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GOOD MORNING

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Police nab T.F. escapees

Law officers arrest men in Rupert

By Mark Heinz
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Two men who were on the cusp of freedom when they walked away from a Twin Falls work center might now face up to five more years in custody.

Cody Vealton Thompson and Dallas Earl Fite, both 23, were arrested in Rupert late Monday,

according to a police report. Thompson, tried running from officers after jumping from a second-story window, and Fite tried to hide in a storage closet, the report said.

Fite and Thompson were arrested on charges of resisting and obstructing officers, said Rupert Police Chief Ken Fedders.

Cory Kevin Ridge of Rupert - who police claim was keeping the escapees in his apartment - was arrested on a charge of harboring fugitives, said Fedders. Ridge, Fite and Thompson were being

held in the Cassia County Jail Tuesday.

Thompson and Fite were discovered missing from the Community Work Center in Twin Falls early Dec. 4. Thompson had been serving a one-and-a-half to five-year sentence for a burglary charge in Cassia County and a three-month to four-year sentence on a charge of assault and battery on a jailer in Bonneville County, according to reports.

Fite was serving a two- to six-year term on a charge of possession of a controlled substance

from Payette County, reports say. Thompson's parole date had been set for Dec. 4, and Fite's for today.

But the two have probably blown any chance they had at getting out any time soon, said Lt. Dawn Anderson of the community work center. In addition to the charges in Rupert, Thompson and Fite will probably be charged soon with felony escape, she said.

The maximum penalty for that charge is five years, in addition to any sentence the escapee was already serving, she said.

Team sees tech ed in action



Educators from Twin Falls watch an EMT class during a tour of the Cassia Regional Technical Center in Burley Tuesday afternoon. Twin Falls is considering building a technical center and sent delegates to gather information.

T.F. committee takes notes on Cassia center

By Julio Penco
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Taking English through a correspondence course gives Burley High School senior Karlee Hondo enough time to study two health occupations courses at the Cassia Regional Technical Center.

Hondo is sure she'll advance her training in the health field after high school, and she'll be better able to pay her way through college because she'll already be trained as an emergency medical technician or as a certified nursing assistant.

But though Hondo will see an immediate payoff from her experiences at the professional-technical center, not all students who take courses there follow up with advanced training.

"That's OK," says Cassia Regional instructor Bill Atkins. "In my mind that those students are only 15,16,17 years old, and they don't have to make up their minds yet what they are going to do with their lives.

"If (students) take a course here and find out they have wood glue or axle grease in their veins - hey, that's great. But if they find out something they thought they had always wanted to do wasn't what they thought it was, better now than after they've spent five years going to college to find out."

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Cassia Regional Technical Center instructor

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About 25 Twin Falls educators, business people and parents on a professional-technical center citizen campaign committee traveled to Burley on Tuesday to tour the Cassia Regional Technical Center. The purpose: to take notes on how to outfit a 50,000-

60,000-square-foot technical center for 300 to 400 students to be located at the College of Southern Idaho.

Twin Falls Superintendent Terrell Donich has said that the district has not been meeting the needs of a significant number of students and that the best way to address that problem is to offer more professional-technical training at the high school level. And Atkins said it meeting a definite need because he never sees any discipline problems at the technical center.

The Twin Falls School Board

has hired a local company, STARR Corp., to draw up plans for a design-build structure that would be put to a public vote in March or April.

The Cassia technical center consists of five buildings that add up to about 54,000 square feet. About 450 students from Burley, Declo, Raft River, Oakley, Murtaugh and Valley take such courses as computer graphics, wood construction, automotive technology, health occupations and electronics. The rooms are spacious and the equipment is state-of-the-art, bright and shiny.

The citizen campaign committee also plans to travel to Meridian soon in order to check out Idaho's other high school level professional-technical center, board Chairwoman Vera Redman said.

Donich said he and CSI administrators are considering agricultural technology, health occupations and information technology classes for the Twin Falls center. His focus is on training.

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Attorney gets spot on board

Laird Stone fills six-month vacancy

The Times-News
and The Associated Press

TWIN FALLS - Attorney Laird Stone was appointed to the Idaho State Board of Education on Tuesday, filling the vacancy created six months ago by the resignation of fellow Twin Falls resident Curtis Eaton.

Gov. Dirk Kempthorne made the appointment before leaving for a National Governors Association Executive Committee meeting in Washington, D.C.

"He sees education as one part of a bigger picture that will impact our criminal justice system, our economy and our state's future," Kempthorne said in a statement.

Stone, 48, was born and raised in Gooding. He received his law degree from the University of Idaho and later worked for the Ada County Public Defender's Office in Boise. He moved to Twin Falls in 1984. He and his wife, Vickie, have two sons, ages 12 and 16. Both he and his wife have been active in programs at their sons' schools, Stone said.

Stone, who specializes in family and juvenile law, is the fourth attorney on the eight-member panel: He joins Moscow Mayor Paul Agidius, Micron Technology Inc. General Counsel Rod Lewis and former



Laird Stone

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Kempthorne says more cuts are possible

The Associated Press

BOISE - Dirk Kempthorne, facing the state's severest financial crisis in nearly two decades, said on Tuesday that ever deeper cuts may have to be made to keep the current budget in the black.

"I can't rule it out," Kempthorne said a day after preliminary figures showed November tax collections more than \$7 million short of expectations.

"We have to continue to monitor this," the governor said. "We continue to find the receipts are off, and they may continue to be off."



Gov. Dirk Kempthorne

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Cave complex defense crumbles

Forces extend cease-fire for al-Qaida fighters

By Susan B. Glasser
The Washington Post

MILAWA, Afghanistan - Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida fighters entered into surrender talks with Afghan tribal forces Tuesday after a fierce battle forced them to abandon many of their fortified caves and flee toward the freezing mountain heights.

A deadline for al-Qaida fighters to surrender passed this morning without incident. Anti-Taliban forces said a cease-fire had been extended and that another round of negotiations was starting.

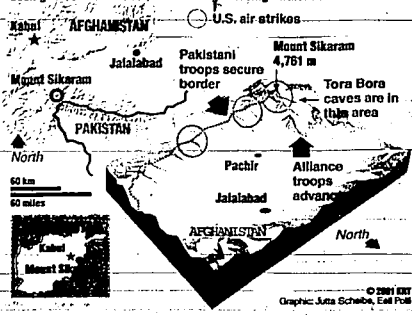
One anti-Taliban commander said he still expected a surrender to take place. Battered remnants of al-Qaida agreed to a cease-fire Tuesday afternoon. The



Anti-Taliban fighters rest and take shelter from incoming gunfire in a former al-Qaida position near the Tora Bora caves Tuesday.

Closing in on Tora Bora

Fighters loyal to Osama bin Laden around the Tora Bora cave complex have been given a deadline for surrendering or facing further attacks.



FORECAST FOR MAGIC VALLEY

IDAHO ALMANAC

Idaho Extremes Yesterday:

High 55°
Low 1°
Keetchum

32/28

Missoula 26/20
Lewiston 36/4
McCall 19/9
Salmon 19/9
Boise 34/26
Sun Valley 24/12
Idaho Falls 18/8
Pocatello 6/2/14
TWIN FALLS 32/22

Shows it is warmer today. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

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Twin Falls through 6 p.m. yesterday

Temperature: 23/19°

High: 23/19°

Normal high/low: 38/20°

Record high: 39/19°

Record low: 19° in 1972

Precipitation: 24 hours ending 6 p.m. yesterday: 0.01"

Month to date: 0.55"

Normal month to date: 0.44"

Water year to date (Oct. 1): 2.25"

Normal year to date (Oct. 1): 2.39"

Humidity yesterday at 9 a.m.: 100%

Barometric Pressure yesterday at 6 p.m.: 30.89 in.

Pollen yesterday in Twin Falls:

Grass: N.A. Woods: N.A. Trees: N.A. Mold: N.A.

Source: Asthma and Allergy of Idaho

FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR TWIN FALLS

TODAY	TONIGHT	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
A mixture of clouds and sunshining.	Snow developing; 1-2 inches by morning.	Some snow, perhaps mixing with rain.	Some snow, perhaps mixing with rain.	Clouds and sunshining; a flurry or flurry.	Cloudy to partly sunny; a flurry.
▲ 32°	▼ 22°	▲ 36° ▼ 28°	▲ 36° ▼ 22°	▲ 30° ▼ 18°	▲ 36° ▼ 24°

REGIONAL WEATHER

Southern Idaho: A mixture of clouds and sunshining in the west today; a couple of flurries in the east today, then partly sunny. Highs will range from the teens in the mountains to the mid-30s in the western valleys.

Bellevue: Chilly today with intervals of clouds and sunshine. High 34. Cloudy tonight with snow developing; a couple of inches might accumulate by morning. Low 26.

Northern Nevada: High pressure will promote dry weather and partly sunny skies across northern Nevada today. Highs from the 20s in a few of the higher spots in the east to the 40s in the southwest.

Northern Utah: Mostly cloudy in the valleys this morning with a few snow showers, then clouds and some sunshining this afternoon. Snow at times in the mountains will accumulate several inches. Highs 14-34.

Northern Idaho: Some sunshining this morning, then clouds will increase this afternoon; snow is possible late in the northwest. Highs will range from near 20 in the mountains to the mid-30s in the lower valleys.

NATIONAL EXTREMES

High 85° in Fort Myers, FL
Low 21° in Bondurant, WY

CANADIAN CITIES

City	Today	Thu	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Calgary	7:15	pc	39	11	pc	39	11	pc
Edmonton	14:20	pc	28	8	pc	28	8	pc
Regina	18:7	pc	23	11	pc	23	11	pc
Saskatoon	18:7	pc	23	11	pc	23	11	pc
Toronto	47:45	c	54	38	pc	54	38	pc
Vancouver	43:41	c	47	41	pc	47	41	pc
Victoria	43:41	c	47	41	pc	47	41	pc
Winnipeg	18:10	sn	15	8	pc	15	8	pc

WORLD CITIES

City	Today	Thu	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Acapulco	80:72	sh	91	73	pc	80:72	sh	91:73
Athens	45:36	c	44	42	pc	45:36	c	44:42
Auckland	70:52	pc	65	50	pc	70:52	pc	65:50
Bangkok	82:78	pc	81	73	pc	82:78	pc	81:73
Beijing	34:2	pc	21	3	pc	34:2	pc	21:3
Berlin	39:24	sn	25	14	pc	39:24	sn	25:14
Buenos Aires	61:68	pc	61	48	pc	61:68	pc	61:48
Caracas	68:49	pc	67	48	pc	68:49	pc	67:48
Hong Kong	76:87	sh	67	57	pc	76:87	sh	67:57
Jacksonville	81:68	pc	57	40	pc	81:68	pc	57:40
Los Angeles	63:58	pc	79	60	c	63:58	pc	79:60
London	48:40	pc	45	43	pc	48:40	pc	45:43
Moscow	73:45	c	72	45	pc	73:45	c	72:45
Mumbai	82:78	pc	81	73	pc	82:78	pc	81:73
Paris	43:34	pc	39	24	pc	43:34	pc	39:24
Rio de Janeiro	84:70	pc	81	71	pc	84:70	pc	81:71
Sydney	70:52	pc	67	50	pc	70:52	pc	67:50
Tokyo	51:45	pc	57	45	pc	51:45	pc	57:45
Yokohama	51:45	pc	57	45	pc	51:45	pc	57:45
Zurich	26:40	pc	16	9	pc	26:40	pc	16:9

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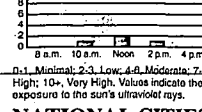
Sunrise today 7:58 a.m.

Sunset tonight 5:05 p.m.

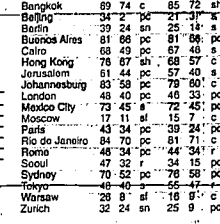
Moonrise today 5:30 a.m.

Moonset tonight 3:48 p.m.

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NATIONAL WEATHER



REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Thu	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Boise	34	26	40	28	sn	34	26	40
Bonanza Ferry	29	25	37	29	sn	29	25	37
Burley	28	14	32	25	sn	28	14	32
Coeur d'Alene	32	28	36	28	sn	32	28	36
Elk	30	18	39	27	sn	30	18	39
Elgin	41	42	34	35	sn	41	42	34
Hogemem	31	22	39	31	sn	31	22	39
Idaho Falls	19	7	24	20	sn	19	7	24
Kalispell, MT	29	22	34	26	sn	29	22	34
Lewiston	36	34	44	34	sn	36	34	44
Malheur	22	13	31	28	sn	22	13	31
Malia	20	8	31	13	c	20	8	31

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Weight among Hispanic kids shows worrying trend

CHICAGO (AP) — American children are getting fatter at an alarming rate, with the percentage of significantly overweight black and Hispanic youngsters more than doubling over 12 years and climbing 50 percent among whites, a study shows.

By 1998, nearly 22 percent of black children ages 4 to 12 were overweight, as were 22 percent of Hispanic youngsters and 12 percent of whites, according to researchers who analyzed data from a national survey.

In 1986, the same survey showed that about 8 percent of black children, 10 percent of Hispanic youngsters and 8 percent of whites were significantly overweight.

"Past studies show it took 30 years for the overweight prevalence to double in American children," said Dr. Richard Strauss, a pediatrician at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. This study would be "a call to action," said Strauss, who conducted the research with Harold Pollack of the University of Michigan.

Among the reasons given for the increase: Children are spending more time watching television, using computers and playing video games, and busy parents are relying more on fast food to feed their families.

Also, black and Hispanic youngsters are more likely to live in poor neighborhoods where outdoor exercise may be unsafe and where the quickest, easiest foods may not be the most nutritious, Strauss said.

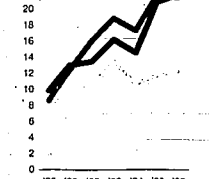
The study was based on data

Kids getting fatter faster

American children are gaining weight at a faster rate than in previous years, especially among ethnic groups, a study shows.

Percent of overweight children ages 4 to 12

- Black
- Hispanic
- White



Overweight was defined as having a body-mass index higher than 95 percent of youngsters of the same age and sex, based on growth charts from the 1960s to 1980s.

Shipping container might hold American who fought for Taliban

CAMP RHINO, Afghanistan (AP) — Marines placed a green metal shipping container in the middle of a detention facility they are building in their desert base and spoke to someone inside.

A Marine spokesman declined to identify who was inside but said John Walker, the captured American Taliban fighter, is the only detainee on the base.

The container is about 10 feet high, 20 feet wide and 10 feet deep, sits on the desert floor, is surrounded on all sides by massive rolls of barbed wire and is overlooked by a guard tower. It is in the middle of the detention facility the Marines have set up just outside the walls of Camp Rhino.

Marines stood next to it, one with his face close to the container's side, as they spoke to someone inside.

Asked if the 20-year-old Walker was inside the box, Marines spokesman Capt. Stewart Upton said this: "I have no information for you at this time."

But minutes earlier, another spokesman, Capt. David Romley, said separately that there was only one detainee in the camp — Walker.

Walker, of Fairfax, Calif., was found among Taliban fighters held at a fortress in northern Afghanistan after an uprising by the prisoners was put down in late November. U.S. officials have not decided how his case will be handled.

Budget

But the governor said public schools would be excluded from any additional holdbacks, that become necessary.

Kempthorne already has ordered \$55 million cut from the \$2 billion 2001-2002 state budget to accommodate dramatically lower than expected tax collections.

And he said on Tuesday that agencies can expect even lower budgets for the 2002-2003 fiscal year.

Agencies have tried to accommodate much of the holdback by leaving unfilled jobs open. But at least 42 employees at the Health and Welfare Department are losing their jobs as the holiday season approaches. And Kempthorne has said there could be other layoffs.

Skeptics have warned that the cutsbacks will eventually undermine critical social programs that are becoming more and more

important as the state economy erodes and the number of people needing assistance escalates. State officials have said they are trying to minimize that possibility.

"The spending reductions to date were enough to handle the economic downturn through October. Further revenue deterioration poses new problems, and tax receipts have met expectations on twice in the last 12 months."

The state economy began softening late last winter after the Republican legislative majority combined a record \$114 million tax cut with an 11 percent increase in spending.

Kempthorne had initially pushed for 300 million of the tax cut as a one-time rebate but was rebuffed by conservative lawmakers. A number of them left the Capitol in March predicting an even bigger surplus and another round of tax cuts this winter.

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Daniel Walock, circulation director

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ing students who could work for local employers.

But Donicht has also said that though he wants the building to be operational by fall 2003, he doesn't expect that all the programs will be up and running at the outset.

The district has been forced to be more cautious in what programs are included at the proposed professional-technical center in the beginning because of cutbacks in education funding for both colleges and public schools.

The building is to cost \$6 million, and the school district is going to ask for another \$1 million for equipment. Because of restructuring the district's debt, Donicht figures in order to finance the center, property tax rates dedicated to the Twin Falls School District will not increase. Property owners will simply pay

Committee members

Twin Falls professional-technical center citizen planning committee:

- Donna Anderson, TRS teacher
- Ben Allen, TRS principal
- Linda Baird, TRSD spokeswoman
- Bob Becker, Region IV Tech-Prep
- Devere Burton, CSI instructional dean
- Paula Cheema, TRS teacher
- Trip Craig, IT City Council
- Wiley Dobbs, TRSD operations director
- Terrill Donich, TRSD superintendent
- Ken Edwards, TRS business man
- Art Franz, TRS trustee
- Robin Grindstaff, Harlem Elem. PTO pres.
- John Haight, TRS business man
- Anita Henna, Idaho Dept. of HEW
- Key Higer, TRS Education Association
- Barbara Jurd, TRS teacher

the same rates four years longer. The technical center should be paid off by 2011.

"If the bond passes, then we'll be working with CSI over the next year to see exactly which classes we want," Donicht said.

Dean DeVere Burton said

The school district and the college are planning for a "seamless transition" to encourage students who would have previously given up on education after high school to continue developing marketable skills for at least two more years.

Burton said he expects that students who enter the Twin Falls center as juniors and continue through training in the same field at the college will be able to advance further in skills than those who currently finish up two years of professional-technical courses.

"This kind of student should be able to finish up on a higher plain," Burton said. "If we don't gain that, then there's no point to this."

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Republican State Party Chairman Blake Hall of Idaho Falls.

Also on the board are former Democratic legislator and state AG Gen. Darrell Manning, Rose Falls City Administrator James Hammond, Pocatello businesswoman Karen McGee and State Schools Superintendent Marilyn Howard.

Stone said he is committed to working with the other board members to make Idaho schools the best in the nation. He said Hall has previously consulted with him about budgeting, test standardization and higher education

issues.

"It's going to be a lot of work, and I'm looking forward to doing it," Stone said.

Stone said accountability of both students and teachers will be one of his top issues on a board member.

"My concern is that we provide a quality education for students so when they get out of school — whether it be high school or college — they'll be able to go into the work force and support themselves and their families," Stone said. "We need to make sure we have good, quality teachers. Idaho has a lot of those teachers, and we need to continue to make sure we

have those teachers."

What about education dollars and budget holdbacks?

"Obviously, there's only a certain amount of dollars to go around. I've budgeted before, and you need to take a hard look at how you'll get the best benefit for those dollars."

Should education budgets be cut just as other department budgets? Stone wants more time to look at the numbers.

"I'll get a better feel budget-wise and need-wise. I don't think I can answer that question," Stone said.

Kempthorne said Stone's expe-

rience in juvenile law indicates that he "shares my belief that we can help start young Idahoans on the road to productive lives with a strong educational system."

Stone was the local coordinator for Kempthorne's senate and gubernatorial campaigns.

Eaton stepped down from the board in mid-June after eight years to become vice president for institutional planning and development at College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls. The longtime banker received as south-central division vice president for Wells Fargo Bank.

Bush calls for better military readiness, intelligence seeking

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — President Bush called Tuesday for sweeping improvements in intelligence-gathering and military readiness to combat terror, calling that campaign "the military and moral necessity of our time."

Bush returned to the site of a speech he gave here at the Citadel, the state military college, in September 1999. In that speech he had warned against the threat of terror, among other things.

"I said here at the Citadel ... America was entering a period of consequences that would be defined by the threat of terrorism, and that we faced the challenge of military transformation."

Bush told some 2,000 cadets and campus officials, "The events now revealed itself, and that challenge is now the military and moral necessity of our time."

At the White House earlier, Bush oversaw a solemn ceremony marking the precise moment when the first terrorist slammed into one of the twin towers.

Bush said America does not need monuments and memorials to grieve the deaths of more than 3,000 people in suicide hijackings over New York, Washington and Pennsylvania.

"For those of us who lived through these events, the only marker we'll ever need is the tick of a clock on the 46th minute on the 8th hour of the 11th day. We'll remember where we were and how we felt. We'll remember the dead and what we lost and what we found."

At the Citadel, Bush said the attacks of Sept. 11 shattered "an illusion of immunity."

"We will fight terror and those who sponsor it to save our children from a future of fear," Bush said.

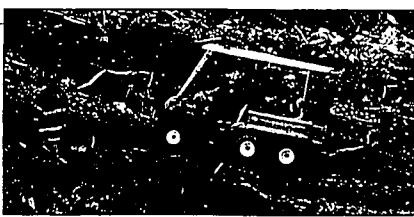
Bush said he detected a political shift taking shape around the globe as nations joined the United States to fight terrorism.

"The vast majority of countries are now on the same side of a moral and ideological divide," he said.

"Staring across this divide are bands of murderers supported by outlaw regimes," Bush said.

"Such people hate 'progress and freedom and change and culture and music and theater and art and women and Christians and Jews and all Muslims who reject their distorted doctrines,'" Bush said.

"They love only one thing, they



Top, President Bush shakes hands with Citadel cadets Tuesday after delivering a speech on America's war on terrorism at the military college in Charleston, S.C. Above, a body draped in the American flag is taken Tuesday from the debris field at the site of the World Trade Center disaster.

love power, and when they have it they use it without mercy."

The president said new weapons will carry the day against terrorism. He cited as an example, the unmanned spy plane which can fly at high altitudes and carry missiles.

As Congress debates defense spending in coming days, he warned against lawmakers "micromanaging the Defense Department." And, he said, every service branch "must be willing to sacrifice some of their pet projects."

Bush also gave an impassioned call for the shield he envisions against nuclear missiles, saying the terrorist attacks made it more essential than ever.

At the Pentagon, where a hijacked plane struck an hour after the New York crashes, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld led a memorial ceremony.

In New York City, firefighters and construction workers stopped

work and shut down their heavy machinery to observe a moment of silence at 8:46 a.m. at ground zero.

As a light drizzle fell, prayers were offered by Christian, Muslim and Jewish clergy. "They took down those structures, but they will not take away the spirit," said Rabbi Joseph Potasnik, a Fire Department chaplain.

From New York's ground zero to the Pentagon to the Ukraine, commemorations began at the same moment.

The astronauts aboard space shuttle Endeavour and the international space station joined the commemoration.

In Houston, flight director Wayne Hale said: "In stark contrast to the international cooperation and unity in our efforts to take mankind literally to the stars, we're reminded of our loss and sorrow due to the acts of violence and terror in an unprecedented attack on freedom, democracy and civilization itself."

Education bill passes committee

WASHINGTON (AP) — A sweeping \$26.5 billion education bill that would require schools to test millions of students annually in reading and math was approved by a bipartisan House-Senate committee Tuesday.

The measure now goes to the House and Senate for final approval after months of sometimes contentious negotiations.

The voice vote of the education conference committee was unanimous, but two lawmakers not present for the vote said earlier that they would vote against the measure, complaining it does not provide enough money for disabled students.

President Bush has made the legislation a domestic priority; he could put his signature on a final bill as early as next week.

Overall, the education bill would authorize \$26.5 billion next year for K-12 education — about \$8 billion more than this year and about \$4 billion more than Bush had requested, but nearly \$6 billion less than Senate Democrats wanted.

Bush plans to announce nuclear pact withdrawal

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush, anxious to deploy a missile shield long sought by Republicans, will soon give Russia notice that the United States is withdrawing from a landmark 1972 nuclear treaty, U.S. government officials said Tuesday. The pact bans missile defense systems.

