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WEATHER

Today: Snow possible this afternoon. High 34. A chance of snow tonight. Low 22.

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Recreation area: Plans for a recreation area along the north rim of the Snake River Canyon could be finalized by mid-summer 2001.

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Bridge: Some Magic Valley residents would like to see a new Snake River canyon bridge and might even be willing to pay a 50-cent toll.

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Down in downtown: Historic Old Towne Twin Falls disension bubbled to the surface, but leaders are moving swiftly toward solutions.

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Pros played: The Southern Idaho men's basketball team sent the Gem State's only professional hoops team packing Tuesday.

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Court rejects recount

Ruling dashes Gore's bid for presidency

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - A divided Supreme Court reversed a state court decision for recounts in Florida's contested election Tuesday night, effectively transforming George W. Bush into the president-elect. Some Democrats urged Vice President Al Gore to give up his challenge in America's overtime election.

Gore "should act now and concede," Ed Rendell, the chairman of the Democratic Party said less than an hour after the court issued its 5-4 late night ruling five tumultuous weeks after the nation voted.

The vice president's campaign manager, William Daley, issued a statement saying Gore and running mate Joseph Lieberman were reviewing the ruling and

"will address the court's decision in full detail at a time to be determined tomorrow." But even so, as the night wore on, some top aides said privately the vice president would be forced to depart the race.

"That's where every discussion is headed," said one. Former Secretary of State James A. Baker III, representing Bush, said the Texas governor and running mate Dick Cheney

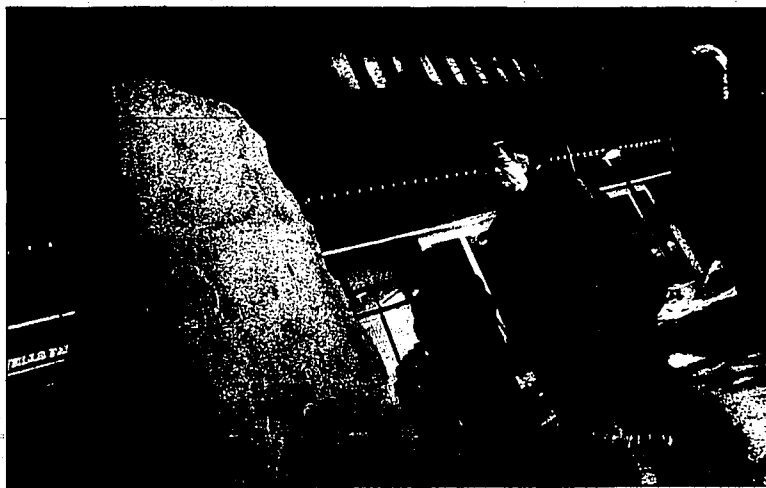
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were "very pleased and gratified" with the court's ruling. "This has been a long and arduous process for everyone involved on both sides," he added in remarks that stopped well short of either a declaration of victory for Bush or a call for a concession from the vice president. In an extraordinary late-night

decision, the justices said the recount ordered last weekend by the Florida Supreme Court could not be completed by a midnight deadline for selection of presidential electors and still pass constitutional muster.

"It is obvious that the recount cannot be conducted in compliance with the requirements of equal protection and due process without substantial additional work," the justices wrote. Its ruling came with exceptional haste. Please see ELECTION, Page A2

Sculpture unveiled



A crowd of onlookers inspects a boulder inscribed with quotations at a dedication ceremony for the Millennium Sculpture Project in Twin Falls Tuesday. The first phase of the art project was unveiled to the public at the ceremony.

Artwork engages those attending dedication

By Jennifer Sandmann Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - It seemed appropriate.

The unveiling of Twin Falls' first public art project revealed a rock. Not an image of the Snake River Canyon. Not a 20-foot-tall statue of I.B. Ferrine. A rock.

Nearby was a horse harness draped against the side of the lava rock platform, the rock's pedestal.

About 75 people gathered Tuesday evening on the corner of Main Avenue and Shoshone Street to dedicate a portion of the Twin Falls millennium sculpture, commissioned by the Magic Valley Arts Council.

Immediately after the sculpture was unveiled, people surrounded the rock and harness to see what it was all about.

And that is what the artist, Ted Clausen of Cambridge, Mass., had said that he wanted. Something that involves and engages the viewer.

The rock - a basalt boulder sculpted so portions are smooth - is etched with a number of quotes about Twin Falls. People were reading quotes such as, "Suddenly the water flooded Mr. Dierkes' orchard, and they picked peaches from boats for two years."

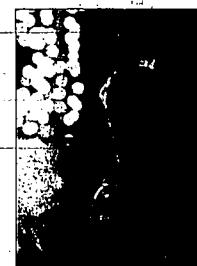
The quotes prompted some people to share short stories about the city's past. Other people tilted their

heads one way and then another as they followed the text around the rock's sides. One woman was surprised to see the horse harness across the platform and did not realize that it was bronze.

Paul Reeves, who came out for the ceremony, said he thought that the basalt was appropriate, if not brilliant. He saw it symbolizing the Snake River Canyon. He saw the quotes representing the people of Twin Falls, who wouldn't be living here were it not for the Snake.

"Twin Falls lives and dies by the canyon," he said.

Before the unveiling, Clausen read a long list of local artists, busi-



Ted Clausen thanks a number of local artists, businesses and volunteers who participated in the public art project.

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COLD AND COSTLY

Assistance agencies see more requests for heating bill help

By John T. Huddy Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - A sharp increase in natural gas prices will affect local energy assistance agencies, who expect to see more people needing help.

Ken Robinette - executive director of the South Central Community Action Agency in Twin Falls, which provides energy assistance in eight Magic Valley counties - said the natural gas price increases are already affecting his agency.

"We're flooded," Robinette said Tuesday. "People are coming in every single day. Our appointments are booked through January 2001."



Karey Stone digs out a driveway in Valparaiso, Ind., Tuesday. Area assistance agencies are seeing increased requests from people needing help paying their heating bills.

expecting to serve at least 4,000 people, with aid averaging \$230. The agency is funded by the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, which receives federal money.

Congress has allotted \$1.4 billion for the country's low income heat energy assistance program. In Idaho, about \$6 million is available. At least 24,500 people in Idaho are expected to receive

Sheriff keeps jailbreak probe under wraps

By Mark Heinz Times-News writer

JEROME - Jerome County's sheriff is keeping mostly quiet about a Thanksgiving night jail escape that left one jailer severely beaten.

And Sheriff Jim Weaver is refusing to answer charges from a former political rival, who says the jailer on duty worked alone the night of the attack and escaped.

"I have coverage for every shift," Weaver said Tuesday.

He declined to say exactly how many jailers he schedules to work each shift, citing security reasons.

Meanwhile, Momy Ray Boston - wanted in connection with the Nov. 23 escape involving two other Jerome County inmates - remained at large Tuesday. There were no new leads in the search for Boston, 23, Jerome County Undersheriff Jocelyne Roberts said.

Inmates Sam Frank Rodasta, 29, and Antonio Alvarez, 18,

Still at large

Monty Boston, 23, is wanted in connection with the escape of 11 inmates last Nov. 23. He has a \$100,000 bounty on his head.

He has brown eyes and a tattoo across his chest that reads: "Confessing a Feeling. It is to be consistent extreme change is."

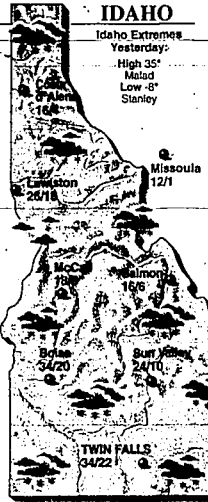
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turned themselves in the morning after the escape. Citing inside sources at the sheriff's office, ex-deputy and

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FORECAST FOR MAGIC VALLEY

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Twin Falls through 6 p.m. yesterday

Temperature
 High/Low: 23°/20°
 Normal High/Low: 38°/20°
 High/Low last year: 48°/35°
 Record high: 55° in 1963
 Record low: 15° in 1963

Precipitation
 24 hours ending 6 p.m. yesterday: trace
 Month to date: 0.04"
 Normal month to date: 0.48"
 Year to date: 7.47"
 Normal year to date: 9.85"

Humidity
 Yesterday at noon: 65%

Barometric Pressure
 Yesterday at 6 p.m.: 29.80 in.

Pollen yesterday in Twin Falls
 Grass: Absent
 Weeds: Absent
 Trees: Absent
 Mold: Absent

Source: Asthma and Allergy of Idaho

Show us today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

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FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR TWIN FALLS

TODAY	TONIGHT	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAURDAY	SUNDAY
A little snow, mainly in the afternoon. ▲ 34°	Cloudy with occasional snow. ▼ 22°	Morning snow or flurries. ▲ 36° ▼ 24°	Snow, ice and rain possible later. ▲ 36° ▼ 28°	Cloudy with the chance of rain and snow. ▲ 38° ▼ 28°	Cloudy to partly sunny. ▲ 36° ▼ 24°

REGIONAL WEATHER

Southern Idaho: Cold today; clouds and occasional sunshine in the east with a stray flurry, while the west turns cloudy with some afternoon snow. Mostly cloudy tonight with periods of snow.

Boise: Mostly cloudy and cold today; no more than a passing flurry this morning, then a little snow this afternoon and tonight. A few flurries early, then some sunshine tomorrow.

Northern Nevada: Mostly cloudy and cold today with some snow spreading from west to east and accumulating on inch or two in many spots. Mostly cloudy tonight into early tomorrow with occasional snow.

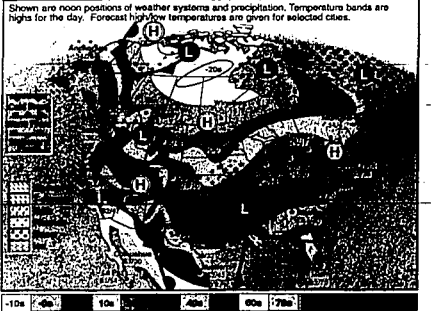
Northern Utah: Cold today with clouds, occasional sunshine and a few flurries. Mostly cloudy and cold tonight with periods of snow creating slippery travel. Mostly cloudy tomorrow with some additional snow.

Northern Idaho: Very cold again today with clouds, occasional sunshine and a few flurries. Partly to mostly cloudy and very cold tonight. Cold tomorrow with clouds, some sun and a few random flurries.

NATIONAL EXTREMES

High 85° in Fort Pierce, FL Low -35° in Embarrass, MN

NATIONAL WEATHER



Show us noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day. Forecast high/low temperatures are given for selected cities.

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Thu.
Boise	34 20 sn	34 22 pc
Bonners Ferry	14 3 pc	21 18 pc
Butte	18 10 pc	22 18 pc
Coeur d'Alene	16 4 pc	20 14 pc
Elko	34 12 sn	36 13 pc
Expanso, OR	28 8 pc	42 34 pc
Hagerman	33 18 sf	36 20 pc
Idaho Falls	22 4 c	26 6 pc
Kalispell, MT	28 8 pc	41 17 pc
Lewiston	26 18 pc	30 24 pc
Malden	30 14 sf	34 15 sn
Malta	-8 -22 pc	-4 -12 pc

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Thu.
McCall	18 8 sf	20 0 sf
Mossburn, MT	12 1 c	16 0 pc
Nocatula	26 16 pc	16 0 pc
Portland, OR	38 28 pc	40 34 pc
Richland, WA	25 15 pc	29 21 pc
Salmon	6 8 sf	10 10 sf
Salt Lake City, UT	34 23 c	39 23 pc
Seattle, WA	36 26 pc	38 24 pc
Spokane, WA	16 6 sf	22 14 pc
Stanley	19 -2 c	26 3 sf
Sun Valley	24 10 c	28 12 pc
Yellowstone, MT	14 -1 sn	14 -1 sn

CANADIAN CITIES

City	Today	Thu.
Calgary	14 -17 pc	9 -11 sn
Edmonton	18 20 pc	9 -11 sn
Kelowna	13 1 pc	17 10 sn
Regina	15 -16 c	-2 -17 pc
Saskatoon	7 -12 pc	-2 -18 pc
Vancouver	24 13 pc	20 13 pc
Victoria	36 22 c	36 20 pc
Winnipeg	-2 -16 pc	-2 -18 sn

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today: 7:50 a.m.
 Sunset today: 5:05 p.m.
 Moonrise today: 7:54 p.m.
 Moonset today: 10:19 a.m.

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 11-12: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Very High

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Thu.
Atlanta	44 40 w	41 32 f
Baltimore	34 30 pc	51 29 r
Boston	5 8 c	12 -2 sf
Chicago	39 39 r	53 40 pc
Charlotte, NC	54 48 pc	68 45 sh
Charlotte, WV	38 34 c	44 30 pc
Chicago	28 16 c	26 14 pc
Philadelphia	28 25 r	35 24 c
Denver	25 10 pc	37 18 sf
Des Moines	14 11 sn	28 12 pc
El Paso	54 34 pc	62 37 c
Fairbanks	-12 -2 pc	-7 -23 sf
Farago	-2 -13 c	10 -6 pc
Honolulu	75 60 pc	70 60 pc
Houston	38 32 c	64 55 pc
Indianapolis	34 30 pc	42 32 pc
Jacksonville	63 50 c	78 49 sh
Kansas City	20 12 w	37 20 pc
Las Vegas	58 38 pc	61 37 c
Los Angeles	62 47 c	60 45 c
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Election

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the court, the day after it heard arguments in the case.

In a forceful dissent, Justice John Paul Stevens wrote, "Although we may never know with complete certainty the identity of the winner of this year's presidential election, the identity of the loser is perfectly clear. It is the nation's confidence in the judge as an impartial guardian of the law."

The ruling was the latest pivot point in the nation's unbearably close election, a saga of counts, recounts, lawsuits by the dozens and two trips to the highest court in the land. For five tumultuous weeks, it has held Gore and Bush in limbo and the nation in thrall, and scared new terms into the nation's consciousness — "dimpled chad" most prominent among them.

That was one description for partially punched ballots, thousands of which were at the center of the contested election in Florida, the state that stood to pick the next president.

Without the state's 25 electoral

votes, neither Bush nor Gore had the votes in the Electoral College needed to become president. With them, victory was a certainty.

The court's unsigned opinion said the seven justices agreed there were constitutional problems with the recount ordered by the Florida Supreme Court on Friday.

The justices said that because Florida lawmakers intended separately to complete their own choosing of electors, perhaps Wednesday under pressure of the Florida Supreme Court's Electoral College, requiring a new recount "could not be part of an appropriate remedy."

The court agreed 7-2 to reverse the Florida court's order of a state recount and voted 5-4 that there was no acceptable procedure by which a timely new recount could take place. Among the seven, Souter and Breyer said an acceptable remedy might allow for Florida to conduct a new recount with proper standards.

Souter wrote, "I see no warrant

for this court to assume that Florida could not possibly comply with the recount before the date set for the meeting of electors, Dec. 18."

But the court majority ruled otherwise. "Because it is evident that any recount seeking to meet the Dec. 12 date will be unconstitutional, we reverse the judgment of the Supreme Court of Florida ordering the recount to proceed."

In the majority were Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist and Justices Sandra Day O'Connor, Antonin Scalia, Anthony M. Kennedy and Clarence Thomas.

Dissenting were Stevens, David H. Souter, Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Stephen G. Breyer.

Alongside the unsigned main opinion, Rehnquist, Scalia and Thomas went further in a separate opinion, saying the Florida Supreme Court also violated the Constitution and federal law in ordering the recount.

While Rendell went on television to say Gore should concede, another top party official pointedly disagreed.

National chair Joe Andrew, in charge of the party's day-to-day operations, said, "The Democratic Party does not think Al Gore needs to concede. This is his decision to make. We stand united behind him."

But Sen. Robert Torricelli, D-N.J., said simply, "Clearly the court's place in our lives is such that we all should rally around even if we disagree with the results."

Gore's lawyers scoured the opinion for any glimmer of hope, especially passages that identified the court's decision to take to make the recounting constitutional. Some Gore lawyers were arguing the passages might give them some room to convince a Florida court to go beyond the Dec. 12 date and allow more recounts before the Electoral College meets next Monday.

Heating

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The Energy Department estimated that heating bills for natural gas customers will be 50 percent higher this winter, even if winter weather is normal, the Associated Press reported Tuesday.

Intermountain Gas Co. is seeking a 27 percent increase on heating bills — its second hike this year. In July Intermountain Gas received the Idaho Public Utilities Commission's permission for a 28 percent hike. The agency said the money will only cover its increased costs.

A decision on the 27 percent rate hike is expected this week.

Rate hikes are expected to hit hard with the elderly, and with poor consumers.

The rate hikes have not affected Idaho Power's Project Share program, which asks customers for donations to help families pay heating bills, said Lynette Berrioch, a spokeswoman with Idaho Power.

But that could change.

"Hopefully we won't see much of an impact with warmer prices," she said.

Idaho Power includes a pledge card with monthly bills. Customers can make a monthly pledge, added to bills each month, or a one-

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time pledge, added to that specific bill.

As of October this year, \$142,182.53 has been raised through pledge cards. In 1999, \$170,634.28 was raised from January through December.

Customers donated \$13,751 in October 2000, down from \$14,718 in September.

Those donations, along with donations made by Intermountain Gas consumers, are then given to the Salvation Army, which splits it up among regional offices.

Paul Gibson, director of the Twin Falls County Salvation Army, said the higher natural gas costs are a concern.

"It's been a little stressful waiting to get the donations in," said Gibson, who would not disclose how much money the county's Salvation Army office has available.

Escape

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unsuccessful sheriff's candidate Wayne Childers alleges that the deputy beaten during the escape was working alone.

Childers — who worked as a Jerome County deputy from 1989 to 1995, a year before Weaver's election — lost to Weaver in the Nov. 7 election.

Weaver has said the deputy was beaten in the laundry room, an area jail surveillance cameras do not cover.

"I wish I had surveillance cam-

eras in every corner of that building, but the department can't afford it," he said.

Again citing security concerns, he refused to say whether the jail's surveillance system has additional blind spots.

Childers has also said Jerome police officers were unable to come to the jailer's aid because they don't have keys to the jail.

Police Chief Bill Reid said his officers don't have keys to the jail. And Weaver confirmed that Jerome police had keys when he

took office, but Weaver said he took them away.

It's not unusual for a county sheriff to keep exclusive control over jail keys, said Bill Lynn of the Idaho Sheriff Association.

"That's the case not only throughout the state of Idaho, but throughout the nation as well," he said.

The fewer jail keys available, the slimmer the chances that the keys will fall into the wrong hands, said Lynn, coordinator of a sheriff association jail standards committee, which can investigate allegations of negligence or misconduct in connection with jailbreaks.

As of Tuesday, the committee wasn't investigating Boston's escape, Lynn said.

Twin Falls County Sheriff

Wayne Touseley, vice president of the Idaho Sheriff's Association, said Tuesday his department hadn't been asked to investigate the escape.

A Jerome County sheriff's detective is investigating the escape and the circumstances surrounding it, Roberts said.

"That's not unusual, Lynn said. In many jailbreaks, detectives from within the department will perform a two-pronged investigation. Detectives will check for misconduct or negligence on the part of the jail staff, while also investigating crimes escapes or other incidents that might have committed during the break, Lynn said.

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The Associated Press

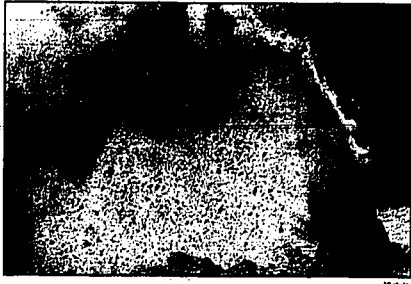
Wind gusting as high as 80 mph grounded airline flights Tuesday and knocked down power lines from Ohio to Massachusetts, leaving the misery wreaked by the same storm that brought heavy snow to the Midwest.

A tree fell on a house and killed a woman in her sleep at Westport, Pa. And in New York City, a construction sign fell on a school bus, blowing out one of the vehicle's tires. Fifteen children were taken to a hospital, but no one was seriously hurt.

More than 160 flights in and out of La Guardia Airport were canceled because of wind whipping through the New York City area. Flights were also delayed at airports in Boston and Newark, N.J.

"Hey, what are you going to do about it?" said Ed Lynch, whose flight to La Guardia never left Washington. "I'll tell you one thing: I'd rather be sitting here than flipped over at La Guardia."

In the Midwest, it could be Wednesday before Chicago's



Tim Murray uses a snowblower to clean off the 11 inches of snow from his sidewalk in Davanport, Iowa, Tuesday. The first major winter storm to hit the Midwest began on Monday morning and didn't end until midnight in eastern Iowa.

O'Hare and Midway airports are back to full operation because of drifting snow and because Monday's hundreds of flight cancellations left planes out of position. Northwest Airlines canceled 125 flights Tuesday at the Detroit airport.

"I could've walked there by now," said Judy Grant, stuck at Detroit's airport after flying from Norfolk, Va., on her way to

Lansing, Mich. She had been booked on four flights Monday—all canceled.

The storm buried the Midwest on Monday with 16.1 inches of snow in east-central Michigan and a December one-day record of 13.5 inches at Milwaukee.

"I like snow and white Christmases, but I wish this would just go away," said Randy McMillian of Bristol, Wis.

Mechanical problems stop express train

WASHINGTON (AP) — A mechanical problem sidelined Amtrak's heavily promoted Acela Express train Tuesday, a day after it began regular passenger operation as America's first high-speed rail service.

"To make matters worse, unrelated problems prevented use of a backup Acela Express train, and a conventional train dispatched as a replacement on the Washington-to-Boston route broke down north of New York.

Amtrak officials promised to compensate affected riders.

"There are going to be episodes such as this whenever a new service starts. Obviously, we would have hoped it wasn't the second day," said Amtrak spokesman Rick Remington. "But we're going to learn lessons from this and make sure it doesn't happen again."

The two Acela Express trains are the first of 20 that Amtrak is receiving from Bombardier Transportation of Canada and Alstom Ltd. of France. All 20 are supposed to be running in the Northeast Corridor by next summer.

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Aircraft crash raises new doubts

Defense officials reevaluate future of tilt-rotor planes

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Marine Corps grounded all eight of its high-tech MV-22 Osprey aircraft Tuesday following a fiery crash in North Carolina that killed four Marines — including the service's most experienced Osprey pilot. The accident raised new doubts about the future of the tilt-rotor plane.

Defense Secretary William Cohen, a supporter of the \$40 billion Osprey program, planned to appoint a panel of outside experts to review Osprey performance, cost and safety issues, Cohen said.

Gen. James L. Jones, the Marine Corps commandant, asked for an indefinite delay in a Navy Department decision on whether to move the Osprey into full-scale production, Bacon said. That decision had been expected this month and the Marines had hoped to assemble their first squadron of Ospreys next year.

The crash Monday night in a forested area near Jacksonville, N.C., was the second fatal Osprey accident this year. Three bodies had been recovered from the



Lt. Col. Ron Ochs, Base Operations Officer at the New River Air Station, ponders a question during a news briefing near Jacksonville, N.C., Tuesday concerning the crash of an MV-22 Osprey tilt-rotor aircraft that killed all four of its crew members.

burnt wreckage; one had yet to be retrieved Tuesday.

An April crash in Arizona killed all 19 Marines aboard and stirred questions among the victims' families — and in Congress — about the Osprey's safety. The aircraft were grounded until June, and this fall, after more testing and evaluation, the Marines declared the aircraft to be "operationally suitable."

The Osprey takes off and lands like a helicopter but flies like an airplane. Built by Boeing Co. and Bell Helicopter Textron for \$43 million apiece, the Osprey is a linchpin of the Marine Corps' aviation future. It will replace the fleet of CH-46 Sea Knight and CH-53 Sea Stallion troop-transport helicopters.

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Oklahoma bomber asks that execution date be set

DENVER (AP) — Timothy McVeigh asked a federal judge to stop all appeals of his conviction in the Oklahoma City bombing and to set a date for his execution.

In a federal court filing made public Tuesday, McVeigh said he wanted to waive further review of his case by the courts. However, McVeigh reserved the right to seek executive clemency, his lawyer said.

Justice Department spokeswoman Chris Watney had no comment.

McVeigh has filed two unsuccessful appeals, and his lawyers had been researching additional challenges. The former Army soldier asked that the execution date be set within 120 days of his Dec. 7 statement, which was filed with the court on Monday.

McVeigh said he believes he is competent to make the decision but will

undergo a court-ordered psychological evaluation. "I will not justify or explain my decision to any psychologist, but will answer questions related to my competency," he wrote.

He also acknowledged that he submitted the statement against the advice of his attorneys. Nathan Chambers, one of McVeigh's lawyers, said: "He's reserving the right to petition for executive clemency." The

lawyer would not comment on his discussions with McVeigh. U.S. District Judge Richard Matsch could approve McVeigh's request, reject it or order a competency hearing first.

McVeigh was convicted of murder and conspiracy and sentenced to death in the April 19, 1995, bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building that killed 168 people and injured more than 500.

Timothy McVeigh

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 Home Mortgage, who is involved in school and business education partnerships; retired-businessman and former Twin Falls City Councilman Art Franke; Barbara Harbutt of the Twin Falls High School Parent-Teacher-Student Organization; her husband, Dan Harbutt, an attorney and consultant; Candy McElfish of Region IV Development; Dan Olmstead

of Idaho Power Co.; Pam Peterson of the Idaho Department of Labor; Cecil Sherbinski of Wells Fargo Bank; farmer and former Twin Falls School Board member Dave Sommer, and former school district operations director Dale Thomsberry.
 In other business:
 • The board authorized the district to solicit proposals to replace the roof at I.B. Perrine Elementary School. The district has patched leaks in the roof for a number of years, Donicht said.

Estimated costs range from \$90,000 to \$250,000, depending on whether the school's flat roof is replaced with another flat roof or a pitched roof. The school was built in 1979, but when the district called on the contractor's guarantee, it found that the contractor had gone out of business, Donicht said.
 • At the request of Chairwoman Vera Redman, the district provided board members with information from Bonneville School District about its new high

school schedule. High school in Bonneville now begins 90 minutes later. Bonneville based the move on studies about biological factors in teen sleep patterns and needs. The information will be shared with Twin Falls principals.
 The district does not plan to change high school start times; the Bonneville information was for consideration. Donicht recommended the district watch results in Bonneville before considering a schedule change.

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EDITORIAL

City officials are wise to pursue aquifer plan

Anyone who has lived in the American West has seen a few ghost towns. Weather-worn old buildings are usually all that remain after the mines shut down or the railroads stop running.

There's something else that creates ghost towns in the arid West, and that's when the water runs out.

Twin Falls is too big a city to dissolve back into the high desert, but its continued existence is not self-fulfilling. Vigilance, thoughtful planning and the ability to make hard decisions will always be needed if Twin Falls is to have enough water.

That's why a multimillion-dollar plan to establish an aquifer-recharge program south of town deserves support. It may sound like a lot of money for a program that could last only a few years, but it pales in comparison with the cost of running short of water.

Twin Falls, quite frankly, can't afford not to investigate a local aquifer recharge project.

The cost will undoubtedly fall on consumers of city water, which is entirely appropriate. Those who use it should foot the bills, which means city water rates are likely to go up again. That sounds like bad news but, as Shakespeare once observed, "Sweet are the uses of adversity." As city water becomes more expensive - and homeowners get hit with summertime

water bills of \$60, \$70 and \$80 a month - they will become more efficient with their use of water. Such cost-inspired conservation will reduce demand and stretch water supplies even further.

That's an ancillary benefit, but the real value of a local aquifer recharge project would be saturated soils near the city's south-side wells. Using its shares in the Twin Falls Canal Co., the city would divert water from the Low Line Canal and let it to soak into the ground uphill of city wells. That may sound like mumbo-jumbo, but it should make a huge difference in the productivity of those wells. More groundwater near city wells means more water coming out of those

wells. Boosting the output of those wells is essential because the city's primary water source - a spring near Blue Lakes Country Club on the north side of the Snake River - has been dwindling for decades. With that spring going nowhere but down, it's essential for the city to shore up its south-side sources of supply.

That's the city's goal with an aquifer recharge project. Will it be expensive? Yes, but what's the price of water in a high desert? Ensuring enough water to meet future demand will keep Twin Falls viable over the long haul.

Will a Twin Falls aquifer recharge project be expensive? Yes, but what's the price of water in a high desert?



Florida's high court set aside law

At the end of this election legal nightmare, Detroit should design a car named after the judges who have made such a mess of the beautiful vehicle crafted by America's Founding Fathers. Let them call the car a "judicial fiat." Only members of their unique class should be allowed to drive them.

Judges are driving roughshod over our laws and making new ones in their wake. In "Oliver Twist," Charles Dickens has Mr. Bumble say, "If the law supposes that ... the law is a ass, a idiot." The law is neither "a ass" or "a idiot," but some judges and lawyers who would subvert the law to suit their personal and political interests fit that description.

Only in the Clinton-Gore era could a majority of Florida Supreme Court judges claim to be upholding the law while simultaneously violating it, and not by more than a ripple of dissent. Only in contemporary America, where there is "no controlling legal authority," could the Florida Secretary of State be vilified by the Gore team and its media enablers for taking her oath of office seriously enough to do what the law says. If the Constitution is only what judges say it is and has no objective meaning, then why not allow subjective decisions about ballots and mind-reading decisions about voter intent?

Putting the law aside in favor of talk-show notions like "fairness" is the preferred way to go. To believe otherwise is to invite condemnation. We have been



CAL THOMAS

brainwashed to elevate feelings to the level of where law used to be. Florida Chief Justice Charles Wells alluded to this out-of-fashion notion of putting the law first when he wrote in his dissent to the voter re-count order that the majority decision "has no foundation in the law of Florida as existed on November 7, 2000, or at any time until the issuance of this opinion." By thinking this way, Judge Wells proves that though he is behind the law, he is surely behind the times.

Judge Wells said that directing a recount of Florida ballots to discern supposed undervotes "violates article 2, section 1, clause 2 of the United States Constitution, in that neither this Court, nor the circuit court has the authority to create the standards by which it will count the undervoted ballots."

