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Net tightens on cattle rustlers

By Brandon Fala
Times-News writer

JEROME - Law enforcement officers hope they made the first dent in a what might be a cattle rustling ring in Jerome County, but say cattle rustling is still on the rise.

More arrests are expected following the arrest of two men charged in connection with the theft of calves from a Jerome ranch.

Authorities used an informant

to capture Ramon Quintero and Jose Quintero who were arrested Monday in connection with 10 stolen calves from David Zortman's ranch.

The Quinteros were both charged with conspiracy to commit grand theft by possession of stolen property.

"We absolutely expect more arrests," Gooding County Sheriff Shaun Gough said. "We have at

least two other people we're investigating, but have more people we want to arrest."

Gough said he didn't know when the suspects might be arrested, but police are working to get arrest warrants.

Cattle rustling is on the rise in Jerome County, said Wayne McFadden, an Idaho State Police brand inspector.

"It's a real problem,"

McFadden said. "There are so many dairymen and so many calves that there's no control right now. There is a lot going on and we're trying to track it down and clean it up."

An unbranded calf is like walking money. Bull Holstein calves are worth about \$250 and heifer calves about \$400. Heifer calves are worth between \$150 and \$2 per pound and can weigh 400

pounds, McFadden said. "They're making good money and everybody wants in," he said. "Since I started investigating in July, five or six different dairies have reported stolen calves."

"The stolen calves weren't branded and shipped to private sales. The thefts might be related, McFadden said.

"I think eventually the calves get to the same person," he said. The 10 calves stolen from

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CHANGING OF THE GUARD



Judge R. Barry Wood gives Judge Roger Burdick some pointers during Burdick's first monthly meeting on the progress of the Snake River Basin Adjudication.

New water judge takes the helm

Roger Burdick says he plans no changes in taking over from R. Barry Wood

By N.S. Nokkented
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - With a lot more pomp than when he was ushered in, officials bid farewell Tuesday to the state's departing water judge.

"You did make a difference, and we appreciate it," Water Resources Director Karl Dreher told Judge R. Barry Wood.

"It's easy to look good if you have a good staff behind you," Wood replied.

Every month, state and federal officials get together with court staff to discuss the progress of the Snake River Basin Adjudication. Tuesday, the 50th

View map online
The Idaho Department of Water Resources is working on a new computer program that will put all water right claims in the Snake River Basin Adjudication on a state map at the department's Internet site. The map is available now, but it still is undergoing testing and improvements. It can be found at www.idwr.state.id.us under Snake River Basin Adjudication. Click on RESEARCH under the banner "Introducing A Whole New Way To Research SRBA" Claim Information.

monthly information meeting, was Wood's last and Judge Roger

Burdick's first. Wood took the helm of the adjudication nearly two years ago, at first temporarily and reluctantly. He later warned to the task, but this year's election of his brother-in-law, Dan Eismann, to the state Supreme Court forced Wood to give up the high-profile assignment.

Wood will continue serving as a 5th District judge, hearing various criminal and civil cases.

Tuesday's occasion was marked with kind words, a plaque for Wood and a plateful of homemade fudge made by Dave Tutthill, head of the adjudication bureau at the Idaho Department of Water Resource.

Wood thanked the federal and state officials and the court staff members for their work, and he encouraged Burdick.

After the meeting, Burdick said he was excited by the challenges facing him, and he already was beginning to master some of the jargon peculiar to the arcane world of the SRBA.

Burdick has no changes planned. The court has well-seasoned staff members and special masters, though he may consider some fine-tuning when he gets to know them better, he said.

One task he will continue is a review of court technology, a program

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Bush will face a full plate of foreign policy issues

Combined wire reports

WASHINGTON - President-elect Bush, who spoke little of foreign policy during his campaign, is about to get a crash course in the subject as he faces early tests in the Middle East.

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Barring a last-minute diplomatic breakthrough, Bush will immediately confront a ready-made crisis in the form of continuing Palestinian-Israeli violence that potentially could destabilize moderate Arab governments and jeopardize oil supplies and other vital U.S. interests.

Then there is the seemingly indestructible Iraqi leader, Saddam Hussein, who dogged the first Bush administration and threatens to do the same to the second, as pressure builds on the U.N. Security Council for a further loosening of sanctions against his country. Bush and his advisers also have



Amid snow furries, President-elect George W. Bush prepares to leave the White House grounds Tuesday after meeting with President Clinton. Bush later visited Vice President Al Gore for about 15 minutes.

expressed deep concern about Iran, suggesting that the new administration will act more firmly against countries - notably Russia - that supply Iran with the means to develop nuclear missiles.

In an Oval Office rite of passage Tuesday masking their sharp differences, Bush listened to the litany of world problems he'll face from the man who has wrestled with them for the last eight years, President Clinton

advised that Bush "get a good team and do what he thinks is right."

Clinton said Bush's father told him eight years ago as he was

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Students score high in literacy testing

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Scores on a new state literacy assessment showed Twin Falls children surpassing statewide averages and more than holding their own with students in Boise, Nampa, Meridian and Blaine County.

Results from the fall 2000 Idaho Reading Indicator were released Tuesday by the Idaho Department of Education.

The IRI evaluates the literacy skills of students in kindergarten through third grades. Fall assessments help educators pinpoint students who are reading at grade level, near grade level, and below grade level. Students who score below grade level are eligible for 40-hour intervention programs in their districts, but the state also asks districts to use additional assessments in determining whether to direct children toward intervention programs.

The Legislature has set a goal to have all children reading at grade level by the end of third grade.

Statewide, 62 percent of first-graders demonstrated grade-level literacy skills this fall. Forty-seven percent of second-graders and 46 percent of third-graders were reading at grade level.

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Results online

Idaho State Superintendent of Public Instruction announced Tuesday that school, local and state results from the fall 2000 Idaho Reading Indicator are available online. The results can be found at the Idaho Department of Education's website. www.sde.state.id.us/Dept/

For a look at the numbers, please see page A2

U.N. sends Afghanistan an ultimatum

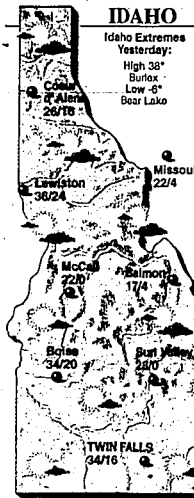
The Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS - The Security Council voted Tuesday to impose broad sanctions on Afghanistan unless they close "terrorist" training camps and surrender on Afghanistan's Taliban rulers suspect Osama bin Laden.

A resolution sponsored by the United States and Russia in

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FORECAST FOR MAGIC VALLEY



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Twin Falls through 8 p.m. yesterday

Temperature
High/Low: 41/10°
Normal high/low: 36/10°
High/Low last year: 39/5°
Record high: 54° in 1991
Record low: -29° in 1994

Precipitation
24 hours ending 6 p.m. yesterday: 0.00"
Month to date: trace
Normal month to date: 0.10"
Year to date: 7.47"
Normal year to date: 10.10"

Humidity: Yesterday 87%
Barometric pressure: Yesterday at 8 p.m.: 30.06 in.

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

Source: Asthma and Allergy of Idaho

Shows 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	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Patchy fog early; otherwise, mostly sunny.	Clear to partly cloudy.	Sunny to partly cloudy.	Mostly cloudy; chances for snow.	Cloudy to partly sunny.	Mostly cloudy with the chance for snow.
▲ 34°	▼ 16°	▲ 36° ▼ 22°	▲ 36° ▼ 24°	▲ 36° ▼ 22°	▲ 36° ▼ 22°

REGIONAL WEATHER

Southern Idaho: Cold today; patchy fog or low clouds early, then plenty of sunshine. Mainly clear and cold tonight with patchy valley fog late. Any low clouds or fog tomorrow morning will give way to sunshine.

Boise: Any fog or low clouds will give way to plenty of sunshine today; cold. Clear to partly cloudy and cold tonight. Cold again tomorrow with a mixture of sunshine and clouds.

Northern Nevada: Chilly today with sunshine and no more than a few high clouds. Clear to partly cloudy and cold tonight. Sunshine will mix with clouds tomorrow.

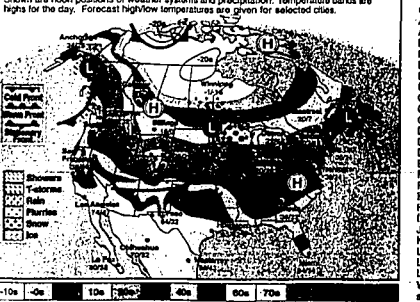
Northern Utah: Brisk and cold today with a mixture of clouds and sunshine; a few spots in the northeast will have a snow shower this morning. Turning out mainly clear and very cold tonight. Mostly sunny tomorrow.

Northern Idaho: Cold weather will continue today. Areas of low clouds and fog in some valleys spots this morning; otherwise, partly to mostly sunny today. Clear to partly cloudy and cold tonight with patchy fog late.

NATIONAL EXTREMES

High 88° in San Diego, CA Low -26° in Flag Island, MN

NATIONAL WEATHER



CANADIAN CITIES

City	Today	Thu.
Calgary	15-19	16-22
Edmonton	3-4	16-22
Halifax	17-17	30-6
Regina	-9-21	3-5
Saskatoon	8-13	61-65
Toronto	22-14	28-11
Vancouver	41-32	41-39
Winnipeg	-1-16	9-20

WORLD CITIES

City	Today	Thu.
Akron	41-50	38-58
Albany	57-43	44-41
Auckland	68-82	75-87
Bangkok	81-72	81-65
Beijing	42-26	46-28
Bohin	34-25	33-24
Buenos Aires	61-64	61-67
Calcutta	64-43	61-46
Hong Kong	77-56	68-53
Jerusalem	60-38	45-38
London	50-45	51-43
Los Angeles	72-59	70-58
Moscow	38-14	19-12
Paris	48-37	44-38
Rio de Janeiro	82-72	80-75
Sao Paulo	84-67	81-72
Seoul	38-28	36-24
Sydney	68-72	69-74
Tokyo	52-41	51-41
Warsaw	42-37	25-10
Zurich	28-17	41-30

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Thu.
Atlanta	38-22	40-28
Baltimore	36-19	34-27
Birmingham	18-0	21-11
Buffalo	33-29	34-27
Charlotte	36-24	37-30
Chicago	46-27	56-38
Cincinnati	29-20	34-27
Cleveland	29-20	34-27
Dallas	20-12	18-6
Detroit	24-17	34-27
El Paso	64-32	57-25
Houston	65-42	64-24
Indianapolis	25-18	27-9
Jacksonville	45-27	58-39
Kansas City	47-31	41-19
Las Vegas	60-38	59-34
Little Rock	38-34	42-32
Los Angeles	74-47	74-49
Memphis	55-42	58-45
Minneapolis	25-18	27-9
New York	45-27	58-39
Philadelphia	36-20	39-30
Phoenix	70-48	71-43
Portland, ME	37-28	31-21
Raleigh	47-30	44-30
Rapid City	22-3	16-18
San Diego	62-53	61-53
Sacramento	58-39	56-38
St. Louis	19-19	25-7
St. Paul	11-9	7-8
San Francisco	58-47	58-47
Seattle	48-36	46-40
Tucson	74-58	72-58
Washington, DC	54-37	58-32

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Thu.
Boise	34-20	34-24
Bonnerville	27-15	28-21
Burley	31-13	35-18
Coeur d'Alene	35-16	36-21
Elko	37-4	34-5
Eugene, OR	44-36	48-40
Hagerman	13-15	26-21
Idaho Falls	20-4	22-12
Kalispell, MT	25-7	23-12
Lewiston	24-16	28-13
Malden	25-2	31-5
Malia	13-5	16-2

City	Today	Thu.
McCall	22	24
Moscow, MT	22	22
Pocatello	24	28
Portland, OR	45	38
Richland, WA	33	35
Salmon	17	17
Salt Lake City, UT	36	33
Seaside, WA	46	40
Spokane, WA	28	22
Sum Valley	28	26
Sun Valley, ID	13	15

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Tests

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Thirty-nine percent of Idaho kindergartners are traditionally reading/ready skills. In area districts results were mixed.

In Twin Falls, officials chose to compare their students' performance with students from some of Idaho's biggest districts as well as the affluent and traditionally high-performing Blaine County district. Twin Falls officials said results in first through third grades surpassed statewide averages and those posted by Boise, Nampa, and Blaine County districts.

Twin Falls was competitive with Meridian at all levels except kindergarten, where results in Twin Falls were lower. Thirty-seven percent of Twin Falls students arrived at school with a grade-level foundation in literacy, compared with 47 percent in Meridian School District.

The Twin Falls School District said it is confident that its intervention strategies will help more developing readers gain the skills they need to be successful. In fall 1999, 25 percent of Twin Falls kindergartners demonstrated grade-level skills, but the percentage increased to 36.5 percent by winter. Students just need more time to develop their skills, district officials said.

Direct comparisons between this year and last year - the pilot year of the IRI - are not possible. "Based on what we learned in the pilot year, we made some modifications to the final form of the IRI. We also reviewed current research and established a more rigorous standard for oral reading fluency in the second and third

grades," said Marilyn Howard, state superintendent of public instruction.

Data from this year will serve as baseline information, the Department of Education said.

"It will be intriguing to see how those percentages change as we see the impact of time spent in school and extra attention and resources directed to those for whom reading is difficult," Howard said.

In the area's largest school districts, all except Filer and Blaine County saw fewer kindergartners than the state average arrive at school with a foundation in literacy skills that the state has identified as being "at grade level."

Those skills include a child writing his or her name, detecting rhyme, detecting syllables, and identifying uppercase letters.

Like last year, statewide results this fall showed that girls do better than boys at every grade level, and students experience difficulty with the IRI when English is not their first language or when families move often.

"Noticing these indicators gives useful data to help focus the direction of intervention programs and instruction," Howard said.

The IRI will be given again this winter. Students who don't score at grade level will be tested again in the spring. The IRI is a 10-minute assessment. Each test throughout the year measures progressively more difficult skills.

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Fall 2000 Idaho Reading Indicator results

Here's a sampling of scores from the Magic Valley's larger districts. The Times-News will publish a complete valleywide rundown of fall scores at a later date.

District	First grade				Second grade				Third grade			
	Below	Near	At grade level	Students tested	Below	Near	At grade level	Students tested	Below	Near	At grade level	Students tested
Blaine	21%	22%	57%	232	23%	35%	42%	237	18%	39%	43%	67
Buhl	24%	21%	55%	119	28%	25%	47%	123	13%	30%	57%	519
Cassia	23%	22%	49%	353	25%	37%	39%	375	8%	45%	47%	85
Filer	2%	78%	20%	82	18%	39%	43%	67	18%	36%	46%	18,378
Gooding	15%	30%	54%	92								
Jerome	21%	28%	50%	225								
Kimberly	14%	24%	62%	86								
Minidoka	34%	28%	39%	322								
Twin Falls	11%	44%	45%	463								
Wendell	31%	26%	44%	101								
State	16%	22%	62%	17,468								

Rhythm-and-blues singer 'Pop' Staples dies

CHICAGO (AP) - Roebeuck "Pop" Staples, patriarch of the gospel, and rhythm-and-blues group the Staple Singers, died Tuesday. He was 84.

He and his group gained fame in the 1960s by singing music that urged social and religious change.

He was known for both his songwriting and his guitar playing, in which he fused gospel with the blues.

Born to a poor Winona, Miss., family on Dec. 28, 1915, Staples dropped out of school after the eighth grade to pick cotton.

Rustle

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Zortman's ranch "were to be shipped to Utah."

"The best thing we can do to encourage dairymen to brand their calves at birth," McFadden said, "if they're not branded, it's like free money. There's no way to trace them."

McFadden said more dairymen have started branding their calves right after birth.

Zortman's ranch might have been the cattle rustler's prime target. Zortman says \$1.2 million worth of calves have been stolen over the past 1 1/2 years.

But McFadden said he is skeptical so many calves were stolen.

McFadden said he first heard about Zortman's stolen calves in June or July, about 15 months after Zortman said his calves were first stolen.

"He should have caught it long before that," he said. "He's losing calves, but not that many."

Zortman declined comment Tuesday.

Zortman gave police evidence, including a videotape of stolen calves being unloaded, which he says proves who is stealing the calves, McFadden said.

The Jerome County Sheriff's Office is investigating.

"We are investigating, and actively pursuing the case with the Jerome County prosecutor's office," said Jim Dunsberger, a Jerome County Sheriff's Office detective. "It's ongoing."

Wearing a wire

McFadden used an informant to gather evidence to arrest the Quinteros, and used computer chips to track the stolen calves.

Here's what happened, according to a report filed in Gooding County court records by McFadden.

On Dec. 4, McFadden instructed an informant to call a man he suspected was part of the group that stole Zortman's calves. The man hasn't been charged yet.

The informant talked to the suspect about the purchase of stolen cattle. The call was recorded at the Idaho State Police Detective Division in Twin Falls.

The informant said he had 10 calves and the suspect offered \$1,000.

On Dec. 8, computer chips were placed in the left neck of 40 Holstein heifers at Zortman's ranch to identify the calves.

The informant asked the suspect if Quintero knew the calves were stolen and the suspect said "yes, no problem."

The informant later showed the suspect where the calves were located - Zortman's ranch.

On Sunday, Jerry Martinez, the former Jerome County Sheriff's candidate now working security for Zortman, called McFadden to say that an older model Ford truck had backed up to the call hatches and men were loading the calves.

McFadden followed the truck to Gooding County, where he saw Ramon Quintero and Jose Quintero unload the calves. The Quinteros were then arrested by Sheriff Gough.

"I'm hoping for more arrests, but I don't know what will happen," McFadden said. "At least they'll know we're watching them."

CORRECTION

The Times-News incorrectly reported the contact number of the Amvets organization in a Tuesday story. The contact number is Richard Stone at 736-7640. The Times-News regrets the error.

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NATION

Showcase anti-smoking project fails

WASHINGTON (AP) — It was to be a showcase, world-class demonstration of how to persuade school children not to smoke.

The \$15 million program used the latest smoking prevention theories from the best social scientists. From the third grade on, children attended special classes and were meticulously instructed by trained teachers how to resist tobacco use. But after 14 years, experts declared Tuesday that the project failed. More than a fourth of the former Washington state school children in the study are now regular smokers, about the

same rate as those who didn't receive the special classes, according to a report in the Journal of the National Cancer Institute.

"It simply didn't work," said Arthur V. Peterson Jr., the project's lead researcher. "It was a surprise. It was a disappointment."

Peterson, who heads a cancer prevention program at Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle, said researchers are now scrambling to find new approaches for controlling tobacco use among the young.

"It is time for researchers to go back to the drawing board," said

Peterson.

He said techniques that have worked in some areas include denying youthful access to tobacco by raising taxes and controlling sales, and by countering tobacco company advertising with a heavy, youth-oriented media blitz.

The Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center study, involving 8,388 school children and 640 teachers in 40 school districts, was based on what is called a "social influences" approach.

The study started in September 1984, and continued until September 1999, with researchers

following the progress of the test children as they grew older.

Yet it failed.

Surveys of the students in the study found that 24.4 percent of the girls and 26.3 percent of the boys were daily smokers by the 12th grade. That rate of smoking is almost identical to that among students who did not participate in the study, researchers found.

A survey of the students two years after high school found an even higher rate of smoking: 28.42 percent for those in the experimental group vs. 29.07 percent for those not in the program.

Rescue workers tend to a woman who was pinned inside a semi-truck after Tuesday's wind blew the vehicle on its side on 190 near Livingston, Mont. The woman was treated at Livingston Memorial Hospital and then transferred to Billings Deaconess Hospital for further treatment. Wind speeds reach up to 76 miles per hour.



Snowday: Winter blast hits south

ATLANTA (AP) — Wet, snowman-perfect snow covered parts of the South on Tuesday, creating a slushy morning rush hour for drivers and a welcome novelty for kids who got the day off from school.

"This is the ultimate Christmas present! This is so cool," 6-year-old Chelsea Foster said as she and Bethany Brown, 7, frolicked in Atlanta's Piedmont Park.

"It's so fun," Bethany said.

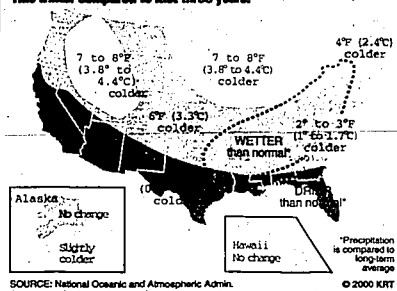
The blast of winter came as the National Weather Service predicted Tuesday a colder than normal winter across much of the nation. The areas affected will include Idaho, eastern Washington and Oregon, northern Nevada and Utah, the weather service said.

Temperatures fell to freezing as far south as Mobile, Ala., and snow fell along the Appalachians from Canada well into Georgia, where 3 inches hit the ground in Atlanta. Even Jackson, Miss., got a trace.

Citrus growers in northern and central Florida were warned of freezing temperatures and freeze warnings were posted for coastal Mississippi, with overnight temperatures expected to hit the teens and low 20s.

Schools were closed because of slippery roads in parts of Alabama, Georgia, the Carolinas, West Virginia, Virginia and Tennessee. South Carolina Gov.

Frigid winter is coming back
The past three years have been far warmer than normal worldwide. This winter, forecasters say, cold weather is returning to North America. This winter compared to last three years:



SOURCE: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Admin. © 2000 KJRT

Jim Hodges closed state offices in some counties and told others to open late.

Tara Hamilton, spokeswoman for the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, said flights were delayed at Reagan National and Dulles.

Snow led Delta Air Lines to cancel 60 percent of its morning flights out of Atlanta and snarled morning traffic for drivers unaccustomed to slick pavement.

Study: No link between cell phones, brain cancer

CHICAGO (AP) — A study of people who use cell phones used an average of less than three hours found no evidence the devices cause brain cancer.

The research does not answer the question of whether longer-term use is dangerous.

The study, funded by the industry group Wireless Technology Research and the National Cancer Institute, appears in today's Journal of the American Medical Association. The study of 891 people did find a slightly increased risk for a rare type of brain cancer, but the researchers said it was not statistically significant.

While they acknowledge longer-term studies are needed, the researchers said the overall results should reassure the more than 86 million cell phone users nationwide. "We feel confident that the results reflect that cell phones don't seem to cause brain cancer," said epidemiologist Joshua Muscat, a scientist at the American Health Foundation who helped lead the study.

Unlike regular telephones, handheld cell phones contain an antenna inside the receiver, which puts the user's brain close to the electromagnetic radio waves the antenna emits. Since cell phones were introduced in the United States in 1984, conflicting data have emerged from safety studies on animals and humans.

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NATION

Report: Bush to fill three openings today

WASHINGTON (AP) — Amid a whirlwind tour of the nation's capital, President-elect Bush approved the nominations of long-time friend Don Evans as commerce secretary, former Cuban refugee Mel Martinez as housing secretary and Californian Ann Veneman as agriculture secretary. Republican officials said Tuesday, predicting a blitz of pre-Christmas appointments.

1989 to 1991, when she was deputy secretary for international affairs and commodities programs when Bush's father was president.



Don Evans

Bush, soon to be the nation's 43rd president, planned to announce the selections today in Texas, said several GOP officials involved in the deliberations. They spoke on condition of anonymity.

Evans, 54, is chief executive of Tom Brown Inc., a Denver-based oil and gas company with an office in Midland. He was instrumental in helping Bush raise a record \$100 million for his presidential race, then guided the campaign to a narrow victory over Vice President Gore.

Martinez, chairman of Orange County, Fla. — which encompasses Orlando — co-chaired Bush's campaign in Florida and is a close ally of his brother Jeb, the state's Republican governor. Martinez, 54, fled Cuba to the United States in 1962 when he was 15 years old. He played a starring role in the Elian Gonzalez saga earlier this year.

Veneman, 51, served as director of the California Department of Food and Agriculture from 1995 to 1999, appointed by former Republican Gov. Pete Wilson as the first woman to head the agency. She was the highest-ranking woman in the U.S. Department of Agriculture from

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about to become president that North Korea's missile program presented the greatest danger to U.S. security. Clinton declined to say in front of reporters what he would tell President-elect Bush about foreign dangers.

To be sure, members of Bush's foreign policy team are still in the early stages of setting priorities, a process that presumably will accelerate now that Bush has named retired Army Gen. Colin L. Powell as secretary of state and Condoleezza Rice as national security adviser. It is also clear, however, that the Middle East is just one of many diplomatic challenges that likely will command the new president's attention — perhaps more than he had anticipated during a campaign that focused largely on domestic issues such as health care and Social Security.

Much of the early foreign policy agenda will be dictated by the calendar. In an interview last week, a senior adviser noted that Bush is slated to attend a conference on the Americas in Quebec City in April, an economic summit in Genoa, Italy, next summer and an Asian economic summit in Shanghai in November — a gathering that may provide the new president with his first opportunity to meet the Chinese leadership.

"If you look at what is already baked into the cake by the schedule, there will be a very busy foreign policy agenda in the first year, even though the president will have to spend a lot of time trying to get some wins (in Congress) and draw together on the domestic front," the adviser said, adding that "everyone is trying to map backward" from the Shanghai summit to determine what steps need to be taken to prepare for it. Trade issues are sure to figure prominently in all three meetings.

Early next year, moreover, Taiwan will make its annual request for new American arms,

putting Bush in the middle of an internal GOP dispute over how to respond. Many Republican lawmakers want the United States to take a more active role in backing Taiwan. Others are eager to avoid aggravating tensions with Beijing.

During the campaign, the Texas governor accused the Clinton administration of neglecting key alliances with European allies and Japan. But improving on his predecessor's performance will not be easy, given the depth of European anxiety over Bush's views on issues such as national missile defense and Balkans peacekeeping. Bush has advocated a new "division of labor" in NATO that would limit America's role in European peacekeeping largely to logistical support.

The senior Bush adviser acknowledged these challenges, noting that with the exception of Spain, most major European countries are governed by center-left parties with a "different cultural outlook" than that of the Republicans.

In general, Bush plans to tread cautiously in the Middle East, advisers said. During the campaign, the Texas governor indirectly criticized President Clinton for rushing the Camp David summit in July, asserting that "it can't be the United States' timetable as to how discussions take place." Advisers also were critical of Clinton's deep personal involvement in negotiations, suggesting that he had devalued the power of his office to influence each side.

As a first step, advisers and analysts said, the new administration will embark on a wholesale review of the approach to peacemaking that began with the 1993 Oslo accords. One possible outcome is a shift in focus from the Palestinians to Syria, said Edward F. Djerejian, a former U.S. ambassador to Syria who now directs the James Baker Institute for Public Policy at Rice University in Houston.

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Lawmaker blasts recount; early results favor Gore

Knight Ridder News Service

MIAMI — As a review of Broward County ballots crept along on its second day Tuesday, Republican U.S. Rep. Mark Foley blasted the process, saying it would "cast a pall over the presidency."

The Herald and its parent company, Knight Ridder, plan to scrutinize tens of thousands of disputed ballots throughout the state. Several other news organizations and Judicial Watch, a conservative government watchdog group, also are reviewing ballots.

Foley said, "Mr. Bush is the president-elect. Mr. Gore has conceded. It is not time to start speculating on what voters might have meant."

Herald Executive Editor Martin Baron said the newspaper will not try to determine voter intent. "All we are doing is laying out the facts. These facts will be laid out to readers and the American public, and people can come to their own conclusion about what constitutes a real vote."

As of late Monday, an inspection of more than 6,000 discarded presidential ballots in Lake

County has revealed that Vice President Al Gore lost a net 130 votes that were clearly his even in a conservative, GOP bastion that President-elect George W. Bush dominated as a whole.

The tally of uncounted ballots Monday by the Orlando Sentinel was the first outside review to be completed in any Florida county since the U.S. Supreme Court halted a statewide recount on Dec. 9. At that point Bush's ever-fluctuating lead over Gore was just 154 votes and the margin might have been shaved to a mere two dozen had the Lake ballots been counted.

The review found 376 discarded ballots in Lake that were clearly intended as votes for Gore. In each case, an oval next to his name was filled in with a pencil and the voter mistakenly filled in another oval next to a not-reserved-for write-in candidates, writing in Gore's name there as well. Another 246 such ballots showing clear votes for Bush were thrown out. Had all such ballots been counted, the result would have been a net gain of 130 votes for Gore.

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The agreement will require Nucor, a Fortune 500 company and one of the country's largest steel makers, to reduce air, water

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and ground pollution from its plants in seven states. The company, which has annual sales exceeding \$4 billion, will have to make the improvements at 14 plants in Alabama, Arkansas, Indiana, Nebraska, South Carolina, Texas and Utah.

Federal officials expressed hope that the pact will set an example for other steel manufacturers whose emissions the Environmental Protection Agency and Justice Department also are studying.

Jury orders Exxon Mobil to pay \$3.5 billion to Alabama

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — A jury returned a \$3.5 billion verdict against Exxon Mobil Corp. on Tuesday, finding the oil company defrauded Alabama on royalties from natural gas wells in state waters.

The verdict by the circuit court jury was six times Alabama's previous record of \$581 million in a civil damages case. The jury's verdict awarded Alabama \$87.7 million in compensatory damages and \$3.42 billion in punitive damages. Exxon Mobil spokesman Tom Cirigliano said the company would appeal the verdict, adding, "We

have always endeavored to comply with the requirements of our leases."

