost about \$5 for 40 beads (enough for small wrists); the black stone and agate beads used here are about \$12 per strand (makes about 2 bracelets).  
Materials:  
-Beads (all price ranges)  
-Elastic string (20 cents a yard)  
-Crimps or rings to finish off (10 to 20 cents each)  
-Twisted wire needle (25 cents)  
-Scissors  
-Pliers, preferably needle nose  
-Awl (Optional)  
Directions:  
1. Make a huge knot at the end of a 20-inch piece of elastic string to keep beads from sliding off.  
2. Put elastic through the eye of the needle.  
3. String the crimp bead first.  
4. Then string the number of beads needed to encircle the wrist. (This depends on the wrist size and bead size, but usually about 40 to 48 small crystal beads or 22 to 26 larger beads are needed.)  
5. Cut thread, leaving at least 5 inches on either side of beads. Knot the ends together tightly. (If you use an awl to make the knot against, you can pull the knot tighter so the beads are not too loose.)  
6. Slide the crimp bead over the knot. Smash the crimp with pliers.  
7. Cut excess threads.  
Additional Tips:  
If using heavier beads, use two strands of elastic thread so the bracelet is sturdier.

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# Holiday treats won't do much for fitness

Tis the season to get chubby, la la la in the la la la ha ha. And I'm not going to be much help this time. One of my favorite holiday pastimes is making cookies and breads to give to people during the holidays. I give absolutely no thought to what this will do to their hearts or thighs. I'm totally focused on taste.



VALLEY COOKING  
Rebecca Tateoka

ulated sugar to form crisscross pattern. Bake 9 to 10 minutes or until edges are golden brown. Cool 2 minutes on cookie sheets, remove to wire rack. Cool completely. Store tightly covered.

**RASPBERRY ALMOND SHORTBREAD THUMBPRINTS**  
2/3 cup sugar  
1 cup butter, softened  
1 1/2 teaspoons almond extract  
2 cups flour  
1/2 cup raspberry or favorite jam

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1 cup powdered sugar  
1 1/2 teaspoons almond extract  
2 to 3 teaspoons water

Heat oven to 350. In large mixer bowl combine sugar, butter and almond extract. Beat at medium speed, scraping bowl often until creamy (2 to 3 minutes). Shape dough into 1-inch balls. Place 2 inches apart on cookie sheets. With thumb, make indentation in center of each cookie (edges may crack slightly). Fill each indentation with about 1/4 teaspoon jam. Bake for 14 to 15 minutes or until edges are lightly browned. Let stand 1 minute; remove from cookie sheets. In small bowl, stir together powdered sugar, almond extract and enough water for glazing consistency. Drizzle over cookies. Cool completely.

**CHOCOLATE PEANUTS**  
1/4 cup butter  
4 (1-ounce) squares unsweetened baking chocolate  
2 cups flour  
2 cups sugar  
4 eggs  
2 teaspoons baking powder  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/2 cup chopped walnuts or pecans

powdered sugar  
In 2-quart saucepan, melt butter and chocolate over low heat (8 to 10 minutes); cool. In large

mixer bowl combine melted chocolate mixture, 1 cup flour and all remaining ingredients except nuts and powdered sugar. Beat at medium speed, scraping bowl often until well mixed (2 to 3 minutes). By hand, stir in remaining flour and nuts. Cover refrigerator at least 2 hours. Heat oven to 300. Shape rounded teaspoonfuls of dough into 1-inch balls; roll in powdered sugar. Place 2 inches apart on greased cookie sheets. Bake for 12 to 15 minutes or until firm to the touch.

**GOLDEN PUMPKIN BREAD**  
1 1/2 cups flour  
1 cup packed brown sugar  
1 cup canned pumpkin  
1/2 cup butter, softened  
2 eggs  
1 1/2 teaspoons cinnamon  
1 teaspoon baking powder  
1 teaspoon baking soda  
1 teaspoon salt  
1/2 teaspoon ground ginger  
1/4 teaspoon ground cloves

Heat oven to 350. In large mixer bowl, combine all ingredients. Beat at medium speed, scraping bowl often, until well mixed (2 to 3 minutes). Spoon into 3 greased 5 1/2-by-3-inch mini loaf pans. Bake for 30 to 35 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool 10 minutes; remove from pans. Cool completely; store, refrigerated.

Rebecca Tateoka welcomes comments on recipes. You may e-mail her at [tateoka@cyberhighway.net](mailto:tateoka@cyberhighway.net)

I've tied a pair of shoes. There are several more decorating ideas, but I'll just throw in this last one:  
"Line a basket with a square of holiday fabric and fill with nonperishable cookie ingredients, candy decorations and a cookie cutter. Attach the recipe to the handle with a ribbon."  
This is a holiday take on the ingredients in the Mason-jar theme, but it's still a great gift. I've been known to make a couple of kinds of cookies and place them on a festive plate, along with a mini loaf of muffins and a sprinkling of caramel-popovers and candies.

Whatever method you choose to fatten up those you love, just remember to put your own touch on the gift.

**PEANUTTY CRISSCROSSES**  
1 1/2 cups firmly packed brown sugar  
1 cup peanut butter  
3/4 cup margarine, softened  
1/3 cup water  
1 egg  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
3 cups quick oats  
1 1/2 cups flour  
1/2 teaspoon baking soda  
Granulated sugar

Beat sugar, peanut butter and margarine until creamy. Add water, egg and vanilla; beat well. Add combined oats, flour and baking soda; mix well. Cover; chill about 2 hours. Heat oven to 350. Shape dough into 1-inch balls. Place 2 inches apart on ungreased cookie sheets. Flatten with tines of fork dipped in gran-

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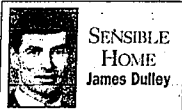
FOOD & HOME

# Portable power pack works for recreation, emergencies

Dear Jim: I would like to have some type of emergency backup electricity power, but I cannot afford a generator. I want something lightweight that I can also use outdoors (camping, fishing, etc.) What is best?

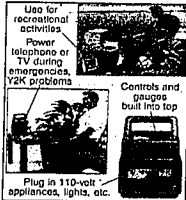
—Steve J.

Dear Steve: It sounds like a portable power unit is exactly what you need. These units are easy to carry and can power standard 115-volt household appliances and devices plus 12-volt camping and recreational equipment. If you forget and leave your car's lights on and the battery runs down, the 12-volt output from the power unit can easily start your car. When traveling by car, you can plug a standard TV, laptop computer or games into the 115-volt outlet to keep your children occupied.



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These are ideal for a potential Y2K power outages or any emergency. A typical 18 amp-hour battery model can operate a small TV for six hours, a light for 10 hours, a security system for 40 hours and radio for 20 hours. It is a good idea to keep one in the trunk of each car that you have. These power packs contain two major components — a high-output, no-maintenance battery and



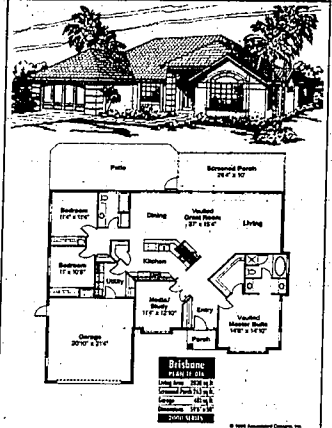
an attached or optional inverter. They are built into a durable plastic case with a handle. Some of the smaller ones weigh only about 10 pounds, so they are easy to handle and to store away. The output power of the battery is rated in amp-hours, exactly like your car battery. They

range in power from 7 amp-hours to more than 90 amp-hours. These all use sealed technology, so they will never leak. This makes it safe to carry out to the backyard or a cabin to run a saw or trimmer. Your car electrical system operates on 12-volts like these batteries. When the battery in the portable power unit runs down, it has a cord to plug it into the cigarette lighter socket. It recharges while you drive. When indoors, just plug a tiny charger (like a calculator) into a wall outlet. An inverter converts standard battery 12-volt direct current (DC) into 115-volt alternating current (AC) that your household items use. Some portable power units have a built-in inverter and

others have a plug-in inverter. Most inverters have two standard wall-type outlets and will handle 300 watts. For simplicity, select a model that has some type of built-in charge indicator so that you know when it is running down. Some units use these indicator lights and others use an actual meter. Many inverters have a built-in low-battery indicator to give you time to shut off any devices. Even if you do not get the

portable power pack, a plug-in inverter is a great item to have. Plug it into your car's cigarette lighter and it is like being at home. It will power most 115-volt household devices. Write for Update Bulletin No. 744 — buyer's guide of portable power units, features and sizes. Please include \$3 and a business-size SASE. Write to James Dullea, 6905 Royalgreen Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45244.

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Other features in the owners' suite include a large walk-in closet and a dual-compartment private bathroom. His-and-hers vanities are tucked in alcoves on opposite sides of the outer section, well away from the steam of the shower and oversized tub. French doors open into a room across the entryway, which could serve as a media room, or

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# National tree arrives after a long journey

By John Hughes  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Hillary Rodham Clinton opened the White House Christmas season Dec. 2 by accepting an 18 1/2-foot noble fir trucked 17,000 miles from Washington state.

A carriage pulled by two horses adorned in red ribbons and Santa caps delivered the tree to the sun-drenched South Porch of the White House as a youth choir sang "It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas."