United States Supreme Court Associate Justice Antonin Scalia picked up on Justice Wells' impeccable logic in his concurring, in that neither this Court, nor the circuit court has the authority to create the standards by which it will count the undervoted ballots." He said the time to rule on legal matters was before any further counting takes

place, otherwise it becomes even more difficult to distinguish between valid and invalid votes. Scalia also objected to the subjective and arbitrary methods different Florida counties have been using to count votes: "If the petitioner is correct, that counting in this (arbitrary) fashion is unlawful, permitting the count to proceed on that erroneous basis will prevent an accurate recount from being conducted on a proper basis later, since it is generally agreed that each manual recount produces a degradation of the ballot, as which renders a subsequent recount inaccurate."

That is precisely the line of thinking taken by Justice Wells and it is beyond dispute to any but the most partisan Gore advocate.

The Boston Globe discovered some yard lines from the 1948 film "Key Largo" which have some relevance to the hardball politics in Florida. The gangster played by Edward G. Robinson says to the character played by Humphrey Bogart: "Let me tell you about Florida politicians. I make them out of whole cloth, just like a tailor makes a suit. I get their name in the newspaper. I get their some publicity and get them on the ballot. Then after the election, we count the votes. And if they don't turn out right, we recount them. And recount them again. Until they do."

Fifty-two years later, we're seeing the limits in extent that the gangsters are now wearing black robes.

Cal Thomas is a Los Angeles Times columnist.

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LETTERS

Kimberly Nurseries outdoes itself

I want to congratulate Kimberly Nurseries and Twin Falls for having such a lovely send-off for the holiday season. I was in Twin Falls to visit friends for Thanksgiving. I had been told to be sure to bring warm clothes because we were going to a celebration the day after. I had no idea what to expect. As it turned out, it was beyond expectation.

Kimberly Nurseries really outdoes itself. I understand this was the 10th year. It was handled so beautifully from the transportation to the nursery decorations to the live entertainment to the fireworks. They were marvelous.

Twin Falls is so fortunate to have Kimberly Nurseries and all the support groups who assist in putting on this marvelous entertainment. Keep up the good work. It is certainly appreciated by visitors.

ALDYS J. CONNORS
Stockton, Calif.

Grizzly bears will be in harm's way

If the eastern elite has such a love affair with the grizzly bear, there should be an adopt-a-grizzly program, then every adoptive parent can move one of these fine noble creatures into their back yard. I'm sure the bear wouldn't mind. After all, humans are so easy to catch. They taste like porky they say, but not being a cannibal, I really wouldn't know.

All kidding aside however, the grizzly bear is nothing more than a lethal weapon pointed at the people of Idaho, Montana and wherever else the federal government will plant this thing. But unlike a plane, it will not stay in one place. Thus it will endanger the life and liberty of those persons seeking to enjoy the vast outdoors and, of course, this program is a gross injustice to the bear.

Why gross injustice? The grizzly bear

is a remarkable hunter and an amazingly efficient killing and eating machine with no peer on the North American continent. It can easily move 30 miles per day and often hunts at night, so when people are snugg in their sleeping bags under the western stars, Mr. Grizz is "up and about" thinking about lunch.

With these powerful instincts, it shouldn't take a brain surgeon to figure out that any significant contact with the human element will place all the players "in harm's way." But government officials, true to their character of problem creation - or they don't give a damn, wish this animal to be reintroduced, and when the first person is turned into bear dung, it will be the bear that is held responsible, hunted and summarily executed for crimes against humanity. The directors, managers, initiators or, in other words, our protected bureaucrats vipers are never held personally accountable for anything, and they continually remain out of legal reach.

If this reintroduction occurs, which it certainly will, someone is going to die. And it will happen in a terrible way. That's a fact we cannot ignore. When it happens, I suggest that those persons who pushed this program through be charged with murder. Remember, this animal is not called Ursus horribilis because it is a cuddly little "Teddy." MARK SCLUICKERT
Twin Falls

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Go hunt somewhere else

This letter is to the hunters who hunt the island south of Banbury's from the time bird hunting starts until it closes.

It's hell, we live across from that island. Our house is splattered, my kids have been hit, my \$800 window has been broken. I would like to trade places with you guys for awhile. It sounds like the cavalry most mornings, especially on Saturdays and Sundays. My dog thinks you're shooting at him. I can't let the kids go out and play or my dog.

Maybe one of these days you guys will wise up and hunt somewhere else before someone gets hurt. One of these days, you will shatter a window while I'm sitting in the kitchen. Myself and the people who live along this road have called the sheriff's office or Fish and Game at least once every season. I'll bet you wouldn't like it if you had to go through this.

Go hunt somewhere else that's not a residential area.
SUSAN BEAN
Buhl

We owe firemen, police, detectives
On Friday, it was my sad duty to watch

an important part of the lives of many in Twin Falls burn as the result of an act of vicious, mindless vandalism. Of course, I was subject to emotions from sadness and fear to determination and rage, but I was also blessed to feel great gratitude and pride.

When I was summoned by a 3 a.m. call from police dispatch, I arrived at Immanuel Lutheran Church to see firemen, most of whom were strangers to me, risk their lives by entering a fiery cauldron to try and save a place that was immensely important to me but not to them. Nonetheless, they entered a building heated, in spots, to 2,000 degrees. In an environment of flame and thick smoke and darkness and danger, these firefighters put their lives in God's hands to save our house of worship. That they were successful in controlling the inferno and saving adjacent portions of the complex is a tribute to their training, skill, teamwork and individual courage. That they fought so hard and risked so much is a source of deep pride for me, as a citizen, and profound gratitude to God for their presence in our lives. They said they were just doing their jobs. I see now that we pay them to be heroes. Thank you all, Twin Falls Fire Department per-

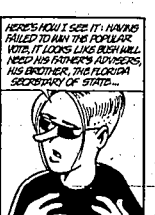
sonnel. On a horrible day, you gave me real joy and hope.

To the uniformed officers and detectives of the Twin Falls Police Department, I also owe a debt of gratitude. Your professional investigative skills give me hope that we may be able to discipline the barbarians who would attack a child-care facility and church. I'm only a man, and I deeply long to see justice done in this matter. Your coolness and painstaking work couldn't hide the fact that your rage against the darkness in our society matched, even exceeded, mine. If the guilty are found, know you'll do everything possible to stop them from any further violence and hold them responsible. I thank God for you and for the dedication you've made to protecting our community. You are all heroes, too.

We are challenged, sometimes, to be thankful. But I pray that the servants of our city might feel the gratitude that all the members of Immanuel and all the people of Twin Falls owe them.

REV. LAWRENCE VEDDER
Twin Falls
(Editor's Note: The Rev. Lawrence Vedder is the pastor at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Twin Falls.)

Doonesbury



By Garry Trudeau

Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley



Departing 'Drug Czar' leaves failed policies

From the Chicago Tribune

Sen. Barry McCaffrey is wrapping up his nearly five-year tenure as the president's drug policy adviser with a bang. His starting shot this summer was to mastermind and successfully lobby Congress for approval of a \$2.3 billion aid package to Colombia, most of it for weapons to fight guerrillas involved in the drug trade.

Now there is, belatedly, some recognition in Congress that Plan Colombia has potential for disaster. There is second-guessing about pouring money into the Colombian military, which has been linked to human-rights abuses. There is recognition that a military response in Colombia will push the drug trade to neighboring nations and destabilize them.

Plan Colombia is emblematic of McCaffrey's guns-and-bullets approach to illicit drugs, even though it's a tactic that has not made much headway at home and is not likely to fare any better in Colombia.

What the U.S. needs instead are innovative strategies based on science and medicine, rather than politics and military might. That's what the next president ought to expect from McCaffrey's successor.

facts be damned.

A 1998 study by the Department of Health and Human Services confirmed what many other scientists had already established: Needle-exchange programs effectively limit transmission of the AIDS virus among intravenous drug users, their partners and their babies, with little risk of increased drug use.

McCaffrey's most cavalier disregard for that had no basis in fact. Yet the nation's drug czar offered no retraction.

McCaffrey will leave his post Jan. 6. It will be important for his successor to recognize that, yes, drug addiction is a serious problem. But the nation needs to combat it with science, common sense and compassion, not with empty rhetoric or the failed policies of the past.

Home-grown and staying

I find it necessary to respond to the Nov. 14 letter by Robert Gomez (chaplain for Sheriff Weaver's department).

First, as a candidate in this election, I placed myself in this position of public scrutiny — not my wife. The candidate may expect to receive comments or, as in your letter, attacks, but shame on you, Mr. Gomez, for attacking my wife.

Having said that, I will respond to your comments regarding my qualifications. Being "born and raised" in Jerome was not my only qualification. After working in law enforcement since 1989, I have acquired many qualifications, being home grown is one of the best assets I feel I could offer.

I assure you, my common sense would have given me enough good sense to have more than one jailer on duty in the jail. I would have been diligent enough not to have placed any staff member in eminent danger from an unsafe work environment. This is exactly what Sheriff Weaver did. There was only one jailer on duty Thanksgiving night when the jail break occurred — one jailer. Additionally, no other agency in the county could have gone to this jail for assistance because Sheriff Weaver has taken the door keys away from them. The only way city officers could have helped this jailer was to break into the jail.

Not many years ago, Jerome County was placed in a situation (jail break) like this one — and that sheriff was also not a "home grown" native. Jerome County was placed in danger and financial jeopardy then, too. The courts imposed a "consent decree" against Jerome — placing the county on probation. If the guidelines were not followed, taxpayers would have to pay the price.

Now another not "home grown" sheriff has placed Jerome's residents in danger. The family of this jailer has every right to sue this county for the poor administrative practices which nearly cost his life. Additionally, people are at risk with this criminal at large. I hope this man is apprehended soon for public safety. Also, Jerome is financially responsible for any harm this criminal causes until his recapture.

Your comments about my fading away, Mr. Gomez, don't count on it. I have lived in Jerome County all my life. I have established my home here, raised my family here and I'm not going to "fade away."

WAYNE CHILDERS
Jerome

(Editor's note: Wayne Childers ran unsuccessfully against Jerome County Sheriff Jim Weaver in the

November election.

In 1993, Jerome County commissioners signed a consent decree. It limited the number of prisoners in the jail, added more jail employees

and prompted improvements to the jail. The decree resulted from a former prisoner's class-action lawsuit against Jerome County commissioners and former sheriff Larry Gold.)

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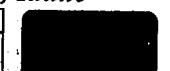
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Group decides to hire outside
counsel to fight grizzly
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Section B

AROUND THE VALLEY

Deputies search for robbery suspect

JEROME - Deputies and police Tuesday were looking for a man Jerome Cinema employees say robbed them at gunpoint late Monday, said Jerome County Under Sheriff Jocelyne Roberts. Employees told police a white male with a nylon stocking over his face walked into the theater at about 8:30 p.m., brandished what appeared to be a revolver and demanded cash, Roberts said. After taking about \$350, the man hid the employees on the floor and counted 20, Roberts said.

The man is described as about 6 feet tall and 200 pounds, between 18 and 25 years old, and smooth shaven. He was last seen wearing pants, a sweatshirt, gloves and a hat.

The theater employees did not know if the man used a getaway vehicle, Roberts said.

Second wolf found shot to death north of Fairfield

ROISE - A second wolf has been found shot to death in the mountains north of Fairfield. B-96, the alpha male from the Smoky Mountain pack, was recovered on Dec. 4 near Lick Creek in Camas County. The Nez Perce Tribe's aerial monitoring efforts indicated the wolf was last seen on Nov. 22. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service confirmed B-96 was shot.

Another male, B-57, was found dead on Nov. 23, about 10 miles from where B-96 was discovered. That 3-year-old male had dispersed from the Thunder Mountain pack near McCall and recently joined the Smoky Mountain pack.

"We have received several excellent leads and many calls regarding the death of B-57, and we will aggressively pursue investigation of the death of B-96 as well," Stedek and Agent Weyland said. "If wolves continue to be injured or killed, Idaho will not reach its recovery goal, which means wolves will remain an endangered species for a longer time."

The service has offered a \$2,000 reward for the arrest and conviction of those responsible for the killing, and the Defenders of Wildlife group has chipped in another \$2,000 to the reward.

The killing of an animal protected under the Endangered Species Act is punishable by a fine of up to \$100,000 and one year in jail. Fish and Wildlife asks anyone who noticed suspicious behavior in the area between Nov. 7 and Dec. 2 to call 208-378-5333.

Idaho F&G Commission elects Wood chairman

OROFINO - Burley physician Fred Wood has been tapped by Idaho Fish and Game Commission colleagues to be the group's chairman for the coming year.

Wood, who has served as the commission's chairman before, replaces John Burns, the retired supervisor of the Salmon National Forest.

Wood and Burns were appointed to new four-year terms by Gov. Dirk Kempthorne earlier this year. Wood and Burns were in the minority in supporting former Fish and Game Director Steve Mealey, when four members of the seven-member commission voted to fire him in March 1997, triggering condemnation from state lawmakers and immediate defeat of an increase in sportsmen's fees intended to head off program reductions.

Kempthorne replaced four commissioners last summer, leaving only three holdovers from the Mealey controversy: Nancy Hildey of Sandpoint, who voted with the majority that fired Mealey, and Burns and Wood.

Compiled from staff reports

Planners present park proposal

Long-term plan might depend on user groups for funding

By Brandon Fiala
Times-News writer

JEROME - A new recreation area is coming to the Magic Valley - in sections over 20 years.

Plans for a recreation area along the north rim of the Snake

Western planners' comments on the North Rim Project plan should be sent by Jan. 12, 2002 to Debbie Kovar, realty specialist, or Bill Balar, field manager, Shoshone field office, Bureau of Land Management, P.O. Box 28, Shoshone, ID, 83352.

River Canyon could be finalized by mid-summer 2001, but full development could take 20 years. Planners of the North Rim

Project met with the public Tuesday to present a proposed plan for the area.

The project involves 8,000 acres of public land on the north rim of the Snake River Canyon east of U.S. Highway 93 between the canyon and Interstate 84.

The plan looks into the future; when the expansive recreation area could be hemmed in by development like Central Park in New York City.

"Twin Falls is rapidly growing, and Jerome is growing, and eventually we will have a prime

recreation area in the middle of development," said Neil King, vice chairman of the South Central Idaho Tourism and Recreation Development Association, which is heading the planning effort.

"This is a way to protect the aquifer ... and organize land uses, which are now random," said Debbie Kovar, a realty specialist with the Shoshone Bureau of Land Management.

The plan organizes existing uses, such as off-road vehicle use, hiking, horseback riding

and others. Target or random shooting would no longer be allowed in the area, but hunting would, Kovar said.

"Shooting was a big problem," said Ann Moss, lead landscape designer for Shapins Associates of Colorado, which is doing the landscape design. "Instead of having shooting in the area, we will find a more suitable location."

Jerome County is looking at developing a gun range about five miles north of the area.

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YULETIDE DELIVERIES



Joby Hoberland, window clerk at the U.S. Post Office in downtown Twin Falls, loads mail to be distributed Tuesday afternoon. About 20 billion cards, letters and packages will be mailed nationwide between Nov. 24 and Dec. 31, up three percent from last year, said Joanne B. Downey, postmaster in charge.

Beet farmers' harvest suffers loss

Commissioners appeal to Kempthorne for emergency status

By Aaron Brock
Times-News writer

RUPERT - Citing a county-wide loss of almost \$3 million, Minidoka County commissioners have requested an emergency declaration from the governor's office.

"(The farmers) have suffered a substantial loss," Commissioner John Remberg said. "Our economy is suffering enough as it is."

If the county gets the emergency declaration, then low-

Beet harvest facts

- Some facts about this year's sugar-beet harvest in Minidoka County.
- About 2,400 acres of sugar beets are harvested.
- This acreage affects about 32 county farmers.
- Source: Minidoka County commissioners.

interest loans will be available for area farmers, Remberg said. The exact rate of these loans is not known, and might change between now and next

year, Farm Service Agency officials say.

The request, written by county prosecutor Rick Bollar, acknowledges the losses do not constitute 30 percent of a normal year's dollar value of all crops, or a 30 percent loss in a normal year of the sugar beet enterprise.

Meeting this 30 percent criteria is normally a requirement for emergency declaration, so Bollar doesn't have high hopes for its approval, but said there is still a chance Gov. Dirk

Kempthorne will approve it.

"I don't know if it will come to pass, but it's a try in the right direction," Remberg said. "It's not going to cost the county anything (to make the request)."

A letter drafted by commissioners and mailed to Kempthorne lists six factors in the request:

• The harvest was slowed by warm fall weather, limiting sugar content.

• After the start of harvest,

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Simplot, Heyburn prepare for legal battle

By Aaron Brock
Times-News writer

HEYBURN - The city's power utility stands to lose as much as 70 or 75 percent of its electric sales, under a lawsuit filed by the J.R. Simplot Co.

Simplot sued Heyburn Friday, seeking the right to stop using city power for its potato processing plant just outside city limits.

The problem is, Heyburn charges Simplot more than it should for the electricity, said David Hawk, Simplot's director of energy natural resources.

"What they charge us is whatever they want to," he said.

The additional money goes to subsidize other city departments, Hawk said.

Heyburn city attorney Steven Tuft doesn't deny Hawk's claim, but said Heyburn is well within its legal rights to use the meter for other departments. Tuft said the practice is followed by "every city in the state."

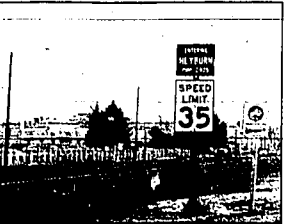
"We believe that the Heyburn rate has been fair," Tuft said. "We don't think our accounting procedures are out of line, but we're willing to have them looked at."

A few hours after Simplot filed the complaint in an Ada County court, state lawmakers approved a stopgap measure described as "a moratorium" to head off an electric deregulation.

Between 70 to 75 percent of electricity sold by Heyburn goes to Simplot.

On average, Hawk said, Simplot uses roughly 80 million kilowatt hours of electricity annually, and is billed about \$2.6 million.

There is a markup, Hawk said. Over the last 15 years, Hawk said Simplot had paid Heyburn an extra \$7.5 million - above the cost of serving the company.



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over the last 18 months. Tuft said the city was willing to continue negotiations on rates, but Simplot broke off talks about a month ago.

The legal issue centers on whether Simplot is tied to the power sold by Heyburn.

Hawk said Simplot has an "excellent case," because Heyburn does not manufacture

The city of Heyburn and J.R. Simplot officials are battling over whether Simplot should continue to buy its electricity from the city. If Simplot wins the court, Heyburn could lose up to 75 percent of its electric sales.

its own electricity.

But according to the Idaho Electric Supplier Stabilization Act, Tuft said, Simplot is required to purchase electricity from Heyburn.

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For whom the bridge might toll

Survey suggests some motorists could pay for crossing river

By John T. Huddy
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Some Magic Valley residents would like to see a new Snake River canyon bridge and might even be willing to pay a 50-cent toll and additional vehicle license fees to pay for it, according to Idaho Transportation Department surveys.

But local officials are split on their support for a new bridge project, the surveys indicate.

"The reality is we sent out questionnaires to 22 elected officials in (Twin Falls, Gooding and Jerome) counties, and the communities involved. Of those 22 questionnaires sent out, we got only nine responses."

B. Humphrey, the department's regional planner, said the crossing survey will be held at 7 p.m. tonight at Best Western Canyon Springs Hotel, 1357 Blue Lakes Blvd., Twin Falls.

The surveys were done over six months and involved telephone interviews with residents from Twin Falls, Gooding and Jerome counties, an online survey and interviews with local officials.

More than 1,000 people responded. State officials and leaders from West Pacific, an engineering firm from Oregon hired to research the feasibility of a new bridge, will discuss the survey results at a meeting tonight in Twin Falls.

A majority of residents indicated they would be willing to pay a 50-cent toll or a 35-cent toll and another \$7 per year in vehicle license fees to help build the new bridge. This would raise about 50 percent of the cost of a new bridge and corridor improvements. That makes the project possible, if a 50 percent federal or state match is secured.

However, a significant portion of residents who travel the Perrine Bridge at least once a week say they would avoid a new toll by using the Hansen or Clear Lakes bridges, or by reducing their trips across the Snake River. A result of people avoiding tolls - at an estimated rate of 25 percent - a 50-cent toll would generate money to cover only 40 percent of the cost for a new bridge and corridor improvements.

Area residents are familiar with and concerned about traffic problems on Blue Lakes Boulevard and U.S. Highway 93.

Most residents want to see a widening of Pole Line Road, a

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Bridge discussion

A meeting to discuss the findings of a Snake River bridge crossing survey will be held at 7 p.m. tonight at Best Western Canyon Springs Hotel, 1357 Blue Lakes Blvd., Twin Falls.

MAGIC VALLEY/IDAHO

Buhl City Council approves 120-day moratorium on communication towers

BUHL - The city has joined a growing list of cities calling for moratoriums on communication towers.

The City Council on Monday approved a 120-day moratorium on all towers. The city will now work on an ordinance that provides guidelines for communication towers and will hold a public hearing at the end of the 120-day moratorium.

Also Monday, Urban Renewal Agency Director Tom Gannon

When they meet
The Buhl City Council will hold its next regular meeting at 7 p.m. Jan. 8 at City Hall.

spoke to the City Council about the agency's purpose and outlined some of the projects on the city's improvement list, which includes the replacement of water and sewer lines in the McCollum area.

The council approved an ordinance officially making the agency a working force for improvements in the city.

At another action Monday, Raymond Ware of Ware and Associates presented the results of the annual audit. He said the city was in good financial health and within its budget.

Times-News correspondent Mary Lou Potts can be reached in Buhl at 543-8854.

INEEL contractor agrees to pay county building-permit fee, property taxes for plant

IDAHO FALLS (AP) - Butte County, which had raised concerns about being overlooked, has received a \$300,000 windfall from construction of a nuclear waste treatment plant at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory.

U.S. Department of Energy contractor British Nuclear Fuels Ltd. Inc. agreed to pay the county the building-permit fee for a plant that will prepare plutonium-contaminated waste for shipment to a permanent dump out of state.

British Nuclear Fuels also agreed to pay property taxes on the buildings, which county officials estimate eventually could amount to between \$500,000 and \$1-million a year.

Butte County Commissioner Seth Beal said the building-permit money is being held in

reserve. That much revenue could make a big difference in the county's approximately \$2 million budget. But Beal said officials do not want to go on a spending or tax-cutting spree yet, or become dependent on the money, because it could dry up when the company's work ends in a decade or two.

British Nuclear Fuels will own and operate the buildings where it will process nuclear waste under a new privatized form of Energy Department contracting.

The county agreed with county arguments that the arrangement makes British Nuclear Fuels liable for building-permit fees and property taxes and has been negotiating how much to pay. The amount of tax revenue is expected to be relatively small until the plant's construction is completed in August 2002.

Construction began on the plant this fall, and the company is creating a huge tent this week to allow continued construction through the snowy season.

The project is moving ahead despite a citizens' lawsuit and a decision to table an incinerator the company had proposed building to reduce the volume of waste. British Nuclear Fuels likely will simply sort and repack a hodgepodge of contaminated rags, clothing, equipment, molds and sludges at the plant.

Meanwhile, company spokeswoman Ann Riedesel said British Nuclear Fuels is considering other investments in Butte County. It already has donated money for scoreboards at the new high school gymnasium and committed to spend \$20,000 a year to help lure new businesses to the rural community.

SERVICES

James Raymond Mumm of Twin Falls, service at 11 a.m. today at Rock Creek Community Church, 131 Grandview Dr. N. in Twin Falls (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Donna Faye Goodwin of Kimberly, service at 1 p.m. Thursday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls. Friends and family may call from 4-8 p.m. today and one hour before the service at the funeral chapel.

Marvin Schick of Filer, service at 2 p.m. today at White Mortuary Chapel in Twin Falls. Burial will follow at the West End Cemetery in Buhl with military rites by area veterans and auxiliary.

Marcia Foust of Burley, graveside services at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Pleasant View Cemetery. Friends may call from 10-10:45 p.m. Thursday at the Payne Mortuary in Burley.

Cleo J. Winn of Rupert, services at 1 p.m. Thursday at the Payne Memorial Chapel, 221 W. Main St. in Burley. Burial will be in the Paul Cemetery. Friends may call from 6-8 p.m. today and from 12-12:45 p.m. Thursday at the Payne Mortuary.

Phoebe Kathleen Henderson 'Kathy' McCoil, of Phoenix, Ariz. and formerly of Twin Falls, a gathering to celebrate her life will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday at Rock Creek Community Church, 131 Grandview Dr. in Twin Falls.

Elsie Bernice Sebring Shaw of Twin Falls, visitation from 4-7

p.m. Thursday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Valley Road in Twin Falls; vigils service at 7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home; Mass of Christian burial at 11 a.m. Friday at St. Edwards Catholic Church in Twin Falls.

Mickie Delgado, infant daughter of Julene and David Delgado of Burley, viewing from 3-6 p.m. Monday; graveside services at 3 p.m. Friday, Dec. 22 in Boise.

DEATH NOTICES

Betty Kraus
KIMBERLY - Betty Kraus, 53, of Kimberly passed away Monday, Dec. 11 at her home.

Services are pending and will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

Joyce Standsifer Smith
TWIN FALLS - Joyce Standsifer Smith, 60, of Twin Falls passed away Monday, Dec. 11, 2000, at the Twin Falls Clinic and Hospital. Services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

Archie H. Dayley
BURLEY - Archie H. Dayley, 84, of Burley died Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2000, at the Burley Care Center. Funeral arrangements are pending and will be announced by the Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley.

Brandy Arevalo
JEROME - Brandy Arevalo infant daughter of Demetrio and Lourdes Arevalo, died Dec. 8, 2000. Funeral services will be held at 12 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2000, in the Farnsworth Mortuary Chapel, 1943 S. Lincoln in Jerome, with Father Ron Wecker officiating.

Interment to follow in the Jerome Cemetery.

J. Glen Anderson
WENDELL - J. Glen Anderson, 76, of Wendell died Monday, Dec. 11, 2000, at St. Benedict's Long Term Care in Jerome.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 16, 2000, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Wendell by Bishop Cole Prestwich. Military graveside services will be at the Wendell Cemetery.

Family and friends may call from 1-7 p.m. Friday at Demary's Wendell Chapel and from 10 a.m. until service time on Saturday at the church.

A complete obituary will appear on a later date.

William Rogers
RUPERT - William Rogers, 72, of Rupert died Sunday, Dec. 10, 2000, at Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 14, 2000, at the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Heyburn. Friends may call from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday at Hansen Mortuary, Rupert Chapel. Mr. Rogers and one hour before the service on Thursday at the church.

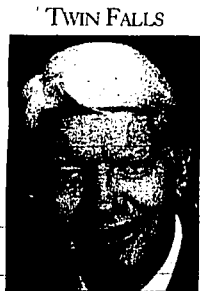
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Dismissed
Roy Wilson of Buhl

OBITUARIES

For obituary rates and information, call 733-0931, Ext. 278, between 2 p.m. and 5 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 5 p.m. every day.



Les Reinke
Les Reinke, 77, of Twin Falls died Monday, Dec. 11, 2000, at St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise.

Les was born on Dec. 31, 1922, in Clover, Idaho, the son of H.C. and Sophia Reinke. He was raised and educated in Clover and Twin Falls. On Jan. 16, 1944, Les married Betty Jean Hafer. They had three children: Betty, Cliff Fred, Brent Jay, Florence, and Mark. Les and Betty began their married life on the family farm in Clover. Les became an insurance representative, a career in which he served until his death. His position relocated the family to Twin Falls, Nampa, Pocatello, and then back to Twin Falls. Les' hobbies included gardening, singing in the Magichords, and participating in the annual Cancer Walk. His greatest joy was living out his Christian faith as an active participant in the various Lutheran congregations where he was a member. At the time of his death he was a member at Peace Lutheran Church in Filer. Les' Christian service at different times in his life led to extensive involvement in the Water League, both as participant and adult leader, and in the Lutheran Laymen's League. Those interests led to his involvement in the development and construction of Camp Perkins.

Les is survived by his wife, Betty of Twin Falls; by his sister, Millie List of Sherwood, Ore.; his sons, Cliff Fred Reinke of Pocatello, Brent (Carla) Reinke of Filer, Jay (Andrea) Reinke of Williston, N.D., Mark (Brooke) Reinke of Nampa, his daughters, Betty (Jery) Alm of Grandview and Florence (Paul) Johnson of St. Louis. He is also survived by 15 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Les was preceded in death by his parents and by his sisters and brothers, Mary, Sig, Otto, Ella, Clara, Louis, and Ruth.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 15, 2000, at the Clover Trinity Lutheran Church with Pastor Gary Bonadici officiating. Burial will follow at Clover Trinity Lutheran Cemetery. Friends may call on Thursday from 3-8 p.m. with family-to-guest friends from 5-7 p.m. at Reynolds Funeral

Chapel in Twin Falls. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be given to the Building Fund of the Lutheran Church or to the Lutheran Hour. Contributions may be given to funeral chapel staff at services or mailed to Reynolds Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 1142, Twin Falls, ID 83303.

PORTLAND, ORE.



Jacqueline L. Seagraves Babcock

Jacqueline L. Seagraves Babcock of Portland, Ore. passed away peacefully Dec. 7, 2000, surrounded by her loving husband and parents after a very courageous battle with cancer. Jackie was 37.

Jackie was born April 26, 1963, in Sun Valley, Idaho. After graduation from Wood River High School in 1981, Jackie moved to Twin Falls, Idaho, for a short time and then later to Portland, Ore. Jackie was most recently employed as a Project Manager for Intel Corporation. When Jackie was forced to leave her career she made her home, husband and variety of animals her priority. Jackie and Sean Babcock were married April 1, 1995, on top of Hidden Falls, Ore. They enjoyed Resort in Utah, Jackie and Sean enjoyed camping, hiking and skiing with yearly trips to Utah and Idaho. They recently purchased property in North Fork, Idaho in hopes of building a weekend getaway. Sean and Jackie were true soul mates. The unconditional love and friendship that Jackie gave Jackie the strength to battle her own form of cancer. Merckel Cell, head on for eight years. In spite of all the obstacles Jackie faced, she continually and never let anyone else's frustration be her own. Jackie was fighting.