ACLU to file suit to fight Internet filtering Initiative

WASHINGTON — Schools and libraries must begin using Internet filtering software next year to protect children from pornography or risk losing federal money — thanks to a mandate approved by lawmakers before they left town.

The requirement is raising concerns among free speech advocates who say it violates the Constitution and, perhaps ironically, from software makers worried that filtering technology is not a cure-all for protecting kids.

Supporters believe the law will withstand a court challenge and provide a reasonable way to protect children from Internet smut. — compiled from wire reports

Water

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ected by Bud. There's nothing wrong with the equipment, but the software may need to be changed to make the systems more compatible — so various courts and Water Resources computers all understand each other.

"And Burdick is beginning to get a review of what issues need to be decided. Those issues include the conflict pitting eastern Idaho groundwater pumpers against the Twin Falls and North Side irrigators."

"The two sides are in mediation, but so far that process has not produced a resolution. Litigation in the case has been on hold and will be taken up by Burdick."

Tuthill presented the meeting with a review of the adjudication status, showing the department's part of the process is still on track to be completed by 2005. There may still be some legal issues to be settled, but the department's end of it will be done, he said.

The adjudication involves the legal settling of about 150,000 water right claims in 38 of the state's 44 counties.

So far, Water Resources has made its recommendations on 112,399 claims, and the court has approved 79,077. Between 30,000 and 40,000 claims are yet to be processed.

The process has been completed on the north side of the Snake River in what is known as Basin 36; it is starting in Cassia County; and it will come to the Twin Falls area next year.

Department officials compile maps, claims, field data and other information for each claim into a preliminary report, which is then sent to each claimant. About two weeks later a public meeting is set.

Officials explain the process, talk about water rights claims and try to fix problems and correct errors in the information, Tuthill said.

Most problems can be resolved during the meeting, but some issues take a little longer, he said. About eight weeks later, a final report is issued. At that time any objections that were not resolved may be filed with court.

When all the objections and contested cases have been resolved, a court order is issued, replacing all older water decrees and licenses.

"If somebody didn't file in the adjudication, it's too late," Tuthill said.

Tuthill also demonstrated the new computer program that eventually will put all water rights on a map on the department's Internet site. The map is available now, but it still is undergoing testing and improvements.

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EDITORIAL

CSI is ready for four-year status

As befits a far-flung Western state, Idaho has sprinkled its public four-year colleges and universities across the map. The cities of Moscow, Boise and Pocatello have long been home to big state schools, and those schools have quietly been spawning college-degree programs in other communities.

The upshot is that Idaho Falls, Nampa and Post Falls all have burgeoning undergraduate satellite programs. Graduate programs are available in Post Falls and Idaho Falls, and they doubtless will be offered in Nampa someday.

And what of Twin Falls? With so many success stories elsewhere, what's the story in Twin Falls?

Over the years, Idaho State University's commitment to the Magic Valley has been - well, disappointing. Boise State University has picked up some of ISU's slack, but Twin Falls is still underserved when it comes to undergraduate and graduate degree programs.

That's a shame, because a credible university presence is a powerful catalyst for economic development. Without it, Twin Falls is likely to remain an also-ran when it comes to attracting high-tech businesses.

This is not to disparage the College of Southern Idaho. It's an outstanding two-year college. That it's not a four-year school isn't the fault of CSI's top brass. Indeed, CSI is moving ahead in

its own way, acting as a "broker" for four-year programs offered locally by other Idaho colleges and universities. Still in the idea stage, for example, is a "university center" on the CSI campus to consolidate programs offered by other institutions.

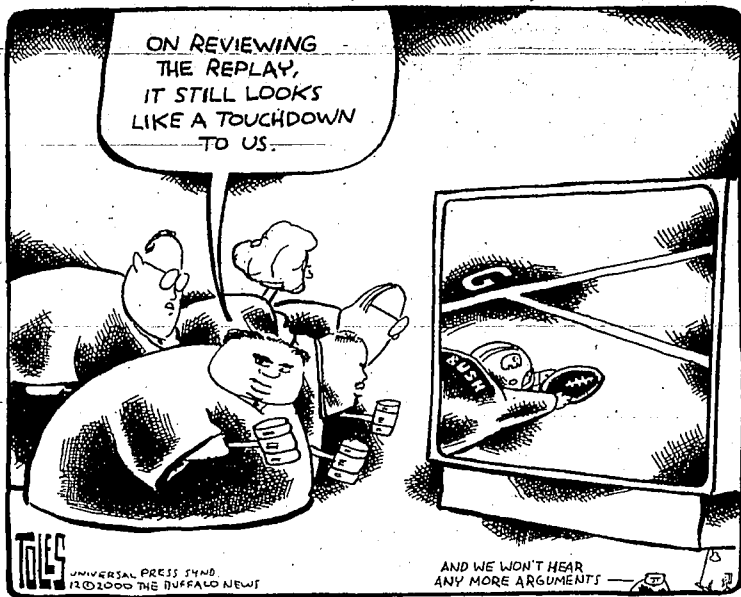
Is this enough? A good case can be made that CSI should evolve sooner, rather than later, into a fully-fledged four-year school. With nearly 5,000 students, it already has the critical mass needed for an expansion of this nature.

The community-college focus, which has served CSI well over the years, isn't likely to meet the Magic Valley's future demand for higher education. Merely brokering programs offered by other schools does not give CSI the status it deserves. The only way to fill that need is to widen CSI's role and scope to four-year status.

Surely there will be objections to this idea. It will seem premature to some, and a threat to others. Idaho is, after all, a state with limited education resources. Fragmentation has already bloodied some institutions - specifically Lewis-Clark State College in Lewiston, which is struggling to retain its focus.

Again, this suggestion shouldn't be interpreted as a criticism of CSI. But educational needs are evolving in Idaho. The idea of a four-year college in this part of the state should be openly discussed.

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Will Bush remember the religious right?

Remember the post-election maps in newspapers and on television showing the Bush wins in red and the Gore wins in blue? They showed that the middle of the country went big for George W. Bush, while the coasts and isolated urban-islands went for Al Gore.

What the maps suggest, and exit polling confirms, is that rural and small-town America - where traditional values, morality and religious faith still survive as core elements of the culture - went heavily for Bush. In fact, Bush would not have "won" were it not for the votes of born-again churchgoers.

The Texas governor beat the vice president by 7.1 million votes among these born-again voters. The born-again vote went comfortably for Bush by a 57 percent to 42 percent margin. Born-again also voted in larger numbers than the non-born-again segment of the population, 59 percent to 46 percent.

The impact of the religious vote also can be measured by church attendance. Here again, Bush won big time. The much-reviled Voter News Service exit polling showed that those who attend religious services more than once a week voted 63 percent to 37 percent for Bush, those attending weekly voted his way 57 percent to 40 percent.

Even so, Gore won a narrow 49 percent to 44 percent victory among Catholic voters. This is hardly surprising in view of the fact that Bush made little effort to speak to Catholics on the "critical life issues" - while Joe Lieberman massaged his moral musings at Notre Dame.

The other exception to this lopsided religious result was the black vote, which went 92 percent to Gore, with even self-identified born-again black voters going for him.

So if anything is clear about this curious election, it is this: Bush owes his victory to born-again and religious conservatives.

RICHARD LESSNER

The question is: Will any of these religious folk be invited to the Bush party? Early indications are not encouraging.

Social and religious conservatives have been notably absent from the names being tossed around for key White House, Cabinet and administration appointments.

This is hardly surprising. Born-again Christians may have swooned when Bush inelegantly proclaimed Christ as the most important political philosopher in his life. But judging by the tenor of his campaign - which flagrantly eschewed the values issues with the sole exception of routine stump rhetoric about "restoring honor and dignity to the presidency" - religious conservatives can expect little more than lip service to their issues from a Bush administration.

The first test will be whether Bush is prepared to undo any of Bill Clinton's executive orders on abortion, gay rights and the family. It is instructive that Rep. J.C. Watts Jr., R-Okla., among others, is advising Bush to "reach out" to blacks, to demonstrate his commitment to compassionate conservatism, diversity and inclusiveness by bringing more blacks into his administration - in addition to Colin Powell and Condoleezza Rice. This is a curious thing, indeed, to reward a segment of the electorate that voted against you in historically high numbers and almost cost you the election.

Yet Bush and his advisers are specimens of that peculiar species of Republican who are forever acting guilty and apologetic and who take seriously their opponents' demands that they continually prove their virtuosity by spinning their own party's base while "reaching

out" to opponents. Powell's scolding speech to the Republican convention on the GOP's failings on race, racism and affirmative action could be Exhibit A for this brand of self-loathing Republicanism.

So far we have yet to hear any prominent Republican advise Bush of the need to "reach out" to all those church-going, born-again voters who actually delivered the presidency for him. The reasoning here is as clear as it is faulty: We already own those people, the Bushes say. We owned them from the day Dubya spoke at Bob Jones and John McCain favorably compared Pat Robertson and Jerry Falwell to the late Ayatollah Khomeini. The religious right types voted for us in huge numbers. We don't have to give them anything. It's all these Americans who voted for the other guy we need to capture, to "reach out" to, in order to broaden our base.

Bush-style Republicans have been talking like this for years, without anything much to show for it. Despite all the sly "reaching out" at Philadelphia's First Union Center, Bush managed to lose the black vote by an even larger margin than the hapless Bob Dole. One of the first rules in politics is this: Reward your friends and punish your enemies. Liberals practice this with ferocity.

Many social and religious conservatives signed on early with Bush because he seemed to offer the best chance to beat Gore, surrogate for the unbeaten and apparently unbeatable Clinton, not because many of them believed Bush would deliver on their issues. Beating Clinton-qua-Gore was enough for them.

Well, it appears the religious conservatives have their reward. And that's as much as they're likely to get.

Richard Lessner is executive director of American Renewal, the lobbying arm of Family Research Council. He wrote this commentary for the Los Angeles Times.

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LETTERS

Humane Society needs bigger site

It has come to my attention that there has been some criticism of our Humane Society recently.

Because of a number of semi-wild, homeless and sickly cats in my neighborhood, I used this facility several times this year. I found Laurie and her employees to be very congenial, helpful and dedicated to their jobs.

The building, in my opinion, is much too small for the population growth that our area has had over the past years. This is the only Humane Society for all of Twin Falls County.

Their mornings are spent hosing out cages and cleaning. The animals are well cared for and fed, even on the weekends and holidays.

As a longtime resident of Twin Falls, I have seen much improvement in other areas that serve the public. I don't know exactly how many years this building has existed as it is, but too long.

I feel that we need a larger building, more funding and better working conditions for these employees. The noise factor alone in this small area is undesirable.

They should be congratulated for doing a good job with so little.
DOROTHY PITCHFORD
Twin Falls

Christmas is a matter of heart

It has been said that life is what happens to you when you had other plans, and if you are wise, you deal with the hand that you are dealt. I had such an experience recently.

I hadn't planned on spending Thanksgiving week as a patient in the Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital, but a sudden illness put me there on Nov. 21 with

no hope of going home for the holiday. As out-of-town company was expected, my husband and I had to make some quick decisions.

He and our daughter and a granddaughter would prepare the dinner. It was reported to me later on Thanksgiving Day that the meal was delicious. My heart was touched when they told me that although my chair was vacant, they could feel my presence.

On Saturday morning, Dec. 9, the Christmas spirit entered our home. The tiny lights are in place around our large picture window in our living room and the well-lit tree is centered in the middle of that window as always. It is beautifully decorated, and I didn't have a thing to do with it. My husband, daughter, granddaughter and three very young great-grandchildren did the honors.

Pictures of the smiling faces and tiny hands of these small children putting ornaments on the love branches of the tree will record memories that our family will always treasure.

We will not be doing commercial Christmas shopping this year. Gifts for our children and extended family will come from the heart and they can be prepared at home. We are preparing our life stories in great detail dating back to 1919. We have been assured that this will be a cherished gift. We hope they will be pleased with the final product.

We are grateful to our family, our "special" next-door neighbor and many friends who have not only provided delicious food but who have also been helpful in many other ways.

We plan to enjoy a peaceful Christmas, and we wish the same to all of you.

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Comments prove discriminatory

I have recently noticed an interesting change in the letters to the editor section: Some of the writers have an explanatory statement after their names! Is this supposed to be helpful for me as the reader, as I can immediately tell if the person writing the letter is qualified to hold an opinion on the subject being discussed?

You know, as I looked at a recent paper, I couldn't figure out why the fact that Jim Prunty is a retired fire management officer impacts his letter concerning Larry Craig. Lots of us know that Craig listens to those who pay for him, and what does Mr. Prunty's job have to do with his opinion on this? Why should the fact that Ms. Kramer has worked with animals affect sharing her opinion on neutering with the public? I agree with Ms. Kramer, and I don't volunteer with animals. I am sorry for Sherry Johnson

and Corinne Starley, as they have no qualification after their names, so I don't know whether I can seriously take their opinions or not.

I am trying to decide what should be written after my name on my letter to the editor (we wouldn't want to seem to be ignoring some writers and not have this statement, now, would we, Times-News?) Should my statement say that I have a master's degree from a prominent western university so that the readers know that I am able to write in the English language? Or should it say that I am a librarian so that readers will know that I can read the things that are written in the paper? Should it say that I vote in elections so that readers know that I do have political opinions and can agree with Mr. Prunty?

This list could go on and on. I guess I will just have to send my resume with

this letter and let the discriminating editors of our illustrious paper decide what qualifications I need to write this letter to the editor. I let you know in advance, gentlemen, that I will be disappointed if there is no statement after my name letting everyone know why my opinion in this letter may be valid or biased! And what statement will be listed at the end of your editorials from now on?

CATHERINE POPPINO
Twin Falls
(Editor's note: We recently began printing relevant background information about some letter writers, because we think it may be useful to readers. The presence of such an "editor's note" does not signify either approval or disapproval of the writer's opinion. We also recognize that we sometimes may fail to note useful information, simply because we are not familiar with the writer.)

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By Bruce Tinsley



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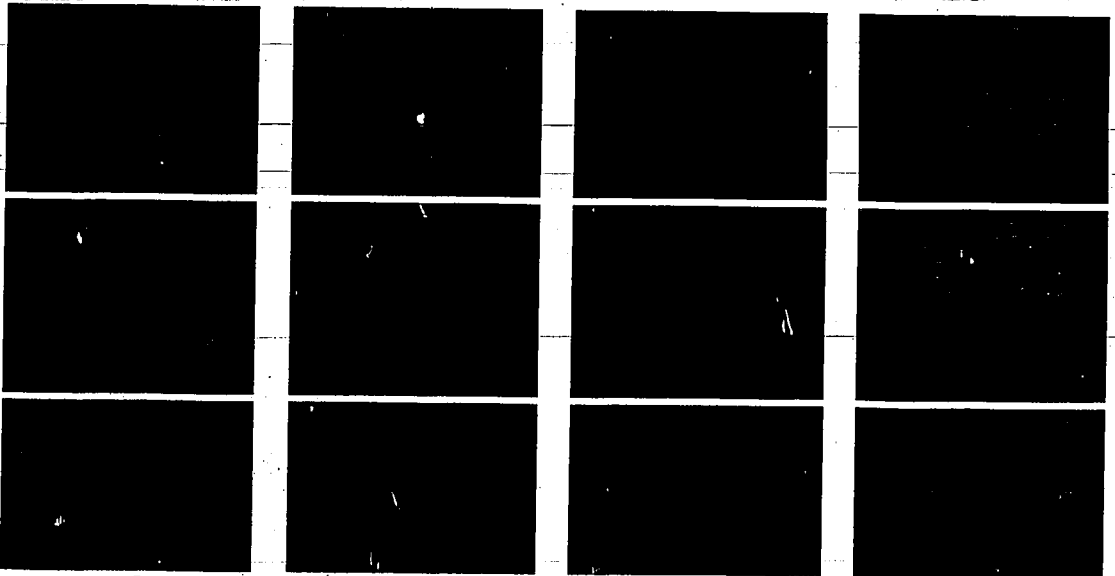
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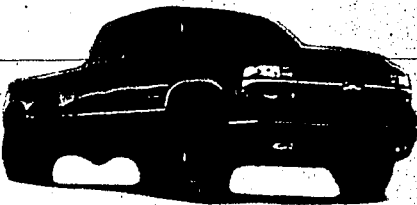
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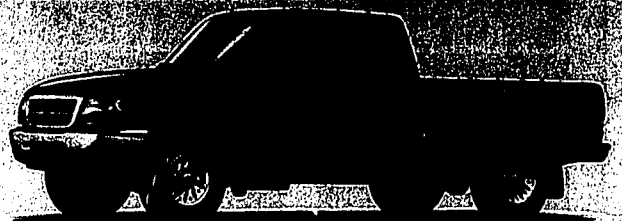
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AROUND THE VALLEY

Buhl man goes to trial for murder

MOUNTAIN HOME - A Buhl man charged with first-degree murder in connection with the shooting death of another man pleaded innocent Monday.

Fred Featherston, 51, pleaded innocent in District Court in Mountain Home, said Nina Patterson, an Elmore County clerk.

Elmore County Prosecutor Aaron Bazoli has filed an intent to seek the death penalty against Featherston, Patterson said.

Featherston is scheduled to go to trial May 15, 2001, Patterson said.

The murder charge against Featherston stems from the Nov. 4 shooting death of William Kepner, 38, at Kepner's Glens Ferry-area home.

Routine traffic stop leads to drug arrests

TWIN FALLS - A routine traffic stop Tuesday morning in Twin Falls netted two loaded handguns and half a pound of methamphetamine.

Twin Falls police officers stopped a car for various traffic infractions about 10:45 a.m. Tuesday near the intersection of Sparks Street and Filer Avenue, said Sgt. Mike Covington of the Twin Falls Police Department.

When officers inspected the vehicle, they discovered half a pound of methamphetamine under the front passenger's seat, Covington said.

The driver of the vehicle, who was carrying a fully-loaded 9 mm handgun, was arrested on charges of trafficking a controlled substance, and a passenger was arrested on an outstanding warrant and a trafficking charge, Covington said.

A fully-loaded revolver was also found in the back seat passenger compartment of the vehicle, he said.

Both men were being held at the Twin Falls County Jail Tuesday. The names of the suspects had not been released at press time. Police are still investigating the incident, Covington said.

Police expect more arrests in drug raid

TWIN FALLS - Police department officials expect more arrests in connection with a Saturday morning drug raid in Twin Falls.

Sgt. Mike Covington of the Twin Falls Police Department said more arrests are likely to come in connection with the raid, which occurred at 12:16 a.m. Saturday at 453 Ash St. N. in Twin Falls.

Covington said police recovered small amounts of marijuana the hallucinogenic drug LSD in the raid.

Four juveniles and 10 adults were arrested on various charges Saturday, he said.

Covington said the investigation is ongoing. Details about the Saturday drug raid, including the names of those arrested on various charges, had not been released at press time Tuesday.

Officials suspect arson in early morning house fire

TWIN FALLS - An early morning house fire in Twin Falls Tuesday that caused about \$1,000 in damages might have been the result of arson, local police and fire department officials said.

The Twin Falls Fire Department responded to a residential fire at the 300 block of Taylor Street about 12:34 a.m. Tuesday, Sgt. Mike Covington said. Fire and police department investigators determined that the fire appeared to have been deliberately set, Covington said. Nobody was home at the time of the fire. No arrests have been made and police are still investigating, Covington said.

Cassia small businesses become eligible for loans

BURLEY - Small businesses in Cassia County are eligible for low-interest loans because of reduced revenue to farmers and ranchers caused by severe drought and wildfires since October 1999.

Cassia County is one of several counties in Idaho and Utah the U.S. Small Business Administration has made eligible for the loans. U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman's disaster declarations made those loans possible. The loans have an interest rate of 4 percent, a maximum term of 30 years and are restricted to businesses without the financial ability to offset the adverse impact without hardship.

F&G names regional supervisor

By N.S. Nokkenved
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Growing up in Riggin, there wasn't much to do other than hunting and fishing. That's what persuaded Dave Parrish to become a fish and wildlife biologist.

"There isn't a better job anywhere," said Parrish, the newly named supervisor for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game's Magic Valley regional office in Jerome.

Parrish, 42, has served as acting regional supervisor since former supervisor Carl Nellis retired in July.

As long as the game animals make it through the winter and there's water in the reservoirs, the job is easy, he said. But tough winters and dry years can leave hunting bad and fishing worse.

Though that's part of the natural cycle, people blame Fish and Game. That's part of the job, Parrish said.

"We're at the mercy of the elements," he said.

Born in American Falls, Parrish studied fishery management at the University of Idaho, and in 1988 he earned a bachelor's degree in biology from Boise State University.

Since then he has done post-graduate work in natural resource management and policy, he said.

He started working for Fish and Game in 1979 at the Niagara Springs Hatchery. He also worked at the McCall hatchery and in fisheries management in Fish and Game's Nampa office.

He joined the Jerome office in 1997 as Please see SUPERVISOR, Page B3



Dave Parrish has served as acting regional supervisor for the Idaho Fish and Game Department since July. Now he has the job for real. LOAN CLAYTON/The Times-News

Sheriff gives warning: Stay with your car

Richfield woman dies in snowstorm

HAILUO - The Blaine County sheriff urged winter travelers on Tuesday to stay with their vehicles if they become stranded.

The warning came after a Richfield woman froze to death in the desert south of Carey, Rhonda J. George, 34, was found around 3 a.m. Saturday lying in the snow on Kamima Road in Lincoln County, about 20 miles south of U.S. Highway 26, Sheriff Walt Fleming said.

George was taken by helicopter to Bannock Regional Medical Center in Pocatello, where she was pronounced dead from exposure, according to a sheriff's department press release.

Fleming said he does not suspect foul play in George's death.

The release said George and her boyfriend, Jeremy Sontor, 29, also of Richfield, had gone for a drive Thursday afternoon on the Kamima road, which stretches 40 miles through desolate public lands in Lincoln and Blaine counties.

Their car ran out of gas around 3 p.m., Fleming said, and the couple was trying to walk out of the desert when a storm hit. They became disoriented and at 11 p.m. built a shelter in the sagebrush, the release said.

Cold and exhausted, George stayed at the shelter while Sontor went for help, the release said. He walked 16 hours, crossing sharp lava flows, before emerging on Highway

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near the Craters of the Moon National Monument.

Sontor was tired and banged up from numerous falls, on the lava flows, but he was otherwise in good condition, Fleming said.

Sontor led 34 Blaine County Search and Rescue personnel through the desert at 5:30 p.m. on Friday in search of George. The county's road and bridge department plowed 27 miles of road to get to her.

The blizzard had erased any footprints, but "irregularities" in the snow led six specially-trained searchers to George, Fleming said.

Rescuers battled darkness, wind, snowdrifts and sub-zero temperatures to find George, Fleming said.

At about 2 a.m. Saturday they found the sagebrush shelter, and an hour later they found George, about eight miles south of the couple's abandoned car.

Fleming said people who get stranded should stay in their vehicles, where they will at least be protected from the elements. They are bound to be reported missing by friends or family, in which case search and rescue will be dispatched.

"They may be cold, but we'll eventually find them," Fleming said. "Just stay with your vehicle."

Jerome Cheese refuses to give up on Gooding waste piping plan

By Gina Mulder
Times-News correspondent

JEROME - Jerome Cheese Co. hasn't given up on a proposal to pipe the plant's waste water to a site in southern Gooding County, even though county planners have rejected the idea.

"I don't feel this is a dead issue," said Rex Minchey, Jerome Cheese's maintenance manager.

The five-member county planning and zoning board rejected the plan on Nov. 29, just one day before the state's Department of Environmental Quality began working on a draft waste water land permit.

Jerome Cheese is considering resubmitting its permit application to the board in January.

County planners have been grappling with the issue since September, when Jerome Cheese applied for a special-use permit for a waste water land permit application.

The plan, which requires DEQ and county approval, would allow Jerome Cheese to pipe about 1 million gallons of fluid each day to a 940-acre site six miles west of the plant. Once there, the fluids would be run through a waste water treatment facility that would remove much of the nitrates, phosphates and organic solids. The recycled water would be sprinkled on crops such as alfalfa

and corn.

Gooding County Planning and Zoning Administrator Judy Daubner said planners denied the application because the proposal would set an industrial waste water treatment facility in the middle of agricultural land.

Also, at the time, the application was incomplete without DEQ's technical review of the project.

DEQ and county planners had voiced some concerns about the proposal's contingency plan, and technical issues surrounding treatment and land application systems. But those issues were eventually resolved, said Mike McMasters, DEQ's regional environmental manager.

"We recently met with Jerome Cheese and resolved all of those preliminary technical questions and issues that we had been discussing back and forth for some time now," McMasters said. "Now that we have those resolved, we're in the process of writing a draft permit."

Even though Gooding County has denied the special use application, DEQ will continue preparing its preliminary draft permit until all appeals have been completed, McMasters added.

Minchey believes Gooding County planners were a bit hasty, since they did not wait for DEQ.

"They based their decision on information that didn't represent the situation," Minchey said.

Minchey said Jerome Cheese's next step would be to reapply to the Gooding County planning and zoning with a DEQ draft permit in hand.

"We've met all of the requirements of DEQ, or they wouldn't be writing a draft permit," he said.

But final approval still lies with Gooding County, which will take into account the county's statutory and regulatory requirements, public comments and DEQ's review.

Jerome Cheese Co. earlier in the year began scouting for a more economical and environmentally friendly alternative for managing waste water, when it became apparent that the current system might not keep up with needs.

Currently, Jerome Cheese manages five wastewater streams. Four streams are handled independently by Jerome Cheese, but plant officials believe that they still lose use of two of those streams.

The fifth stream pumps about 550,000 gallons of fluid each day into Jerome's sewer, and the city won't allow more, Minchey said.

Times-News correspondent Gina Mulder can be reached at Wendell at 536-6649.

Vacations in M-C go on sale

Group hopes to pump tourism dollars into area

By Ruth Streeter
Times-News writer

BURLEY - Adventures on the Snake River plain are now for sale.

Out-of-towners can revel in the area's history on horseback, then journey to isolated Independence Lake for a day of fishing, and finish up with a cycling trip through the City of Rocks National Reserve.

But tourists won't be having all the fun. Heyburn's Joan Asson plans to take a horseback riding trip - her first - to Independence Lake with her daughter. Asson, who is also executive Please see VACATIONS, Page B3

Rupert power rates to increase 15 and 25 percent next year

By Aaron Brock
Times-News writer

RUPERT - Electricity rates in Rupert will increase between 15 and 25 percent next year, the Rupert City Council was told Tuesday night.

Rupert buys its power from the Bonneville Power Administration. Larry King, representing the BPA, explained that this year's dramatically rising power costs will force a rate increase.

"Our models are looking at energy prices over the next five years as being considerably higher than what they've been," King said.

The price increase is affecting the BPA and other power suppliers as well, he said. Normally the BPA will pay around 550 per megawatt hour of power, but recently those wholesale prices

Group hopes to pump tourism dollars into area



Heather Tiel, executive director of the South Central Idaho Tourism and Recreation Development Association, announced the arrival of Mini-Cassia adventure packages Tuesday. Mini-Cassia hopes to improve tourism by selling cycling, horseback-riding, skiing, fishing or hiking packages in 'Big River Country' to vacationers. PHOTO BY RUTH STREETER/The Times-News

have skyrocketed as high as \$3,300 per megawatt hour.

The price increase is due to a power shortage that is affecting the entire Pacific Northwest. Power load needs are growing and energy production is not keeping up, he said.

"The entire west coast is a little bit short on power," he said. "We haven't had an emergency this winter, but the situation is dire."

With large industries such as Magic Valley Foods and Kraft Foods Inc., the city of Rupert uses about 10 megawatt hours per day.

City administrator Roger Bagley said Rupert recently signed a five-year agreement with BPA and asked how BPA could legally increase prices.

The reason, King said, is that Please see POWER, Page B3

MAGIC VALLEY

Grant to fund tutoring program at Buhl school

By Mary Lou Potts
Times-News correspondent

BUHL — More students at Buhl High School will be able to get some extra help with their studies thanks to a \$15,500 grant from the Idaho Community Foundation part of the J. A. and Kathryn Albertson Foundation Education Fund.

The money will be used to hire two teachers and four student peer tutors to facilitate

an after-school tutoring program from 3:05 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday in the school library. Librarian Susie Jones said the school has offered tutoring for a couple of years to students with special needs through the federal Title One program. The new program will make it possible for the school to offer tutoring to more than 400 students, Jones said.

Jones said the goal of the project is to reduce the dropout rate, increase student success, increase peer contact and to provide

a safe and comfortable learning environment.

Other School Board business:

- The Buhl School District plans to implement a block schedule next year.
- The board approved the purchase of an astronomy textbook by Chaisson McMillan.
- Drivers' education fees have been certified between \$50 to \$75. More certified teachers will be needed as there are already 90 students enrolled in the program.

DEATH NOTICES

Robert A. Stevens
DECLIO - Robert A. Stevens, 62, of Declo died Tuesday, Dec. 19, 2000, at Cassia Regional Medical Center.

Services are pending and will be announced by Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel.