He will announce the decision in the next several days, effectively invoking a clause in the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty that requires the United States and Russia to give six months' notice before abandoning the pact.

Initial White House plans called for announcing the decision Thursday, but officials cautioned that date could change. The four

government officials spoke on condition of anonymity.

With the decision, Bush takes a huge step toward fulfilling a campaign pledge to develop and deploy an anti-missile system that he says will protect the United States and its allies, including Russia, from missiles fired by rogue nations.

— Bush has said the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks heightened the need for such a system.

Russia and many U.S. allies have warned Bush that withdrawing from the pact might trigger a nuclear arms race. Critics of the plan also question whether an effective system can be developed without enormous expense.

WAR ON TERROR

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At the White House earlier, Bush oversaw a solemn ceremony marking the precise moment when the first terrorist slammed into one of the twin towers.

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"For those of us who lived through these events, the only marker we'll ever need is the tick of a clock on the 46th minute on the 8th hour of the 11th day. We'll remember where we were and how we felt. We'll remember the dead and what we lost and what we found."

At the Citadel, Bush said the attacks of Sept. 11 shattered "an illusion of immunity."

"We will fight terror and those who sponsor it to save our children from a future of fear," Bush said.

Bush said he detected a political shift taking shape around the globe as nations joined the United States to fight terrorism.

"The vast majority of countries are now on the same side of a moral and ideological divide," he said.

"Staring across this divide are bands of murderers supported by outlaw regimes," Bush said.

"Such people hate 'progress and freedom and change and culture and music and theater and art and women and Christians and Jews and all Muslims who reject their distorted doctrines,'" Bush said.

"They love only one thing, they

Law officers arrest S.L.C. airport workers

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Sixty-nine airport workers have been indicted on federal charges of using false information to get jobs at Salt Lake International Airport, prosecutors said Tuesday.

U.S. Attorney Paul Warner said there was no indication of terrorist connections.

He said most of the 69 are accused of lying to get security badges allowing them into secure areas.

Salt Lake City is the site of the Winter Olympics in February. Some \$300 million has been earmarked for security, including thousands of guards, radar planes and biological and chemical detectors.

Sixty-one of those indicted are

charged with using fake immigration and Social Security documents to get security badges. Investigators said those workers are in the country illegally, and are mostly from Central and South America.

Six others are charged with lying about past criminal history to get the security clearance.

The remaining two did not have security badges but relied on false information to get airport jobs.

Investigators identified about 200 more employees who were working with phony credentials. They were not prosecuted because they worked in less secure areas. Those workers have been fired.

All the indicted employees

worked for airport subcontractors, such as food services, or had jobs fueling aircraft or handling cargo.

Investigators around the country have been rounding up illegal immigrants who are suspected of using fake documents to get airport security credentials. "Operation Safe Travel," a coordinated effort by Immigration and Naturalization Service, Social Security Administration and other agencies, began after the Sept. 11 attacks.

While the suspects have not been tied to terrorism, they are being purged from airport payrolls amid heightened worries about airport security. There have also been arrests in at the Denver and Miami airports.

scheduled execution. In Illinois, a death row inmate was released after an investigation by journalism students at Northwestern established his innocence.

U.S. executions decrease a bit in 2000

WASHINGTON (AP) — Death row executions dropped to 85 last year, 13 fewer than in 1999, the Justice Department reported Tuesday. The decline signals that wrongful murder convictions and a lower homicide rate are driving down the use of the ultimate punishment.

Forty of last year's 85 executions took place in Texas and 11 were in Oklahoma, the department's Bureau of Justice Statistics reported. There were executions in a dozen other states.

Just 214 death sentences were handed out last year, the fewest

number since 1982. There were 280 death sentences imposed in the U.S. in 1999 and 303 in 1998.

There is a growing concern in courts, governors' offices and state legislatures about mistakes in death penalty cases, said Richard Dieter, executive director of the Death Penalty Information Center.

The total number of executions for 2001 will be 66, Dieter predicted.

Experts point to cases like that of a retarded Virginia man who confessed to murder but was found innocent through DNA tests a few days before his

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NATION

U.S. lifts security hold on global map

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - The government has lifted a security hold triggered by the Sept. 11 attacks and given scientists the go-ahead to release portions of the most accurate 3-D map of the Earth's surface ever created. Scientists at the fall meeting of the American Geophysical Union were expected to begin presenting some of the maps on Tuesday in San Francisco. The release comes nearly two years after the conclusion of a space shuttle mission that made the 1 trillion measurements used to create the global atlas. In August, NASA made one small release of data - a swath of Colorado. The terrorist attacks the following month led the National Imagery and Mapping Agency to clamp down on the release of any further data, citing security concerns. NIMA underwrote most of the \$142 million mapping mission. "It was doing a sanity check to make sure we were in sync with national policy," said Thomas

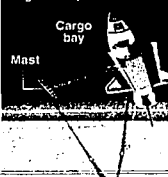
Hennig, the project's manager at NIMA. Last week, NIMA gave NASA permission to release maps of the United States, but not foreign countries. In addition, when the foreign maps are eventually made available to the public, the vertical accuracy will be deliberately decreased to 300 feet, apparently for security reasons. The U.S. maps will be accurate to within 100 feet vertically. The global map set will be 100 times more accurate than any other atlas, according to NASA. For many parts of the world, better topographical maps already exist. However, for more remote regions such as Afghanistan - that have not been as thoroughly surveyed, the SRTM data should provide the most detailed maps ever made, including every hill, valley and mountain peak. The radar data was gathered over the course of an 11-day mission by the shuttle Endeavour.

Mapping Earth

In February 2000, space shuttle Endeavour surveyed the Earth from 145 miles up. The information gathered was used to produce the most accurate 3-D map of the world.

Radio waves are beamed to Earth from an antenna in the shuttle's open cargo bay.

Penetrating clouds, the waves reflect off the Earth's surface and shoot back to the shuttle, where they're received by antennas on the mast and in the cargo bay. Computers record the digital snapshots.



The two radar signals from slightly different angles are combined and compared to the known distance to sea level to determine elevation.

SOURCE: NASA AP

Scientists unveil images of Jupiter's Io

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - Scientists unveiled new images this week of Jupiter's moon Io, including the highest resolution color picture yet of one of the hundreds of volcanoes on its surface. The National Aeronautics and Space Administration's aging Galileo spacecraft swept past Io in August and again in October, on its 31st and 32nd orbits of Jupiter. During the flybys, Galileo snapped images of Io, made magnetic field measurements and recorded radio transmissions produced in the region surrounding the moon. Among the new images is a close-up look at the volcanic crater Tupal Patera, named for



The Galileo spacecraft took this picture of Io's volcano-Tupal Patera during a flyby this fall.

the Brazilian god of thunder. The image shows the kidney-shaped crater is a riot of red, yellow,

black and green. "This is basically what you'd see if you could look down on Io," said Elizabeth Turtle, of the University of Arizona, Tucson. The crater, thought to be a lake of molten lava, is about 47 miles across. Other images show a mountain called Tohl Mons, which at 18,000 feet is nearly as tall as Alaska's Mount McKinley. Although Io is the most volcanically active body known in the solar system, its volcanoes are typically quiet. Scientists still do not know how the tall peaks - always located near volcanoes, but not volcanoes themselves - such as Tohl Mons are formed, Turtle said.

War

Continued from A1. Afghan force besieging the stronghold gave them until 8 a.m. today to surrender. "Mohammed Zaman," the Afghan commander who negotiated the cease-fire, said bin Laden loyalists were prepared to quit their refuge and lay down their arms. He quoted two al-Qaida representatives as telling him: "We don't want to fight. We surrender." After days of intense fighting, the Afghan fighters reported capturing dozens of caves where bin Laden's men had been hiding since the Sept. 11 attacks in the United States. Inside, they found large stores of ammunition, heavy weapons, food supplies and even children's toys in one extensive cave complex. U.S. special operations forces were on the mountain during the battle, according to witnesses, and late Tuesday afternoon a convoy of five trucks carried U.S. troops wearing Afghan dress, with black-and-white scarves over their faces, down the steep road away from the front. It was unclear whether the battle marked a final defeat for al-Qaida in Afghanistan, or whether some troops might fight on even if others surrender. Also uncertain was whether bin Laden is

still among the Arabs and other foreign fighters here in the White Mountains, near the Pakistani border about 35 miles southeast of the city of Jalalabad. Zaman returned Tuesday from negotiations with al-Qaida to tell reporters he was no longer convinced the Saudi-born terrorism suspect was still here. "Until today, I was sure he was available here," Zaman said. Bin Laden was sighted in the area as recently as Monday, according to another Afghan commander, Hazrat Ali, while other leaders said they feared he had fled through the snow-capped ranges into Pakistan. This week's advances were a dramatic reversal after more than a week of desultory fighting between the Afghan force of about 2,500 and the unknown number of bin Laden loyalists. Following a night of guerrilla warfare between the two sides, in which small groups of Afghan fighters attacked and were counterattacked by the al-Qaida forces, the battle appeared to be decided against bin Laden's forces Tuesday morning. Around 10 a.m., a massive bomb from an American warplane hit and a huge cloud of black smoke billowed above the mountain. According to the Afghans, it landed directly on a

major al-Qaida cave complex. After that, there were no more bombing runs. But tank fire, mortars, machine guns and rifles echoed through the barren peaks all morning. Ali directed battle from a captured al-Qaida command post, using a handheld radio. The post lay across a chanted, desolate ridge where American warplanes had bombed bin Laden's men several days earlier. The burned-out hulk of a pickup truck was parked among the twisted trees. Nearby was the intact casing of the American missile, bearing a handwritten inscription: "For those dreams taken, here a few nightmares." It was signed, "D." During Ali's meeting with reporters, mortars fired by al-Qaida holdouts slammed into the ridge near the wreck of the truck. On the adjacent ridge, machine gun fire raked an Afghan tank position just below the command post. Around noon, commanders radioed that they had captured the al-Qaida position and silenced the guns. Ali said his forces had advanced more than four miles already that morning and had captured large cave complexes. He promised that surrendering al-Qaida fighters would be handed over to the United Nations.

Bush panel details overhaul of Social Security

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Bush's Social Security commission recommended three plans Tuesday to let younger workers invest some of their payroll taxes in the stock market. All would come with a cost. The proposals would require \$2 trillion to \$3 trillion in new government spending over the next 75 years. And in some cases, workers retiring in 30 to 50 years would face cuts in annual benefits from 1 percent to nearly 33 percent. "We're going to face a lot of criticism. I'm sure for cutting benefits," Commissioner John Cogan said, adding that current retirees or people nearing retirement would not be affected. The commission tried to soften what could be a political time bomb in next year's elections by sending the president three separate proposals for private accounts rather than a single solution. It suggested policymakers discuss an overhaul for at least a year before taking action.

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House approves AIDS assistance

WASHINGTON (AP) - The House approved the spending of \$1.3 billion to fight the global epidemic of AIDS through bilateral and multinational programs aimed at education, prevention, treatment and research Tuesday. The funds, approved by voice vote Tuesday, are double what is budgeted for the fiscal year that began Oct. 1, but House International Relations Committee Chairman Henry Hyde, R-Ill., said the United States has a responsibility to lead the world in confronting one of the most compelling humanitarian and moral challenges facing us today. The United Nations estimates that 58 million people around the world are infected with HIV/AIDS and that 22 million have died, with 17 million of those deaths in sub-Saharan Africa.

Bush, GOP offer Dems concessions to reach deal

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Bush offered Tuesday to scale back tax cuts and beef up aid to the jobless in a bid to compromise with Democrats on an economic stimulus package. Democrats made concessions as well but continued to oppose GOP income tax cuts. Taken together, the twin developments raised prospects that Congress will enact legislation to bolster the languishing economy before recessing for the year. Negotiations broke down last week during a flare-up of partisan acrimony. "I think we're narrowing down the points of disagreement," said Senate Minority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss. Working to broker a deal, Bush and Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill met later Tuesday at the

White House with a bipartisan group of centrist senators, including Democrat John Breaux of Louisiana and Republican Olympia Snowe of Maine. The president planned to outline the plan today at a breakfast meeting with the four top congressional leaders, including Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D. Following Tuesday's meeting, Breaux and Snowe said most of the administration package reflected priorities advanced several weeks ago by the centrists, who could prove pivotal in winning Senate passage of a compromise. The package, Breaux said, should form "the basis for an agreement and one that I think can be the ultimate economic stimulus package."

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Israel-Palestinians hold talks amid fresh violence

JERUSALEM (AP) - A U.S. mediator presided over a new round of Israeli-Palestinian truce talks Tuesday following two earlier stormy meetings that ended without result.

In new violence, Israeli helicopters fired missiles at a Palestinian police post in the Gaza Strip and soldiers killed two Palestinian laborers at a West Bank checkpoint.

European envoys joined the diplomatic fray. European Union foreign policy chief Javier Solana had breakfast with Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon in Jerusalem and then met Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat in the West Bank town of Ramallah.

His visit came as the EU toughened its stance on Palestinian militants, branding the radical group Hamas and Islamic Jihad "terrorist networks" a day earlier and demanding that Arafat dismantle them.

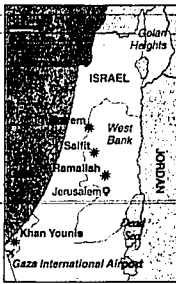
A series of Hamas suicide bombings last week killed 26 people.

In Jerusalem, U.S. peace envoy Anthony Zinni played host to the third meeting of Israeli and Palestinian security officials since the bombings. Despite reports that Zinni had threatened after the last session to leave the region if negotiators couldn't make progress, American officials said he had no plans to go.

A Palestinian official said there was no real progress at the meeting and complained that Israel's continuing strikes were sabotaging international peace efforts. He said Solana earlier had promised to do all he could to

Israel retaliates

Israel unleashed more airstrikes Tuesday in retaliation for Palestinian suicide bombings. Three missiles hit a security station about 50 yards from Yasser Arafat's office in Ramallah. Israeli bulldozers destroyed the landing strip at Gaza Airport.



SOURCES: Associated Press, ESRU, AP

stop those strikes.

On Tuesday, Israeli helicopters fired four rockets at a post of the elite Palestinian security unit Force 17. Israel also fired two surface-to-air missiles at the building, causing considerable damage, Palestinian security officials said.

The post was evacuated before the attack, and a farmer was slightly injured by debris. One missile hit the main electricity line connecting the neighborhood to the Israeli grid, plunging it into darkness.

China enters World Trade Organization

Country prepares for economic fallout

BEIJING (AP) - From her post behind a McDonald's cash register, Ms. Yang hears official talk of opportunity and economic reform spurred by the World Trade Organization. But what she looked forward to on China's first day of WTO membership was simpler: new clothes.

"I want to see more fashions," Yang, 23, said Tuesday at a shopping mall in Shanghai, China's bustling business capital. "The Chinese-made fashions are getting better, but the best are from overseas."

China formally joined global trade's rule-making body Tuesday, triggering changes that promise more choices for consumers, more opportunity for foreign investors and more challenges for Chinese farms and factories.

Beijing has promised to pry open its markets and industries to foreigners as the WTO's 143rd member. It hopes the influx of investment and competition will drive the overhaul of China's economy and raise living standards, even if it means short-term pain.



A Chinese man looks at the electrical stock price board in Beijing on Tuesday as China officially joined the World Trade Organization after negotiating for 15 years. China has promised to open its market to foreign goods and services.

Private entrepreneurs stand to benefit from changes demanded by China's trading partners, including ending monopolies and special treatment for state firms. But farmers and state industry face an onslaught of cheaper imports.

Officials say the changes will

Chinese found Tuesday a little anticlimactic.

"For us ordinary folks, it's not much of an event," said Wang Dawei, a mobile-phone salesman in Beijing.

China still has to make sweeping legal changes to conform to WTO rules on opening its markets to foreign competitors. More than 1,000 laws and rules must be changed, said the People's Daily, the main Communist Party newspaper.

But just getting China into the WTO gives the world trading system a morale boost "at a time of slowing economies and a rocky start to new talks on more liberalization."

China's accession to the WTO is an important milestone for this organization and its member states, South Africa President Thabo Mbeki said Tuesday in a speech in the Chinese capital of Beijing.

China hopes increased competition will force state businesses to shape up, though that could wind up costing millions of jobs.

The hardest-hit area will be the countryside, home to some 900 million Chinese. Millions are expected to be thrown out of work as inefficient farms face an influx of cheaper foreign food.

Milosevic refuses to enter plea at U.N. tribunal

The Hague, Netherlands (AP) - Slobodan Milosevic refused to plead Tuesday to charges of genocide against

Bosnian Muslims and Croats, calling the allegations absurd and portraying himself as a peacemaker in Bosnia.

As in previous charges, the U.N. war crimes tribunal

entered a plea of innocent on his behalf.

The tribunal on Tuesday also ordered Milosevic's trial for alleged war crimes in Kosovo to begin on Feb. 12.

Milosevic faces three separate indictments for crimes in Kosovo, Croatia and Bosnia dating from his 13 years in power in

Yugoslavia, during which he is accused of instigating and conducting a decade of ethnic war.

The Bosnia indictment read Tuesday was the last of the three to be issued and the first to charge him with genocide. Milosevic took the same defiant stance he has throughout.

"This miserable text is the

ultimate absurdity. I should be given credit for peace in Bosnia, not war," Milosevic said when asked if he were guilty or innocent.

For more than an hour, he sat impassively, often looking around the courtroom, as the charges were read in his native Serbian language.

Autopsies show refugees suffocated

DUBLIN, Ireland (AP) - Eight refugees whose bodies were found in the back of a freight container in Ireland had suffocated, according to autopsy reports released Tuesday.

The migrants' bodies and five critically ill companions were discovered Saturday by a trucker in a shipment of office furniture near Wexford, 70 miles south of Dublin.

Police have said the migrants were probably trying to get to Britain, but the cargo had traveled by boat from the Belgian port of Zeebrugge to Waterford in southern Ireland - a two-day voyage - after a road journey through Italy and Germany.

Most of the dead were from Turkey and all but two were from two families. They included boys aged 4 and 9, a 10-year-old girl, a youth of 16 or 17, a 20-year-old man, two other male adults and a woman.

Three Turks, an Algerian and an Albanian survived.

Belgian police on Tuesday raided a house in the center of Brussels where the refugees are believed to have stayed before leaving the continent.

The refugees were thought to have been locked into the vessel in Zeebrugge by a European gang of criminals involved in trafficking illegal immigrants.

WHO team fights Ebola in Gabon

LIBREVILLE, Gabon (AP) - A World Health Organization team arrived Tuesday in the Central African nation of Gabon to help contain an outbreak of the Ebola virus that has killed at least 11 people.

The five-member team - which includes experts from France and the United States - arrived in the capital, Libreville, in the morning and was expected to travel to the affected region in the remote, northeastern province of Ogooue Ivindo, near the border with Republic of Congo.

The team will help local authorities isolate and treat victims, as well as distribute protective equipment like gloves and masks to prevent contact with the bodily fluids of patients, WHO officials said.

Swiss judge convicts six in canyoning deaths

INTERLAKEN, Switzerland (AP) - Six employees and managers of a defunct adventure company were convicted of negligent manslaughter Tuesday in the deaths of 18 tourists and three guides in an Alpine flash flood.

Judge Thomas Zbinden, who presided over the trial watched by victims' parents and friends from Australia, Britain and South Africa, found the defendants guilty of allowing a canyoning trip to go ahead in spite of poor weather.

He acquitted two surviving guides.

The judge said he convicted the three directors of the board of Adventure World - Stephan Friedli, Peter Balmer and Georg Hoedle - because they did not order a risk analysis and had not banned canyoning during storms. Other officials based at the company's headquarters were convicted of failing to halt the trip despite the poor weather.

The eight associates of the for-

mer tour operator Adventure World were charged with manslaughter through culpable negligence for the deaths in the Saxet Brook above Interlaken on July 27, 1999.

They were accused of leading the vacationers - aged 18 to 31 - into a river gorge even though a thunderstorm was breaking overhead.

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EDITORIAL

Why do GOP lawmakers back hated forest fees?

Even though it has little practical effect, a federal judge's ruling on forest user fees is a moral victory for fee opponents.

U.S. Magistrate Thomas Coffin in Eugene, Ore., ruled the U.S. Forest Service's Recreation Fee Demonstration Program illegally overstepped the 100 test sites authorized by Congress.

Moral victories don't usually mean much, and this ruling looks like that kind of victory. Coffin admitted it will have no impact on future enforcement, because Congress has removed the 100-site cap.

But for those who have cursed the user fees, this small triumph has a certain redemptive quality. Since their 1996 inception, the fees have represented an affront-of-double taxation. They reinforce the growing sentiment that cherished public lands are being denied to the public that supports them.

The biggest problem with the trailhead fees, even though they began under Bill Clinton's Forest Service, is that they've been heartily accepted by Republicans in Congress. Even Idaho's Sen. Larry Craig supports continuing this ill-conceived program.

Somewhat these lawmakers stray from their conservative nature when they assess a tax for use of an open public resource. User fees are a reasonable way to pay for tangible facilities such as boat ramps and campgrounds. But the trailhead fee soaks forest visitors for merely hiking, picnicking and looking at trees.

The judge's ruling against the Forest Service isn't a lone cry in the wilderness. Most public-lands users have paying a fee to visit their own forests. Unfortunately, Washington's silent response to the public's frustration makes last week's legal victory a hollow celebration.

Idaho's PUC is listening

On another note, it's encouraging to know the Idaho Public Utility Commission is listening to consumers on the issue of an area code change.

The agency concluded last week that Idaho phone numbers should be distributed to telecommunications companies in blocks of 1,000 rather than 10,000. Doing so would avoid wasting many thousands of usable numbers, and the 208 area code could be sufficient for years to come.

If the Federal Communications Commission rejects that idea, the PUC's second-choice option also has customers in mind. The PUC endorsed the idea of assigning area codes by geographic region, rather than with the

confusing "service overlay" favored by phone manufacturers.

That means we customers won't have to worry about 10-digit dialing within our own communities. Hurray!

Another wise choice by the PUC is the decision to pursue three area codes rather than two. It's a proactive step that can save Idahoans from additional area code changes in future years.

But remember, federal authorities can sidestep all of these complications by accepting the PUC's primary suggestion: assign phone numbers in smaller blocks. If the feds reject that sensible idea, area codes will continue getting used up, even though thousands of numbers remain idle.



Bush's success lies in measured response

RONALD BROWNSTEIN

Triumph doesn't look like too strong a word to describe not only the progress of the military campaign in Afghanistan, but the way President Bush has managed the politics of it at home and abroad.

The key to Bush's success may be that he has simultaneously expressed and restrained America's outrage. He's shown unwavering determination to exact revenge against al-Qaida and prevent future terrorist attacks. But he's resisted pressure to precipitously widen the war (say to Iraq) or expose U.S. troops to greater risks in the hope of quicker results in Afghanistan.

The administration hasn't been as sure-footed on the domestic issues related to the war: Attorney General John Ashcroft, though mostly solid on substance, has been needlessly divisive in accusing his critics of aiding the enemy. But in conducting the war itself, Bush has shown keener instincts; he's been resolute, not rash. While Bush has displayed the anger virtually all Americans feel over Sept. 11, he doesn't appear to be letting that rage shape his decisions. In the process, he has satisfied most hawks without frightening most doves, which helps explain a job approval rating that's still approaching 90 percent and the virtual disappearance of grumbling about the war from governments abroad.

Each side of that equation - the determination and the restraint - has shown dimensions of Bush that weren't entirely apparent before Sept. 11. The need to reassure and rally the country has forced him to accept a public role he ducked earlier in his presidency.

Bush can still uncock sentences where the words wander as aimlessly as cows that have slipped out of their pen. But since Sept. 11, he has shown an almost Trumanesque capacity to express what ordinary Americans are thinking. Bush has benefited from some artfully crafted speeches. But he has been most

effective in the unscripted moments when he's personified the nation's determination to respond.