At the first residence, the tree was adorned for the holidays. Ed and Cindy Hedlund of Elma, Wash., said it took about 40 years to grow the tree at one of their tree farms.

"It's an experience of a lifetime," said Ed Hedlund, who for more than a decade has tried to win a national contest to present the first family with a tree.

The Hedlunds also gave the Clintons a 14-foot Douglas fir for their personal residence.

Tipper Gore topped the National Christmas Tree with the help of two youngsters. Patricia Marjary, 9, of Crofton, Md., admitted it was "sort of scary" riding in the hydraulic lift to the top of the giant tree on the Ellipse, south of the White House. She and 10-year-old Gavin Fugere, from Hyattsville, Md., helped raise \$20,000 for the homeless in an effort organized by their school.

Over 75,000 lights, garlands and ornaments shaped as festive ribbons, poinsettias and boughs of evergreen are adorning the tree. The decorations mentioned Dec. 8, when President Clinton turned on the lights — an unbroken tradition of presidents since 1923.



The season is ushered in with the National Christmas Tree and the Washington Monument, seen at dusk from the south lawn of the White House Sunday in Washington D.C. The decorations mentioned Dec. 8, when President Clinton turned on the lights — an unbroken tradition of presidents since 1923.

# Those holiday guests will need a place to sleep

A spot on the floor won't suit everyone

The Philadelphia Enquirer

It's the holiday season and all through the house, guests are camped out on sleeping bags and on the couch. Holiday travelers usually overlook the inconvenience of such arrangements. After all, it's a small price to pay to have loved ones around.

"Comfort is slightly less important than people who come willing to take what's here," said Philadelphia writer Peggy Anderson, who usually puts out-of-town guests in a bedroom with a sharply pitched ceiling on the top floor of her brick rowhouse.

The spirit of making do pervades the sleep solutions hosts provide this time of the year. There's everything from the truly makeshift — which can consist of throwing a quilt on a thick carpet — to setting up an air mattress or cot, to buying a permanent piece of furniture that can offer temporary sleeping when it's not serving as seating in a spare room, den or home office.

Not surprisingly, sales start picking up in November on such items, retailers report. At the Original J. Goldberg's in Philadelphia, salesman Joseph Camizzi leads the way to camping equipment, where boxes of Sevylor air mattresses picture a family in jammies and robes

near an air bed on a living room floor.

"All you need is a pump," he said, noting that for about \$50 total, a spot pump and twin air bed can help you get visitors settled in comfortably.

What customers need to be clear about in choosing a piece is how long they want their guests to stay.

Customers are generally more interested in how sofa beds sit than in how they sleep, said Susan Andrews, who reports on sleepers for the trade journal Furniture Today. One company — Georgia-based SleepToc — has produced a sleeper with an air mattress that inflates to 11 inches over a wooden platform, not a bar.

Daybeds, which are twin mattresses with decorative paneling or railing plus bolster pillows, are another popular seating/sleeping option. Some come with a prandisitic

Tien there are futons, the Japanese import embraced by the '80s counterculture. Now sporting smarter covers, they're showing up in family rooms and home offices. Some even boast

mattresses that contain innersprings instead of the usual cotton-battling-and-foam combination.

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# Dishing it out: Egnog brings Christmas cheer

By Jane Snow  
Knight Ridder News Service

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But it's Christmastime, so whoo on those fogies. For a couple of brief weeks each year, we get to drink the nectar of... well, not the gods, at least the elves.

### HOLIDAY EGGNOG

- 4 egg yolks
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 2 cups cream or half-and-half
- 2 cups milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/3 to 1/2 cup liquor, if desired
- Whipped cream
- Freshly grated nutmeg
- Beat egg yolks and sugar in a saucepan. Stir in cream. With a wooden spoon, stir over low heat until mixture reaches 160 degrees and thickens enough to coat the back of the spoon. Do not boil. To determine whether the mixture is thick enough, raise the spoon from the pan and run your finger in a line over the back of the spoon. The mixture is thick enough when it does not spread back into the clean strip

of spoon. Remove from heat and stir in milk, vanilla and liquor. Chill, if desired. Ladle into cups and top with a dollop of whipped cream. Sprinkle with freshly grated nutmeg. Makes 6 servings.

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## Cookies

Continued from C1

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*Mrs. Hayes was a neighbor of mine in the early '70s and gave this recipe to me. It is with fond memories I bake this now with my granddaughter, Stephanie.*

—Barbara Cohn, Baltimore

### MRS. HAYES' CHRISTMAS COOKIES

- 3/4 cup flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup softened butter
- 1/2 cup Brown Sugar
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1 egg
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 cups oatmeal
- 1/4 cup chopped pecans
- 3 to 4 plain Hershey bars, broken into segments
- 30 pecan halves

Sift together flour, baking soda and salt. Cream together butter and sugars, and add egg, vanilla, oatmeal and pecans. Mix into flour mixture. Shape dough into three (5-inch) rolls, about 1 1/2-inch diameter and chill two hours or overnight in the refrigerator. Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Slice dough rolls into pieces a little less than a quarter-inch thick. Place on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake 10-12 minutes. After removing from oven, while warm, place one Hershey bar segment on cookie and, when slightly melted, press pecan half into chocolate. Makes about 4 1/2 dozen to 5 dozen.

*I substituted dried cranberries for the marshmallows cherries (in the original recipe) and the warm added a nice, flavorful touch.*

—Carmella Walsh, Edgewater, Md.

### CHOCOLATE-COCOONUT-CRANBERRY DROPS

- 1/2 cup vegetable shortening
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1 egg
- 1/2 teaspoon almond extract
- 3/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 3/4 cup semisweet chocolate chips
- 1/2 cup shredded coconut

## Cookbook

Continued from C1

- 6 large eggs
- 3 1/2 cups sugar
- 2 cups oil
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 3 teaspoons cinnamon
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- 6 cups whole wheat flour

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line the bottom of three standard loaf pans with parchment paper (typing paper works well, too). Trim ends and grate zucchini. In a separate bowl, mix cinnamon, salt, baking powder and baking soda with the flour. Set aside. In a separate bowl, whisk eggs with a fork to break yolks and add oil and vanilla. Set aside. In a large bowl, mix the grated zucchini with the sugar. Carefully add wet ingredients and mix thoroughly. Start adding flour mixture a cup or two at a time. Mix well before adding more. When batter is completely mixed, divide evenly into the three pans and bake in center of oven for an hour. Cakes are done when a knife inserted in the middle comes out clean. Let cakes cool 10 or 15 minutes in the pans before turning them out.

**BISTRO LEG OF LAMB**  
 Cover the bottom of a pan with sliced onions, potatoes and tomatoes. Drizzle with a little bit of virgin olive oil. Put a rack on top and lay a leg of lamb on it so the drippings flavor the vegetables. Season with fresh rosemary, crushed garlic, salt and pepper. Slow cook for 3 hours at 300 degrees so the lamb falls off the bone. Or, cook at 350 degrees for 1 1/2 hours so the lamb is still pink inside.

### SCOTTISH SHORTBREAD CHRISTMAS COOKIES

- 2 cups flour



Harry Simmont pulls a batch of his Oatmeal Lace Cookies from the oven.

**1/2** cup dried cranberries  
 Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Grease cookie sheet. (I use parchment paper and eliminate the grease.) In a large bowl, cream shortening and sugar. Beat in egg, almond extract, flour and baking powder. Add remaining ingredients and mix well. Drop spoonfuls of dough onto cookie sheet and bake 15-17 minutes. Transfer to wire racks and cool. Makes about 3 dozen.

*Note: I soak the cranberries in a tablespoon of water and microwave for 15-20 seconds to plump them up and soften them.*

*These delicious cookies melt in your mouth, look like shimmering snowflakes, plus they freeze well.*

—Christine King, Silver Spring, Md.

### LEMON SNOWFLAKES

- 1 cup butter or margarine
- 1 cup confectioners' sugar
- 1 cup granulated sugar plus additional for rolling and baking
- 1 cup vegetable oil
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon lemon extract
- 4 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon cream of tartar
- 1 teaspoon salt

Cream butter, sugars and oil in large bowl. Add eggs and lemon extract, and set aside. Mix together flour, baking soda, cream of tartar and salt. Stir dry mixture into wet mixture. Form balls the size of a quarter. Roll balls in additional granulated sugar. Place on cookie

sheet. Flatten with a flat-bottomed glass or jar about 3 inches in diameter. Dip the glass in sugar between cookies to keep dough from sticking to the glass. Find a vase or other crystal container that has a pretty design on the bottom. Press the crystal design onto the flattened dough to make an indentation. Do not press crystal through to the cookie sheet. Remember to dip crystal into sugar between cookies to prevent sticking. Bake at 375 degrees for 8-10 minutes. Do not overbake. Edges of cookies should not be obviously brown. Makes about 8 dozen.

*This is an excellent recipe for cutout cookies with detailed intricate designs. They are a tradition in my family. We all used to get together and paint the cookies.*

—Jermette Miller, Columbia, Md.