James S. Martin
POCATELLO - James S. Martin, 68, of Pocatello and formerly of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Dec. 16, 2000, at his home.

Mass will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 22 at St. Anthony's Parish in Pocatello.

Arrangements are under the direction of Downward Hansen Funeral Home in Pocatello.

Lorin Dee Walker
RUPERT - Lorin Dee Walker, 60, of Rupert died Tuesday, Dec. 17, 2000, in Castro Valley, Calif.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

SERVICE

Mickie Delgado, infant daughter of Julene and David Delgado of Burley, graveside services at 1 p.m. Friday in Boise.

OBITUARIES

For obituary rates and information, call 733-9931, 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.

TWIN FALLS



Harriet Bernice Claiborn

Harriet Bernice Claiborn, 84, of Twin Falls and formerly of Jerome, died Saturday, Dec. 16, 2000, at Chapparelle House in Twin Falls.

She was born May 17, 1916, at Hastings. Nob, the daughter of Edwin N. and Hattie Estella Lowell Lindsay. She came to Kimberly at an early age with her family, where she was raised and educated. She married Virgil Claiborn at Kimberly in 1935. They moved to Wendell, farming there for a short time and then moved to Jerome in 1938, where they farmed east of town until Virgil's death in 1972. Harriet continued on the farm for a while and then moved into town in 1995, she moved to Twin Falls. Harriet was a member of the First Christian Church in Jerome.

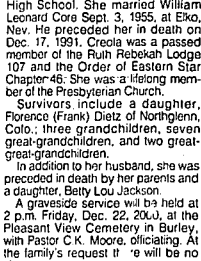
Survivors include her children, Verlene Claiborn and Dennis (Gracie) Claiborn both of Jerome, and one sister, Ruth Johnson, ofampa, Idaho.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by live brothers and live sisters.

Funeral services for Harriet Claiborn will be conducted at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 21, 2000, in the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel.

Burial will follow in the Twin Falls Cemetery. No viewing is planned.

RUPERT



Dorothy Colleen Hruza

Dorothy Colleen Hruza, 65-year-old Rupert resident, died Monday, Dec. 18, 2000, at her home in Rupert.

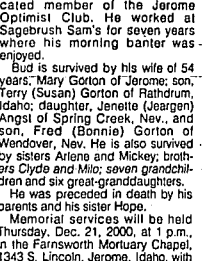
She was born Jan. 11, 1934, in Coliden. III, to Calvin Blufford and Clyde Lucille Galbraith. She attended schools in Coliden and graduated from Coliden-High School. Colleen married Ronald Hruza Dec. 12, 1954, in the First Pentecostal Church in Rupert. She worked for Henry Brazelton Realty as a secretary, she also did secretarial work for Rev. Coo. Rev. Ludlow and Rev. Dickson and was a substitute teacher for Mindoka County School District. She enjoyed going to church, spending time outdoors and going to island. Park with her family. She was a member of the First Pentecostal Church which she served as secretary-for-23 years. Colleen enjoyed playing with her grandchildren and was loved very much by her grandchildren.

Colleen is survived by her husband Ronald of Rupert, one daughter, Carolyn (Dennis) Spanner of Portland, Ore., two sons, David (Lisa) Hruza of Rupert, Idaho, and Steve (Valerie) Hruza of Caldwell, Idaho, and one sister Jan Benoit of Evangeline, La. She also had seven grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 22, 2000, at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel. Pastor Norman Dillon will officiate. Burial will follow in the Rupert Cemetery. Family and friends may call on Thursday evening from 5-8 p.m. and one hour prior to the service on Friday. Arrangements are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

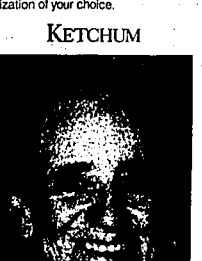
JEROME



Martin 'Bud' Gorton

Martin "Bud" Gorton, 74, of Jerome, passed away Dec. 19, 2000. He was born May 9, 1926, in Nantkin Township, Mich. to Martin James and Martha Miller Gorton. He grew up in Michigan and lived and worked there until he retired. He married Mary Ellen Dupuis on Dec. 6, 1946. After he retired, they moved to

KETCHUM



Maria Goliandia

Maria Goliandia, 88, died Monday, Dec. 18, 2000, at the St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center in the presence of family and friends.

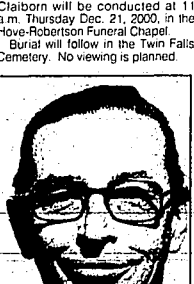
She was born June 12, 1912, in Aulesi, Bizkaia, Spain. She married Sebastian Goliandia on July 10, 1941. They had two sons Joe and Juan. In 1938, Maria moved to Ketchum, Idaho, to join her family. She worked in the kitchen at the Sun Valley Inn until her retirement in 1977. After her husband's death in 1982, she made her home with her son, Joe and his family. Her family and the grandchildren were the most important part of her life. Maria was a member of the Catholic Church and attended Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church in Sun Valley. She was famous for her fresh homemade bread. It was the delight of her grandchildren, her friends and anyone who happened through the door and smelled the aroma. She also enjoyed talking walks and visiting with people she saw along the way.

Surviving family members include her son Joe (Cheryl) Goliandia of Ketchum, and their children, daughter Jodie (Donnie) Goliandia-Smye and grandchildren Kelli and Mia of Haley; their son Mike (Jannifer) Goliandia of Haley; and their daughter Dina (Rob) Goliandia-Boek, and grandchildren Sierra and Tyler of Bellevue. Also, her son Juan (Verla) Goliandia of Haley, and their children, son Jess (Terry) Goliandia and grandchildren Shay and Sochi of Haley, her son Scott Goliandia of Haley, and their son Marcel (Tanya) Goliandia and grandchildren Mary and Samantha of Bellevue. A sister Victoria Uriarte lives in Amoroso, Bizkaia, Spain.

Her husband, her parents, and eight brothers and sisters preceded her in death.

The Vigil and Rosary will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 20, 2000, at the Wood River Chapel in Haley. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 21, 2000, at Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church. Interment will follow in the Ketchum Cemetery.

WENDELL



Mabel Bonnie Lee Austin

Mabel Bonnie Lee Austin of Wendell, Idaho passed away in Boise, Idaho, from an extended illness on Dec. 17, 2000.

Mabel was born on June 8, 1910 in Junction City, Oregon. She was the first child of Claude C. Lee and Anna Gossett Lee. The Lees moved from Oregon to Ashton, Idaho, and after Mabel graduated from high school she went to nursing school in Idaho Falls, Idaho, after she met and married Herbert John Austin on Aug. 20, 1930, in Idaho Falls, Idaho. For the next 70 years, she lived with her husband and never turned a stranger away from her table without a full meal. Mabel loved to cook for her visiting crews and people. Children in the neighborhood were always given special treats. There was no child in the neighborhood who went hungry if Mabel could help it. She joined the Order of the Eastern Star in 1944 and purchased a lifetime membership in Wendell, Idaho, after she became a Golden Star. She loved to take food to potlucks and delight when people enjoyed her meals. Mabel was also a member of the Grange in Salmon, Idaho, and Wendell, Idaho, for many years. Knowing that her last Christmas was to be in 1999, Mabel invited her children for one last Christmas meal. Refusing help from anyone, and preparing that meal was her last great Christmas present for her children. Anyone who really knew Mabel knew she was generous to a fault. She loved to fish and tend her garden. She is now in Heaven where she is teaching her son Dean how, to fish and raise a garden.

Mabel was survived by one sister, Ruth Butler of Salem, Ore.; her husband, John H. Austin of Wendell; her daughters, Doreen of Colville of Jerome; and Glenda Trumbo of Boise; and her sons, John Austin of Sixes, Ore., and Le Roy Austin of Wendell, Idaho. She has nine grandchildren, 19 great grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

Mabel is preceded in death by her parents; her brother, Rox A. Lee; a sister, Mabel Lee; and one grandson, Thomas N. Trumbo.

Mabel believed in three great rules:

Never turn a stranger from your table.

For you never know who he will be. Always keep your fish hook wet.

If you want to catch a fish.

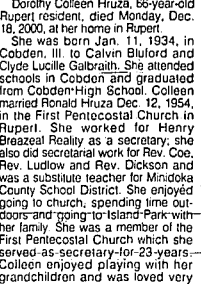
When you're angry at another, Remember you are part of the problem.

Her last request was:

"For this love one another. For it is only through love that you can find the true forgiveness of the Lord."

Memorial services will be held at the Demaray Funeral Chapel at 164 E. Main in Wendell, Idaho, on Saturday, Dec. 23, 2000, at 1:30 p.m.

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Mabel Bonnie Lee Austin

Mabel Bonnie Lee Austin of Wendell, Idaho passed away in Boise, Idaho, from an extended illness on Dec. 17, 2000.

Mabel was born on June 8, 1910 in Junction City, Oregon. She was the first child of Claude C. Lee and Anna Gossett Lee. The Lees moved from Oregon to Ashton, Idaho, and after Mabel graduated from high school she went to nursing school in Idaho Falls, Idaho, after she met and married Herbert John Austin on Aug. 20, 1930, in Idaho Falls, Idaho. For the next 70 years, she lived with her husband and never turned a stranger away from her table without a full meal. Mabel loved to cook for her visiting crews and people. Children in the neighborhood were always given special treats. There was no child in the neighborhood who went hungry if Mabel could help it. She joined the Order of the Eastern Star in 1944 and purchased a lifetime membership in Wendell, Idaho, after she became a Golden Star. She loved to take food to potlucks and delight when people enjoyed her meals. Mabel was also a member of the Grange in Salmon, Idaho, and Wendell, Idaho, for many years. Knowing that her last Christmas was to be in 1999, Mabel invited her children for one last Christmas meal. Refusing help from anyone, and preparing that meal was her last great Christmas present for her children. Anyone who really knew Mabel knew she was generous to a fault. She loved to fish and tend her garden. She is now in Heaven where she is teaching her son Dean how, to fish and raise a garden.

Mabel was survived by one sister, Ruth Butler of Salem, Ore.; her husband, John H. Austin of Wendell; her daughters, Doreen of Colville of Jerome; and Glenda Trumbo of Boise; and her sons, John Austin of Sixes, Ore., and Le Roy Austin of Wendell, Idaho. She has nine grandchildren, 19 great grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

Mabel is preceded in death by her parents; her brother, Rox A. Lee; a sister, Mabel Lee; and one grandson, Thomas N. Trumbo.

Mabel believed in three great rules:

Never turn a stranger from your table.

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If you want to catch a fish.

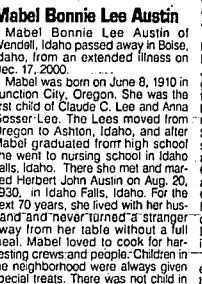
When you're angry at another, Remember you are part of the problem.

Her last request was:

"For this love one another. For it is only through love that you can find the true forgiveness of the Lord."

Memorial services will be held at the Demaray Funeral Chapel at 164 E. Main in Wendell, Idaho, on Saturday, Dec. 23, 2000, at 1:30 p.m.

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Walter Park Roller

Walter Park Roller, 75, of Twin Falls, Idaho, went to be with his heavenly Father on Dec. 19, 2000. He died at Gooding Memorial Hospital of an extended illness.

Walt was born May 16, 1925, in Denver, Colo., the youngest of three sons to Lottie and Florence Rolter. From 1943 to 1946, Walt was enlisted in the United States Navy and proudly served in World War II as a radio man on fleets in both the Atlantic and Pacific oceans.

On Feb. 18, 1962, Walt married Ardeth "Penny" Hopkins in Elko, Nev. The majority of Walt's career was as an auto mechanic in Twin Falls area dealerships. Walt spent five years at Boeing Aircraft in Seattle, Wash., in the experimental lab, and received accommodations for his work on the 747.

Walt is survived by his wife and daughters Helen Stocks (Riley) of Twin Falls; Pam Smith (Zab) of Boise, Calif.; Pat Shivers (Jolly) of Boise; Patricia Traubinger of Hagerman, and son Greg Hopkins (Laura) of Tocomsoh, Mich.; 15 1/2 grandchildren and 8 1/2 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be sent to Hospice Visions of Magic Valley.

A memorial service for Walt will be announced at a later date.

THORNTON, COLO.

Creola Pearl Core

Creola Pearl Core, 87-year-old Thornton, Colo., and former Burley resident died Saturday, Dec. 16, 2000, at the Elmshaven Nursing Home in Thornton, Colo.

She was born Oct. 23, 1913, at Roundup, Mont., the daughter of Erin M. and Creola Fern McVay Boal. She

JEROME



Martin 'Bud' Gorton

Martin "Bud" Gorton, 74, of Jerome, passed away Dec. 19, 2000. He was born May 9, 1926, in Nantkin Township, Mich. to Martin James and Martha Miller Gorton. He grew up in Michigan and lived and worked there until he retired. He married Mary Ellen Dupuis on Dec. 6, 1946. After he retired, they moved to

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Elko fills vacant seat

By G. Andre Begn
Times-News Correspondent

ELKO, Nev. — The City Council has chosen a former councilman and county commissioner to fill a vacant council seat.

Dale Porter, 70, will replace John Ellison, who recently was elected county commissioner. He said he intends to serve out Ellison's term but not run for the seat when the term ends this summer.

Porter is former chairman of the Elko County Democratic Party and chairman of the local recreation board. An Elko High School graduate, he holds a business administration degree from University of Nevada, Reno.

He was chosen from a group of 12 candidates.

A roofing contractor since 1957, Porter said he was interested in the myriad projects scheduled for the city within the next six months, including the city's budget, 2001 legislative session and the California Trails

Interpretive Center, as well as a proposed pipe project.

Ellison had asked the council to appoint someone who would not take advantage of the appointment to run for the seat as an incumbent in June. In accepting the short-term appointment, Porter encouraged the 11 other candidates to run for the office.

"I urge you to go on and run in June because it is a great learning experience," Porter said.

He praised the other candidates and said voters would have a hard time choosing among them when he steps down.

"If just half these people run, God help the voters, because it's going to be awfully hard to pick someone," he said.

Other candidates were Kerry Acquire, Gregory Powell, Michael Robinson, former councilman Bill Strickland, Douglass Madden, James Conner, J.R. Roseman, Gregory Martin, Kevin Doerr, Wesley Brown and Jim Pitts.

Gooding police plan to increase patrols instead of stop signs

By Almee Metcalf
Times-News correspondent

GOODING — Residents won't get the additional stop signs they want around town, to slow down speeding vehicles.

But they will see more police patrols instead.

Extra police will be on the streets at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m., during lunch hour and when schools are dismissed. It's an attempt to address complaints about traffic from Gooding High School, which has an open campus.

Mayor George Davis said he doubts additional stop signs would do much good.

In other city business:

- A sidewalk on West Seventh Avenue, for students' on their way to school, will be studied. The city accepted Keller and Associates' quote of \$850 to help with a preliminary study.
- The council will help find a site for a local information center. The council agreed to work with Judee Gooding.
- The council's next meeting is slated for 7 p.m. on Jan. 3, 2001.

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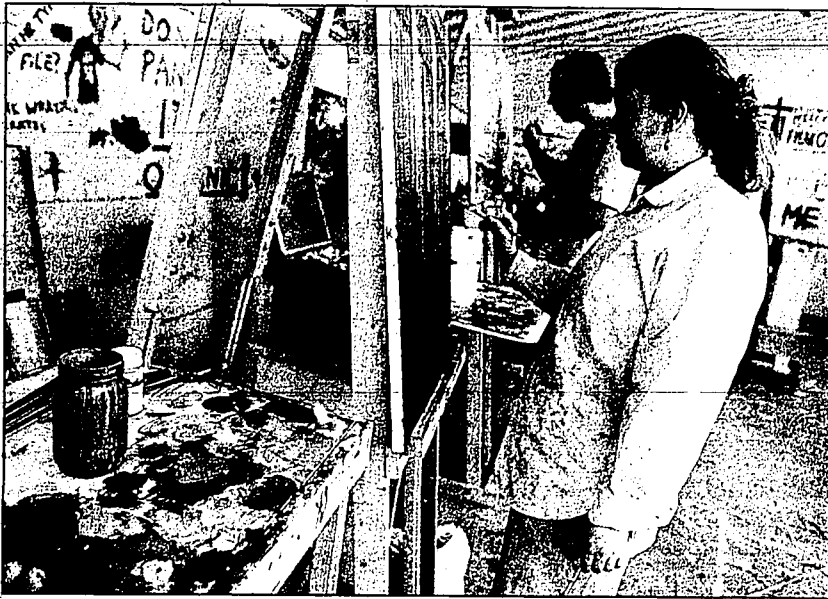
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PAINTING FOR FINALS



Katrina Porekrestenko and Seth Dotson put the finishing touches on their paintings at the University of Idaho in Moscow Monday. The two students are preparing for the final critique in their painting classes on Wednesday.

Court: Safety rules violation doesn't stand

BOISE (AP) — Smoking on the loading dock violated her employment safety rules but did not disqualify a woman injured on the job from getting worker's compensation benefits, the Idaho Supreme Court said.

The high court's unanimous opinion, issued on Tuesday, reversed the Idaho Industrial Commission's denial of benefits to Amanda Gage, who hurt her back while climbing back onto a loading dock after jumping down to retrieve a cigarette.

"A proscription against smoking on the job does not categorically compel denial of an award of benefits to a worker injured while participating in the prohibited activity," Justice Jesse Walters wrote.

Although we have found no Idaho cases on the subject, other courts have affirmed awards of worker's compensation benefits to injured employees who had violated safety rules.

On June 24, 1996, Gage was sent by Express Personnel Service, a Pocatello job placement service, to work at Americold, a storage and shipping company dealing in frozen food products.

She was dangling her legs off the rail dock and smoking a cigarette while waiting for labeling supplies when her cigarette broke and fell to the ground. After retrieving it, Gage used ropes attached nearby in pulling herself back onto the dock but fell and landed on her tailbone, court records show.

A neurologist rated her physical disability as a result of the injury at 15 percent. But Express Personnel Services said Gage's condition was not the result of an injury suffered in the course of employment, and the Industrial Commission concluded that it actually was the result of smoking — a purely personal activity.

The Supreme Court, however, agreed with Gage's argument that smoking — while prohibited — had not kept her from doing her job.

"By smoking while she waited for the product she was to label, Gage may be said to have done an authorized act in a forbidden manner, but this slight deviation of the employer's rule regulating how the work was to be performed is not enough to deny Gage's claim," Walters wrote.

"Moreover, smoking was not the cause of the injury. The injury could as easily have resulted from Gage jumping off the rail dock to reclaim an erasing, necklace or other personal item that had fallen to the ground."

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—Justice Jesse Walters

Northwest officials catch workers on tape tossing holiday packages like basketballs

ST. PAUL (AP) — Northwest Airlines officials said Tuesday they may punish baggage handlers who were caught on tape by a television news crew throwing around holiday season packages as though they were basketballs.

KSTP-TV's tape showed three workers taking packages off a plane at Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport on Monday and chucking them into a large bin.

Instead of carefully loading the packages, the handlers tossed them over their heads and behind their backs. In at least one case, the worker missed and

watched the package crash to the ground.

One of the handlers picked up a box coming off the plane and lobbed it to a co-worker who threw it high and backwards over his or her head and into the bin. One took a mailbag and attempted a reverse two-handed overhead shot that missed. One took another mailbag in one hand and slung it backwards, then up over his or her head and flung it into the bin. The tape also showed larger packages landing on top of smaller boxes, potentially crushing them. One of the workers took two plastic cartons of small-

er pieces of mail and put backpack on them while tossing them.

KSTP showed the tape to Northwest and U.S. Postal Service officials, who said they were upset by what they saw and called it a serious incident.

"The video we see obviously gives us cause to be disturbed," Northwest spokesman Jon Austin said. "We're going to want to follow up with these employees, find out what they thought they were doing. If disciplinary action is appropriate then we are going to take that as well, because this isn't how we want to do business."

Federal provision won't hurt park

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, Wyo. (AP) — The phasing out of snowmobiles from Yellowstone and Grand Teton national parks will not be delayed, despite Sen. Craig Thomas' assertion otherwise, an Interior Department official said.

Thomas, R-Wyo., said a provision attached to a federal appro-

priations bill last week delays implementation of the snowmobile ban in Yellowstone to allow the Bush administration time to review the decision.

The provision said the National Park Service can spend no money before July 31 to finalize or enforce a final rule that would decrease snowmobile use

at any national park below "current use patterns" during the winters of 2000-01 or 2001-02.

But Destry Jarvis, senior adviser in the Interior Department, said the Park Service decision already delays reductions in snowmobile use at Yellowstone and Grand Teton until the winter of 2002-03.

Report sheds little light on flight passenger's death

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — As passengers aboard Southwest Flight 1763 restrained Jonathan Burton, a man jumped up and down on his back, screaming obscenities, one passenger told investigators.

Another witness said a different passenger kept his foot on Burton's neck for several minutes, even after he lost consciousness.

But others said the men who restrained Burton only did what was necessary to restrain the "crazed" man.

Burton, who had tried minutes earlier to break into the cockpit, died before the plane touched down.

The passenger accounts were included in a 532-page report

released Tuesday by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Another 375 pages, including autopsy photos, were not released.

Despite the graphic descriptions included amongst the dozens of written statements and FBI interviews, the report sheds little light on the mysterious circumstances surrounding Burton's death.

The 19-year-old was flying from Las Vegas to Salt Lake City to spend two weeks with his uncle. About 15 minutes before landing, Burton began pacing the aisle and making gestures with his hands. Suddenly, he charged the door to the cockpit, punching and kicking it until he broke into one of the door and tried to crawl through.

"(He) ran up the aisle very quickly and smashed through the door to the cockpit. He started to yell about someone needs to fly the plane because the pilot was not flying the plane," one passenger wrote in an incident report.

All passengers' names were blacked out of the FBI report.

Burton was tackled by other passengers who tried to calm him as they walked him back to his seat. He tried to leave his seat several times, each time being stopped by burly passengers sitting on either side.

The FBI concluded that a flight attendant "exacerbated the situation by approaching Burton, shaking her finger in his face, and yelling at him."

Montana prosecutors charge jail inmate with killing child last seen in 1996

GREAT FALLS, Mont. (AP) — Prosecutors on Tuesday charged a jail inmate with kidnapping and killing a 10-year-old boy in 1996, saying evidence suggests the suspect butchered the child and fed his body to neighbors.

Nathaniel Bar-Jonah, awaiting trial on separate charges that he sexually assaulted children and dangled a 9-year-old from a kitchen ceiling with a rope, is charged with murder and aggravated kidnapping in the death of Zachary Ramsay. The Great Falls boy disappeared while walking to school on Feb. 6, 1996.

His body has not been found, despite a number of searches of Bar-Jonah's property. One search turned up human bone fragments, but DNA tests confirmed they did not belong to Zachary.

A 46-page affidavit includes statements from people who know Bar-Jonah, supporting suspicions of cannibalism. Evidence also includes "encrypted" writings believed to be from Bar-Jonah that were decoded by the FBI. The writings include a list of "dishes" made from the body of a

small child, according to the affidavit.

"There are some writings where he talked about a barbecued kid, lunch served on the patio with roasted child, little boy's stew," Cascade County Attorney Brent Light said Tuesday.

Bar-Jonah's lawyer, Larry LaFountain, does not have a listed phone number and could not be reached for comment late Tuesday.

Acquaintances of Bar-Jonah also said they received from him prepared dishes that he described as containing meat, but which tasted peculiar, the affidavit said.

Several of the dishes were served to a neighbor child, who repeatedly complained that meat "tasted funny," the affidavit said.

A doctor who performed a psychiatric evaluation of Bar-Jonah said he had fantasies about "dissecting and cannibalism" and that he "expresses a curiosity about the taste of human flesh," the affidavit continued.

Charges Tuesday were served at the Cascade County regional jail, where Bar-Jonah is in custody

pending trial in the child sexual assault case.

He was ordered held on \$500,000 bail in Zachary's death and is scheduled to appear in court Wednesday.

Zachary disappeared while walking from his home to school. Light said prosecutors have witnesses who saw Bar-Jonah in an alley on Zachary's school route on the morning he disappeared.

Light also said a woman who moved into Bar-Jonah's home told authorities she was cleaning a closet and found a bag of boy's clothes. Her description of the clothing matches the apparel Zachary wore the day he disappeared, Light said.

He also said a search of Bar-Jonah's belongings revealed thousands of pictures of children, some appearing to have been cut from school albums.

"These are like a baseball-card collection, thousands and thousands of pictures," Light said.

Light said there has not been a decision on whether to seek the death penalty if Bar-Jonah is convicted.

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there is a cost recovery adjustment clause in the contract which allows BPA to increase prices to offset the higher prices that it must pay for wholesale power.

With the power shortage in the area, King stressed that it was important for citizens and industries to conserve as much energy as possible.

City Councilman Steve Barras

suggested that the city send out conservation tips with its electric bills and his fellow council members agreed.

During an energy shortage, utility companies can pay industries to shut down for a brief period of time, often just a day, but sometimes as long as a few weeks, King said.

"We're basically paying industrial customers to stop using power," King said.

Representatives from Kraft Foods Inc. and Magic Valley Foods attended the meeting. Officials from Magic Valley Foods said their company was interested in being a part of this program if the need arises.

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Vacations

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director for the Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce, has been working closely with the South Central Idaho Tourism and Recreation Association to develop the packages which adventure seekers can customize. The purchase of a package comes with special deals at 30 area businesses.

"I'm very pleased (with the packages) especially because this is the first time for Mini-Cassia (name) 'Big River Country' to market the area," Asson said.

The name "Big River Country" was coined by Dale Whipple, president of the Oregon Trail Botanical Garden Foundation, as another name for Mini-Cassia. Asson said she asked for Whipple's permission to use the name for the brochure.

It's just one way locals are trying to market Mini-Cassia to outsiders.

SCRITDA announced the arrival of the adventure package brochures, hot off the presses, at an annual dinner Tuesday night. The brochures cost about \$10,000 to put together, and advertise similar packages available in

Hagerman.

As of September, there have been 19 bookings for the Hagerman packages which have only been offered since April.

SCRITDA Executive Director Heather Tiel said that might not sound like many, but she thinks the number is "phenomenal" considering the project is only in its first year.

The nonprofit organization will begin marketing the Big River Country packages from Boise to the Wood River Valley, and on travel websites in January.

"We're very, very proud of this piece," Tiel said.

A long-term project for the

Magic Valley is the North Rim Project in Jerome County. SCRITDA's Neil King said he hopes to have a final decision on what to do with the 8,000 acres of public land north of the Snake River Canyon by spring.

SCRITDA is heading up plans to give that acreage recreational use while also protecting it as a resource. King said it could be 10 or 20 years before the first development is out of that land.

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Supervisor

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environmental staff biologist — a jack-of-all-trades — doing essentially what everybody else didn't have time to do, he said.

Parrish said he has no plans to change things in the Magic Valley Region.

"We have a good staff here, and things are going pretty well," he said.

Nellis speaks well of his replacement.

"Good man. Wish him luck," he said.

Nellis is enjoying his retirement as he enjoyed his job with Fish and Game, he said. He has time for a little more hunting and spends more time on wood-working and other things he

likes to do.

He thinks the department has done some important things, including bringing in ruffed grouse, bighorn sheep, antelope and improving elk hunting.

The department has done a fair job of protecting the region's fish and wildlife, Nellis said. But the greatest change has come from the public, not the department.

Over the past 15 to 20 years, peoples attitudes toward poaching have changed, and more people are reporting poachers, Nellis said.

On the wall of the office that was Nellis's, and now is Parrish's, hangs a 1911 hunting license. In those days a hunting license cost

\$1, and women and Civil War veterans didn't need them, Nellis said.

All the things that 1911 license bought a hunter would cost \$100 today. But hunters today have opportunities that didn't exist then, he said.

Those opportunities now are Parrish's responsibility.

Nellis predicts he'll do well. He credits Parrish with diplomacy skills and a genuine concern for the resource.

"I don't know what else you can ask," Nellis said.