For many skeptics, the precise moment that Bush grew into his job was the September afternoon he clambered onto a pile of rubble that smoldered where the World Trade Center used to stand and promised, through a borrowed bullhorn, "the people who knocked down these buildings will hear all of us soon." He showed the same impulse last week at his town meeting in Orlando, Fla., when a young boy asked him what his first thoughts were after he learned of the attacks. "I knew," Bush replied, "that when I got all of the facts ... there would be hell to pay for attacking America."

It's easy to see why that blustery language would strike a chord after the nation suffered such a wound. The tricker step for Bush has been to marry those hard words with measured actions. The temptation after Sept. 11 might have been to strike fiercely, almost indiscriminately, to satisfy the public demand for revenge. But the calibrated campaign against the Taliban - built around local ground forces and U.S. air power - has both minimized U.S. military casualties and avoided excessive destruction of civilian targets inside Afghanistan. Resolve, not fury, has been the watchword of this war.

"People are very comfortable with the plan that's unfolding," says Will Marshall, executive director of the Progressive Policy Institute, a centrist Democratic think tank. "They see it; they get it; and it makes eminent good sense to them, because it achieves the objective of destroying our enemies at the cost of minimal American casualties."

This sense of proportion on the battle-

field may have been more predictable than Bush's emergence as a confident communicator; after all, prudence was the most honored word in his father's foreign-policy lexicon. But even that wasn't guaranteed. Moderation wasn't the hallmark of Bush's early presidency, especially in foreign affairs. Through his first eight months, Bush had displayed a unilateralist streak on issues such as the anti-ballistic missile and global warming treaties that verged on contempt for foreign opinion.

That preference for acting alone hasn't vanished: The Pentagon has steered the war by its own compass, without allowing for input even from America's closest allies such as Great Britain. But on issues such as assembling the post-Taliban government, Bush has shown sensitivity to opinion abroad without ever being imprisoned by it. He's expressed America's interests without seeming dismissive of others - something he hadn't managed before.

This record in Afghanistan should help Bush increase support if he decides to expand the war against terror to other countries, particularly Iraq. Absent a direct link to the Sept. 11 attack, any military action against Iraq would provoke much more resistance abroad and possibly at home. But it will be easier for Bush to make the case for force now that he has demonstrated he deliberates carefully before deploying it and then exercises it with care.

From the start, administration officials have insisted that the war against terrorism will be a journey of many steps. Even with the collapse of the Taliban, that's still true. But in this first step, Bush has found a balance of purpose and restraint that provides him a strong foundation for whatever comes next.

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LETTER

Work together for animal shelter

Response to Bob and 19 signers:

You make it sound like nothing is done in the morning hours at the animal shelter. They open at 1 p.m. and close at 5:30 p.m. - wrong. The full-time employees spend the morning cleaning, feeding, walking, giving medication (if needed), which are just a few of the jobs that need to be done prior to opening. Maybe you and the 19 signers would like to go help at 6 a.m. every day so the shelter could open at 10 a.m., but who is going to come at that hour if they are working, as you said? Also who is going to spend their lunch hour at the shelter? Only the person who really wants a pet and really wants to take care of this pet the right way will make the effort and make arrangements to get to the shelter.

I think everyone agrees the hours could be better, but when they were open on Saturday, they took more animals in than they adopted out. This does not compute. This is why we have a

mobile adoption on the second and third Saturdays of the month to try and help the working people.

You know as well as I they do not put animals down unless it is absolutely necessary.

For the person that started this campaign to build a new shelter, then walked away because things did not go your way, you have a lot to say. Looks like all you want to do is keep things in an uproar and impress the public who does not know or understand the workings of a Humane Society shelter.

I thought we were all working for the same goal, to have a new shelter for the homeless animals until they find a new, happy, loving family, not all this bickering about petty personal things. So why not all work together and get the job done?

BEV WARD

Twin Falls

(Editor's note: Bev Ward works with the Mobile Adoption Program through the Twin Falls Animal Shelter.)

Senior citizens are important, too

Every day, I get something in the mail asking for donations. And every day, I see ads in the paper and hear on TV and radio soliciting funds for one charity or another. Also, there has been a big campaign out for the animal shelter, which I am all for, but we at the senior center who have worked and worked to raise funds for a new building are wondering if cats and dogs are more important than we are.

Your paper should come and see just what goes on down there in a building that's falling down around our ears, and when it does, what will happen to the 50 to 100 people that come for lunch, get their blood pressure checked, play cards and bingo - not counting the more than 130 home-delivered meals that are sent out to shut-ins every day.

It's time for the people of Twin Falls to wake up and support their seniors because, one day, they will be seniors themselves.

DONNA BARRD
Twin Falls

Pet owners have responsibilities

I am writing this letter to help Mr. Powers, the 19 signers and the taxpayers to place the burden of stray animals where it really belongs.

Each and every tax-paying citizen should ask themselves the following questions before they question the worth of the current operations of the Twin Falls City and County animal shelter.

Are my cats and dogs spayed or neutered? Do my pets wear collars and identification tags? Are my animals con-

signed to my property so that they are not a nuisance to my neighbors at a traffic fatality? Are my animals loved, trained and housed properly? Am I willing to honor my 12- to 15-year commitment to my pets? Am I willing to provide medical attention for my pets? Am I willing to adopt a homeless animal instead of buying one? Am I willing to give a little of my time to help pets that are at the shelter?

Am I willing to give a little of my money to take care of the needs of homeless animals?

If you, the taxpayer, can answer each of the questions with a yes, we would have very few, if any, reasons to keep badgering those few people who are taking care of our responsibilities for us.

ALAN OLMSTEAD
Twin Falls

Getting in touch

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Trade authority vote could hurt GOP



DAVID S. BRODER

The 215-214 vote by which the House of Representatives last week passed the bill restoring to President Bush broad authority to negotiate international trade agreements was as significant as it was dramatic. Never have I seen more lobbyists lined up outside the House chamber and on the sidewalk to the Capitol. Never have I seen a vote held open for more than the extra 23 minutes it took the Republican leadership to corral a reluctant handful of representatives and reverse a looming defeat.

It was, on the face of it, a great victory for President Bush and his congressional allies. Starting with the Ford administration, Congress had given presidents of both parties the power to sign trade deals which could be voted up or down by Congress, but not amended. This "fast track" authority, now renamed "trade promotion authority" or TPA, lapsed in 1994, and President Clinton was unable to get it renewed. Bush made it a high priority and the Senate is almost certain to complete the process as he wishes.

But it could be a short-lived or costly win for the GOP. In the global economy, trade agreements are as important as treaties or alliances. The national interest is best served in all these world affairs when U.S. policy commands bipartisan support here at home. This was a narrowly partisan vote. Republicans were able to enlist only 21 Democrats to offset the 23 defections in their own ranks.

The bill passed only after heavy pressure from the White House was followed by naked promises of specific concessions

to reluctant Republicans — some of them so crass that the measure's Republican manager, Rep. Bill Thomas of California, was seen signaling to his friends on the House floor that he could not stomach the deals.

Even before the vote, House Democratic leadership aides were gleefully showing reporters lists of Republican members, from textile and industrial districts adversely affected by imports, who would be hurt politically by voting for the bill. The ads and statements attacking those members began the very next day, and will escalate right up to next November. In a recession with unemployment rising, the vote could jeopardize the shaky Republican control of the House.

But when I talked to Robert Zoellick, the top trade official in the Bush administration, he saw the vote in a very different light. "It moves us forward in our overall goal of regaining momentum on trade both domestically and internationally," he said. Zoellick, an able retreat from the earlier Bush administration now heading the White House Office of the United States Trade Representative, had won his negotiating spurs at the recent World Trade Organization meeting in Doha, Qatar, launching a new round of international negotiations. He has ambitious goals to expand the North American Free Trade Agreement to all of

Latin America, to open more trade with Africa and to conclude bilateral free trade agreements with countries such as Chile and Singapore.

Zoellick is a skilled and creative public official, a protégé of James Baker, who had an exquisite ear for domestic politics. But I did not get a sense of deep concern from him about what seems clearly to be the warning signals from Congress that future trade liberalization agreements could be hard to sell.

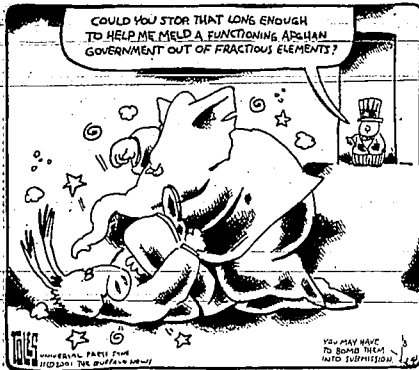
Polls consistently show the majority of the public thinks we lose jobs, not gain them, by opening markets here and abroad. That is clearly wrong in the aggregate, but the statistics are overwhelmed by announcements that specific plants are closing because the company is relocating its manufacturing to Mexico or Ireland or India.

Last week's vote saw longtime supporters of liberal trade, such as Reps. Jim McDermott of Seattle and Robert Matsui of Sacramento, vote against fast track. A whole flock of New Democrats, many representing high-tech communities dependent on export markets, did the same thing. The reason they give is that trade agreements now go far beyond tariff-reduction and involve tradeoffs on intellectual property rights, environmental standards, basic labor laws and other issues of

such importance to their constituents that they are reluctant to delegate sweeping authority to any administration to negotiate them away.

Unless these issues are addressed in a way that gives comfort and confidence to these carper pro-trade legislators — people who are by no means protectionists — the future of U.S. trade policy is in jeopardy. The World Bank last week issued a report documenting how expanded trade had improved economies and reduced poverty in two dozen underdeveloped countries. The cost to this country — and to the developing world — of the United States abandoning its leadership on trade would be calamitous. The threatening message of the House vote cannot be ignored.

David Broder is a columnist for the Washington Post.



LETTERS

Odors get out of hand

In reading the article, "Commission proceeds with dairy ordinance" starting on Page A-1 of The Times-News for Dec. 2 and by Sandy Miller, I assume that her quotes from her interviewees are correct. Certainly, there are a number of potent issues for the county commissioners to consider in the proposed ordinance regarding confined animal feeding operations and dairies.

Lewis Eilers was quoted in part as saying, "They're trying to drag the odor problem into the stinking ordinance. Odor can drift five or six miles — what good are setbacks?"

It seems to me that dairy/CAFO owners and operators can take measures to effectively control odors and most other problems attributed to their operations if they are truly interested in investing the resources to do so. The issue of who was at the site area first, the dairy or nearby homeowners, would not be particularly significant if the dairy owners and operators were dedicated to making themselves good neighbors and stewards of the land they use by conscientious control of odors and liquid and solid waste and lighting.

A sad result of failure to control odors from animal waste can be found — or smelled — when one drives I-84 from the Twin Falls interchange toward Mountain Home. I can assume correctly that I'm passing through part of south-central Idaho when the stink appears. Could that turn off some tourists from stopping and sightseeing in neighboring counties?

The Twin Falls County commissioners are entirely correct in addressing environmental standards in the proposed dairy/CAFO ordinance. After all, their primary responsibility is the welfare of the citizens of Twin Falls County.
FRANK ALLARD
Twin Falls

Live your lives without fear

I have been thinking for quite a while that we have let a few people that are paranoid dominate our way of life in Idaho.

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of Idaho's Statehouse. This is the type of thinking that makes children afraid of the dark.

As taxpayers, we should revolt at the added expense and waste of manpower that is needed to keep up this charade.

State troopers that are already short-handed are required to spend so many days off the road to go on foot patrol at our Capitol. This means that not only are they not available for their duties to keep Idaho's highways safe to drive on, they are sent to Boise to live in motels at your expense; they are also having to eat out every meal at your expense.

In a time of cutting back of state expenses, how can we justify this extra expense? But it doesn't stop there. We are paying National Guard men to stand by at the Twin Falls airport as if anyone would be interested in terrorizing our airport. Why not send troops to guard the Buhl airport or every other place that we can imagine in our wildest dreams might be terrorized. Kimberly City Hall might need to have security beefed or maybe the fire station at Castledorf.

It is time to start living our lives without fear.
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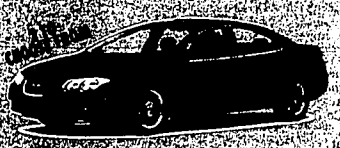
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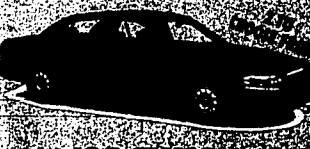
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AROUND THE VALLEY

Truck crash injures two Texas women

HAMMETT — A 49-year-old Irving, Texas, woman was treated and released from St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise after a truck crash on Interstate 84 near Hammett late Monday, according to the Idaho State Police.

The wreck caused traffic to be rerouted on to U.S. Highway 30, and an area Haz-mat team was called in to make sure there was nothing dangerous in the truck's cargo, the ISP said.

Judy C. Johnston was driving a 1996 Freightliner tractor pulling two trailers of cargo westbound when she lost control of the truck and it tipped over in the west-bound lanes of the interstate at about 7:41 p.m.

Johnston and her passenger, Merle W. Kiesel, 59, of Frisco, Texas, were both wearing seat belts, according to the ISP. Johnston was pinned in the truck's cab for a short time after the wreck and was taken by air ambulance to St. Alphonsus. Kiesel was treated and released from Elmore County Medical Center.

Driver's license offices will be opening late

TWIN FALLS — Driver's licensing stations will open late today in Twin Falls and tomorrow in Buhl because the offices will be switching over to a new digital system, according to the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office.

The offices, which usually open at 8 a.m., will not open until 1 p.m.

The Department of Motor Vehicles office at 260 Fourth Ave. N in Twin Falls will open late today. The Motor Vehicle and Drivers License Bureau office at 203 Broadway Ave. N. in Buhl will open late tomorrow.

Twin Falls parks close evenings and nights

TWIN FALLS — Rock Creek Park and Centennial Waterfront Park will be closed during the evening and nighttime effective immediately.

In a press release, the Twin Falls County Parks and Waterways Department said the two parks will be closed at 4 p.m. and opened at 8:30 a.m. Mondays through Thursdays. The parks will be open on the weekends as weather permits.

For more information, call the parks and waterways department at 734-9491.

Federal grant helps rural access to medical care

STANLEY — Access to quality emergency medical care in rural areas is a continuing challenge, but those who need such attention while in the Sawtooth National Recreation Area will benefit from a recent Sawtooth Society grant.

The society has awarded a \$4200 grant to the Salmon River Clinic in Stanley to purchase a specialized module for a portable heart defibrillator that continuously monitors blood pressure in critically ill patients.

The blood pressure module and heart defibrillator accompany every ambulance run the clinic makes and may be used as often as 100 times a year to monitor the condition of heart, respiratory and trauma patients.

The grant was made possible by proceeds generated by the sale of the special Idaho motor vehicle license plate that supports SNRA projects.

Earlier, the society awarded roughly \$16,000 for area search and rescue services.

The society is an independent, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization that helps protect the SNRA's natural, historical and recreational qualities. For more information, write to P.O. Box 268, Boise, Idaho 83701, call 387-0852 or e-mail sawtooth@mintspring.com.

Cassia Education Center holds open house today

BURLEY — The Cassia Education Center has scheduled an open house from 10 to 11:30 a.m. today.

The community is invited to tour the center and see what students do and learn at the facility.

Compiled from staff reports

Dairy subsidy remains in farm bill

Crapo-led attempt to remove it fails



Mike Crapo

States News Service and
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A coalition led by U.S. Sen. Mike Crapo, R-Idaho, failed to remove a national dairy subsidy program from the Senate's farm bill Tuesday.

The Senate voted 51-47 to keep the dairy subsidy, which will cost \$2 billion over 10 years and will replace the now-expired Northeast Interstate Dairy

Compact. Crapo said he will try to bring up the issue again before the Senate votes on final passage of the farm bill.

Under the current language, the federal government would distribute \$500 million to the New England states as well as New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland and West Virginia. The remaining \$1.5 billion would be doled out to the rest of the country, including Idaho.

The subsidy would be based on the amount of milk produced by each dairy and is expected to give greater benefits for smaller dairies. Eastern states and fewer benefits for dairies with thousands of cows, like many in the Magic Valley.

Crapo argued that the proposal would create an artificial incentive to increase production and result in a surplus of milk that would drive down prices and ultimately hurt dairy farmers.

"What will happen when the \$2 billion is expended? Market prices will be down due to a glut, and producers will actually need these payments in the future. A dependency will have been created, making our producers reliant on federal pay-

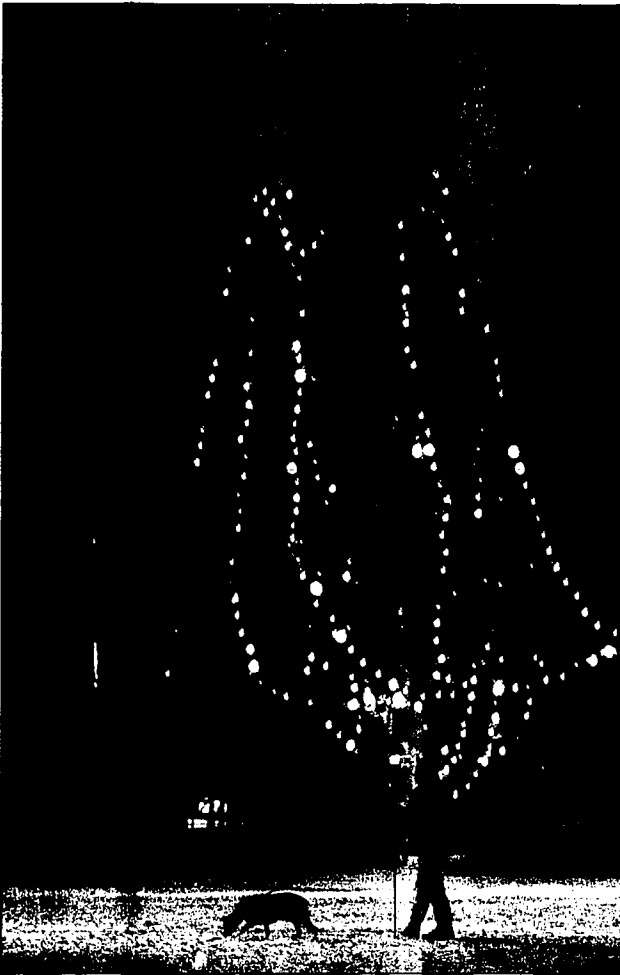
ments leading to a vicious cycle of more payments in the future and increased debates in Congress about whether to continue a subsidy program that we didn't need to establish in the first place," Crapo said.

As such as the senator dislikes the current dairy legislation, he said pressure from his coalition had prevented a much worse plan.

"The dairy provisions that came out of the Senate (Agriculture) Committee have already been changed two or three times in response to our amendment," Crapo said. "In a sense, we could declare victory

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WINTER WALK



John Graham enjoys the snow and decorated holiday trees Tuesday evening while walking his dog in the Twin Falls City Park.

USA M. COLLARD/For Times-News

Cattle group pursues compensation

The Associated Press

MURTAUGH — The Idaho Cattle Association hopes to persuade the Legislature to place a constitutional amendment on the 2002 ballot that would legally define partial takings of private property and require compensation to the landowners involved.

Association board member Greg Garatea of Murtaugh said it involves government actions that

diminish the value of the land or the ability of the property owner to make a living.

"We're not trying to set back land-use planning or the environmental movement. If a particular regulation is for the public good, then the cost of that action should be amortized over the entire public and not just the landowner who is being impacted by it," Garatea said.

During its recent convention in

Lewiston, the cattle Association approved 129 resolutions on things such as property rights. It intends to make its voice heard in the Legislature this winter.

Cattlemen also are looking for support from lawmakers in defending the state's open-range law, warning its loss could finish off some ranchers.

Under open range, landowners

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Festival of Trees takes hit from weather

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Some people dream of a white Christmas. But the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Foundation probably would have preferred not so much of the white stuff had fallen during its biggest fund-raiser of the year.

Eleven inches fell on the night of the Festival of Trees' big gala, and it continued to snow and

rain for the next four days.

Schools were closed, and some people stayed home rather than brave the slick roads. Still, the festival brought in \$62,292, down from almost \$70,000 last year, but still a success considering the weather.

"It was the first time in 17 years that weather impacted the festival every day," said Larry Baxter, executive director of the foundation. "Normally, one day of bad weather is a factor, but

not every day, and particularly not on the night of the gala."

Between 8,500 and 9,000 people attended this year's Festival of Trees, down from an average attendance of 12,000, Baxter said.

Baxter said if the weather hadn't interfered, this year's festival probably would have raised more money than last year.

Despite the weather, the auction

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Police arrest three suspects in stabbing Victim remains in critical condition

By Mark Heinz
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Investigators probably won't buy suspects' assertions that an unknown person or people were involved in a fight that led to a stabbing in Twin Falls late Saturday, a police detective said.

Stabbing victim David W. Fennevald, 17, of Twin Falls was still listed in critical condition late Tuesday at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls, a hospital spokeswoman said.

Police on Monday arrested Twin Falls resident Pedro Miguel Angel Ortiz, 19, and a juvenile whose name was not released by police Tuesday. Court records identify the second suspect as Rolando Garza, 17, of Twin Falls. Police on Tuesday arrested another male juvenile but did not release his name — and it did not appear in court records Tuesday. All three were arrested on charges of aggravated battery, according to the Twin Falls Police Department. The juveniles were held Tuesday at the Snake River Juvenile Detention Center in Twin Falls, according to police.

Ortiz was arraigned Tuesday and held in the Twin Falls County Jail in lieu of \$100,000 bond, according to court records. He faces a preliminary hearing Dec. 21.

Ortiz and Garza told police that they caught a white man slashing the tires on a friend's car late Saturday and they and others chased him into an alley near the 400 block of Second Avenue West, according to an affidavit written by Twin Falls Police detective Chris Fuller

and filed with court documents.

The affidavit also says that Fennevald told police that Fennevald was apparently upset late Saturday over a confrontation he'd had earlier that day. Fennevald's brother claimed he saw Fennevald take some knives from the kitchen and leave their house late Saturday.

Ortiz and Garza claimed that when they caught up to the person they were chasing, he was already being confronted by "a white guy with long hair and another white guy in a white jacket," according to the affidavit.

Ortiz, Garza and others who had been with them said they punched and kicked the person they had seen slashing the tires after he apparently tried to threaten them with some knives, the affidavit says. But they told police they did not stab him or see who had.

Other witnesses to the fight did not corroborate the suspects' story of the unidentified men, and no more arrests were expected in the case, Twin Falls police detective Scott Smith said Tuesday.

Police responding to an emergency call at about 10 p.m. Saturday found Fennevald lying unconscious near the 400 block of Second Avenue West, the affidavit says. He was suffering from at least one large chest wound, and a kitchen knife and a steak knife were found on the ground near him, according to the affidavit.

Times-News reporter Mark Heinz can be reached at 735-3238 or by e-mail at mheinz@magicvalley.com.

Hollister museum owner sticks with guilty plea

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A Hollister museum owner will plead guilty after all to one count of illegally excavating artifacts from public land.

Last month Jerry Lee Young, who operated the Idaho Heritage Museum off of U.S. Highway 93, said he no longer wanted the plea agreement offered by the federal government. Young has since decided to stick with his guilty plea and has asked a federal judge to postpone his sentencing date to give him time to meet the terms of the plea agreement.

In July, Young pleaded guilty to one felony count of violation of the Archaeological Resource Protection Act. In exchange, the government dropped four other criminal charges.

He was scheduled to be sentenced Monday, but the sentencing date was postponed. His new attorney has suggested a March date.

Young's new lawyer, Boise attorney David H. Leroy, is a former Idaho attorney general and a former Idaho lieutenant governor.

His client, Leroy said, had been confused when he accepted the plea agreement about whether the excavation site was on public land. Leroy said he and his client reviewed the government reports.

"Without any doubt, that particular site was on public land," Leroy said.