Jackie is survived by her beloved husband, Sean Babcock and her parents, Jack and Judy Seagraves of Hillyard, Idaho, her brother Justin (Coleen) Seagraves and nieces Hayden and Madison of Bellevue, Idaho, maternal grandparents, Holly and Dortha Walker and maternal great-grandmother, Leta Daniels of Twin Falls, Idaho.

Jackie was preceded in death by her paternal grandparents

James and Emogene Seagraves. Cremation will take place in Portland, Ore.

At Jackie's request, no services will be held. A casual gathering of family and friends will take place on Sunday, Dec. 17th, from 2-4 p.m. at the home of Justin and Coleen Seagraves, 521 Melrose in the Camanche subdivision (Behind Valley Market) in Bellevue, Idaho. The family suggests donations be made to the Animal Shelter of Wood River Valley in Hillyard, Ore. or to your local chapter of the American Cancer Society in Jackie's name.

HOLLISTER

Brandon Jay Silver

Brandon Jay Silver, infant son of Dan and Jeanne Silver of Hollister, died Thursday, Dec. 7, 2000, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

He is survived by his parents and one brother, Dale a doctor, father, grandparents George (PeeWee) and Dee Silver of Jerome, Jean Seat of Hollister, and Don and Carolyn Seal of McDowell, Calif.; grandmothers, Ralph and Fern Gardner and George and Joyce Silver all of Jerome, Cleo Gee of Oakley, Margaret Seal of Rupert, Opal Cheney of Shoshone and Oran and Betty of Hollister, also a great-great-grandmother, Jewel Jackson of Jerome, and numerous aunts and uncles.

The Borrowed Gem

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"For you to love while he lives and mourn for when he's gone."
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He'll bring his charm to gladden you, and should his stay be brief, You'll have his lovely memories as solace for your grief.
I cannot promise he will stay, since all from earth return, But there are lessons taught down there I want this child to learn.
I've looked the whole world over in my search of truer lives, And from the throng that crowds life's lanes, I have selected you.
Now will you give him all your love, nor think the labor vain, Nor hate me when I call for him, to take him home again?
I fancied that I heard you say, "Dear Lord, Thy will be done." For all the joy the child shall bring, the risk of grief will run, We'll shelter him with tenderness, we'll love him while we may, And for the happiness we've known, forever grateful we'll stay.
But should the angels call for him much sooner than we bargained, We'll brave the bitter grief that comes, and try to understand.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Friday at the Holy Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome with Rev. Dean Grandstaff officiating.

Auditor. Hansen in good financial shape

By Margaret Jones
Times-News correspondent

HANSEN - The city is in good financial shape, auditor Mike Burr told the City Council on Monday.

Burr said the city has \$451,000 in savings but only \$40,000 was carried over into this year's budget. The rest of the city's money will stay in savings for use in an emergency, Burr said.

He advised the city to keep a record of new residents' water deposits instead of depending on water users to present their receipts at the end of the year for credit.

Also Monday, Mayor George Urle informed the council the city needs to rezone land in the well-head protection plan. The plan includes city land, county land and land in the city's impact area.

Other City Council business will be:

- The council approved a \$74,580 contract with Operations

Management Int'l. to maintain the city's waste-water plant.

• The council approved beer and liquor licenses for the South Hills Saloon, Town Tavern and the Hansen Market.

• The council approved sched-

uling a public hearing regarding the keeping of livestock at 272 Third Street East.

Times-News correspondent Margaret Jones can be reached in Kimberly at 423-8430.

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SLIDE AND GLIDE



Cross-country skier Janet DeAndre takes advantage of the cold weather and the fresh snow Tuesday that fall over the weekend in Spokane, Wash.

OSHA cites Idaho company

BOISE (AP) — The Occupational Safety and Health Administration proposed a \$63,000 penalty for an alleged willful safety violation by Whiteman Industries Inc., a manufacturer of such concrete-related construction equipment as power trowels.

An executive said the Boise-based company was exploring its options.

"Whiteman Industries has operated in the Treasure Valley area for over 20 years with a proven safety record," Darrell Jansen, the company's vice president of manufacturing, said on Tuesday. "We are and we always have been totally committed to the safety of our employees."

Ryan Kuehnlich, the federal agency's Boise-area director, said an employee complaint following

an injury at Whiteman Industries led to an inspection that found machinery was not guarded to prevent employees from bodily harm.

Occupational Safety and Health Administration inspectors found three riveter machines operating without guarding mechanisms in place.

Jansen said Whiteman Industries has 179 employees.

Council decides to hire outside law firm to battle feds on grizzly bear reintroduction

BOISE (AP) — In an unanimous decision Tuesday, a court designed to defend Idaho's legal rights voted to hire an outside law firm to battle the federal government over its decision to reintroduce grizzly bears in the state.

"It would be a precedent-setting case," Michael Bogert, counsel to Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, said. He added that the Constitutional Defense Fund Council — composed of the governor, Attorney General Al Lance, House Speaker Bruce Newcomb and Senate President Pro Tem Robert Geddes — wants its own grizzly legal team in place as soon as possible.

"We oppose the introduction of this fine-tuning, antisocial animal," Gov. Kempthorne said. "This is probably the first federal policy that knowingly can and will lead to the death of citizens. We must do everything possible to make sure this does not happen."

Last month, the federal Fish and Wildlife Service announced plans to release at least 25 grizzly bears into the Bitterroot Mountains along the Idaho-Montana border. The service plants to locate the large bears, many of them from Canada, into the Selway-Bitterroot and Frank Church-River of No Return

wilderness areas over five years. The combined 4 million acres makes up the largest block of wilderness in the Rocky Mountains south of Canada. Contact with humans in the region is unlikely, federal officials say. The plan puts the bears under the oversight of a 15-member citizen committee, including a member chosen by the Nez Perce Tribe.

There are already about 1,100 bears in five populations scattered through Montana, Idaho, Wyoming and Washington.

The first bears would not be moved until at least the summer of 2002.

Need outweighs giving

Northern Utah charities see drop in donations of food and toys

OGDEN, Utah (AP) — Northern Utah charities say donations of food and toys are down while the number of families needing help is up.

Catholic Community Services has 900 families asking for help and no toys to give out. The Salvation Army has another 500 families it wants to help. It has some toys, but is low on food.

Sharon Downing, the new director of Catholic Community Services, said there are 2,300 children in the 900 families that had applied to her for help as of Friday.

"On Wednesday of this week I'm supposed to be handing out toys, and I don't have any," she said Monday.

Catholic Community Services and Salvation Army are sharing space at the former Adams Place nursing home in Ogden. The room where Catholic Community Service's toys are supposed to be stored was empty Monday.

Downing said she's not sure why there is such a huge increase over last year's applications.

Although unemployment is low, "many people are just one or two paychecks away from trouble," she said. "They are the working poor. An ambulance may take what you saved for Christmas. What we give out may be the family's only Christmas present for the children."

Most of the toys Catholic Community Services distributes come from Toys for Tots, which is sponsored by the U.S. Marine

Corps Reserve.

Reggie Burnhugh, director of the Homeless Veterans Fellowship and a Marine Corps veteran, is coordinating Toys for Tots in Northern Utah. He said collections this year have been agonizingly slow.

He said only about 500 toys had been donated as of Monday, and those will go to Catholic Community Services.

"We're desperately short of toys," he said. "Hopefully, when people are out there buying for their kids they'll pick up something extra for someone in need."

Toys collected by Toys for Tots should be new and unwrapped. Burnhugh said the toys are distributed in the community from which they were donated.

Meanwhile, Utah Food Bank officials say high gasoline prices are draining their transportation budget.

Official: Politics play no role in delay of salmon plan

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — The National Marine Fisheries Service will delay release of its plan for saving Columbia River Basin salmon until at least next week.

The plan has drawn intense scrutiny in the Northwest whether over federal dam on the lower Snake River should be breached to aid endangered salmon runs.

George Frampton, acting chairman of the White House Council on Environmental Quality, said the Clinton administration was delaying the release so that standards to determine whether salmon returns are improving can be sharpened. The plan was to be made public Friday.

"We made a commitment to fishermen's document during this administration, and we will do that no matter who is elected," he said.

Conservationists, many who have called for breaching the dams, cheered the delay.

"The only direction this plan can go is up," said Rob Masones of Astorian Rivers in Seattle. "If delaying its release will work toward that, it's a good thing."

Foes of dam breaching do not want a more rigorous plan. Texas Gov. George W. Bush, the Republican candidate for president, opposes breaching the dams.

Agencies release land plan

SALEM, Ore. (AP) — Timber harvesting would increase while range land grazing would decline under the latest draft of a federal plan for managing land and wildlife on 64 million acres in the Pacific Northwest.

The report, one step from final approval, was issued Tuesday by the Interior Columbia Basin Ecosystem Management Project.

The joint effort by the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management produced the largest federal land-use plan ever proposed. It covers the agencies' lands in eastern Washington and Oregon, Idaho and western Montana.

Tribune attorney suspicious of promise

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — W. Dean Singleton's promise to let managers of the Salt Lake Tribune buy back the paper in 2002 is as illusory as the emperor's new clothes, a Tribune lawyer argued on court Tuesday.

Singleton's company, MediaNews Group Inc., has agreed to buy Utah's largest paper for \$200 million from AT&T Corp., which acquired the Tribune almost by accident when it bought Tele-Communications Inc. last year.

But the Tribune is suing MediaNews and AT&T, claiming they violated an agreement the paper's original owners signed guaranteeing them a chance to buy back the paper in 2002 and manage it in the interim.

On Tuesday attorneys presented their arguments to U.S. District Judge R. Ma Campbell, who will consider the Tribune's request for a preliminary injunction to stop the sale.

"I think it is ... very much like the emperor riding through town

on his horse pretending to be fully clothed when Mr. Singleton says he'll honor the option agreement," Lewis said.

In fact, he argued, Singleton already violated the agreement by entering into a side bargain with the paper's rival, the Mormon church-owned Deseret News. The two competitors are also partners in a joint operating agreement and share printing, distribution and advertising revenue through a co-managed company called the Newspaper Agency Corp.

"The standards need to be clear and understandable, and the consequences (of not meeting them) need to be clear and understandable," Frampton said.

"Our goal is to have the best possible document with the highest degree of integrity."

The dams would be breached by removing their earthen sections, allowing the river to flow freely around the remaining concrete structures. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers said that would cost about \$1 billion, and electricity generation at the four dams and make the river impassable by barges that carry wheat and other commodities from as far east as Lewiston, Idaho.

Officials denied that political considerations and the uncertain outcome of the presidential election played a part in the decision to delay the plan's release.

"The outcome of the election played and will play absolutely no role in the timing," Frampton said.

Hunt misinterpreted the Railway Labor Act, which prohibits "self-help" and other job actions by airline and railroad employees. Delta has requested an emergency injunction forcing the pilots to resume the extra shifts, which the airline depends on for about 5 percent of its flights.

The plan, in the works since 1994, would automatically amend 62 local land-use plans when it gains final approval. Already, the plan has cost about \$7 million.

The basin project was requested in 1993 by then-U.S. Sen. Mark Hatfield, R-Ore., and former House Speaker Tom Foley, D-Wash. The goal was to avoid the kind of bitter fights that erupted in the early 1990s over logging restrictions imposed west of the Cascades to protect the threatened northern spotted owl.

Park

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Kovar said.

The plan also calls for preserving the canyon rim, Devil's Corral and Vinyard Lake. Trails for off-road vehicles would be pushed to the center of the area, with bike and walking trails on the perimeter.

"This will definitely be an improvement," said Jeanne Brown of Gooding. "This way people won't degrade public lands, and everybody can enjoy it."

Brown said she often finds trash by Vinyard Lake, and hears target shooters in the area.

"We need a separation of activities," she said.

Jerome County is applying for a lease from the BLM, which

could be finalized by mid-summer 2001. The leases usually last 30 years, Kovar said.

The park would be a partnership between the BLM and Jerome County, which won't spend tax money on the project.

Once the lease is in place, the area will develop as money becomes available. Most of the money will come from user cooperatives, such as off-highway vehicle groups, King said.

Various user groups would pay for the area's development. Groups could hold fundraisers and apply for grants, King said.

Another possible source of funding is about 1,600 acres of public land west of U.S. 93, whose use hasn't been determined.

The area could include residential development, soccer fields and other uses. Any money generated by the land would go to develop the North Rim Park, Kovar said. A study to determine the holding area's uses could take a couple years, she said.

Jerome County commissioners contracted with SCITRDA to plan the North Rim Project. SCITRDA, a nonprofit tourism association, is paying for the project, plans with a \$90,000 budget from the Environmental Protection Agency and \$25,000 from Idaho Power Co.

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Judge refuses to force Delta pilots to work overtime

ATLANTA (AP) — Delta Air Lines on Tuesday appealed a federal judge's refusal to force pilots to work overtime.

U.S. District Judge Willis Hunt Jr. ruled Monday that Delta had not provided enough evidence to prove that the Air Line Pilots Association had overworked. But campaign against overtime. But Hunt warned the pilots' union that he saw evidence of an ongoing and illegal concerted effort by the pilots to avoid overtime flights.

The airline appealed the decision to the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Atlanta, saying

Hunt misinterpreted the Railway Labor Act, which prohibits "self-help" and other job actions by airline and railroad employees. Delta has requested an emergency injunction forcing the pilots to resume the extra shifts, which the airline depends on for about 5 percent of its flights.

The nation's third largest airline has blamed its pilots' refusal to fly overtime for hundreds of flight cancellations and delays. It sued the union on Dec. 5 in an effort to force the pilots restore the "status quo" in their overtime requests.

Hunt's ruling said that while he

found that there is an ongoing concerted effort on the part of Delta pilots to refuse overtime work, he was at a loss to determine who to enjoin related to the activity. He wrote that Delta also had not proved what roles the 49 pilots named in the lawsuit had played.

However, the judge warned that nothing in his order should be read to prevent Delta from refiling its request if the situation changed. He added that his order did not absolve other union members from liability, saying the court had found evidence of violations of the Railway Labor Act.

Bridge

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Project already funded, and a new Snake River bridge, estimated to cost \$115 million.

Local residents pushing for the crossing have expressed concerns about the capacity of the Perrine Bridge in the coming years, and the congestion of traffic in Twin Falls, particularly on Blue Lakes Boulevard.

W&H Pacific proposed several bridge sites, costing \$60 million to \$115 million.

But a new bridge won't be needed for at least another 20 years, Humphrey said.

And because the issue is not

critical right now, some officials say the bridge should be put on hold.

Some of the comments from elected officials said that "Yeah, this is an issue, but we feel there are more important issues locally, like school bonds and dairies," Humphrey said.

Gary Grindstaff, a Twin Falls county commissioner, said he supports another bridge. But the community really needs to decide what is best for the area.

"It's really something the voters should decide, not the legislators," Grindstaff said.

Humphrey echoed Grindstaff's

thoughts. An advisory ballot — which would determine if residents in Twin Falls, Gooding and Jerome counties support the plan — might be a good idea, Humphrey said.

"That would show us a more total picture as to whether or not this is something the valley would like to see us pursue," Humphrey said. "We aren't hearing from the numbers we need to be hearing from."

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Beets

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New procedures at Amalgamated Sugar slowed the process.

Heavy rains in late October and early November closed a receiving site for several days, forcing area farmers to deliver beets to another site or directly to the sugar factory. This further delayed harvest.

Freezing temperatures, which came to the area early this year, froze the ground and

made beets impossible to harvest.

The freezing weather lasted for such a long period of time that even harvested crops had to be immediately processed and could not be stored.

Because of the delays, it was impossible to harvest all sugar beets, leaving substantial portions of the crop underground.

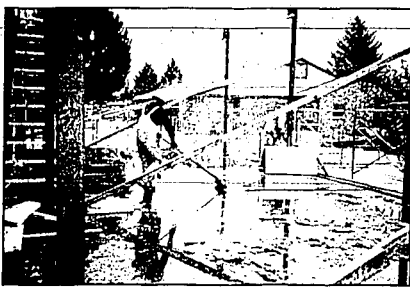
The beets still could be recovered if temperatures cooperate,

Remsberg said.

"Given the right kind of weather, there's no reason that we can't recover them," he said, noting that a 10-day stretch of dry, warmer weather would probably solve the problem.

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MAGIC VALLEY/WEST



Remodelling of the Shoshone Rehab and Living Center is expected to be completed by mid-February.

Shoshone center sees added improvements

By Lorraine Cavener
Times-News correspondent

SHOSHONE — The Shoshone Rehab and Living Center is being remodeled and residents will soon have a large sun room connected to an expanded dining area.

Lincoln County commissioners on Monday discussed the remodeling project.

County Courthouse in Shoshone. "The dining room is going to bring the outdoors in," said Nursing Director Sylvia Phillips.

The room will have a piano and will provide more space for activities.

"It will also give more room for sing-alongs and dancing," said Social Service Director Anita Westlake, social service director at the center.

The \$213,000 remodeling project is scheduled to be completed by mid-February, said Commissioner Marlin Brookbank.

Money for the project came from rent money the county collected from the facility during

the past three years, and from money received from under-bidlings to Medicare and Medicaid.

"There is absolutely no tax dollars in the remodel," Brookbank said.

Also Monday, Carol Boudreau told commissioners that a Salt Lake City resident told her he wanted to open a small feedlot in Richfield's impact zone and wanted to know what the county's regulations were regarding feedlots.

The feedlot would be a 50- to 100-cow-operation and wouldn't be considered a confined animal feeding operation. An operation must have more than 300 animal units to be considered a CAFO, said Commission Chairman Jerry Nance.

Nance told Boudreau that he didn't think it was a good idea to put a feedlot in the area of impact, "but I don't see anything that restricts it."

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Daughter joins mother in writing of Dear Abby

DEAR READERS: Most of the letters that appear in my column are filled with problems. This one will be different.

I hope you will indulge me this once as I brag about my daughter, Jeanne Phillips. She has worked by my side practically since the inception of this column. As a teen-ager, she earned her allowance by answering mail from other teens (under strict supervision, of course).

During the majority of the years that followed, my daughter has worked by my side in one capacity or another. Over the course of the 12 years my nationally syndicated radio show aired on the CBS network, Jeanne co-wrote more than half of them. After that she became my editor and, since 1987, has co-created the DEAR ABBY column with me.

With her talent, compassion



DEAR ABBY
Abigail Van Buren

and kind heart — and the common sense I like to say she inherited from her father and me — Jeanne has walked not in my footsteps, but side-by-side with me. I couldn't be more proud.

As a mother who has every confidence in her daughter, I feel it's time she receives the recognition she deserves as my co-creator.

And no, I'm not going anywhere. I will continue to work on this column until my Maker calls me home. People retire from work — and work is the one thing I have never considered this column to be.

We will both continue to co-create DEAR ABBY using the pseudonym Abigail Van Buren.

Sign me, — PROUD MOM IN BEVERLY HILLS, PAULINE PHILLIPS, A.K.A. ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY: Christmas is around the corner. Because our first child was due at Thanksgiving, I planned ahead and did as much of my shopping in advance as I could. The problem is, my husband's family expects everyone to buy presents for everyone else. This means we have to buy for 20 people! I don't mind buying for his parents and siblings, and even his grandparents, but the aunts, uncles and cousins are killing me.

We've bought everyone presents for the past two years and are still paying off credit cards from last year's purchases. I still save my parents and siblings to buy for, too. Money is tight because I'm off work now and will return to work only part time in a few months. Abby, I don't see how we can afford to continue this tradition. My husband won't let me say anything to his family. Can you give me some advice?

— WANTING A SIMPLER CHRISTMAS

DEAR WANTING: Only this if you continue trying to adhere to his family's traditions, your little family will never be out of debt, and your financial burdens will continue to grow until they crush you. Since your husband won't "let" you explain this to his family, perhaps he will consent to accompany you to some credit counseling sessions. I hope they'll help him see the light.

SLOC proposes to close train line during Games

HEBER CITY, Utah (AP) — Heber Valley Railroad officials, who added an extra train to increase capacity for the Olympics, say SLOC is now suggesting the line perhaps should be closed down during the 2002 Winter Games.

The Salt Lake Organizing Committee originally was excited that thousands of Olympic ticketholders might use the rolling museum to get to events, said Robyn Pearson, chairman of the railroad's board of directors.

Grant Thomas, SLOC vice president and transportation chief, said that if he asked the train to stop because it might cause traffic problems, it would be just for the hours of events at Soldier

Hollow.

"That would be like locking up Temple Square during the Olympics simply because someone didn't think there'd be enough interest," Pearson said. "It's the transportation people and those who use a cold, hard way of looking at things that are thinking about this."

"The people who look at the culture, heritage and charisma of things think this is something special."

He vowed the train would run, even without SLOC's blessing. Otherwise, the railroad could lose hundreds of thousands of dollars. However, he believes SLOC's position is softening and that the two sides can become partners.

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Watersheds Project loses timber land to grazing

BOISE (AP) — While environmentalist Jon Marvel won a grazing lease for 16,300 acres of state land near Orofino last summer, the Lacey Land Board Tuesday decided the timber there was worth far more than the grass and handed the parcel to the cowboys.

Marvel, a Hailey architect, and his Idaho Watersheds Project on August 22 ousted the current lessee, the Lacey Meadows Grazing Association, \$8,000 to \$7,500, for grazing land south of Spewey.

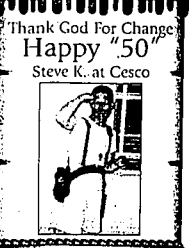
The association appealed, asserting their grazing regimen was better for the land than Marvel's philosophy of nesting the allotment from livestock. The Idaho Lands Department noted the current condition of some streamside ground there is unsatisfactory, but added cattle reduced the threat of wildfire by eating some of the fine fuel on the ground.

Timber sales under the contract within the allotment involve more than 28 million board feet with an estimated value of \$7.8 million: Up to 20 percent of the tree canopy would be cut during the next 10 years. Lands staff recommended the board reject Marvel's bid and offer the 10-year lease to Lacey Meadows Grazing.

members they must manage state land to obtain the best income for the school endowment fund.

Land and Water Fund attorney Laird Lucas, representing the Watersheds Project, said Marvel has clashed with the Land Board beginning in the 1990s, resulting in several court battles.

"We need to have auctions," Lucas said. "But the question is how does the board hand out these leases. They say grazing will remove fine fuel and help the elk. But that's all hearsay."



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MORNING BREAK

Aries: Break away from ordinary routine

HOROSCOPE Sydney Omarr

IF DECEMBER 13 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You are an original thinker, unorthodox, began charting your life at relatively early age. Taurus, Leo, Scorpio persons play major roles in your life. They could have these letters, initials in names: D-M-V. During January of 2001, it will be necessary to check details, to verify reports. Next year you start project, you think and talk about romance. July most memorable.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Break away from routine that you have lost its glitter. Make fresh start; deal gingerly with Libra and another Aries. Bad luck is finished.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Focus on partnership, marital status, and short trip involving relative. Excellent dinner tonight prepared by Cancer native - very likely seafood.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Daily discussion involves politics, theater. Someone locking tact comments on your wardrobe, weight. Sagittarius, another Gemini play roles.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't forget to laugh! Cycle high, you exude personal magnetism, sex appeal. Take initiative in making contacts. Strive for appointment with superior.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Someone attempts to steal the spotlight - fight back. Keep plans flexible, scenario includes reading, writing, teaching. What was once rejected will now be accepted.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Attention revolves around home, family, marital status. If single, you could encounter future mate. Married or single, cosmetic adjustment necessary. Libra involved.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Look behind scenes, see people, places in realistic light. Someone follows you but means no harm. Pisces, Virgo individuals will play exciting roles.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Power play. Focus on personality, passion. Get priorities in order, organize plans, and present them to higher-up.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Living quarters receive benefit of greater light. Focus on fresh start, imprint style; don't follow others. Leo will play dramatic role.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Focus on cooperative efforts, serious discussions concerning property values, politics. Accent also will be on marital status, direction and motivation.

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could be in charge of public relations, advertising, letting the world know your product is valuable.

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Dear Abby is on B4 today.

Rock Hall inducts Queen, Michael Jackson, Paul Simon

NEW YORK (AP) - Michael Jackson, Paul Simon, Aerosmith and Queen headline an all-male group of artists inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame for 2001.

Also inducted were groups Steely Dan and The Flamingos, soul singer Solomon Burke and Ritchie Valens, who was killed in a plane crash along with Buddy Holly and J.P. Richardson in 1959.

"I think that especially this year that we have representatives from every genre from rock 'n' roll,"

said Susan Evans, executive director of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame foundation.

"We've got artists who made their biggest hits early on, as well as those who have been very active today, so it's a wide spectrum of artists there."

The announcement was made Tuesday by Rolling Stone magazine founder Jann Wenner and VH1 host Rebecca Rankin at the cable station's Manhattan studio. VH1 will carry the induction ceremonies live on March 19.

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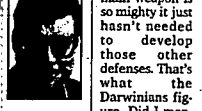
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A skunk's spray glows in the dark

A skunk's eyesight is none too good. Its hearing is not all that sharp, either. Its sense of smell is bad, too. And its capacity to taste is pretty limited.



WHAT'S WHAT
L.M. Boyd

Your brain has dibs on about a quarter of all your body's oxygen.

Q. Could I waterproof a neckerchief by rubbing it with a live duck?

A. You bet. In theory. It's the oil in a duck's feathers that makes the water run off.

Sloths hang upside down when alive, as you know, but also oftentimes after they die.

"If the world were a logical place," said that sage Rita Mae Brown, "men would ride side-saddle."

Q. Why is "Poland" so named?

A. Comes from an ancient Slavik tribe known as the "Polanie," a local word for "field dwellers."

To prevent drunken driving, says a "perfect hostess," don't serve drinks during the last two hours of a party. Could work. Still, theorists nearby suggest there might not be any "last two hours" at such a party.

Stand on the lowest point in Colorado and you'll still be higher than the highest point in 18 other states.

Feline Fact: "The older the cat, the longer the claws."

"Conductance" is a faint electrical activity in the skin. Girl babies have more of it than boy babies. Researchers say it's another indication that girl babies are slightly more mature physically.

Q. You said geese in the water are a "gaggles" while geese in the air are a "skein." How about ducks?

A. In the water, a "padding" in the air, a "team."


Heat and moisture expand porcupine quills. You can see why the barbed variety are so tough to extract from skin. Incidentally, you know how a rhino's horn is hair fused together? A porcupine quill is like that.

A newly hatched crocodile uncoils itself to three times the size of the egg from which it just emerged.

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MAGIAC VALLEY/WEST

Shoshone looks for ways to pay for needed work on lagoon

By Lorraine Cavener
Times-News correspondent

SHOSHONE—By the time the project was done last week, 131 tanker truck loads of processed sewage were dredged in five days from Shoshone—city lagoons.

But the city might have to take further steps to correct problems on the 30-year-old lagoon system, said Mary Kay Bennett, Shoshone's city clerk and treasurer.

After problems were discovered, the sewer lagoon was cleaned, to the tune of \$103,000. That left 200 tons of sludge on a nearby corn stubble field, where the grower will use the sludge as fertilizer for corn to feed livestock. It also nearly drained sewer repair reserve funds, Bennett said.

Building a mechanical plant, such as those in larger cities, is not an option because Shoshone's growth rate does not warrant the expense, said John Peyman, Shoshone's sewer system operator.

City officials are looking into ways to pay for future projects, such as grants and the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality's revolving loan program, Bennett said.

Peyman is hoping the dredging will correct problems, but city officials are looking into a wetland project and possibly building a rock or sand filter.

Wetlands plants would use nutrients from the sludge, Peyman said.

High levels of solids and out-of-balance pH levels prompted the lagoon cleaning project, he said. Algae grows rapidly in the summer in the shallow lagoons, increasing the concentration of solids and throwing pH levels out of whack.

The federal Environmental Protection Agency and DEQ require daily monitoring reports, because treated water is eventually discharged into the Little Wood River.

When reports began to show high levels of solids and troubling pH levels, the city received a couple of warning let-

ters from EPA, Peyman said.

"The plant has done a good job of treating the water," he said. "Water we're putting in the river is still clean."

Nonetheless, to avoid fines of up to \$10,000 per day, the problems had to be corrected, Peyman said.

After looking at several other options, city officials opted for the dredging project.

"There's only so much you can do with a lagoon system," he said. "I hope that dredging it helps. It was getting overloaded."

The dredging operation involved a large crane and a barge-like operator's platform. The dredge was anchored to a truck. The dredge had large blades—"kind of like a snow blower's blades," said Peyman—and a big collapsible hose. "The whole town came out to watch," Bennett said.

Times-News correspondent Lorraine Cavener can be reached at the Mini-Cassia Bureau at 677-4042.

Court releases details of killer's confession

FRESNO, Calif. (AP)—A federal court on Monday unsealed graphic excerpts of motel handyman Cary Stayner's confession to the 1999 murder of a Yosemite National Park naturalist after an appeals court refused to bar their release.

The graphic confession confirmed what had previously been reported based on unidentified law enforcement sources and offered the most detailed glimpse about what Stayner thought as he murdered Joie Armstrong, and about her desperate fight for her life.

Stayner, 39, was sentenced in November to life without parole for Armstrong's July 21, 1999, beheading. He also faces trial in the murder of three tourists, but has pleaded innocent.

His attorney said Monday she feared the documents' release will make it tougher for Stayner to get a fair trial.

Prosecutors submitted the confession excerpts to support their bid to execute Stayner for killing Armstrong in a "heinous, cruel, and depraved manner."

The documents were impounded while Stayner faced federal trial, but were ordered released after he pleaded guilty to murder and was sentenced to life without parole, thus avoiding a possible death sentence. The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals rejected a defense motion to postpone the release of the documents, which were sought by news organiza-

tions, who argued that the public had a right to know why the U.S. government wanted to put Stayner to death, and why defense lawyers opposed it.

The confession excerpt provides a further look at what drove

Stayner to kill as he drove Armstrong outside her remote cabin, loading her car for a trip to San Francisco. Stayner, 39, said he knew what he did was wrong, and acknowledged it was a cold-blooded act, but said he lost control.