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Shoshone district works to keep students safe and off the highway

By Lorraine Cavener
Times-News correspondent

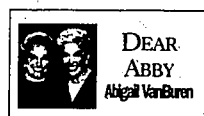
SHOSHONE - Youngsters walking to and from school on Idaho Highway 24 are alarming some drivers and local officials. Harold Cook tells of a girl who suddenly skipped into his lane. With an oncoming car in the opposite lane, "I had no place to go," Cook said. His side mirror missed the girl by inches, he said. Cook's complaint is not the most harrowing tale about Shoshone students walking on the highway. "We have had kids push each other in front of cars," school Superintendent Max Excell said. "We have to do something before they kill somebody." The Shoshone School District and the Idaho Transportation Department are working on safety improvements. The state has

built a temporary walking path, and officials plan a permanent asphalt path and other improvements, said Dennis Jensen, Transportation Department maintenance foreman. But the paved path for pedestrians and bicycles will not be built for at least two or three years, he said. "It depends on when the project gets funded," Jensen said. The project, which has a preliminary estimate of \$500,000, will require blasting to remove a couple of small hills, he said. In the meantime, the immediate goal for highway and school officials is to persuade students to use the temporary path. "It could be tempting for them to take a shortcut down the highway," Excell said. High school Principal Joe Hendrickson explained that using the path forces students to backtrack to get to favorite

lunchtime haunts such as Taco Bell. Also, the highway offers a drier surface in wet or snowy weather, he said. Keeping students off the highway is important, because hay and beet trucks frequent that stretch of highway, Hendrickson said. Police Chief Robert Quiroga said he has been patrolling the area to discourage youngsters from walking on the highway. He and Hendrickson said students mostly seem to be using the footpath. "It's getting slick now," he said. "If these kids are walking along the road, somebody's going to get whacked." *Times-News correspondent Lorraine Cavener can be reached at the Mini-Cassia Bureau at 677-4042.*

Keeping up with sister-in-law's high life makes husband feel low

DEAR ABBY: My sister-in-law "Charlotte's" lifestyle is extravagant. She has an annual income of \$300,000, plus "perks." She is in her 40s, divorced for 10 years, and lives in a Park Avenue condo with her live-in boyfriend. Everything Charlotte does is "first class" - restaurants, vacations, clothing, entertainment, etc. I earn \$50,000 a year. My wife and I have a nice home with a pool. She drives a top-of-the-line car, has plenty of nice clothes, and we enjoy sailing on our small boat. I have never denied her anything. Several times last year, my wife visited Charlotte in New York. While visiting, my wife charged things we can't afford. I suspect she's trying to keep up with Charlotte's lifestyle, which is impossible. When I point out to her that we can't afford all the expensive things she purchases, she becomes cool and annoyed with me. Trying to keep up with her sister's lifestyle is causing a rift in our once happy marriage. We are moving apart, and I don't know what to do. I love my wife, and it hurts.



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terol, etc., had never been communicated to patients. Please, Abby, urge all individuals who have lab tests to expect a call within a week or two. If they hear nothing, they MUST call the doctor's office to inquire about the results. This could save one's life. -HAROLD J. GOLDFARB, M.D., ALLENTOWN, PA. DEAR DR. GOLDFARB: This subject has been addressed in my column before, and I'm sorry it is still an ongoing problem. Readers, "No news" ISN'T good news. No news is simply that - no news. Always make a point of obtaining medical test results if you don't receive them from your physician. That precaution could save your life.

Hansen students test well in reading

By Margaret Jones
Times-News correspondent

HANSEN - Students performed well on the fall Idaho Reading Indicator test, elementary Principal Tom Standley told the School Board Monday. Standley said 58 percent of students are reading at grade level, better than the statewide average of 48.5 percent. Students will take several tests in January. In addition to the IRI test, students will be

week and competes with teams from other area schools. Team members pay a \$35 fee which includes bowling ball and shoe rentals and a T-shirt. Other School Board business: • The district received a \$4,000 donation from Pepsi-Cola for scholarships and the school yearbook. • Seventeen Spanish students will visit Mexico. • The Parent-Teacher Organization purchased indoor games for "Red Flag Days."

When they meet
The next Hansen School Board meeting has been rescheduled. The School Board will meet at 7 p.m. Jan. 22. tested on their math and writing skills. Also Monday, District clerk Myra Miller said there were 14 girls in the school bowling club. The group, sponsored by Magic Bowl, meets for practice twice a

Energy secretary urges swift action

WASHINGTON (AP) - A power crunch that has left California teetering on the brink of darkness and sent electricity prices skyrocketing requires a swift, regional response, Energy Secretary Bill Richardson told an "energy summit" Tuesday. "We are now facing a situation that requires immediate action," he said. "I ask you, everyone in this room, to get down to work, roll up your sleeves and come up with a solution that everyone can live with." Richardson left the meeting at the Federal Energy Regulatory

Commission to fly to Denver, where Western governors were to meet Wednesday to discuss the situation. Richardson said he favors a regional price cap for power to encourage more companies to provide power to California. Richardson issued an emergency order last week forcing 75

Western power generators to supply electricity to California. The generators had been reluctant to supply power because they are concerned about receiving payment from California's two largest utilities, both of which are in financial trouble. Those utilities - Pacific Gas & Electric and Southern California Edison - are negotiating privately with the administration of Gov. Gray Davis to avoid swallowing \$8 billion in debt from paying market prices for electricity while being forced to charge customers regulated prices.



Energy Secretary Bill Richardson

Avista Corp. calls for another increase in electricity rates

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) - Avista Corp. wants to increase electricity rates by nearly 5 percent so it can recover \$5 million it has paid in excessive power costs. Avista asked the Idaho Public Utilities Commission on Monday for a year-long increase in power rates. It marks Avista's third request this year for a rate hike. The company has asked for higher natural gas prices, as well. Monday's petition sought a temporary power cost adjust-

ment, which would allow Avista to compensate for its inability to generate hydropower in low water years. "This is a function of the water conditions," said Randy Lobb, administrator of the utilities division at the Public Utilities Commission. "You have to understand that rates are designed to cover all costs at normal water conditions." But, during a dry water year Avista must purchase electricity on the open market to meet demand in the state's regulated areas.

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Landmark decision turns off farm water

ON THE TRINITY RIVER, Calif. (AP) — Four decades after the remote Trinity River was dammed and diverted to pour water into California's farm belt, Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt tightened the spigot Tuesday, doubling the water kept in the north and ousting growers hundreds of miles away.

In emotional ceremonies on the ancestral lands of the 4,000-member Hoopa tribe, Babbitt said his decision fulfilled a pledge he made to the Hoopa and Yurok tribes in 1993 during his first trip to the West as interior secretary. The promise: that he would act on the Trinity before leaving office.

"We didn't make it by much," Babbitt said, noting his tenure ends in a month.

Babbitt was escorted to the signing ceremonies by Hoopa Chairman Duane Sherman in a dugout canoe hand-hewn from a redwood that, by tribal tradition, was cut seven days after the full moon.

"This wasn't just a project. It was a cause invested with a moral imperative," Babbitt said.

The Trinity, which joins the Klamath 25 miles from the coast, is at the heart of the culture and economy of the Indian tribes that have inhabited the region for thousands of years. The area is about 300 miles north of San Francisco.

"For 500 generations, the Hoopa tribe has known a different river than what they see today. One are those deep spawning pools, those alluvial gravels, those different salmon at different times of the year, those spring, fall and summer runs. It's changed," Sherman said.



Hoopa tribal leader Duane Sherman, right, and tribal member George Blake, left, take Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt, second from left, and Rep. Mike Thompson, D-Calif., down the Trinity River in a handmade redwood dugout canoe on their way to approve a landmark federal order restoring water to the river, in Hoopa, Calif. The decision allows more water to be retained in the north of the state and less to be sent to Central Valley farmers.

Legislation backed by growers and crafted in the 1950s led to federal projects, completed by the early 1960s, that dammed the river and diverted about 90 percent of the water at Lewiston through huge tunnels to the Sacramento River.

The goal was to get more water into the Central Valley to produce power and irrigate crops to support California's swelling population. Indians, whose approval was necessary to congregate the

original legislation, said they agreed to the plan after being assured that "not one bucketful of water" would be diverted that would affect fish and wildlife habitat.

But the runs of salmon, which provide commerce and food, diminished as large amounts of water were taken from the river.

The 90 percent diversion was later reduced to about 75 percent, but the environmental impacts continued as the salmon populations slowly began to mend. For

years, the Indians and their political allies have sought to retain more water in the north.

Babbitt's decision meets their demands, at least in part.

It splits the diversion roughly in half — 52 percent to the Central Valley and 48 percent to be retained in the north. That means the amount of water shipped out to the valley will be reduced by some 300,000 acre-feet. An acre-foot of water, about 330,000 gallons, is roughly the amount used by a family of five in a year.

But those machines are ripping up land so special the conservation groups in Idaho suggest its inclusion as a national canyonlands monument, he said.

Johnston said those machines have created more than five miles of illegal trails into the heart of 53,000-acre Big Jack's and 59,000-acre Little Jack's study areas.

Nevada lawmakers call for probe of waste-site memo

WASHINGTON (AP) — Nevada's congressional delegation went on the offensive Tuesday, calling for an independent investigation into a scientific study of a proposed nuclear waste dump at Yucca Mountain and challenging a candidate for George W. Bush's cabinet.

Democratic Sen. Harry Reid and other Nevada lawmakers said they will ask congressional investigators to probe allegations that contractors compromised an evaluation of whether Yucca Mountain, 100 miles northwest of Las Vegas, is a suitable site to store the nation's nuclear waste.

Last week, Energy Secretary Bill Richardson directed his inspector general to conduct an internal investigation after it became public that a draft report about the site's suitability included a note from contractors saying it would help sell the controversial project to Congress.

The memo revealed a "secret marriage between a contractor and the nuclear power industry," Reid said at a Capitol Hill news conference. "It is my hope that this investigation will help us get to the bottom of this matter once and for all."

Reid and Reps. Jim Gibbons, R-Nev., and Shelley Berkley, D-Nev.,

would request the investigation by the General Accounting Office this week. Reid also expressed concern that former Sen. Bennett Johnston, D-La., was among those being considered for the position of Energy secretary by President-elect Bush. In 1987, Johnston, who has been a lobbyist for the nuclear power industry, authored the so-called "Screw Nevada" bill naming the state as the lone site for the waste dump.

Reid said he spoke to Johnston earlier in the day and the former senator said he was thinking about taking the position.

"I told him, 'I'm going to do everything I can to prevent you from getting this job,'" Reid said.

Berkley said she asked Bush by letter to continue the Yucca Mountain investigation.

"The recent, inappropriate DOE memorandum is a strong indicator of the diligence and oversight a president must exercise if America is to have an objective, science-based nuclear waste policy instead of a policy of and by special interests," she wrote. A draft of a 60-page department overview concludes that Yucca Mountain is safe to store 77,000 tons of commercial nuclear waste, even though an extensive study has not been completed.

F&G offers disabled license options

BOISE (AP) — The Idaho Department of Fish and Game is making licenses for disabled hunters and anglers available at some stores, instead of just at a designated office.

Since the agency established special rates for the disabled,

buyers have had to purchase the licenses directly from Fish and Game. But officials say they want to make the process more convenient.

The department is mailing letters explaining the new options to holders of disabled licenses.

Idaho coalition claims off-road vehicles ruin desert

BOISE (AP) — Off-road vehicles are chewing up some of Idaho's most pristine desert landscapes such as Big Jack's and Little Jack's creeks in the Owyhee-Bruneau Canyonlands, an environmental coalition charged.

More than 20 years ago, the U.S. Bureau of Land Management was supposed to determine whether and where motorized use would be allowed to the federal Bruneau Resource Area, but it failed, the National Off-Road Vehicle Coalition said. The bureau manages 264 million acres, mostly in the West.

That land supports 228 species on the endangered species list, while being essential habitat for big-game animals and 400 species of songbirds. But only 5 million acres, 2 percent of the total, are designated wilderness. About 17 million acres are wilderness study areas, 1.7 million in Idaho.

The bureau tries to encourage the four-wheel-drive trucks, motorcycles and ATVs to stay on existing and documented roads within the study area, but there are few signs to provide direction, making Big and Little Jack's creeks essentially wide

open to motorized travel, the coalition said.

"Dirt bikes and other off-road vehicles are essentially out of control on Idaho's public lands and waters," said Lashia Johnston, regional associate for The Wilderness Society in Idaho. "It is particularly disturbing that these vehicles tear up streams, pollute the water, cause severe soil erosion and destroy wildlife habitat in backcountry wilderness areas that are supposed to be protected."

"There ought to be some places free of the noise, pollution and damage caused by dirt bikes

and other off-road vehicles," said Mike Medberry of American Lands.

But those machines are ripping up land so special the conservation groups in Idaho suggest its inclusion as a national canyonlands monument, he said.

Johnston said those machines have created more than five miles of illegal trails into the heart of 53,000-acre Big Jack's and 59,000-acre Little Jack's study areas.

Sledding accident kills girl, injures another

OLDTOWN, Idaho (AP) — An 11-year-old girl died when she was struck by a pickup truck while being towed in an inner tube behind her brother's car.

Mariah Mathia died in the accident about two miles south of Oldtown Sunday night. A friend, 16-year-old Jennifer Daugherty of Oldtown, also was struck. She was flown to Sacred Heart Medical Center in Spokane where she was in satisfactory condition.

The two girls were being towed on inner tubes on a snow-covered road behind a station wagon driven by Mathia's 16-year-old brother, Idaho State Police said.

The teenager was eastbound on Rena Road about 6 p.m. He slowed to make a turn, then slammed on the brakes when he saw the Ford pickup approaching, police said.

That launched the inner tubes into the center of the road. The pickup, driven by Nicky Martin, 22, hit both inner tubes, killing Mathia instantly, police said.

No criminal charges have been filed in the case, but the investigation is continuing, ISP Lt. Curtis Exley said.

Pulling any kind of tube or sled behind a motorized vehicle on roads is illegal, Exley said.

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Experts claim Japanese workers are inefficient

TOKYO (AP) — It's a typical Saturday at the Mitsukoshi department store, and a customer is paying for her Christmas cards.

There's one clerk to box and wrap the cards, a second to take the money, and a third to ring up the sale.

A half-dozen people are waiting in line, but nobody is complaining — except the economists.

Japan's work force is diligent, dedicated, well-educated. But it is also woefully inefficient. And as the nation struggles through a decade-old economic slowdown, Japan's superfluous workers are becoming a luxury many experts say it can no longer afford.

"If Japan doesn't change, further economic development will be very difficult," said Mamoru Yamazaki, senior economist at Barclays Capital Japan Ltd.

Japan's productivity is the lowest among the seven most industrialized nations and only 20th among the world's 29 richest countries, according to the Japan Economic Activity Center for Socio-Economic Development, a think-tank affiliated with Japan's trade ministry. "Japan uses more employees compared to other countries to produce the same amount of goods and services," the study concluded.

The evidence is everywhere. Building sites often lure a couple of people solely to make sure pedestrians don't trip over the equipment. Railway employees sit idly by automated ticket turnstiles. Banks employ clerks whose job is to guide customers to counters, explain how to use automated machines, or help to fill in doc-



A worker stands at the gate of a construction site in Tokyo Wednesday. He was hired to make sure pedestrians do not trip over their equipment, and to control traffic for vehicles.

Many Japanese don't think it's a bad thing.

Japan's unemployment rate has long been considerably lower than the West's, and even now, at its record, it's still under 5 percent. So the ideal of a job for life, although never a universal reality, makes it harder for companies to lay off surplus workers.

Former Israeli prime minister says — for now — he won't run

JERUSALEM (AP) — Former Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu announced Tuesday that he would not run for his old post despite a commanding lead in opinion polls. Netanyahu said he did not want the job if the current gridlocked parliament remains in place.

If Netanyahu does stay on the sidelines — and he could still change his mind — it would greatly enhance prospects for Prime Minister Ehud Barak. Barak, however, could also face a challenge from the left, with former prime minister Shimon Peres considering a run in the Feb. 6 election.



Benjamin Netanyahu

Still, the election was shaping up as a battle between two ex-generals: Barak, who's pushing hard for a peace deal with

the Palestinians, and Ariel Sharon, a veteran right-wing politician who says Israel needs tougher security measures and fewer concessions in peace talks.

Barak has seen his political fortunes sag due to ongoing Israeli-Palestinian violence, and polls show him running roughly even with Sharon in a head-to-head matchup. Netanyahu is far ahead of both men, and ardent supporters are urging him to change his mind and enter the race.

Turkish soldiers storm prison to end hunger strike

ISTANBUL, Turkey (AP) — Turkish soldiers stormed 20 prisons Tuesday to force an end to a mass hunger strike, prompting clashes that killed two soldiers. At least 15 inmates were dead, most of them leftist prisoners who set themselves on fire.

Some 200 prisoners went on a hunger strike two months ago to protest plans to transfer them to smaller cells, fearing they would be more vulnerable to abuse if housed in cells. The planned transfers were part of a government effort to break up

large prison wards, which they say are used by prisoners as indoctrination centers.

The government accuses inmates of smuggling in guns, as well as staging strikes and taking hostages to press for demands.

Soldiers stormed the prisons simultaneously at around 5 a.m., Justice Minister Hikmet Sami Turhan said. Troops reportedly broke through the walls at Umranliye prison and dropped from helicopters at Bayrampasa prison in Istanbul.

Device May Increase Gas Mileage Significantly

BOSTON — After studying the Platinum Gas Saver for five years, Federal Consumer Protection concluded: "Independent testing shows greater fuel savings with the device than that claimed by the developer (National Fuelsaver Corporation of Boston)."

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But by adding platinum to the air-fuel mixture, the Gas Saver enables most of this fuel to burn while it is still inside the engine, converting potential pollution

into 22% more miles per gallon. In addition to this government study, the Gas Saver has received patents for cleaning out the carbon deposits and raising octane, making premium fuel unnecessary for most vehicles.

Joel Robinson, the developer, commented: "We have sold almost a half million Gas Savers. To our surprise, as many people buy the Gas Saver because it extends engine life (by cleaning out the abrasive carbon deposits) as buy it to increase gas mileage or raise octane."

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4	13.0	18.8	44.6%
5	12.2	17.1	40.2%
6	9.6	13.3	38.5%
7	13.3	17.9	34.6%
8	9.8	13.1	33.7%
9	14.3	18.4	28.7%
10	10.8	13.9	28.7%
11	14.1	17.6	24.8%
12	15.8	17.5	10.8%
13	14.4	15.9	10.4%
14	13.1	14.0	6.9%
15	12.9	11.3	-12.4%
Average	12.7	16.3	28.3%

Attackers hit Moscow city official

MOSCOW (AP) — Two masked gunmen opened fire on a Moscow deputy mayor as he neared City Hall during morning rush hour Tuesday, gravely wounding him, killing his driver and putting 26 bullet holes in his car.

The attackers dumped their silencer-equipped weapons in the freshly fallen snow, got in a waiting car and drove off — the hallmarks of a contract killing, Russian-style.

The attack on deputy mayor Iosif Ordzhonikidze was described as most likely the work of organized crime elements unhappy over one of his decisions.

Ordzhonikidze is responsible for the government's dealings with some of the city's most lucrative business sectors, including casinos, hotels, and foreign organizations. He oversees construction of the multi-billion dollar "City" business district on the Moscow River and a proposal to build a Formula One racetrack.

Officials who control business regulation can become assassination targets if they cross one of the criminal organizations that infest much of the Russian economy. Other contract-killing victims have included the head of Russia's hockey federation and the top privatization official in St. Petersburg. The killings are rarely solved.

"Most likely, he made a decision, or was about to make one, that did not fit into the plans of one of the criminal structures," said a somber Mayor Yuri Luzhkov.

Thailand bans import of rottweilers

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) — Thailand banned the import of rottweilers on Tuesday after one of the dogs killed a 3-year-old girl.

A 6-year-old rottweiler belonging to Ornjira Sukswat's uncle escaped from its cage Sunday and attacked the girl, police said. Charges of negligence will be filed against the uncle, police said. If convicted, he could face up to 10 years in prison.

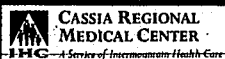
Rottweilers were involved in 33 fatal attacks on people in the United States between 1991 and 1998 — more than any other breed of dog, according to a study by the American Veterinary Medical Association. Pit bulls were involved in 21 mauling deaths over the same period, the study said.

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News articles spur call for probe

Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON - Twenty-four members of Congress Monday asked President Clinton to launch an investigation into alleged complicity of the U.S. government with a terrorist group in Colombia.

The request came in response to a series of articles in Knight Ridder Newspapers about the manhunt for cocaine trafficker Pablo Escobar.

In the newspaper series "Killing Pablo," Knight Ridder Newspapers staff writer Mark Bowden reported that U.S. forces

assisted a paramilitary group called Los Pepes in the search that eventually resulted in the killing of Escobar.

The 15-month operation began during the administration of President George Bush and continued under Clinton.

In Monday's letter to Clinton, which originated with Rep. Janice D. Schakowsky, D-Ill., the representatives urged Clinton to convene the administration's Intelligence Oversight Board to review "the role of U.S. agencies and the relationship of U.S. agencies, both direct and indirect, with the Colombian group Los

Pepes."

Los Pepes, or People Persecuted by Pablo Escobar, "was closely tied to narco-trafficking operations in Colombia," the letter said. Moreover, the head of Los Pepes, Fidel Castano, "was also widely known to be a drug trafficker, as acknowledged in a 1993 DIA Counterdrug Division document declassified this year to Amnesty International USA."

Andrew Miller, acting Amnesty International director for Latin America and the Caribbean, said he and Schakowsky collaborated on the drafting of the letter to Clinton.

Utah senator appears in R-rated movie

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Sen. Orrin Hatch, long a critic of violence in Hollywood, is appearing in the new Michael Douglas film "Traffic," which includes nudity, sex, drug use and profane language.

"I'm glad I did it," said Hatch, who is better known for writing religious hymns that appear on the big screen.

"I don't see how they could have made it without violence and still accurately portray the drug culture - and how degrading it is," Hatch told the Deseret News Washington bureau. "For adults who really need to know what kids are getting into, it's OK (to see the movie)."

Hatch has a bit part in a scene where Douglas, playing a man nominated to become the nation's new drug czar, is talking to senators at a Georgetown party. Hatch tells him what he thinks a drug czar ought to do.

"It was an ad-lib. I told him to do exactly what I have told (current drug czar) Barry McCaffrey to do," Hatch said. "I talked for three or four minutes, and they used about five seconds of it."

New Mexico telescope explores objects where no other has before

Knight Ridder News Service

AUSTIN, Texas - Though it has only been running full-force for about a year, a small telescope in New Mexico has already broken the record for finding the most distant object ever known.

It has also discovered scores of cosmic exotica, including a number of the star-planet hybrids called brown dwarfs.

The telescope is designed to carry out the Sloan Digital Sky Survey - an ambitious attempt to conduct a census of the universe. Over the next five years it will scan its camera over one-fourth of the sky to map out the locations of about 100 million objects - everything from previously undetected asteroids in our solar system to galaxies millions or billions of light-years away. A competing European project is using a telescope in Australia to create a smaller map.

As its census proceeds, the Sloan telescope is picking up some surprises.

Though its mirror is only 98 inches across, modest compared to the world's biggest telescopes, the Sloan telescope is equipped with one of the most complex cameras ever built. Rather than pointing at one object at a time, it constantly scans its designated portion of the sky. By breaking down starlight into different colors, it distinguishes the extremes - the dimmest or coolest or most oddly composed stars, the strangest galaxies, and the bright beacons called quasars.

"It's a finding machine," said Bruce Margon, a University of Washington astronomer who summarized the fruits of the project's early operation last week at the Texas Symposium on Relativistic Astrophysics.

The Sloan survey is a joint venture of nine institutions around

'It's a finding machine.'

- Bruce Margon, a University of Washington astronomer

the world, including Princeton University's Institute for Advanced Study. In the next decade, Margon said, it will affect nearly every area of astronomy.

"Any unusual object you can think of is popping up in large numbers," Margon said. He is interested in carbon stars - dying stars that have swelled to enormous size and brought carbon from their inner furnaces to their surfaces. The Sloan survey has found a number of them at surprising distances - about 10 times

farther out than the apparent edge of our own galaxy, the Milky Way.

"They are absurdly far beyond any normal stars in the galaxy," Margon said. "What they are doing out there, no one has any idea."

The project has also picked up a number of brown dwarfs, notoriously hard to find because they are too small to ignite with the nuclear fusion that lights up other stars. The telescope picks them up from the faint glow of their internal heat.

The Sloan telescope uses five filters to determine the color of the objects it sees. A spectrograph also breaks the starlight down into narrower bands of color - a technique that tells astronomers the composition of the objects they study and helps reveal their distances.

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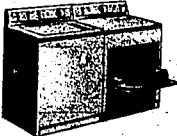
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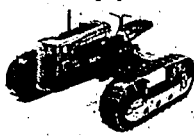


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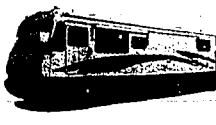


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GREETINGS TREE: Welcome holiday guests with a "tree" of dried branches in a bucket or vase and adorned with cards instead of traditional ornaments. Collect the branches from your yard, or buy at a local garden center; no water is necessary. To make hangers, punch a hole through the top of each closed card, and string a length of ribbon through the hole. Thread the ends of the ribbon through a bead or two, and then tie the ends in a knot or bow. If you have trouble threading wide ribbon through a small bead, try this trick: Bend a length of 28-gauge wire in half, and send the ends through the bead so the ends are exposed on one side and the loop on the other. Put the ribbon through the wire loop, and pull on the loose ends of the wire, bringing the ribbon through the bead.

REBBIION STREAMERS: Turn the back of a door into a gallery of cards. Cut streamers of ribbon long enough to hang down your door, then mark points on the ribbons from which you want to hang the cards. It's a good idea to mark alternating 7- and 10-inch intervals - then you can attach alternating vertical and horizontal cards, and they will appear evenly spaced. Use thin ribbons to circular, double-ring pipe clips (available in craft stores or office supply stores), and stitch the clips to the marks you made on the large ribbons. To hang the streamers, fasten the ends of the ribbons to the top of the door with flat thumbtacks. Slip a card into each clip once the streamers are in place. The cards can be removed to be read or changed, and the ribbons can be reused each year.

STAR-CLIP STANDS: Create a display of cards on a side table, mantel or bookshelf using standing wire clips in the shape of stars, with mini-wreaths as a base. To make, you'll need a small (6 to 8 inches in diameter) single-wire wreath form for each wreath. Cut 18-gauge annealed-iron wire into various lengths, allowing 10 extra inches for shaping into a star clip at one end and for securing the wire to the wreath base at the other. Use round-nose pliers to make the star. About 3/4 inch from one end, bend the wire down sharply; repeat, bending 3/4 inch away at a less severe angle; continue, bending the wire eight times, creating an eight-pointed star. Wrap the other end of the wire tightly, several times, around the wreath form so the star is upright and secure. Add more stars to the wreath form, standing at varying heights, if you like. To cover the wreath form with greenery, snip the tips of evergreen branches, and use green floral wire to secure the cut end of a sprig or two to the wreath form; do not cut the wire. Lay more greenery onto the wreath form, overlapping the first sprigs by about half, and wrap these new sprigs with the wire. Continue adding greenery all the way around the wreath form, tucking the previous sprigs' ends under the first sprig. Arrange the wreaths in your chosen spot, and slip the cards into the star clips.

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Lighting up the night

Gooding home takes first-place honors in our lighting contest

By Denise Turner
Times-News writer

Bill and Cindi Canine, with 17-year-old son Chris, have been decorating their home for the holidays for the past 10 years. This year, Times-News readers voted their home number-one in Southern Idaho.

The Canine home is located at 1125 Ninth Ave. E. in Gooding. "This features lights spread over a half acre of land," one reader wrote, "with homemade reindeer, shadow projection and Nativity scene."

Actually, Bill Canine said, the shadow projection IS a Nativity scene, shining on the west end of his home. Each year, the family

Take a colorful drive

Light up your holidays - with a drive through Southern Idaho's most popular lighting displays. We asked readers to vote on their favorites. Here are the holiday lights people love.

oliday gift wrapping - both at the Magic Valley Mall.

Here are other homes that received votes in the contest, with some comments that were sent in about the displays.

TWIN FALLS
1. 261 Tyler St.: Grand display of lights

2. 2507 Twin View Lane: Has the most beautiful and unusual Nativity scene. Christmas lights form the figures.

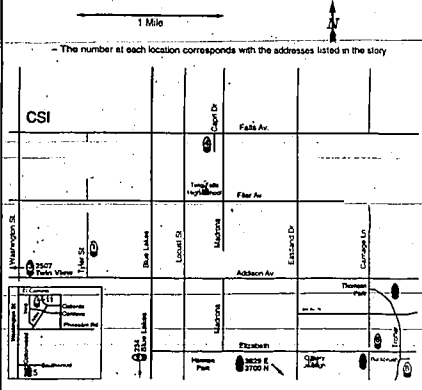
3. 944 Gallop Drive: Grandma has always wanted a spectacular

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Photo by LOGAN CASTOR/The Times-News

Holiday Lights In Twin Falls



Times-News graphic by MICKI OLMI/STAFF



This Nativity scene is one of the focal points this Christmas outside the home of Bill, Cindi and Chris Canine, the winners in The Times-News Holiday Lighting Contest. The Canine home is located at 1125 Ninth Ave. E. in Gooding. At top, a half acre of land is filled with holiday lights on the Canine grounds. A shadow projection of a Nativity scene shines on the west end of the home.



Gail Mann, left, and Bridgett Loza have been making holiday baskets to give to family and friends for more than a decade.

BEAUTIFUL BASKETS

Friends team up to bring Christmas joy to friends

By Dixie Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

JEROME - Gail Mann and Bridgett Loza team up to make Christmas gift baskets to friends and family.

The two met in a fast-food restaurant nearly 11 years ago in California, where they both worked. Mann was the supervisor, and Loza was a new hire. As they got to know each other, they became best friends. Soon, they were making Christmas gift baskets together.

Both women moved to Idaho. Mann, who lives in Hagerman, is the assistant to the administrator at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center in Jerome. Loza lives and works in Jerome, as the department manager at Wal Mart Tire and Lube Express.