Between now and his new sentencing date, Young must meet the terms of his plea agreement, which was not done in the past, Leroy said.

The plea agreement requires Young to review all of the artifacts in his possession to determine whether any of them came from public land, and if so, to turn them over to the Bureau of Land Management. He must help the BLM investigate and prosecute other illegal diggings on public lands and raise public awareness of the importance of preserving and protecting archaeological resources.

"In my opinion, he is a very good archaeologist in Idaho, and the Magic Valley," Leroy said.

Young had no criminal intent when excavating the artifacts, and his conflict with the federal government is unfortunate, Leroy said.

The government agreed to recommend a 24-month sentence and that half of it be served under home detention. Young also faces a fine of up to \$250,000.

The U.S. Attorney's case contends that Young illegally excavated public land near Milner Dam and retrieved some 800 artifacts at the Milner site, digging to a depth of more than 15 feet.

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SERVICES

TWIN FALLS



Donald Wilson Whitaker, Sr.

Donald Wilson Whitaker, Sr., 81, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, December 9, 2001, at his home in Twin Falls of a lingering illness.

Donald was born on May 9, 1920, near Downey, Idaho, to pioneer parents, James Solomon and Sarah (Lowe) Whitaker. He was the youngest of nine children. As a child, he enjoyed working with the farm animals, especially his horse Silver. Donald attended schools in Twin Falls, Jerome, Gooding and Wendell.

Donald married Velma Hale August 17, 1941, in Twin Falls, Idaho, and their marriage was later solemnized in the Salt Lake City LDS Temple.

Donald entered the United States Army in 1944, Company L of the Fourth Infantry and participated in the Battle of the Bulge. He was in active service until VE Day. Upon discharge from the army, Donald worked as a carpenter for a short time. In 1947, Donald again was in the service to his community as a Twin Falls City Firefighter until his retirement in 1976. He also worked part time for K & T Steel, Green Giant, and Amalgamated Sugar Company.

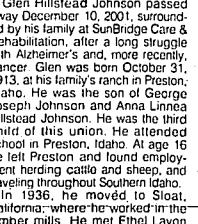
Donald enjoyed boating on the Snake River, fishing and camping with his children and grandchildren. Donald enjoyed Boy Scouts of America, where he served as a leader and role model to scouts for many years.

Donald was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and was a High Priest in the Twin Falls Eighth Ward.

He is survived by his wife, Velma; five children, Donald Jr. (Sharon) of Idaho Falls, Idaho, Jean (Ralph Savage) of Provo, Utah, Allan (Judy) of Ankeny, Iowa, Nadean (David Smith) of Jerome, Idaho, and Vineta (Dennis Graybill) of Boise, Idaho. He is also survived by 27 grandchildren, 46 great-grandchildren and one sister, Wanda Baker of Middleton, Idaho.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday, December 15, 2001, at the Twin Falls Eighth Ward LDS Chapel, 667 Harrison St. Services will be conducted by Bishop Douglas Barnum conducting. Friends may call at Sunset Memorial Park, Friday, December 14, 2001, from 4-8 p.m. and at the church on Saturday from 9:45-10:45 a.m. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Park.

TWIN FALLS



Glen Hillstead Johnson passed away December 10, 2001, surrounded by his family at SunBridge Care & Rehabilitation, after a long struggle with Alzheimer's and, more recently, cancer. Glen was born October 31, 1913, at his family's ranch in Preston, Idaho. He was the son of George Joseph Johnson and Anna Linnea Theobald Johnson. He was the third child of this union. He attended school in Preston, Idaho. At age 16 he left Preston and found employment herding cattle and sheep, and traveling throughout Southern Idaho. In 1936, he worked to Sloat, California; where he moved in the lumber mills. He met Ethel Lavan Carter at a dance in 1936. They both worked at the Sloat Lumber Company. They were married April 29, 1939, in Reno, Nevada, and celebrated 62 years of marriage until Ethel's death in April of this year. They lived in Olathe, California, until 1940 then moved to Oakland, California, where Glen worked at the Pacific Dry Dock Company as a ship's electrician. In 1950, Glen and Ethel came to Hazelton, Idaho, and started Johnson's Electric & Repair. Glen was active in his community and helped with several community projects and served on the Hazelton City Council. He was a founding and lifetime member of the Snake River Valley Electrical Association; in which he served as president for several years. He retired from the electrical business in 1973, when his son

Forrest Johnson bought the business. He continued farming until the age of 84. He also enjoyed woodworking and raising a few cattle on his farm.

Glen is survived by two children, Forrest G. Johnson of Hazelton, Idaho and Kathleen D. Johnson (Lary) Davidson of Eden, Idaho; six grandchildren, Tamara Makin, Curt Johnson, Mark Johnson, Suzi Davidson, Tony Davidson and Jill Davidson; and eight great-grandchildren. Glen has two surviving sisters, Vera Francis of Filer and Nora Torguon of Oxnook Hills, Wyoming, and three brothers, the Honorable Eugene Logan, Utah, Max Johnson of Brigham City, Utah, and Wayne Johnson of Colorado.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ethel, one sister, Olive Porter of Springfield, Utah, and five brothers, Leo Johnson of Soda Springs, Idaho, Roy Johnson of Preston, Idaho, Keith Johnson of Twin Falls, Idaho, George Johnson of Oakland, California, and Eldon Johnson of Preston, Idaho.

Glen Johnson loved people in general. He would always take the time to stop and say hello and visit awhile. His unique sense of humor will all who knew and loved him.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Friday, December 14, 2001, at the Hazelton LDS Church, with Pastor John Anderson, officiating. Interment will follow at Hazelton Cemetery. Friends may call at White Mortuary Thursday from 4-8 p.m. and at the church from 12:45-1:45 p.m. Family suggests memorials to a charity of donor's choice, or to the Gold Senior Citizen's Center in Eden, Idaho.

BELLEVUE

Melvin 'Bill' William Hickman

Longtime Bellevue resident Melvin "Bill" William Hickman, 86, passed away on December 5, 2001, at the St. Luke's Wood River Hospital after a sudden illness.

Bill was born in Ashland, Oregon, on May 16, 1915. He was one of eight children born to Abraham and Elva Hickman. He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers and one sister.

Bill grew up in the Salem, Oregon, area. He started work early in life to help his family, working as a firefighter and laborer in the camps. Most of his life, he was a professional miner and worked in many of the major mines in Idaho. He married Eileen Lambert on August 18, 1940. They had three children and were later divorced.

Bill came to the Wood River Valley in 1962 to work in the local mines. He met and married Winnie Sulton of Twin Falls, December 10, 2001, at his home with his loving wife by his side.

Kenneth Park Aston (Ken), 88, of Twin Falls, passed away peacefully Monday, December 10, 2001, at his home with his loving wife by his side.

Ken worked for the Sun Valley Company in Carey, Idaho, and then with the Blaine County School District until retirement. Bill enjoyed hunting, fishing, trap shooting and gardening. Bill was a Lifetime Member of the Wood River Gun Club.

Ken is survived by his wife Winnie; one brother, John (Evon) Hickman of North Bend, Oregon; two sisters, Vera McCarthy of Prineville, Oregon and Shirley Kessler of Port Townsend, Washington; three nieces, Steven (Laura) Hickman of Sierra Vista, Arizona; two daughters, Lenore (Lyle) Kendall of Harrisburg, Oregon - and Wanda (Dave) Ketchum of Portland, Oregon.

Ken worked milking cows and farming for farmers in the Hunter, Utah, area. He worked for the American Smelter Co. in Garland, Idaho, for nine years. He was on both the American and National bowling teams. In 1946, Ken and Ardeth moved their family to the Salmon Tract in Twin Falls where they bought their farm. Ardeth died June 7, 1949.

Ken married Estella Coon on September 5, 1950, in Salt Lake City, Utah. Their marriage was later solemnized in the Idaho Falls Temple July 28, 1961. They added three sons to their family, making six children. Ken with his wife and family worked the farm, also raising pigs and milked cows, until the late 1970s. During his farming years, Ken also worked 17 campaigns at the sugar factory during the winter months.

The love of his life was his family, taking them deer and elk hunting and family camping in the mountains each summer for 25 years. He especially loved day fishing trips with the family. He also loved to golf. After Ken retired, he and his wife went to San Diego for two months in the winter for several years, then they started going to Lake Mead. For the last 14 years, Ken and Estella have spent four months each winter in Quartzite, Arizona, with family and friends. Ken was an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, where he was an elder.

Surviving are his loving wife of 51 years, Estella of Twin Falls; four sons: Kenneth V. (Bonnie) Aston of Twin Falls; A. Earl (Barbara) Aston of Volga, Idaho; Arnold E. (Phyllis) Aston of Pocatello, Idaho; Alan L. (Donna) Aston of Twin Falls; and two daughters: Kay Locke of Kearns, Utah; and Lynda (Ed) Heam of Amboy, Washington; a sister, LaVerna Bowers of Bountiful, Utah; 24 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services for Ken will be held Friday, December 14, 2001, at 1 p.m. at the LDS Stake Center in Elizabeth Blvd. Officiating will be Bishop Charles Jensen, and burial will follow at the Sunset Memorial Park Cemetery. Visitation will be held Thursday, December 13, 2001, from

p.m. at the Calvary Lutheran Church in Gooding with Pastor Mike Donnan officiating. Burial will be in the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding.

Family members and friends may call on Wednesday from 1-7 p.m. at Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

Family suggests that contributions be made to the Alzheimer's Association Ore-Greater Idaho Chapter 1111 South Orchard St. Suite # 260 Boise, Idaho 83705.

NAMPA

Scott B. Sorenson

Scott B. Sorenson, 50-year-old, Nampa resident and formerly of Burley, died Monday, December 10, 2001, at the Mercy Medical Center in Nampa.

He was born April 28, 1951, in Nampa, the son of the late Bert B. Sorenson and Sergene Andra Sorenson Jensen. He lived with his family in Burley until 1983 when he moved to the Idaho State School and Hospital in Nampa, where he resided until his death. Scott loved to watch home movies. He was loved by all who knew him and he will be greatly missed.

Survivors include his mother, Sergene (Harlan) Jensen of Burley; and a brother, Andrew S. Sorenson of Irving, Oregon.

He was preceded in death by his father, Bert Sorenson, on March 4, 1991.

Private services will be held at the Idaho State School & Hospital Chapel at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of Payne Mortuary, 221 West Main Street in Burley.



Kenneth (Ken) Park Aston

Kenneth Park Aston (Ken), 88, of Twin Falls, passed away peacefully Monday, December 10, 2001, at his home with his loving wife by his side.

Ken was born March 22, 1913, in Carey, Idaho, the son of Alfred E. and Iona E. Park Aston. The second of five children, Ken lived in Carey for the first two weeks of his life and then moved with his family to Provo, Utah, and later to Magna, Utah, where he attended school. Ken spent his summers working on his grandmother Aston's farm. He learned to love the land and farming. Ken spent 18 months in the CCC during the Great Depression. On June 7, 1935, married Ardeth Andreason in Preston, Idaho. Their marriage was solemnized in the Salt Lake Temple on April 10, 1940. They had three children.

Ken worked milking cows and farming for farmers in the Hunter, Utah, area. He worked for the American Smelter Co. in Garland, Idaho, for nine years. He was on both the American and National bowling teams. In 1946, Ken and Ardeth moved their family to the Salmon Tract in Twin Falls where they bought their farm. Ardeth died June 7, 1949.

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6-8 p.m. at the Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, Idaho, and also from 12-1 p.m. prior to services at the Stake Center.

The family requests that donations be made to the Ken's Sorensen Hospice Visits, Inc., 308 Shoshone E. Ste. 1, Twin Falls, Idaho 83401.

JEROME

Margaret Louise Babcock

Margaret Louise Babcock passed away December 8, 2001, at the age of 89.

She was born Margaret Louise Maxwell, August 8, 1912, in Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada. She was the second child and only daughter born to Havelock Roy and Margaret Louise Maxwell. She spent her childhood and early adult life in Canada, where she completed her education, studying to become a registered nurse. It was during this time that she met and married George Eliss Babcock, on January 5, 1937, in Milk River, Alberta. The marriage was later solemnized in the Idaho Falls Temple of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on April 18, 1935.

Most of her married life was spent in Pocatello, Idaho. It is there that three sons were born and raised. Her years in Pocatello were filled with the activities of a busy wife and mother. She also worked for many years in the newborn nursery at St. Anthony Hospital. After her husband retired from the railroad in 1974, they spent several winters in Southern California, but always returned to Pocatello. Active in their church, they served a mission in the Family History Mission in Salt Lake City from 1991-1992. They moved to Twin Falls, Idaho, in 1994. Her husband passed away in July 1995, and shortly thereafter she moved to Jerome, Idaho, to live out the rest of her days counting her blessings, and reuniting each new great-grandchild as they came along. She always did her best "not to be a bother."

She is survived by three sons, Fred (Llewellyn Linda) Babcock of Salt Lake City, James Roy (Lanell) of Jerome, Idaho, and Don Jay (Penee) of Pocatello, Idaho. She is also survived by 12 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, and her husband.

The funeral service will be held on Saturday, December 15, 2001, at 12 p.m. at the Harrison Funeral Home in Pocatello, Idaho. A gathering for family and friends will take place one hour before the service. Burial will be immediately after the service at the Pocatello Cemetery.

All who knew her loved this special wife, mother, grandmother and friend, and she unconditionally loved in return.



Milo E. Cote

Milo E. Cote, 70, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, December 9, 2001 at Sunrise Hospital in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Milo was born February 11, 1931, to A. J. and Esther Cote in Epping, North Dakota. He served in the U.S. Army from July 1952 through July 1954. He married Gayle Westphal on September 17, 1955, in Ray, North Dakota. After getting married, they moved to Long Beach, Calif., for the winter and then back to North Dakota, where he helped his father farm.

Milo and Gayle moved back to California, where he started his own business. He moved in April of 1977, with his wife and daughter, to Twin Falls and resided there until his death. He owned and operated Milo's Lawnmower Repair in Twin Falls from early 1977 until his recent retirement.

Milo is survived by his loving wife of 46 years, Gayle of Twin Falls; daughter, Dana (Bruce) Quale; granddaughter Jenna Quale and grandson Jason Quale, all of Twin Falls; brothers and sisters: Darryl (Jeanette) Cote of Williston, North Dakota; Nyla Joan Becker, Rosemary Palm and Dallas (Marlis) Cote, all of Palm Desert, Calif.

Funeral services for Milo will be held Friday, December 14, 2001, at 10 a.m. at the Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls. Officiating will be Pastor Gary Benedict of the Peace Lutheran Church in Filer, Idaho. Burial will be held following services at the Twin Falls Cemetery, Twin Falls, Idaho. Visitation will be held Thursday, December 13, 2001, from 5-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

All services and arrangements are under the direction of the Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, of Twin Falls, Idaho.

Barbara Dryden of Hazelton, service at 2 p.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls; burial will follow at Hazelton City Cemetery.

Jean Beglan of Twin Falls, memorial prayer vigil and rosary at 6:30 p.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel; memorial funeral Mass at 2 p.m. Thursday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel; cremation will precede services; private family inurnment will take place at Sunset Memorial Park.

Ruby 'Colleen' Love of Boise and formerly of Twin Falls, service at 11 a.m. today at White Mortuary Chapel; graveside service will follow at Sunset Memorial Park, Twin Falls.

Mary E. Hansen Gill of Wendell, memorial service at 10:30 a.m. today at Demaray's Wendell Chapel; private inurnment will be in the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding.

Francis William (Bill) Campbell, Jr. of Hagerman, graveside service at 1 p.m. today at the Wendell Cemetery (Demaray's Wendell Chapel).

Virginia L. Corey of Twin Falls, service at 2 p.m. today at White Mortuary Chapel; private graveside service at 1 p.m. Thursday at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls.

Ronald C. Dunn of Lincoln City, Ore., and formerly of Burley, graveside service at 3 p.m. today at Pleasant View Cemetery in Burley; friends may

call from 1:30-2:45 p.m. before the service at Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St., Burley.

Betty Reese Fouts of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 11 a.m. today, at Amazing Grace Fellowship, 1061 Eastland Drive N., Twin Falls (Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls).

Hafie H. 'Gramma' Jacobs of Kimberly, service at 2 p.m. Thursday at White Mortuary Chapel; burial will follow at Twin Falls Cemetery; friends may call from 4-8 p.m. today with the family to greet friends from 7-8 p.m. at White Mortuary.

Hazel L. Mays of Gooding, service at 1 p.m. Thursday at the Calvary Lutheran Church in Gooding; burial will be in the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding (Demaray's Gooding Chapel).

Ronald D. Harding of Mountain Home, memorial service at 10 a.m. Friday at the First Congregational Church of Mountain Home (Demaray Funeral Service in Gooding).

Donald Wilson Whitaker, Sr. of Twin Falls, service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the 8th Ward LDS Chapel, 667 Harrison St., Twin Falls; friends may call from 4-8 p.m. Friday at White Mortuary and from 9:45-10:45 a.m. Saturday at the church.

Ray Anker Anderson of Twin Falls, memorial service at 2 p.m. Dec. 29 at First Presbyterian Church in Twin Falls (White Mortuary of Twin Falls).

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Everyone is welcome, and we need not have served your family in the past for you to attend.

Judge to consider Rupert recount

By Shari Chaney
Times-News writer

RUPERT — A petition for a recount of November's City Council election results was filed Tuesday, City Attorney Rick Bollard said.

A hearing before 5th District Judge John Melanson is set for 10 a.m. Dec. 21 in the Minidoka County judicial building.

John Garro is asking for a recount in the close race between himself and Councilman Layne

Rutschke. Garro received 465 votes to Rutschke's 468. Two council seats were open in the election. Councilman Steve Barras garnered 525 votes to earn back his spot on the council.

Bollard said the petition asks for the recount to take place before Dec. 31. If the judge rules in favor of the petition, the city could then determine exactly what day to hold the recount, Bollard said.

The dates of Dec. 27 and 28 were tossed around as potential

recount days, said Rupert City Administrator Roger Bagley.

Election Clerks overseeing the recount will be the same clerks who supervised the election. Both Garro and Rutschke, or a representative for each, may be present at the recount. They will direct any inquiries about votes to the election judge who will make a decision, Bollard said.

The candidate with the most votes will be declared the winner. The court hearing on Dec. 21

should be an abbreviated hearing process, Bollard said. If there are stated objections, a full hearing will be scheduled. If there are no objections, the hearing will proceed.

If the recount does not take place before Dec. 31, Bollard said it should not interrupt business of the city. Barras could be sworn in and an interim council member could serve until the race between Garro and Rutschke is settled.

Idaho Land Board votes to phase in endowment cuts

The Associated Press

BOISE — Minidoka County School District Superintendent Nick Hallett supported an Idaho Land Board decision Tuesday to phase in a reduction in state endowment support for education and other institutions over two years.

The unanimous decision still curtails the cash that will be paid out during the 2002-2003 budget year but only by half what was earlier contemplated.

"It has little effect long-term but buys some relief short-term," said Hallett, who chairs the state Endowment Fund Investment Board.

Earnings on the endowment have provided about 5 percent of the overall state support public schools receive annually. The board's action, instead of reducing that contribution by \$7 million, will cut it only \$3.5 million from about \$44 million during the 2002-2003 school year and then to just over \$40 million the following year.

"That's a rather significant impact shorter term in developing a budget," Hallett said.

It will also mean the \$3 million reduction in annual payments to other beneficiaries, including the four universities, will be spread over two years as well.

Faced with an eroding economy, Gov. Dirk Kempthorne has also ordered a \$23 million reduc-

tion in current general tax aid to public schools along with another \$32 million in cuts in the rest of the state budget.

In addition, the governor has warned that the 2002-2003 budget might require spending levels to be reduced even more — possibly by as much as another 8 percent on average.

The endowment board voted to scale back the yearly payouts to beneficiaries because of the bear stock market that undermined its initial attempts to build a reserve and the changing economics of the timber, which is a major contributor to endowment earnings. The lower payout level assures the endowment's integrity, Hallett said.

But private investment managers, who have been handling the endowment, said the earnings picture has improved markedly since September.

The fund lost 18 percent during the July-September quarter, but that was still a stronger performance than the benchmark indicator, which dropped 22 percent, Susan Tamagni of Sutro & Co. told the state board.

Since Sept. 30, however, Tamagni, the manager of investments for the San Francisco firm, said the fund has earned over 9 percent and its equity component is performing even more strongly.

"It really is looking considerably better," she said.

Attorney: Cassia County can't override wine vote

By Shelley Ridenour
Times-News writer

BURLEY — Should the question of allowing the sale of bottles of wine again arise in Cassia County, voters would have to decide whether to allow that practice, the county attorney said last week.

Al Barrus said that according to his interpretation of state law, since voters have twice cast ballots defeating such proposals, it remains a decision for voters, not commissioners. Any future changes to the practice would require voter approval, Barrus said.

"This was our second vote," Barrus said of the Nov. 6 measure that voters defeated. Had that question been approved, bottles of wine could have been sold by businesses that obtained a wine license, once the county established a wine license category.

"My read on that is the commissioners would have to take it back to the public if they ever want to change it," Barrus said. "I don't think the commissioners could change the law on their own."

Commissioners this year had the option of allowing wine sales themselves or letting voters decide; they opted for the latter.

Barrus said voters defeated a similar measure in 1991.

Cassia County businesses that had been selling some types of wine under the auspices of their beer licenses have all been notified to stop that practice, Barrus said. The county clerk's office had notified those beer license holders that they could not sell any wine after Dec. 1.

Barrus said no one has been cited for failing to comply with the order, nor has he received any complaints that anyone is selling wine.

Wine by the drink can continue to be sold in Cassia County follow-

ing a recent change in the interpretation of a state statute.

Following the November vote, Barrus had said the only place in the county where wine could be sold was at the state-owned liquor store. But the Idaho State Police has decided it may have misinterpreted the intent of the Idaho Legislature and has rescinded its decision to create a third type of alcohol license to allow wine sales.

Because of that decision, once again liquor license holders can sell wine in Idaho.

However, only holders of liquor licenses can sell wine by the drink in Cassia County, Barrus said.

Idaho driver's licenses get high-tech makeover

By Nate Johnson
Times-News writer

BURLEY — Idaho driver's licenses will soon have a new look.

In contrast with existing licenses, which are a piece of laminated paper, driver's licenses issued beginning this week are printed onto a plastic card. The new licenses are white and blue and feature the state seal, holograms and a farm scene in the background.

"The scene looks like Malta as you drive down the road from Elba, Cassia County Sheriff's Department Records Clerk Laura Cyr said.

"The new licenses will be harder to alter, Cassia County Sheriff Jim Higgins said.

"People won't be able to cut them out of their annuals and stick them in there," Higgins said.

Licenses for people under age 21 are printed vertically to allow for easy distinction from those issued to people older than 21, Higgins said.

New cameras, computers and

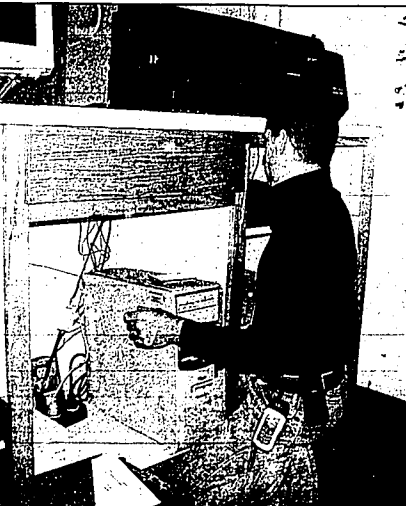
other equipment were installed at the Cassia County and Minidoka County sheriff's office driver's license stations Monday and Tuesday. All driver's license offices in Idaho are getting the new equipment, paid for by the state.

A driver's license department employee types in information about the license holder, the camera snaps a mug shot, and the licensee signs an electronic screen with a stylus. There is some humming and whirring, and a finished driver's license drops out of the machine.

"This is the coolest machine. I love this machine," Cyr said.