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How The Grinch Stole Christmas Daily 7:15 - 9:30
This Weeks PG13 Rated Movies
777 Forever Daily 7:30 - 9:30
Dungeons & Dragons Daily 7:00 - 9:15

THE ORPHEUM
Movies Starting Tomorrow 7:15-10:15pm
Bully 7:00 - 9:25

TWIN 12 CINEMA

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The Rugrats in Paris 7:00
Disney's 102 Dalmatians 7:00 - 9:30 - 9:45
This Weeks PG Rated Movies
Remember the Titans 7:25 - 9:43
How The Grinch Stole Christmas 7:00 - 7:45 - 9:20 - 9:55

This Weeks PG13 Rated Movies
Meet The Parents 7:25 - 9:45
Vertical Limit 7:30 - 9:30
Unbreakable 7:25 - 9:55
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Dungeons and Dragons Daily 7:30 - 9:45
Beetlejuice Daily 7:15 - 9:30
This Weeks R Rated Movies
Proof of Life Daily 7:00 - 9:45

Utah hospital stems financial losses

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—After closing last fiscal year with a \$1.2 million deficit, University Hospital was back in the black for the first quarter this year.

For the quarter beginning July 1, the facility showed a bottom line of \$1.4 million, hospital executive director Rick Fullmer told the University of Utah's board of trustees Monday.

Last year, the teaching hospital had predicted it would realize \$10.4 million in profits. However, rising drug and medical supply costs, reduced federal health-care spending and lower reimbursement rates from insurers left the facility in red ink.

To stem the losses, Fullmer slashed unprofitable programs, eliminated 50 jobs and squeezed salary and retirement benefits.

The hospital also gave up management of its Wendover, Nev., clinic, reorganized its Home Care program and consolidated Bihcare Healthcare Clinics.

Saying they wanted to keep the hospital's finances on the upswing, trustees on Monday approved changes to the hospital's retirement plan. They also approved bonding for \$18 million to \$25 million to add intensive-care units, operating rooms and patient beds.

The new benefits plan gives employees a less costly and less

comprehensive retirement package in exchange for an 8 percent base salary increase. The option is voluntary for existing employees, but now mandatory for all new hires, Fullmer said.

The bonding requires approval by the state Board of Regents and the Legislature. But should it pass muster, the university hopes to begin construction of the 110,000-square-foot addition north of the existing hospital by early next year.

Dan Lundergan, an associate administrator with the hospital, said the expansion will increase surgical ICU capacity by 14 units, and add six operating rooms.

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COMMUNITY

Community Editor: Pat Marcantonio - 733-0931, Ext. 288

COMMUNITY EVENTS

RICHFIELD FFA

Filer School serves up school lunch menu for rest of week

LUNCH - The Filer School lunch menu was not run in the Sunday newspaper. Today: Hot dogs Thursday: Turkey gravy Friday: Idaho nachos

Realtors association seeks families to help at the holidays

TWIN FALLS - The Greater Twin Falls Association of Realtors will sponsor \$50 each for three families in need of assistance this Christmas and are taking applications.

To apply for assistance, complete an application and mail it to: Realtor Christmas, P.O. Box 531, Twin Falls, ID 83403-0531. The application must contain the following information: parents and children names and their ages, sex and clothes and shoe sizes. The wants list should include a phone number in order to access the application.

Families may apply directly or people in care of a family that needs assistance may send an application in their behalf. Applications should be in by Saturday.

Jerome County Historical Society holds Christmas dinner

JEROME - The Jerome County Historical Society will hold a Christmas dinner at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the Jerome Library.

Members are asked to bring their own side service and a dish to share. Turkey, ham and drinks will be furnished.

A musical program will be provided by Strings Attached.

Ark 4-H group wraps gifts at book store on Saturday

TWIN FALLS - The Ark 4-H group will wrap gifts purchased at Barnes and Nobles from 12-22 p.m. Saturday.

University of Idaho offers free presentation on holiday readiness

JEROME - The University of Idaho will offer a free lunch presentation focusing on holiday spending, gift ideas and making the most of a holiday schedule.

The presentation will be held from 12:10-12:50 p.m. Tuesday at the Jerome County Courthouse meeting room at 300 N. Lincoln St. in Jerome and Dec. 20 at the Cassia county Extension Office at the Cassia County of Southern Idaho Mini-Casita Center at 1013 W. 16th St. in Burley. Those attending are asked to pre-register. For more information or to pre-register, call 324-7578 or 878-9461.

Halley Public Library, city of Halley plan open house

HAILEY - The Halley Public Library and the city of Halley office will hold a customer appreciation open house from 2-5 p.m. Friday at the Halley Town Center Building on the corner of Main and Crox streets.

Optimists serve up free breakfast with Santa Claus

JEROME - The Jerome Optimist Club will hold its annual free breakfast with Santa from 7-11 a.m. Saturday at the American Legion Hall on the corner of 7th Avenue and North Lincoln Street. The meal will arrive at 8 a.m.

While supplies last, free photos will be taken with Santa.

Oddfellow and Rebekah Lodges set holiday gathering Saturday

BURLEY - Oddfellow and Rebekah Lodges are having their annual Christmas

River Reelers celebrates at Christmas dance in Rupert

RUPERT - The River Reelers will hold its Christmas dance beginning at 7 p.m. Saturday at Gil's Hall across from the Rupert Elks golf course.

A potluck meal will be served at 7 p.m. with the club furnishing meat and rolls. Dancing will begin at 8 p.m.

Herrett Center anticipates Christmas morning eclipse

TWIN FALLS - The last solar eclipse of the year and the millennium will be visible Dec. 25.

The moon will begin to block a small portion of the sun at 8:17 a.m. The greatest amount of the sun to be covered by this eclipse will occur at 10:43 a.m. The solar event will be visible over the entire United States, although only about a quarter of the sun's surface will be covered by the moon, local experts say. In the far northern reaches of North America, the Christmas morning eclipse will cover about 70 percent of the sun's surface. Nowhere on earth will this eclipse be total.

Faulkner Planetarium staff members will have special solar telescopes set up at the Herrett Center for safe, close-up viewing of the rare event. The center store is also selling eclipse glasses that allow safe viewing for only \$1.25. Local experts warn it is easy to permanently damage eyesight by looking at the sun with the unaided eye, even for a short time.



Richfield School's FFA team competed in the National FFA Dairy Foods Career Development event in Louisville, Ky. Oct. 26 at the 73rd National FFA Convention. Team members are, from left, Mollie Ellis, Cade Norman, Nena Amy and John Schmidt with adviser Dea Lewis. The team was one of 35 competing in the contest sponsored by Dean Foods.

Hospital foundation hands out awards

TWIN FALLS - The executive committee of the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Foundation awarded \$9,775 in grants during October.

Continuing education for hospital clinical staff members is a general support for health-care programs accounted for the majority of the grants.

The grants included: \$2,550 for education for Southern Idaho Regional Cancer Center personnel to attend workshops, \$3,700 for computer equipment in the Magic Valley Regional medical library for public access, \$500 for grief counseling of a Magic Valley Regional hospice client, \$50 for educational tools for hospital heart patients, \$300 for a hospital employee's hardship, \$850 for holiday bereavement group counseling, \$625 for educational brochures for the Southern Idaho Regional Cancer Center to distribute and \$1,200 for support of a

community wide two-day chemotherapy course for nurses.

In addition, the foundation supported the following programs during September: \$3,583 for the Lifeline emergency response system for seniors; \$234 for supplies for psychiatric patients in the Magic Valley; \$9,043 for the SAFE KIDS program; \$4,258 for the Magic Valley Regional CARES (Children at Risk Evaluation Services) program; \$698 for the supplies, medical exams and other items for diabetic patients in the Magic Valley; \$1,700 for support of counseling expense incurred by the Child Trauma Referral Resource.

These grants bring the total amount awarded in 2000 to \$193,785, the foundation reports.

For information on grants, call Larry Baxter at 737-2480.

CLUB CALENDAR

Rotary Clubs

Blue Lakes - 7 a.m. Tuesdays at the Western Plaza Hotel & Convention Center in Twin Falls; 734-7077 or 734-4117.

Gooding - Noon Tuesdays at the Appleton Hotel; 543-5941 or 543-5306.

Jerome - Noon Tuesdays at the Senior Center; 784-0877 or 784-2114.

Ketchum/Sun Valley - Noon on Wednesdays at the Ritz's Plaza Restaurant; Bob Stone at 728-4100.

Shoshone - Noon Wednesdays at the Senior Citizens Center; Jack Bell at 436-5611.

Twin Falls - Noon Wednesdays at the Twin Falls Club; 736-4029 or 734-4511.

Warwick Falls - Noon Wednesdays at the Senior Citizens Center; 886-2221 or 886-2823.

Wendell - Noon Wednesdays at the Wendell Senior Citizens Center; 536-6000.

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Beta Sigma Phi Chapter

Xi Alpha Psi Chapter - 7:30 p.m. first and third Thursdays, Sept-May; 543-5222 or 734-1367.

Xi Omega Chapter - 7 p.m. second and fourth Thursdays, Sept-May, in Burley; 673-6294 or 438-2613.

OWH Circle - 8 a.m. Mondays - 8 a.m. second and fourth Thursdays at Western Plaza Convention Center in Twin Falls; call Roger at 733-0515 or Bob at 733-6031.

Wendell - Noon Mondays at the Lincoln Inn; 534-8452 or 534-8206.

The Magic Valley Toastmasters - 12:10 p.m. second and fourth Tuesdays at the Elmer's Pancake & Steak House, 1824 Blue Lakes Blvd.; 733-5408.

Ball Chamber - 8 a.m. Mondays - First and third Mondays at Noon at Grandstands Sports.

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Gooding Chapter 251 - 5 p.m.

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Jerome Chapter 48 - 6 p.m. Mondays at the public library; 324-7426 or 324-5722.

Twin Falls Chapter 3 - 12:30 p.m. Mondays at Our Senior Center; 733-6031 or 733-6031.

Wendell Chapter 309 - 7 p.m. Mondays in the recreation room at 475 Carwell Ave. W.; 734-5132 or 736-3231.

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Public service column is designed to publicize Magic Valley clubs and organizations. To have your meeting listed, or to update club meeting information, send notice with name of the organization, day and month, and time of the meeting with telephone number and name of a contact person to Pat Marcantonio at the Times-Herald, P.O. Box 547, Twin Falls, Idaho 83403, or call 733-0931. The deadline is noon Tuesday.

IDAHO

Working group says projects are bipartisan effort

BOISE (AP) — After 15 months, a special working group Tuesday revealed its proposal for the state to experimentally manage projects on federal ground, touting its ability to clear the forests of dead wood and create jobs for small companies.

The Idaho Federal Lands Task Force Working Group told the state Land Board the pilot projects would adhere to existing federal regulations while still avoiding some bureaucratic stumbling blocks.

"Can we overcome hurdles that federal land managers face? Yes, we can. Yes, we have," said Bill Meyer, a Boise attorney and working group chairman. "This is designed to streamline federal laws to benefit fish, wildlife and the forest. It's not about the state taking control of federal property."

The Land Board in 1996

appointed the original Federal Lands Task Force to analyze alternative management, although environmentalists feared it amounted to a state grab for federal land.

"There were those skeptics who thought it was an attempt to take over those lands," Gov. Dirk Kempthorne said. "You now see it's a bipartisan effort, especially with this year's drastic fire season."

The working group then was selected to identify specific pilot projects.

They encompass about 11 million acres of federal land. Currently, 20,480 acres — 0.2 percent — of national forest lands in Idaho are subject to active ecosystem management each year. The projects would increase that on-the-ground work to 37,000 acres, or 0.4 percent.

That panel has come up with

five, experimenting with different forms of management:

- The Central Idaho Ecosystem Trust encompasses all of the Boise National Forest and parts of the Payette, Sawtooth and Salmon-Challis forests, taking in 5.8 million acres. It would be managed by trustees representing local and national interests. The goal is to restore vegetation on the forests while boosting employment and recreation.
- The Clearwater Basin Stewardship Collaborative covers 2.7 million acres on parts of the Clearwater and Nez Perce forests. A collaborative group would guide the recovery of the world-famous elk herd by improving their browse.
- The Priest Lake Basin Cooperative on 265,000 acres on the Idaho Panhandle National Forest would be governed by the

U.S. Forest Service, and the state Lands and Parks and Recreation departments.

- The St. Joe Ecosystem Stewardship Project takes in 726,000 acres on the Panhandle forest. Under stewardship contracts, different conifer trees would be restored to their historic condition, increasing forage for big-game animals.
- The Twin Falls-Cassia Resource Enhancement Trust involves more than 1.4 million acres of Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management property. It would improve the ecosystem and recreation. Beneficiaries include local communities, resource users and future generations.

Working group members told the state board that such projects are needed to break the gridlock over forest use and boost employment.

Butler tells creditors he will not file tax return

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — Aryan Nations founder Richard Butler told creditors he has not filed an Idaho income tax return since he bought his Hayden Lake property in 1972.

He added that he does not plan to submit a return for the year 2000.

"I have nothing to file," Butler said as he met with creditors on Monday at the U.S. District Court building.

During a short meeting, Joe Charney of the Idaho Tax Commission asked Butler whether he had ever filed an Idaho income tax return since coming to the state to start the Church of Jesus Christ Christian-Aryan Nations.

"The church was founded out of my savings," Butler said. "It's practically all spent now."

He said a monthly \$690 Social Security check has covered his personal expenses.

Butler, dressed neatly in a dark

suit, expressed surprise at Charney's questions.

"You're the first man from Idaho who's ever talked to me. I've been up here 25 years," he said.

Butler, who represented himself at the meeting, said no bankruptcy attorney in Idaho, Washington or Montana would handle his case.

"This is an unwritten conspiracy by anti-Christ people to shut me up," he said. "I'm a little upset about it."

Butler, 82, has moved from his 20-acre compound into a house in Hayden. Vincent Bertolini, backer of the white-supremacist 11th-Hour Remnant Messenger, bought the house for Butler.

A jury determined on Sept. 7 that Butler was 90 percent responsible for an attack by Aryan Nations security guards on Victoria and Jason Keenan as they drove by Butler's compound on July 1, 1998.

State changes to finger-stick method

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — The state of Idaho plans to replace a needle with a finger stick to boost the number of Silver Valley children who get their blood tested for lead.

Stacey Jordan's kids skipped last summer's round of tests. The year before, Jordan said, the whole experience was just too traumatic for her three children, ages 3, 5 and 8. One look at that needle and they wanted out.

"The last time I did it tested they just threw fits," the Osborn woman said. "This will be a lot better for them. They won't be as scared."

The tests — conducted on children throughout the Coeur d'Alene River Basin since 1996 — suffer from low turnout.

State officials are planning to test children with a finger-stick method instead of a vein-drawn sample. The new devices use a tiny needle that quickly breaks the skin just enough to draw blood.

The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare hopes to buy new testing equipment as soon as it gets the OK for funding from the federal Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

Each of the child-sized gadgets costs about \$3,000 and officials estimate they will need as many as five.

The mining industry has been calling for finger-stick tests for some time, as did U.S. Rep. Helen Chonoweth-Hage in a recent report.

The tests are used to screen children who may be at risk of lead poisoning from heavy metals linked to a century's mining and smelting. Children are especially vulnerable to the effects of lead, which include behavior changes and mental retardation.

Since 1996, between 8 percent and 10 percent of the children tested outside the Bunker Hill Superfund site have had elevated blood lead levels, or about double the state average.

Members of the Shoshone Natural Resources Coalition pushed for the switch away from needles. They contend the current tests do not accurately reflect the risks children face from lead in the valley.

Farm Bureau changes stance on minimum wage law

BOISE (AP) — The main opponent of a minimum wage for Idaho farmworkers has changed its position and now is willing to accept some tweaking to the state's law.

The 48,000-member Idaho Farm Bureau has voted to support finally eliminating agriculture's exemption from the state's \$5.15-per-hour minimum wage.

Spokesman Greg Nelson called it "a pretty radical departure," but farm-labor advocates disagree.

Moscow Republican Rep. Tom Trail, one of the Legislature's leading supporters of the Farm Bureau's move is not enough. However, he said, "at least they're thinking about it, which is good. It represents a change from the last millennium."

A legislative study committee voted 6-2 in October to recommend changing state law so it matches the federal standard for agriculture workers. But farm labor advocates contend workers already are covered by the federal standard and incorporating them

under state law will not help any additional farmworkers.

Erik Johnson of Idahoans for Farmworker Minimum Wage wants the state to cover all farmworkers, without exemptions allowed under federal law.

The federal Fair Labor Standards Act is written so that state laws are superseded by the federal wage laws when the federal law is more favorable to the employee. Likewise, state wage laws take precedent over federal law when the state law is equal to or better than the federal law.

Nelson said he thinks delegates to the Farm Bureau convention supported adopting the federal standard because they have grown tired of the public relations war of recent years.

"Were getting beaten up over a nonissue," Nelson said.

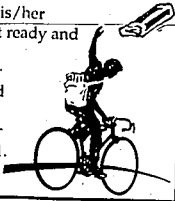
The federal law, in general, excludes minimum wage protection to employees of small farms that use less than 500 man-days or who are in a hand-harvest trade and paid by the piece.


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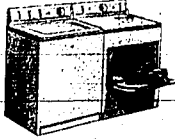
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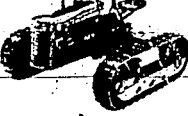
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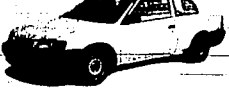
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Make the season sweeter

Recipe is a blast from the past

By Denise Turner
Times-News writer

A reader sent in this recipe saved from the old Rogerson Hotel in Twin Falls. You may want to bake some with your holiday treats this year. The reader advised not using a food processor to grind the raisins. He tried, and they didn't come out right. He uses a food grinder.

ROGERSON OATMEAL COOKIES

1/2 cup cream 2 cups sugar and 2 (scant) cups oleo (margarine). Add 4 eggs and mix. Add 2 cups ground raisins and mix. Dissolve 2 teaspoons soda in 1 cup hot water. Add and mix. Add 4 cups flour and mix. Add 2 teaspoons cinnamon, 1 teaspoon salt and 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg and mix. Add 4 cups regular oats and mix. Add 2 cups chopped nuts and mix. Top by heaping 10 teaspoons onto greased cookie sheet. Bake at 375 degrees for 10 to 12 minutes.

Here's a recipe from Jane Snow, food writer at the Akron Beacon Journal. The cookies taste of molasses, ginger, cinnamon and allspice, she said. They are crunchy around the edges and soft inside when warm from the oven. They taste like Christmas.

Snow wrote, "The stiff dough is a chore to mix by hand, so I got out the heavy-duty mixer ... I used tiny white candy stars for the eyes ... sold in small jars in the cake-decoration section of the supermarket. For the buttons, I used both bits of candied cherries and round cinnamon candies. The candies make brighter buttons, but they tend to melt around the edges and look messy. The icing pipes beautifully, and dries to a hard consistency. To avoid any potential bacteria in raw egg whites, I used Davidson's Pasteurized Eggs ... The cookies become crisp as they cool, and even days later they taste great. Store in a loosely closed container. They're not softest before it's time to decorate them."

GINGERBREAD BOYS

4 1/2 cups flour
2 teaspoons powdered ginger
1 1/2 teaspoons cinnamon
1 1/2 teaspoons baking soda
1/2 teaspoon allspice
1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
1/4 teaspoon salt
3/4 cup butter, softened
1 cup packed brown sugar
3 large eggs
3/4 cup molasses
Candy stars, red cinnamon candy, candied cherries
Icing (recipe follows)

Combine flour, ginger, cinnamon, baking soda, allspice, nutmeg and salt in bowl. Set aside. In large mixer bowl, beat butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in egg and molasses. At low speed, gradually beat in dry ingredients. Divide dough into thirds and knead briefly to eliminate any streaks of flour. Wrap each disk in plastic wrap and set aside. Heat oven to 350. Lightly coat 2 cookie sheets with vegetable cooking spray. On a very lightly floured surface, roll 1 disk to almost 1/4-inch thick with a floured rolling pin. Cut out cookies with gingerbread-cookie cutter. With a spatula, carefully transfer to cookie sheets. With a plastic straw, punch a hole in the top of each cookie, about 1/8 inch from the edge. Apply stars for eyes (wet the backs to help them stick). Use cinnamon candy or bits of candied cherries for buttons. Bake at 350 for 8-10 minutes. Do not touch edges to brown. With a spatula, carefully transfer to clean wire rack and cool completely. Repeat rolling and cutting remaining dough, rerolling scraps. Makes about 20 5-inch-high cookies.

Decorating Icing

2 3/4 cups powdered sugar
2 pasteurized egg whites

Place sugar in mixer bowl and mix until lumps are gone. Add egg whites and beat on high until very creamy. Add more sugar if mixture too thin to pipe. Spoon into a pastry bag fitted with a small, round writing tip. Pipe hair, mouths and other decorations onto cooled cookies. Let dry. Thread ribbon through holes in cookies and tie. Hang on tree.

Requests for recipes or recipes to share may be sent to Recipe Exchange, Denise Turner, The Times-News, Box 569, 733-0931, Ext. 83303-0548. Or use our fax at (208) 734-5538. Or e-mail to denis@news-travel.com. Please include name, address and phone number.

Pressed for time? Try a good, old-fashioned cookie exchange

By Christine Lieberthal
Times-News writer

So many treats to make, so little time. With Christmas just around the corner, many busy people long for a wide variety of goodies, and nothing less than homemade will do. Few have time to cook up more than one or two of their favorite holiday treats, if that.

Just how the cookie crumbles? Maybe not.

At The Times-News, where huge holiday papers keep employees in all departments hopping, we decided to tackle this annual dilemma with an old-fashioned solution - a cookie exchange.

A cookie exchange is a fun get-together with a wonderful twist: everybody comes with a large batch of one kind of cookie and leaves with an assortment of delicious confections. In our case, we decided to leave the exchange open to any kind of homemade treat, and we were amply rewarded with a wonderful selection of candies and cookies. Each of us brought a batch of treats, and the stories to go with them.

In some exchanges, participants are asked to bring a dozen goodies for each participant. We decided to take it easy on ourselves and just make one batch of a chosen recipe. As a result, we all ended up with a half dozen or so of most treats, but just that is so of some.

Once we hooked up in The Times-News conference room, we took turns sharing stories about our recipes and then got to the fun part - passing around the goodies.

While participants in some exchanges line up around a cookie table, buffet-style, we decided to go round the table, filling the containers each person brought for hauling the treats home.

Here are the recipes we collected:

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Lorna Holloway's Chocolate Marshmallow Treats

A delightful range of contrasting flavors and textures. A crisp graham cracker crumb coating outside gives way to a rich chocolate filling surrounding fluffy marshmallows and crunchy nut. Holloway says colored marshmallows can be substituted, in which case the recipe would be called Cathedral Windows.

LORNA'S CHOCOLATE MARSHMALLOW TREATS

1 large package chocolate chips
1 stick margarine
1 egg
1 teaspoon vanilla
1/4 teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons cream
1 cup powdered sugar
1 package small marshmallows
1/2 cup nuts
10 to 12 double graham crackers

Melt chocolate chips and margarine together; set aside to cool.

Beat together the egg, vanilla, salt and cream. Add the powdered sugar and mix. Add to the cooled chocolate mix. Add the marshmallows, nuts and graham cracker crumbs; mix well. Let mixture sit for 15 minutes. Using a rolling pin, roll graham crackers to a fine crumb. Spread crumbs on a large piece of waxed paper and pour chocolate mixture onto the crumbs. Roll into a long roll, and place in a freezer until frozen. When frozen, cut into slices.



A cookie exchange will leave you with a delightful variety of holiday treats.

RUBY SWETLOCK
The Times-News

for Chocolate Creams from a friend, and said she likes it because you can flavor the chocolates any way you want. If you want to make a large amount for gift-giving, Auferheide suggests making separate batches, rather than trying to double or triple the recipe. When dipping her chocolates, Auferheide tried using toothpicks and a fork, but said she had trouble removing the fork or toothpick. The process got a bit frustrating, she said.

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Any reader who knows a better

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How to hold a cookie exchange

By Christine Lieberthal
Times-News writer

We had a lot of fun with our Times-News cookie exchange. Here are some tips we hope will help you with yours:

- ★ **Get your timing right.** Organize the exchange for a time when it's most convenient for as many people as possible. If you plan to be mostly in the holiday season, ask everyone to bring a cookie that will freeze well, so participants can save their cookies in the freezer if they choose.
- ★ **Make your expectations clear.** Your exchange may be for homemade goodies only (see one), or the other way, in which you may opt to allow store-bought goodies for those who are extremely busy - on a case-by-case basis. Or you may choose to open up the options to any kind of store-bought treat.
- ★ **Let people know how many cookies they should bring.** A batch of any size - a half-dozen or dozen for each participant? Decide ahead of time and let everyone know. Once you hold the exchange, make sure all participants get their fair share.
- ★ **Pick a meeting place.** Cookie exchanges are most often held at someone's home, where refreshments are served. In our case, we decided to hold it at our office for the convenience of the participants. If you choose to have one at your own home, try to hold it in an out-of-the-way place.
- ★ **Have people RSVP with the kind of cookie they are bringing.** That way, two people won't show up with the same kind of cookie. Also, if you're in charge of the exchange, knowing what other people are bringing will help you decide on what you want to bring.
- ★ **If you can, make your cookies look Christmasy** with green and red frosting, holiday M & M's, sprinkles, etc.
- ★ **Tell everyone to bring containers for their cookies.**
- ★ **Some cookies are best stored together.** So folks may want to bring several small containers to store each variety, separately.
- ★ **Some people may want to put their cookies up in a serving dish, allowing the cookies to be served immediately when they get home.**

way to dip chocolate, please write us. Address mail to Denise Turner, Food Editor, The Times-News, P.O. Box 569, Twin Falls, ID 83403. Or e-mail denis@news-travel.com

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These treats will make holiday memories merry

Create lasting memories this holiday season by sharing the tradition of holiday baking. Flies, cakes, cookies, candy and cheese-cakes have graced holiday tables for decades. Pass on your favorite holiday traditions to your children.

MARBLED PUMPKIN CHEESECAKE CRUST

Makes 12 to 16 servings

1 1/4 cups graham cracker crumbs
1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter or margarine, melted
2 tablespoons granulated sugar
1 cup (6 ounces) Nestle Toll House Semi-Sweet Chocolate Mini Morsels, divided

CHEESECAKE

3 packages (8 ounces each) cream cheese, softened
1 cup granulated sugar
1/4 cup packed brown sugar
1 can (15 ounces) Libby's (100 percent) Pure Pumpkin
3 large eggs
1/2 cup Nestle Carnation Evaporated Milk
2 tablespoons cornstarch
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/8 teaspoon ground nutmeg

Preheat oven to 350 F. Grease 9-inch springform pan. Combine graham cracker crumbs, butter and granulated sugar in medium bowl. Press onto bottom of prepared pan. Sprinkle with 1/2 cup morsels.

FOR CHEESECAKE

Microwave remaining morsels in medium, microwave-safe bowl on HIGH (100-percent) power for 30 seconds; stir. Microwave at additional 10- to 20-second inter-



vals, stirring until smooth. Cool to room temperature. Beat cream cheese, granulated sugar and brown sugar until smooth; beat in pumpkin. Beat in eggs, evaporated milk, cornstarch, cinnamon and nutmeg. Remove 3/4 cup pumpkin mixture; stir into melted chocolate. Pour remaining pumpkin mixture into crust. Spoon chocolate-pumpkin mixture over top; swirl. Bake for 60 to 65 minutes; until edge is set but center still moves slightly. Run knife around

edge of cheesecake; loosen and remove side of pan. Cool completely on wire rack. Refrigerate for several hours or overnight.

MINI MORSEL MERINGUE COOKIES

Makes about 5 dozen

4 large egg whites
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon cream of tartar
1 cup granulated sugar
2 cups (12-ounce package) Nestle Toll House Semi-Sweet

Chocolate Mini Morsels

Preheat oven to 300 F. Grease baking sheets. Beat egg whites, salt and cream of tartar in small mixer bowl until soft peaks form. Gradually add sugar; beat until stiff peaks form. Gently fold in morsels, 1/3 cup at a time. Drop by level tablespoon onto prepared baking sheets. Bake for 20 to 25 minutes or until meringues are dry and crisp. Cool on baking sheets for 2 minutes; remove to wire racks to cool completely.

Store in airtight containers.

CHOCOLATE DECADENCE WITH SWEET CREAM

Makes 12 to 16 servings

2 cups (12-ounce package) Nestle Toll House Semi-Sweet Chocolate Morsels, divided
3/4 cup (1 1/2 sticks) butter or margarine, soft
3/4 cup granulated sugar
2 large eggs
1 cup all-purpose flour
1/4 cup milk

Sweetened Cream (recipe follows)

Preheat oven to 350 F. Line 9-inch round baking pan with foil. Lightly grease. Microwave cup morsels in medium, microwave-safe bowl on HIGH (100 percent) power for 1 minute; stir. Microwave at additional 10- to 20-second intervals, stirring until smooth. Cool to room temperature. Beat butter and sugar in large mixer bowl until creamy. Add eggs; beat on high speed for 2 to 3 minutes. Beat in milk and chocolate. Gradually beat in flour alternately with milk. Stir in remaining 1 cup morsels. Spoon into prepared baking pan. Bake for 40 to 45 minutes until wooden picks inserted in center come out slightly sticky. Cool completely in pan on wire rack. Lift cake from pan; remove foil. Cut with Sweetened Cream.

FOR SWEETENED CREAM:

Beat 1 cup heavy whipping cream and 2 tablespoons powdered sugar and 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract in small mixer bowl until soft peaks form.

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FOOD & HOME

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Round out the present with a gift certificate from your favorite nursery or garden center so the friends of feathered ones can make their landscape more inviting to birds.

Plants that do well in our climate while they attract birds include pyraccantha, barberry, cotoneaster and viburnum. Birds flock to bright berries. Many annual plants provide seed and nectar for birds, too. The neighborhood will be much



GREEN THUMBPRINTS
Cathy Walworth

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TIPS OF THE WEEK:

Some houseplants may be yellowing and/or developing long, leggy growth. They're looking for light. Move them to windows that attract winter sun. Flowering plants need at least half a day of direct sunlight to develop flower buds. Caret and many succulents require sunny situations. Colors

and crotons need direct sun, too.