### WHITE VELVET COOKIES

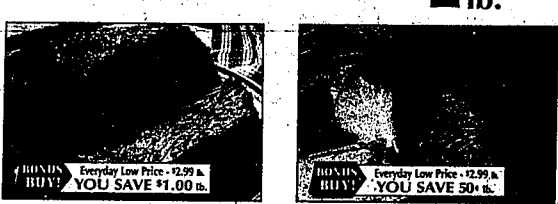
- 1 pound oleo
- 8 ounces cream cheese
- 2 cups white sugar
- 2 egg yolks
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 4 1/2 cups flour
- Cream oleo and cream cheese. Add sugar and egg yolks. Add remaining ingredients. Chill dough about an hour. Roll out on lightly floured board (do not roll too thin). Use cookie cutters to cut into shapes. Bake 10-12 minutes in a 350 degree oven (do not overbake). Frost cookies with confectioners' icing of choice or paint them with food colors, if desired. Cookies freeze well. Makes about 11 dozen.

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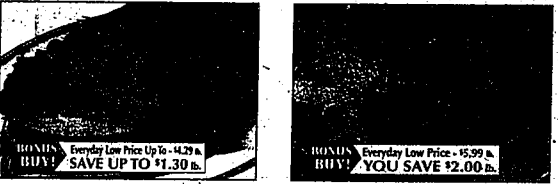
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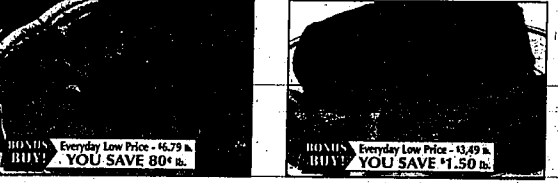
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FOOD & HOME

# Barbara Bush's '80s recipe will sweeten up your holiday

By Beverly Bundy  
Knight Ridder News Service

Here are two popular recipes from the 1980s.

**BARBARA BUSH'S BATCH**

1 cup plus 2 tablespoons sifted all-purpose flour

1/2 teaspoon baking soda

1/2 teaspoon salt

1/2 cup butter, softened

1/3 cup firmly packed brown sugar

1/3 cup white sugar

1 egg

1 1/2 teaspoons very hot water

1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract

1 cup semisweet chocolate chips

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Sift together flour, baking soda and salt onto wax paper. Beat butter, brown sugar, white sugar and egg in large bowl with electric mixer until fluffy, about 3 minutes. Beat in hot water and vanilla. Gradually beat in flour mixture until blended and smooth. Stir in chocolate chips.

Drop dough by well-rounded

measuring teaspoons onto large greased baking sheet. Bake in preheated 375-degree oven for 10 minutes or until golden. Cool on sheet on wire rack 1 minute. Remove cookies from sheet onto wire rack to cool completely. Makes 3 dozen.

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**EGGNOG CRIME BRULEE**

3 cups heavy cream

5 egg yolks

2 eggs

1/2 cup sugar

2 tablespoons dark rum

1 tablespoon brandy

1 teaspoon vanilla

1/2 teaspoon nutmeg

1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar

Heat oven to 325 degrees.

Place eight 6-ounce ramekins or custard cups in 15-by-10-by-1-inch baking pan. Heat cream in medi-

um saucepan just to a simmer. Remove from heat.

In medium bowl, combine egg yolks and eggs; beat well. Stir in sugar until combined. With wire whisk, stir in hot cream until well-blended. Stir in rum, brandy, vanilla and nutmeg.

Pour mixture into ramekins. Place pan in oven; pour hot water into pan until it's 1/2 to 3/4 inch up sides of ramekins. Bake at 325 degrees for 30 to 35 min-

utes or until centers are just set. Carefully remove from oven. Place cups on wire rack to cool. Cool 30 minutes. Refrigerate at least 3 hours or overnight. Before serving, place ramekins in the 15-by-10-by-1-inch baking pan. Top each with 1 tablespoon brown sugar. Broil 4 to 6 minutes from heat for 1 to 2 minutes or until sugar is melted. (Watch closely.) Store in refrigerator. Serves 8.

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## Try this Christmas fruitcake

By Ellen Hawkins  
The Baltimore Sun

Cheryl Brassell of Rapid City, S.D., requested "everyone's best fruitcake recipes... especially the orange-glazed fruitcake."

Leslie Slater of Cary, Ill., wrote, "Here is one that I make every year. It came from my grandmother many years ago. They are best when made two weeks before Christmas."

**GUMDROP FRUITCAKE**

2 pounds raisins

5 cups all-purpose flour

1 teaspoon baking soda

1 teaspoon cinnamon

1 teaspoon nutmeg

1 teaspoon cloves

Big pinch allspice

Big pinch salt

3 tablespoons butter or margarine

2 cups sugar

1 egg

1 pound chopped dates

1 cup chopped walnuts or pecans

12 pounds gumdrops (no black ones) Stems' raisins 30 minutes in 1 quart water. Cool overnight; strain and reserve liquid.

Grease loaf pans (three large, 10 1/2-by-4 1/2-by-3-inch deep, or two large and two small, 5 1/2-by-3 1/2-by-2-inch-deep). Line with waxed paper and grease the paper. Sift flour with baking soda, spices and salt. Cream butter and sugar; add eggs one at a time, mixing in between. Stir in flour mixture, alternating with liquid from raisins. Stir in dates, nuts, gumdrops and raisins. Divide batter between prepared pans. Bake in preheated 300-degree oven. Large loaf pans will require 2 to 2 1/2 hours; smaller loaves will take about 1 1/2 hours. They will begin to brown around the edges. Test by touching surface or stick the cake should spring back from the touch. Serves about 20.



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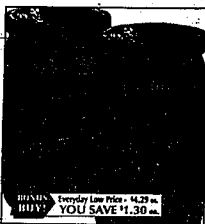
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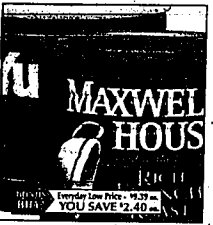
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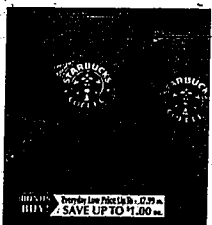
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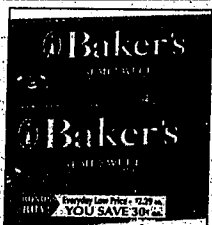
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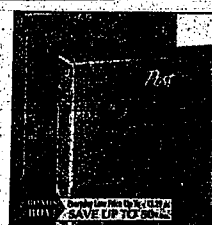
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FOOD & HOME

Homemade treats make wonderful gifts

By Sun Selasky  
Knight Ridder News Service

When the commercialism - and high cost - of the season gets to be too much, seek refuge in the kitchen and make these special, feel-good food gifts.

You don't need great artistic talent to package them, either. Look for clever containers at arts-and-crafts stores; discounters, places that sell decorative imports and even dollar stores. Then all you need to do is add a bow, a sprig of greenery and a warm holiday wish.

This crunch can be prepared up to 3 days ahead; store in an airtight container.

**SANTALFE CRUNCH**

- 1/2 cup unsalted butter
- 1/4 cup Worcestershire sauce
- 2 tablespoons light brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons chili powder, or more to taste
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cayenne pepper
- 12-ounce box oven-toasted square corn cereal
- 4 cups mini-pretzels
- 2 cups dry-roasted peanuts
- 2 cups pecans
- 2 cups pumpkin seeds

Preheat the oven to 300 degrees. In a small saucepan over medium-low heat, stir together the butter, Worcestershire sauce, brown sugar, chili powder, salt and cayenne pepper until the butter melts. In a large roasting pan at least 2 or 4 inches deep, combine the cereal, pretzels, peanuts, pecans and pumpkin seeds. Drizzle the butter mixture over the cereal and toss gently to coat in the center of the oven, stirring every 15 minutes for about 1 hour, or until heated through. Remove from the oven and cool completely. Makes about 20 cups.

-Adapted from "Christmas 101" by Rick Rodgers

**SWEET AND SPICY  
CANDIED WALNUTS**

- 1 large egg white
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cloves
- 12 ounces (about 3 1/2 cups) walnuts, preferably walnut halves

Preheat the oven to 300 degrees. In a medium bowl, whisk the egg white, sugar and salt until the mix is very foamy. Whisk in the cinnamon, ginger, nutmeg and cloves. Add the walnuts and stir to coat. Spread the nuts on an ungreased baking sheet. Bake for 10 minutes. Stir and separate any walnuts that are sticking together. Bake for another 10 minutes. Stir and continue baking until the coating is dry and walnuts are crisp, 5 to 10 minutes. Cool completely. Makes about 1 1/2 cups.

NOTE: Substitute the grated zest of 1 orange, 1 teaspoon crumbled dried rosemary or 1 tablespoon finely chopped fresh rosemary and 1 teaspoon coarsely

cracked black pepper for the cinnamon, ginger, nutmeg and cloves. If desired, substitute pecans for the walnuts.