The second license jammed in the machine. Cyr and Lilia Tellez, who issues the driver's licenses, opened compartments and prodded until the card came out.

"We anticipate some flaws, as with any type of computer station with any type of computer," Higgins said. He expects the new equipment to make the customer flow through the office smoother and quicker once staffers get the kinks worked out.



Polard employee Chris Rowe connects the new driver's license-making machine to the computer at the Minidoka County Sheriff's Office Tuesday morning.

Hailey council approves long-delayed project

By Karen Bossick
Times-News correspondent

HAILEY — After seven years on the bargaining table, Airport West is finally on its way to becoming a reality.

The Hailey City Council approved the preliminary plat for the project this week.

"That means developer Ron Sharp will finally be able to go ahead with his plans to subdivide about 65 acres for a light industrial or business park. The property lies west of Friedman Memorial Airport and north of the Broadford Road subdivision.

"When it goes that long, you're just so used to it that you have a feeling of elation as you would think. You just want to go home and take a nap," Sharp said.

Hailey Mayor- elect Al Lindley said he thinks the project will be positive for Hailey.

"We need the space for businesses. I've seen a lot of development going on in Bellevue that I haven't seen applications for in Hailey," he said.

Sharp said he hoped to start pre-marketing the project in the next 60 days to see how much interest there is. He envisions a project that includes local traders and businesses such as car rentals.

Originally, the land was zoned R-1, which permitted one residence per acre. But Hailey Planning and Zoning approved its inclusion as a service commercial industrial zoning district because of the land's adjacency to the Friedman Memorial Airport, said Hailey City Planner Kathy Grotto.

Permitted uses include art-

studios, package firms, auto and automobile parts stores, automobile towing, bottling companies, bus and rental companies, cabinet shops, carpet and rug cleaning, breweries and bakeries, excavation companies, plumbing sales and service, farm supply stores, fencing supply stores, laundries, landscape firms, light manufacturing, tax services, lumber yards, metal fabrication, painting contractors, pet kennels, printing firms, property maintenance, sign studios, veterinarians and wholesale distributors.

Sharp said he will actually have about 45 acres left to develop by the time land is taken out for roadways and a six-acre parcel set aside for a road department facility for the city of Hailey.

The City Council rejected the project earlier because of concern that annexation fees were not as high as they should have been and because of opposition over the access road from Broadford Road residents.

A third-party consultant hired to do a fiscal impact statement helped the two parties see eye to eye.

"Basically, the city just had never handled an annexation of this size, so they were a little cautious," said Sharp.

Sharp has developed several properties in the Sun Valley area, including the 70-acre Northwood industrial park along Highway 75 on Ketchum's north side, and The Pines, a development of 25 single-family homes. He also rebuilt Glacierabi Squares, a fire destroyed in 1983 and has developed projects in Park City, Utah.

Cassia P&Z commissioners get reappointed

By Nate Johnson
Times-News writer

BURLEY — Cassia County commissioners reappointed two members of the county's planning and zoning commission whose terms had expired.

Dale Pierce and Vaughn Cook will each serve another two-year term on the commission.

Georgia Thompson applied for the position and interviewed with

the commissioners Monday. Commissioners chose not to interview the two incumbents, since they are currently on the board.

Favoring experience, the commission voted unanimously to reappoint Pierce and Cook.

In other county business, commissioners considered individuals to serve on the subcommittees that will review the county comprehensive plan. Commissioners looked at names submitted by

planning and zoning commission members and added some of their own. Those on the lists will be contacted and asked to serve on the subcommittees.

After the subcommittees review the comprehensive plan, the planning and zoning commission will hold a hearing for public comment.

Commissioners granted an application for property tax exemption to the South Central

Community Action Agency. A house in Burley will be used to provide a needy family with a living space for up to two years while the family finds work and gets reestablished, the application said. Families who occupy the house will pay 50 percent of their adjusted gross income in rent.

Christensen and Commissioner Shirley Danner voted to approve the application and commissioner Dennis Crane voted to deny it.

Dairy

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because a lot of the more expensive parts were taken out of the bill.

Before the bill came to the Senate floor, a group of Democrats led by Patrick Leahy of Vermont inserted language to set a national price for milk. If the price of milk dropped below \$14.25 per 100 pounds, as many industry analysts expect, dairy processors would have to deposit the difference into a national fund. That fund, along with about \$300 million from the U.S. Treasury, would be used to make support payments to small dairy farms.

Crapo said that plan would have hurt most Idaho farmers and predicted that it would raise the price of a gallon of milk by 26 cents.

Crapo's amendment would have removed the dairy subsidy program from the bill and called for a Department of Agriculture study to evaluate the benefits and costs of the national dairy policy.

The vote on Crapo's amendment was largely along party lines, with all but four Senate Republicans voting in favor of his amendment and all but three Democrats voting to defeat it. Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, voted

in favor of Crapo's amendment.

Several Democrats, including freshmen Bill Nelson of Florida, Jean Carnahan of Missouri and Maria Cantwell of Washington, initially voted against the subsidies, but then switched sides to support the program.

The Bush administration opposes the dairy subsidies, warning that they will stimulate excess production and drive down milk prices.

But the milk subsidies are viewed as critical to getting the support of northeastern senators for the Democratic farm bill, which primarily benefits grain and cotton farms in the Midwest

and South. The subsidies are a key part of the Democratic strategy to block an alternative bill backed by Senate Republicans and the Bush administration.

Farm groups are pressing the Senate to approve the legislation this week and work quickly to reach a compromise with the House, which passed its own version in October.

Existing farm programs won't expire until next fall, but farm interests fear that there will be less money available for subsidies if Congress doesn't act quickly.

The Senate bill would reauthorize farm programs through 2006.

Cassia mulls new classes for seniors

By Shari Chaney
Times-News writer

BURLEY — Next year's high school seniors in the Cassia County School District say not have such an easy year.

The School Board discussed a new policy at Tuesday's meeting that would implement two new mandatory core classes for seniors. One class would deal with technology, another with careers, said Curriculum Director Dan Gillett.

"I really think those are two

excellent subjects," said board member Gary Gillett.

Currently, seniors are only required to take four semester credits during their senior year: a year of government and a year of English, Gillett said.

"It's almost a vacation for them. We feel it should be the most productive year of their lives."

The new classes would be additional credits, but would replace electives. Electives aren't bad, Gillett said, but some students need to be pushed academically.

Cattle

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who want to keep wandering livestock out of their property have had to erect fences, rather than the stockmen fencing in their own animals.

The practice allowed for the cross-country cattle drives, as some people today believe the laws are an unconstitutional infringement on private property rights. It is coming under scrutiny as the state becomes more urban.

The association plans education efforts about the value of open range and will work with the Idaho Department of Lands

to create a monitoring system for rangelands.

Doing away with the open-range law, which has been in effect since 1906, would spell disaster for many ranchers.

"It would just drive a lot of us out of business because it would be so expensive for us to operate," White Bird rancher Ernie Robinson said. "There's a lot of us in this country so steep and rocky you just can't be fencing it."

State law allows the counties to create herd districts, where ranchers must keep their stock on their land.

Festival

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at the opening-night gala raised \$6,800.

"The gala night auction was very successful," Baxter said. "We added some new things."

The following day schools were closed and attendance at the festival dropped 50 percent, Baxter said. Students who had spent hours brushing up on their Christmas carols couldn't get to town to entertain at the festival.

"A lot of them were disappointed," Baxter said. "When it came to trees, this

year's biggest money maker was the tree from Cactus Petes. The classical tree covered in ornaments sold for \$1,700, Baxter said.

Money raised from this year's event will help pay for the cardiac ultrasound system at Magic Valley Regional. The \$187,000 digitized system, the only one in Idaho, has been up and operating since last summer. Physicians use the non-invasive, painless procedure to diagnose a number of heart problems, and out-of-town cardiac specialists can look at patients' ultrasound

images on their computer screens.

Proceeds from the festival will also help quick response units — emergency units operated by volunteers in outlying areas. The foundation gives each of them \$1,000 to use as needed — to educate staff, to buy ambulances and take care of other financial needs.

The Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, was established in 1977 as a separate entity from the hospital to encourage residents of the Magic

Valley and northern Nevada to contribute to the regional hospital.

The foundation holds a number of fund-raising events throughout the year. In addition to the Festival of Trees, fund-raising events include the Hearts and Pears Dinner Dance, the Hearts of the West Run, the Sinclair-Hoss Golf Tournament and the Epicurean Evening food tasting and auction.

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MAGIC VALLEY

Buhl seeks comment on increase in rates

By Mary Lou Potts
Times-News correspondent

RUHL - An open community meeting on Monday concerning utility rate increases was so successful, the city will plan another meeting after the holidays before the issue goes to a public hearing. Some residents Monday cited fixed incomes and the fact that the proposed increases were too high as reasons the city should not pass the rate hikes.

City Engineer Scott Bybee said some of the alternatives residents offered will be researched and may be taken into consideration. Suggestions included cutting garbage pickup to one day a week and including more water in the monthly base cost.

"We are pleased with the community giving us suggestions as to what they might consider cost-cut costs," Bybee said. "We welcome the residents' input on all subjects and will certainly check them out."

The city is proposing utility increases that would raise the base costs for water from \$40.50 to \$47.50 per month for sewer from \$14.75 to \$16.75 per month and for sanitation from \$10.75 to \$12.75 per month.

The proposed increases together represent a 17 percent increase. The last utility increases were two years ago. About 30 people were present Monday to hear Bybee discuss the causes for the proposed increases. Increases in insurance, electrical power, fees and dues, water testing, and landfill costs are just a few of the culprits that prompted the city's rate committee to ask for the proposed rate hikes.

The city also has an overall plan to replace the old water pipes and construct a new well. Residents asked why new water meters were installed. Bybee said that the old meters were not working properly and some people were not paying the right amount.

Bybee added that because of the loan the city received from the state revolving fund to improve the water system, the city is required to have proper working meters to stay within state compliance.

"Some surrounding cities may have cheaper water rates now, but in five years when those cities

Meeting set

The next open community meeting on proposed increases in utilities will be announced as soon as a date can be set. Residents should bring their ideas and suggestions.

have to be in compliance with the state, their rates will also increase and will probably be more than Buhl's increase is now," Bybee said.

The sewage rate increase is largely due to the state's requirement for a nutrient-removal process. "A lot of research and planning must go into this program," Bybee said. "A report to the state is due in three years." Bybee also said that the mayor would appoint a new rate committee next year and would appreciate volunteers.

In other business Monday:

An audit report from Raymond Ware gave the city a good rating and reported that spending was within budget guidelines, as usual.

Three updated ordinances were passed for changing the due date of wine, beer and liquor licenses to correspond with the state's new due date, June 30.

Tracy Ahrens gave the council an update on the new water tower construction. The tower should be ready by mid-January.

The council approved new addresses for a taco stand, storage units and new building east of town on U.S. Highway 30.

Bybee told the council that the Maple Street water pipe installation was not included in the proposed plan that was funded by the state revolving fund and money from that loan could not be used without permission from the fund's administrators.

A letter requesting that Maple Street be added to the project will be written, but in the meantime, the council agreed to fund the Maple Street project from a discretion fund.

The new Maple Street water lines will increase the flow of water, and because the schools are in that area, they are a safety feature; the fire department will have better access and more pressure in case of a fire.

The next council meeting will be at 7 p.m. on Jan. 7 in council chambers.

Hansen fees will go up

By Margaret Jones
Times-News correspondent

HANSEN - The residents of Hansen can expect to see a raise in the charges for city services next year.

Council members were informed at their Monday night meeting that the cost of power for the city had seen a \$12,000 increase this year. This is a problem that many municipalities and businesses have had to deal with.

Mayor George Urie said Magic Valley Disposal had also asked for a rate increase to offset its increased landfill costs. The council decided on a \$4.50 increase in residential services to cover the increases to the city.

Only one person attended Monday's hearing on the need for an increase in the rates for city services. There is also a need for water conservation during summer months, Urie said, because between August and October there was a difference of 3 million gallons of water that was pumped - each of those months.

In other city business, Joni Steiner, board member for the M-J-D Action Committee, reported a good turnout for the lighting of the community Christmas tree. She said 12 gallons of chili were served to participants.

The council also discussed ideas for placing a permanent tree on property the city recently acquired on U.S. Highway 30.

The council also accepted the resignation of TeeJay Berry as maintenance supervisor, and

approved alcohol license applications for the Hansen Market, South Hills Saloon and the Town Tavern.

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DEATH NOTICES

Barbara Butler

MOUNTAIN-HOME - Barbara Butler, 56, of Mountain Home died Tuesday, Dec. 11, 2001, at the Elmore Medical Center in Mountain Home.

Funeral arrangements are pending and will be announced by Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

Stanley Penfold

HAGERMAN - Stanley Penfold, 97, of Hagerman died Tuesday, Dec. 11, 2001, at his home.

Funeral arrangements are pending and will be announced by Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

Milo E. Cote

TWIN FALLS - Milo E. Cote, 70, of Twin Falls died Sunday, Dec. 9, 2001, at Sunrise Hospital in Las Vegas, Nev. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Parke's Magic-Valley-Funeral Home.

Bernabe Sanchez-Zacarias

RUPERT - Bernabe Sanchez-Zacarias, 23, of Rupert died

Sunday, Dec. 9, 2001, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident near Declo.

The service and burial will take place next week in Tapachula, Chiapas, Mexico. Arrangements are under the direction of Payne Mortuary, 221 West Main St., Burley.

Francis Walter Boyd

MERIDIAN - Francis Walter Boyd, 88, of Meridian and formerly of Jerome, died Monday, Dec. 10, 2001, in Meridian.

Funeral arrangements are pending and will be announced by Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

Deuane Wood

TWIN FALLS - Deuane Wood of Twin Falls died Monday, Dec. 10, 2001, at the Boise Veterans Regional Medical Center in Boise.

Services are pending and will be announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

Lucille Warner

TWIN FALLS - Lucille War-

ner, 77, formerly of Twin Falls died Monday, Dec. 10, 2001, in Sandy, Utah.

The service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15, 2001, at the 10th Ward LDS Chapel, 229 Park Ave., Twin Falls. Viewing will be from 12:45-1:45 p.m. Saturday at the church. Burial will be at Sunset Memorial Park. A complete obituary will follow at a later date.

Nancy J. Carraher

TWIN FALLS - Nancy J. Carraher, 47, of Twin Falls died Saturday, Dec. 8, 2001, at her home.

The memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15, 2001, at White Mortuary Chapel. A complete obituary will follow at a later date.

Barbara Ann Butler

MOUNTAIN HOME - Barbara Ann Butler, 55, of Mountain Home and formerly of Bliss died Tuesday, Dec. 11, 2001, at the Elmore Medical Center in Mountain Home.

The service will be held Friday, Dec. 14, 2001, at 2 p.m. at the Bliss Community Church with

Pastor Bob Larsen officiating. Private burial services will be at the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

Fred Heacock

NOWHERE, Ariz. - Fred Heacock, 80, of Nowhere, Ariz. and formerly of Twin Falls died Monday, Dec. 10, 2001, in Prescott, Ariz. Memory Chapel Mortuary will conduct military rites Dec. 22, 2001, in Prescott, Ariz.

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Sister of Dalai Lama to visit Sun Valley; tickets available

The Times-News

SUN VALLEY - Tickets are available today for a Dec. 29 visit by Jetsun Pema, sister of the Dalai Lama.

Pema will give a presentation titled, "My Country, My Tibet," in which she will discuss the history of Tibet, efforts to improve human rights for the Tibetan people and the mission of the Dalai Lama, according to a press release from The Community School in Sun Valley. Pema has been running schools

for 37 years for children who are forced to leave Tibet because they are orphans or their parents are destitute, the release said.

Pema is president of The Tibetan Children's Villages, which oversees five villages, 17 schools and 10 day care centers in India with a mission of instilling and maintaining Tibetan culture.

The schools currently care for 14,000 children, providing housing, education and eventually, vocational training, the release said. The schools are extremely

overcrowded, with 40 students living in rooms designed for 20, creating an unpleasant, stressful and unhygienic situation for students' well-being, the release said. Two new schools are being built in India.

Kiril Sokoloff, a part-time Sun Valley resident, invited Pema to Sun Valley to help raise visibility for her cause, the release said. Although The Tibetan Children's Villages received money from the Indian government at the very beginning, the organization now relies on donations to support its

annual \$4.1 million operations budget, the release said.

Pema's talk will be at 5 p.m. on Dec. 29 at The Community School. Admission to Pema's talk is free, but tickets must be picked up at Chapter One in Ketchum or Read All About It in Hailey. Five hundred free tickets will be available starting today.

Limited parking is available at the school. Overflow parking will be available at Sun Valley's lower Dollar Mountain parking lot with shuttle buses to the school available at 4:30 p.m.

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Horses still end up in slaughter-houses

WASHINGTON (AP) - Wild horses put up for adoption by the Bureau of Land Management continue to be slaughtered, in some cases within weeks of the owner gaining title of the animal, according to the latest BLM records.

The quick turnaround has critics questioning how aggressively BLM is enforcing a rule requiring adopters to swear that they don't plan to sell the horse to slaughter.

"Not only is BLM not actually prosecuting people, but they're not even doing the investigation to try to figure it out and it seems like they don't want to know," said Howard Crystal, an attorney for the Fund for Animals, whose lawsuit led to the no-slaughter clause.

Forty wild horses adopted out by BLM were sent to slaughterhouses in the six-month period covered by the records, four of them within four weeks of the owner receiving title to the horse. Two others were slaughtered within two months of being titled.

BLM spokeswoman Maxine Shane said law enforcement officers investigate any case where a horse is sold to slaughter within a year of being titled. However, once the horse is titled, it can be sold to a new owner who can sell the animal to a slaughterhouse



Wild mustangs run in a corral Feb. 20 near Boise at a Bureau of Land Management holding area. BLM records show that some wild horses put up for adoption by the agency continue to be slaughtered, in some cases within weeks of the owner gaining title of the animal.

without violating the law.

As a result, more than 600 horses gathered in BLM roundups across the West have ended up being killed since 1998.

In the latest BLM records, covering Aug. 28, 2000, to Feb. 26,

2001, three of the four horse owners whose horses were slaughtered within a month of being titled had sold the horse to a third party. The fourth owner could not be reached.

Two horses titled Nov. 17, 2000,

to Jimmy Williams of Washington, Iowa, were slaughtered 20 days later, according to BLM logs.

"I just sold them to somebody. I didn't have any idea where they'd end up," said Williams. He said he was not contacted by the BLM.

MVRMC offers critical incident intervention class

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - Several local groups are offering a second special training for anyone who wants to learn more about critical incident intervention techniques.

A Basic Training Course for Critical Incident Stress Management will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Jan. 4-5 in Idaho Department of Health and Welfare's Community Room, at 601 Pole Line Rd.

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, in cooperation with Health and Welfare, Region V Mental Health Services and the West Idaho Critical Incident Stress Management Team are offering the course.

The two-day course will prepare participants to understand a wide range of critical incident intervention services including pre-incident and post-incident crisis education, on-scene support services, crisis intervention for individuals, demobilization after

large-scale traumatic incidents, and the group intervention known as Critical Incident Stress Debriefing.

The training program is encouraged for emergency services and disaster workers, security, safety, military, industrial, and school system personnel, human resource personnel, psychologists, social workers and counselors.

An Advanced Training Course will be held on Jan. 9-10 for those who have completed the basic training.

Both courses are approved by the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation. Certification is available.

Cost for the basic course is \$60 if paid by Dec. 27. After that date, the cost is \$75. The advanced course is \$75 if paid by Jan. 2. After that date, registration is \$90. A special rate of \$135 is offered for registration for both courses, if paid by Dec. 27.

For registration information, call Pete Snyder at 737-2943.

Letter that sparked Olympic scandal was leaked by secretary

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - The letter that ignited the Olympic bribery scandal and left Tom Welch and Dave Johnson facing federal indictments was leaked by none other than Welch's personal secretary.

Stephanie Pate told federal investigators that she gave the letter, drafted by Johnson, to Olympic trustee Ken Bullock because she was under pressure to provide "dirt" on Johnson. The Salt Lake Tribune reported Tuesday.

How the letter found its way to KTVX-TV reporter Chris Vanocur is uncertain. The Tribune reported that Pate met Bullock at a downtown Salt Lake City parking lot and gave him a file containing the letter.

Johnson's letter led to revelations that children of

International Olympic Committee members were attending college at the bid committee's expense. The unsigned, Sept. 17, 1996, missive snowballed into an international scandal, forced 10 members of the IOC and landed Pate's boss in federal court on charges of bribery, fraud, conspiracy and racketeering.

A federal judge has dismissed all charges against Welch and Johnson.

Welch hired Pate in 1990 at the suggestion of Johnson, who had worked with her in the state office of Community and Economic Development. Among Pate's duties was handling the scholarship and living expenses for Sonia Essomba, the daughter of Cameroon IOC member Rene Essomba.

Film festival scrambles to find alternative screening sites

PARK CITY, Utah (AP) - November's record snows that delighted area ski resorts are being blamed for delay in reconstruction of Park City's Holiday Village Cinemas, forcing Sundance Film Festival organizers to scramble for alternate screening sites.

"We were all hoping those theaters would be finished on time," festival co-director Nicole Guillemet said. "We knew it was a close call, and we knew everybody was doing their best."

The snow delayed construction, pushing back the late December deadline - just days ahead of the festival's Jan. 11 opening in Park City. Cinemark USA Inc., the theater's operator, hopes to have the theater open in February or March.

"We've built a lot of theaters

since 1984, and it's a rare thing when they're on schedule," said Cinemark spokeswoman Terrell Falk, from the company's Plano, Texas, headquarters. "It's unfortunate, but these things happen."

Sundance will move the Holiday's public screenings to the Marriott Hotel near Prospect Square, and to two sites usually used for news media screenings: a small screening room at the Yarrow Hotel and the Eccles Center's Black Box Theater.

The news media screenings will be moved to The Shop, next to the Park City Library Center, and rented space on Swede Alley.

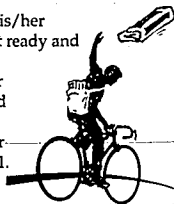
The move means the documentary films that were to have been shown at the Holiday will be spread across Park City in makeshift theaters.

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Above, advancing Afghan anti-Taliban fighters search for al-Qaida fighters Tuesday in the Milawa Valley of the White Mountains of northeastern Afghanistan. Anti-Taliban forces, backed by U.S. fighter jets, drove al-Qaida forces from their mountain top positions in intense fighting. Left, anti-Taliban fighters enter one of the al-Qaida cave bunkers.



Above, newly arrived Afghan refugees register with United Nations High Commission for Refugees at Rognani camp Tuesday near the Pakistan-Afghanistan border. Afghan refugees are still crossing into Pakistan, fearing fighting among Afghan warlords in Kandahar and adjoining areas in Afghanistan. Right, U.S. Marines survey the area near Kandahar Monday as Marines move troops and heavy weapons closer to the fallen Taliban stronghold.



Tears overcome an unidentified firefighter during a memorial served held at ground zero on Tuesday, the third-month anniversary of the World Trade Center terrorist attack in New York City.



A03s Mark Rohe, left, and Kathy Lucio load an air-to-air missile onto a U.S. warplane aboard the USS Theodore Roosevelt in the Arabian Sea. U.S. aircraft are continuing bombing missions in Afghanistan as fighting around the Tora Bora region intensifies.

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Grand jury indicts French Moroccan in terrorist attacks

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal grand jury indicted a French Moroccan for conspiracy in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, the first indictment directly related to the suicide hijackings, Attorney General John Ashcroft announced Tuesday.

"Al-Qaida will now meet the justice it abhors and the judgment it fears," Ashcroft said.

The suspect, Zacarias Moussaoui, had raised investigators' suspicions by seeking flight lessons in Minnesota a month before the hijackings.

Ashcroft said the 30-page indictment lists six counts against Moussaoui, four of them punishable by death if he is convicted. He also announced a list of unindicted coconspirators, including Osama bin Laden.