If you're like many gardeners, this is the time of year when you begin to notice how grubby some of your tools have become. One ingenious way to get those accumulations of concrete-like dirt off a tool is to simply use a dried-out corn cob as a scrubber. The cob's abrasive surface does a great job of scraping off the dirt. When you've finished, the cob can go straight to the compost pile.

The same ingredient listed on your skin care products list is an easy-to-grow houseplant. Aloe Vera is one plant that many a cook has kept handy in the kitchen and referred to as a "burn plant." If you

should burn yourself or sustain some other minor scrape or skin irritation, you can simply break off a piece of Aloe Vera stalk and squeeze out the gel inside it. Rub this stuff on your injury, and you should feel immediate relief. Not only that, but Aloe Vera contains antibacterial and antifungal properties—a true healer. If you want to try to grow your own Aloe Vera plant, be sure to give it lots of light and keep it fairly dry. It's a forgiving plant—and a giving one.

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Get gardening friends something wonderful

By Cindy McMatt
The Orange County Register

'Tis the season to include that new pair of cushy garden clogs, top-of-the-line rose pruners, gathering baskets, gadgets and gloves on our holiday wish list. How many gardeners, really, have money for such things during the growing season? Plus, nurseries aren't crowded this time of year.

Roses. Anything bare-root like fruit trees, strawberries and cane berries, makes an excellent gift for the passionate gardener. But all gardeners have a spot for the most beloved bare-root plants: roses. The latest and most luscious on the scene are the English David Austin's and the French Romantics. These beauties are bred with the most disease-resistant, top-free, and professional-grade hoses make gardening easier.

Perennials and herbs. Ask your gardener what his or her plans are for perennial shopping in spring. If they're like most gardeners, you'll get a haul. But stuff their stockings anyway with gift certificates.

Water plants. What water gardener doesn't covet a new color koi or one more deliciously scented water lily?

Bonsai. Any beginner interested in Zen and the art of bonsai would be happy with a starter specimen from a nursery.

Topiary. Twin spirals in pots are an elegant touch to frame a front door. Look for spirals and the pots, plus one or a shaped plants at your local garden center.

Fountains and furniture. If your gardener has been begging for a fountain or comfortable seats for the patio, think about giving them as gifts. Large selections of patio furniture can be found anywhere. Ditto for foun-

tains. But don't pick spouting cherubs if your garden is Japanese. It's best to get some idea of what your gardener wants before you do the choosing.

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FOOD & HOME

Try these cookie exchange treats

By Jane Snow
Akron Beacon Journal

This is the Super Bowl of Christmas cookies swaps. Gather around my dining room table and five of the best bakers in the Akron, Ohio, area. They have each brought five dozen cookies - four dozen to swap and one dozen for me.

Here are some recipes:

CHERRY ALMOND CUPS

FILLING:
1/2 cups sugar
1 1/2 pounds almond paste
2 cup egg whites (about 8 whites)

DOUGH:
3 cups unsifted cake flour
1 cup (2 sticks) softened butter
2/3 cup sugar
4 egg yolks
1/2 teaspoon vanilla
30 candied cherries, cut in halves

Sliced almonds for garnish.
For the filling: Place sugar and almond paste in a food processor and mix thoroughly. Transfer to a mixer bowl and beat in egg whites on medium speed for 2 minutes. Cover and set aside.

For the dough: Place cake flour, butter and sugar in a mixer bowl. Beat on low speed until well mixed. Beat in egg yolks and vanilla. Wrap dough in plastic and chill for 1 hour. Roll dough to 1/8-inch thickness on a lightly floured board. With a 2 1/4-inch round cutter, cut out circles of dough. Fit dough circles into lightly greased mini muffin tins to form cups. Roll 1/4 each with the almond-paste filling. Place a few sliced almonds on top. Garnish each with half of a candied cherry. Bake at 350 degrees for 15 to 18 minutes. Cool in pans before removing. Makes 60.

MERINGUE MOONS

2 pounds butter, softened
1 1/2 cups powdered sugar
1/2 cup egg yolks (about 8 yolks)
2 tablespoons brandy
2 teaspoons vanilla
2 tablespoons baking powder
10 cups flour
2 egg whites

1 cup finely chopped walnuts
With an electric mixer, beat butter on medium-high speed for 10 minutes, scraping bowl occasionally, until very light and fluffy. Add powdered sugar and beat 5 minutes longer. Add yolks, brandy and vanilla mix well. Add baking powder and flour a little at a time, mixing to form a soft dough. Roll dough on a lightly floured work surface to 3/8-inch thickness. Cut into crescent shapes or circles with a cookie cutter. In a clean bowl, beat egg whites until soft peaks form. With a teaspoon, mound a small amount of beaten white in centers of cookies. Dip in nuts, meringue-side down. Place about 1/2 inch apart, meringue-sides up, on parchment-lined cookie sheets. Bake at 350 degrees for about 15 minutes. Remove with a spatula and cool completely on wire racks. Makes about 8 dozen large cookies.

CINNAMON CRESCENTS

1 cup (2 sticks) butter, softened
1/2 cup powdered sugar
1/2 teaspoon vanilla
2 cups flour
3/4 cup chopped walnuts
1 cup granulated sugar
3 tablespoons cinnamon (or to taste)

Cream butter, powdered sugar and vanilla with an electric mixer until very light and fluffy. Mix in flour and nuts to form a soft dough. Pull off pieces of dough and shape into logs about 2.5 inches long and 1 inch wide. Form into crescent shapes on ungreased baking sheets. Bake at 325 degrees for 12 to 15 minutes. Remove from oven and roll in mixture of granulated sugar and cinnamon. Cool. Makes 48 cookies.

VINCENTS TEA COOKIES

3 pounds butter
1 1/2 pounds powdered sugar
8 cups unsifted cake flour, divided

1/3 cup nonfat dry milk
1 1/2 tablespoons vanilla
1/2 cup egg whites (4 whites)
3/4 cup water
1 tablespoon vanilla
Beat butter with an electric mixer until very light and fluffy. In another bowl, sift together the powdered sugar, 6 cups of the cake flour, dry milk and salt. Add to creamed butter a little at a time, beating well. Add egg whites to mixture and beat for one minute on medium speed. Sift remaining cake flour and add to mixture alternately with water and vanilla to form a soft dough. Spoon dough into a pastry bag fitted with a star tip. Pipe batter into 1-inch round or crescent shapes onto baking sheets lined with parchment paper. Bake at 350 degrees for 8 minutes, or until light brown. Remove from trays and cool. Makes several dozen depending on size.

BUMBLE BEES

Pastry for a 10-inch pie
1 tablespoon melted butter
1 1/2 cups granulated sugar
2/3 cup packed brown sugar
1 teaspoon cinnamon
Roll out pastry as for a pie crust, to about 1/8-inch thickness. Brush pastry with butter. Sprinkle with granulated sugar, then brown sugar, then cinnamon. Cut into 1/2-inch-wide strips. Roll up jelly-roll fashion. Place on greased baking sheets. Bake at 350 degrees for 10 to 15 minutes, until light brown. Makes about 12 to 14 cookies.

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MILK CHOCOLATE OATMEAL COOKIES

Makes about 3 dozen
1/4 cups all-purpose flour
1/2 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon salt
3/4 cup (1 1/2 sticks) butter or margarine, softened
1 cup packed brown sugar
1/3 cup granulated sugar
1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
1 large egg
2 tablespoons milk
1 3/4 cups (11.5-ounce package) Nestle Toll House Milk Chocolate Morsels
1 cup quick or old-fashioned oats
1/2 cup raisins (optional)
Preheat oven to 375 F. Combine flour, baking powder, baking soda and cinnamon in small bowl. Beat butter, brown sugar, granulated sugar and vanilla extract in large mixer bowl until creamy. Beat in egg. Gradually beat in flour mixture and milk. Stir in morsels, oats and raisins. Drop by rounded tablespoon onto ungreased baking sheets. Bake for 10 to 14 minutes or until edges are crisp but centers are still soft. Cool on baking sheets for 2 minutes, remove to wire racks to cool completely.

THE ORIGINAL CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIE RECIPE

Makes about 5 dozen cookies
1/4 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon salt
1 cup (2 sticks) butter, softened
3/4 cup granulated sugar
3/4 cup packed brown sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
2 large eggs
2 cups (12-ounce package) Nestle Toll House Semi-Sweet Chocolate Morsels
1 cup chopped nuts
Preheat oven to 375 F. Combine flour, baking soda and salt in small bowl. Beat butter, granulated sugar, brown sugar and vanilla extract in large mixer bowl until creamy. Add eggs one at a time, beating well after each. Gradually beat in flour mixture. Stir in morsels and nuts. Drop by rounded tablespoon onto ungreased baking sheets. Bake for 9 to 11 minutes or until golden brown. Cool on baking sheets on wire racks for 2 minutes, remove to wire racks to cool completely.

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Pre-prepare dough as above. Divide in half in each half in waxed paper. Refrigerate for 1 hour or until firm. Shape each half into 1-inch log; wrap each log in waxed paper. Refrigerate for 30 minutes. (SEE NOTE.) Preheat oven to 375 F. Cut into 1/2-inch-thick slices; place on ungreased baking sheets. Bake for 8 to 10 minutes or until golden brown.

Cool on baking sheets for 2 minutes, remove to wire racks to cool completely. Makes about 5 dozen cookies.
NOTE: May be stored in refrigerator for up to 1 week or in freezer for up to 8 weeks.

TRADITIONAL FUDGE

Makes about 4 dozen pieces
1 1/2 cups granulated sugar
2/3 cup Nestle Carnation Evaporated Milk
2 tablespoons butter or margarine
1/4 teaspoon salt
2 cups miniature marshmallows
1 1/2 cups (9 ounces) Nestle Toll House Semi-Sweet Chocolate Morsels
1/2 cup chopped pecans or walnuts (optional)
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
Line 8-inch square baking pan with foil. Combine sugar, evaporated milk, butter and salt in medium, heavy-duty saucepan. Bring to a full rolling boil over medium heat, stirring constantly.

Boil, stirring constantly, for 4 to 5 minutes. Remove from heat. Stir in marshmallows, morsels, nuts and vanilla extract. Stir vigorously for 1 minute or until marshmallows are melted. Pour into prepared baking pan; refrigerate for 2 hours or until firm. Lift from pan; remove foil. Cut into pieces.
FOR MILK CHOCOLATE BUTTERSCOTCH FUDGE:
Substitute 1 3/4 cups (11.5-ounce package) Nestle Toll House Milk Chocolate Morsels for Semi-Sweet Morsels.
FOR BUTTERSCOTCH FUDGE:
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Hillrose will offer owners room to spare

Perky dormers and a wide-railed porch give a friendly, welcoming look to the Hillrose, a midsize ranch-style home with all but one room on the ground floor. Doors to the three-car garage face to the side.

Designated as a recreation room, the room-over-the-garage could be used for anything that suits the owners' fancies. Light spills into it through skylights and two large windows. Deep storage areas nestle under the ceiling's sloped sides.

Gathering spaces are expansive. Entering, you step into a vaulted foyer. Light washes in through the high dormer. The parlor is even brighter. It, too, has a vaulted dormer, plus a wide bay window that fills most of the front wall.

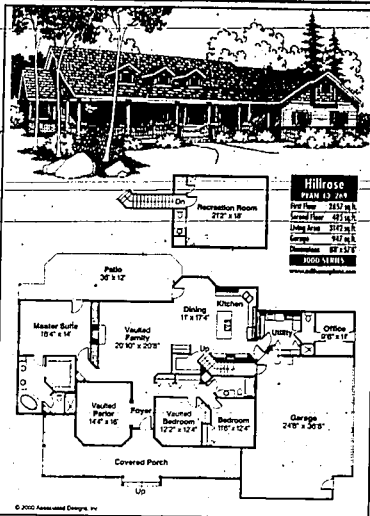
The vaulted family room has wide windows and a gas fireplace with cabinets on both sides. Ceiling height drops to 9 feet in the dining room and kitchen. A wide window bay brightens the dining area, which is completely open to the kitchen. Standing at the cooktop, you face into this spacious

area, and can gaze out the windows to the patio and beyond. A raised eating bar runs the opposite side of the large work island. Other amenities include a roomy walk-in pantry, built-in desk and built-in appliances.

Utilities are nearby in a generously sized room outfitted with folding counters, a deep sink, cabinets, shelves and a coat closet. A half bath with a shower is linked to both the utility room and a small office with an exterior entrance.

Luxuries in the Hillrose's master suite include a large walk-in closet and an elegant bathroom with dual vanities, a deep soaking tub and enclosed toilet and shower.

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White House shows signs of the season

By Jura Koncius
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - Ho ho ho. The ghosts of the Clintons' Christmas Past have all gathered for one last cup of spiked eggnog.

Last week's press preview of the decorations for White House Christmas 2000 was a Bill and Hillary Greatest Holidays - Mrs. Clinton - out-going first lady

Think recycling: 81 volunteers from across the country trimmed ribbons, dusted off pine cones and fluffed up previously used bows.

The only major additions this year: a seriously fringed burgundy velvet tablecloth for the State Dining Room and a huge needle-point kissing ball by Washingtonian Hyla Hurley.

The public can sneak their last peek through Dec. 29, when the ornaments will be shipped off to Little Rock to be stored until the Clinton Library is ready for them.

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Will next White House holiday decorations be Bush-whacked?

By Greg Morago
The Hartford Courant

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Cooks will love to get these books

By Cathy Thomas
The Orange County Register

My holiday gift-giving list grows bigger every year. This year, it's swollen up like a monstrous 30-pound Christmas turkey crammed with cornbread stuffing.

Recipients' names form a long, jagged list on my computer file. It's innocently labeled holiday gifts, but maybe I should rename it. Maybe Cathy's Christmas Crisis 2000, or My Holiday Hindenburg.

But cookbooks make perfect presents. Here are some suggestions:

- A book for sweet-tooth soothing: "Death by Chocolate Cakes" by Marcel Desaulniers (William Morrow, \$35). Glamorous enough to keep on the coffee table, this book is a visual chocolate celebration. The alluring photos are so realistic you can almost taste the ganache and smell the vanilla.

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- A book for little cooks: "The Kid's Cookbook" by Chue Williams and Abigail Johnson Dodge (Time Life, \$19.95). This isn't the kind of children's cookbook that has pizzas with clown faces or pinwheels made with watermelon wedges. This is real food. "Sugar cookies" recipes are marked with large asterisks - such as Creamy Tomato Soup, Smashed Potatoes or Chocolate Mousse. More advanced recipes include treats such as All-American Apple Pie and Creamy Tortellini Salad.
- A book for seekers of fun and wisdom: "Julia's Kitchen Wisdom: Essential Techniques and Recipes From a Lifetime in Cooking" by Julia Child (Knopf, \$19.95).
- A book for families yearning for fast, tasty and healthful fare: "More Healthy Homestyle Cooking" by Evelyn Tribole

(Roddale, \$29.95). This is the follow-up to Orange County nutritionist and cookbook author Evelyn Tribole's million-copy best seller, "Healthy Homestyle Cooking." Tribole says not to miss Aunt Boojie's Chocolate Box Cake. She says that when she's asked to contribute to a potluck gathering, this is what she brings.

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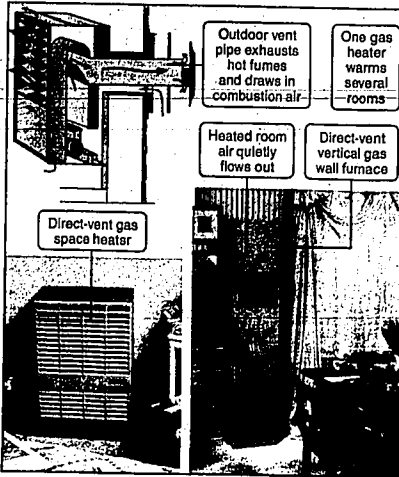
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-LARRY P.

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The recipe for Leslie Collings' English Toffee is a cherished keepsake from Collings' beloved late mother.

While the ingredients are few, they result in a buttery, crunchy toffee that is far better than any store-bought version. While Leslie didn't add nuts to the large platter of toffee she brought, she said they can be added to the candy mixture, if desired. She prefers to melt the chocolate morsels in the microwave, but you can use a double boiler.

LESLIE'S ENGLISH TOFFEE

1 pound butter
 2 1/2 cups sugar
 Half of a 12-ounce bag of semi-sweet chocolate morsels
 1/4 cup finely chopped nuts
 Melt butter on low. Add sugar. Cook to 280 degrees, stirring continuously. Once the mixture reaches the proper temperature, spread the mixture onto a cookie sheet with low sides. Blot off excess butter. Frost with the melted chocolate pieces. Sprinkle with nuts. When cooled, break into random pieces.

The name for Debby Johnson's Fantastic Fudge says it all. One day, Johnson's husband called it fantastic, and that's what the family has called it ever since.

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DEBBY'S FANTASTIC FUDGE

3/4 cup (1 1/2 sticks) butter or margarine
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 2/3 cup evaporated milk
 1 package (12 ounces) semi-sweet chocolate chips
 1 jar (7 ounces) marshmallow creme

1 teaspoon vanilla
 1 cup chopped nuts (optional)
 Lightly grease a 13-by-9-inch rectangular pan. Melt butter or margarine in a heavy three-quart saucepan over medium heat. Add sugar and milk; bring to a full rolling boil, stirring constantly. Continue boiling five minutes. Remove from heat and stir in chocolate chips until melted. Add remaining ingredients: mix well. Pour into prepared pan. Cool at room temperature or in the refrigerator; cut into squares.

Denise Turner got the recipe for Hello Dollies, sometimes called Seven-layer Cookies, from a non-traditional student she met while in college. The woman, who had grown children, had decided to go back to college after the death of her husband. Back then, middle-aged students were extremely rare, Turner says, and this woman, a food and nutrition major, even opted to live in the dorms.

"All the kids just loved her," Turner says, adding that the women eventually went on to get her doctorate degree and become a dean at Murray State University in Murray, Ky.

DENISE'S HELLO DOLLIES

1/2 cup margarine
 1 1/2 cups graham cracker crumbs
 3 1/2 ounces coconut
 6 ounces semi-sweet chocolate chips
 1 cup nuts
 14-ounce can Eagle Brand sweetened condensed milk
 Melt margarine and mix with graham cracker crumbs and coconut in a 13-by-9 pan. Press the mixture down in the bottom of the pan. Sprinkle on chocolate chips and nuts, evenly. Drizzle on the canned milk. Bake 25 to 30 minutes at 350 degrees. Cool, and cut into bars. Store loosely covered at room temperature.

them. The sugar on the outside adds sparkle to these rich, peanutty cookies.

CAROLE'S PEANUT BUTTER BLOSSOMS

1 3/4 cups sifted flour
 1 teaspoon baking soda
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 Stir dry ingredients together, and set aside.
 1/2 cup butter, softened
 1/2 cup sugar
 1/2 cup brown sugar

1 teaspoon vanilla
 Cream butter, peanut butter, sugars, egg and vanilla together. Add the dry mixture; mix thoroughly. Shape into small balls, roll in sugar and place on a cookie sheet. Bake at 350 degrees for eight minutes. Remove cookies from the oven and press a Hershey's Kiss or large chocolate chip on top of each cookie. Return to oven and bake two to five minutes longer.

Ellen Thomason isn't sure where this recipe came from, but said her mother has made it many times. Nobody's quite sure why they are called French Cookies. Like all good family recipes, it may have been tinkered with a bit - Thomason says her mother came in when she was preparing these cookies and wondered why she had added the chocolate chips with the hot ingredients. Usually, these bar cookies are white and dotted with the chocolate chips.

In this case, they turned out brown and uniformly chocolately. Those who want the chips left intact may choose to add the chocolate after the other ingredients have been mixed. Whichever way you make them, they are delicious: rich and chocolately with a hint of cinnamon flavor.

ELLEN'S FRENCH COOKIES

2 cups brown sugar
 3 cups flour
 1 teaspoon cinnamon
 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
 1 cup hot water, with 1 teaspoon baking soda
 2 eggs
 1 cup melted shortening
 1 cup chocolate chips, raisins or nuts (optional)

Put all ingredients in a bowl. Do not stir until all the ingredients are in the bowl. Bake on a large, flat baking sheet 20 to 25 minutes at 350 degrees. Cool. Cut into squares.

Before moving to Twin Falls, I got this recipe from a new friend offering comfort after a devastating house fire. They are almost cake-like in texture.

The dough is extremely soft and can be difficult to handle. It should be chilled for an hour or two before rolling out. Or, for those who just can't wait, it can be put through a cookie press.

I took pity on myself and made simple rounds, then frosted them with colorful frosting topped with sprinkles. Creative cooks can cut

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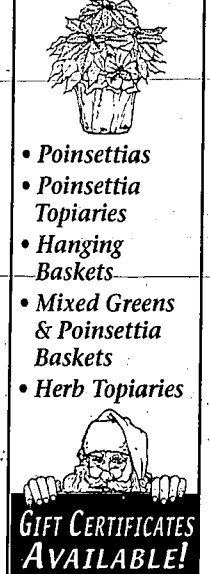
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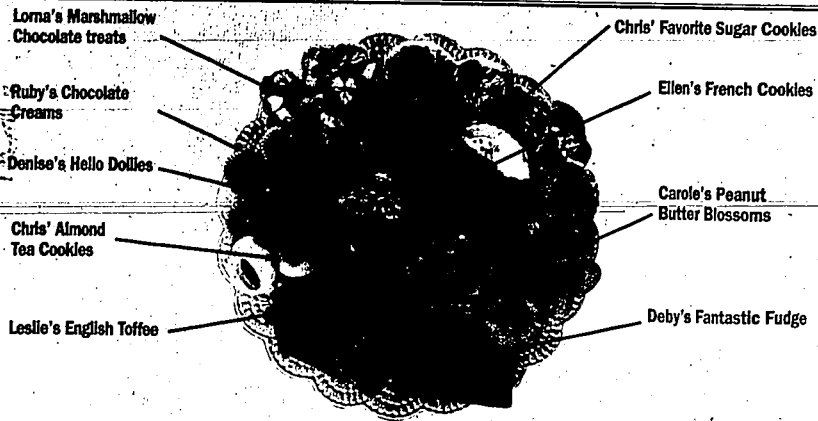
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out fun shapes with cookie cutters and decorate them. To save time, I used store-bought vanilla frosting, which I tinted myself. Because the frosting can be messy, I individually wrapped each cookie in cling wrap—a process that can be time-consuming, but so far it's the best way I've found to transport cookies with creamy frosting.

CHRIS' FAVORITE SUGAR COOKIES
3 cups flour
1 cup shortening
1 cup sugar
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/4 cup milk
1/2 tablespoon vanilla
2 eggs
1 teaspoon soda
Cream shortening and sugar. Add baking powder, milk, vanilla, eggs and soda. Beat in flour, 1/2 cup at a time. Chill well before handling. Roll out to 1/2 inch for cake-like cookies, cut to desired shapes. Bake at 375 degrees for eight minutes or until light brown. Let cool completely before frosting.
These cookies were an elegant addition to my family's Christmas cookie platter, but my three siblings

and I always seemed to gravitate toward the sweeter sugar cookies instead. My mother assured me that, with their subtle almond flavor, these tender cookies were more suited to adult tastes—and she was right. These cookies now have a place on my own family's platter. For a time, I lost the recipe, but was able to adapt a similar recipe to make the cookies I remembered. The recipe tends to make a small batch of about two dozen, so if you plan on sharing, you may want to double the recipe.

CHRIS' ALMOND TEA COOKIES
1 cup butter
1/2 cup confectioners' sugar
2 teaspoons almond extract
2 cups flour
1/4 teaspoon salt
24-30 raw, whole almonds
In a large bowl, cream butter and sugar. Add almond extract, flour and salt; mix well. Roll the dough into 1-inch balls a tablespoon at a time. Place the balls on a lightly greased cookie sheet about one inch apart. Press an almond into the center of each ball. Bake at 325 degrees for 15-20 minutes or until golden brown. After removing from oven, immediately put the cookies on a cool, flat surface.

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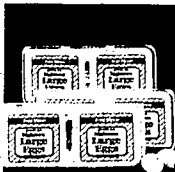
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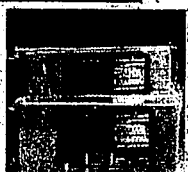
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Sutton's shadow hits hall

Eddie Sutton calls the late James "Doc" Taylor, the founding president of the College of Southern Idaho, the world's best salesman. Sutton, the founding coach of Southern Idaho basketball, remains one of Taylor's better customers.

One of six second-year inductees Tuesday into the college's Athletic Hall of Fame, the man who guided CSI to an 84-14 record over its first three seasons recalled with a chuckle the telephone conversation that brought him to Twin Falls more than 30 years ago. That call, in the spring of 1966, helped launch one of the most storied coaching careers in the history of amateur hoops.

"I was coaching high school ball in Tulsa, and I was pretty content with that," Sutton said via telephone from Stillwater Tuesday afternoon. "I had just read an ad in my paper that I was going to coach high school and that's it. I enjoyed the high school game a great deal, and I had relationships with the players, everything about it."

"But then I got a call from Dr. Taylor, and he talked about what a great school he had up there in Idaho. His conviction was, 'I've got the best junior college in the Northwest, and I want the best coach around to lead the program.'"

The sales pitch had begun. "I said, 'Dr. Taylor, I'm interested. But I have a job coaching here in Tulsa.' Of course, Dr. Taylor was the best salesman ever, and he didn't take no for an answer. He said, 'I'm flying into Tulsa to check out a program at Oral Roberts University. Can you spare six hours of your time? I said yes, and we went out for lunch for hours.'"

Taylor, Sutton said, was convinced that the successful high school coach would be said on CSI if he would just come to southern Idaho (he did).

The best facilities awaited, Taylor assured. Nothing but the best. "He said, 'You probably don't have enough money to take your bride on a vacation this summer,'"

Sutton said. "And that was true. I was only making \$6,000 a year as a high school coach. So he said he'd give me some gas money and we could make a trip."

Sutton indeed made the journey that summer. And he soon learned that Taylor had embellished slightly the state of the CSI campus. Some little details were missing — the gym, for instance. But he was hooked nonetheless.

"We went business to business selling \$25 charter memberships in the booster club," Sutton said. "I got my own car to coach at NCAA staples in Oregon, Arkansas, Kentucky and Oklahoma State, running up a 660-259 career win-loss tally. Fresh off an appearance in last year's Final Four, he remains the coach in history to lead four different schools to the NCAA tourney. And it all started in Twin Falls."

"The three years I was there were just wonderful for me," he said. "Tuesday, you had to believe him. Sutton could not attend the induction ceremony that would have brought his story full circle, but said he still wishes trips back to Twin Falls. He was in town last year and hopes to return for another visit soon."

"It's just amazing to see how great a campus it's become," he said. "Of course, Twin Falls has grown a great deal since I was coaching there."

He laughed when asked if he still follows CSI basketball.

"Sure I do. I followed it through the years," he said. "And they've had some great coaches come through there."

"A bit of Sutton past met Sutton present Tuesday night following the induction ceremony in the Taylor Building. Sutton's old team squared off against one of his brightest post-CSI point guards, Doug Gottlieb, who scored 16 points in his last season at CSI. Gottlieb is playing for the Continental Basketball Association's Idaho Stampede, hoping to make the team and perhaps one day reach the NBA.

"I think he's a real worker who's got an abundance of talent," Sutton said. "He's a wonderful young man."

Many years ago, local basketball fans said the same about Sutton.

"I'm so excited about being inducted," Sutton said. "I never knew when it all started and it's been quite a thrill for me to see the CSI basketball program grow."



DOWN IN FRONT
Jeff Rosen



Southern Idaho's Uche Okefor scores over Idaho Stampede forward Sharif Fajardo. The Golden Eagles beat the Stampede 98-92 before a packed house Tuesday night.

Seven join CSI Hall of Fame

By Kevin Hall
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Surprises and sentiment were the order of the night Wednesday at the College of Southern Idaho inducted seven new members into its athletic Hall of Fame.

Five of the Class of 2000 were previously announced to well-wishers, but it was the two mystery guests — CSI President Gerald Meyerhoeffer and CSI volleyball coach Ben Stroud — who



Ben Stroud and Gerald Meyerhoeffer were most stunned by the enshrinement.

"I like to play games on people, but when you're the one being (tricked) it's a little different," said Meyerhoeffer, who emceed the event.

Stroud's face flushed a deep red upon his announcement.

"I hate improvised speeches so this is really tough," Stroud said. "There's no way I would've won seven national titles without a boatload of talent and I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the great players."

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Buhl rolls over Wood River in SCIC opener

By Holly Koyt
Times-News writer

BUHL — The Buhl High Indians opened their boys' basketball conference season with a resounding 61-49 win over SCIC foe Wood River Tuesday.

The Wolverines had the first basket of the night when Matt Beck hit a jumper 15 seconds into the game. But Indian senior Sean-Velderden hit two free throws to make the score even. Wood River tried to come back in the third, but Buhl never backed down.

"I thought we played pretty well tonight," said Indian coach Ed Pinger. "We kind of let down in the third quarter ... but we bounced back."

The first minutes of the game were tight, with Buhl up 6-5 midway through the first quarter. But TJ Cline, who finished with a game-high 18 points, hit a 3-point shot and a jumper from the baseline to put the Indians up 15-8 going into the second period.

More high school results

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Cline was still hot as the second period got under way, hitting two jumpers to make it 19-10. Ty Poppewell stole a Wolverine possession and had a lay-in, putting Buhl ahead, 23-10.

"I had a great night," Pinger said. "He hit some big shots for us — Ty too ... those two kids kind of carried us in the first half."

The Indians continued to pull away in the second, stretching their lead to 16 points with a Van Eelderden shot that made it 28-12 with a little over a minute left in the half.

However, the Wolverines wouldn't go down quietly. Sky Wolfe hit a free throw, and teammate Matt Beck grabbed a rebound and put it back up to leave the score at the break 28-16.

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Eagles play pros

Late rally lifts CSI over Stampede

By Kevin Hall
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Bradley Jackson called it a mid-season championship.

Derek Zeck termed it a learning experience, but anyway you look at it, the College of Southern Idaho's 98-92 feel-good upset Tuesday of the Continental Basketball Association's Idaho Stampede was an enormous victory for the CSI program.