-From "Christmas 101" by Rick Rodgers

**CRANBERRY CHUTNEY**

- 1 pound fresh cranberries, rinsed
- 1 cup sugar, or more to taste
- 1/2 cup white vinegar
- Zest and juice of 2 oranges
- Zest and juice of 1 lemon
- 2 teaspoons chopped fresh ginger
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1 teaspoon ground coriander
- 1 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes
- 1 mango, peeled and chopped into 1/4-inch chunks, or other fruit such as blackberries or strawberries

Place the cranberries in a medium saucepan. Add the sugar, vinegar, orange and lemon zest and juice. Bring to a low boil and cook just until the cranberries burst. Add the ginger, cumin, coriander, red pepper flakes and mango and stir once. Taste, adding additional sugar if necessary, or to taste. Allow to cool. The chutney will gel slightly as it cools. It will keep for 1 week in the refrigerator. Makes about 4 cups.

-Adapted from "Modern Food Gifts" by Martha Gill

**FRIENDSHIP SOUP MIX**

- Soup gift mix
- 1 cup dry split peas, divided
- 1/3 cup beef bouillon granules
- 1/2 cup barley
- 1 cup dry lentils, divided
- 1/3 cup dried minced onion
- 1/4 cup Italian seasoning mixed with about 1 teaspoon dried parsley
- 3/4 to 1 cup uncooked long-grain or wild rice, divided

To make the soup: 1 pound stewing meat, cut into 1 1/2-inch cubes  
3 to 3 1/2 quarts water  
1 can (28 ounces) diced tomatoes

To prepare the soup mix: Using a one-quart canning jar, place 1/2 cup of the split peas in an even layer. Add the beef bouillon gran-

ules, making an even layer. Top with the barley. Place 1/2 cup of the lentils on top of the barley in an even layer, followed by all of the minced onion and then the Italian seasoning mix. Place 1/2 cup of the rice on top. Add another layer of split peas using the remaining 1/2 cup, and top with a layer of the remaining 1/2 cup lentils. End with as much rice as needed to fill the jar. Cover and seal.

Cut a decorative piece of fabric to fit over the lid and secure with an elastic band. Tie a ribbon around the band. Write the other soup ingredients and directions on a small piece of paper and attach to the jar, or secure under the fabric.

To prepare the soup: In a large soup pot, brown the stewing meat and drain. Add the water, tomatoes and soup mix; bring to a boil. Reduce the heat, cover and simmer for 45 to 60 minutes or until


the peas, lentils and barley are tender. Makes about 4 quarts of soup.

-From "Keeping Good Company" by Roxie Kelley

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**'Insider' smokes film critic awards**

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "The Insider," a movie about a tobacco executive-turned-whistleblower, has reaped four awards from the Los Angeles Film Critics Association, including best motion picture of 1999.

Russell Crowe, named best actor of the year recently by the National Board of Review of Motion Pictures, won best actor for playing the whistleblower who blasted his former TV bosses.

Christopher Plummer won best supporting actor for his portrayal of "60 Minutes" newsmen Mike Wallace, and "The Insider" cinematographer, Dante Spinotti, was chosen as the best in his field by the Los Angeles film critics.

In other awards, Sam Mendes got best director for "American Beauty," a dark satire on suburban family life starring Annette Bening and Kevin Spacey.

Hillary Swank was named the top actress for her gender-bending role in "Boys Don't Cry," a drama about a young woman who attempts to pass herself off as a young man in a small Nebraska town. Chloe Sevigny won for supporting actress for her work in the mystery.

Other picks included Charlie Kaufman for best screenplay for "Being John Malkovich"; Pedro Almodovar's "All About My Mother" for best foreign film; and Wim Wenders, and Ry-Cooder for the documentary "The Buena Vista Social Club."

**Pistol-packing in-laws make mom worry about the safety of her child**



**DEAR ABBY**  
Abby Varburton

**DEAR ABBY:** I need some advice on how to handle a sticky situation with my in-laws. My husband's father carries a concealed handgun in his pocket, and in addition to this, his wife carries one in her purse. My father-in-law is in his early 70s, and it was not until recently that I learned they carried these loaded weapons everywhere they go. This includes our home.

We have a child under the age of 1, and I am so afraid that the gun may go off while my father-in-law is holding our child. The other possibility is that it may go off in a public place. My father-in-law does have a concealed gun permit, but the thought of his gun going off by accident and injuring our child or someone else has really upset me.

My husband says if it bothers me, I should say something to his father. How should I bring this up to the in-laws if my husband will not talk to his dad about this?

I really do want to have a good relationship with my in-laws, but guns in my home or around my child at any time will not be tolerated. Please help!

—DESPERATE IN DALLAS

**DEAR DESPERATE:** Tell your pistol-packing in-laws that the world may be a dangerous and scary place, but they are safe when they are in the confine of your home. Then do what any saloon keeper in the Old West

is, he like "Lost in a Dream." I have a wonderful marriage. But every so often I think of him and dream about him, and wonder "What if?" He was very special to me. Some people call it "puppy love," but it was real to me. And for a 14-year-old, that was all that mattered.

I want to tell "Lost in a Dream" that she is not alone. She is not a bad person for this. Anything can trigger dreams. I am just relieved to know that I am not the only person who experiences this. Thanks, Abby, for printing that letter.

—RELIEVED IN ORLANDO, FLA.

**DEAR RELIEVED:** You're welcome. I have a stack of letters from readers exhorting your message to "Lost in a Dream." Dreams of a former romance are nothing to lose sleep over. However, if they are causing anxiety, it can't hurt to talk them over with a professional.

**Movies**

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222 Main Street, Twin Falls, ID 83420  
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World is Not Enough (R) 7:00 8:20  
Sleepy Hollow (R) 7:00 8:20  
Toy Story 2 (R) 7:00 8:20

**Get ready for the public eye, Aries; Taurus is tough**

**IF DECEMBER 15 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY:** You are loyal and family, attracted to drama and make have voice which could be used with proper training. Taurus, Leo, Scorpio partners play outstanding roles in your life - could have these letters, initials in names: F, O, X. You tried many things this year. That was good - never be afraid of failure. In the year 2000, emphasis will be on marriage, home. June will be most memorable for you.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Don't attempt to hide rather than face the music. The "music" includes public appearances, answers to questions concerning partnership, marriage.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** You are rough and tough and you know your stuff - but a bit of social grace must be added to the mix. Keep resolutions concerning diet, exercise, nutrition.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Obtain hint from Aries messages. You cannot escape reality - know it, answer questions previously avoided. Taurus, Scorpio persons will play significant roles.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** You emerge as charming individual who can win votes, money. Get idea on paper, dress up product, highlight sex appeal. Some people say, "Please don't leave us again!"

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Family income on money, dress up product, highlight sex appeal. Some people say, "Please don't leave us again!"

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Don't be caught off guard by try-

**HOROSCOPE**  
Sydney Omarr

ing to please everyone. It can't be done and is sure road to madness. Music plays; your critical assessment is sought. Pisces involved.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Value of property estimated - result is good news, worth more than originally anticipated. Love relationship sizzles. Capricorn featured.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** You have held back long enough. Communicate with individuals in other lands, especially those qualified to represent you. Aries, Libra persons will fit the bill.

**AGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Get head start, imprint style, don't wait for others, display pioneering spirit. Highlight creativity, imagination; let others know that you are a winner.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Food grabs spotlight; trade records, accept dinner invitation. Cancer named involved, will prepare a surprise for you. Relative does the cooking - a mistake!

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Make up for recent misjudgment - organize social event related to politics-charity. Gemini, Sagittarius persons will be enthusiastic participants. Humor necessary.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Look before you leap; preparation of material necessary. Take nothing for granted, not-even friendship. Taurus, Leo, Scorpio persons attempt to dominate.

**'The Graduate' director was the first to earn \$1M**

**Q. Who was the first movie director to earn \$1 million for one picture?**

**A. Mike Nichols for "The Graduate."**

The more money a wife makes, the more housework her husband does. That's not just a quaint notion. Studies reportedly confirm it.

**Q. What do you call that device to measure blood pressure?**

**A. A "sphygmomanometer."** I once met a man in a white coat who could pronounce it.

A June bug is really a May beetle.

Abalone, too, line their shells with mother-of-pearl, but no, it's never called mother-of-abalone.

**Q. What was the most successful patent medicine of all time?**

**A. Hop Bitters.** Heavily laced with alcohol, that one. It was concocted in 1873 by Asa T. Soule of Rochester, N.Y. Made him a millionaire. Soule offered to give the University of Rochester \$100,000, if it would change its name to Hops Bitters University. The school said no.

**Q. Quick, what animals can't move backwards?**

**A. Kangaroos.** Bit of a handicap, but it makes them tough in boxing matches.

The sort of musical mistake, if any, made by people with perfect pitch is always the same - the note they recognize may be an octave high or an octave low.

Did I say "strengths" ties with "screamed" as the longest single-syllable word in English? Make that "one of the longer." Those

**WHAT'S WHAT**  
L.M. Boyd

two also tie with straight, scratched, scrounged, scrunched and squashed. And stretch to this list, add the longest: "squirrelle."