The two say they drive each other crazy with their different cooking styles. Mann likes to use a "dash of this" and a handful of that. "Loza insists on measuring out exact amounts of everything."

Their early gift baskets were such a hit they now have a long list of requests. Their baskets are an act of love, they said.

The baskets vary in size - from a festively wrapped plastic plate covered with fruit, candy and

cookies for a single person to a wicker picnic basket filled with banana bread, zucchini bread, pumpkin bread, fudge, homemade candy canes, brownies, chocolate balls, cookies and even homemade Christmas tree ornaments for a large family.

Mann and Loza advise others to fill their own gift baskets with favorite baked goods. Everyone has a favorite bread, fudge or cookie recipe, they said. The idea is to have fun making the baskets.

More advice: Arrange everything with an eye to color, contrast and texture; wrap with colorful cellophane or Saran wrap and tie with a big, beautiful bow.

Mann and Loza offer some of their favorite gift basket recipes for readers to try.

TREE ORNAMENT
For the tree ornament you will need ...

Cinnamon sticks (2 1/2 to 3 inches long)
Raffia
Marbled resume paper (Gold, Beige)
Glue gun
Access to a computer and printer
A favorite Bible verse. (Example: Isaiah 7:14. "Therefore

the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call his name Immanuel.")

Type the Bible verse into your computer, using your word processor program. Space the text on a page to create eight separate messages on one 8 1/2-by-11-inch sheet of paper. Cut the paper so you have eight separate messages. Burn the edges around the messages for a wavy and aged look. Glue a cinnamon stick on each end of the paper to make a scroll. Use the raffia to tie it at the end and hang it on the tree.

Please choose a flavor before you start baking, because some ingredients will vary depending on which of the seven versions you choose.

CHOOSE-A-COOKIE DOUGH
Basic Ingredients:
2 1/2 cups flour
1/2 cup shortening
1 cup packed brown sugar
1/2 cup butter
1/2 cup granulated sugar
2 eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
Variations:
Fruit Oatmeal Rounds: Prepare dough as directed below, but
Please see BASKETS, Page C6

FOOD & HOME

Take care of container plants when cold comes calling

A plant grown in a container is more easily killed by winter temperatures than one growing nearby, in the ground.

That's because the container plant's roots are exposed to winter temperatures. And the roots are more susceptible to cold than the top parts. Plant scientists found that dogwood stems could tolerate minus 30-degree temperatures. The roots were killed at (plus) 24 degrees, though.

Soil is a great insulator. When we're hit with a blast of a winter storm, the ground temperature doesn't change much. Plants grown in containers get the full brunt of the storm, however. If you've got container plants you'd like to keep, try this:

Bring them indoors during the cold



GREEN THUMBPRINTS
Cathy Walworth

weather. Cool temperatures and lots of light are the best conditions.

Overwinter them in a greenhouse. Sink the pots into the ground for the winter. Make sure there is good drainage.

Pile organic mulch, such as wood chips, straw or hay around the containers to provide a blanket of insulation.

Although it helps, sometimes the above-ground mulch doesn't work.

Tips for the week

• When you shop for a houseplant, you'll usually find that different varieties call for different levels of light — typically described as "low," "medium" or "high." But what do these terms really mean? In general, you'll find low light comes from north-facing windows, medium light comes from east- or west-facing windows and high light comes from south-facing windows. You can pin down the level even better by observing the shadow a plant casts. A faint shadow indicates low light, and a very distinct shadow indicates high light. Anything in between is, of course, medium light.

• If you have lilies of the valley growing in your yard, you can bring their beauty and fragrance indoors to give yourself a late-winter boost. During January or February, when there's a nice thaw (the plants will need to have had a couple of months at 40 degrees or below), simply dig up a clump of lilies. Then, pot them up in a shallow container and set it in a window that gets bright sunlight. Assuming you keep them at about 70 degrees, you'll have blooming lilies in roughly three weeks.

• Web Find: It's time you used up some of that garlic. Even if it's artfully braided, garlic is supposed to be eaten. Fire up your computer and go to: www.gilroy-garlicfestival.com/cookoffwinners.html

for the recipes from this year's cookoff. The first place winner was Creamy Potato Gratin; second place went to Crispy Garlic Salmon Cakes and third went to a Garlic and Herb Crusted Piglet Tenderloin with Creamy Garlic Gravy. Those ought to warm you up on a cold winter day.

Personal to Magic Valley Readers: The Times-News let me decorate the office Christmas tree this year. Please stop by 132 Third S. W. to see my Christmas present to you.

What's bugging your garden? Write to Cathy in care of this newspaper or e-mail her at cawoo@pmt.org.

Turn your home into a candy shop

Taste of Home

Featured in Taste of Home magazine, this recipe from Lori Kostocky of Wausau, Wis., combines tangy citrus with rich chocolate.

ORANGE CHOCOLATE MELTAWAYS

- 1 package (11 1/2 ounces) milk chocolate chips
- 1 cup (6 ounces) semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 3/4 cup whipping cream
- 1 teaspoon grated orange peel
- 2 1/2 teaspoons orange extract
- 1 1/2 cups finely chopped toasted pecans

Coating:
1 cup (6 ounces) milk chocolate chips

Place chips in a mixing bowl. Set aside. In a saucepan, bring cream and orange peel to a gentle boil; immediately pour over chips. Let stand for one minute. Whisk until smooth. Add the extract. Cover and chill for 35 minutes or until mixture begins to thicken. Beat for 10-15 seconds or just until mixture lightens in color (do not overbeat). Spoon rounded teaspoonfuls onto waxed paper-lined baking sheets. Cover and chill for five minutes. Gently shape into balls; roll half in pecans.

For coating: In a microwave or double boiler, melt chocolate and shortening. Stir until smooth. Dip remaining balls in chocolate. Place on waxed paper to harden. Store in the refrigerator. Makes 6 dozen.



Fancy truffles need not come from an expensive candy shop when you can make Orange Chocolate Meltaways at home.

Try these sweet-tart cookies

By Elen Hawk
The Baltimore Sun

Lensore Fine of Baltimore writes: "I hope one of your readers will have a recipe for Key Lime Cookies, a deliciously tart-sweet wafer, or cookie, like those sold by the Byrd Cookie Co. of Savannah, Ga."

KEY LIME COOKIES

- 1/2 cup butter
- 1 1/2 cups powdered sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 tablespoon Key lime juice
- 2 tablespoons Key lime peel
- 1 cup flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 2 cups crushed cornflakes

Cream together butter and sugar. Add egg, lime juice and lime peel. Stir in flour, baking powder and salt. Drop 1 tablespoon of batter into a bowl of crushed cornflakes, rolling to coat completely. Place on ungreased cookie sheet and bake for 16 minutes in preheated 350-degree oven. Makes 3 dozen.

NOTE: These cookies flatten out significantly in the oven, so space them widely on the cookie sheet. If Key limes are not available, regular limes could be substituted very nicely.

Marie Kursave of Rapid City, S.D., wrote that she wanted a fruitcake recipe that "called for applesauce as the liquid and was more like an all-spice cake with candied fruit."

APPLESAUCE FRUITCAKE

- 1 cup (2 sticks) butter or vegetable shortening
- 2 cups granulated sugar
- 3 eggs, beaten

Recipe finder

- 4 teaspoons baking soda
 - 1 quart applesauce
 - 4 cups all-purpose flour
 - 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
 - 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
 - 1/2 teaspoon cloves
 - 1/2 teaspoon allspice
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt
 - 1 cup chopped walnuts or pecans
 - 1 cup raisins
 - 1 cup dates, chopped
 - 1 pint mixed candied fruit
- Cream shortening and sugar; add eggs. Dissolve baking soda in applesauce; add to the first mixture. Sift dry ingredients together; add slowly to applesauce mixture, beating well. Stir in nuts, raisins, chopped dates and mixed fruit. Pour into a large tube pan that has been greased and lined with waxed paper. Bake in a preheated 300-degree oven for 1 hour and 20 minutes, or until a tester comes out clean. Cool on a wire rack and unmold. Cool completely and wrap well.

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Inside, the layout blends traditional with contemporary. All three bedrooms are upstairs as they often were in earlier versions, but here the master suite has its own bathroom while bedrooms two and three share another. Both of the front bedrooms have ceilings that slope down at the front, with built-in desks facing into the dormer windows.

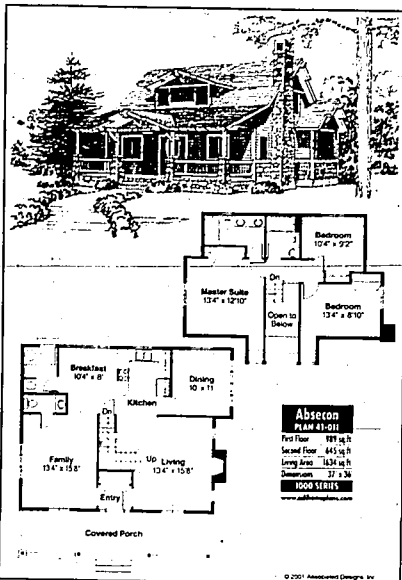
That same central dormer, so interesting to admire from the street, brightens the entry and stairway. The entry ceiling is a lofty two stories high. Formal rooms are on the right, informal gathering spaces on the left, and the kitchen at center.

Living room and dining room

are well-separated. In the living room, the brick or stone fireplace serves as a focal point. Whether it burns gas or wood is up to the owners. Craftsman windows flank the fireplace and another set faces onto the wide front porch. A larger set of similarly designed windows brightens the dining room, along with two more facing the rear.

The relaxed, day-to-day living areas are designed with contemporary families in mind. The Absecon's U-shaped kitchen boasts plenty of counter space, and is open to the sunny breakfast nook, which is linked to a large family room. The tiny bathroom and utility room are close, and the latter's exterior access allows it to double as a mud room.

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The Absecon's entry and stairway are brightened with a dormer window.

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—PAUL T.

DEAR PAUL: Although exterior wall insulation is essential for efficiency and noise control, absorbing sound with insulation is only one part of the soundproofing equation. The other three equally important parts are blocking noise, breaking the sound path and isolating vibrations.

Before building a new house, try soundproofing your present home. It may be difficult to incorporate all four soundproofing methods in every wall, but new soundproofing products, like thin laminated panels and cellulose boards, can really help.

The easiest way to make a wall soundproof is with one of the new wall soundproofing construction and finishing kits. When the wall is completed, it looks just like an ordinary wall. If you tap it with your finger, though, you can barely hear it in that room and not at all in the adjacent rooms.

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I like my coffee medium-rare

The Philadelphia Inquirer

Procter & Gamble, ever alert to a consumer trend, sees a correlation between how you like your steak and how you like your coffee. The company's Millstone coffee brand has launched a Web site, www.personalblends.com that lets users customize their coffee through a series of questions about their tastes. The site's "tasteprint survey" quizzes people on the way they like their meat or vegetables cooked, how spicy they prefer their salsa, and whether they enjoy dark or light chocolate. While those tastes may seem to have little in common, Procter & Gamble says it can translate how they relate to the different "flavor notes" in coffee.

A really dippy thing to do
Break out the tortilla chips — and lots of 'em. In an attempt to

Food news and notes

enter the Guinness Book of Records, spoon-wielding residents of an avocado-growing town in Mexico recently whipped up 1,930 pounds of guacamole. A record of 1,810 pounds was set last year in Australia.

— compiled from wire reports

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FOOD & HOME



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Bake your gifts this year

FAMILY FEATURES

Freshly baked homemade foods are truly the best gifts because you are giving a gift of your time and yourself. Bake these wholesome gifts for that special person - a neighbor, friend, co-worker or someone who has been especially helpful to you this year.

PUMPKIN APPLE BUTTER

Makes 3 cups
1 can (15 ounces) Libby's 100 percent pure pumpkin
1 medium apple, peeled and grated

1/2 cup apple juice
1/2 cup packed brown sugar
3/4 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice
Combine pumpkin, apple, apple juice, sugar and pumpkin pie spice in medium, heavy-duty saucepan. Bring to a boil; reduce heat to low. Cook, stirring occasionally, for 1 1/2 hours. Serve with buttermilk biscuits, breads, corn muffins or hot cereal. Store in airtight container in refrigerator for up to 2 months.

PUMPKIN CRANBERRY BREAD

3 cups all-purpose flour
1 tablespoon plus 2 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice
2 teaspoons baking soda
1 1/2 teaspoons salt
2 cups granulated sugar
1 can (15 ounces) Libby's 100 percent pure pumpkin
4 large eggs
1/2 cup vegetable oil
1/2 cup orange juice or water
1 cup sweetened dried, fresh or frozen cranberries

Preheat oven to 350 F. Grease and flour two 9-by-5-inch loaf pans. Combine flour, pumpkin pie spice, baking soda and salt in large bowl; stir aside. Combine sugar, pumpkin, eggs, vegetable oil and orange juice in large mixer bowl; beat until just blended. Add pumpkin mixture to flour mixture; stir just until moistened. Fold in cranberries. Spoon batter into prepared loaf pans. Bake for 60 to 65 minutes or until wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool in pans on wire racks for 10 minutes; remove to wire racks to cool completely.

NOTE: For three 8-by-4-inch loaf pans, prepare as above. Bake for 55 to 60 minutes. For five or six 5-by-3-inch mini-loaf pans, prepare as above. Bake for 50 to 55 minutes.

PUMPKIN CRUNCH CAKE

1 package (18.25 ounce) yellow cake mix, divided
2 large eggs
1 2/3 cups Libby's easy pumpkin pie mix
2 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice
1/3 cup flaked coconut
1/4 cup chopped nuts
3 tablespoons butter or margarine, softened

Preheat oven to 350 F. Grease 13-by-9-inch, baking pan. Combine 3 cups cake mix, eggs,

Dress it up

Create your own special package to make your home baked gifts distinctive. Drape a circle of holiday fabric over the lid of each jar of apple butter and secure the cloth circle with ribbon. If you prefer, you can purchase jars with decorative lids.

Double wrap holiday quick breads first in foil then in holiday fabric or wrapping paper. Or, simply bake the breads in disposable pans, and then wrap them in colorful plastic wrap and secure with a ribbon. Add a gift tag with directions for serving or other important information, such as storage details.

You don't need to be an artist to package homemade treats in beautiful containers. Arts and crafts stores, discount superstores, even places that sell decorative imports are good sources of colorful baskets, foil bags, decorative tins and plastic tins.

pumpkin pie mix and pumpkin pie spice in large mixer bowl. Beat on low speed until moistened. Beat on medium speed for 2 minutes. Pour into prepared pan. Combine remaining cake mix, coconut and nuts in small bowl; cut in butter with pastry blender or two knives until mixture is crumbly. Sprinkle over batter. Bake for 30 to 35 minutes or until wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool in pan.

PUMPKIN ORANGE POPPY SEED CAKE

1 package (18.25 ounce) yellow cake mix

1 can (15 ounces) Libby's 100 percent pure pumpkin
3 large eggs
2/3 cup orange juice
1/4 cup poppy seeds
Glaze (recipe follows)
Preheat oven to 350 F. Grease and flour 12-cup bundt pan. Combine cake mix, pumpkin, eggs and orange juice in large mixer bowl. Beat on low speed until moistened. Beat on medium speed for 2 minutes. Add poppy seeds; mix until blended. Pour into prepared bundt pan. Bake for 35 to 40 minutes or until wooden pick inserted in cake comes out clean. Cool in pan on wire rack for 10 minutes; remove to wire rack to cool completely. Drizzle with Glaze.

For glaze: Combine 1/2 cups sifted powdered sugar and 2 to 3 tablespoons orange juice in small bowl; stir until smooth.

PUMPKIN CARROT-SWIRL BARS

Makes about 4 dozen bars
2 cups all-purpose flour
2 1/4 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice
2 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon baking soda
1/3 cup butter or margarine, softened
1 cup granulated sugar
1/2 cup packed brown sugar
2 large eggs
2 large egg whites

1 can (15 ounces) Libby's 100 percent pure pumpkin
1 cup (about 1 large) finely shredded carrot
Cream Cheese Topping (recipe follows)

Preheat oven to 350 F. Grease 15-by-10-inch jelly-roll pan. Combine flour, pumpkin pie spice, baking powder and baking soda in small bowl. Beat butter, granulated sugar and brown sugar in large mixer bowl until crumbly. Add

eggs, egg whites, pumpkin and carrot; beat until well blended. Add flour mixture; mix well. Spread into prepared pan. Drop teaspoons of Cream Cheese Topping over batter; swirl mixture with spoon. Bake for 25 to 30 minutes or until wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool completely in pan on wire rack.

For cream cheese topping: Combine 4 ounces softened light cream cheese (Neufchâtel), 1/4 cup granulated sugar and 1 tablespoon milk in small mixer bowl until thoroughly blended.

MACADAMIA NUT WHITE CHIP PUMPKIN COOKIES

Makes about 4 dozen cookies
2 cups all-purpose flour
2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
1 teaspoon ground cloves
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 cup (2 sticks) butter or margarine, softened
1/2 cup granulated sugar
1/2 cup packed brown sugar

1 cup Libby's 100 percent pure pumpkin
1 large egg
2 teaspoons vanilla extract
2 cups (12-ounce package) Nestlé Toll House Premier White Morsels

2/3 cup coarsely chopped macadamia nuts or walnuts, toasted
Preheat oven to 350 F. Combine flour, cinnamon, cloves and baking soda in small bowl. Beat butter, granulated sugar and brown sugar in large mixer bowl until creamy. Beat in pumpkin, egg and vanilla extract until blended. Gradually beat in flour mixture. Stir in morsels and nuts. Drop by rounded tablespoons onto greased baking sheets; flatten slightly with back of spoon or greased bottom of glass dipped in granulated sugar. Bake for 11 to 14 minutes or until centers are set. Cool on baking sheets for 2 minutes; remove to wire racks to cool completely.

How to survive your holiday houseguests

By Stephanie Witt Sedgwick
The Washington Post

You've made your list. You've checked it twice. The presents are wrapped. The house decorated. You think you have this holiday under control.

Reality will probably set in about five minutes after your houseguests get comfortable and someone innocently asks about lunch.

What are you going to feed them for all the meals that surround the festivities? How many times can you serve cold cuts and dry cereal? Will these people ever go home?

Feasting a turkey breast can save the cost of the sliced deli version. The same is true of roast beef. Save the prime rib for the holiday meal, buy an inexpensive eye round roast, cook it and slice it for sandwiches or salads. Or use your leftover dinner for today's lunch. Roast an extra chicken, two and you'll have the makings of another meal.

Think ahead. If you bake your own muffins, coffee cakes and bread, do it beforehand and put them in the freezer. If you buy your baked goods, give them the same treatment. As soon as you get home from the bakery or supermarket, freeze everything. When you are ready to serve, take the breads or cakes right from the freezer and reheat in a 300- or 350-degree oven.

Stay one meal ahead. After dinner, set up as much as you can for the next breakfast. Fill the coffee maker. Set the table. Have the juice in the pitcher in the refrigerator, the jam already in bowls. The same goes for lunch. Make a big salad or sandwiches early so the meal is ready whenever hunger hits. Make enough fruit salad to get you through a day or two. Forget hamburgers and serve spaghetti with meat sauce.

And don't forget to have takeout menus handy. When you can't face another frying pan or cutting board, order pizza. They deliver.

Breakfast for a crowd

Toast: Toast a dozen slices of bread under the broiler in a third of oil.

Bacon: Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Lay the bacon on rimmed cookie sheets. (The rim is essential - it holds the drippings.) Bake, turning the bacon once, until it is cooked to your liking. Thinner slices will take about 10 to 12 minutes and thicker pieces 15 to 20 minutes. Drain the cooked slices on paper towels and serve.

Sausage: Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Prick the skins of the sausages with a fork and place them in a lightly greased rimmed baking sheet. Bake for 20 to 30 minutes, turning the sausages every 6 minutes or so, until they are browned and cooked through. Drain on paper towels and serve.

Eggs: Scrambled for everyone or set up in a make-your-own egg bar and let them cook their own.

Pancakes, waffles and French toast: Make only if you can get a head start. Preheat the oven to 200 degrees - just hot enough to keep the cooked pancakes warm. Make all the pancakes, waffles or French toast and place on baking sheets or ovenproof serving platters in the preheated oven.

Lunch for a crowd

Cold sandwiches: Prepare platters of assorted sandwiches and let guests choose. Or make your own foot-long sandwiches with loaves of French or Italian bread and cut slices.

Hot sandwiches: Instead of individual grilled or sauteed sandwiches, make an open-face version. Lay

slices of lightly buttered bread on baking sheets, add a layer of sliced ham, tuna salad, tomatoes or roasted vegetables and top with sliced cheese. Broil until the cheese melts.

Chef's salads: Cut up ham, roast beef, turkey or chicken. Cube whatever cheese is in the refrigerator. Slice celery, carrots and mushrooms. You can even use the leftover cooked string beans or asparagus spears. Wash and tear up some lettuce. Make a simple vinaigrette dressing or use a bottled dressing.

Macaroni and cheese: Casseroles of mac 'n' cheese served with a salad or fruit are perfect for crowds. Better yet, they can easily be prepared ahead of time and reheated as needed.

The salad doubles as a fruit at breakfast or lunch or a simple dessert after dinner. You may substitute whichever fruits that you prefer. It keeps for up to two days, although the fruit starts to break down a bit after a day or two.

WINTER FRUIT SALAD WITH PINEAPPLE-ORANGE SYRUP

Makes about 14 cups
For the pineapple-orange syrup:
1/2 cup pineapple juice, fresh (a) or canned
1 cup water
1 cup sugar
Zest from 1 large or 2 small oranges

For the salad:
1 pineapple
4 large sweet apples, such as Golden Delicious
4 ripe pears
6 large oranges
4 large grapefruits

For the pineapple-orange syrup: In a saucepan over medium-high heat, bring the pineapple juice, water, sugar and orange zest to a boil. Cook, stirring constantly, until the sugar dissolves. Reduce the heat to medium-low and simmer for 5 minutes. Remove from the heat; set aside to cool.

For the salad: Place a cutting board on a rimmed baking sheet to catch the juice from the pineapple. Peel and core the pineapple and cut the apples and pears and cut them into bite-size pieces. Place the fruit in a large bowl.

To prepare the orange and grapefruit segments, work with 1 piece of fruit at a time. Slice the top and the bottom from each fruit. Place the fruit on the cutting board with one of the cut sides down. Using a serrated knife, cut from top to bottom around the outside of the fruit to remove the peel. Then, holding the fruit in your hand, cut the orange or grapefruit segments out (the side is to cut the fruit away from the pith and skin). When you have removed all of the fruit segments, discard the pith and peel. If the resulting pieces of orange and grapefruit are large, cut them in half or even into thirds and add to the remaining fruit mixture.

To assemble, pour the cooled syrup over the fruit and toss to

coat. Cover and refrigerate until ready to serve.

NOTE: Use the pineapple juice that runs off when the pineapple is cut or use canned pineapple juice.

For a chef's salad, take what you've got, combine it with lettuce and a simple dressing and suddenly you have lunch. Use this recipe as a starting point. Cut all of the ingredients ahead of time and store in plastic bags. Refrigerate everything until ready to serve. Combine the dressing and salad ingredients at the last minute.

ROAST BEEF, CHEDDAR CHEESE AND STRING BEAN CHEF'S SALAD

8 servings:
For the dressing:
1/3 cup red-wine vinegar
1 teaspoon Dijon-style mustard
Pinch sugar
Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste
2/3 cup olive oil

1 pound string beans, ends trimmed, cut into 1 1/2-inch pieces
8 ounces sharp white cheddar cheese, cut into matchstick strips about 1 to 1 1/2 inches long and 1/4 inch wide
1 1/2 to 2 pounds cooked roast beef, cut into matchstick strips about 1 to 1 1/2 inches long and 1/4 inch wide
1 large head romaine, green leaf or red leaf lettuce, washed, trimmed and torn into bite-size pieces

For the dressing: In a blender or a medium bowl, blend or whisk the vinegar, mustard, sugar and salt and pepper to taste. Blending or whisking constantly, slowly add the oil in a steady stream and mix until completely emulsified. Set aside.

For the salad: Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Have a large bowl of ice water ready. Add the beans to the boiling water and cook just until they are tender, 4 to 5 minutes. Drain and immediately transfer them to the bowl of ice water to stop the cooking. Drain and pat dry with paper towels.

In a very large salad or pasta bowl (you may need to use 2 bowls) combine the beans, cheddar cheese, roast beef and lettuce. Add the dressing and toss to coat. Sprinkle with freshly ground black pepper to taste and serve immediately.

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Calorie counting through the holidays

There's a radio commercial playing right now that says something like this: When was the last time you heard someone say, "I'm so excited! I gained three pounds!" Or, "I think I just went up another size. Awesomer!" If only that could be true.

In the coming week and a half, we are all going to be eating like pigs, throwing out diets and sensible eating programs for the sake of celebrating. There ought to be a metabolism pill marketed from Thanksgiving until New Year's, that allows us to throw caution to the wind without paying for it for the next six months.

But that would be too easy. So that January Reader's Digest already has an article about how counting calories is coming back into vogue. Now Santa has one more thing on his list to check twice.

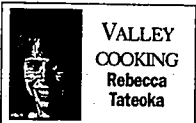
They have this calorie IQ, quiz that I almost failed. In spite of this Type A personality that tends to remember those annoying tidbits that are useful on "Jeopardy." But I honestly wasn't sure if one tablespoon of grated Parmesan cheese had less calories than one ounce of melted pumpkin seeds (seeds: 126, cheese: 23).

I want all of you to enjoy your Christmas feast and your New Year's celebration, but I'm giving you a heads-up for next year's health puzzle: Count calories. Fat's important, but calories will nail you every time.

I put together a list, checked it twice and found out which recipes were going to be nice. Nice to your body, I mean. I selected from several recipe sources, and chose the recipes that actually listed calories and fat per serving. They'll be great for any holiday meal you want to share without too much guilt.

Happy Holidays, everyone!

STREAK DIANE
4 beef eye of round steaks (4 ounces each), visible fat trimmed



VALLEY COOKING
Rebecca Tateoka

Salt and pepper to taste
1/2 cup beef broth
1/4 cup fat-free sour cream
Finely chopped chives or parsley for garnish.

Spray medium skillet with cooking spray; heat over medium to high heat until hot. Add steaks to skillet and cook over medium heat to desired degree of doneness, 3 to 4 minutes on each side for medium. Season steaks lightly with salt and pepper; arrange on serving plates. Add beef broth to skillet; heat to boiling. Boil, scraping bottom of skillet to loosen cooked particles. Boil until reduced to about 2 tablespoons, 2 to 3 minutes; stir in sour cream and cook over low heat 1 to 2 minutes. Spoon sauce over steaks; sprinkle with chives.

SHRIMP DE JONGHE
2 tablespoons finely chopped shallots or onion
4 cloves garlic, minced
3 tablespoons margarine
1/4 teaspoon lemon juice
1/4 teaspoon dried marjoram leaves
1/4 teaspoon dried tarragon leaves
Finch ground nutmeg
Pinch cayenne pepper
1 cup fresh white bread crumbs
1/4 cup finely chopped parsley
Salt and pepper to taste
1 pound shrimp, peeled and deveined

Saute shallots and garlic in margarine in medium skillet until tender, 2 to 3 minutes. Stir in lemon juice, marjoram, tarragon, nutmeg and cayenne. Pour mixture over

bread crumbs and parsley in bowl and toss. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Arrange shrimp in single layer in a shallow dish or a 10-by-7-inch baking dish; top with crumb mixture. Bake at 450 degrees until shrimp are cooked, about 10 minutes.
—From "1,001 Low-Fat Recipes" 370 calories, 10.8 g fat

CHEESY BROCCOLI-RICE
BRACCOLI
1 can low-fat condensed cream of broccoli soup
1 can low-fat cream of chicken soup

2 cups skim milk
1/2 cup light sour cream
2 cups shredded part-skim mozzarella cheese
1 cup shredded reduced-fat cheddar cheese
2 cups uncooked rice
2 cups chopped fresh broccoli
1 small onion, chopped
1 teaspoon paprika, divided
1/2 teaspoon pepper

In a large bowl, combine soups, milk and sour cream. Stir in cheeses, rice, broccoli, onion, 3/4 teaspoon of paprika and pepper. Transfer to a 13-by-9-inch baking dish coated with nonstick cooking spray. Sprinkle with remaining paprika. Cover and bake at 350 for 35 minutes. Uncover; bake 5 to 10 minutes longer or until rice and broccoli are tender.
—From Taste of Home magazine 194 calories and 5 g fat per 1/2 cup serving

We need desserts!
LEMON MERINGUE
CHEESECAKE
Basic Pie Crust:
1 1/4 cup flour
2 tablespoons sugar
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon margarine, cold
4-5 tablespoons ice water
Combine flour, sugar, and salt in medium bowl. With pastry blender, cut in margarine until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Sprinkle with water, 1 tablespoon

at a time, mixing lightly with fork after each addition until pastry just holds together. On lightly floured surface, roll dough into circle 2 inches larger in diameter than pie pan. Wrap pastry around rolling pin and unroll into 9-inch pie pan, easing it into bottom and side of pan. Trim edges, fold under and flute. Line pastry with weights and bake at 425 until light brown, 10 to 12 minutes; remove weights and bake until golden, about 10 minutes longer. Cool on wire rack.