Zeck, CSI's second-year coach, praised his team in an elated locker room afterward.

"I'm so happy for them," he said. "This is what it's all about. This is what I want our guys to feel, this is what we play for. Moments like this."

Stampede head coach Rory White said the Golden Eagles were hungrier.

"We ran out of gas there a little bit at the end," he said. "You got to stick your hand out to CSI, they played with a lot of heart, a lot of passion, and they wanted the game more than we did."

That much was evident late, as No. 2 CSI (13-1) rallied from a 90-84 deficit with 3:19 to go for the win. Blandon Ferguson began the comeback by dialing in a long-range 3-pointer after Stampede guard Brian Green missed an easy slam dunk attempt off a steal.

A Stampede miss saw the Eagles back on the run until Tim

Ellis canned another 3-pointer at the top of the line to tie it at 90-90 with 2:15 left. The teams traded points to go to 92-all, and after a tie-up in the Stampede end gave CSI back the ball on the possession arrow, the Golden Eagles went to work.

With 15 showing on the shot clock, Jackson dribbled around the lane for an eight-foot jumper only to have it blocked out of bounds by Green. As the time ticked to nine seconds, Ferguson was double-teamed in the backcourt but was able to shuffle the ball off to Jackson, who floated up an arcing 20-foot jumper that bottomed the net for the 94-92 lead with 48 seconds in the game.

"I knew when Blandon got it, there was about seven seconds (on the shot clock) and I was just spotting up. When they were double-teaming (Ferguson) I was just going to knock it down. That's what I did."

Benjamin Eze grabbed the cart off a Darren McLinton miss and a couple of CSI free throws later, the lead was four only six ticks showing. The Stampede were unable to get a good look at the basket as time expired and the crowd exploded into a frenzy.

Jackson said the Golden Eagles came ready to win.

"Everybody just wanted the game," he said. "I mean everybody just dug down and tried to give it what they had to beat these guys."

Former Boise State star Roberto Bergersen, who had only seven points, said CSI showed its

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Stampede forward Chianti Roberts scores under the basket during Tuesday evening's matchup against CSI.

Alex Rodriguez rides into Texas

The Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas — The last time Alex Rodriguez was at The Ballpark in Arlington, the Texas Rangers seemed to be an afterthought for the free agent shortstop.

During his visit three weeks ago, Rodriguez admitted he had never really considered playing for Texas. He was there only because his agent, Scott Boras, got a call from the Rangers, who were willing to spend a lot of money.

"I didn't know Texas was an option for me until Scott called two months ago and said Texas was interested," Rodriguez said. "But I still didn't think much of it."

Rodriguez returned to The Ballpark on Tuesday, a day after agreeing to a record 10-year, \$252 million contract with the Rangers.

The most prized free agent in baseball history — a 25-year-old All-Star with a 309 average over seven seasons — said Texas eventually became an "easy choice, and not only because of the



Shortstop Alex Rodriguez, left, gets help putting on a Texas Rangers jersey from his agent Scott Boras, center, and Rangers owner Tom Hicks, right, during a news conference in Arlington, Texas, Tuesday. Rodriguez was in town to talk about his record \$252 million 10-year deal with the Rangers.

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Rodriguez the no-trade clause he wanted. And he felt spurned by the Seattle Mariners, who he said offered him only a three-year guaranteed contract with a team option for two more years.

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SPORTS

Pilots break slump against Raiders

Elko leaves mark at wrestling meet

The News-News

GLENN'S FERRY - The Glenns Ferry High Pilots broke out of a two-game losing streak in a big way, scoring 51 points in the first half to cruise past Rimrock 77-48 in Tuesday boys' basketball.

Junior Cole Barrington had 16 points in the first quarter and finished with 22 to lead all scorers. "We've been playing really well lately but just hadn't put together a full game," Glenns Ferry coach John Tucker said. "I would say that this truly was a team effort."

Senior Will Jess and junior Troy Douglas each pulled down nine rebounds for Glenns Ferry. The Pilots improved to 2-5 this season and travel to Declo on Saturday.

Local sports

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Senior Ledezma paced the Raptors' win over the Bears with 18 points and Erik Henson added 16. Henson was ISDB's high scorer in the Camas contest with 28.

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Wood River's Laurel Williams scored 17 points, including two 3-pointers. Williams, coming off an ankle injury, was 5-of-6 on the line. "We played well and shot well as a team," said Wood River coach Brent Carduff. "Our girls gave a good effort."

The Wolverines are 3-5 overall (1-2 in conference) and travel to Gooding Thursday.

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SPORTS

Nuggets show up, sort of, against Heat Shorthanded 'Hawks rally to stop DePaul

DENVER - Less than 24 hours after threatening to boycott Tuesday night's game, the rebellious Denver Nuggets hardly looked inspired in a 96-85 loss to the Miami Heat.

Eddie Jones scored 28 points and Anthony Mason added 15 and nine rebounds for the Heat, who pulled away in the second half for their 11th straight victory over Denver.

Antonio McDyess and 12 rebounds for his seventh double-double in six games. "Coming off a 0-4 road trip, the Nuggets refused to practice Monday and then spoke of skipping the Miami game in a further display of protest.

They showed up, but Miami also had something to prove after coach Pat Riley said he wanted his team collectively to show more "guts." His comments came later than he squandered a 24-point lead at Sacramento on Sunday.

Cavaliers 92, Mavericks 87 CLEVELAND - Zydrunas



Miami Heat guard Tim Hardaway and Denver Nuggets guard Nick Van Exel, foreground, struggle for a loose ball in the third quarter Wednesday at the American Airlines Arena in Miami. The Heat beat the Nuggets 95-78.

Igouaskas took over in the final minutes, scoring 11 points in the fourth quarter and blocking Steve Nash's late layup. Igouaskas had 24 points and 12 rebounds. He scored nine points in the final 4:18 as the

Cavs rallied from a 10-point deficit in the fourth.

Raptors 104, Pacers 90 TORONTO - Vince Carter scored 33 points, including five

3-pointers, and Charles Oakley had a season-high 22 points and 10 rebounds for Toronto.

Oakley shot 8-for-14 from the field and made all five of his free throw attempts en route to his highest point total in three seasons with the Raptors.

Nets 116, Timberwolves 94 EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. - Stephen Marbury returned to the New Jersey lineup and scored 27 points as the Nets snapped Minnesota's four-game winning streak.

Marbury, who was sidelined for four games with a sprained ankle, shot 10-for-16 from the field and 6-for-8 from the line, in three quarters.

Hawks 107, Kings 99 ATLANTA - Jason Terry scored a career-high 38 points as Atlanta ended a three-game losing streak by beating Sacramento for the 10th straight game and 12th consecutive at home.

Terry, who shot 12-of-19 from the field and 12-of-12 from the line, scored nine of Atlanta's final 12 points.

Shorthanded 'Hawks rally to stop DePaul

CHICAGO (AP) - Nick Collison scored 23 points as Kansas rebounded from one of its worst losses with a second-half rally to beat DePaul 75-69 Tuesday night.

Kansas (8-1) got the victory even though it played short-handed. Kenny Gregory, the Jayhawks' leading scorer, sat out the second straight game with a stress fracture in his right foot. Luke Atzell was unable to go because of a sprained ankle.

The Jayhawks, blown out by 31 points at Wake Forest last week - tying for the fourth-worst loss in school history - rallied from a nine-point halftime deficit.

UConn 82, Mass. 67 HARTFORD, Conn. - Albert Mouring scored 20 points to lead No. 11 Connecticut to an 82-67 victory over Massachusetts on Tuesday at the Hartford Civic Center.

Freshman Caron Butler added 14 points and grabbed a team-high seven rebounds for UConn (8-1). Mich Brand had 13 points and nine rebounds to lead UMass (1-6), which is off to its worst start in nearly 20 years.

No. 24 Georgetown 78, Coastal Carolina 60

WASHINGTON (AP) - Michael Sweeney had 20 points and 10 rebounds to lead Georgetown over Coastal Carolina.

The Hoyas (8-0) are off to their best start since 1985-86 season, when they opened 14-0.

Women's games

La. Tech 100, Centenary 34 RUSTON, La. - Ayana Walker scored 20 points in less than one-half as No. 10 Louisiana Tech cruised to a 100-34 victory over Centenary on Tuesday night.

Reserve Ovlina Lewis added 18 points for Tech (8-3), which led 44-12 at halftime, rested its starters in the second half and scored 100 points for the first time this season.

Cincinnati 75, Xavier 59

CINCINNATI - Freshman guard Valerie King scored a season-high 26 points in 30 minutes to help Cincinnati beat Xavier.

SCORES AND STATS

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IN THE BLEACHERS By Steve Moore



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LOCAL SCHEDULE

Girls' high school basketball Burlington at 6 p.m. Jerome JV at 6:50 p.m. Highland at 6:15 p.m. Ketchum at 7:30 p.m. Boys' high school basketball Shoshone at Wendell, 6 p.m. Hagerman at Twin Falls, 6 p.m. Ketchum JV at 8:30 p.m. Middle school wrestling Lincoln JV, Clark Co. at Oakley, 6 p.m.

ON THE AIR

College basketball, St. John's at Ohio St. ESPN2 5 p.m. NBA, Spurs at Suns TNT 6 p.m. NHL, Flyers at Avalanche ESPN 6 p.m. NBA, Lakers at Penn., at Seton Hall ESPN2 7 p.m. NBA, Packers at Trail Blazers TNT 8:30 p.m.

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SPORTS

Ramirez takes off to the Sox

DALLAS (AP) — Money won out with Manny Ramirez, not the memories of his years with the Cleveland Indians.

The power-hitting outfielder reached a preliminary agreement Monday night on a \$160 million, eight-year contract with the Boston Red Sox.

"He just felt the challenge of playing elsewhere, plus a more attractive economic package, were factors he couldn't turn away from," Ramirez's agent, Jeff Moorad, said Tuesday.

Ramirez turned down a \$136 million, eight-year offer from the Cleveland Indians, according to two sources with knowledge of that team's offer who spoke on condition of anonymity.

His deal with the Red Sox calls for a \$16 million signing bonus to be paid over five years, \$13 million next season, \$15.5 million in 2002, \$18 million in 2003, \$20.5 million in 2004, \$20 million in 2005, \$19 million in 2006, \$18 million in 2007 and \$20 million in 2008.

Boston has \$20 million options for 2009 and 2010.

A total of \$31 million is deferred with interest, \$3 million from next season's salary and \$4 million a year after that. Ramirez will donate \$1 million from his contract to Boston-area charities aiding Hispanic youth.

"I'm looking forward to see what's going to happen. I'm good friends with Pedro (Martinez). Here in Boston we have a good chance to get the ring," Ramirez told Boston station WHDH-TV on arriving at Logan International Airport on Tuesday.

Ramirez spent three hours Tuesday at the University of Massachusetts Medical Center in



Cleveland's Manny Ramirez runs the bases after hitting a solo home run off Toronto Blue Jays pitcher Kevin Escobar Sept. 30 at Jacobs Field in Cleveland.

Worcester taking a physical. He was accompanied by Dr. Arthur Pappas and Red Sox doctor Bill Morgan and team trainer Jim Rowe. Ramirez signed a few autographs when he arrived, but did not comment.

"Yesterday was a roller-coaster day as we evaluated offers from Boston and Cleveland," Moorad said. "Manny had two great choices."

Manny takes this offer. But if he doesn't, we have a lot to be proud of because we feel our owner really stepped up."

Moorad said about 20 people from the Indians' organization had tried to convince Ramirez to stay, including manager Charlie Manuel and teammates Kenny Lofton, Jim Thome, Travis Fryman and Dave Burba.

Ramirez spoke with the video crew and the clubhouse attendant, whom he tried to persuade to move on to the Red Sox with him.

The Indians sent Dr. Louis Keppeler to Florida to give Ramirez a physical, according to a baseball source who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Ramirez, 28, hit 351 last season with 38 homers and 122 RBIs in 439 at-bats. He missed 44 games with a hamstring injury, but still led the league in slugging percentage and was third in on-base average. After returning from the DL, Ramirez, a .313 career hitter, batted .371 with 25 homers and 75 RBIs in his final 71 games. In his last year, only Sammy Sosa (437) has driven in more runs than Ramirez's 432.

Two years ago, Boston also tried to sign a run-producing outfielder. But all the Red Sox wound up doing was raising the price for the New York Yankees to re-sign Bernie Williams, who stayed home for an \$87.5 million, seven-year contract.

Ramirez's signing by the Red Sox should only spice up their rivalry with the Indians.

The teams have met in the postseason three times since 1995, with the Red Sox rallying from a 2-0 deficit to win the '99 division series in five games.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

CSI men jump to No. 2, women plummet

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — The College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team ranked No. 2 in the latest National Junior College Athletic Association poll released Tuesday.

The formerly second-ranked Golden Eagles women (8-2), however, tumbled all the way out of the poll after losing last weekend to Salt Lake Community College (8-2) and No. 16 Utah Valley State College (9-2).

The Southern Idaho women are the nation's sixth-ranked team in their sport, giving only 53.3 points a game.

The CSI men (12-1) remained in the top 3 for the third straight week after holding the pressbox No. 1 ranking. The Golden Eagles received two first-place votes and 101 points from the regional directors' panel. Top-ranked Moberly (12-1) dropped to fourth after suffering its first loss of the season. Okaloosa-Walton (11-0), moved into the top spot with 13 first-place votes and 148 points.

In the women's poll, Seaward County (10-0) remained atop the poll, followed by Midland, Trinity Valley, Central Arizona and Gulf Coast. Representing the SWAC, Ricks College (9-1), the nation's ninth leading scoring team, entered the poll at No. 7. UVSC is 16th, and Snow College (8-1) is 25th. Salt Lake also received votes.

Woods takes Sports Illustrated award

NEW YORK — Tiger Woods is Sports Illustrated's "Sportsman of the Year" — the first two-time recipient in the 46-year history of the award.

Woods completed a career grand slam and won three of four majors in 2000. He also received the honor in 1996 after making a spectacular transition from amateur golfer to the PGA Tour.

It marked the sixth time a golfer has received the award. Before Woods in 1996, Jack Nicklaus was honored in 1978. Woods, who will be 25 on Dec. 30, will appear on the cover of the Dec. 18 issue.

Toner earns player-of-the-week honors

POCATELLO — Burley High graduate Ashley Toner earned Big Sky Conference Co-Player of the Week honors for leading the Idaho State Bengals to a pair of victories at home last week.

Toner, a 6-0 sophomore at ISU, came off the bench to shoot a 19.5 from the floor in the two wins — over Nevada and UC-Riverside — and hit 13 of 16 free throws from the free-throw line. She ranked second on the Bengals in scoring at 11.2 ppg and rebounding at 4.2 rpg despite playing just 16 minutes a night.

"Toner comes to work every day to give 100 percent," said ISU coach Ardie McInelly. "She is extremely physical and adds agility to her power, which presents problems for opponents. Her determination to win rubs off on her teammates."

Venus on verge of signing record deal

MIAMI — Venus Williams is on the verge of signing the richest endorsement deal ever for a female athlete.

USA Today reported Tuesday that Williams would sign a five-year contract with Reebok worth \$40 million. Reebok declined to discuss the terms, pending a news conference tentatively scheduled for Dec. 21 in New York to announce the deal.

Tiger Woods recently signed the most lucrative endorsement deal in sports, a five-year, \$100 million agreement with Nike. In 2001 he'll make about \$54 million from endorsements with 12 companies.

Ousted UNLV coach denies wrongdoing

LAS VEGAS — Bill Bayno came to UNLV pledging to win games and run a clean program. He didn't win enough, and when the NCAA placed its latest sanctions on the Runnin' Rebels, Bayno was the first one to go.

Only hours after the NCAA put UNLV's basketball team on four years' probation, Bayno was fired as coach of a program that has flourished since Jerry Tarkanian led it to a national championship in 1990 and an undefeated regular season the next year.

School officials insisted the team's poor start this season had nothing to do with the firing, saying Bayno was let go instead because UNLV was banned from postseason play for a year and had two scholarships taken away for two years.

This Saturday is deadline for Jerome hoops

JEROME — The last day to register for the Jerome Recreation District's youth basketball program is this Saturday.

Sign-ups will be taken at the Rec office from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, or any time before that during regular business hours. Call 324-3389 for more details.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Could Jeter jump ship?

Yankees' big hitter considers free agency

DALLAS (AP) — Next year at this time, Derek Jeter could be the free-agent shortstop signing the big contract — unless the New York Yankees give him a long-term deal this winter.

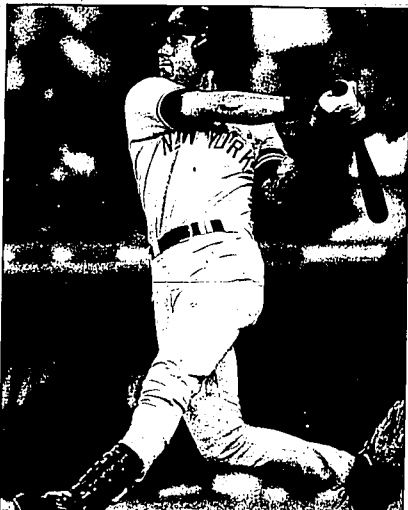
"We have a good relationship. I'm sure we'll be talking," Jeter's agent, Casey Close, said Tuesday in the wake of Alex Rodriguez's record \$252 million, 10-year contract with the Texas Rangers.

Last year, Close and the Yankees negotiated a \$118.5 million, seven-year contract. But George Steinbrenner stopped the deal, the owner not wanting to give out what then would have been the highest average salary: \$16.93 million.

Instead, the Yankees and their star shortstop agreed to a \$10 million, one-year contract. Since then, the top average salary has risen from \$15 million to \$25.2 million.

"Jeter is a priority for us," Yankees president Randy Levine said. "It's what we're concentrating on. But we're not going to be distracted by this signing. We have our own parameters which Casey and Derek know about. We don't anticipate this agreement including any trade."

The Yankees have said they recognize the market has gone up in the past year, but won't go into specific prices and years.



The Yankees' Derek Jeter watches his fifth-inning, three-run homer sail away during the American League Championship Series against the Seattle Mariners in Seattle in this October photo. Next year at this time, Jeter could be the free-agent shortstop signing the big contract — unless the Yankees give him a long-term deal this winter.

"We've been talking and we'll continue to talk over the next couple of days and weeks," Levine said.

New York's payroll is at \$81.1 million for 17 players, with four more eligible for salary arbitration. Jeter, closer Mariano Rivera, catcher Jorge Posada and reliever Ramiro Mendoza. The Yankees projected they will start 2001 at about the same level they finished 2000: \$113 million or so.

After watching Manny Ramirez, Mike Hampton and Rodriguez sign for more than \$100 million each, Levine criticized Boston, Colorado and Texas as among the teams "whining about out-of-control payrolls" and said it would be "the height of hypocrisy" for them to "ever complain about anything again."

"The argument put forward has always been that there has to be more revenue sharing as well as more payroll restraint," he said. "We expect to no longer hear any criticism from any quarter of the Yankees, since our record is absolutely consistent in that we have not broken any barriers. The lion's share of our spending is on retaining our own players."

While Rodriguez is 25, Jeter is a year older and produces fewer home runs and RBIs.

"Superstar players have always driven the game as long as they continue to play well," said Rodriguez's agent, Scott Boras. "Will Alex's contract be the economic variables of the sport? I think that speaks for itself. Jeter is a fine player, but I think the difference is that Alex has more power and is younger. Let's put it this way — I don't think Alex's contract will hurt him."

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There were just five trades, down from 13 last year, and just one deal could be considered significant, a six-player swap between Brad Ausmus, Doug Brocail and Nelson Cruz from Detroit to Houston for Roger Cedeno, Chris Holt and Mitch Meluskey.

In recent months, small-market teams have repeatedly said they can't compete with big spenders such as the New York Yankees,

whose \$113 million payroll this year was \$18 million higher than any other club.

Coming in, the top baseball deal had been Ken Griffey Jr.'s \$116.5 million, nine-year contract with Cincinnati.

Hampton topped that Saturday and Rodriguez more than doubled the record Monday by getting \$252 million over 10 years from Texas. Hours later, Boston gave Ramirez \$160 million over eight seasons.

"In two days, we've doubled a top highest salary," said Sandy Alderson, an executive vice president in the commissioner's office. "I don't like the exponentiality of that. It's incredible," Alderson said. "In two days, we've doubled a top highest salary," said Sandy Alderson, an executive vice president in the commissioner's office. "I don't like the exponentiality of that. It's incredible," Alderson said. "In two days, we've doubled a top highest salary," said Sandy Alderson, an executive vice president in the commissioner's office. "I don't like the exponentiality of that. It's incredible," Alderson said.

Spending spree irks baseball owners

DALLAS (AP) — Players got rich. Owners got angry.

Baseball's winter meetings smashed standards for big bucks and declarations of doom.

In four days, baseball teams committed \$738.95 million to just 24 free agents, including \$412 million Monday to Alex Rodriguez and Manny Ramirez, whose preliminary deal with Boston was set to be announced at noon EST Wednesday. That raised the total for this year's free-agent class to \$1,043 billion for 49 players with major league contracts.

"This has to end sometime," Philadelphia Phillies manager Larry Bowa said. "The well's got to run dry. It seems it does up a little bit, but then it starts back up."

On the field, Boston improved its offense with Ramirez and Texas did the same with Rodriguez. But unless they develop splitters and cutters by April, the Rangers don't appear to have enough pitching to win a pennant. And while Boston is in much better shape, the Red Sox will be chasing the Yankees.

In the NL, Colorado added Mike Hampton for \$121 million over eight years to join Denny Neagle, who got a \$51 million, five-year deal last week, giving the Rockies their best pitching staff ever. It remains to be seen whether any pitcher can be successful making half his starts at Coors Field.

The loss of Hampton to the Mets, Ramirez by the Indians and Rodriguez by the Mariners, soured owners these franchises. At the early stage, the Yankees and the Atlanta Braves still appear to be the favorites to meet in the World Series.

"A Rod was in our division last year," Oakland general manager Billy Beane said. "We had the lowest payroll in the division last year and we'll have it again this year. We found a way to win the division. That's something we relish."

At the bank windows, the owners lost and the players won — as usual. In the December 1992 meeting at Louisville, Ky., teams agreed to \$250 million in contracts. Owners blamed agents, the sport went

Woman shoots boxer during alleged break-in

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Tony Ayala Jr., whose once-promising boxing career was cut short by a rape conviction, was shot early Tuesday after his cage was broken into the home of a female acquaintance.

Ayala was shot in the left shoulder by the 18-year-old woman, whom he had met at his father's San Antonio gym, police said. He was listed in stable condition at University Health Center.

Police planned to charge Ayala with burglary with intent to commit assault.

The 37-year-old boxer, who resumed his career in August 1999 after 16 years in prison, was to be taken to jail after his release from the hospital, deputy police chief Richard Gleinser said.

Ayala, a registered sex offender, could face up to 99 years in prison if convicted. He is no longer on parole for his previous conviction.

The woman was staying at the house with another woman and two children when Ayala entered through an unlocked back door on Saturday, police said.

The women, armed with a handgun, confronted him and called the police. Ayala was shot when he made a threatening move, police said.

Ayala had been at the house about 30 minutes earlier when he gave the teen-age a ride, said John Hogan, the owner of the house who wasn't home early Tuesday.

The other woman, Hogan's girlfriend, stays at the house with her two children. She was with the family friend who lives with them.

Ayala's lawyer, Alan Brown,

said he was awaiting more details from the police.

Tony was hurt, but one else was hurt in it," Brown said. "These kind of cases turn on what you find in the interview."

The woman who shot Ayala probably will not be charged.

"We feel she was right and justified in what she did," Gleinser said.

Ayala, who is from San Antonio, was a ferocious fighter and the top junior middleweight contender at age 19. He became known to hometown fans as "El Torito," or Little Bull.

He was 22-0 with 19 knockouts as a pro and was mentioned with the likes of Sugar Ray Leonard, Roberto Duran and Marvin Hagler.

But on Jan. 7, 1983, he got high on drugs and alcohol, broke into a neighbor's apartment, tied her up and raped her and then fled to a New Jersey prison in April 1999, less than halfway through his 35-year sentence.

Ayala returned to San Antonio to resume his career.

He took five easy fights to get back on his feet and then faced Yory Boy Campa last July. He lost for the first time as a pro after breaking his hand in the second round.

"I'll be back," Ayala, his eyes closed and dripping tears, said at the time. "It won't be like I thought it would be, but I'll fight somebody in November."

Tony Ayala Jr.

Management group sues Stallions

BOISE (AP) — The Bank of America Centre and Diamond Sports have sued the Idaho Stallions, their owner and the commissioner of the Indoor Professional Football League.

The lawsuit, filed Nov. 17 in 4th District Court, alleges the Stallions owe more than \$10,000 for rent, marketing and other services. It also asks for damages against Stallions owner Jim Carlson and IPFL commissioner Mike Storen, and an injunction against the sale of the Stallions.

The partnership that owns the Bank of America Centre — Block 22 — Diamond Sports

Management and Development and Marketing Media Group filed the lawsuit. Idaho Stallions LLC, Carlson and Storen are listed as defendants.

Gary Hunter, chief executive officer of Diamond Sports, declined comment on the specifics of the lawsuit. He said he did not expect the Stallions to return to the Bank of America Centre in April.

"We have not been in contact with either Mr. Carlson or Mr. Storen since the filing of this litigation," Hunter said, "and would assume that they will not be back in the spring."

Carlson, a Utah real estate

developer, would not comment on the lawsuit or status of the team, other than to say the Stallions are "moving forward with a lot of good things."

But Carlson revealed that the club no longer has employees. He would not say whether general manager-coach John Wardhaugh quit or was fired.

Wardhaugh "is no longer affiliated with the Stallions," Carlson said. "I don't want to go into it. It was a mutual decision. We're still good friends."

The Stallions have been a mess since they started play in 1999. They went through three head coaches in the first season,

all in eight days, and finished the season with a 6-10 record.

Carlson moved the Stallions from Nampa's Idaho Centre to the Bank of America Centre last December, and ticket prices were nearly doubled while average paid attendance dropped from 4,316 in 1999 to 4,033 in 2000.

The Stallions finished last season 5-11, losing their last six games.

Hunter said Diamond Sports hopes to have indoor football in the Bank of America Centre this spring. He has been in contact with three leagues, as well as local investors.

BYU football player faces DUI charges

PROVO, Utah (AP) — Jonathan Pittman, whose two catches kept BYU's winning touchdown drive against Utah last month, was arrested last weekend on suspicion of drunken driving.

Teammate Brian McDonald, a 20-year-old running back, was cited for underage drinking.

BYU is owned by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Church doctrine forbids followers from drinking alcohol.

BYU spokesman Carri Jenkins said Pittman and McDonald are under review by the school's Honor Code Office, which enforces a strict code of conduct for all students.

Coach Gary Crowton, hired last week, was in Chicago preparing to move his family to Utah. Assistant coach Chris Pella refused comment.

Pittman and McDonald were among five men riding in a vehicle that police said struck down the wrong-side of a street shortly after 3 a.m. Saturday.

Pittman, who was driving, had "some problems" with three field sobriety tests, police Sgt. Gary Hodson said. Pittman also failed a breath test, Hodson said.

Pittman, 22, was booked at Utah County Jail and released on his own recognizance. Jail officials said he was assigned a court date but they didn't know when it was. McDonald was ordered to appear in court Jan. 3.

Pittman had two late catches in BYU's 34-27 victory at Utah. He caught a 24-yard pass on fourth-and-13 and a 36-yard reception on the next play to set up Brandon Domani's 4-yard touchdown run.

Allen takes stoic route to Hall of Fame

NEW YORK (AP) — With a leg wiggle here and a hip shake there, football players celebrate touchdowns by mugging for the cameras, then rush to the nearest TV to see if their end-zone dance made the highlights.

This, Marcus Allen has decided, is not a very good thing.

Allen, honored Tuesday with the rest of college football's latest Hall of Famers, frowns on all the prancing and preening that accompanies touchdowns these days.

"I don't make judgments, I make observations," Allen said. "Some things bother me. In the long run, it doesn't bode well."

Allen is the NFL's all-time leader in rushing touchdowns with 123. The 1981 Heisman Trophy winner at Southern California, he became the first player in college football history to rush for over 2,000 yards in a season, finishing with 2,342.

He never felt obliged to prance around the end zone. In fact, he was rather humble when he described the last game of his Heisman season.

"It was against UCLA," Allen said. "I fumbled four times and then scored the winning touchdown. It was an exciting time for me."



Marcus Allen, left, running back for the University of Southern California from 1978 to 1981, autographs a football after a news conference Tuesday in New York.

Now, he watches a platoon of players routinely violate one of the axioms for arrival in the end zone: Act like you've been there before.

"I'm all for freedom of expression," said Allen, who now broadcasts football for CBS. "But I don't like things getting carried away."

"This is a different generation that thinks differently. People question who's responsible for it. I think all of us are."

Too often, Allen said, the explosion of player contracts and the money football generates get in the way of the purity of his game. "As a media person, I feel responsible for the way the

game is portrayed out there," he said. "The money is important but it isn't the panacea, the cure-all. A lot of players are content just to be at the NFL level. A lot of guys are doing positive things, doing it the right way, elevating their team."

"Don't be misled. A lot of guys play the game the way it should be played, with pride in competing, to find out about themselves. We wanted to be the best at what we wanted to do. We didn't dance in the end zone. We played because we loved to play."

It was a theme repeated by other National Football Foundation College Hall of

Fame honorees. Terry Hoage, a consensus All-American at Georgia who played 13 seasons in the NFL, said, "You get a lot of personal accolades, but it's truly a team sport. I learned responsibility from it."

NFL Hall of Famer Mike Hayes, who was Allen's teammate with the Raiders and was a member of the NFL's 75th anniversary team, recalled his agenda when he played defensive back at Arizona State.

"I wanted to have a nice college career and get my degree," he said. "I didn't have aspirations to be the first in my family to get a college degree."

Johnny Rodgers, who won the Heisman Trophy while back at Nebraska in 1972, left school for the pros. Twenty years later, he found his way back to complete degrees in advertising and broadcasting.

"I was going around for the United Way, telling people, 'You can be whatever you want to be, do whatever you want to do,'" he said. "I had the curse of unfinished business: I had quit school."