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- 1/4 teaspoon Fred Meyer pepper
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- 3-lb. box coarse kosher salt
- 1-1/4 cups water

Combine oil, onion, garlic salt, basil, marjoram, thyme and pepper in heavy plastic bag. Mix well. Add roast; coat well with marinade. Massage in refrigerator 2 hours or overnight. Line roasting pan with aluminum foil. Combine coarse kosher salt and the water thoroughly until salt is well moistened. (Do not add more water.) Put 1 cup of moistened salt into a 1/2-inch thick rectangle in pan. Put roast dry with paper towels. moisten thermomometer. Place roast on salt layer. Carefully pack remaining salt mixture around meat to encase roast. Place roast in a 425° oven and roast about 16-18 minutes per pound for rare (140°), 20-22 minutes per pound for well done (170°). For best results, use a meat thermometer to check internal temperature. Remove roast when thermometer registers 5 degrees below desired doneness. Let roast stand 5-10 minutes in salt crust, which avert any remaining crystals with a stiff pastry or vegetable brush before carving. If using an instant-read thermometer (the kind that isn't inserted before roasting), check the estimated cooking time. Take roast out of the oven 10-15 minutes before it should be done. You may have to poke a hole in the salt crust to insert thermometer. Continue roasting, if needed, and test temperature again in 5 minutes.



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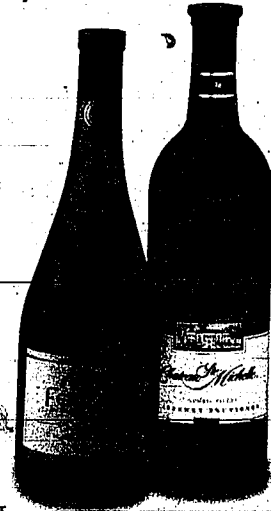
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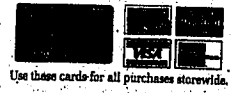
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## MORNING LINE

### SPORTSQUOTE

66 I think just about everybody ought to get a second chance.

— President Bill Clinton, lobbying for Fox Rose's reinstatement to major league baseball in a People magazine interview to be released Friday

### TODAY'S SCHEDULE

- Wrestling**  
 Twin Falls at Elko  
 Jerome at Highland 7 p.m.  
 Pocatello at Minico  
 Kimberly, Buhl at Filer 6 p.m.  
 Gooding, Minico JV at Oakley/Ruff River
- Girls' basketball**  
 Burley v Twin Falls  
 Minico at Jerome  
 ISDB v TFCJV
- Boys' basketball**  
 Filer at Buhl, JV at 4:30 p.m.  
 Grace at Valley  
 Wendell at Shoshone

### IN BRIEF

**Pick up skills at Jazzball sessions**  
**RUPERT** — Skills and fundamental drills sessions for the Rupert Junior Jazz Basketball Program will hold this weekend. The session for third-and-fourth-grade boys will be Saturday from 9-10 a.m. Boys in the fifth-and-sixth grades should attend Saturday from 1:30-2:30 p.m., and boys in the ninth-through-12th grades should come Monday from 7-8 p.m. All coaches and players must attend the session for the division in which they will be participating. For more information, call 434-2400.

**Girls' Jazzball program gears up in Burley**  
**BURLEY** — Girls in grades seven through nine can sign up now for the Junior Jazz Basketball Program at the Racqueteurs Health & Fitness Club. Members and non-members are welcome. The drop-in will be held Monday, Jan. 3, at 6:30 p.m. in the club's gymnasium. For more information, call 532-4559.

**Sun Valley figure skaters claim world pairs title**  
**SUN VALLEY** — Two ice skaters who live and train in Sun Valley were crowned world professional pairs figure skating champions last weekend. Elena Leonova and Andrei Khvatko defeated the current Olympic pairs gold medalists Saturday in Washington, D.C., for the championship. The couple has lived and trained in Sun Valley and been regular performers at the Sun Valley Ice Shows for the past two years.

**ISU golf coach takes leave of absence**  
**POCATELLO** — The contract of Idaho State University women's golf coach David Alder will not be renewed, the school announced Tuesday.

Alder, who also is a professor in ISU's political science department, has held the coaching position since 1993. In 1994, he guided the Bengals to the Big Sky Conference title, but last Saturday the team ended tied for eighth in the Big Sky and did not finish higher than 14th at any single tournament. "There was concern in the direction that the program was heading," said athletic director Howard Gaubier, "and I felt it best at this point to make a change."  
 Alder's golf coach Tom Peterson has been named interim women's coach, with Pocatello product Almee Oliphant as his assistant.  
 Compiled from staff and wire reports.

# Bruin win goes unnoticed in poll

## Declo slips, Valley rises in Class A-3 ranks

The Times-News

Twin Falls' convincing 64-42 win over No. 3 Idaho Falls and close 52-46 loss to No. 2 Pocatello were impressive, but apparently not enough so to vault the Bruins into the Top 5 of the state's weekly Associated Press boys' high school basketball poll. In voting conducted among the state's sportswriters and broadcasters, Pocatello remained No. 2 and Idaho Falls fell just one spot to No. 4 despite losing badly to the Bruins, and Twin Falls (2-2) was again shut out of the Class A-1 Top 5. Centennial held tight at No. 1 and has yet to lose a game, Meridian climbed one rung to No. 3 and Lake City continued to round out the tally at No. 5.

### Complete poll results — D3

The Bruins met unranked Minico on Thursday having lost those two games — to Mountain Home and Pocatello — by an average of just four points.  
 In Class A-2, Bishop-Kelly solidified its hold on the top spot, followed by St. Maries, which jumped to No. on the strength of wins over Wallace and Lakeside coupled with previous No. 2 Kuna's 67-57 loss to Melba. Snake River climbed two spots to No. 3, American Falls dropped to No. 4 and the Kavenamen hung on for dear life in the poll's fifth position.  
 Filer did not crack the Top 5 this week either, but gained some recognition beating last week's Class A-3 No. 1 Declo. In that A-3 class, Declo's 63-62 loss to Filer stripped the Hornets' of their share of a tie for first with No. 1 Melba. Declo

checked in this week at No. 2, followed by 50 Valley, which garnered one of the division's 10 first-place votes, Lapwai and a tie between Ririe and Pocatello.  
 Ririe enters the poll sharing the No. 5 spot after knocking off Mackay, the defending state Class A-4 champion.  
 Valley, meanwhile, made its jump into the Top 5 with a perfect 5-0 record compiled entirely on the road. The Vikings make their home opener tonight against Grace.  
 In Class A-4, Mackay's loss to Ririe — the Miners' first of the season — created a split for first-place votes between the Miners and Notus. Notus is 6-0 and jumped from No. 5 to No. 2 this week.  
 Clark Fork lost to Bonner's Ferry to drop from second to a third-place tie with Oakley, while Murtaugh slipped to No. 5 and last week's No. 3 Hagerman fell out of the poll altogether.  
 Others receiving Class A-4 votes included Hagerman, Shoshone and Richfield.

# CSI dials up the Arctic

## Men's annual basketball classic returns this week

By Kevin Hall  
 Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — With the Magic Valley frozen in winter's grasp, it's only fitting that the College of Southern Idaho's Arctic Circle Classic basketball tournament tips off this week.

"It should be some good competition," said CSI head coach Derek Zeck. "All are very well-coached teams."

A trio of men's basketball teams representing three vastly different regions and styles of play will compete in the three-day event, with the Marrianum, Fla.-based College of Southern Idaho Junior College Indians, Tonkawa, Okla.'s Northern Oklahoma College Mavericks and Ironwood, Mich.-based Gogebic Community College Samsony challenging the Golden Eagles.  
 "I know it'll be very competitive," Zeck said. "As good as any teams in (the Scenic West Athletic Conference)." After three straight losses to open the Scenic West Athletic Conference season, Southern Idaho ended the string of defeats on Saturday with a 104-73 beating of Durie College.

"(Losses) happen for a reason," Zeck said. "We're in the position we are with three losses for a reason — to learn lessons, and maybe switch up some things and to try some different things."  
 The first-year coach said the team has learned what it needs to work on.

"Our offense has been fine," he said. "We've shot 50 percent from the field the last three games. It's our defense that we have to take care of, and that's why I switched to the zone strategy. Despite our defense matters and develops to where it needs to be."  
 "We're too talented, and too good a group and have to good a game plan to not have a chance to be successful down the road."

The tournament comes at a particularly tricky time in the schedule, with finals also being held this week at CSI. Any momentum gained from Saturday's win could easily be lost this week. SWAC play picks up again on Jan. 6, when CSI hosts upstart Treasure Valley Community College.  
 "It wasn't the best timing (with finals)," Zeck said. "But it'll be three great games for us."

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# CABLE'S TIED TO U OF I



Idaho's new head football coach Tom Cable speaks at a news conference Tuesday in Moscow. Cable comes from the University of Colorado, where he was the offensive coordinator.

# Emotion rules Cable's return to Moscow

**The Associated Press**  
**BOISE** — Newly selected University of Idaho head football coach Tom Cable said on his return this week to the Kibbie Dome where he played offense as a line in the 1980s, he went off by himself to take it all in.  
 "This is something as dear to me that only your children being born can move you more," the offensive coordinator for

the Colorado Buffaloes told a Moscow news conference on Tuesday. "This place has given me a chance to make my dreams come true."  
 Cable comes from a succession of coaches which began with Dennis Erickson, followed by his staff: Keith Gilchrist, John L. Smith and Chris Torney. He played for Erickson as a center and guard in 1982-1985.  
 "Before, the winning years were few

and far between," Idaho athletic director Mike Bohn said. "But with these guys, we've experienced our golden age of football."  
 Cable has a three-year contract of \$120,000 annually, with private funds financing media agreements reaching \$50,000, and incentives based on his success.  
 It adds up to a package of about \$200,000, Bohn said.