Filling:
3 8-ounce packages fat-free cream cheese, softened
4 egg yolks
2/3 cup lemon juice
2 tablespoons flour
1 cup sugar
1/3 cup cornstarch
2/3 cup water
2 teaspoons grated lemon rind
4 egg whites
1/4 teaspoon cream of tartar
1/3 cup powdered sugar

Beat cream cheese and egg yolks in medium bowl until smooth; beat in lemon juice and flour. Mix sugar and cornstarch in medium saucepan; stir in water and lemon rind. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly until mixture thickens and boils; boil 1 minute, stirring constantly. Remove from heat. Gradually stir in cheese mixture, mixing until completely blended. Pour hot mixture into prepared crust. Beat egg whites and cream of tartar in large bowl until foamy. Gradually beat in powdered sugar, beating to stiff, but not dry, peaks. Spread meringue over top of pie, sealing it to edge of crust. Bake at 425 until meringue is golden, about 10 minutes. Cool to room temperature on wire rack; refrigerate at least 4 hours before serving.
—From "1,001 Low-Fat Recipes" 335 calories and 4.9 g fat

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Don't waste Christmas

Much holiday refuse can be reduced, recycled



RECYCLING
Michael Hofferber

Here it comes: the annual Christmas rush. Holiday shopping not only fills the tills of retailers, but also our trash cans. The holidays are the most wasteful season of the year, creating tons of extra traffic at landfills.

Fortunately, most of this waste can be avoided, or recycled with just a little extra effort. Here's how:

Reduce and Recycle Packaging. The average American family of four wraps and gives 30 presents each holiday season. The wrapping paper, plastic and cardboard from these gifts produces an extra 1 million tons of trash a week at U.S. landfills during the holidays.

Consider gifts that require little or no packaging, such as food items or movie tickets or karate lessons. Re-use wrapping paper and ribbons, or choose reusable paper bags or boxes.

Save the wrapping from gifts you receive and set aside cardboard boxes for recycling. Cardboard recycling drop-offs are located less than a mile from most Magic Valley residents. Maps and directions are available at <http://www.sisw.org/dropoff.htm>

Compost: If each American

throws out a bite of turkey and a tablespoon of uneaten mashed potatoes after a holiday dinner, it adds up to 24 million pounds of food waste for our landfills.

Meat scraps should be reserved for the family dog or the trash bin, but most other food waste can be readily composted at home. Save those bits of food in a plastic container in the kitchen. When it gets full, dump it in your compost bin or pile outdoors. If you need help starting a compost pile, send e-mail to composting@sisw.org or call the Recycling Information Line at (208) 886-7941.

Exchange and Donate: How many of the presents you received last year are still in use? Consider the gift toys that were never played with, gift clothes that were never worn and stacks of cutney gift knick-knacks that didn't make it out of their boxes.

One man's trash may be another man's treasure. If you don't want it, don't throw it out - share it with a thrift shop or exchange with a friend for something you do want.

The same goes for items made obsolete by the gifts you receive -

clothes no longer fashionable, unbearably slow computers, videos you've watched a hundred times. Once tossed into the trash, no one can use them.

Michael Hofferber is the recycling coordinator for the Southern Idaho Solid Waste District.

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FOOD & HOME

Earn your candy stripes in the kitchen

By Beverly Bundy
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

Making candy is not rocket science. In years when refined sugar was precious and candy thermometers were unknown, families made candy as entertainment. It really wasn't until the turn of the 20th century and the coming of industrialization that candy making on a grand scale took treating-making out of the home and into factories.

But spinning sugar can still be fun, and it can be a chemistry lesson for children.

To have success, however, take some basic precautions.

Buy or borrow a candy thermometer. They are far easier to use than the old dropping-the-candy-in-a-good-thin-water-trick. We're no longer a nation of cooks experienced enough to eyeball "soft ball" or "hard crack" stage.

Make sure the "kinetic" ingredients - the stabilizers, the jelling agents, the working chemicals of the operation - are fresh. Buy new cream of tartar and baking soda. The same goes for lemon juice - buy a new, plastic bottle of the lemon juice sold in the frozen food section. It's more

reliable and better tasting than the condensed, shelf-stable stuff.

This holiday season, C&H has introduced a new grade of sugar. Its "bakers" variety is a finer, more consistent product that works perfectly with candy-making because it dissolves quicker, giving the cook more immediate control.

Be careful. Hot syrup can be painful on skin. Keep a sink or large wide-mouthed bowl of ice water on the kitchen counter for any possible accidents.

LEMONADE JELLIES

Yields 1 pound
3 envelopes unflavored gelatin
1 cup water
2 cups granulated sugar
3/4 cup fresh lemon juice
1 teaspoon grated fresh lemon rind
Vegetable oil for coating the pan
Superfine sugar for coating the candy
Oil an 8-inch square pan. Set aside.

In a small bowl, sprinkle the gelatin over 1/2 cup water. Let gelatin soften at room temperature for 5 minutes. Meanwhile, combine the remaining 1/2 cup water and

granulated sugar in heavy medium saucepan. Place pan over medium heat. Stir until sugar dissolves completely and mixture comes to a boil. Clip candy thermometer to the inside of the pan and cook, without stirring, until syrup reaches 260 degrees. Remove the pan from the heat. Add gelatin to hot syrup and stir until it is completely dissolved. Stir in lemon juice and rind. Pour syrup into prepared pan. Cool at room temperature until candy is set, at least 3 hours. Cover top of the candy with superfine sugar. Invert pan and gently remove candy in one piece, placing it sugared-side down on a cutting board. Using a wet knife, cut candy into 1-inch squares. Coat each square with additional superfine sugar. Store jellies in airtight container in layers, separated by wax paper, at room temperature, for up to 1 week.

"The Ultimate Candy Book" by Bruce Weinstein

ORANGE CANDIED PECANS

Yields 2 1/2 cups
2 teaspoons vegetable oil, such as canola, for the pan
1 cup sugar
1/8 teaspoon cream of tartar

Zest of 1 medium orange, finely minced

1/4 cup freshly squeezed orange juice

1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract

1 1/2 cups pecan halves

Coat a baking sheet or cake pan with vegetable oil. Combine sugar, cream of tartar, orange zest and orange juice in a 2-quart heavy-bottomed sauce pan. Cook mixture over high heat until it reaches 246 degrees on a candy thermometer, about 8 minutes. Using a damp pastry brush, wash down the sides of the pan 2 times while the mixture is cooking, to prevent sugar crystallization. When mixture is at the correct temperature, take pan off the heat and immediately stir in vanilla. Stir in nuts, using a long-handled wooden spoon. Continue to stir for another minute or two until sugar syrup becomes shiny and tacky. Turn nuts out onto the baking sheet, using the wooden spoon to spread them out. Let nuts cool briefly, about 5 minutes. Separate them and leave to cool completely. Serve nuts at room temperature. Store them between layers of wax paper in an airtight container at room temperature for up to 10 days.

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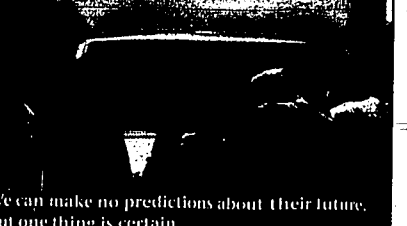
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Baskets

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Substitute 1 cup of rolled oats for 1 cup of flour. Stir 1 teaspoon of ground cinnamon into the flour mixture. Also, stir a 6-ounce package of mixed dried fruit bits or raisins into the dough. Bake as directed.

2. Peanut Butter Buddies: Prepare dough as directed below, but add 1/2 cup peanut butter along with the eggs and vanilla.

Also, stir a 12-ounce package of peanut butter chips into the dough. Bake as directed.

3. Malted Milk Treats: Prepare dough as directed below, but substitute 1/4 cup instant-malted milk powder for 1/4 cup of the flour. Also, stir 1/2 cups chopped-up malted milk balls into the dough. Bake as directed.

4. Macadamia Nut: Prepare dough as directed below, but stir 2 cups of coarsely chopped white chocolate baking bar and 3 1/2 ounces of macadamia nuts, (coarsely chopped) into dough. Bake as directed.

5. Double Chocolate Delights: Prepare dough as directed below, but substitute 1/3 cup of unsweetened cocoa powder for 1/2 cup of the flour. Also, stir a 12-ounce package of semi-sweet chocolate chip pieces into the dough. Bake as directed.

6. Chocolate Candy Cookies: Prepare dough as directed below, but stir 2 cups of candy-coated milk chocolate pieces into the dough. Bake as directed.

7. Super-Chunk Chippers: Prepare dough as directed below, but stir 1 cup of coarsely chopped semi-sweet chocolate, 1 cup coarsely chopped milk chocolate and 1 cup chopped pecans into the dough. Drop dough from a 1/4 cup measuring cup about 4 inches apart onto an ungreased cookie sheet. Flatten the cookies slightly with a spoon. Bake for 13-15 minutes or until the edges are lightly browned. Makes 18 cookies.

To make any variation in advance: Wrap the dough in freezer wrap and freeze for up to 6 months. Before baking, thaw dough overnight in the refrigerator. Bake as directed.

Basic Directions:

1. In a large mixing bowl, beat the shortening, the egg, butter, with an electric mixer on medium to high speed for 30 seconds. Add the brown sugar, granulated sugar and baking soda. Beat until fluffy. Add eggs and vanilla; beat until combined. Beat in flour.

Use the dough immediately or cover and chill for up to 24 hours.

2. Drop slightly rounded tablespoons of cookie dough 2 inches apart onto an ungreased cookie sheet.

3. Bake at 375 degrees for 10-12 minutes or until the edges are lightly browned. Remove the cookies and cool on a wire rack. Makes about 48 cookies.

CRANBERRY FUDGE

1 (12 ounce) package fresh or frozen cranberries

1/2 cup light corn syrup

2 cups semi-sweet chocolate chips

1/2 cup confectioner's sugar

1/4 cup evaporated milk

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Line bottom and sides of an 8-by-8-inch pan with plastic wrap. Set aside. In a medium saucepan, bring cranberries and corn syrup to a boil. Boil on high for 5-7 minutes, stirring occasionally. Remove from heat. Immediately add chocolate chips stirring until they are melted completely. Add confectioner's sugar, evaporated milk and vanilla extract, stirring vigorously. Spread in pan and allow to cool.

COCONUTTY CANDY

1 cup margarine

4 cups confectioner's sugar

1 (14 ounce) can sweetened condensed milk

2 cups shredded coconut

2 cups chopped pecans

2 teaspoons vanilla extract

2 cups semi-sweet chocolate chips

Line 2 cookie sheets with wax paper. Set aside. Mix margarine,

sugar and sweetened condensed milk in large mixing bowl. Add coconut, pecans and vanilla; mix well, using a sturdy, large spoon; form into balls. Chill until firm. Melt chocolate chips in top pot of double boiler over simmering water. Using a toothpick, dip balls into melted chocolate. Let cool on wax paper.

PEANUT BUTTER & CHOCOLATE BALLS

4 pounds peanut butter

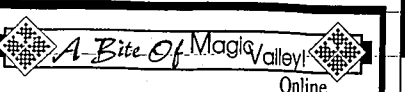
3 1/2 pounds confectioner's sugar

1/2 pound butter, melted

2 1/2 pounds semi-sweet chocolate chips

2 tablespoons shortening

Blend together the peanut butter, sugar and melted butter. Allow to chill in refrigerator. Roll into 1-inch round balls and return to refrigerator. In a double boiler over medium heat, melt the chocolate and shortening. Whisk together until smooth. With a toothpick inserted in the balls, dip them into the chocolate so they look like buckeyes. Place on wax paper and allow to set in refrigerator.



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FOOD & HOME



Try a different way to serve spuds this holiday season, with Fancy Baked Potatoes.

Photo courtesy: Taste of Home

This festive dish is quick and nutritious

Taste of Home

This recipe, from Audrey Thibodeau of Mesa, Ariz., features a potato filling that's creamy and rich-tasting, plus the servings are as pleasing to the eye as they are to the palate. Thibodeau says she can't count the times she's turned to this tried-and-true recipe when company is coming.

- FANCY BAKED POTATOES**
- 4 large baking potatoes
 - Vegetable oil
 - 2 tablespoons butter or margarine
 - 1/2 cup sour cream
 - 1/4 cup milk
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt
 - 1/4 teaspoon pepper
 - 1 jar (2 ounces) diced pimientos, drained and divided
 - 2 tablespoons snipped fresh or

dried chives, divided
Rub potatoes with oil and place in a shallow baking pan. Bake at 400 degrees for 1 hour or until tender. Cool. Cut in half lengthwise. Scoop out pulp, leaving a 1/4-inch shell. Set shells aside. In a mixing bowl, combine pulp, butter, sour

cream and milk. Beat until creamy. Stir in salt, pepper and half of the pimientos and chives. Spoon or pipe filling into shells. Return to baking pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 35-40 minutes, or until lightly browned. Sprinkle with remaining pimientos and chives. Serves 8.

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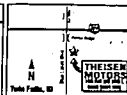
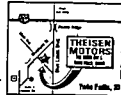
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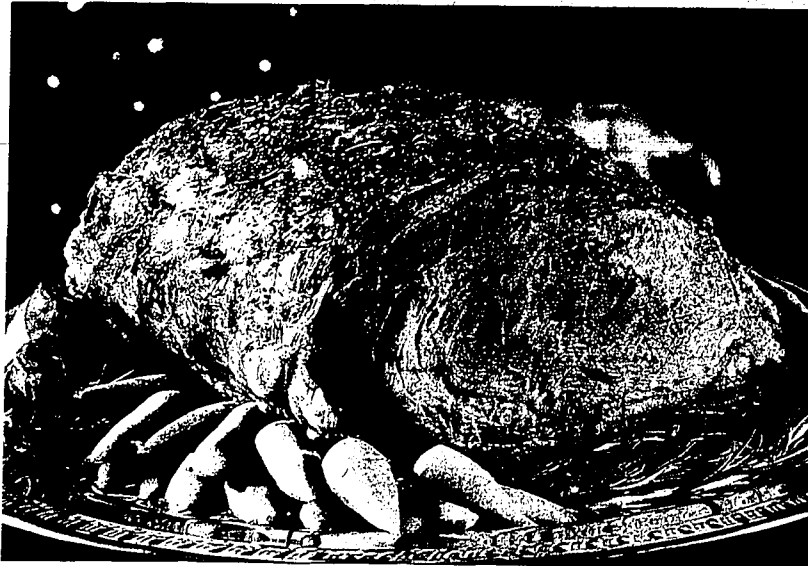
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—*Comedian Jay Leno, after Dallas QB Troy Aikman suffered his 10th concussion*

TRIVIA

When were penalty flags first introduced in the NFL?
.....answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Boys' high school basketball
Mónico at Twin Falls, 6 p.m.
Shoshone at Dietrich, 6 p.m.
Richfield at Murtagh, 6 p.m.
Jerome at Highland, 6 p.m.
Filer at Wendell, 4:15 p.m.
Aberdeen at Buhl, 4:15 p.m.

High school wrestling

Marsh Valley/Twin Falls at Buhl

IN BRIEF

CSI cuts transfer Jason Burns loose

TWIN FALLS — Jason Burns has been dismissed from the College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team for "unspecified reasons," said head coach Derek Zeck on Tuesday.
Zeck said Burns' scholarship would not be renewed.
"I felt he just wasn't committed to winning as we needed him to be," Zeck said.
Burns, who transferred to CSI from Georgetown University, averaged 3.5 points and 2.5 rebounds in four games this season.

Idaho Special Olympics head to regional games

ALBION — Local Special Olympics athletes are preparing for the Regional Winter Games, held Jan. 23-24 at Pomerelle Ski Resort in Albion.
Athletes who compete in the Regional Winter Games will be eligible to participate in the Idaho Winter Games, which will be held Feb. 26-28, at Schweitzer Mountain in Sandpoint.
Approximately 85 Magic Valley athletes will be on hand at Pomerelle to compete in Nordic, Alpine and snowshoe events. Events begin at 10:30 a.m. For more information, call Kelly Callahan at 1-800-234-3658.

Burley Trap Club closes for the weekend

BURLEY — The Burley Trap Club announced it will be closed Saturday and Sunday for the Christmas weekend.

Hawkins selects Riddle for BSU assistant job

BOISE — Boise State has a new punting back and special teams coach, Kent Riddle, an assistant football coach at the U.S. Military Academy for the past six seasons, was named by Boise State's head coach Dan Hawkins Tuesday.
Hawkins now has five assistant coaches: Kerry Lawler works with cornerbacks, Mike Strausser handles the offensive line, Ron Collins coaches linebackers and Romeo Bandison is in charge of the defensive line.
Riddle joined the Army football staff in 1995 and served as the special teams coordinator and recruiting coordinator since then. He begins work at Boise State immediately, the university reports in a press statement.
He spent from 1992-1994 in the graduate assistant position before taking his full-time position at the U.S. Military Academy in 1995.

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Penalty flags were first used by NFL officials on Sept. 17, 1948, in a game in which the Green Bay Packers defeated the Boston Yankees, 31-0.

Raptors roll sleepy Jazz

Sloan benches stars during second half

The Associated Press

TORONTO — Vince Carter and the Toronto Raptors took advantage of the "bored" Utah Jazz.
Carter scored 33 points Tuesday night and the Raptors held Karl Malone scoreless in the second half to beat Utah 103-95.

Malone, who played just 26 minutes, was held to 12 points and four rebounds. After missing his first three shots of the third quarter, Malone was benched for the remainder of the period. He played only four minutes in the fourth.

"People don't pay to come watch the players look bored," Utah coach Jerry Sloan said. "I'm sorry to say this but we looked sad to be here. I don't care what names were out on the floor. I was looking for someone who wants to play. We came down and shot the ball like a cannon."

Sloan benched John Stockton two minutes after he sat Malone. Stockton played just 10 minutes in the second half.

"Go ask them why they can't play hard," Sloan said to reporters. "I think they're all healthy — as far as I know."

Carter scored 12 points as the Raptors outscored the Jazz 26-15 in the third quarter. Utah made just two of 20 shots from the field in the period.

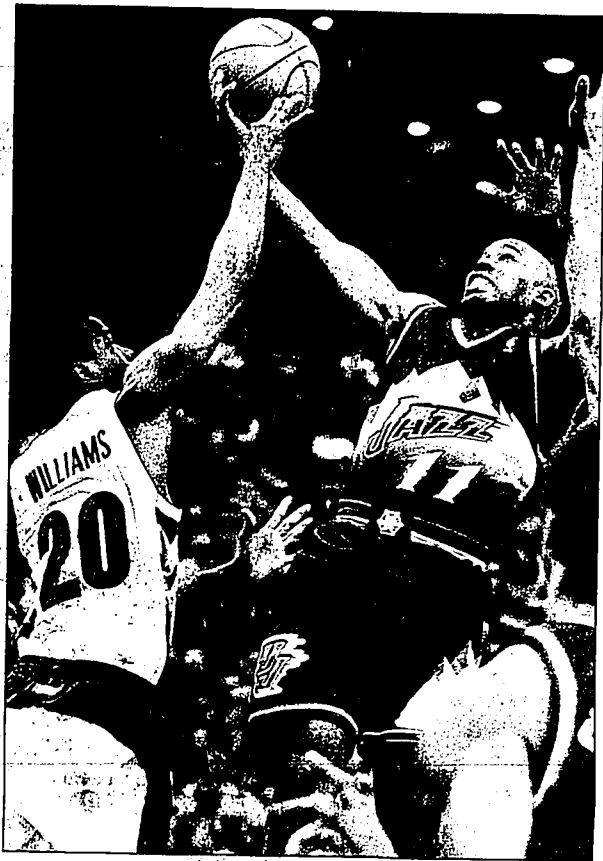
After Carter made a 3-pointer with 3:33 left in the quarter, Davis followed with a 14-foot jumper to give Toronto a 20-point lead.

The Jazz are in the midst of their longest road trip of the season, playing six games in nine days, but Sloan didn't care.

"We're having practice tomorrow, not a shootaround. I don't care about fatigue," Sloan said.

Carter gave Toronto a 14-point lead with 1:41 remaining on a spectacular reverse layup and a free throw for a three-point play.

Donyell Marshall scored 24 points for the Jazz.



Utah Jazz guard Jacques Vaughn, right, drives to the basket over Toronto Raptors guard Alvin Williams during the first half in Toronto Tuesday. Toronto beat Utah 103-95.

Antonio Davis had 14 points and 13 rebounds for the Raptors, who never trailed.
"I'll never understand Jerry Sloan," Davis said.

"It was good for us to have them on the bench."
Carter scored 11 and Mark

Jackson 10 as the Raptors led 54-49 at the half. The Raptors made five of their 10 3-point attempts in the first half.

Bowl madness kicks off today

By Richard Rosenblatt
The Associated Press

The bowl season has arrived. It'll start slowly, pick up steam just before New Year's Eve and hit full speed on New Year's Day with six games.

Then, college football finally stages a few games that count — the Sugar Bowl between No. 2 Miami and No. 7 Florida on Jan. 2 and the Orange Bowl between No. 1 Oklahoma and No. 3 Florida State on Jan. 3.

After those games, poll voters will determine whether there will be one national champion or split champions for the fourth time since 1990.

As the Hurricanes (10-1) prepare to renew their rivalry with the Gators (10-2) and the Sooners (12-0) get ready to go for their first national crown since 1956, there are a few intriguing side-ights.
One is in the Orange Bowl, with Florida State's Heisman Trophy winning quarterback Chris Weinke going against Heisman runner-up Josh Heupel of Oklahoma.

Others include:
• Coaching carousel: The Oahu Bowl on Sunday has Virginia against Georgia, the Cavs' long-time coach, George Welsh, retires after this one, while Bulldogs coach Jim Donnan has already been fired, effective after the game.
• End of a streak? West Virginia coach Don Nehlen gets a final chance to stop his bowl losing streak at eight games when his team plays Mississippi in the Music City Bowl on Dec. 28. Nehlen retires after the game, to be replaced by Rich Rodriguez.
• QBs II: A healthy Michael Vick is set to lead Virginia Tech

College bowl picks

(10-1) against the healthy Woody Dantzler and Clemson (9-2) in the Gator Bowl on Jan. 1. Both were injured late in the season, but the former Heisman contenders should be healthy for their meeting in Jacksonville.
—Running men: The Citrus Bowl features two of the nation's top runners not named LaDainian Tomlinson or Damien Anderson. That would be Michigan's Anthony Thomas vs. Auburn's Rudi Johnson on Jan. 1. Thomas ran for 1,551 yards; Johnson, 1,567 yards.

The picks:

Mobile Alabama Bowl

Today, 6 p.m., ESPN2
TCU (minus 7) vs. Southern Mississippi
Horned Frogs RB LaDainian Tomlinson is the difference in matchup of top two defenses. ... TCU, 21-17.

Las Vegas Bowl

Thursday, 6 p.m., ESPN2
UNLV (pick 'em) vs. Arkansas
Rebs have homefield edge, plus improving QB Jason Thomas. ... UNLV, 28-24.

Oahu Bowl

Sunday, 6:30 p.m., ESPN
Virginia (plus 9.5) vs. Georgia
Cavs' retiring coach George

Welsh vs. Dawgs fired coach Jim Donnan. ... Virginia, 27-24.

Aloha Bowl

Monday, 1:30 p.m., ABC
Boston College (plus 4) vs. Arizona State
Sun Devils give "Tired" coach Bruce Snyder a winning sendoff; Eagles without RB William Green. ... ARIZONA STATE, 28-20.

Motor City Bowl

Dec. 27, 6 p.m., ESPN
Marshall (plus 3.5) vs. Cincinnati
Herd, led by QB Byron Leftwich (3,389 yards, 21 TDs) recovering nicely after 2-4 start. ... MARSHALL, 28-24.

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Dec. 27, 6 p.m., ESPN2
Texas Tech (pick 'em) vs. East Carolina
Pirates pass D needs to contain Tech QB East Kingsbury (3,153 yards). ... EAST CAROLINA, 34-30.

Humanitarian Bowl

Dec. 28, 11:30 a.m., ESPN2
Boise State (minus 6.5) vs. Texas-El Paso
Miners' coach Gary Nord is staying, Broncs' coach Dirk Koetter is going. ... TEXAS-EL PASO, 33-30.

Music City Bowl

Dec. 28, 2 p.m., ESPN
West Virginia (plus 4) vs. Mississippi
WVU coach Don Nehlen's last chance to win first bowl since '84 and end eight-game postseason losing streak. ... MISSISSIPPI, 31-24.

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Dec. 28, 5:30 p.m., TBS
Minnesota (minus 4) vs. North Carolina State
Wolfpack freshman QB Philip Rivers confounds Gophers defense. ... NORTH CAROLINA STATE, 28-27.

Insight.com Bowl

Dec. 28, 5:30 p.m., ESPN
Iowa State (pick 'em) vs. Pittsburgh
Cyclones just happy for first bowl since 1978; Panthers put up points. ... PITTSBURGH, 37-27.

Liberty Bowl

Dec. 29, 11:30 a.m., ESPN
Colorado State (minus 1.5) vs. Louisville
Coach Sonny Lubick's Rams capable of containing Cards' scoring attack of 35.7 ppg. ... COLORADO STATE, 35-31.

Strunk's career night lifts Bruins

By Holly Key
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Single-handedly outscoring the Bobcats, junior Kim Strunk lifted Twin Falls High's girls' basketball team over Burley Tuesday.

Strunk tallied 31 points in the Lady Bruins' 50-28 non-conference win.

"I just anticipated where the ball would be and made my free throws," Strunk said.

She also swished a 3-pointer, several field goals and went 12-for-12 from the line, for a career-high 31 points.

"The thing about Kim is that she gets her points in a variety of ways," said Twin Falls coach Lawrence Pfeiffer.

Strunk started the game with a layin assisted by sophomore Danielle Maloney. Eight minutes later, the two had combined for 17 points to make the score at the end of the first quarter 17-8.

The Bobcats tried to catch up in the second period, but Strunk and Maloney were too hot.

Burley couldn't keep up with the pair's fast break as Strunk and Maloney drained layup after layup. Going into the break, the two accounted for 25 of Twin Falls' 26 points.

"On the fast break, they see each other really well," Pfeiffer said. "They make good passes to each other."

The third quarter opened with Burley junior Arylene Peterson draining an inside shot, but Strunk promptly answered. She drained two free throws then missed a shot, but put it back up to make the score 33-19. Two more free throws and a fast break later, the score was 37-19.

"Danielle and I watch where we are on the court and we're always on the fast break," Strunk said.

Twin Falls silenced the Bobcats with a 13-point fourth quarter. Strunk sunk four more free throws to make it final.

"The difference in the game is confidence," said Burley coach Gordon Kerbs. "They go to the line and ... show confidence in their game. We don't."

The Bobcats were 7-of-21 from the line compared with Twin Falls' 19-of-24.

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O's get busy; Bags stays put

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Baltimore Orioles finally made some moves on the free-agent market Tuesday, agreeing to a \$28 million, four-year contract with first baseman David Segui and a \$9.6 million, two-year deal with pitcher Pat Hentgen.

Jeff Bagwell, another first baseman, decided he would rather stay with Houston than become a free agent after next season, agreeing to an \$85 million, five-year contract extension through 2006.

Bagwell's \$17 million average salary matches Toronto first baseman Carlos Delgado for the third-highest in baseball, agreeing to a \$1.75 million, one-year contract. Catcher Tom Prince agreed to a minor league contract with Minnesota that would pay him \$400,000 if he makes the team.

That meant just over half of this year's free agents had signed, 69-of-136.

The 10 free agents who faced a midnight EST deadline to accept

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Please see BASEBALL, Page D2

SPORTS

Passing the test: Spartans grab needed road victory

By John Dorr Times-News writer

JEROME — The Minico High School girls' basketball team passed a huge test on the road Tuesday night. With a record of 6-3 — a perfect 5-0 at home, but 1-2 away — the Spartans needed to learn how to win on the road. And they did just that. Despite giving Jerome four opportunities to tie the game or cut into a three-point deficit in the final 90 seconds, Minico defeated the rival Tigers, earning a season sweep. The Spartans also defeated Jerome in the second game of the year by nine points. "Our posts played great defense. I'm going to buy them dinner," said Lisa Patterson, who paced the Spartan attack

with 15 points, including three from beyond the arc. "Through junior high, we have never beaten Jerome. It is our goal to beat them," said Patterson. Jerome got the early lead with a putback from Jennifer Pond, who led the Tigers with 10 points, and a jumper by Keeley Osborn. But Kim Child got the Spartans on the board with an early bucket off an inbound play, and the teams traded baskets until late in the quarter. Sophomore Whitney Martin scored again off the inbound, then Clare Bodensteiner drove to the bucket near the end of the quarter to put Minico up after one. From there, every Tiger run was answered with a big shot by the Spartans; who finished the game shooting 50 percent from the field. Patterson connected on a pair

of shots in the quarter as Minico continued to keep the pressure on. With an aggressive zone defense by Minico, Jerome was unable to get the ball inside to leading scorers Pond and Kendra West. Forced outside, the Tigers twice cut the deficit to single digits with a 3-pointer by freshman Whitney Clark and a long jumper by Osborn, but Minico would not give up the lead. Pond got the feed from West near the end of the quarter to cut the deficit to three, but Martin answered with a nice turnaround jumper and Minico led by five, 23-18, at the break. Jumpers by Bodensteiner and Ashley Jolley pushed the advantage to nine early in the third quarter, where Jerome didn't get its first basket until the 3:42 mark of the period. Brandi

Escover hit back-to-back jumpers getting Jerome within three, but Patterson was there with the answer. The senior guard used a solid screen from Martin and nailed the 3-pointer. She followed that with two from the free-throw line. West's jumper near the end of the quarter put the Tigers within striking distance, 32-28, heading into the final period. The fourth quarter again saw the Spartans build the lead to nine points off Bodensteiner's drive and layup. Bodensteiner, Minico's leading scorer, finished with 12 points after a slow start. "You just need to keep playing intense. If you have the same intensity, stuff just happens," said Bodensteiner, a junior guard. "We need this victory and the coach stressed defense."