"If you can be whatever you want to be and do whatever you want to do, I thought, then that's what I'll do. After a short leave of 20 years, I took care of the curse of some unfinished business."

Associated Press names Stoops Coach of the Year

NEW YORK (AP) — Bob Stoops didn't need long to prove he could turn awful into awesome at Oklahoma.

In just his second season as a head coach, Stoops guided the Sooners (12-0) to the No. 1 ranking, a perfect regular season and a shot at their first national championship since 1955 when they played Florida State in the Orange Bowl on Jan. 3.

"I feel a sense of pride for the way these players have worked," Stoops said, "and for the guys who have been around for a few years who were told they weren't very good. We are now a confident bunch."

On Tuesday, the 40-year-old Stoops was chosen as The Associated Press College Coach of the Year in balloting by AP member newspapers, TV and radio stations.

Stoops, who brought a wide-open passing attack to a school known for its wishbone and option running game, received 41 of the 91 votes in the AP balloting. South Carolina's Lou Holtz was second with 19 votes, and Oregon State's Dennis Erickson was third with 16 votes.



the challenge of returning Oklahoma to its winning ways. A school with six national titles had fallen on hard times under John Blake, losing 22 of 34 games from 1996-98.

On the day he took over, Dec. 1, 1998, Stoops said "there should be great expectations here. It's a program with the championships that should expect championships. I know we'll operate with no excuses. There are no excuses. You succeed or you don't."

Success arrived quickly. In 1999, Stoops unveiled his passing game directed by Heupel, a star at Snow Junior College in Utah but unknown just about everywhere else. Heupel broke a bunch of school passing records and OU played in its first bowl game since 1994.

This season, Stoops said his players were better prepared and more disciplined. Even with a three-game run against Big 12 Conference powers Texas, Kansas State and Nebraska, Stoops knew his team would not be intimidated.

"People were looking at a piece of paper saying 'they can win this one, they can't win that one,'" Stoops said. "We see our kids every day. They pushed themselves hard in the off-season and earned the right to be confident. Last year, we were not good enough to hold leads, we were not disciplined enough to finish off games. We knew we would be better."

Stoops, a highly regarded defensive coordinator under Kansas State's Bill Snyder and then Florida's Steve Spurrier, accepted

Capitals push unbeaten streak

UNIONDALE, N.Y. (AP) — Chris Simon's third-period power-play goal helped the Washington Capitals extend their unbeaten streak against the New York Islanders to 18 games in a 3-2 victory Tuesday night.

The start of the third period was delayed 46 minutes due to damage to the net support posts on one of the goals. The period was split into two 10-minute halves, with each team defending the damaged side.

Washington is 16-0-2 against the Islanders since March 2, 1997, and have won eight straight on Long Island.



New York Islanders left wing Jeff Toms, second from left, is sandwiched between Washington Capitals Joe Reekie, left, and Sergei Gonchar, center in the first period Tuesday at Nassau Coliseum in Uniondale, N.Y.

Flyers 2, Predators 2

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Bill Houlder scored midway through the third period as Nashville erased two one-goal deficits in a tie with Philadelphia.

Houlder tied it just 39 seconds after Keith Primeau gave the Flyers a 2-1 lead.

Nashville is 1-4-1 in its last six. Philadelphia moved to 1-0-1 under new head coach Bill Barber.

Scott Walker also scored for the Predators. Todd Fedoruk, recalled from the AHL Philadelphia Phantoms on Monday, put the Flyers on top 5:32 into the game.

Boston 3, Bruins 0

BOSTON — J.P. Dumont scored the first of his goals and Dominik Hasek stuffed 22 shots for his third shutout of the season in a victory over Boston.

Dumont, with his second career hat trick, became the 11th player to score all the goals in a 3-0 game.

Edmonton's Ryan-Smyth accomplished the feat earlier this season and is the only player to do it twice.

The Sabres won for the fourth time in five games and earned their first victory at Boston since Dec. 12, 1998.

The Bruins fell to 6-5-3-2 at home, and have failed to win consecutive games at the Fleet Center since Oct. 26. Mike Keenan's debut as Boston's coach.

Philadelphia's McNabb emerges as MVP candidate

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Donovan McNabb is proving he can throw the ball, too.

McNabb, who entered the league with a reputation as a running quarterback, had the best game of his career in Philadelphia's 35-24 playoff-clinching victory over the Cleveland Browns on Sunday.

The second-year quarterback set career highs with 390 yards passing and four touchdowns against the Browns, and further established himself as a Most Valuable Player contender.

One year after winning just five games, the Eagles are 10-5. McNabb is most responsible for the startling turnaround.

"There's a lot of parts to it," Eagles coach Andy Reid said about McNabb's success. "It's taking control of the huddle, to feeling comfortable in the pocket and with throws. He's more comfortable with that full picture of being a quarterback."

No one could've predicted the Eagles would do this well in the second year of Reid's rebuilding program, especially after star running back Duce Staley went

down with a season-ending foot injury in Week 5.

But McNabb has taken complete control of the offense. He became the leading rusher in Staley's absence, almost single-handedly beat the Washington Redskins with his legs by running for 125 yards in a 23-20 victory last month, and showed he can beat teams with his arm with the performance against Cleveland.

"I made Donovan mature a little faster than he would have had to with Duce," safety Brian Dawkins said.

McNabb has completed 307 of 529 passes for 3,167 yards, 20 TDs and 12 interceptions. He leads all quarterbacks with 609 yards rushing, and has six TDs on the ground.

His 529 attempts are an NFL high, 31 short of Randall Cunningham's team record. He already surpassed Cunningham's team record for completions.

"I have fun out there," McNabb said. "I have confidence in the players around me and I am pretty sure that they have confidence in me. Most importantly, we are out there executing together."

Nothing new on ailing Aikman front

IRVING, Texas — Quarterbacks Troy Aikman and Steve Young have similar Hall of Fame credentials. Soon, they might have something else in common: retirement.

Aikman went to six straight Pro Bowls and led Dallas to three Super Bowl titles in the 1990s. Young was a seven-time Pro Bowl selection in San Francisco and won the Super Bowl in 1995 — the only one won by Aikman and the Cowboys between 1992-96.

On the NFL's career passing yardage list, Young is 18th with 33,124 yards, followed right behind Aikman's 32,926 yards.

But like Young last year, Aikman is facing serious questions about his career after a series of concussions. When he sits down after this season to assess his health, Aikman will be talking to Leigh Steinberg, his agent, who also represents Young.

"When the season is over, Troy and I will sit down for a long discussion about his health and what makes sense for his future," Steinberg said Monday. "The season has never been an ideal time for long-term decisions."

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Advisers push Gore to concede

Chicago Tribune

WASHINGTON — As Vice President Al Gore's lawyers and advisers pored over the U.S. Supreme Court's bombshell decision late Tuesday, prominent Gore allies wasted little time saying publicly that he should concede the presidency to Texas Gov. George W. Bush.

Laurence Tribe, a Harvard law professor and one of Gore's top legal advisers, said the decision handed the victory to Bush.

"I think that the gracious thing is to accept even if one disagrees with the decision of the Supreme Court," said Tribe, who had argued an earlier case for Gore before the Supreme Court in this election dispute.

Vice President Gore has the kind of reverence for the Supreme Court as an institution that he will really not undertake to be less than complete and gracious in his acceptance of this result," Tribe told NBC.

An even stronger partisan, Democratic National Committee Chairman Ed Rendell, also urged Gore to step aside after the unprecedented post-Election Day fight that consumed five bitter weeks.

"He (Gore) should act now and concede," Rendell said on NBC as midnight approached and the import of the court's ruling became clear.

Though Gore's top advisers did not respond immediately to the complex and fractured opinion, analyzing it in search of any way to keep fighting, forces quickly began gathering that would make it difficult for Gore to do anything but concede Wednesday.

If he does so, he would finally perform an act that he has been on the brink of for five weeks. On Election Night, Gore drove from his hotel to downtown Nashville prepared to concede, only to be told upon his arrival that the results in the crucial state of Florida were so close that the election's outcome was in doubt.

Gore then phoned Bush to retract a concession he had made a short time earlier, setting off the hard-fought election dispute that appeared to end Tuesday night.

Gore's running mate Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., had suggested Monday that if the Supreme Court ruled against Gore the race would be over, and Gore had all but said as much himself.

The acknowledgment that Gore's long crusade had seemingly ended came from legal experts close to Gore and from the political allies whose support he would need even if he could figure out some way to fight on.



Vice President Al Gore

W. Dexter Douglass, a Florida lawyer who argued several cases on the vice president's behalf during the recount, added his voice to the chorus. "It sounds like we've lost," Douglass said. "What else can we do? It means we can't do the recount."

Sen. Robert Torricelli, D-N.J., who had been a less-than fervent supporter of Gore's recount efforts from early on, agreed. "Clearly, the election has come to an end," Torricelli said.

The news capped a long day of waiting for the Gore camp. While most experts had predicted they would ultimately lose, many of the Gore team held onto the slim hope that one of the court's centrist justices

would surprise observers and side with them. After all, the unexpected had happened so many times in this once-in-a-lifetime election dispute.

Gore campaign staffers even began a pool Tuesday on when the court would decide the momentous case of Bush vs. Gore, which justice would write the majority opinion, and which news organization would report it first.

The earliest guess was 9:55 a.m. by Michael Feldman, who served as Gore's traveling chief of staff during the campaign. Feldman was off by 12 hours.

That gives some sense of the kind of day it was for Gore staffers as they awaited the decision with no indication when it might come out. With most experts predicting a defeat for Gore that would end his presidential quest, the waiting had a certain fatalistic quality.

Gore spent most of the day at his official residence with his wife, Tipper, and his daughter Kristin. He visited his White House office for about 90 minutes in the afternoon, going over correspondence, making calls and meeting with chief of staff Charles Busson and policy adviser Paul Weinstein.

Gore aides insisted the vice president was calm and relaxed, as they say he has been throughout the process. During the day, the vice president told aides that whatever the Supreme Court decided, they should not criticize the justices.

"He has made it clear to everyone that we are going to respect the rule of law and due deference to our judicial process," said Gore spokesman Chris Lehane.

Ruling might be mixed blessing for Bush

Democrats won't take loss lightly

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Five weeks after Election Day, the Supreme Court apparently handed Texas Gov. George W. Bush the key to the White House, but in a fashion that gave Democrats an issue they are certain to trumpet over the coming months and years, according to the first reaction in the political world.

The badly splintered high court, its ideological divisions in startlingly public display, once again blocked the vote-counting in Florida that Vice President Al Gore had hoped would reverse Bush's narrow lead.

"That's checkmate," said Rep. James Moran, D-Va. "Gore will have to concede at this point."

Ed Rendell, the general chairman of the Democratic National Committee, and Sen. Robert Torricelli, D-N.J., both said the time had come for Gore to give up. But most Democrats said they wanted to let Gore make that decision before commenting themselves. And shortly before midnight, Gore campaign chairman William Daley said Gore and his running mate, Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., were still studying the decision and would not comment until Wednesday.



Demonstrator Mark Hankins of Gainesville, Fla., speaks his peace outside the U.S. Supreme Court Tuesday, as the nation awaited a decision by the high court in the Florida recount case.

Republicans, who had believed that Bush had secured the vital 25 Florida electoral votes on the basis of two machine counts and a partial hand-count, certified by the Florida secretary of state, were cautious about claiming a final victory. But with the court majority saying the constitutional and practical barriers to more vote counting are insuperable, the GOP could see the end of the line — at least for 2000.

But the issues raised in the blistering dissents from the court's two Democratic-appointed justices —

Analysis

and the two Republican appointees who agreed with them — are likely to become battle cries in the mid-term election of Congress in 2002 and the presidential race in 2004.

Democratic pollster Geoff Garin said, "This is an ending that is likely to exacerbate the bitterness. While Democrats will certainly respect the authority of the court, this decision will leave a lot of Democrats feeling that this was not a fair outcome. It will make divisions harder to heal. I think the court may have put a huge burden on Bush."

Former secretary of state James A. Baker III said in Tallahassee that Bush and his running mate, Dick Cheney, were pleased with the outcome of the case but stopped short of claiming victory for the GOP ticket, apparently waiting to see if Gore would concede.

If the ruling settled the question of the identity of the next president, it left unanswered all the issues about public acceptance of the result and the reaction of the Democrats whose help Bush will need to pass any major legislative initiatives.

The latest polls taken before the decision showed that more people thought Bush than Gore had won and expected to see Bush declared the winner. But those polls also

showed continued strong public support for counting Florida ballots as fully and accurately as possible.

Traditionally, Americans tend to rally around a new president, even if the result is close, and the inaugural ceremony has found recent presidents enjoying approval ratings in the mid-to-high 50s. But there is no modern precedent for a campaign so close that it was not decided for more than a month after Election Day.

While the immediate reaction of most Democrats suggested that Gore would have to give up, there was equally a determination that the issues raised in the recount not be quickly shelved.

Members of the Congressional Black Caucus have been particularly angry about the barriers they said African American voters ran into at the polls and have cited studies showing that the "undercount" of ballots, with no presidential vote recorded by the tabulating machines, was unusually heavy in black precincts.

Democrats came out of the 2000 election with gains in both the House and Senate, and are counting on the traditional mid-term gains for the opposition party to give them a good chance of securing majorities in both those chambers in 2002.

But Republicans, at least for the moment, are enjoying the prospect of controlling the White House, the Senate and House for the first time in almost 50 years.

Florida high court refuses to reject ballots

Los Angeles Times

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — The Florida Supreme Court refused Tuesday to toss out up to 25,000 absentee presidential ballots from two conservative counties, closing off one of the last possible paths for Al Gore to win the White House.

The judges voted 6-0 not to accept a case in which Democrats claimed Republican officials in Seminole and Martin counties improperly doctored absentee ballot applications from George W. Bush supporters. The court disagreed.

"The sanctity of the ballot was not impaired," the court wrote. Despite irregularities with the ballots, the evidence "does not support a finding of fraud, gross negligence or intentional wrongdoing."

The ruling left Vice President Gore's fate solely in the hands of the U.S. Supreme Court, which is considering a separate emergency appeal over whether to allow manual recounts of thousands of disputed ballots to resume.

Gore did not join the lawsuits, and his aides have said that they never had counted on winning Florida — and the presidency — based on these suits, which sought to invalidate votes from Seminole, north of Orlando, and Martin, north of Palm Beach

County. Lawyers who brought the cases on behalf of Democratic activists said they were considering an appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court.

"Are we going to follow the rules or are we going to have this loopy-gooey standard?" asked Ed Stafman, lead attorney in the Martin County case. Barry Richard, a Bush campaign lawyer, said in a statement issued in Austin, Texas, that he was "gratified" by the ruling.

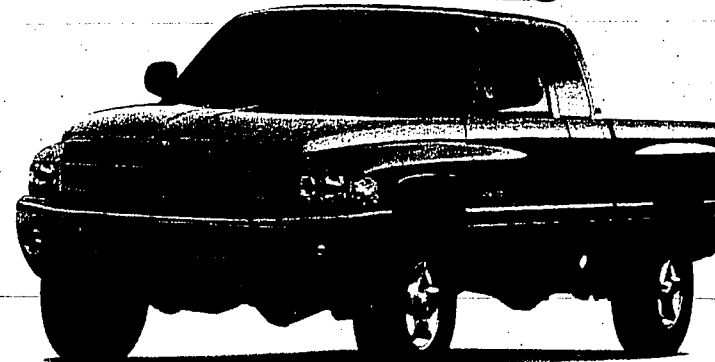
"We have believed all along that the law was crystal clear — these legitimately cast votes should be counted."

Local Republicans insisted they always were confident that the Florida Supreme Court would uphold their lower court victory. But they expressed overwhelming relief when the justices refused even to hear oral arguments in the case.

Echoing Friday's lower court ruling, the Florida Supreme Court said it could not condone "irregularities" in the two counties, but said the problems were not so egregious that thousands of absentee ballots should be thrown out, a remedy that seemed severe even to many Democrats.

Justice Leander J. Shaw Jr., a 17-year court veteran, recused himself from the decision without explanation.

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NATION

WWII vets set off on daring Atlantic voyage

Survivors protest report S. Koreans want acknowledgment on orders to shoot

The Washington Post

SEOUL, South Korea — South Korea is balking at the Pentagon's preliminary finding that American soldiers fired in panic — not under orders — at Korean civilians in the village of No Gun Ri at the start of the Korean War.

Survivors of the incident met with government officials Tuesday to discuss their plans for opposing the finding, and a civilian Korean advisory group was planning to fly to the United States Wednesday to try to change the conclusions before the Americans' final report.

The Koreans are pushing for an American acknowledgment that there were orders to shoot the civilians — as some American veterans recall — and they want an apology and compensation for injured survivors and victims' families.

The dispute threatens exactly the dilemma that South Korea had wanted to avoid: a unilateral U.S. conclusion that propels this 50-year-old incident into a rift between the countries. South Korea had proposed a joint investigation to avoid having separate conclusions, but the United States rejected that.

"There's only one truth, but through these separate investigations, they're making two 'truths,'" said Chung Koo Do, a spokesman for the survivors of the shootings at No Gun Ri, who claim that as many as 300 to 400 persons died from American fire July 26-28, 1950.

The Washington Post reported last week the Pentagon's draft report concluded that panicked soldiers, in the chaotic first days of the war, had fired at Korean civilians hiding under a railroad trestle, fearing that North Korean infiltrators were among them.

But the report reached no finding as to the numbers of civilians killed and said there was no evidence of orders to shoot on civilians, despite the accounts of some veterans who said they acted under orders.

But when American officials came to Seoul last week to get South Korean officials to sign onto a joint "statement of mutual understanding" before the final report, the government, here refused.

A five-person advisory group to the Korean government was to go to Washington Wednesday. They hope to meet with both Pentagon and State Department officials this week to lobby for stronger findings in the final report, which is supposed to be finished within six weeks.

And the Korean National Assembly is urging both countries to take the issue out of the hands of the military, and come to an acceptable compromise of the issue.

"It's time for the top levels of the two governments to make some political decisions," said Min Kee, the chief aide to National Policy Committee legislator Kim Min Seok. "We don't need to get everything we want. There are some things the United States doesn't want to say, and we understand. So, politically, for example, if President Clinton would promise the victims compensation, they would accept that as enough."

Union Station shootout kills one, wounds two

CHICAGO (AP) — A shootout between a police unit and two suspects in Union Station killed one person, injured two and sent waiting train passengers diving for cover Tuesday.

The officers had tried to stop the two men to question them, but one of the suspects grabbed a female officer and there was an exchange of gunfire, police spokesman Pat Camden said.

One of the suspects was killed, the policeman was shot in the leg, and the other suspect, also hospitalized, was in critical condition, Camden said.

It wasn't immediately clear who shot whom, police said. The shooting took place in the atrium concourse of the sprawling station next to train platforms, police said. A statement from a source said that the two men had just arrived on a train from New York and that the incident was an apparent federal drug interdiction.

GIBRALTAR (AP) — All fueled up and bound for Alabama, 29 American WWII veterans — average age 72 — defied warnings and set off Tuesday to cross the Atlantic in an aging tank transport vessel with shaky steering and no safety equipment.

"Everything's good. We're all looking forward to the trip," Capt. Bob Jorlin said by phone shortly before the ship, known as the LST-325, departed. The vessel was built to transport Sherman tanks during World War II. Asked about his comrades, who hail from 16 states, Jorlin, of Earville, Ill., said: "They're fine. A few of them have slight colds but nothing serious."

In a gesture of support, sailors from the USS Arleigh Burke, a destroyer which docked Monday in Gibraltar, stood on deck and whistled farewell as the LST-325



Gary Lyon, 67 from Minnesota, pulls a towline Monday to the American tank landing ship LST-325 previous to the group setting sail.

was tugged away from this promontory port at the western entrance to the Mediterranean Sea. Some 15 dockworkers who had helped with repairs and maintenance also waved goodbye as the 328-foot long, 50-foot wide boat left this British colony at Spain's southern tip.

The ship — an LST, or in Navy lingo landing ship, tank — had originally planned to leave Saturday but mechanical and fueling problems caused delays.

The departure went ahead despite warnings from the U.S. Coast Guard that the trip is too dangerous. The veterans plan to steer the hulking ship across the Atlantic in a monthlong voyage to set up a floating museum in Mobile, Ala.

The LST-325 was loaned to Greece in the 1960s. The United States LST Association has fought since the 1980s to repatriate it.

So far, the veterans have sailed the vessel from Greece to Gibraltar in a 13-day voyage.

The Coast Guard urged them not to go farther.

The ship lacks adequate lifesaving equipment, its main propulsion and steering systems are questionable and the Atlantic is cold and stormy in December, Vice Adm. John E. Shkor, commander of the Coast Guard's Atlantic Area Command, warned the crew in a letter. He said the ship should be towed or the trip postponed until its equipment problems are resolved.

But the crew have remained determined and maintain that both they and the ship are strong enough to make the crossing. Mike Gunjak, who represents the group and is president of the United States LST Association said the estimated \$600,000 it would cost to tow the vessel was too much.

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Mexican president rolls out welcome mat

Vicente Fox launches two-day tour of U.S. border to greet migrants



Mexican President Vicente Fox greets supporters outside the Kilometer 21 checkpoint in Agua Zarca, Sonora, Mexico.

NOGALES, Mexico (AP) - Fulfilling a campaign pledge to honor Mexicans living in the United States, President Vicente Fox launched a two-day tour of the U.S. border on Tuesday to personally greet Mexican-Americans heading home for the holidays. Fox, who has called Mexican migrants "heroes," designed the trip to strike a symbolic blow against the delays, abuse and extortion that the 7 million Mexican adults living in the U.S. face.

Throughout his three-year presidential campaign - and since his

has courted Mexican-Americans like no candidate ever had. So it was fitting that one of his first trips as president - Fox took office Dec. 1 - was to the border, where he has vowed to protect migrants from abuses and has pleaded with them not to forget their homeland.

Specifically, Fox's trip was intended to crack down on the "mordida" - literally the "bite" of corruption - that migrants face from Mexican border officials on their way back into Mexico. Despite a decade-old effort to protect holiday travelers, corruption has continued.

The program "was meant to stop the shakedown, but enforcement has been lax or slipping," said Douglas S. Massey, co-director of the Mexican Migration Project at the University of Pennsylvania.

"So now Vicente Fox is making a big show of making sure the regulations are being followed." Fox's schedule was taking him to eight border facilities over two days in the cities of Nogales, across from the Arizona town of the same name, Ciudad Juarez, across from El Paso, Texas, and Nuevo Laredo, across from Laredo, Texas.

Fox said he would drop in for surprise visits "and get rid of any official who does not treat people with dignity." But there seemed to be little surprise in the staged visits, which feature speeches by governors and other officials.

Fox's courtship of Mexicans living in the United States isn't just for their benefit. The money they wire home now accounts for Mexico's third-largest source of income, after oil and tourism.

Spanish officials arrest Russian media magnate



Vladimir Gusinsky

MADRID, Spain (AP) - Acting on a warrant from Moscow, Spanish police arrested Russian media magnate Vladimir Gusinsky in southern Spain on Tuesday and flew him to Madrid for a hearing on whether he should be extradited to face fraud charges.

Gusinsky - one of the so-called oligarchs who used ties to the Kremlin to amass quick fortunes in privatization deals in the 1990s - was arrested shortly after midnight Monday at a villa he owns in the beach community of San Roque in southern Cadiz province, a National Police official said.

In Moscow, a spokesman for Gusinsky's Media-Most company

called the fraud charges purely political and said Spain should reject the extradition request.

The spokesman, Dmitry Ostalsky, said the Russian prosecutor general's office - via the Russian branch of the International Criminal Police Organization, known as Interpol - misled Spanish police by submitting materials "that bear no relation to reality," Interfax reported.

U.S. diplomat reproves razing of Chinese churches

The Washington Post

BEIJING - Less than a month after China agreed to resume human rights talks with the United States, a senior U.S. diplomat Tuesday protested two new actions by Chinese authorities: the apparent destruction of scores of underground Christian churches in southern China just weeks before Christmas, and the sentencing Tuesday of a Chinese-born U.S. resident to prison for investigating repression of the banned Falun Gong spiritual movement.

Zhu, the diplomat, briefing reporters in the U.S. Embassy here on the condition he not be identified, said he still hopes human rights discussions promised by Chinese President Jiang Zemin during a meeting with President Clinton in Brunei last month might still result in changes in how China treats its people.

But he said he was disturbed and disappointed by reports in Chinese newspapers of a renewed crackdown on religious activity in the southern province of Zhejiang, and by a Beijing court's decision Tuesday to sentence New York acupuncturist and Falun Gong adherent Teng Chunyan to three years in prison over the repeated protests of American diplomats.

"Razing churches before

Christmas? I'm incredulous," the diplomat said. "It doesn't sound like a very good situation, and when we find out more facts, we'll try to take the appropriate action. It's certainly disappointing."

He said U.S. officials will also take up Teng's case with the Chinese government again, but noted that the chances of success are limited now because Chinese officials often say they cannot intervene after sentencing. "It doesn't look good," he said. "This isn't the result we were looking for."

On Monday, Chinese officials also confirmed that a court had rejected the appeal of Rebiya Kadeer, a prominent businesswoman from the restive Xinjiang region who is serving eight years in prison for mailing Chinese newspaper articles to her husband in the United States. Both the U.S. Senate and the House had passed resolutions demanding her release.

The holiday-season crackdown on religious activity centers on the coastal city of Wenzhou. Since early November, according to articles in local state-run newspapers, more than 1,000 temples, churches and ancestral halls in the area have been shut down, demolished or converted to recreation centers.

Others have been forced to register with the government, the reports said.

Entrepreneur to bring 300 tons of snow to Caribbean

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) - This tropical Caribbean island is expecting a white Christmas. In fact, it's already on its way - on a cargo ship from Canada.

An entrepreneur is bringing 300 tons of snow from Quebec to San Juan and, beginning Friday, plans to charge families \$30 each to build snowmen and wage snow-buff fights in a refrigerated event hall. Guzman - whose Family Events Inc. promotion company books circuses and figure skating shows - is spending \$200,000 to import the snow from Ferment, Quebec.

Residents of Ferment - population 3,500 - say they're baffled. "I can't believe somebody would want our snow," said Mayor Robin Belanger.

But in this former Spanish colony-turned-U.S.-territory, Santa Claus is challenging the traditional Three Kings in popularity. And with Puerto Ricans paying \$70 for U.S.-style fir Christmas trees imported from Canada, Guzman thinks people will pay for a bit of white Christmas.

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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Ad magazine gives Target top award

Advertising Age magazine proclaimed Target Corp. its Marketer of the Year for 2000 for Target's advertising campaign, which it says successfully refashioned the retailer's identity as a "fun, retro pop culture place" in the consumer's mind. The magazine argues that Target has established its red-and-white bull's-eye logo as a national icon in a class with the Nike swoosh and McDonald's golden arches. The accompanying story cites George Strachan, a retail analyst at Goldman Sachs, who credits Target's "fun and catchy" campaign with reinventing "the whole discount category."

The magazine distinguishes out for praise Target's "Bull's Eye World" campaign, featuring happy models wearing red target-shaped molded Jell-O, dancing in a Target logo wallpapered room wearing Target logo pattern outfits to the tune of Petula Clark's 1966 hit "Sign of the Times." Essentially, Target's branding campaign exudes a cheap chic done tongue-in-cheek. To support its fashion image, Target - which has a store in Twin Falls - hires top fashion photographers to create ads for glamour magazines and other publications where discounts don't usually appear. One ad features a model in Elizabethan dress - but her ruffled collar is actually an air filter on sale at Target.

Target's sense of style emanates from its Dayton's department store roots, says John Pellegrini, Target's executive vice president of marketing.

Claire's Stores warns Investors over Q4 outlook

PEMBROKE PINES, Fla. - Claire's Stores Inc., a retailer of accessories for pre-teens and teens, cut its fourth-quarter earnings outlook Tuesday, blaming bad November sales and a slow December. Pembroke Pines, Fla.-based Claire's - which has boutiques on Pale Line Road in Twin Falls - now expects earnings of 70 cents to 80 cents a share for the quarter, well below Wall Street expectations of \$1.12 a share.

Claire's said it was disappointed with the drop in sales for the first two weeks in December in both its Claire's Accessories and Afterthoughts stores. The company forecasts weak sales for Afterthoughts in the first half of fiscal 2002, and plans to introduce a new strategy for the division.

Claire's is a mall-based retailer of costume jewelry and apparel operating more than 3,000 stores under names such as the Icing, Mr. Rags and Velvet Pines.

Bank maintains hopes for asset management

NEW YORK - Although Bank of America Corp. warned last week that profits would fall far short of analysts' expectations, bank officials made it clear the nation's largest consumer lender is not going to cut spending money.

In fact, operating expenses will rise this quarter. During a New York investor conference, Bank of America's president and chief operating officer, Ken Lewis, talked extensively about plans to allocate more resources to "growth engines" at the bank - asset management, card services and payments, e-commerce and investment banking.

"In the last year, we have made tremendous progress in setting the stage to what we think - economy willing - could be a breakout year in some of these businesses during 2001," Lewis said.

Lewis told investors the bank believes its best performer is its asset management group, where revenues and earnings have the potential to grow by more than 20 percent a year. One of the more recent investments in that business line was Bank of America's recent purchase of the Marisco Funds family. Other initiatives include increasing the number of full-time analysts by 25 percent and doubling the number of securities the bank's analysts do research on.

Bank of America - which has bank branches in the Magic Valley - also said pursuits aimed at individual small business, corporate banking customers and bank employees will be online by early next year. And electronic bill payment and presentment - now in selected markets - will be rolled out nationwide early next year.

- compiled from wire reports

BID dissension surfaces

Board wants to meet with business owners personally

By Julie Pence
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - Downtown leaders heard plenty of unsettling news at their Tuesday meeting, but they wasted no time in moving toward solutions.

Executive Director Tim Jones told members of the Historic Old Towne Twin Falls Business Improvement District board he had attended the City Council meeting Monday to start the approval process for raising assessments in the downtown area.

But before the council approved a resolution to consider upping assessments, Jones said, the council asked him about

an undercurrent of dissension among the BID's 300-plus members.