# Pins rule in Declo

## Bobcats, Hornets record nine Tuesday

**Matt Peterson**  
 Times-News writer  
**DECLO** — Maybe it was static. More probably, it was skill. Whatever the case, shoulders stuck to the mat Tuesday as Declo and Burley combined for nine pins in 10 matches in the Hornets' season opener in Declo.  
 With a win in the heavyweight division, Declo (1-0) led a 47-36 victory over the Bobcats (0-3).  
 "I'm always glad to win," said second-year coach Jason Taylor, whose wrestlers pinned their opponents five times but were pinned four times themselves.  
 "We won by pins and we lost by pins. We can't give up pins so easily."  
 Leading 41-36 entering the heavyweight contest, Declo needed to avoid a pin to secure the victory. The Hornets' entrusted the match to the good — not to mention beefy — hands of 273-pound defending state champion Lance Osterhout.  
 Osterhout had little trouble with Burley's Jason VanBuskirk,

recording the fastest pin of the three-count-filled night in a brief 38 seconds.  
 "Lance is an intense wrestler," Taylor said. "He doesn't just want to wrestle, he wants to get after somebody out there."  
 Once taken down, VanBuskirk offered little resistance to the overpowering Declo heavyweight.  
 "I try to come out intense," Osterhout said. "I just wanted to win."  
 Down to 273 on Tuesday from his 290-pound football playing weight, Osterhout said he wants to slim down to 250-the weight he wrestled at last year. So far, he said he's accomplishing that by running twice a day and eating less.  
 While Declo took the match, Burley, on a whole, wrestled much better than it did last Saturday in the Minico tournament. There, the Bobcats lost big twice, once to Madison and once to Rigby.  
 "We wrestled OK tonight," said Burley coach Clint Milliron. "We had a little better intensity than earlier."  
 Highlighting the Bobcats' performance were pins by Seth Lemesurier (135); Eric Ferrero

# REJECTED



Washington Wizards center Isaac Austin (8) blocks the shot by Utah Jazz center Olden Polynice, front, as Jazz forward Karl Malone looks on in Washington Tuesday. For more NBA coverage, see page D2.

# Utah QB will tie knot before bowl

**The Associated Press**  
**SALT LAKE CITY** — On Sunday morning, it's sure to be a well-deserved honeymoon in Vegas for unflappable Utah quarterback D.D. Crowshaw.  
 On Tuesday, Crowshaw will be getting ready for Las Vegas, where the Utes (8-3) will spend the rest of the week preparing for Saturday's Las Vegas Bowl against Fresno State (9-0).  
 But during this frenzied week, there are other things on Crowshaw's calendar.  
 After today's practice, he will fly back to Salt Lake City. He gets married Thursday to former Utah student trainer Kirsten Kingery at the Mormon church's historic downtown temple.  
 There's a reception planned Thursday night. On Friday, Crowshaw plans to hop a 6 a.m. flight back to Las Vegas. Saturday's kickoff is 4 p.m.  
 "I wouldn't have normally planned it this way," Crowshaw said. "I would have liked to have some more time with Kirsten. After the game we plan to stay in Vegas a few days to relax since there's no school."





SPORTS

Falling short

The Denver Broncos' loss Monday against Jacksonville stripped away the slight chance they had of making the playoffs and assured the two-time Super Bowl champions of their first losing season since 1994.

Super Bowl champions who did not make playoffs the following season:

Team	Super Bowl playoffs
Denver Broncos XXXIII 1999	
N.Y. Giants XXV 1991	
Washington XXIII 1988	
N.Y. Giants XVI 1987	
San Francisco XVI 1982	
Oakland XV 1981	
Pittsburgh XIV 1980	
Kansas City IV 1970	
Green Bay I 1968	

Source: National Football League

New Montana coach names more assistants

MISSOULA, Mont. (AP) - New University of Montana football coach Joe Glenn has named two more assistants. Glenn said he will retain three assistants who served under outgoing coach Mick Dennahy.

When Glenn was hired after 11 seasons as head coach at Northern Colorado, he said he would name Mike Breske his defensive coordinator, a job he held at Northern Colorado for the past 13 seasons.

He also said Ron Richards, the head coach at South Dakota School of Mines in Rapid City, S.D., would be his offensive coordinator. Richards was an assistant at Montana Tech in Butte for 13 seasons and an assistant offensive line coach at Montana in 1973 and 1974.

On Monday, the school announced that Glenn named Tom Hauck his defensive line coach. Hauck, 57, is a former Montana player who coached football at Billings Senior High School from 1968-87 and has worked as a defensive assistant at Rocky Mountain College the past 13 seasons.

Glenn has named Chris Knutsen his special teams and linebackers coach. Knutsen coordinated the special teams at Wyoming from 1997-99 and worked with the special teams and outside linebackers in 1999.

Knutsen served as a defensive line coach and assisted with the special teams at Northern Colorado in 1995 and 1996. He was also the linebackers coach and assistant offensive line coach at UNC from 1992-94.

Glenn also announced he would retain wide receivers coach Bill Cockhill, offensive line coach Chad Germer and assistant defensive line coach Lance Robinson.

Cockhill, 28, is a former stand-out receiver for the Grizzlies and has been an assistant for the past six years.

"Bill is a tie-in to the passing game that has been so successful here at Montana over the years," Glenn said.

Germer, 29, has been an assistant at Montana for four years, the last two as offensive line coach. He was a three-year starter for the Grizzlies.

Robinson, 28, has been an assistant at Montana the past three seasons, working with the defensive line and assisting in game film exchange.

Junior jolts Mets, blocks trade to New York

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) - He would be bigger than the Empire State Building, the brightest star in town since Reggie. Only one problem: Ken Griffey Jr. does not want to play in New York.

Junior jolted the Mets late Monday night, blocking a deal they had worked overtime to set with the Seattle Mariners.

"It's been made clear to us that he would prefer not to be traded to the Mets," New York general manager Steve Phillips said. The Mets packed up and left the winter meetings Tuesday, still with Griffey on their minds. They do not plan to badger Seattle about the 10-time All-Star, but their offer - pitchers Armando Benitez and Octavio Dotel and outfielder Roger Cedeno - is likely to remain open.

"At this point, I don't think he wants to go to the Mets," Mariners GM Pat Gillick said. "You're always hopeful something will change."

Said Phillips, "I'm always willing to leave that door ajar." "I don't feel like we were wasting time," he said. "I think it was a worthy effort to pursue, and an exciting one to pursue."

There were two trades on the final day of the meetings. The New York Yankees sent reliever Dan Naulty to Los Angeles for a prospect and Cincinnati sent out-

fielder Stephen Larkin, brother of Reds shortstop Barry, to Baltimore for a player to be named.



Ken Griffey Jr.

Pittsburgh signed free agent outfielder Wil Cordero, a good hitter who has had difficulty staying healthy and out of trouble, to a \$9 million, three-year contract. It is his fourth team in four years.

Cordero has played with Montreal, Boston, the Chicago White Sox and Cleveland, changing uniforms each season since 1997. He hit .299 with eight homers and 32 RBIs last season in 54 games with Cleveland, missing three months with a broken left wrist after opening the season as the starting left fielder.

Cordero, a 28-year-old native of Puerto Rico, pleaded guilty in 1997 to beating his wife. Cordero also was arrested in January for disturbing the peace following an altercation with his wife's former husband in a Puerto Rico hotel on New Year's Day.

Also, Anaheim thought about sending outfielder Jim Edmonds

to Oakland and the Mariners considered free agent second baseman Mark McLemore.

There were 15 trades involving 40 players during the five-day period, including a four-team swap that sent Jeff Cirillo and Rolando Arjona to Colorado and Vinny Castilla to Tampa Bay. Greg Vaughn and Todd Zeile were the top two free agents who signed.

And there was the Mets' near miss on Griffey.

Had he said OK, the team would have completed one of the most electrifying trades ever. It would have given the Mets a mega-star to tower over the World Series champion Yankees and provided the city a sports personality unmatched since Reggie Jackson.

Mariners president Chuck Armstrong called Griffey's agent Monday, saying a trade was in place and asking if the center-fielder would waive his right to reject it.

Agent Brian Goldberg said no deal, Gillick said.

Griffey can block any deal as a 10-and-5 player - 10 years in the majors and the last five with the same team.

This offseason, he asked the Mariners to trade him to a club closer to his home in Orlando, Fla. Griffey grew up in Cincinnati watching his father Ken play for

the Big Red Machine, and would like to join the team where his dad is now the hitting coach.

During the weekend, the Reds publicly pulled out of trade talks with the Mariners, prompting Goldberg to say Seattle was wasting its time with other clubs. Griffey is eligible for free agency after the 2000 season.

"If he can't go to Cincinnati, then he's going back to Seattle for the final year of his contract," Goldberg said.

The Reds dropped out - for now, it seems - when Seattle continued to insist they include Gold Glove second baseman Pokey

Reese in any proposed trade.

Reese was flattered. "To get Ken home to Cincinnati, I'd have made the deal," he said. "I'm honored my name was used in the same sentence as his."

The Reds did make a deal by sending Stephen Larkin, 26, to the Orioles. He hit .239 this season at Double-A Chattanooga, and played his only major league game in 1998.