The indictment was issued by a grand jury in the Eastern District of Virginia, charging Moussaoui with conspiring with Osama bin Laden and al-Qaida to murder thousands of innocent people in New York, Virginia and Pennsylvania on Sept. 11.

"Today, three months after the assault on our homeland, the United States of America has brought the awesome weight of

justice against the terrorists who brutally murdered innocent Americans," Ashcroft said.

"The indictment issued today is a chronicle of evil," Ashcroft said.

Ashcroft called Moussaoui "an active participant" in the terrorist attacks, and said he was charged with "undergoing the same training, receiving the same funding and pledging the same commitment to kill Americans" as the terrorists on the hijacked planes.

Moussaoui was indicted on six counts, four of which carry the death penalty. The counts were conspiracy to commit acts of terrorism, to commit aircraft piracy, to destroy aircraft, to use weapons of mass destruction, murder and conspiracy to destroy property.

It says he trained at an al-Qaida camp in Afghanistan, received flight training in the United States, received money from sources in Germany and the Middle East and pledged to kill Americans.

Ashcroft said listing some suspects as unindicted coconspirators did not preclude them from facing indictment as the investigation progresses.



Zacarias Moussaoui

Sailors get ready for Christmas on aircraft carrier

ABOARD THE USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (AP) — U.S. sailors fighting the war on terrorism from the Arabian Sea know Christmas is coming — and they're shopping at the ship's store and with vendors who've come aboard with jewelry, clothes and Persian rugs.

In the process, the 5,500-member crew of the USS Theodore Roosevelt have run up a bill in the hundreds of thousands of dollars.

"I bought my mom and sister Teddy Roosevelt sweat shirts, and my dad and uncle T.R. hats," said Airman Apprentice Kenneth Hassler, 19, of Salem, N.J. "They see it (the Roosevelt) on the news and like the fact that I'm helping my country fight and are proud of me. They want the stuff to remember it."

The ship's store sells baseball caps, coffee mugs and clothes emblazoned with the carrier's logo, as well as watches, compact discs, cigarette lighters and electrical goods.

On average, the store takes in around \$20,000 per day, but so far this month it has raked in up to \$30,000 per day, said Lt. j.g. Jon Lambert, the carrier's sales officer.

The store took in \$48,000 in a one-day sale after Thanksgiving, he said.

The sailors have also been able to buy goods from vendors who have come from Italy, Spain,



Cdr. Evan Piltz of San Diego, Calif., looks over Persian rugs which merchant Salah Rahman Dabwan brought aboard the USS Theodore Roosevelt from Bahrain in November. Between getting U.S. war planes ready for their missions over Afghanistan, sailors and marines aboard the ship have been preparing for the holidays by decorating the narrow passageways and buying presents for those at home from Navy contracted vendors from overseas.

Bahrain and Dubai. One from Bahrain sold \$45,000 worth of Persian carpets in a week, Lambert said.

"It's good to have something that is not typical of the ship," said Lambert, who is originally from Houston. "It's big business,

it's a captive audience." All the vendors' goods are screened by security before being taken aboard the Roosevelt.

Lawmakers hope tape proves bin Laden's guilt

WASHINGTON — Not that they had any doubts, but senators who reviewed the tape of Osama bin Laden said Tuesday they hope it will convince the rest of the world that he's responsible for the Sept. 11 attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon.

"What's on it is a frightening display of evil. Here are three men, sitting in what looks like a common room for that part of the world, calmly discussing the events of Sept. 11 like it was last weekend's golf game," said Sen. Richard J. Durbin, D-Ill., after viewing the tape.

"Osama bin Laden is laughing, grinning and marveling at the destruction and death of Sept. 11."

The tape is expected to be made public as early as today. The amateurish video — apparently meant for internal al-Qaida use — records a conversation between bin Laden and a Saudi Arabian sheik, whom officials know little about and have

Nation in brief

declined to identify.

Two bin Laden associates — spiritual adviser Ayman al-Zawahiri and spokesman Abu Ghath — also appear in the tape, Durbin said.

After reviewing it, Durbin and other senators on the intelligence committee called on the Bush administration to release the tape, which was found in an abandoned residence in Jalalabad, Afghanistan.

Remains of al-Qaida training camp reveal much

TORNAK FARMS, Afghanistan — A chemistry text, an issue of Aviation Week magazine and a copy of Chemical Weekly were found Tuesday strewn about an abandoned training camp of Osama bin Laden's terrorist network.

The publications were picked up in the ruins of this camp 12

miles south of Kandahar as a group of journalists joined American and British special forces troops inspecting the desert camp, abandoned after heavy U.S. airstrikes.

The camp was clearly an important part of bin Laden's worldwide terror network.

One of the Americans, who would not give his name, said an al-Qaida training video was filmed at the camp which even had a swimming pool.

Inside the compound, there were chemical suits and chemical containers with what appeared to be oxidizing agents and hydrogen peroxide.

The troops warned reporters to be careful as they strolled through the chemical storage building.

Britain expects to lead Afghan peacekeeping force

LONDON — The outlines of an international peacekeeping force

for Afghanistan began taking shape on Tuesday, with Britain prepared to take a lead role in the early stages.

Diplomats at the United Nations said an initial force of about 1,000 is expected to be on the ground when a new interim government takes office on Dec. 22. The U.N. diplomats, asking not to be identified, said Britain would be in charge of the effort for months and then hand over the lead role, probably to Muslim nations.

— compiled from wire reports

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Capricorn: Let preconceived notions go, try new things

IF DECEMBER 12TH IS YOUR BIRTHDAY ... you have creative imagination; you are interested in how people live in foreign lands. You could succeed in advertising, publishing and publicity. Gemini, Sagittarius persons play major roles in your life, could have these letters in names: C., L., U. Relationship begins or ends before this month is finished. Long distance communication will verify views; prestige is on the upswing. July outstanding for you in 2002.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): Creative juices stir: Highlight original thinking, participate in creative endeavors. Make fresh start; display pioneering spirit and courage of convictions. Leo plays role.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): Focus on marital status, partnership proposals, where you live and ability to be "comfortable." Be positive concerning direction, motivation. Cancer native involved.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Diversify, experiment and give full play to intellectual curiosity. Keep up to date on fashion news; you will be tested and challenged. Keep resolutions concerning diet, exercise.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Revise, review and rebuild; what had been rejected will now be accepted. Look beyond the immediate; advertise and publish. Taurus, Scorpio persons become surprise allies.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Change of scenery feasible; you will make a trip, but you won't be going where you recently planned. Keep options open. Flirtation lends spice but could throw you "off course." Virgo involved.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Domestic adjustment works out

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in your favor. Be diplomatic, do not feel you have to win every argument. Obstreperous relative wants attention, will go to any length to obtain it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Be careful concerning investment. You have been painted a rosy picture, but you need additional information. Deception could ensue, deliberate or otherwise. Glamorous Pisces attracts you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Lunar cycle high. Your personality is "overwhelming." You will be at right place at crucial moment, almost effortlessly. Ride with tide, don't get in your own way. Capricorn involved.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Be above and beyond petty bickering. Plan on an international scale. You could be taking journey to another nation to promote talent, product. Aries plays prominent role.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Let go of preconceived notions. Try something new; take cold plunge into future. A different kind of romance is on horizon. Wear bright colors, make special appearances.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Proposals received that include partnership, marriage. Don't be too available; maintain aura of exclusivity. Be near water if possible. Cancer native plays dramatic roles.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): You will be rewarded for doing what gives you pleasure. You will entertain and be entertained. Don't attempt to please everyone; by pleasing yourself, others will be happy.

Gift-giving spirit suffers from debt, disrespect

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are in serious debt - college tuition payments, property tax, car repairs, etc. I would like to tell my husband's grown children and grandchildren we can't afford to give them gifts this year. My husband says we HAVE to buy them gifts. (I am usually stuck doing all the gift shopping alone.)

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expect from each other and what you want for yourselves. Ask your physician for a referral. It will be the best Christmas gift you have given yourselves in years.

DEAR ABBY: This is in response to "Clothespin Connie on Long Island," whose husband won't shower before bed.

When my sons were old enough to date, I taught them that old men shave and shower in the morning, while young men shave and shower at night. It's based on the old adage, "You can catch more flies with honey than you can with vinegar."

I still shave and shower at night - and I'm 79 years young.

- CHET IN SAN DIEGO

DEAR CHET: With an emphasis on the "young!" Perhaps that saying should be amended to, "You can catch more 'honeys' with honey than you can with vinegar."

DEAR ABBY: For the past few years, our elderly neighbor has come over our house on Christmas morning. We are usually still in our pajamas watching our children opening their gifts.

Abby, I would prefer to enjoy this special morning with my immediate family ONLY. I don't want this neighbor intruding. How can I handle this delicate situation without hurting her feelings?

- FEELING LIKE THE GRINCH

DEAR FEELING: Your family may remind her of her own - or the one she always wanted. However, your lonely neighbor won't stop coming for early morning festivities until you set limits.

A few days before Christmas, invite her to come to your home at a specific time - for example, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Christmas Day, or on Christmas Eve, if that is more convenient.

Women's jealousy craves detailed information

A man can be jealous of some other man without wanting to know what that other man looks like, how much money he makes, or even what sort of performer he is in romance. When a woman gets jealous, though, she also gets curious. She craves pertinent personal facts about the other woman: age, weight, height, looks in general, talents, income, education, family background, and, of course, her proclivities behind closed doors. So said Theodore Reik, the scholar who for so long lectured in literature to our Love and War man.

Q. What's a "salty dog without the tail"?

A. Grapefruit juice, no liquor.

The human figure seems smaller at rest than in motion, peculiarly. That's why the



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designers of wax figures and clothing mannequins make them just a little bit bigger than life size. To compensate for the immobility.

Seventeenth Century poet John Donne kept an open coffin in his study. He climbed into it every now and then to remind himself of the fragility of the mortal cord. What good it did him to remain so aware of death-in-a-box I do not know. But he

knew, evidently. He kept the thing open and waiting, like a taxi with the meter running.

To the list of spoken words understood in the languages of every civilized society, please add "touchdown." It belongs in there with "hot dog," "drug store" and "nightclub."

Which is the most expensive room in your house? Builders say it's almost invariably the kitchen.

Q. What do you feed a pet armadillo?

A. Milk, eggs, berries, nuts, raw meat, dogfood, whatever. You only feed an armadillo once a day - about 9 p.m. Did I tell you an armadillo can be housebroken?

The original Henry Ford once peered through a microscope at some sugar crystals - my, how they do look like slivers of glass -

and thereafter he never again ate granulated sugar.

In a deck of Italian playing cards, there is no queen.

Those who know the original American Indian languages say there aren't any swear words in those vocabularies.

Q. Why are Germans called "Germans"?

A. When their ancient forefathers entered battle, they shouted, yelled, hollered a lot, and the Gauls called them "Germans" from a Celtic word meaning "to shout."

Long before Ray Charles sang patriotic songs at ball games, that boxer Sugar Ray Leonard was christened Ray Charles in honor of that blind musician so much admired by Leonard's mother Geetha.

with about 1.75 million acres in New Mexico, Montana, South Dakota and Nebraska.

'Hutch' wins libel case over 'worst play' newspaper review

LONDON (AP) - David Soul won a libel case Tuesday against a journalist who called a play Soul was in the worst he had ever seen - without having seen it.

The 58-year-old actor and singer, best known for portraying Detective Ken "Hutch" Hutchinson in 1970s television show "Starsky and Hutch," sued Matthew Wright of The Mirror newspaper over a review of the 1998 play "The Dead Monkey."

An article under Wright's byline called the play - in which Soul starred with his wife, Alexa Hamilton - the worst West End show the author had ever seen. It said that only 45 people attended a Monday evening performance, and that the audience laughed densely at Soul.

Soul's lawyer, Graham Atkins, told High Court judge Sir Charles Gray that Wright had not attended the play, but had sent a freelance journalist on his behalf. The play did not run on Mondays, and the Thursday performance the journalist saw had been more than half full.

Wright's lawyer, Mark Bateman, said his client apologized for the article's inaccuracies. But he said it was common practice for a columnist to write in the first person even when relying on information from a third party.

Soul was awarded \$29,000 in

office seeking comment.

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Treasure the season with delicious cookies

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HOLIDAY SLICE-AND-BAKE COOKIES

1 cup firmly packed light brown sugar
1/2 cup butter or margarine, softened
1 large egg
2 teaspoons vanilla extract
2 cups all-purpose flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
1/4 teaspoon salt

In large bowl with mixer at medium speed, beat brown sugar, butter, egg and vanilla until light and fluffy. In medium bowl, combine flour, baking powder and salt. Add to mixture and mix until dough is firm enough to slice. Preheat oven to 350. Grease large cookie sheets. Cut log into 1/4-inch-thick slices. Place on sheets about 1 inch apart. Bake 10-12 minutes, to lightly browned.

Remove to wire racks; cool. Makes about 3 dozen.

Wiennese Jam sandwiches: Slice dough into 1/8-inch slices. Spread 2 teaspoons strawberry or raspberry jam on flat side of cookie; top with another cookie. Sprinkle with confectioners' sugar.

Mapple-pecan slices: Substitute 1 teaspoon maple extract for vanilla. Roll logs in 1 cup chopped pecans. Chill. Slice. Bake.

Chocolate-almond wafers: Substitute 1 teaspoon almond extract for vanilla. Chill. Slice. Bake.

When cool, drizzle cookies with melted semi-sweet chocolate.

EASY HOLIDAY FUDGE

1 pound light brown sugar (2 1/4 cups firmly packed)
2/3 cup milk
1/8 teaspoon salt
1 1/2 ounce bag butterscotch chips (or semi-sweet chips or peanut butter chips)
1/4 cup butter or margarine
1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
1/2 cup chopped pecans or walnuts

Grease 8-by-8-inch baking pan. In heavy 2-quart saucepan, combine sugar, milk and salt. Over medium heat, cook until sugar dissolves. Heat to boiling and cook without stirring 15 minutes. Reduce heat to low; add butterscotch chips, butter and vanilla. Stir until smooth. Stir in nuts. Spread mixture into prepared pan. Refrigerate at least 2 hours or until firm.

To serve, cut fudge into 1 1/2-inch squares. Makes 36.

SUGAR-AND-SPICE SPRITZ

1 cup firmly packed light brown sugar
1/2 cup butter or margarine, softened
1 tablespoon milk
1 large egg
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
2 cups all-purpose flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
1 1/2 teaspoons ground nutmeg or ground cloves
1/4 teaspoon salt

Preheat oven to 350. Grease large cookie sheets. In large bowl with mixer at medium speed, beat brown sugar, butter, milk, egg and vanilla until light and fluffy. In medium bowl, combine flour, baking powder, cinnamon, nutmeg and salt. At low speed, gradually beat flour mixture into butter mixture until well blended. Fill cookie press or pastry bag with dough.

Press out chosen design onto cookie sheets. Bake 10-12 minutes. Remove to racks to cool. Decorate as desired. Makes about 3 dozen.

Chocolate fingers: Using large rosette tip, pipe dough into 2-inch-long fingers. Bake. When cool, dip ends of cookies into melted semi-sweet chocolate.

Holiday spritz cookies: Using large rosette tip, pipe dough into 2-inch-round rosettes. Into center of each rosette, press a candied red or green cherry half or other decorative holiday sprinkles. Bake.

TEA CRISP FANS

1 1/2 cups firmly packed dark brown sugar
1/2 cup butter or margarine, softened
1 large egg
2 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
Confectioners' sugar

Preheat oven to 375. Grease large cookie sheets. In large bowl, beat brown sugar and butter until light and fluffy. Add egg and vanilla. Beat until creamy. Gradually add flour and beat until well mixed. On lightly floured surface with lightly floured rolling pin, roll half of dough 1/8-inch thick. Using 5-inch round plate as guide, with pastry wheel or knife, cut dough into two 8-inch rounds. Cut each dough round into 8 wedges. With edge of metal spatula, make 4 lengthwise decorative lines in each wedge (do not cut all the way through dough) from point to outside curve to resemble folds in a fan. Place wedges 1/2 inch apart on cookie sheets. Repeat with remaining dough. Bake fans 10 minutes until crisp. Remove to wire racks to cool. To serve, sprinkle fans with confectioners' sugar. Makes 3 dozen.

It's cookie season

The Times-News

A holiday cookie exchange can be an old-fashioned favorite event of the season.

This is how many people share lots of different home-baked goodies with family and friends without having to do all of the baking.

At *The Times-News*, we opened up our cookie exchange to any kind of homemade treat. Each participant brought a batch of goodies to pass around, and a few stories to go with them.

More cookies - C2-3, 5

The recipe for Leslie Collings' English Toffee is a cherished keepsake from Collings' beloved late mother. While the ingredients are few, they result in a buttery, crunchy toffee. While Leslie didn't add nuts to the large platter of toffee she brought, she said they can be added to the candy mixture. She prefers to melt the chocolate morsels in the microwave, but you can use a double boiler.

MY MOTHER'S ENGLISH TOFFEE

2 1/2 cups sugar
1 pound butter
1 cup chopped nuts, plus 1/2 cup (optional)

Melt 1/2 of a 12-ounce bag semi-sweet or milk chocolate chips. Combine butter and sugar. Cook to 280 degrees, stirring continuously. Add 1 cup of nuts to candy mixture. Pour onto a cookie sheet with low sides and let cool. Wipe excess butter from cooled candies. Melt chocolate and spread over candy. Sprinkle with 1/2 cup nuts. Let chocolate set, and break into pieces.

Ruby Aufderheide chose traditional recipes from her file for this year's exchange. She has prepared the Chow Mein Cookies with white chocolate and with dark chocolate, she says, because she's "not a big butterscotch fan." She saw the recipe for Cracker Jack Cookies in a book and hadn't made them until this year.

CHOW MEIN COOKIES
2 packages butterscotch chips
1 cup pecans or cashews
1 can chow mein noodles
Melt butterscotch chips. Mix in noodles and nuts. Drop by teaspoons onto buttered wax paper. Store in cool place.

CRACKER JACK COOKIES

1 cup shortening
1 cup brown sugar
1 cup white sugar
2 eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 1/2 cups flour
1 teaspoon salt
2 cups Rice Krispies
2 cups oatmeal (quick-cook oats)
1 cup Spanish peanuts

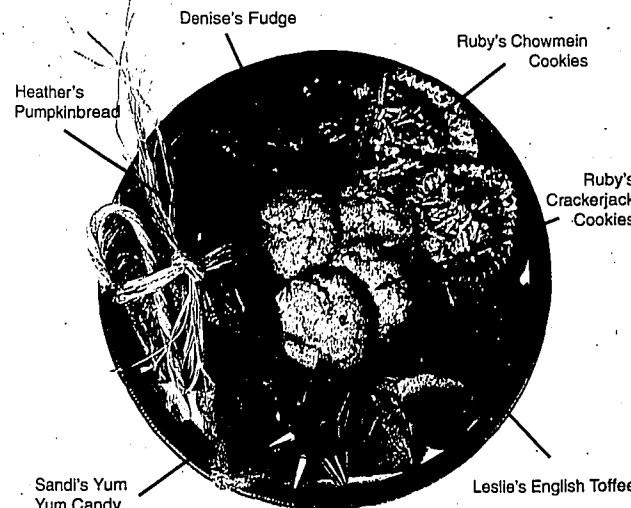
Preheat oven to 350. Cream

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - For White House Christmas 2001, Santa's workshop was relocated to a room on the third floor of the family quarters, where nine staff members have been hammering and sawing replicas of the homes of former presidents.

As part of her "Home for the Holidays" theme, First Lady Laura Bush decided to include 18 dollhouse-size versions of presidential home sites. So 1/2-inch-scale models, including Andrew Jackson's Hermitage in Nashville and the LBJ Ranch near Austin, have been nestled in mounds of fake snow on mantels and piercables throughout the house. The detail extends to a screen porch on Rutherford B. Hayes' Ohio mansion, displayed in the East Room.

White House chief florist Nancy Clarke assembled George Washington's Mount Vernon after the carpenters had cut out the pieces based on blueprints from



Denise's Fudge
Heather's Pumpkinbread
Sandi's Yum Yum Candy

Ruby's Chowmein Cookies
Ruby's Crackerjack Cookies

Leslie's English Toffee

Denise Turner's fudge recipe has been in the family for years. When she lived in the Midwest, she said, this fudge hardened quickly just sitting in a pan on the kitchen counter. Here, she has to put it in the refrigerator for a while to achieve the right consistency. She's not sure why.

FUDGE
Mix 2 cups sugar, 2/3 cup evaporated milk, 1/2 large marshmallows, 1/2 cup butter or margarine and a few grains of salt in a saucepan. Cook and stir on medium heat until mixture is boiling (bubbly all over the top). Boil and stir five more minutes. Remove from heat. Stir in 6 ounces chocolate chips, until fully melted. Then stir in 1 1/2 cups nuts and 1 teaspoon vanilla. Spread in an 8-inch buttered pan. Cool.

Heather Ramirez was typing this recipe for the "Simply Seniors" section of *The Times-News* when she thought, "I am going to make it myself." She baked the bread for Thanksgiving, and her family loved it. She's planning to make more to give as Christmas gifts, and deliver the loaves with some fudge.

"I had a pumpkin party one night after church and served

apple butter, pumpkin breads, pumpkin cookies and pumpkin pie," she said. The evening was a big success.

PUMPKIN BREAD

1/3 cup butter
2/3 cup buttermilk
4 cups pumpkin
8 egg whites
5 1/3 cups sugar
1 1/3 cups water
6 1/4 cups flour
4 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1 teaspoon cloves
1 1/3 cups raisins

Mix butter, milk, 2/3 cup pumpkin and sugar. Add water and egg whites. Add remaining pumpkin. Stir in dry ingredients, then nuts and raisins. Bake at 350 for 60-70 minutes. Makes 3 loaves.

Sandi Falconburg saw this candy recipe in a *Taste of Home* magazine one year, and it looked so good she decided to try it. "People say they taste like snickerdoodles," Sandi said of the rich confections. "They do take a while to make - 1 1/2 or 2 hours."

YUM YUM CANDY

Line a 13-by-9-by-2-inch pan with foil. Butter the foil and set aside.

Layer one:
1 cup (6 ounces) milk chocolate chips
1/4 cup butterscotch chips
1/4 cup creamy peanut butter

Combine all three ingredients in a small saucepan. Stir over low heat until melted and smooth. Spread into prepared pan. Refrigerate until set.

Layer two:
1/4 cup butter
1 cup sugar
1/4 cup evaporated milk
1 1/2 cups marshmallow cream
1/4 cup creamy peanut butter
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 1/2 cups chopped peanuts

Melt butter in heavy saucepan over medium-high heat. Add sugar and milk. Bring to a gentle boil. Reduce heat to medium-low. Boil and stir for 5 minutes. Remove from heat. Stir in marshmallow cream, peanut butter and vanilla. Add peanuts. Spread over first layer and refrigerate until set.

Layer three:
1 package (14 ounces) caramels
1/4 cup whipping cream

Combine the two in a saucepan. Stir over low heat until melted and smooth. Cook and stir 4 more minutes. Spread over layer two. Refrigerate until set.

Top layer:
1 cup (6 ounces) milk chocolate chips
1/4 cup butterscotch chips
1/4 cup creamy peanut butter

Combine all three ingredients. Stir over low heat until melted and smooth. Pour over layer three. Refrigerate at least 4 hours. Remove from refrigerator about 20 minutes before cutting. Remove from pan and cut into 1-inch squares.

A scaled-down White House Christmas



As part of her "Home for the Holidays" theme for White House Christmas 2001, First Lady Laura Bush decided to include 18 dollhouse-size versions of presidential home sites. This is a scale model of Mount Vernon.

the Historic American Buildings Survey. Complete with wreaths on every window and a tiny snowman in front, it now stands in the

Grand Foyer.

"It was wonderful to work in the residence," she said. "It was almost like a wild hobby shop up

there."