The Tigers kept fighting back. West and Escover hit jumpers and the lead was down to five. Bodensteiner hit Minico's final basket, a short jumper in the lane, then Nicole Paulos answered for Jerome with a jumper just inside the arc. Turnovers and missed opportunities would fill the next 1:30. Jerome missed three shots at point-blank range while the Spartans missed the front end of one-and-one free throws twice. The final shot, a prayer from halfcourt by Jerome, fell short. "We hit some big shots. When we needed a steal we got it. When we needed a defensive stop, we got it," said Minico coach Clint Straatman. Martin added six points for the Spartans. Paulos chipped in seven points for Jerome, while Escover and West tossed in six.

"They played better than we did. We didn't capitalize on opportunities in the third quarter," said Jerome coach Michelle Skyles, whose team falls to 8-3 but remains a perfect 4-0 in conference. "They (Minico) shot 50 percent and we shot 38. That's the ballgame. Minico got an early Christmas present, and will be off the court until Jan. 2, when the Spartans play Bury. Jerome goes back to conference action, traveling to Blackfoot on Thursday, then plays Buhl on Dec. 29.

Burley boys stave off Indians 56-55

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BURLEY — The Bobcats proved their team on a roll Tuesday, rebounding from an early deficit to nip the Indians by a point. Kam Redder had 18 points to power Burley, which improved to 5-2 overall, 1-1 in conference. The A-1, Div. II Bobcats, winners of four straight — not to mention two in a row against A-1, Div. I opponents — next play Friday, hosting Madison.

Local sports
Technical school game scores: 27 scores: Richfield 41, Camas 27.

built a 20-point halftime lead on their pressure defense and opportunistic scoring to beat visiting Gooding 61-25 on Tuesday. Katie Williamson scored a game-high 15 points for Buhl (7-3 overall, 4-0 SCIC). Amie Nelson led Gooding with six points. Buhl hosts Jerome on Dec. 29.

Carey 48, Bliss 29
BLISS — The Lady Panthers took it to the Lady Bears Tuesday night. "We worked really hard," said Bliss coach Lane Durtsch. "But Carey just overwhelmed and outplayed us."

Declo 52, Kimberly 34
DECLO — Outsourcing the Lady Bulldogs 22-1 in the third quarter, the lady Hornets were victorious Tuesday night. "Kimberly played great defense in the first half," said Declo coach Kim Johnson. "But we came out in the third quarter, picked it up and played some defense, and worked a lot harder."



Carolina goaltender Arturo Irbe blocks a shot by New York's Oleg Khvasha during the first period at the Nassau Coliseum Tuesday.

Valley 56, Kimberly 53
KIMBERLY — The Vikings kept their undefeated status intact, edging the Bulldogs 56-53 on the road. Clark Wyatt and Rob Black had 15 points apiece to pace Valley.

Local sports
MVCHS JV 48, ISDB 39
TWIN FALLS — The Raptors fell behind early and never recovered, dropping their final game of 2000 on the road. ISDB's Erik Henson had 20 points to lead all scorers in the loss.

Camas 37, Richfield 28
RICHFIELD — The Camas Lady Musher Dogs defeated Richfield 37-28, as junior Sarah Vouch scored 15 points. Tuesday. "You had coach Dee Lewis said Vouch rallied Camas County in the fourth."

Wrestling
Filer 54, Bonneville 24
Valley 52, Valley 30
FILER — The Filer Wildcats wrestling team recovered from an attack of the flu bug in time for two matches — Tuesday night over Bonneville 54-24 and Valley 52-30.

Bruins gain tie with Flyers

BOSTON (AP) — Mike Knuble scored midway through the third period and Byron Dafoe made 20 saves in his second game back from an injury layoff Tuesday night, lifting the Boston Bruins to a 4-4 tie with the Philadelphia Flyers. Rick Tocchet gave the Flyers a 4-3 lead with 11:57 remaining in regulation. The Flyers remained undefeated under coach Bill Barber (2-0-3), who took over for Craig Ramsay after he was fired on Dec. 10. Dafoe (2-4-3) was out for three weeks, missing 11 contests, with a knee injury. The Bruins haven't put together consecutive victories since Mike Keenan took over on Oct. 25.

Islanders 2, Hurricanes 1

UNIONDALE, N.Y. — Taylor Fyatt's early third-period goal helped the New York Islanders to a victory over Carolina. The winning goal came at 2:21 as Garry Galley's rightpoint slap shot was stopped by goalie Arturs Irbe. The rebound came to Bill Muckaitis, who muffed the shot, but Fyatt moved in and sent a wrist shot past Irbe. Mark Lawrence also scored for the Islanders, who snapped a five-game home losing streak to the Hurricanes — dating to Jan. 30, 1999. John Vanbiesbrouck stopped 16 shots for the Hurricanes. "Sami Kapaneen had the only goal for Carolina. Irbe made 27 saves."

Declo 71, Gooding 27
GOODING — The Hornets stung the Senators Tuesday night with a resounding 44-point victory in SCIC play.

Glenns Ferry 72, Melba 61
GLENN'S FERRY — Cole Darrington scored 20 points to lead three Pilots in double figures as Glenn's Ferry held off Melba 72-61 on Tuesday.

Wendell 47, Filer 28
WENDELL — Lauren Haycock scored a game-high 25 points for the Trojans as Wendell jumped on the Filer Wildcats, 47-28.

Wildcat-Todd-Billington, wrestling at the 112-pound class, came up with two wins for the Wildcats. Teammate Josh Peterson also scored a pair of wins — by pinfall and one by decision.

Bruins

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The Bruins missed a strong showing from post Keri Coats. The usually dependable senior-winger scoreless, but Strunk took off the slack. "We didn't have many points from our posts," Pfefferle said. "I guess Kim made up for that."

Bruins

The Bruins (6-4 overall, 1-2 in conference) host conference foe Highland Thursday on "Oregon Trail Day." All students from Oregon Trail Elementary game are invited to the game and will be admitted at no charge. Burley (3-7 overall, 0-4 in conference) travels to Bonneville Friday.

Hansen 52, TFCA 44
HANSEN — The Huskies defeated the visiting Twin Falls Christian Academy Warriors 52-44 on Tuesday. The Huskies are 4-3 overall and next play on Jan. 5 at Hagerman.

Girls' basketball
Murtaugh JV 47, MVCHS 25
MURTAUGH — Several Magic Valley Christian players had to leave at halftime to attend a Christmas program, and with them went a close contest. The Conquerors led 19-16 at intermission, but scored just six total points in the second half.

Hagerman 50, Raft River 43
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\$500,000, one-year contract if he makes the Mariners' roster. With the approach of Wednesday's deadline for teams to offer contracts to the unsigned players on their 40-man rosters, several players eligible for salary arbitration agreed to new contracts. Outfielder Matt Stairs, traded to Chicago, agreed to a \$3.2 million, one-year contract with the Cubs. Left-handed reliever Wil Dambrowski agreed to a \$2.7 million, three-year contract with the Florida Marlins. Outfielder Ruben Rivera agreed to a \$1 million, one-year contract with the San Diego Padres; infielder Enrique Wilson agreed to a \$635,000, one-year contract with the Pittsburgh Pirates; and right-handed Jason Johnson agreed to a \$350,000, one-year contract with the Orioles. Hentgen, a 32-year-old right hander, went 15-12 with a 4.72 ERA in 33 starts with the St. Louis Cardinals this year.

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Hawks bounce Knicks for second time this season

ATLANTA (AP) — Lorenzen Wright, starting in place of the injured Alan Henderson, scored 20 points and rebounded 12 rebounds to help Atlanta beat the Knicks for the second time this season.

It was the fifth double-double this season for Wright, who got to start his fourth game when Henderson was placed on the injured list prior to the game with a strained left shoulder.

Jason Terry added 17 points, Matt Maloney had 15 and Roshowm McLeod had 12 for the Hawks. Dikembe Mutombo had nine points and Tim Rice led New York with 23 points.

Lakers 81, Heat 79
MIAMI — Shaquille O'Neal had 22 points, 14 rebounds and four blocked shots — including one in the final seconds — to lead the Lakers to a 10-point victory over the Heat.

Kobe Bryant added 23 points but struggled from the field, shooting just 8-of-24. O'Neal struggled from the free-throw line, hitting two of 11 tries.

Leading 81-79, Los Angeles' athletic duo had a chance to seal the victory at the final minute, but Bryant missed a jumper and O'Neal got the rebound and missed the putback.

The Heat had a chance to tie, but O'Neal blocked Brian Grant's shot from close range.

Spurs 86, Rockets 79
HOUSTON — Tim Duncan scored 25 points, including 12 in the fourth quarter, to lead the Spurs over Houston.

Duncan also had a game-high 15 rebounds and 12 assists.

rebounds as the Spurs beat the Rockets for the ninth consecutive time, five of them at Compaq Center.

Derek Anderson added 15 points, Sean Elliott 13 and Terry Porter 10. David Robinson fouled out with 2:06 to play and had only five points and seven rebounds.

Moochie Norris, making his first NBA start in place of the injured Steve Francis (sprained ankle), scored a season-high 17 points, as did Hakem Olajuwon. Curtino Mobley had 16 and Maurice Taylor 14.

Pacers 90, Bulls 85
CHICAGO — Reggie Miller scored 15 of his 22 points in the fourth quarter and Jermaine O'Neal made two free throws and blocked a shot in the final 29 seconds.

O'Neal finished with 11 points, 13 rebounds and five blocked shots. Travis Best scored 19 and had 10 assists before fouling out, and Jalen Rose had 13.

Elton Brand led the Bulls with 17 points and seven rebounds, and Ron Mercer finished with 15 despite starting the night 0-for-12.

Pistons 89, Suns 84
PHOENIX — Jerry Stackhouse, the NBA's No. 2 scorer, had 35 points — including 13 in the decisive third quarter — as Detroit handed Phoenix its third loss in a row.

The Suns were without Jason Kidd (sore lower back and left knee), who had started all 23 games and is second in the NBA in minutes played at 41.4 per game.

Stackhouse sank 11 of 12 free throws, including two to seal the victory with 1:21 seconds to play.

Broncos stop Dons, snap losing streak

BOISE (AP) — Senior forwards Delvin Armstrong and Kejuan Woods led a 22-1 second half scoring run to lead Boise State to a 65-58 victory over San Francisco.

With San Francisco (6-5) leading 48-37 with 10:45 left in the game, Armstrong and Woods led a Boise State charge that put the Broncos ahead 59-49 with 4:27 left in the game.

Woods led Boise State (6-3) scoring with 18 and Armstrong added 11. San Francisco was led by senior All Thomas with 20 followed by Darrell Tucker with 15.

The Dons rebounded the Broncos 39-29 but committed 30 turnovers compared to 14 for Boise State.

Boise State's Abe Jackson who entered the game as the Big West's leading scorer averaging 21 points a game, was held to 10 points on three for 12 from the field.

No. 1 Duke 97, Portland 84
PORTLAND, Ore. — Carlos Boozer made all 11 of his shots for 22 points, and Mike Dunleavy Jr. added 18 in his homecoming game. No. 1 Duke routed the University of Portland 97-84 Tuesday night.

The Blue Devils (10-0) looked rusty early but were unstoppable in the second half of their makeup for Thursday night's game at No. 3 Stanford.

No. 2 Michigan State 72, No. 8 Seton Hall 57
EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Point guard Charlie Bell had 17 points and 11 rebounds and No. 2 Michigan State dominated the boards in a 72-57 victory over No. 8 Seton Hall in the Jimmy V Classic on Tuesday night.

The defending national champions improved to 9-0, and extended the nation's longest winning streak to 20 games.

No. 7 Florida 106, Bethune Cookman 64
GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Brent Wright scored a career-high 26 points as Florida beat Bethune Cookman.

Freshman Orion Greene had nine assists and 10 rebounds.

College basketball

and Matt Bonner hit all five of his 3-pointers as Iowa overcame the loss of leading scorer Luke Recker to beat Centenary.

No. 14 Virginia 107, No. 4 Tennessee 89
EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Stephane Dondon scored 11 of his 16 points in a first-half run that carried No. 14 Virginia to 107-89 victory over No. 4 Tennessee on Tuesday night in the Jimmy V Classic.

The Cavaliers (7-0) used a balanced scoring attack, 3-point shooting and a pressing defense to continue their best start since opening the 1992-93 season with 11 wins.

No. 19 Iowa 72, Centenary 52
IOWA CITY, Iowa — Dean Oliver scored 16 points as Iowa overcame the loss of leading scorer Luke Recker to beat Centenary.

Recker, who has led Iowa (9-0) in scoring in six of eight contests, missed in the game because of tendinitis in his right knee.

Recker was replaced by Ryan Hogan, who scored 15 points in his first start of the season.

No. 21 Notre Dame 99, Canisius 72
SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Troy Murphy broke out of a three-game slump, scoring 29 points and grabbing 15 rebounds as Notre Dame beat Canisius to improve to 6-2.

Ryan Humphrey also had a double-double, with 23 points and 11 rebounds.

Women's Games

No. 8 Purdue 90, No. 14 Stanford 60
WEST LAFFAYETTE, Ind. — Katie Douglas had 20 points and 10 assists as Purdue beat Stanford.

Douglas, a second-team All-America selection last season, also had two steals and made three 3-pointers for Purdue (9-3).

Nicole Powell led Stanford (5-3) with 20 points and 11 rebounds.

No. 9 Auburn 69, Arizona 66
SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — Lori Nero had 20 points and eight rebounds as No. 9 Auburn beat Arizona 69-66 on Tuesday night to win the San Juan Shootout.

The Tigers improved to 13-0, their best start since they went 28-0 in the 1988-89 season.

No. 10 Louisiana Tech 89, Texas-Arlington 44
RUSTON, La. — Kenya Bibbs scored 21 points in her first start to help Louisiana Tech rout Texas-Arlington.

Freshman Amber Obaze added 14 points for Louisiana Tech (9-3), which has won all 10 games in its series against Texas-Arlington (1-7).

No. 11 Texas Tech 94, SE Louisiana 37
LUBBOCK, Texas — Amber Tarn hit five 3-pointers in a 45-minute span and scored a career-high 25 points as Texas Tech beat Southeastern Louisiana.

Katrina O'Neal added 11 points for Texas Tech (7-1).

No. 12 Penn St., 81 UC Santa Barbara 68
STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — Maren Walseth scored 20 points and Kelly Mazzanti added 16 as Penn State beat UC Santa Barbara.

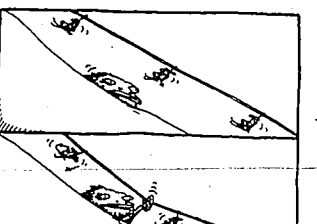
Walseth scored 12 points in a 16-2 run that put the Lady Lions (7-3) up 50-38 with 13:29 left. Kayte Christensen led Santa Barbara (4-4) with 14 points.

No. 19 Mississippi St., 68, Southern Miss. 53
HATTIESBURG, Miss. — LaToya Thomas had 30 points and 17 rebounds as Mississippi State beat Southern Mississippi.

Thomas had 14 points and 10 rebounds in the first half to help the Lady Bulldogs (7-2) take a 33-17 lead. Jennifer Farnbaugh added 11 points and 11 rebounds. Angela Johnson had 14 points for Southern Mississippi (5-4).

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SPORTS

New England's Law denies Ecstasy was his

FOXBORO, Mass. (AP) — New England Patriots cornerback Ty Law said Tuesday that neither the Ecstasy he was carrying at the Canadian border nor the bag it was found in belonged to him. He said he would voluntarily take a drug test to prove he is clean.

"I think that people who know me well know that I'm not a drug user," he said. "I did not knowingly commit an illegal act. I know I have to suffer the consequences of my behavior, and I accept that."

"I am accepting responsibility for my actions. I'm not trying to duck; I'm not trying to deny," he told reporters in a hastily called news conference at Foxboro Stadium on the team's off-day. "I'm willing to do whatever it takes — drug testing or whatever — to get the peace of mind, and give you guys peace of mind."

Talking softly and interrupting his prepared remarks to speak extemporaneously, Law said he has never used illegal drugs. He also said that he knows the dangers of drugs firsthand because a relative, whom he would not identify, was a user.

Law apologized to Patriots owner Bob Kraft, his teammates and the New England fans for "a bad decision" that left him at the Canadian border at 5:30 a.m. on Monday with a handful of pills in his possession.

"I had no idea that it was in the bag," Law said. "I know this sounds stupid and maybe a little bit unbelievable, but that's the honest-to-God truth."

The Patriots, who end their season Sunday against the Miami Dolphins, declined comment on whether Law would be disciplined.

NFL strikes deal with Reebok for team uniforms

NEW YORK — All NFL teams

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will wear uniforms supplied by Reebok starting in 2002 as part of a 10-year agreement in which the league hopes to sell more fashionable merchandise.

Three companies supplied uniforms to the 31 teams this season. The contract with Reebok International Ltd. that was announced Tuesday gives the NFL the option of changing the deal to a joint venture.

In such an arrangement, the NFL and Reebok would own stock in a newly formed company, with the league getting a split of any profits.

Aikman's season ends; career could be over, too

IRVING, Texas — Troy Aikman's season is officially over. Next is a decision on whether his career is, too.

Dallas coach Dave Campo said Tuesday that Aikman will miss the finale Monday night against Tennessee. The quarterback is recovering from his second concussion of the season, sustained Dec. 10.

Neither Aikman nor Cowboys owner Jerry Jones could be reached for comment. Aikman has barely spoken with reporters since his latest injury.

Buffalo cans longtime general manager Butler

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — John Butler, as responsible as almost anyone for building the Buffalo team that went to four straight Super Bowls, was fired as the Bills' general manager Tuesday.

Owner Ralph Wilson said he fired Butler because he couldn't wait any longer for Butler to decide whether he would be staying in Buffalo.

Bowls

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Sun Bowl

Dec. 29, Noon, CBS

UCLA (plus 4.5) vs.

Wisconsin

Disappointment bowl for Badgers and Bruins. ... WISCONSIN, 28-21.

Peach Bowl

Dec. 29, 3 p.m., ESPN

Georgia Tech (minus 8.5) vs. LSU

Tech's Great Godsey leads offense averaging 40.7 ppg. ... GEORGIA TECH, 37-20.

Holiday Bowl

Dec. 29, 6:30 p.m., ESPN

Texas (minus 7) vs. Oregon

QB Chris Simms tries to give-Horns a seventh straight win. ... OREGON, 34-27.

Alamo Bowl

Dec. 30, 6 p.m., ESPN

Nebraska (minus 14.5) vs. Northwestern

Gamecocks try to avoid ending great season with four straight losses. ... OHIO STATE, 24-17.

Huskers put clamps on Wildcats' RB Damien Anderson. ... NEBRASKA, 41-17.

Silicon Valley Classic

Dec. 31, 5 p.m., FOX Net

Fresno State (minus 1) vs. Air Force

Falcons scoring 43-plus ppg in winning their last three games. ... AIR FORCE, 37-31.

Independence Bowl

Dec. 31, 6 p.m., ESPN

Texas A&M (minus 1) vs. Mississippi State

Aggies have formidable duo in QB Mark Ferris to WR Robert Ferguson. ... TEXAS A&M, 27-24.

Outback Bowl

Jan. 1, 9 a.m., ESPN

Ohio State (minus 5.5) vs. South Carolina

Gamecocks try to avoid ending great season with four straight losses. ... OHIO STATE, 24-17.

Cotton Bowl

Jan. 1, 9 a.m., FOX

Kansas State (minus 3.5) vs. Tennessee

Vols looking for seventh straight win. ... TENNESSEE, 33-21.

Gator Bowl

Jan. 1, 10:30 a.m., NBC

Virginia Tech (minus 6.5) vs. Clemson

One of better QB matchups — Tech's Michael Vick vs. Tigers' Woody Dantzler. ... VIRGINIA TECH, 41-38.

Citrus Bowl

Jan. 1, 11 a.m., ABC

Michigan (minus 8) vs. Auburn

Wolverines QB Drew Henson-to-WR David Terrell make the difference. ... MICHIGAN, 28-21.

Rose Bowl

Jan. 1, 2:30 p.m., ABC

Purdue (minus 1.5) vs. Washington

Boilermakers QB Drew Brees looking for big finish to record-setting career. ... PURDUE, 35-28.

Fiesta Bowl

Jan. 1, 6 p.m., ABC

Oregon State (minus 3) vs. Notre Dame

Beavers' offense too quick for Irish. ... OREGON STATE, 31-24.

Sugar Bowl

Jan. 2, 6 p.m., ABC

Florida (plus 5.5) vs. Miami

Canes have share of title at stake in first matchup of these rivals since '87. ... MIAMI, 31-21.

Orange Bowl

Jan. 3, 6 p.m., ABC

Oklahoma (plus 13) vs. Florida State

So much for perfection. ... FLORIDA STATE, 41-21.

Dec. 2 Results: 1-4 (straight); 2-3 (vs. points)

Final Regular Season: 186-57 (straight); 125-105-3 (vs. points)

Glory run continues for Valdosta State QB

The Associated Press

Dusty Bonner had himself quite a year. He started out as the Southeastern Conference's top passer, then lost his starting job at Kentucky and returned to his hometown to play for Valdosta State.

On Tuesday, he was selected to The Associated Press' Little All-America team.

Bonner, who set a Division II record with 54 touchdown passes, completed a remarkable 72.8 percent of his throws, hitting 317 of 435 attempts for 3,907 yards just six interceptions. The 6-foot-2, 217-pound junior won the Harlon Hill Trophy as DII's top player in leading his team to a 10-2 record.

Joining Bonner in the backfield of the 26-player team was college football's career rushing leader, R.J. Bowers of Grove City, and Lamar Gordon of North Dakota State.

The 6-foot-1, 238-pound Bowers ran for 1,733 yards and 16 touchdowns and closed out his career at the Division III school with 7,353 yards and 562 points — two of his eight all-division records.

Gordon ran for 1,727 yards and scored 22 touchdowns. In three playoff games, the 6-1, 213-pound junior added another 401 yards

Complete teams — D3

and five TDs, giving him 2,128 yards rushing and 27 TDs.

The receiving stars Clarence Coleman of Ferris State, Matt Holmlund of Augustana (S.D.) and Adam Marino of Division III national champion Mount Union.

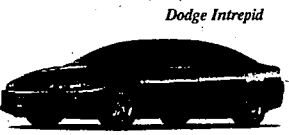
Coleman caught 97 passes for 1,510 yards and 15 touchdowns; Holmlund had 104 grabs for 1,365 yards and 16 TDs; and Marino caught 77 passes for 1,167 yards and 13 scores. Marino added 33 catches for 476 yards and five TDs in four playoff games.

The offensive line was anchored by center Robert Garza of Texas A&M-Kingsville. Also on the line were Ryan Burkholder of Northern Colorado, Clay Clevenger of Carson-Newman, Mack Hay of Augustana (Ill.), and Abed Taha of West Georgia.

Tony Miles of Northwest Missouri State was the all-purpose player — for the second straight season after totaling 1,858 yards and 14 TDs. The 5-9, 180-pound senior caught 60 passes for 1,074 yards and 10 TDs, ran for 208 yards and three scores and also returned a punt for a touchdown.

One last chance to indulge before the resolutions kick in.

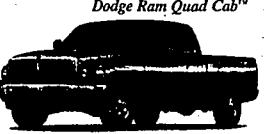
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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Idaho gas prices edge down in past month

An 8-cent drop in gasoline prices in the past month is giving motorists some holiday relief, but Idaho residents are still paying more at the pump than they have during any previous Christmas-New Year's period.

The Idaho AAA reports that while the average price for a gallon of white unleaded gasoline is down to \$1.63, it remains 20 cents higher than a year ago.

"For much of 2000 we have been paying a quarter more a gallon than any year on record," AAA Idaho spokesman Dave Carlson said.

The national average price for gasoline stands at \$1.47.

"Northern Idaho motorists took advantage of competition this week as gas station prices dipped as low as \$1.39 a gallon. The tab falls well below leaders' gasoline is down to a bit less than prices on the Camas Prairie and Palouse, where gas sold for up to \$1.69 a gallon.

Eastern Idaho's gas prices averaged \$1.51 on Monday while southern Idaho residents were paying about \$1.65 per gallon of gasoline.

"This has been a very strange year when it comes to fuel," Cash said. "Diesel oil usually goes down, but the last two weeks it's been going up and gas has been going down."

Compressed-gas fueling station opens in Idaho Falls

IDAHO FALLS — The new compressed natural gas fueling station may be the wave of the future.

The Idaho Falls station is the last link in a chain of stations between Belt Lake City and Bozeman, Mont. It opened Monday following a four-year effort by the Clean Cities Coalition, a partnership made up of Broadway Ford, Wichita Oil and Tire, the city of Idaho Falls and the U.S. Department of Energy.

"This is a really significant achievement," said Bev Cook, director of the Department of Energy's Operations Office.

The long-term plan is to have natural gas stations open in Jackson and Cody, Wyo., and Gardiner and West Yellowstone, Mont., as well as Yellowstone and Grand Teton national parks.

The Department of Energy's Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory has 153 vehicles that burn natural gas, including seven buses. Having a station in town will allow the site to have more vehicles in Idaho Falls because they will not have to refuel at a facility in the desert.

Natural gas burns cleaner than gasoline or diesel and is cheaper. Even though natural gas prices have been rising, it still costs 20 cents a gallon less than gasoline. Natural gas is also plentiful in the United States, and would cut the nation's dependence on foreign oil.

Ford, General Motors, Toyota, Chrysler and Honda are all involved in making cars that run on natural gas. A car is able to cruise 250 to 400 miles on a single tank.

Outdoor goods sales increase despite waning youth interest

BOULDER, Colo. — Sales are up in the recreation industry even while interest in outdoor activities continues to wane among adults under 30.

That's the verdict of a bi-annual report tracking recreation activities and sales. The report was released this week by the Boulder-based Outdoor Recreation Coalition of America.

ORCA, established in 1989, is a trade group representing more than 100 members nationwide. The report was done in conjunction with Boulder-based The Leisure Trends Group/Gallup, which studies the attitudes of Americans.

Recreation activities generated more than \$17.8 billion in retail sales last year compared with about \$15 billion in 1997, said Frank Hugelmeyer, ORCA's president.

In 1999, about 53 percent of Americans ages 16 or older participated in at least one of the 14 activities tracked by ORCA: backpacking, canoeing, car camping, cross-country skiing, hiking, kayaking, bicycling, rafting, rock climbing, single-track bicycling, snowshoeing, telemark skiing, trail running and wide-track bicycling.

The \$17.8 billion figure is a conservative estimate, Hugelmeyer said, as ORCA's outdoor fashion and gear sales figures don't include such retailers as Gap, Old Navy, L.L. Bean and Ralph Lauren, catalog and Internet sales. The fact that retailers like the Gap are featuring more outdoor-isms — fleece vests, backpacks, cargo pants and footwear — shows the outdoor lifestyle is snowballing in popularity, he said.

Compiled from wire reports

Marketing group takes shape

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A regional effort to bring new jobs to the valley advanced Tuesday as a coalition of public- and private-sector leaders from Jerome and Twin Falls settled on goals, guiding principles and the composition of a governing board.

The group also put finishing touches on a job description for a regional economic-development leader.

Participants Tuesday included College of Southern Idaho officials, Twin Falls and Jerome city leaders, chamber of commerce leaders from both cities, a Twin Falls County commissioner, Idaho Power Co. and Intermountain Gas Co. representatives, a Region IV Development leader, an Idaho Department of Commerce economic-development specialist and the visiting leader of a Boise-area business group, among others.

"In order to organize, you've got to come to the table with money," said Business Plus II Chairman Lee Wagner. Business Plus II, a job-creation campaign funded by donations, will be a major contributor.