The Dodgers got Naulty for Class A first baseman Nick Leach. Naulty, 30 next month, was 1-0 with a 4.33 ERA in 33 appearances for New York.

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Report: WSU's Dickson will head to Tulane

PULLMAN, Wash. (AP) - Washington State University athletic director Rick Dickson has agreed to take the athletic director's post at Tulane University in New Orleans, KXLY-TV of Spokane reported Tuesday night.

KXLY, which did not cite a source, said Dickson had told Washington State athletics staffers of his decision on Tuesday.

Dickson did not return a phone message left at his office after business hours Tuesday.

Washington State athletics spokesman Rod Commons said he could not confirm or deny whether Dickson was leaving, but he said he expected Tulane officials likely would announce on Wednesday their choice to replace Sandy Barbour, who was fired in August.

Dickson confirmed in a prepared statement Tuesday that he had been contacted by Tulane officials.

"My initial response to their inquiry was that I was not looking for a change, that my family and I were very happy at WSU, and that I really didn't have the time to even think about another job offer," Dickson said. "However, they convinced me to take a visit to the school last weekend."

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## BRIEFLY IN-MONEY

### First Security, Zions get nod for merger

**TWIN FALLS**—First Security Corp. (Nasdaq: FSCO) and Zions Bancorporation (Nasdaq: ZION) said this week they received approval on their merger application from the Federal Reserve Board.

The merger will create the nation's 20th largest bank, now pending approval at special shareholders' meetings scheduled for Dec. 28 and the execution of agreements to sell certain branches. The merger is expected to close this month, the companies said.

Zions branches in Richfield and Burley are two of six in the state to be sold. Two First Security bank branches in the Lewiston area also are up for sale.

### Eden woman wins cash from Twin Falls stores

**TWIN FALLS**—An Eden woman was the lucky winner of \$2,000 in cash from a group of Twin Falls' downtown merchants.

Schoolteacher Carolyn Lee won last week's drawing, the second of three promotional giveaways downtown.

The third drawing, for \$3,000 in cash, will be held at 7 p.m. Friday at the fountain on Main Avenue. Shoppers earn one chance to win for every \$10 they spend at participating downtown stores. The winner must be present at the drawing.

Downtown merchants also are sponsoring free wagon rides from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday and from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday; this is the last weekend for that promotion. To ride, meet the wagon in front of Wells Fargo Bank.

### Deadline changes

#### for YourBusiness news

**TWIN FALLS**—For two weeks, The Times-News will change its deadline for submission of news items to print in the Sunday Money section's YourBusiness column.

For the Dec. 26 and Jan. 2 editions, the deadline for YourBusiness submissions will be noon on the preceding Tuesday.

The first full week in January, the deadline will return to the customary noon on Thursday. The week after, the deadline is noon on Thursday for the Dec. 19 edition.

Compiled from staff reports



Marlon Van Holwegen, center, counts business people's ballots Tuesday as the Historic Downtown Business Improvement District in Twin Falls selects new board members.

## Building a cyber-inventory

### CSI plans to put a list of Twin Falls' downtown properties online

By Rachel Denry  
Times-News correspondent

**TWIN FALLS**—An inventory of all commercial structures within Twin Falls' Historic Downtown Business Improvement District soon will be placed on the Internet—courtesy of College of Southern Idaho students.

The inventory, conceived by the BID's economic restructuring committee, not only will help the BID but will benefit CSI students, committee chairman and CSI Idaho Small Business Development Center business incubator manager Bryan Matsuoaka told the BID board Tuesday.

While the Web page would showcase the BID and show people what the downtown area has to offer, it also would help the BID recruit businesses, Matsuoaka said. Students will get experience in data compilation

and Web-site creation.

Information such as a building's square footage, date of construction and type of access are a few of the things prospective buyers will be able to learn from the Web site and brochure CSI will publish. Prospective business tenants will be able to check out their competition in the area, and shoppers and visitors can become familiar with downtown.

From there, CSI hopes to work with the BID in "recruiting and retaining businesses that would be complementary to downtown," Matsuoaka said.

The Web site—for which an address will be announced later—will help downtown meet a number of objectives, such as recruiting businesses from other areas of town, of Idaho and of the region, BID executive director Randy Bombardier said.

"Downtown is still unique," he said. "People like that environ-

ment. I think there's people in more urban areas who would like to do something" in this kind of business environment.

On other business Tuesday, the BID board:

• Announced its new board members: Ron Thompson, Cain's Home Furnishings; Lillis Anderson, Sun-Mor Drug; and Richard Crowley, Crowley's Soda Fountain. They replace Chairman Bob Maloney, Secretary Marlon Van Holwegen and Jim Koch.

No new chairman was selected Tuesday.

• Appointed Norman Wright of First Federal Savings Bank to the position formerly held by David Higginson, who was removed from the board at last month's meeting.

• Set a closed executive committee meeting Thursday to discuss the renewal of Bombardier's employment agreement.

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## Keeping with the 'dot com.' trend

### Wal-Mart, AOL eye major marketing alliance

The Washington Post

As "dot com" companies throw billions at lucky online marketing campaigns, internet service providers are opting for a decidedly old-fashioned approach to gathering new customers: Instead of trolling for them on the World Wide Web, find them at the corner store.

American Online Inc., the world's largest Internet service provider, is in negotiations with Wal-Mart Stores Inc., the world's largest retailer, about a possible marketing alliance.

Shares of both companies have jumped in recent days on speculation about a deal, which one investment firm called "imminent." Stock of Wal-Mart—which has a Burley store and will open one in Jerome—hit an all-time high Monday, rising 7.5 percent to \$68. American Online shares edged up \$2.50 to close at \$94 after touching a 52-week high of \$95.62 1/2 earlier in the day.

Sources at AOL confirmed discussions at hazy meeting places. Officials from Wal-Mart declined to comment on the talks, which have been rumored on Wall Street for several weeks and were reported by the New York Times. A spokesman for Microsoft Corp. said the Seattle software giant has also been in talks with Wal-Mart about a possible partnership.

A number of other old-line firms also have been struck recently, representing what some analysts call a revolution in Internet companies' attitudes toward bricks-and-mortar competitors. Even as established companies are trying to jump online, Internet companies are moving back to physical stores with "foot traffic," blurring the line between the two.

Said Pamela Berry, a Merrill Lynch analyst who covers retailing, "I think in the long run most of the major successful Internet companies will be multichannel

companies, with both online and off-line components."

In a major coup last month, Microsoft beat out AOL for a deal with Tandy Corp. to feature Internet products in Radio Shack's 7,000 stores. EarthLink Network Inc., which after a pending merger with MindSpring Enterprises Inc. would be the nation's second-largest Internet provider, already features kiosks at Fry's Electronics stores along the West Coast. And all the major service providers have dropped millions of colorful software disks at retail chains nationwide.

"Having a footprint in the local market has become more and more important. A lot of people talk about virtual models, but we believe that no company is truly virtual, especially if it's a consumer services company. People want to deal with a live person," said Abhishek Gangi, an Internet analyst with William Blair & Co.

Microsoft, for instance, will train Radio Shack employees to help people install and navigate MSN, Microsoft's Internet service, said spokeswoman Deanne Sanford.

A Wal-Mart/AOL pact would be a substantial blow to other ISPs, which have been struggling to increase their market share against AOL's dominance but still have only several million customers each as opposed to AOL's 19 million, analysts say.

With 2,500 stores nationwide, Wal-Mart receives 90 million to 120 million visitors a week. Those customers, analysts say, represent about 80 percent of the store's last untracked demographic.

"Wal-Mart's customer base is not the techie crowd," Gangi said. "It's the middle-class market. It's those who are trailing."

Youssef Squall, an Internet analyst at ING Barings, said, "If this relationship were to be true, (it) will bring the Internet to the masses."

## As retail sales soar, consumer prices stay nearly level

The Associated Press

**WASHINGTON**—Americans went on a shopping spree last month and pushed up retail sales by 0.9 percent, giving merchants a strong start to the holiday season. At the same time, consumer prices edged up just 0.1 percent.

The two reports, released Tuesday, show that the nation's economy, spurred by consumer spending, continues to barrel ahead, thus far without triggering inflation, economists said.

"Many economists expect the Federal Reserve to leave interest rates unchanged when it meets next week, largely because of uncertainty whether problems might occur from the Y2K computer changeover.

But the Fed has bumped up

rates three times this year to slow the economy and keep inflation under control and is likely to raise rates again early next year, economists said. They said the strong retail sales report would justify that, because of the probability that the economy can't sustain such rapid growth without producing inflation down the road.

Financial markets brushed off the good inflation news and concentrated on the retail report, which indicated that the sizzling economy is showing no sign of cooling. The Dow Jones industrial average was down for much of the day but turned moderate-ly upward in afternoon trading. Bond prices fell as yields on the Treasury's 30-year bond rose to 6.26 percent from 6.20 percent late Monday.

"Inflation is low for now," said

Wells Fargo's chief economist Sung Won Sohn, "but sooner or later the consumers' spending spree is going to lead to higher inflation."

The stronger-than-expected 0.9 percent spike in November retail sales, the biggest jump in three months, grew from across-the-board demand on everything from cars and clothing to hardware and furniture, the Commerce Department said. That followed a 0.3 percent rise the month before.