For security reasons, the White House is closed to public tours this year. So three of the presidential house models and a tinseled Christmas tree similar to those throughout the Executive Mansion are on display at the White House Visitor Center, 1450 Pennsylvania Ave. NW. Also at the Visitor Center is a display of photographs featuring this year's decorations and a 10-minute video by HGTV showing an inside look at the rooms full of shimmering trees glittering with crystal snowflakes and gold pine cones.

HGTV is also planning a TV special, "White House Christmas 2001," to air on Sunday. For more information, visit www.hgvtv.com.

For information about the official White House holiday brochure with illustrations by children's book illustrator Jerry Pinkney of Croton-on-Hudson, N.Y., call (202) 208-1631 or see www.whitehouse.gov/holiday.

FOOD & HOME

Women's work feeds body and soul

By Judith Weltraub
The Washington Post



Delicious concoctions are made by church ladies, from left, Luevenia Combast, Wendy Johnson, author Brenda Rhodes Miller and Virginia Strong.

Pineapple upside-down cake for a Wednesday Night Bible study group. Coconut layer cake with pineapple filling for a Christmas bake sale. Drop sugar cookies for vacation Bible school snacks. Butterscotch pie for church suppers. Sound like the foods of the Lord? Perhaps they are, when they're made by women whose work regularly feeds body and soul: the church ladies.

"A piece of fudge or a good brownie is a religious experience," says Brenda Rhodes Miller. "It can make you say your prayers. After all, what happens when you put a piece of fudge in your mouth? You say, 'Oh my God, is that not a prayer?'"

She's only half kidding. A church lady herself — by inclination, personal history, faith and her marriage to the Rev. Courtenay L. Miller, pastor of the Norbeck Community Church in Silver Spring, Md. — Miller is the author of the recently released "The Church Ladies' Divine Desserts."

Her book focuses on the contributions of people like Luevenia Combast and Virginia Strong, sisters from Winsboro, S.C., who now attend Miller's husband's church, often dressed identically. Beloved for the pancakes they make after Sunday school, they bring their own electric griddles to church to ensure perfection. Or people like Wendy Johnson, acting chair of the church's board of trustees, church treasurer and usher, who spins cotton candy for children during the fall festival at the church and makes a mean

carrot cake.

Christmas season is incomplete without rum balls.

WHISKEY (OR RUM) BALLS
Makes about 60 balls

1 pound vanilla wafers, finely crushed

2 cups (8 ounces) finely chopped pecans

2 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa powder

3 tablespoons light corn syrup

6 jiggers (about 6 ounces) whiskey or rum

About 1/2 cup sifted confectioners' sugar

Line a baking sheet with a large piece of wax paper.

In a large bowl, combine the vanilla-wafer crumbs and pecans.

Add the cocoa powder and mix to combine. Add the syrup and mix again. Add the whiskey or rum and mix until thoroughly incorporated. Pinch about 1 tablespoon

of the mixture and roll it between your palms to form a ball. Transfer it to the baking sheet; repeat with the remaining mixture. Set aside for 5 minutes.

Place the sugar in a large shallow bowl or in a resealable plastic bag. Working a few at a time, roll or shake the balls in the sugar to coat. Transfer to a large container, sprinkling with additional confectioners' sugar, cover and refrigerate.

Gardening book makes great gift for Christmas

DEAR CATHY: I have a friend who likes gardening, and I don't know what to get her for a Christmas present. Can you help?

-SANTA'S HELPER



GREEN THUMBPRINTS
Cathy Thumprint

DEAR HELPER: Copy to. Why don't you get her a copy of my favorite book? The "Sunset Western Garden Book," is the same one I'm talking about when I say, "Never go plant shopping without it!"

Familiar to gardeners for decades, the "Western Garden Book" has been revised and enlarged. No gardener should be without one.

The best part of this book is the plant listings. You can look up plants by their common or botanical name; Everything is cross-referenced both ways. Iris, for example, is listed as iris, then *iridaceae*, followed by which zones it will grow in, its water needs and lots of information about the different iris varieties.

A quick look under "junipers" will tell you which ones grow where and how large they get at maturity. Handy information to have in hand when you're

strolling through the greenhouse. Sunset invented its own hardness zones, but has revised those as well.

They asked those of us who know our part of the country to tell them what the climate does where. They asked about the microclimates. And they listened. Check it out in the first few pages. It is still the best plant manual around.

While you're in the bookstore, you might want to take a look at the Taylor's Guide series. There is a large volume, "Taylor's Encyclopedia of Gardening," but I'm talking about the hand-sized volumes (they only measure about 4 inches across by 8 1/2 inches tall) that focus on one plant species each. "Taylor's Guide to Roses," for example, has color photos of 400

roses, conveniently divided up into species roses, climbers, shrub roses and old garden roses. "Taylor's Guide to Houseplants" has 427 color photographs, a great plant chart, basic botany, how to pot plants and more. I would only recommend these small volumes for someone who is serious about one type of plant or another. Now on to the hardware store.

A favorite of mine is the soft-handled trowel. The trowel itself is forged of one solid piece of steel, but the handle is covered in soft, bright orange rubbery stuff. This trowel is tough enough to dig in, but nice to my hands. Even if your friend has one or more trowels, this one will be welcomed into her potting shed. Happy holidays to you both.

DEAR READERS: Here's a winter tip for you. If you're an herb grower with a nice selection of herbs drying in your doorways, rafters, etc., you can create a handsome herbal swag that keeps bugs out of your closet.

Build a bouquet out of bug-

repelling herbs, such as wormwood, yarrow, pennyroyal, tansy, lavender and sage. You want the swag to lie against the wall, so begin with a large, flat piece, then layer smaller pieces on top, arranging them so all the layers show.

Trim all the stems evenly at the bottom and wrap a couple of rubber bands around them to hold them together. Finish by winding some ribbon around the bottom to conceal the rubber bands. Add a bow, and hang the finished product in your closet.

What's bugging your garden? Write to Cathy in care of this newspaper or e-mail her at: cwtwo@cylberhighway.net

Quick, delectable tostadas

The Seattle Times

CHICKEN AND FETA TOSTADAS
Makes 6 tostadas
1 roasted chicken
3 medium plum tomatoes, seeded and chopped
1/4 cup pitted kalamata olives, coarsely chopped
1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
2 to 3 tablespoons red wine vinegar
5 tablespoons olive oil, divided
6 flour tortillas
1/2 pound crumbled feta cheese (about 2 cups)
Heat oven to 450 degrees. Remove the skin and bones from the roasted chicken. Shred the meat. (There should be about 3

to 4 cups.) Put the meat into a large bowl. Add the tomatoes, olives, parsley, salt, pepper, 2 tablespoons vinegar and 3 tablespoons olive oil. Stir, mixing well. Add a little more vinegar if needed. Lay the tortillas on a baking sheet; they will overlap slightly. Brush both sides of the tortillas lightly with the remaining 2 tablespoons oil. Bake on center oven rack 3 minutes. Turn the tortillas and brown the other side, about 2 to 3 minutes longer. Sprinkle the feta on the tortillas and put the baking sheet back into the oven; cook just until the cheese melts, about 1 to 2 minutes. Top each tortilla with some of the chicken mixture and serve.

-From "Food & Wine Magazine's Quick from Scratch Chicken Cookbook"

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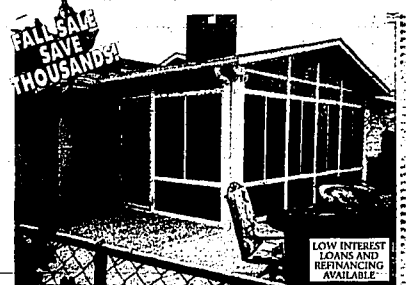
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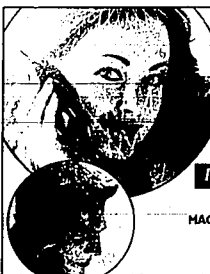
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Christmas means laborious cookies

Christmas always means cookies to me. Not just any cookies, mind you, but the kind that take forever to make because there are so many details.

Take the standard sugar cookie, for example. Any other time of the year, you can simply roll the dough into a log, refrigerate the dough until you can get back to it, cut off little rounds, bake and slather on plain (but delicious) frosting.

But at Christmas, that somewhat simple process becomes a major undertaking. You've now got to press out the dough and cut it into trees or candy canes or Santa Clauses. Decorating those tiny objects now becomes an art form that surpasses anything Martha Stewart could even attempt.

Why do we spend so much time trying to make our cookies look like they do in magazines? Those people are getting paid to sweat over the cookie art; our family and friends will appreciate our work for the five seconds before they gobble it up. The cookies taste the same, with or without decoration.

My goal here isn't to bash cookies. Please. I love cookies. Just look at the size of my ... never mind. I just want cookies to be simpler, so that I can enjoy the delecting of them right along with family and friends.

So I scoured my recipe books and found some pretty little cookies that aren't quite so labor-intensive. It may be late in the season, but you do have a few more weeks to have fun with those little tasty bits of Christmas.

These recipes were adapted from Gregg Gillespie's "1001 Cookie Recipes."



VALLEY COOKING
Rebecca Tateoka

of the flour. Beat in the sugar, baking soda and salt. Beat in the egg and almond extract. Gradually blend in the remaining 1 1/2 cups flour and the 1/2 cup of ground almonds. Roll the dough into a 1-inch-thick log. Roll log in the 1/4 cup of ground almonds. Wrap in wax paper and chill for 1 hour. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Cut the dough into 1/4-inch-thick slices and place 1 inch apart on ungreased baking sheets. Bake for 8 to 10 minutes, until the tops are very light golden brown. Transfer to wire rack to cool. Melt the chocolate in a double boiler over low heat, stirring until smooth. Dip half of each cookie in the melted chocolate. Let cool on wire rack lined with waxed paper.

NOTE: If you really want to, you can melt white chocolate or other colors of chocolate and get festive that way.

BROWN-EYED SUNDAS
1 1/4 cups flour
1/4 teaspoon salt
3/4 cup shortening
1/2 cup sugar
1 large egg
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
7 ounces milk chocolate, chopped

Combine the flour and salt. In a large bowl, cream the shortening and sugar. Beat in the egg. Beat in the vanilla extract. Gradually blend in the dry ingredients. Cover and chill for 1 hour. Preheat the oven to 400 degrees. Melt the milk chocolate in the top half of a double boiler over low heat, stirring until smooth. Remove from the heat; keep warm over hot water. Break off small pieces of the dough and roll into balls. Place 1 1/2 inches apart on ungreased baking sheets. Press your finger into the center of each ball to make a slight indentation. Bake for 8 to 10 minutes, until lightly colored. Spoon a little of the melted milk chocolate into the center of each hot cookie and

transfer to wire racks to cool.
NOTE: This dough can be frozen for up to a month. You can also shape the dough balls and freeze until ready to bake; let stand for two hours at room temperature. Then bake according to the instructions. Also, you can add more color by using jam or jelly to the centers rather than the chocolate.

COOKIE PIZZA
CRUST
3/4 cup flour
1/2 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
Pinch of salt
1/2 cup shortening
3/4 cup packed light brown sugar

1 large egg
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 cup rolled oats
1/2 cup flaked coconut
Topping:
1 cup semisweet chocolate chips
1 cup walnuts, chopped
1/2 cup M&M's

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Lightly grease a 14- to 15-inch pizza pan. Combine the flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt. In a large bowl, cream the shortening and brown sugar. Beat in the egg and vanilla. Gradually blend in the dry ingredients. Fold in the oats and coconut. Press the dough evenly into the prepared pan. Sprinkle the chocolate chips and walnuts evenly over the top. Bake for 12 to 15 minutes, until lightly colored. Sprinkle the M&M's over the hot cookies. Cool in the pan on a wire rack for a few minutes before cutting into wedges.

Rebecca Tateoka welcomes comments on recipes. You may email her at tateoka@pmt.org

Here's a great recipe for the holidays

The Times-News
NEVER-FAIL SUGAR COOKIES
2 cups sugar
2 cups soft butter
2 eggs
6 tablespoons milk
3 teaspoons vanilla

6 cups flour
3 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon salt
Blend the butter and sugar until fluffy. Then add eggs, milk and vanilla. Stir in the flour, baking powder and salt. Blend well. Chill dough at least 2 hours or

overnight. Roll out on a floured board (can add powdered sugar to the flour) and cut with cookie cutters. Place on ungreased cookie sheet and bake at 400 degrees for 5 to 15 minutes - depending on the thickness of the cookies. This is a large recipe. Do not double.

Cookies evoke the spirit of the holidays

The Baltimore Sun
The holidays are filled with parties, family gatherings, shopping and gift wrapping. But perhaps nothing evokes the spirit of the season better than the simple cookie.

We asked readers to send us their favorite cookie recipes.
Jen Hershey, a pastry cook in Severna Park, Md., created the recipe based on an almond-biscotti recipe given to her by a friend. During the holidays, she puts the biscotti in a gift box with cocoa mix to give.

BEST COOKIE TO GIVE: CRANBERRY-ALMOND BISCOTTI
5 large eggs, divided use
1 1/2 cups sugar
2 teaspoons salt
1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla
1 1/2 teaspoons orange zest, grated

2 tablespoons milk
3/2 cups pastry flour
1/2 tablespoon baking powder
1/2 cup sliced almonds
3/4 cup dried cranberries
Combine 4 eggs, sugar and salt in a double boiler and whip until light and thick. Fold in vanilla, orange zest and milk. Sift together dry ingredients and fold into the egg mixture. Mix in almonds and berries. Shape into 2 logs about 2 1/2 inches wide by 12

inches long. Beat egg and brush onto surface of logs. Bake at 325 degrees for 30 to 40 minutes. Let cool slightly. Slice diagonally into 1/2-inch-thick pieces and place on cookie sheet. Bake at 350 degrees until toasted, about 5 to 10 minutes. Makes about 48 biscotti.

This is a basic gingersnap, with a twist. Lee Ann Puleo submitted the recipe that she had been given by her neighbor Cathy LaFluer.

BEST CLASSIC COOKIE: WHITE-CHOCOLATE-DIPPED GINGERSNAPS

2 cups sugar, plus sugar for rolling
1 1/2 cups vegetable oil
2 eggs
1/2 cup molasses
4 cups flour
4 teaspoons baking soda
1 tablespoon ground ginger

2 teaspoons cinnamon
1 teaspoon salt
Two 12-ounce packages vanilla baking chips
1/4 cup shortening
Combine 2 cups sugar and oil; mix well. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Stir in molasses. In another bowl, combine dry ingredients and add to creamed mixture and mix well. Shape into 3/4-inch balls and roll in sugar. Place 2 inches apart on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake at 350 degrees for 10 to 12 minutes or until cookie springs back when touched lightly. Remove to wire rack to cool. Melt chips and shortening over low heat or double boiler (don't boil water in double boiler). Dip the cookies halfway; shake off excess. Place on waxed baking sheets to harden. Makes about 6 dozen.

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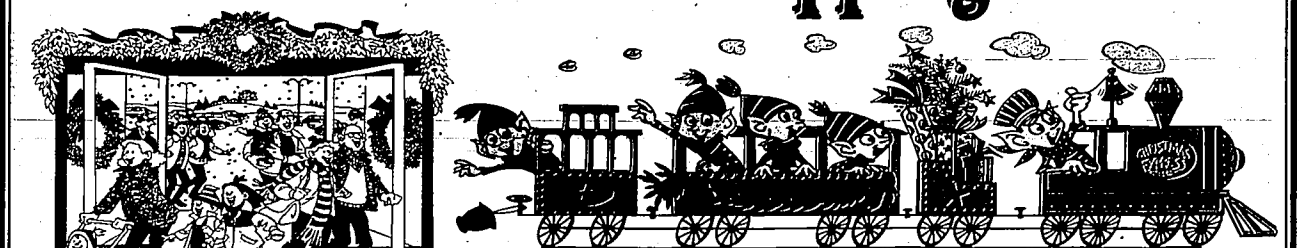
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Storage space abounds in Grayling

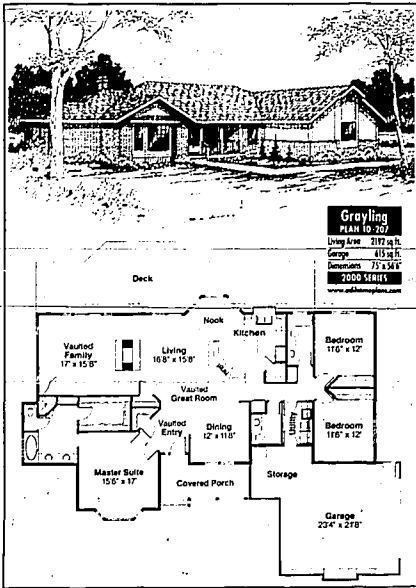
Families that like to entertain will appreciate the airy spaciousness of the ranch-style Grayling. An expansive, open great room with high, vaulted ceilings fills the center of the home and a large portion of the rear, as well.

Windows line the back wall, bathing the area in light. The bayed nook is brighter still, and more natural light spills in through skylights located between the eating bar and the fireplace. This fireplace is open on two sides, allowing people to enjoy its flames and warmth from almost anywhere in the great room.

In the kitchen, there's ample counter space for two or more cooks to combine culinary efforts. A skylight illuminates the work island, and the stove has work space on both sides. Working at the stove, you can gaze across a long eating bar into the rest of the great room. Storage is generous, too, augmented by a walk-in pantry.

Utilities and a deep sink are convenient, tucked in a pass-through space that connects the home's interior with a two-car garage. The garage has room for a workbench and plenty of storage space. A powder room, adjacent to the utility room, is convenient to family living spaces and garage. A central bathroom serves the secondary bedrooms.

Double doors open into the Grayling's elegant master suite. A wavy window could become a cozy window seat or house a desk or sewing machine. Other amenities include a huge walk-in closet and luxurious bathroom outfitted with shower, spa, dual basins and private toilet.



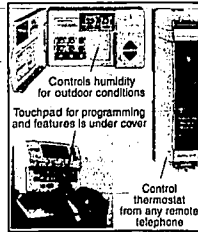
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Programmable thermostat benefits abound

DEAR JIM: I wonder if installing a programmable thermostat myself really will save much money? I heard it is best to leave the temperature constant. With so many models available, how do I select among them all?
—PAT W.



Controls humidity for outdoor conditions
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DEAR PAT: Replacing your old thermostat with a programmable (smart) model provides the best return of — any investment you can make in your home. Even a simple low-cost model, less than \$25, can easily pay back its cost within a month and save more than \$1,000 throughout its life.

Installing a smart thermostat makes sense from comfort and convenience standpoints, even if it did not cut your utility bills. These thermostats keep the indoor temperature steady and at precisely your desired setting. Older thermostats are very inaccurate.

It is a common misconception that more energy is used by setting your thermostat lower and then back up later. Overall, the furnace runs fewer minutes each day when the thermostat is set back when you are gone and turned back up when you return.

Even if you are home all day, there are times when the indoor temperature can be comfortably cooler for savings. For example, when you are sleeping at night, cooking dinner, washing clothes,

monitor, and a temperature swing adjustment are pluses. Depending on your family's activity schedule and your budget, you can select from three basic types: 7-day, 5-1-1, and 5-2. A 7-day model allows you to program a different time/temperature schedule for every day.

A 5-1-1 model provides identical schedules for each weekday and different ones for Saturday and Sunday. A 5-2 model is similar except both weekend days have the same schedule. A 5-2 is adequate for most families. If you have a heat pump with back-up heat, you must select a heat pump model.

A programmable thermostat is not difficult to install yourself. All the wires are a safe low-voltage and they are color-coded. Many models come preprogrammed with a typical schedule. You can use it immediately by just setting the current time and personalize the schedule later.

Write for Update Bulletin No. 850 — buyer's guide of the 11 programmable thermostat manufacturers (24 models) listing programming options, time/temperature schedules, comfort/convenience features, and a setback saving chart.

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Hors d'oeuvres can make parties shine

Detroit Free Press

The most tempting foods on the holiday party table aren't huge hams or pans of lasagna. What guests reach for first are the bite-size morsels with big flavors and bright colors, the oh-so-rich dips and the luscious, creamy spreads. Everyone adores appetizers.

- SMOKED SALMON MOUSSE**
14 ounces smoked salmon, divided
1/2 cup plain, nonfat yogurt
1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper
1/2 teaspoon paprika
2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
1 lemon

1/4-inch-thick cucumber rounds (1 large cucumber) for serving
Roughly chop half of the smoked salmon and place it in the work bowl of a food processor fitted with the steel blade. Add the yogurt, cayenne, paprika and olive oil. Grate the zest of the lemon into the processor bowl, then halve the lemon and squeeze it to measure 2 table-spoons of juice. Add the juice to the bowl and process the ingredients for as long as necessary to form a thin puree. Transfer to a bowl. Chop the remaining salmon and fold in. Place a dollop of the mousse on a cucumber round for serving. Makes about 2 cups.
—Adapted from "Hors

d'Oeuvres & Appetizers" from Williams-Sonoma Kitchen Library.

Simple lamb chops taste special

Detroit Free Press

Don't let simplicity fool you: These lamb chops served on a bed of red-pepper-laced rice make an everyday dinner a celebration. The rice, thin lamb chops and loin chops cut from a rack of lamb work equally well in this recipe.

- PAN-FRIED LAMB CHOPS**
8 lamb rib or loin chops
2 cloves garlic, peeled and crushed
Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste
2 teaspoons vegetable oil
2 lemon wedges

A half-hour before cooking, trim all but a small ribbon of fat from the chops, blot with a paper towel, rub both sides with the garlic and sprinkle with the salt and pepper. Heat the oil in a heavy nonstick skillet. Brown chops on both sides, about 1 minute on each. Lower the heat to medium and cook 4 minutes longer for medium-rare (deduct 2 minutes for rare, add 2 minutes for well).

Squeeze lemon over each just before serving. Serve with rice (recipe follows). Makes 4 servings.
NOTE: This method works well for chops up to 1 inch thick. If thicker, stir in a little wine, water or broth after searing and cook to desired degree of doneness.
—Adapted from "Serves One: Super Meals for Solo Cooks" (Lake Isle Press)
Rice with peppers
1 tablespoon butter
1/2 cup finely chopped onion
1 sweet red pepper, cored and chopped
1 cup rice
1 1/2 cups water
Salt to taste
In a medium saucepan, melt the butter and add the onion. Cook until wilted and add the pepper, rice, water and salt. Bring to a boil and cover. Cook 17-20 minutes, or until the water is absorbed. Makes 4 servings.
—From "More 60-Minute Gourmet" by Pierre Franey

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Popular Ohio bakery shares its secret recipes

Akron Beacon Journal

Since last December, getting your mitts on a Hunkey Dory cookie has been almost impossible. You could beg. You could whine.

You could beat on the door of the popular little bakery perched above Interstate 76 in Norton, Ohio. But Hunkey Dory and its recipes were gone, swept away by yet another hospital expansion.

Now just in time for Christmas, the cookies are back. You'll have to bake them yourself, though, because Jean Seay and her family have other plans. But Seay and her partners — mom Rita Benya and sister Karen Miller — are willing to share their recipes.

The recipes will be treasured by longtime fans of the ethnic bakery, which sold Eastern European pastries, such as kiffel, nut rolls and nut tortes, as well as American items, such as butter-rich cutout cookies and pecan tart cookies with creamy, almost liquid centers. The cookies should be stored at room temperature in airtight containers.

For a copy of the "Hunkey Dory Cookbook," send a check for \$16.90, made out to "Hunkey Dory," to 3306 Weber Drive, Norton, OH 44203. Include your full name and address.

PECAN TARTS

Shell:
1 pound softened butter
12 ounces softened cream cheese (1 1/2 large packages)
3 3/4 cups flour

Filling:
6 eggs
4 1/2 cups packed brown sugar
2/3 cup melted margarine
1 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
3 cups chopped pecans

For the shells: Beat butter with an electric mixer until fluffy. Add cream cheese and beat until smooth. Add flour gradually, beating until smooth. Cover and refrigerate for 1 hour. Scoop out level tablespoons of dough and press evenly into bottom and sides of mini tart pans.