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Future SIEDO governing board

Here's the composition of the future governing board for the Southern Idaho Economic Development Organization:

- **College of Southern Idaho** (which will make the initial hire of a SIEDO executive director) — six seats.
- **Business Plus II** (the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce's job-creation campaign and a major financial sponsor for SIEDO) — six seats.
- **Region IV Development** — one seat.
- **Major cities** (for now, just Twin Falls and Jerome) — one seat each, for a total of two now.
- **Idaho Department of Commerce** (which SIEDO hopes will contribute funding, particularly if Gov. Dirk Kempthorne and the Legislature force a rural-development task force's recent recommendation to share the cost of local economic-development staff in rural communities) — one seat.
- **Countries** (for now, just Twin Falls and Jerome counties) — one seat each, for a total of two now.
- **Utilities** representative — one seat.
- **Bechtel BWXT Idaho** (which SIEDO expects to contribute funding) — one seat.
- **Legislators** — one seat, probably to be filled by the area's senior statesman.

- **Small communities' representative** — one seat.
- **Economic-development groups' representative** — one seat.

That 22-seat board will grow if more Magic Valley counties join the effort, Jerome and Twin Falls civic and business leaders informally approved the board composition Tuesday, after some adjustments to emphasize private-sector focus and north-south balance. They won't tell the SIEDO players listed above who should be the representatives filling their seats on the board, but all players are being encouraged to choose private-sector folks to represent them.

CSI President Jerry Meyenboffer said the college will fill only one of its six seats with a CSI employee and the other five seats with business people from both sides of the Snake River Canyon.

Business Plus II Chairman Lee Wagner said he'll expect Business Plus II's representatives on the SIEDO board to get local win-win players.

Twin Falls City Manager Tom Courtney said it will be hard to find one person to represent all small communities. But Wagner included small-town representation so that eventually SIEDO can ask Kimberly, Buhl and others whether they want to help fund the effort.

Boise-area economic developer shares insights with Magic Valley

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Work quickly and cooperatively, be honest and keep it under your hat.

That's the advice a Treasure Valley economic developer gave Tuesday to a gathering of Jerome and Twin Falls civic and business leaders assembling a new regional job-creation organization.

Regional, by definition, takes in a variety of interests.

But participating communities shouldn't wrangle among themselves over hot development prospects, said Shirl Boyce, the Boise Metro Chamber of Commerce's vice president for economic development.

The effort won't succeed, he said, "if communities in the area are banging each other in the head, trying to run away with the prize."

That presents an unprofessional image to companies looking for new sites, and it's the companies' needs anyway — not individual cities — that decide the outcome.

"As soon as you start messing with them, they're gone. They're history," said Boyce, who was asked to share his insights with the Magic Valley group. And if a

company gets an unprofessional presentation from a region, "that word travels like wildfire."

Keep a regional organization simple, advised Boyce, who leads the chamber's Boise Metro Economic Development Council. Companies searching for sites generally have small windows of opportunity.

"They don't have time to ferret out a complex bureaucracy," he said.

Typically, too many local economic-development players want access to the prospect.

"Keep the local delegation to a minimum, and that's the hardest thing in the world to do," Boyce said.

At the beginning of a search, he added, a company interested in the Magic Valley will want to get in and get out quickly with the answers to certain questions — not meet with an endless list of city councilmen, chamber of commerce executives and the like.

He advised asking probing questions about the company's needs, "and if you can't meet the needs, say so."

Don't oversell the Magic Valley. The last thing you want is

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Packaging peak

United Parcel Service's largest facility copes with year's busiest day

The Associated Press

HODGKINS, Ill. — Not counting Santa's workshop, or maybe Macy's on Christmas Eve, it would be tough to find a busier place during the holidays than UPS's mammoth package-processing plant outside Chicago.

If the slowing economy has put a chill on holiday shopping, no such evidence was visible at the frenzied facility Tuesday on "Peak Day," the busiest shipping day of the year.

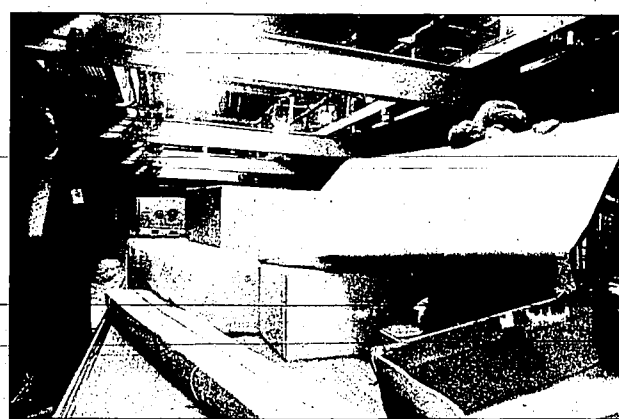
Nearly 11,000 workers scrambled against next Monday's unmissable deadline, processing more than 1.7 million packages and documents worldwide.

United Parcel Service estimated it would ship 17.5 million packages Tuesday as momentum from the online shopping boom carries it and its competitors to another record-breaking holiday season.

"It's really intense. Everything is on the go, on the go," said Brandon Ashana, 20, a "jambreaker" assigned to help prevent parcels from getting mashed as they speed through the dizzying 65-mile network of conveyor belts.

A fleet of 3,800 trucks ferried parcels to delivery vans, while trucks 200 yards away, workers loaded one of a dozen trains full of UPS goods that were due to depart by day's end.

One in every 10 of the 325 million packages that UPS anticipates shipping in the worldwide period between Thanksgiving and Christmas will come through this little suburb, which Atlanta-based UPS chose as its main shipping



A worker at the United Parcel Service mega-facility in Hodgkins, Ill., sorts through packages before they are loaded onto semi-trailers Tuesday. On what is called the busiest shipping day of the year, the facility is expected to handle more than 1.7 million packages as momentum from the online shopping boom carries UPS to a record-breaking holiday season.

point because of Chicago's transportation hub and large labor pool.

The facility — the world's biggest and busiest package distribution facility, according to UPS — is as long as three aircraft carriers and twice as wide.

Nearly 45 million Americans are expected to do holiday shopping online this year. As a result,

shippers are having a banner year.

A FedEx spokeswoman said the overnight delivery company shipped 6.5 million packages on Monday, its busiest day, up 5 percent from last year's holiday peak.

The Postal Service estimates it will handle 191 million packages during the holidays, also a 5 percent increase from 1999.

Imports push sugar beet prices down

Company shareholders lose millions as sugar market turns sour

The Times-News and
Knight-Ridder News Service

MOOREHEAD, MINN. — Farmer-owned sugar cooperatives are seeing some tough times.

A North Dakota newspaper reported this week that American Crystal Sugar Co.'s 2,800 shareholders have lost an estimated \$600 to \$900 a share. Shares that 18 months ago were trading at \$1,500 to \$1,800 now are in the \$900 range.

Conservatively, \$300 million to \$450 million has been washed away from the balance sheets of the co-op's shareholders.

Crystal currently has no holdings in Idaho, having sold its Idaho beet seed operation and a breeding facility in Nampa to Beta Seed two years ago.

Jeff Woodman of Twin Falls, Western U.S. district marketing manager for Beta's American Crystal Hybrids, said he's not surprised that beet shares are dropping.

"It's same old, same old," he said. "The price of sugar is down, there's too much sugar, there's too much being imported."

Things are the same all over, including Idaho, he added.

"They're just suffering like everyone else. Basically Idaho farmers are seeing the same thing, as far as the shares have dropped. They're not what they were two years ago."

Wayne Neely, controller for Amalgamated Sugar Co. in Salt

Lake City, said beet acreage shared in Idaho sold for \$400 to \$450 four years ago when the Snake River Sugar Co., a grower co-op, bought Amalgamated. Since that time, shares have gotten as high as \$800 or \$900 in the Mini-Cassia area.

"But I don't think it's that robust now," he said.

Neely and growers will soon find out the value of those shares, with the 2001 planting in the not-so-distant future.

"It'll be very interesting to see what happens this spring," he said. "Up until now, beets have remained a favorable crop, and I think they will continue to do so."

But what the price of shares will be "is hard to tell," he said. "It will depend on the value of other crops as well."

Neely said that at its recent annual meetings, has seemed eager to

send a dual message.

The first message is not to panic, that beets will continue to be grown in the Red River Valley.

Second is that the U.S. sugar program must be strengthened and trade deals improved.

A few American Crystal growers have been asking for a reduction of acreage — from nearly 500,000 acres to the 450,000-acre level — to get production in line with markets. Crystal ended its year-2000 crop with 455,000 acres, cut by the government's payment-in-kind program and in part by crop losses from disease.

Despite that, the co-op turned out what appears to be its second- or third-largest beet harvest in history. Crystal officials say they would consider some sort of industry-wide reduction, including cane producers.

Economist expects Idaho job expansion

The Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — Idaho's economic expansion will continue through a 14th straight year in 2001 but at a slower pace than the one that produced a record \$300 million cash surplus for the state, according to U.S. Bank's 2001 economic forecast released Tuesday.

The 3.4 percent increase in jobs this year and last will give way to a 2.5 percent increase in 2001, said John Mitchell, the bank's chief western region economist.

But, except for Nevada, where job growth is expected to hit 4 percent next year, Idaho's rate will match or exceed the rest of the nation, which includes California, Utah, Oregon and Washington.

And Mitchell pointed out that the state economy is remaining strong despite "a lull in construction, slower population growth and continued weakness in the commodity sector."

In fact, Mitchell said, "Idaho was the most rapidly growing state in the nation in some months in 2000, even as its resource sectors and major jobs off onetime boom."

But Mitchell also hinted at the unevenness of the Idaho expansion, noting that high technology and remote servicing activity was particularly brisk in the Boise area.

Gov. Dirk Kempthorne has acknowledged the lack of economic activity in many rural areas of the state and promised his new budget proposal next month will include incentives and programs to bring the economic boom to those areas.

Mitchell's employment projection was a slightly less optimistic than the administration's forecast in October. The Division of Financial Management anticipated 2.7 percent growth in nonfarm employment next year. While still nearly three times the national growth rate over the next 12 months, the state forecast shows the real job strength during the winter and spring. Analysts then anticipate job growth will drop to 1 percent, during the summer before climbing back to 2.5 percent in the fall.

Personal income growth, adjusted for inflation, is expected to match the national rate of 4.9 percent next year after falling more than half a percentage point short this year.

MONEY

Trading doubleblons for decimals

By Fred Barbash
The Washington Post

COMMENTARY
Fred Barbash

By the end of April, stocks in America will be priced like everything else in America, in dollars and cents instead of pieces of eight.

Spanish gold doubleblons cut into eight pieces. Stocks traded in eighths until 1997, when they went to sixths, which permitted a greater price compression.

Consider XYZ at \$55.75. Under today's system, the next tick up or down will be no less than 6 1/4 cents, at least for the little guy.

Nothing else you buy and sell works this way. Can you imagine a stock dealer saying he'll negotiate only in increments of 5 1/4 cents?

(MAT. When I checked for a quote on Mattel at 147 1/2 Friday, the price the buyer was offering (the bid) was \$13.09 per share.

The price sought by a seller was \$13.14, a difference of 2 cents. Before decimalization of that stock, that difference would have been greater by at least 4 1/4 cents.

Optimists believe decimalization will lead to less money going to investors as spreads are reduced. They point to a study suggesting that was exactly what happened in Canada.

ates a kind of ceiling on investor savings. If the spread can be as little as a penny, that ceiling suddenly comes down.

In the real world of trading, however, there's just as much chance that the trade will get sliced up into pieces, notes Don Kittel, executive vice president of the Securities Industry Association.

Kittel said, "but the sum of all gets broken into smaller increments can wind up neutralizing any savings for investors."

That doesn't mean decimalization isn't a good idea. It's a great idea. And it will be even greater if investors benefit financially.

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to SIEDO. That as Tuesday's closed-door gathering apparently held a set of four goals Wagner proposed for SIEDO to undertake:

- Create and communicate an economic-development identity or image for the Twin Falls-Jerome area.
- Attract new business and industry through an aggressive, targeted marketing campaign.
- Facilitate retention and expansion of local business and industry through an active marketing effort.
- Achieve a broader base of local support for a coordinated community economic-development and marketing effort - in short, grow the organization.

Tuesday's group also gave its informal assent to a six-point set of principles Wagner suggested:

- Economic development is a team sport, and goals of the regional organization take precedence over goals of any individual or entity.
- The group will be customer driven and honor any confidentially requested by a company it is working to recruit or retain.
- Only the communities identified by the client - or those that in the SIEDO staff's opinion meet the inclusion criteria - will be included in any presentation.
- A client is any public or private sector entity interested in increasing southern Idaho's

employment base.

SIEDO can't make my representation to a client that would commit the resources of any public or private entity unless SIEDO first has written authorization.

CSI President Jerry Meyerhoeffer on Tuesday planned more detail about the job description for the executive director, then executive post the description for the approximately \$60,000 job on the Internet.

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Developer

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to bring in a new employer who then discovers undisclosed difficulties with the area, Boyce told the Jerome and Twin Falls group.

ment group, the more folks want to know everything that's going on, he said. But premature publicity could pose potential risks that could kill a deal.

before the company's management breaks the news. Boyce runs an economic-development council with two other staff members and a 42-member board made up of local-government representatives and private-sector business people.

The Boise-area council emphasizes a regional approach to recruitment, retention and expansion of businesses. But it's healthy for communities to keep their own identities and their own industrial and commercial specialties, Boyce said.

to be some trust bonds built ... it's from the gut." Boise and other cities don't allow all Boyce when they're working on a job or retention prospect. But he trusts he'll be told when he needs to know.

there's just not time to get on the phone to call everybody who might care about what you're doing.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

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HOW TO READ THE MARKET REPORT

Here are the 525 most active stocks on the Nasdaq National Market and 100 most active on the NYSE. Stocks in bold changed 5 percent or more in price.

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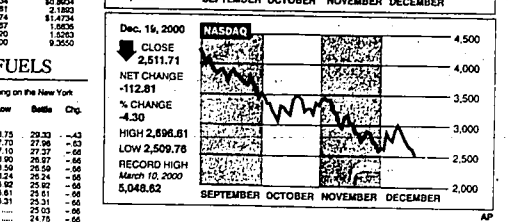
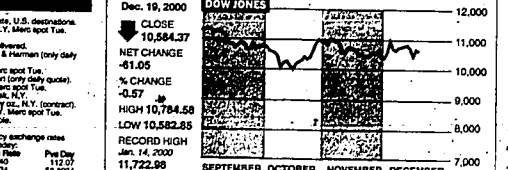
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2 FOR \$5
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8 oz. Package Selected Varieties



2.49 each
SAVE 50¢ ea.

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Assorted Varieties 6.75 oz. Pouches



2 FOR \$5
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Selected Varieties 24 oz. Bottle



2.99 each
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Kraft • 8 oz. Package Selected Varieties



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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Community page changes deadlines for holidays

TWIN FALLS - Because of Christmas, the Times-Herald community page will change deadlines.

News items for the Saturday page are due by noon today. News items for the Dec. 26 page are due by noon Thursday.

For more information, call Pat Marcantonio, community page editor, at 733-0931, Ext. 288.

South Hills lights display shines until New Year's

HANSEN - The public is invited to view the huge light display at the home of Roy and Sammy Wojcik, 10 miles south of Hansen on Rock Creek Road.

The lights begin at 5 p.m. each night and the display will continue until New Year's Eve. Admission is free.

Skateboarder's Association displays celebrity quilt

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Skateboarder's Association is displaying its celebrity quilt in the ShopKoo window facing the Magic Valley Mall.

The quilt, along with a Fender Stratocaster Tele, is being raffled. The "pak" includes a guitar, amplifier, gig bag, electronic tuner, strap, cord, strings, picks and an instructional video.

Raffle tickets may be purchased at The Homestead, Kitchen Magic, My Own Little Corner, Tom's 50 Minute Photo, Kurt's Pharmacy, Price

Hardware, Adventure Outfitters, Metropolis, Country Gift Garden, The Music Center, Clois Office Supply, CJ's Frames and Magic Valley Bank.

Morningside Elementary holds Christmas program

TWIN FALLS - Morningside Elementary School will hold its Christmas program at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Roper Auditorium in Twin Falls.

The program will feature a play performed by third-grade students and the first-grade choir. The public is invited to attend.

For more information, call the school at 733-6507.

Burley woman celebrates 98th birthday Friday

BURLEY - Elda Patterson of Burley will celebrate her 98th birthday Friday.

Cards can be sent to her at 452 E. 500 S., Burley, ID 83318.

Edith Elda H. to 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 Patterson was born Dec. 22, 1902 in Ogden, Utah. She married Leonard Patterson March 12, 1924 at the Salt Lake LDS Temple. They built a homestead near Shoshone in 1942. They lived there several years before moving to the Mini-Cassia area.

Elda and Leonard served an Indian mission in Arizona and New Mexico for the LDS church.

Elda Patterson has lived in the View area for the past 40 years, spending most winters in Mesa, Ariz. and St. George, Utah. She has recently moved in with her son and his wife, Gaylin and JoEtta Patterson in the View area. Patterson enjoys oil painting, crocheting and keeping a journal.

Her children are Connie Patterson of Mesa, Ariz., wife of the late Lloyd Patterson; Jeri (Sam) Banner of Brigham City, Utah; Verla (Bob) Olson of Idaho Falls; Bernice (Paul) Tegan of Burley; Gaylin (JoEtta) Patterson of Burley. She has 32 grandchildren, 110 great-grandchildren and 17 great-great-grandchildren.

College of Southern Idaho accepts applicants

TWIN FALLS - College of Southern Idaho medical assistant professor Penny Glenn is taking applications and interviews now for next year's medical assistant program.

The program is a 10-month course in which students learn administrative and clinical skills to assist physicians with patient care. They work in physician offices, clinics, immediate care facilities and hospital outpatient settings.

The program begins next year's fall semester. Glenn says the spring semester is an excellent time to begin working on the course pre-requisites, such as medical terminology, anatomy, physiology and English.

For more information, call Penny Glenn at 733-9554, Ext. 2166.

WOOD CRAFTSMANSHIP



Hannah Read admires a piece of Francis Sharp's woodworking during a craft festival at the Kimberly Ageless Senior Citizens Center. Sharp's items range from simple recliner holders and letterboxes to ornate tissue holders. Sharp retired in 1988 after 45 years of farming in the Flere area. After his retirement, he became interested in wood working and now displays his work at least three times a year. Sharp says he doesn't intend to make a living with his craft work but his glad the sales support his hobby.

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HERITAGE HAYRIDE



More than 100 parents and American Heritage Academy students dressed in costumes loaded onto 65 feet of straw on Billy Vandever's truck and trailer. The caravan traveled to the Pella church where they had a child feed, played soccer and other games. After the group returned to the school, they watched a movie, ate popcorn and concluded a fun evening.

Photo courtesy of American Heritage Academy

COMMUNITY CALENDER

Civic

Rotary Clubs: Blue Lakes 7 a.m. Tuesdays at the Weston Plaza Hotel & Convention Center in Twin Falls; 734-7007 or 734-4187. Rupert 7:30 a.m. Tuesdays at Burley Inn Convention Center; 678-2221. Buhl 7:30 a.m. Thursdays at the Buhl Community Center; 543-5050. Gooding 12:15 p.m. Friday at the Lincoln Inn; 434-4585.

Madia Valley Jaycees 7:30 p.m. first and third Tuesdays at Madia's Pizzeria in Twin Falls; 734-2543 or 734-2917. Society for Creative Anachronism 7:00 p.m. Thursdays at the Senior Center of Blaine County; 788-0879 or 788-2114.

Lambda Delta Sigma sorority meets at 6 p.m. each Thursday at the Burley LDS Institute, 1650 Occidental Ave. New members welcome. Call 678-6332 or 678-1627.

Musical: Magic Valley Singers Square Dance Club 7 p.m. Tuesdays at St. Jerome's Parish Hall, 216 Second Ave. E. in Jerome; 734-5689.

Magie Philharmonic Orchestra 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the Burley High School band room; 678-7430.

Bingo 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays at Golden Years Entertainment, 218 N. Rail St. W. Shoshone; anyone over 18 years of age welcome; call 886-2369.

Bridge 1 p.m. Mondays at Magic Valley Bridge House, 245 Falls Ave., Twin Falls; 733-8659. Newcomers welcome.

Pre-school story hour, 10 a.m. Tuesdays at the Gooding Public Library, 306 2nd Ave. E., 3 to 5-year-olds, and parents welcome; call 934-4089.

Twin Falls Rifle and Pistol Club - Shooters welcome, 9 p.m. Wednesdays at 423 Eldon Ave. W., modern pistol clubbers and 22, 324-5960 or 733-4213.

Open chess 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Saturdays, 423 Eldon Ave. W., modern pistol clubbers and 22, 324-5960 or 733-4213.

Weight loss Weight Watchers - 6 p.m. Mondays at the Odd Fellows Hall, 415 and Oakley Ave., Burley; 652-2283.

Support Groups

Advocates for Survivors of Domestic Violence 6 p.m. Tuesdays, call 788-4191 for directions. Adolescent group for children up to 12-year-old who have witnessed domestic violence 6 p.m. Tuesdays, call 788-4191 for directions.

Best feeding support group - non Wednesdays at St. Luke's Wood River Valley Medical Center; 727-8410.

Grief support group - 3 p.m. Sundays, Rupert United Methodist Church, 605 11 St.; 436-3354.

Health Care Provider 12 Step Recovery Program - 6:30 p.m. Mondays at 425 2nd Ave. N., Twin Falls, Call Denise at 734-7777 or Brian at 436-1722.

Adult Children of Dysfunctional Families 6 p.m. Tuesdays at the Walker Center, 263 Second Ave. N., Twin Falls; 734-4200.

Senior Support Group for Blind and Visually Impaired people, noon at Twin Falls Senior Center the last Wednesday of the month, meeting following lunch; call 733-5973.

Grandmothers in Touch - Christian grandmothers who pray for their grandchildren for information call Lorraine at 734-7015.

Magie Valley Brain Injury Support Group and Referral Service - For information, call Cassandra Blakeley at 326-4080.

Mothers in Touch - Meets at various times throughout the week to pray for their children, their school and their teachers. For information, call 825-9604.

New Life Fellowship (12-step recovery group and bible study) 7 to 9 p.m. Thursdays at the First Baptist Church of Twin Falls, corner of Ninth and Shoshone; 734-6714.

Parents of Down Syndrome Children - For information, call 733-8869, leave a message.

Post Polio Support Group - For information call 678-2571.

Southern Idaho Twin Falls Singler's - 3 p.m. Saturdays at Spanbauer's Barn for dancing; 733-2712.

Support Groups

Gooding Chapter 251 - 5 p.m. Thursdays at the Gooding Senior Citizens Center, 308 Senior Ave.; 934-5040-5440.

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

Twin Falls Chapter 3 - 12:30 p.m. Mondays at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1708 Heyburn Ave. E.; 733-3304 or 326-6833.

Twin Falls Chapter 309 - 7 p.m. Wednesdays at the recreation room at 475 Casswell Ave. W.; 734-5132 or 736-3291.

Christian 12-Step Support Group - For information call 734-7201.

Cocaine Anonymous - For information, call 732-5317.

Code - Codependents Anonymous - 7 p.m. Wednesdays at First Christian Church, 601 Shoshone St. N., Twin Falls, 734-6694.

Al-Anon - For people concerned about someone's drinking. Kimberly - 8 p.m. Monday, Senior citizens building, Main Street; 734-8481.

Ketchum - 8 p.m. Tuesday, Peace Lutheran Church, Stevens Street and Sixth; 734-8239.

Jerome - noon, Thursdays at First Presbyterian Church, 262 E. Ave. A. in Jerome; call 324-2379.

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Twin Falls - 9 a.m. Saturday, Magic Valley Fellowship Hall; 734-6611.

Ketchum - 8 p.m. Tuesday, Presbyterian Church; 466-9553.

Halley - 7 p.m. Tuesday, St. Charles Parish Hall, 788-4209 or 788-5944.

Buhl - 8 p.m. Friday, Presbyterian Church, 516 Main St.; 543-9706.

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of SA, 8 p.m. Saturdays, 1321 Oakley Ave. S., Snow Building, Suite 9; 678-1330. (non-smoking meeting).

Paul - For information, call 678-1330. Sunday night meeting 7 p.m. Sundays, 220 E. Ellis.

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Thursday Report Group - 7 p.m. Thursdays, 220 E. Ellis.

Friday Night Bible Text Book Study - 7 p.m. Fridays, 220 E. Ellis.

Rupert - Noon Thursdays, 121-W-100 S.; 678-1330.

Twin Falls - 7:30 p.m. Sundays, 289 Shoup St. W.; Wednesday, 1201 Ellis Ave. E. No. 21; 7 p.m. Fridays, 315 Falls Ave. E., Desert Building, Room 112; 7 p.m. Mondays, 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays; 6 p.m. Thursdays; 7 p.m. Fridays; 7 p.m. Saturdays at 801 2nd Ave. N.

Halley - 6:30 p.m. Sunday at 317 South River; 678-2200.

Marjuana Anonymous - Twin Falls - 10 p.m. Saturdays, magic Valley Fellowship Hall; 801 Second Ave. N., 736-0918, all 12-steps welcome.

Pill Addicts Anonymous - Twin Falls - 12:30 p.m. recovery group, 9:30 p.m. Fridays at 801 Second Ave. N.; 735-1231.

Overeaters Anonymous - Twin Falls - 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays or 10 a.m. Saturdays or 1 p.m. Mondays at all meetings at the First Baptist Church, 910 Shoshone St. use side door on Wednesdays and Ninth Avenue entrance on Saturdays; 733-0328.

Burley - 10 a.m. Wednesdays at the Burley Public Library, 1100 Miller; 679-1553.

Gooding - 7 p.m. Mondays at the Walker Center, 1120 Montana; 934-8692.

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Burley-Rupert Shrine Club 8:30 p.m. dinner fourth Wednesday at Rupert Ellis; 436-4037.

Royal Arch Masons - 8 p.m. second Tuesday, Rupert Masonic Temple; 436-4037.

Paul Lodge 77 - 8 p.m. first Thursday of month across from Paul Post Office; 438-5100.

Veterans of Foreign Wars - Buhl - Post 3604, Thurston Pence Post, 8 p.m. second Thursday of the month at the Buhl Community Center; 543-5050.

Burley 7 Post 3043, Cassia County Post, 8 p.m. second Thursday of the month at Burley VFW Hall, 554 Highland; 645-2587.

Beelo - Post 2072, N. Andrew Moller Post, 8 p.m. third Tuesday of the month at the Beelo VFW Hall; 678-9148.

Glenn Ferry - Post 3646, Glenn Ferry Post, 7 p.m. third Thursday of the month at Glenn Ferry VFW Hall; 544-2417.

Gooding - Post 3078, Toppens Post, 8 p.m. third Thursday of the month at Gooding War Memorial Hall; 934-5065.

Haley - Post 4128, Big Wood River Post, Bellevue, 505 Fourth St., 8 p.m. third Thursday of the month; 934-9002.

Jerome - Post 4068, Jerome Post, 8 p.m. fourth Tuesday of the month at the Jerome VFW Hall; 436-4069.

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Guiding Star Lodge 4 - Second and fourth Thursdays at Mountain Home.

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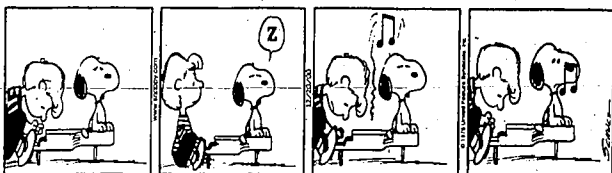
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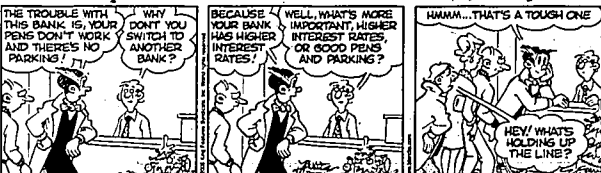
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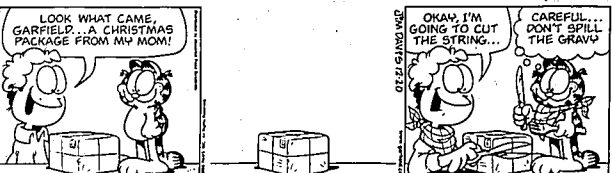
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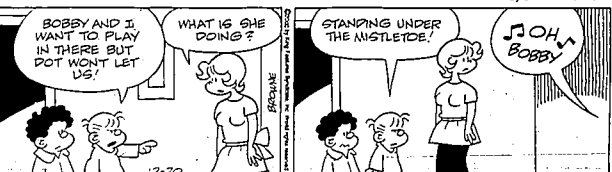
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MORNING BREAK

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Includes 'Tuesday's Puzzle Behind' with a smaller grid and clues.

Gemini: Break free

IF DECEMBER 20TH IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You are emotional, sensitive, creative...

HOROSCOPE Sydney Omarr

enthusiastically accepted. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Be ready for variety of experiences...

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If it goes beep-beep every hour it doesn't mean it's a roadrunner

Q. What's the technical name of a watch that goes beep-beep on the hour? A. Roadrunner? No, too flip...



WHAT'S L.M. Boyd

the choice. Hippos never mate where they feed. That the bridal veil started out as a sack over the bride's head is widely known...

If a plant's roots or leaves emit chemicals that prevent other plants from growing close by, that plant is "allelopathic."

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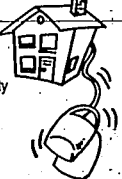
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