"It looks like retailers are on track for one of the best, if not the best, Christmas buying seasons this decade," said Mark Zandi, economist with Regional Financial Associates.

First Union economist Mark Viner estimated that this year's holiday sales are running 8.5 percent ahead of last year's, the

strongest increase since 1992.

Meanwhile, consumer inflation rose a smaller-than-expected 0.1 percent in November. Falling prices for clothing, gasoline and vegetables helped offset rising costs for prescription drugs, airline fares and other items, the Labor Department said.

"Inflation is still benign," said Donald Ratajczak, director of Georgia State's economic forecasting project.

The Consumer Price Index number marked its best showing since June and followed a 0.2 percent rise in October.

Not counting the volatile energy and food categories, prices were up by 0.2 percent, leaving the "core" rate of inflation rising at a more moderate rate of 2 percent that matches many analysts' forecasts.

So far this year, consumer prices have gone up at an annual rate of 2.7 percent, compared with a 1.6 percent increase in 1998. All this year's increase reflects higher energy costs.

Gasoline prices fell by 0.6 percent and electricity prices by 0.2 percent. But fuel oil rose by 2.6 percent and natural gas by 2.2 percent, and economists predicted that gasoline and other energy costs will go up in December's report.

Production limits by oil-producing nations and increased demand from recovering economies in Asia and from consumers preparing for the winter accounted for the increase in some energy costs.

Clothing prices, which were up in the two previous months, fell by 0.5 percent in November,

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Small firms struggle with health costs

The Washington Post

At Ken Gough's custom mechanic business in Johnson City, Tenn., health-care premiums for 37 employees and their family members are going up by 27 percent next year. At DaimlerChrysler's plant in the automaker, the cost of health benefits for 409,000 employees, retirees and dependents in the United States is expected to increase on average by only one-third as much—about 9 percent. DaimlerChrysler and Gough's family business, Accurate Machine Products Corp., illustrate a stark disparity in American health care: Costs are rising much faster for employees of small businesses than for those of big business. The pattern is highlighted in a survey data provided Monday by William H. Mercer Inc., an employee benefits consultant. While health-care costs increased an average of 8.8 percent per employee this year at companies with 20,000 or more workers, the increase at businesses with only 10 to 49 employees was 13.8 percent, Mercer found. Many small businesses "are

truly beginning to despair how they're going to be able to continue to provide health insurance to their employees," Gough said. That would suggest that (annual cost increases) would decline. Small businesses are especially vulnerable, analysts say. While big employers have the market-clout to negotiate more favorable rates, small businesses have little or no bargaining power. From a medical standpoint, their employees tend to be a riskier population to insure, because the young and healthy are more likely to go without coverage, analysts say. Employees of small businesses are much more likely to be uninsured than employees of big businesses. On average, small businesses and their workers pay lower premiums than their larger counterparts, but that is mainly because small businesses typically purchase more limited coverage, analysts said. This year, health benefits cost an average of \$3,729 per employee at firms with 10 to 49 employees and an average of \$4,539 at firms with 20,000 or more employees, counting both the employer's and the employee's share of premiums, according to Mercer.

in sight," said Tracy Cassidy, health-care practice leader for Mercer's District and Baltimore offices. "There's nothing going on that would suggest that (annual cost increases) would decline." Small businesses are especially vulnerable, analysts say. While big employers have the market-clout to negotiate more favorable rates, small businesses have little or no bargaining power. From a medical standpoint, their employees tend to be a riskier population to insure, because the young and healthy are more likely to go without coverage, analysts say. Employees of small businesses are much more likely to be uninsured than employees of big businesses. On average, small businesses and their workers pay lower premiums than their larger counterparts, but that is mainly because small businesses typically purchase more limited coverage, analysts said. This year, health benefits cost an average of \$3,729 per employee at firms with 10 to 49 employees and an average of \$4,539 at firms with 20,000 or more employees, counting both the employer's and the employee's share of premiums, according to Mercer.

Stocks tumble in wake of robust sales

NEW-YORK (AP)—Stocks tumbled Tuesday after the government said retail sales rose more than expected in November, indicating that consumers are spending freely despite higher interest rates. The Nasdaq composite index suffered its worst loss since late September. The Dow Jones industrial average dropped 32.42 to close at 11,601.71. The Nasdaq composite, which had set 23 new closing highs since Oct. 29, lost 2.4 percent of its value, dropping 85.51 to close at 3,571.66. The Standard & Poor's 500 fell 12.05 to 1,403.17. Stocks declined after the Commerce Department said retail sales rose 0.9 percent in November, the largest gain in three months, as merchants headed into the busy holiday shopping season. That report suggested to some investors that the Federal Reserve may not be finished raising interest rates. The central bank has raised short-term rates three times in 1999 in an effort to cool the economy and prevent inflation from escalating too sharply. After the Fed last raised rates on Nov. 16, central bankers said a consumer-led inflation rise was not in the cards, but that they were not ruling out a hike. Stocks raced higher as investors celebrated the Fed's apparent determination that inflation was under wraps. The decline following Tuesday's report betrayed some lingering nervousness, analysts said. "The Fed will have to increase rates to rein in the economy," said Richard L. Babson, president and chairman of the investment advisory firm Babson-United Inc. Like many analysts, he believes

Table with columns: Date, Close, High, Low, Not change, Pct. change. Shows market performance for Dec 14, 1999.

the Fed will leave rates unchanged at its next meeting on Dec. 21, due largely to concerns about year 2000 computer conversions. But Babson believes the Fed may raise rates as early as February. "Growth is pushing the November, its most modest showing in five months. The inflation news was positive for investors, but retail sales were stronger than anticipated, and that hurt the bond market," said Alfred E. Goldman, chief market strategist at A.G. Edwards & Sons Inc. in St. Louis. The yield on the 30-year Treasury bond, which moves in the opposite direction of the price, shot up to 6.31 percent on Tuesday. The uncertain interest rate outlook pressured financial stocks like American Express and J.P. Morgan. As of 5:45 p.m., American Express had fallen 5 13/16 to 160.5 and J.P. Morgan had lost 3

5/16 to 131.25. Bonds and financial stocks typically falter when interest rates are rising. Higher rates cut into the value of existing holdings. For banks and brokerages, higher rates can cut into lending volume as it becomes more expensive to borrow money. Technology stocks, which dominate the Nasdaq, fell steeply as investors collected profits from a steep rise to company earnings. Tuesday, Yahoo! fell 17 1/16 to 333.125, Sun Microsystems fell 4.675 to 75.916 and Amazon.com lost 6.875 to 95.625. Microsoft provided a temporary respite from the technology selloff, rising as high as 101.125 as traders weighed a rumor that the software company is close to a settlement with the government that could put an end to its antitrust woes. Microsoft analysts and Justice Department officials ultimately discounted speculation about a deal, puncturing the brief rally. Microsoft fell to a gain of 2.316 and closed at 98.116. Declining issues outnumbered advancing by a 2-to-1 margin on the New York Stock Exchange. Net new issues volume totaled 1.30 billion shares, compared with 1.25 billion in the previous session.

Software firm opens in eastern Idaho

IDAHO FALLS (AP)—A new Internet software company in eastern Idaho could employ 250 people and have annual sales of \$25 million in five years. And CollWare President Barry Meyer said an initial public offering of stock could come as early as two years. CollWare's decision to locate its computer servers in Idaho Falls was aided by local investors, including the Eastern

Idaho Economic Development Council and the Regional Development Alliance. Together the agencies spent \$450,000 in 1999 to build a new office building. "We look for companies that are interested in southeastern Idaho," said Blake Hall, chairman of the Regional Development Alliance. The alliance is channeling money from the settlement of the state reached with the federal government in 1995, over

cleanup and removal of nuclear waste at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory. The Development Council was started with local investors' money and also administers Community Reuse Organization funds, which come from the U.S. Department of Energy to offset local losses at INEEL, where the work force has dropped markedly from its peak a decade ago.

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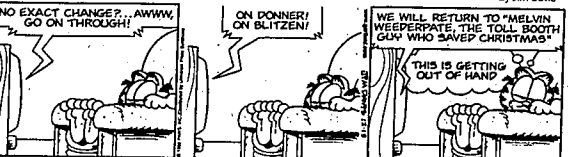
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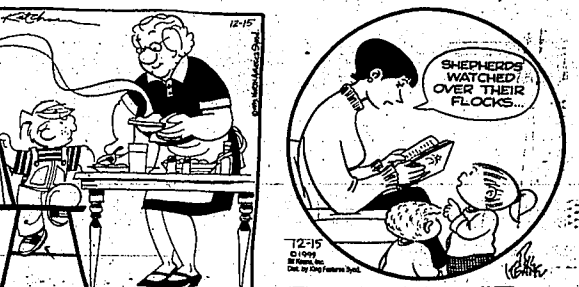


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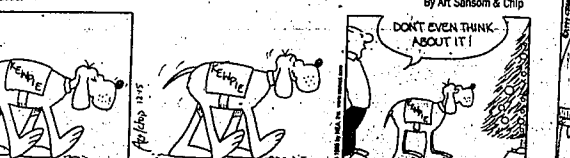
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