Jones said the City Council eventually passed the resolution in a 4-2 vote. It could become a statute only after the council holds a public hearing and votes on the issue again. If passed, the minimum amount assessed each quarter would be \$25 with a 10 percent increase each year for the next five years; certain BID members pay other rates on top of the minimum.

The City Council said it had fielded a number of complaints from BID members in the district's outlying areas who said they don't receive benefits for their assessments and aren't rep-

resented adequately, Jones said.

"I just can't take what I am getting from people on the Second avenues," - Delea Miller, resigned as BID special projects manager

he said. Chairman Ron Thompson said Tuesday though the complaints were long-standing, the time has arrived to talk with those individuals personally. The board decided to make up a survey to find out what members want and to hand deliver the surveys before the next board meeting, set for January. Treasurer Dan Brizee suggested as many board members as possible make the visits.

"Even if we have to go into

those businesses, sit down and fill them out ourselves, that's what we've got to do," Brizee said.

Jones said the visits would present the perfect opportunity to sign up members for the four local committees modeled after the Main Street Program, a national project to renovate and preserve historic areas in cities across America.

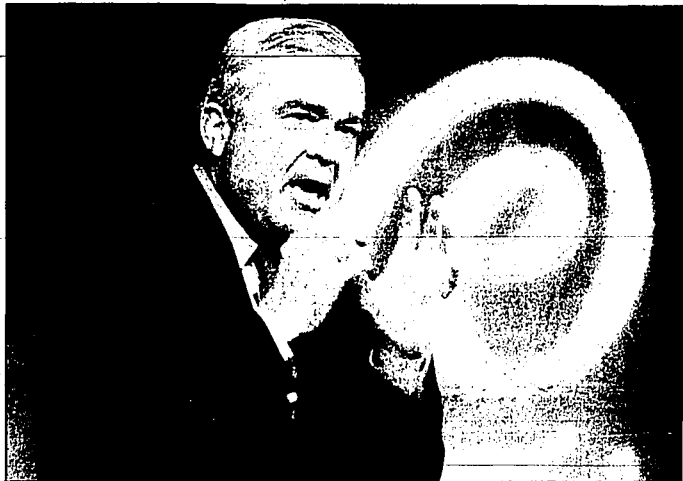
The general unhappiness of BID members is also the reason BID special projects manager Delea Miller gave for her resignation. She will leave the position Monday.

"I just can't take what I am getting from people on the Second avenues," she said, "and I don't want to become the kind of person who can take it."

The board will advertise the position and try to have it filled by Jan. 1 but hasn't decided yet whether to expand the job's

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IT'S AN E-WORLD



Louis V. Gerstner, chairman and CEO of IBM, gives his keynote address, "Competing in the Next Generation of e-Business," at the eBusiness Conference and Expo at New York's Javits Convention Center Tuesday. He said the Internet should lead to more downsourcing by companies as a way to increase business, but not at the expense of personal privacy.

Group says co-op could boost potato prices

The Associated Press

IDAHO - FALLS - Potato Growers of Idaho officials are pursuing a new plan they hope will reduce a price-depressing potato surplus and have dropped their drive for the federal government to buy extra spuds.

The Blackfoot-based growers group wants to form a cooperative called Potato Management Co., which would try to cut the surplus by at least 10 percent by buying up potatoes and getting them off the market, Potato Growers President Keith Espin said.

The group had supported a federal purchase program, but U.S. Department of Agriculture officials said it would not be approved without the entire industry's backing.

The Washington State Potato Commission, which represents growers in the second-biggest

potato state, opposed the purchase program, fearing it would spur overplanting next year.

"We figured the government program was probably not going to happen, so we're going to have to help ourselves," Espin said this week.

Record production in Idaho and across the nation has driven down prices. Farmers are getting only 20 percent to 25 percent of their production costs, or about \$1 per hundredweight, Espin said. It costs farmers \$4 to \$5 per hundredweight to grow potatoes.

Under the Potato Growers plan, producers could join Potato Management Co. by paying \$500

'We've got everything to gain and nothing to lose.'

- Mike Telford, Magic Valley potato grower

up front and 2 cents per hundredweight for all the potatoes they sell to the co-op, spokesman John Thompson said.

Once the co-op's board decides it has enough spuds to impact market prices, it would decide how best to dispose of them. Espin said the potatoes probably would be spread as fertilizer on fields in the winter or sold as livestock feed.

As the co-op buys more and more potatoes, prices should rise, so growers who joined the co-op would more than make up their co-op membership by selling their remaining potatoes, Thompson said.

"If you want to make money

on the other 90 percent, you've got to get rid of 10 percent," he said.

The plan has a chance to succeed if there is a way to verify the potatoes have been used for fertilizer or feed, said Paul Patterson of Idaho Falls, an agricultural economist for the University of Idaho.

But Mike Telford, a longtime Magic Valley potato grower who suggested the idea, said it would only work if all the major potato states participate.

"It's just all a matter of how much support you get," he said. "We've got everything to gain and nothing to lose."

Washington Potato Commission Chairman Lynn Olsen, who grows potatoes in Obeth, Wash., said many Washington producers might already have sold their crops and so would be unable to participate.

Starbucks' Europe plan meets derision

Knight Ridder News Service

MILAN, Italy - Just when Europeans seemed to have had their fill of Big Macs and other icons of the American consumer culture, along comes Starbucks, the ubiquitous purveyor of over-size cappuccinos and "frappuccinos," with big plans to launch 500 stores in six European markets over the next 24 months.

At least the humble hamburger is a certifiably American product. But coffee? Europeans wonder how guys from Seattle think they can instruct the citizens of Milan, Vienna and Paris on the fine art of coffee. These Americans can't be serious. But they are. Starbucks will open its first outlet on the European continent in Zurich early next year, according to company spokesman Son Beng Yeap. Starbucks - which also has

operations closer to home in the Magic and Wood River valleys - has 566 stores in 18 foreign countries including more than 150 outlets in the United Kingdom. But tea-sipping Brits can hardly be counted as coffee connoisseurs.

In at least one venue, Beijing, Starbucks has caused a cultural stir. Employees at the Forbidden City store across from China's former Imperial Palace were sent to remove all Starbucks signs after local media criticized the capitalist coffee retailer's location.

Yeap wouldn't confirm whether Italy is a target market, but Starbucks chairman Howard Schultz, who freely admits that he draws much of his inspiration from the great coffee bars of Milan, dropped a pretty big hint in a recent interview with London's Financial Times.

"The respect and admiration I have for the heritage of coffee in Italy is at the highest possible level," Schultz said. "But we believe we can still provide something unique to the marketplace, and the customer will be the judge."

Daniella Faccioli, whose family owns Cafe Cova, one of Milan's most celebrated coffee emporiums, is not worried about her customers' judgment. She sampled Starbucks in New York and Washington and came away convinced it was not for Italians.

"I am very open and I like to taste everything, so I went into a Starbucks and asked for a black coffee. They asked me 20 questions and then they gave me this huge cup and by the time I got to the table it was cold," she said.

"What I don't like about Starbucks is you go in, you ask, Please see STARBUCKS, Page E3

Power price decline puts plant back in production

The Associated Press

LEWISTON - Power prices have dipped enough to allow full production to resume at Potlatch Corp.'s mill.

The company said its pulp, paperboard and tissue operations were brought back to regular speed overnight Tuesday, and employees at the cedar products and surfacing parts of the lumber mill reported in the morning.

Potlatch officials will decide what sections of the plant to run each day based on energy costs. Potlatch spokesman Frank Carroll said the plant has been running at less than capacity since midnight last Friday. The sawmill was shut down entirely, affecting 300 workers.

But Carroll said power prices

Utah wants money back

Merger-related problems dog Albertson's

The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY - The state is pressing Albertson's Inc. to repay at least part of the \$3.5 million grand American Stores received to expand in Utah before Albertson's acquired the company in 1999.

The money from Utah's Industrial Assistance Fund was given to Albertson's in exchange for the company's commitment to build a corporate headquarters, employ more than 1,600 people in Salt Lake City and buy goods and services from Utah vendors.

But in August 1998, just six months after American Stores dedicated its 620,000-square-foot downtown high-rise, Albertson's announced plans to purchase the Utah company and soon began to transfer or lay off more than 800 people working in the building. The 25-story building is largely vacant, although the Salt Lake Organizing Committee occupies several floors.

Payments from the IAF are considered grants if recipients meet certain contractual requirements. Companies that do not meet those requirements must repay all or part of the money they receive.

Because none of what was promised by American Stores has materialized, the money the state paid is now due. "It's right now it's a matter of how much Albertson's has to pay back," said David Winder, director of the Utah Department of Community and Economic Development.

Representatives of the state and the Boise-based grocery company have met several times during the past year, but have been unable to agree on repayment terms.

"Albertson's did not return calls seeking information," Winder said. "Albertson's clearly has an obligation to perform on payment provisions on the agreement," said Richard Nelson, who was IF administrator at the time the agreement with American Stores was made.

"The agreement was that we would get permanent, high-paying jobs averaging over \$50,000 a year and a shift in their buying to larger food processing and manufacturing companies in the state," said Nelson, now president of the Utah Information Technology Association. "We didn't get that."

Albertson's has tried numerous times to sell the Salt Lake City building but has been unable to do so. It was built as a corporate headquarters and needs work to be leaseable to a variety of tenants, commercial real estate brokers say.

shifted dramatically in three days. What Potlatch pays for the power at the mill has dropped from \$600,000 a day on Friday to \$300,000 a day on Tuesday, he said.

Potlatch generates 70 megawatts at its Lewiston plant and gets 25 more megawatts through its contract with the state. The agreement is for 10 years and will be up for renegotiating in a year, Carroll said.

The problems Potlatch is encountering are part of a power crisis gripping the Northwest. The state may be the least powerful user in northern Idaho, said David Schunke, engineering manager with the Idaho Public Utilities Commission in Boise. "These are costs that are really unprecedented."

MONEY

Investors turn to blue chips

NEW YORK (AP) - Unable to put aside his earnings fears for long, investors returned Tuesday to a strategy of selling technology stocks and favoring relatively safe blue-chip stocks.

The high-tech sector fell on Wall Street's biggest concern: that high interest rates, an economic slowdown and decreased consumer demand will profit further.

The Dow Jones industrial average finished higher, up 42.47 at 10,768.27.

But the Nasdaq composite index fell 83.33 to 2,931.77, after closing Monday above 3,000 for the first time since Nov. 17.

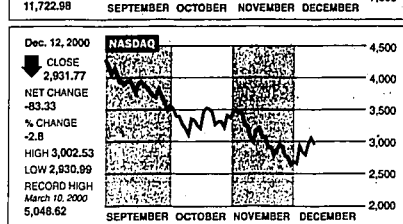
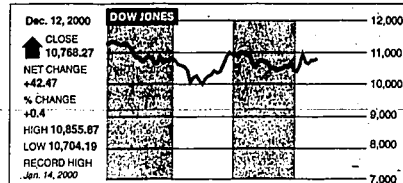
The broader Standard & Poor's 500 index lost 9.02 to end at 1,371.18. "Some people feel that 3,000 in the Nasdaq is an important level. So, we are seeing some profit taking," said Alan Skrainika, chief market strategist for A.G. Edwards & Sons Inc. in St. Louis.

Technology issues rose sharply late last week after Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan said the Fed might be inclined to lower interest rates early next year. High-tech bulls also applauded Monday's Fed's 50-basis-point rate cut, but analysts were worried about poor earnings and the election dead-end to extend the rally, analysts said.

"There was some initial euphoria in the wake of Alan Greenspan's clear message that he is poised to rescue the economy if it heads toward recession. But there are still some concerns, especially in the chip sector, that earnings will be disappointing," Skrainika said.

"We are not seeing a shift to some of the defensive, more stable stocks," he said.

Investors awaited a decision from the U.S. Supreme Court on whether to allow Florida to recount its election ballots to



AP

determine whether Vice President Al Gore of Texas Gov. George W. Bush will be president.

Wall Street considered the protracted political uncertainty a reason to sell tech stocks and look for deals among blue chips. To a lesser degree, investors recently have used that rationale to do just the opposite.

"This is just more flipping and flopping, day trading, trying to make a buck before the Supreme Court decision," said Larry Rice, director of investment officer at Josephthal & Co.

Chip makers were mixed after Advanced Micro Devices warned Monday that weak demand for personal computers would lead to lower-than-expected fourth-quarter earnings. AMD inched up 6 cents to close at \$17.25, but Intel, which issued a similar warning last week, slipped 94 cents to \$36.50.

Tech losses spread beyond chips.

Covad Communications tumbled 69 cents to \$2.33 after it lowered its revenue outlook. The company blamed problems at Internet service companies that connect customers to its lines for high-speed Web access.

Earnings concerns also hampered Dow stalwart General Electric, which fell \$2.63 to \$52.69. Analysts said they are worried that GE's acquisition of Honeywell, for which it will take a \$4 billion charge, will lower its

profits. GE's earnings were cut by 10 cents to \$1.25, but Intel, which issued a similar warning last week, slipped 94 cents to \$36.50.

Willamette Industries board resists takeover bid from Weyerhaeuser

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) - The board of wood products company Willamette Industries Inc. recommended Tuesday that shareholders reject a hostile \$5.4 billion offer from rival Weyerhaeuser as inadequate.

"Our board's position remains clear and unanimous - Willamette is not for sale," said Duane McDonough, the Portland-based company's president and chief executive officer.

He called Weyerhaeuser's \$48 per share offer "nothing more than an opportunistic attempt to acquire one of the industry's leading franchises when stock prices in the industry are depressed."

Weyerhaeuser Chairman and CEO Steven Rogel was formerly CEO of Willamette and has been trying to buy his old company ever since his departure late in 1997.

Rogel, the first chief executive hired from outside Weyerhaeuser in a century, has resorted to a hostile takeover attempt to acquire Willamette and create what analysts say will be the nation's second-largest wood products company behind International Paper Co. and the world's fifth-largest.

Weyerhaeuser issued a statement saying "we are disappointed" in the Willamette board's decision and accusing the board of "delaying tactics" that "are only costing Willamette shareholders money."

The Willamette board recommendation to its shareholders left the fate of the company in the hands of Willamette's largest shareholders, which includes mutual fund companies, pension plans, company insiders and prominent lumber families.

Some have indicated they want to preserve Willamette as an independent company, but others have said they are willing to listen to offers.

In addition to paying \$5.4 billion in cash, Weyerhaeuser also would assume \$1.7 billion in Willamette debt.

Shareholder opposition will be led by Willamette Chairman William Swindells, a member of one of Willamette's founding families who owns or controls 5.9 million shares - or 53 percent of the company. The rest of the Willamette board and company executives have about 2.27 million shares, or about 2 percent of shares outstanding.

Willamette shareholders have until Jan. 4 to decide whether to accept the offer.

BID

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6 hours. Miller was hired in July for the part-time, \$8-per-hour job.

In other BID business Tuesday: More money may be raised to pay for the new Toyota that Old Town and downtown merchants are being away as a holiday shopping promotion, Jones told the board. He said currently about \$8,000 of the necessary \$13,000 had been generated.

Thompson said he was confident that even though only two weeks remain to generate the money, it can be done.

"We just have to sell more tickets, and that is all there is to it," he said. "We have to

Priceline says Shatner is still firm's pitchman

NORWALK, Conn. (AP) - Priceline, the name-your-price Internet site for airline tickets and other services, denied Tuesday that spokesman William Shatner will stop making ads for the company.

Shatner, best known for his role as Capt. James T. Kirk on "Star Trek," is under contract with Priceline until next fall, Priceline spokesman Brian Ek said. He could not say when Shatner might make more ads for the company, which plans a new TV advertising campaign in the first quarter of next year.

The New York Post reported Tuesday that Shatner was ending his association with the company, which has seen its stock price plummet from a high of more than \$160 per share last year to \$2.25 Tuesday.

Times-News correspondent Julie Pence can be reached in Murtagh at 432-5334.

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Large table listing various mutual funds with columns for fund name, share price, and other details.

Starbucks

Continued from E1. you go out. It's like a supermarket. You don't feel any special atmosphere. There's no history, there is no feeling of belonging," Faccioli said. The store on the other hand, is steeped in history. It was founded in 1817 by a soldier in Napoleon's army. The Italian hero Garibaldi is said to have been a patron. "His high ceilings, crystal chandeliers and arched entrance make a message that drinking coffee is a serious luxury. The white-uniformed barman serve up gossip and espresso with panache. Despite the emporium's location on one of the city's fanciest boulevards, an espresso at Coca's is a bargain at 70 cents — and it comes in one size only. "In Italy, espresso is espresso; there is none of this medium, large and extra large," said Faccioli, referring to Starbucks' tall, grande and venti packaging. Likened to a Coca cappuccino is one size, and it consists of two ingredients: coffee and milk; no whipped cream or chocolate sprinkles. The proof of well-made cappuccino, Faccioli said, is the way the milky froth coats the sides of the cup, like a good Irish stout. "In Italy, as in France, Austria and a few other parts of the continent, coffee is more than just a caffeine habit. It's a statement of who you are. If a waiter offers you a cappuccino after dinner, you must be marked as a rude tourist. No self-respecting Italian would dream of pouring all that hot milk on top of a stomach full of pasta. "I don't want to be negative, but I think Starbucks will find it difficult here," said Faccioli. "It may be trendy for a short time, but Italians are very traditional and very conservative, and it will be very difficult to change the way we drink coffee." In Trieste, Italy, another city with a distinguished coffee pedi-

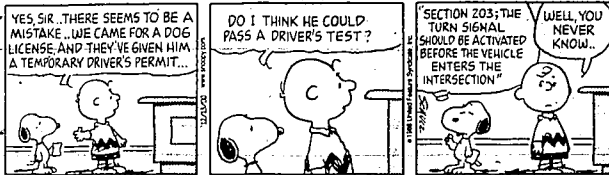
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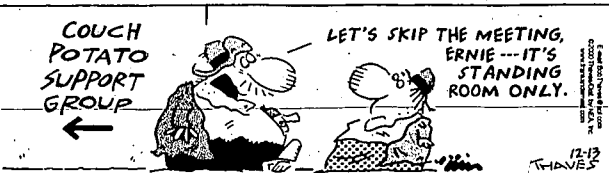
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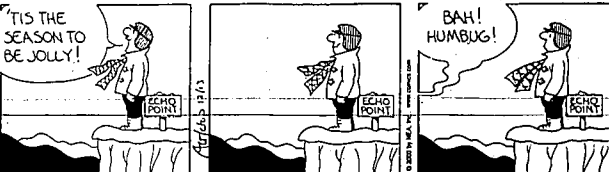
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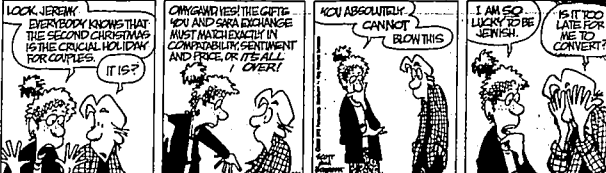
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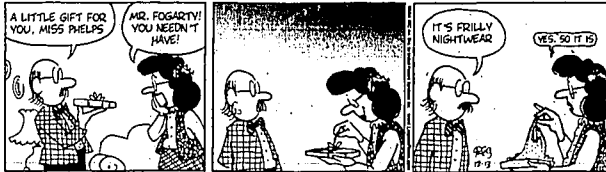
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UNICEF urges better care for children under 3

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — UNICEF appealed Tuesday for countries to guarantee that children under 3 receive food, clean water and health care during the growth phase that is most critical to brain development.

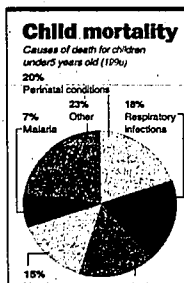
In its annual "State of the World's Children" report, the U.N. Children's Fund said more investment in early childhood development would produce a healthier, more productive population while saving money for remedial education and health care.

Every dollar spent during the first 36 months of life saves \$7 per person on such services later, the agency said, citing studies.

"Every year, some 129 million babies around the world begin an extraordinary developmental sprint — from defenseless newborns to precocious 3-year-olds," UNICEF executive director Carol Bellamy told a press conference launching the report.

"And every year, countless numbers of them are stopped in their tracks — deprived in one way or another of the love, care, nurturing health, nutrition and safe environment that they need to grow," she said.

Research shows nutrition and environmental stimulants dramatically affect a child's brain in



Source: World Health Organization AP

the first 36 months of life — when a child develops the ability to think, speak, learn and reason, the report said.

But governments — and even agencies like UNICEF — have tended to neglect children in these crucial years, focusing instead on boosting survival rates among infants and then picking up several years later with efforts to improve access to education, the report said.

Clinton to Irish: Don't give up on peace

DUNDALK, Ireland (AP) — Seeking to hold together Northern Ireland's uneasy truce, President Clinton acknowledged Tuesday that there are "still a few hills to climb," and urged residents not to turn their backs on peace. "You cannot win by making your neighbor lose," he said.



President Clinton waves to the crowd before speaking to the residents of Dundalk, Ireland, Tuesday.

Clinton opened his third and final visit to Ireland as president by fusing the political and the sentimental, telling a crowd numbering about 20,000 that the economic boom underway in Dundalk is "proof of the fruits and wisdom of peace."

Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern pledged to resolve the differences that could jeopardize the fragile Good Friday peace accord.

"Peace is a living reality that

few people would have thought possible. We firmly reject that tiny minority that seeks to destroy it," Ahern said. "We will stay on course no matter how long it takes."

At a time of unraveling Middle East peace efforts, Clinton is trying to shore up Northern Ireland's fragile truce between the Unionists — mostly Protestants — and the nationalists

— mostly Catholic — to mark his place in history as a peacemaker.

Declaring "a new day in Dundalk and a new day in Ireland," Clinton stressed that none of the business investment — from companies such as Xerox Corp. — now feeding Dundalk's prosperity would have happened had the Irish people failed to negotiate peace and allowed those who oppose it to prevail.

"We know violence suffocates opportunity," Clinton said. "Some fear the change won't last. But some of the smartest business people in the world are already betting that it will last."

"The past is history, not destiny," Clinton said. "Oh, yes, there are still a few hills to climb. But you now know the value of peace."

Congress tries to wrap up final spending bills

WASHINGTON (AP) — The last and one of the most protracted budget battles between President Clinton and the GOP-led Congress neared an end Tuesday with negotiators examining proposals on the few remaining issues.

Two-and-a-half months into the new fiscal year, negotiators were working out final figures on education and health programs and

resolving a long-pending immigration issue.

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., said Senate Republicans were "pretty comfortable" with the deal taking shape. "I believe it's in a realm that they can accept now, and yes, it is possible that we could finish this up by Thursday or Friday."

Committee Chairman Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, said the Senate had made suggestions to the House on the final issues, and was hopeful the House would have it ready for a floor vote Thursday.

Four of the 13 spending bills Congress must pass every year remain unfinished, with the main sticking point a \$550-billion bill to finance education, health and

labor programs.

Further delayed by the presidential election dispute, this budget process has been the longest since the disputes that led to the government shutdown of December 1995 and January 1996. This year Congress has passed 20 short-term spending measures to avoid another shutdown while negotiations continue.

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For complete bid specifications, procedures, bid forms, and additional information contact Jay Truher at the South Central Head Start Administration Office, 324 2nd Street East, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301 or telephone 208-736-0741 ext. 11.

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Want a sleek new car? Get a new subdivision, \$99,500 or trade...

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The Times is accepting applications for shortage of drivers for overnight runs...

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Federal employment information is free. Remember, no one can promise you a job...

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BEST ROUTE IN TOWN \$3,000/mo (realistic) 20 Vending sites. no competition...

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TWIN FALLS 6 bdrm, 2 bath, 2 level brick, 2 blocks from high school. \$99,900. Call 734-1021.

TWIN FALLS - By Builder 548 Bristolcone, Open house, 1.3 pm, Sat & Sun, \$195,000. 735-2422.

TWIN FALLS - Condo 2 bdrm., 1 bath, Wood stove, tiled kitchen & bath. Call 735-0608 after 5.

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513 ACRES & LOTS BLISS. Land investment opportunity, 1 group of 5 undeveloped residential lots. Call 208-362-6201.

FAIRFIELD. For sale by owner, 40 ac., 6 miles W of city. Great view of Soldier Mtn. Near Golf & Skiing. \$32K. 934-8104, msg.

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2484 Painbrush Drive. A must see! 4 bedroom, 2 bath, double garage. Home, very efficient gas fireplace w/ tile hearth. Split bedrooms, garden shrubbery. \$139,900. Call Ray Sabala. (After hours 733-6340).

2480 Painbrush Drive. Immediate possession, quality 8' wall construction. Vaulted ceiling, attractive light fixtures. Easy one-step access to home. Stucco & drift exterior. Call Ray Sabala. 708 9th & 4th Bedr., 1885 Sq. Ft., Inquire Call: 733-1171.

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514 INCOME PROPERTY **TWIN FALLS** - "Tired of stocks?" Check out new 4plex. Call Chuck 733-9207.

TWIN FALLS - Great income opportunity, 14,000 sq. ft. M-S-Bldg. Eastland (Frontage), 6 units plus office. Fully leased with long term tenants. Gas heat. Great location. \$305,000. Possible owner carry. Call 736-0011 or 850-0431.

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TWIN FALLS - Reduced owner moving. Country style, 3 bdrm, 2 bath, 5+ ac. \$250 N 2300 E. Can subdivide. \$220k, 4 more homes sales avail. 733-2033 or 420-4400.

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516 VACATION PROPERTY TIME SHARES **SUN VALLEY** - 1997 Naahua manufactured home 3 bdrm, 2 bath, 1760 sq. ft. sheet rocked with upgrades. AC, gas heat, 100 lb snow load roof, never rented, like new, furnished or unfurnished. 324-2803 (office) 324-7095 (home).

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FLEETWOOD '95 14'x 5' 2 bedroom, 2 bath, stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, washer and dryer. \$16,000. Delivered, setup ready to move. 808-978-4330.

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JEROME. Mobile home for sale. Nice 14 wide with lip-out, setup in family park. New for from Wal-Mart. New carpet & vinyl. Front kitchen w/ separate laundry area. \$8,900. Owner may carry w/ down payment and monthly payments. 733-9259.

REPO'S 14' wide, 15' wide 2 bed doubles, some on our lot and some in parks. **Brockmans by Wal-Mart in Jerome**. 808-978-4330 or 324-6522

SHOSHONE, 15'x50', '76 mobile, 2 bdrm., 1 bath. AC, stove, on wheels & ready to move. \$40,000/offer. So at 22 N. 160 E. Shoshone, 420-7109 or 734-6370 leave msg. You'll never know the value of classified until you use it. Call 733-9291.

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JEROME, mid-age executive needs to rent room, basement, apt. or house in Jerome. 324-7200.

JEROME, remodeled 2 bdrm, no smoking/pets, gas heat. \$475. 324-8762

JEROME, (2) 2 bdrm, no smoking/pets, ref, \$350 to \$375 + dep. 1 bdrm. apt. \$150 + ref, \$270 + dep. 1 block to Wal-Mart. Call 324-2734.

WV-Magic Ade Serv - magicade.com/rent Apt & Home Rentals 1263 Lynwood Mall T. 734-5233

PAUL. Home in country, 3 bdrm. Call 438-5233.

TWIN FALLS Brand new 3 bdrm, 2 bath Brickendridge home, \$1500/month. Includes lawn care & amenities, short term OK. Call Kent or Cindy Collins at 733-5336 or 734-8104.

TWIN FALLS Very clean, 3 bdrm; No smoking/pets. 187 Hayburn, \$500/mo. + \$250 dep. Avail. 1/01. Call 734-1465

TWIN FALLS - 1107 Elm St. N. 3 bdrm, AC, 2 car garage, no smoking/pets, \$750/mo. Avail. Jan. 1. Call 734-9608.

TWIN FALLS - 2 bdrm - total elec. Pkg. ref, \$495 + dep. Call 734-5983

TWIN FALLS - 1/2 duplex, garage, fenced yard, AC. \$500. 733-1359.

TWIN FALLS - Lovely spacious, 2 bdrm, 2 bath, all elec, appls, carpet, fire, lawn mowing, water and sanitation furnished. No pets. No smoking. \$500/mo. + dep. Applications taken. Call 732-3838.

TWIN FALLS - furnished 1 bdrm., appls, full bath, \$325/mo. \$265, 148 Tyler. 734-8577.

TWIN FALLS 3 bdrm, 1 bath, 2 car garage, \$550/mo. + dep., No smoking/pets. Call Neil at 734-6500-days, 734-1329 even.

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TWIN FALLS, 4 bdrm., 5500 mo., \$550 dep. \$48. Call Neil 734-5983

TWIN FALLS, Avail Dec 15, nice 2 bdrm., \$475 mo. + \$100 dep. No pets. 552 4th Ave. N. 733-3522 taking applications now.

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TWIN FALLS - Charming 3 bdrm, 1 bath home avail. Jan. 1. Close to schools & downtown. No smoking, \$650/month, \$300 deposit. Call 735-2086 or 465-5368.

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603 FURNISHED APTS/ DUPLICES **TWIN FALLS** - 1 bdrm, kitchenette, all utility, pet \$140, week 208-733-6452

604 UNFURNISHED APTS/DUPLICES **BURLEY** Taking applications for waiting list, 1, 2, & 3 bdrm, apts. Mountain View East 878-9141

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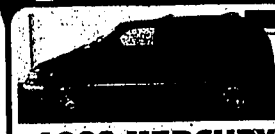
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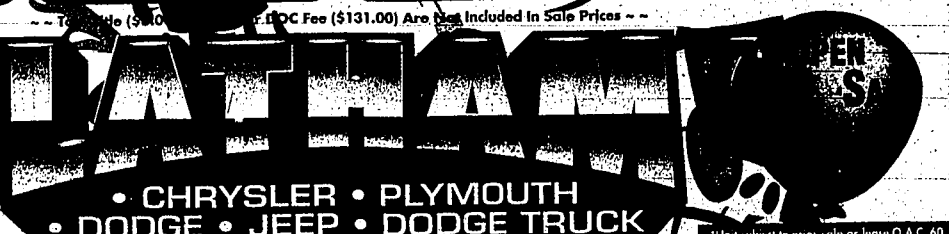
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