For the filling: Beat eggs until well mixed. Add brown sugar and beat until smooth. Beat in margarine, vanilla and pecans. Scrape into a large, heavy saucepan.

Heat, stirring, until sugar dissolves and mixture is clear. Do not boil.

Spoon mixture into dough shells. Bake at 300 degrees for 10 minutes. Reduce heat to 200 degrees and bake 12 to 15 min-

utes longer, until filling is puffed.

TEA BALLS

1 cup margarine, softened
1 1/3 cup sugar
2 teaspoons water
2 teaspoons vanilla
1 cup finely chopped pecans
2 cups sifted flour
Powdered sugar

Cream margarine and sugar until fluffy. Add water and vanilla and mix well. Mix in flour and pecans.

Refrigerate dough for 3 to 4 hours. Spoon out rounded tablespoons of dough and roll into balls.

Place on parchment-lined cookie sheets. Bake at 325 degrees for 10 minutes. Remove to a rack and sprinkle immediately with powdered sugar. When cool, roll in powdered sugar again. Just before serving, sprinkle with more powdered sugar.

DATE-COCONUT BALLS

1/2 cup margarine
1 cup sugar
1 egg, slightly beaten
1 cup chopped dates
2 cups crisp rice cereal
1/2 cup ground walnuts
1/2 teaspoon vanilla
Flaked coconut

Combine margarine, sugar, egg and dates in a saucepan. Cook over medium heat for 10 minutes.

Stir, then set aside to cool. Stir in cereal, walnuts and vanilla. Form into walnut-size balls. Roll in coconut.

Store in refrigerator overnight.

Serve snapper for dinner swiftly

The Miami Herald

Snapper sauteed in a savory orange sauce is an unusual, tangy Mexican dish. Rice tossed with green peppers makes a simple side dish. This recipe is adapted from one given me by Mexican caterer and cookbook author Susanna Palazuelos.

"Until recently, most food lovers thought of Mexican cooking in terms of tacos, tamales and tongue-scorching salsas; but now people are beginning to understand the subtle flavor distinctions that make Mexican food a truly great cuisine," she said.

MEXICAN ORANGE SNAPPER
3 tablespoons flour
Salt and freshly ground pepper

3/4 pound snapper fillets
1/2 cup chopped red onion
2 garlic cloves, crushed
1/2 cup orange juice

4 orange slices for garnish (optional)

Place flour on a plate and season with salt and pepper to taste. Rinse fish fillet and pat dry with a paper towel. Dip into seasoned flour, making sure both sides are coated. Shake off excess flour. Heat olive oil in a medium-size nonstick skillet on medium high. Add the fish, onion and garlic. Brown fish 2 minutes, turn and brown second side 2 minutes. Remove to a plate and season with salt and pepper. Add orange juice to skillet, stirring to scrape up the brown bits. Lower heat to medium and return fish to skillet. Cover with a lid and cook 5 minutes. Serve with rice (recipe follows). Makes 2 servings.

Green Pepper Rice:
1/2 cup long grain white rice
2 teaspoons olive oil
1 cup diced green pepper,
Salt and freshly ground pep-

per
Bring 2 to 3 quarts water to boil in a large saucepan. Add rice and boil, uncovered, about 10 minutes. Test a grain; rice should be cooked through, but not soft. Drain rice into a colander in the sink. Return it to the pan. Mix in oil and green pepper. Add salt and pepper to taste.

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Homemade for the holidays: Quick, easy desserts will wow family and friends

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There's nothing more satisfying than baking holiday desserts that wow family and friends - especially when they take less than 30 minutes to prepare.

CARAMEL MARSHMALLOW BROWNIE TORTE

1 package (12 ounces) Baker's Semi-Sweet Chocolate, Chunks or 1 1/2 packages (12 squares) semi-sweet baking chocolate, coarsely chopped, divided

3/4 cup (1 1/2 sticks) butter or margarine
3/4 cup sugar
2 eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla
1/3 cup flour
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup walnuts or pecans, chopped (optional)
25 caramels

2 tablespoons milk
1 cup miniature marshmallows
Heat oven to 350 F. Grease and flour 9-inch round cake pan. Line bottom of pan with waxed paper. Microwave 1 cup of the chocolate chunks-and-butter-in-large-microwavable bowl on HIGH 2 minutes or until butter is melted. Stir until chocolate is completely melted. Stir sugar into chocolate mixture until well blended. Mix in eggs and vanilla. Stir in flour and salt until well blended. Stir in nuts. Pour into prepared pan. Bake 40 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out with

fudgy crumbs. DO NOT OVERBAKE. Cool in pan 5 minutes. Run small knife around side of pan to loosen edge. Invert cake onto serving platter. Remove waxed paper. Cool slightly. Microwave caramels and milk in medium microwavable bowl on HIGH 2 minutes or until caramels begin to melt. Stir until mixture is smooth. Sprinkle marshmallows and remaining chocolate chunks over torte. Drizzle with caramel mixture. Makes 12 servings.

CRANBERRY PEAR COBBLER

5 cups sliced peeled pears
1 cup dried cranberries
2/3 cup sugar
2 1/2 tablespoons Minute Tapioca
1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
1 cup water
2 tablespoons butter or margarine

3/4 cup flour
2 tablespoons sugar
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/8 teaspoon salt
1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter or margarine, chilled, cut into pieces
1/4 cup milk

Heat oven to 375 F. Mix pears, dried cranberries, 2/3 cup sugar, tapioca, ginger and water in large saucepan. Cook on medium heat, stirring constantly, until mixture comes to full boil. Pour into 8-inch square baking dish. Dot with 2 tablespoons butter. Mix flour, 2 tablespoons sugar, baking powder and salt in large bowl. Cut in 1/4 cup butter until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Stir in milk until mixture forms soft dough. Drop dough by tablespoonfuls onto hot pear mixture. Bake 30 minutes or until topping is golden



Photo courtesy of Baker's Chocolate and Minute Tapioca

For a happy holiday, save, clock-wise from top left: Caramel Marshmallow Brownie Torte, Cranberry Pear Cobbler, Death by Chocolate Cookies, Molten Mocha Cakes and Golden Raisin and Apple Pie.

edges but soft in centers. Let stand 1 minute; run small knife around cakes to loosen. Carefully invert cakes onto dessert dishes. Sprinkle lightly with additional powdered sugar. Garnish with raspberries. Makes 8 servings.

GOLDEN RAISIN AND APPLE PIE

Heat oven to 400 F. Mix 6 cups thinly sliced, peeled (Golden Delicious) apples, 3/4 cup sugar, 1/2 cup golden raisins, 2 tablespoons Minute Tapioca, 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon and 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg in large bowl. Let stand 15 minutes. Prepare 15-ounce package of refrigerated pie crust as directed, putting one in 9-inch pie plate. Fill with fruit mixture. Dot with 1 tablespoon butter or margarine. Cover with second crust; seal and flute edge. Cut several slits. Bake 45-50 minutes or until juices form bubbles that burst slowly. Cool.

DEATH BY CHOCOLATE COOKIES

1 package (8 squares) Baker's Semi-Sweet Baking Chocolate
3/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar

late is completely melted. Stir in powdered sugar and flavored instant coffee until well blended. Whisk in eggs and egg yolks. Stir in flour. Divide batter among prepared custard cups. Bake 15 to 16 minutes or until firm around

MOLTEN MOCHA CAKES

1 package (8 squares) Baker's Semi-Sweet Baking Chocolate
1 cup (2 sticks) butter
2 cups powdered sugar
1/2 cup flavored instant coffee, any flavor
5 eggs
4 egg yolks
3/4 cup flour
Raspberries (optional)
Heat oven to 425 F. Butter 8 (6-oz.) custard cups or soufflé dishes. Place on cookie sheet. Microwave chocolate and butter in large microwavable bowl on HIGH 2 minutes or until butter is melted. Stir with wire whisk until cho-



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1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter or margarine, softened
2 eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla
1/2 cup flour
1/4 teaspoon baking powder
1 package (8 squares) Baker's Semi-Sweet Baking Chocolate, coarsely chopped or 1 1/2 cups Baker's Semi-Sweet Chocolate Chunks
2 cups walnuts, chopped
Heat oven to 350 F. Microwave chocolate squares in large microwavable bowl on HIGH 2 minutes. Stir until chocolate is melted and smooth. Stir in sugar, butter, eggs and vanilla with wooden spoon until well blended. Stir in flour and baking powder. Stir in chopped

chocolate and nuts. Drop by scant 1/4 cupfuls onto ungreased cookie sheets. Bake 13 to 14 minutes or until cookies are puffed and feel set to the touch. Cool 1 minute; remove from cookie sheets. Cool completely on wire racks.

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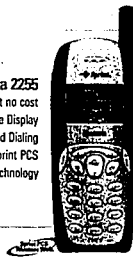
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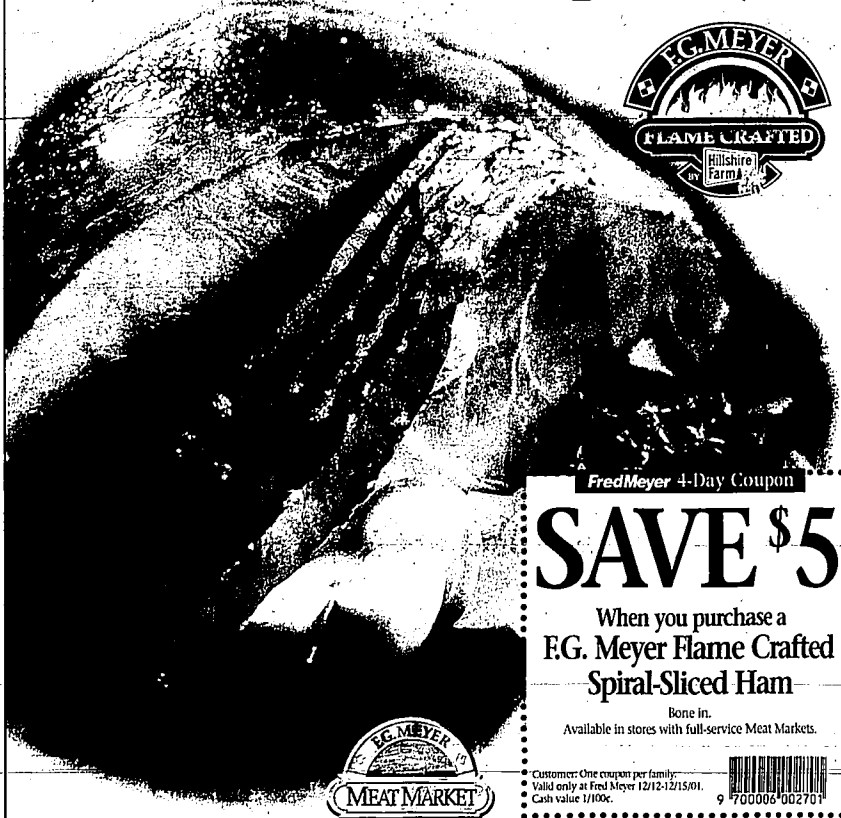
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FOOD & HOME

Expert offers a host of holiday ideas for the perfect, pleasant party

The Philadelphia Daily News

Wouldn't it be wonderful if prior to your next holiday cocktail party, you could soak in a bubble bath, fix your hair, pour a glass of wine, then greet guests at the door with a smile?

When you stop laughing at that thought, consider this one: Before most parties begin, kids need to be fed, food must be cooked, and the vino chilled.

Here's where a friend like Chef Joseph Shilling, head of the Art Institute of Philadelphia's Culinary Arts program, comes in handy. Shilling spends his holidays going door to door as a personal chef with his company My Private Chef. He arrives at private homes, cooks, cleans, and even takes the garbage with him afterward, leaving not a trace of the festivities behind.

For those of us who don't have a Chef Shilling captive in our kitchens this holiday season, he agreed to tell us a thing or two about throwing a party to remember. He offered a blueprint for planning a holiday cocktail party for 20, working with a budget of \$500.

"First decide how many people your home or apartment can comfortably fit," he said. "Do you want people to be able to sit while they eat? Will you arrange additional chairs? Should guests be forced to stand and mill around? It's up to the host." Then, pick a time that works for everyone.

For 20 people, \$500 means spending approximately \$25 a person for food, drink and entertainment. It is helpful to think in "per person" terms. Shilling planned to spend \$250 on food, or about \$12.50 per person.

Choose foods that can be prepared mostly ahead of time, morsels that can be eaten as finger foods and don't require knives and forks.

"Plan on making at least two to three pieces per guest," said Shilling, who chooses a variety of items for his parties, making sure to prepare: a warm dish, a cold dish, and a meat or fish dish.

For his make-believe cocktail party, Shilling settled on bruschetta with tomato, basil and garlic, a tasty shrimp sauteed in garlic butter and very seasonal dates wrapped in bacon. For dessert, he planned to present three different finger food confections: lemon bars, chocolate truffles and pecan squares.

Keep beverages simple but give guests some variety. The end result of the liquor store trip should be approximately \$5 spent per guest, or \$100 for 20 people.

Choose inexpensive bottled beers and present them tastefully in a flower planter void of drainage holes, or copper or galvanized tubs atop a table. If the host would rather offer only wine, try offering two or three Chardonnays, and have a mock wine tasting.

And make sure to purchase a variety of sodas for non-drinkers. In fact, Shilling highly recommends a hot apple cider for all guests: "Greet people at the door with hot apple cider with a stick of cinnamon or vanilla. It warms them and they feel comfortable."

That leaves \$150 for entertainment, decorations and, if necessary, paper goods.

Decorating a buffet table can

be inexpensive if done creatively.

Holly tree branches can be cut and draped atop tables for the duration of the party without wilting. Metallic ornament balls can be purchased in packs of 12 for \$2.99, then scattered on tables, Shilling suggests.

As much as \$100 may remain for entertainment, money that could be put toward new holiday

CDs or even a private acoustic guitar player.

"At the very lowest end, there is always the magic of digital cable for holiday tunes," Shilling said.

TOMATO, BASIL AND GARLIC BRUSCHETTA

24 toasted crostini bread (thin-sliced baguette bread)
4 cloves garlic

6 red plum tomatoes
8 to 10 leaves fresh basil
1/4 cup olive oil
Salt and pepper, to taste
1 cup grated Parmesan cheese
Chop the garlic fine. Chop the tomatoes into small dice. Chop the basil and add all of the cut ingredients into a mixing bowl. Drizzle in the olive oil and season with salt and pepper. Place a generous teaspoon of the tomato

mixture on each toasted crostini and garnish with the grated Parmesan cheese. Serve immediately so that the bread does not get soggy.

DATES WRAPPED IN SMOKED BACON

24 dates, pitted
12 strips of smoked bacon
1/4 cup Dijon mustard
1/4 cup maple syrup

24 toothpicks
Cut the bacon strips into halves. Bake at 400 degrees until cooked but not crisp. Mix together the Dijon mustard and the maple syrup. Baste each date generously with the Dijon mixture. Wrap each date with the bacon and secure with a toothpick. Bake at 400 degrees until the bacon begins to get crisp. Serve while hot.

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Section D

The best \$2,000 I ever spent

Extracurricular activities by their very definition are, well, extra.

But soon they may be extinct in some of our schools.

Many state school districts have been hit hard by Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's mandate that schools absorb a 2.5 percent cut in funding as a way to make up for the shortfall of promised state funding.

Probably none have been hit harder than the Cassia County School District, with its nearly depleted reserve fund.



THOMPSON'S TIMEOUT
Scott Thompson

Cassia Superintendent Michael Chesley has gone to area schools with a list of possible ways to make up that loss.

On the list is the elimination of all extracurricular activities for the remainder of the year.

I don't pretend to have the answers, nor am I trying to second guess those who know a whole lot more about school budgets than I do.

But I can tell you what athletics did for me.

They kept me in school. I came back for my senior year in high school for one reason and one reason only: hope.

I was always at the top of my class and pulled As and Bs but at the semester break of my junior year in high school, I decided I was no longer going to study. As you'd expect, my grades plummeted.

I went to a private school and my father was outraged not only that I let my grades go but that he was paying good money for that education I was neglecting.

So, he made me an offer I couldn't refuse: I would pull straight As fourth quarter, pay for my senior year or go to public school.

I came up short a few percentage points in one class and was faced with a very tough choice.

I didn't really want to cough up \$2,000 and I didn't want to switch to a much larger school where I would receive less playing time at the basketball coach was even open-minded enough to allow a mediocre senior transfer into his program.

So, I decided I was going to drop out.

After all, the only classes that interested me were English literature and composition classes. And I didn't need a teacher to read and benefit from Dickens, Milton, Melville, Hemingway, Shakespeare and all my other favorites I'd been reading since grade school.

Plus, I knew others who had dropped out and they were doing just fine.

But at the last minute, my teammates, who I had been playing with since grade school, persuaded me to come back so we would make that run at the state championship we had been championing since junior high.

That we didn't even make it out of districts is beside the point.

I finished high school and with diploma in my hand, went to the University of Montana and then to a career I love.

I love athletics a lot.

I'm sure that I'm not the only meathead jock who finished high school just to play ball.

And I'm sure that there are those who stay in school for band or art.

My story just happens to be one of basketball and the best \$2,000 I ever spent.

Times-News Mini-Cassia sports-writer Scott Thompson's column on high school sports runs Wednesdays. Reach Scott with any story ideas, tips or suggestions at thompson@majorsvalley.com or 677-4042, Ext. 106.

CSI men reemerge at No. 17 in poll

By Kevin Hall
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Back where they belong.

The College of Southern Idaho men reemerged at No. 17 in the latest National Junior-College Athletic Association Division I men's basketball Top 20 poll released on Tuesday.

After beginning the season ranked-13th in the NJCAA preseason poll, upset losses to No. 10 Schoolcraft and unheralded Sheridan colleges saw the Golden Eagles (11-2) exit

Five-game win streak helps lift Eagles

NJCAA poll — D3

the polls.

Now, six weeks and 13 games into the season and riding a Scenic West Athletic Conference best five-game winning streak, Southern Idaho returns to the nation's elite as voted upon by region directors.

CSI assistant coach Jay Cyriac, reached by phone Tuesday while

on a recruiting trip in San Francisco, said although the recognition is flattering, all the Eagles need to concentrate on is the basketball.

"To us it really doesn't mean much," Cyriac said. "It's nice but it doesn't mean much now."

We just got to go out and continue to win games and get better." CSI is practicing through the



week before holding a team scrimmage on Friday in the gymnasium. While also taking finals, the team breaks for the Christmas holiday on Dec. 21 and returns a week later to prepare for the second half of the season.

CSI takes on the Northwest All-Stars Jan. 2 at CSI before resuming the SWAC schedule Jan. 4-5 at Salt Lake

Community College and Utah Valley State College.

After losing twice over the weekend, UVSC plummeted from the poll but still received votes. SWAC rival Dixie State College (10-1) remained at No. 4 this week. The top five remained intact this week with No. 1 San Jacinto College (13-0), Barton County Community College (11-0) in second, Okaloosa-Walton (13-0) third, Dixie and defending national champion Wabash Valley College (11-1) fifth.

The women's poll resumes Jan. 8.

A state of mind



Chad Ryan recently began his first year as the new wrestling coach at Twin Falls High School. Ryan, who replaced longtime coach Dave Slotton, said he's pleased with the Bruins' initial performances.

New coach looks to turn tide for TF wrestling

By Ethan Stone
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Grunts and groans, intermingled with sounds of camaraderie and spirit, sounded out as Twin Falls wrestlers hit the mats last week armed with a new coach and new goals for the season.

Older wrestlers gathered together to discuss new moves and old times, as incoming freshmen from the junior high schools watched from the sidelines, eager to join the elite group. Inside the coaches' room, Chad Ryan and Jeff Shields discussed their plans for the Bruin team.

Both men are new to the Twin Falls program this year and each carries his own strategies and attitudes. Ryan, the Bruins new head coach who takes over for Dave Slotton, was a junior national wrestling coach in Iowa and an

assistant high school coach. Iowa has a long tradition in the sport. The University of Iowa has won six of the last seven NCAA wrestling titles and nine of the last 11 championships.

"I'd like to develop a tradition here at Twin Falls," Ryan said. "Keep kids interested in the sport."

He plans to mix rigorous physical training with technical instruction to prepare the Bruins for competition.

"We've got some great leaders and kids with good experience," Ryan said. "But that means nothing if they don't work."

Shields, who'll coach the junior varsity, wrestled in high school and in the Marines, and has been

coaching football. He's also adept in judo, jujitsu, and has been through Marine combat training.

Emerging from the coaches' room, Ryan quickly had the wrestlers on their feet, running laps.

The coaches joined in, as Ryan shouted, "Having fun yet?" A collective groan rose in reply.

Fourteen returning grapplers staff Twin Falls' ranks this year, bolstered by 11 freshmen from O'Leary and Robert Stuart junior highs.

Senior coaches Brady Calvert, Armand Salinas, Justin Tatton, Brent Faught, and Spencer Wilder form the inner circle of Bruin leadership.

Joslin represented Twin Falls at state last year in the 152-pound weight class; he's hoping to wrestle at 160 this year. Salinas went 2-2 at state, and will wrestle this year in the 140 class. Calvert, also a state competitor last year, will wrestle 145.

Junior Ryan Pohlman may not have a height advantage, but that doesn't keep him from winning matches. Pohlman represented Twin Falls at state as a freshman two years ago, but was unable to compete as a sophomore because of a concussion.

He'll compete this season in the 119-pound class. Other juniors are Ben Paxton, Leonard VonBerndt, and Kyle VanEps.

Of the new faces, Shields expects freshman Colby Buck to compete. Marco Dalomo, Rico Devilla, Ryan Hammond, Connor

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Crouch leads All-America team

BYU's Staley gets nod at RB

The Associated Press

Quarterbacks Eric Crouch and Rex Grossman added a new twist to the AP All-America team — the Heisman Trophy winner and runner-up are both on it.

Crouch, Nebraska's all-purpose player, was selected as the all-purpose player, while Grossman, Florida's sensational passer, won the quarterback spot on the team announced Tuesday.

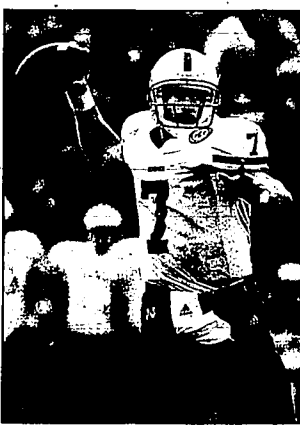
Miami's Ken Dorsey was the second-team quarterback and Fresno State's David Carr made third team.

Crouch directed the nation in passing with the BCS national title game against Miami in the Rose Bowl on Jan. 3. He was the choice in a category that replaced a return specialist 10 years ago. The change was made to recognize college football's more versatile players.

Crouch ran for 1,115 yards and 18 TDs, passed for 1,510 yards and seven scores and also caught a 63-yard TD pass. Indiana quarterback Antwan Randle El was the second-team all-purpose pick.

Grossman, who topped the nation in passing with 3,896 yards and 34 touchdowns, led four Florida players — the most of any school — chosen for the 26-player AP team. He guided the Gators to a 9-2 record, an Orange Bowl berth, and was selected AP player of the year last week.

Wide receiver Jabar Gaffney, offensive tackle



Nebraska quarterback Eric Crouch rolls out to pass during the third quarter of Nebraska's 62-38 loss to Colorado in Boulder, Colo. Nov. 23.

Indians deal Alomar to Mets

The Associated Press

BOSTON — The phone bills and scratched-out names on pads of paper prove how much the New York Mets wanted Roberto Alomar.

The relentless approach by general manager Steve Phillips paid off Tuesday, when the Mets completed an eight-player deal with Cleveland to bring the All-Star second baseman to New York.

"We sit up in that room and all we do is dream all day about different scenarios," Phillips said. "I have to admit that I thought this was a long shot. Even as late as mid-afternoon yesterday I thought it was a long shot. I didn't know if we would be able to come up with the right configuration."

The teams finally agreed on the deal that sent outfielder Matt Lawton, pitcher Jerrod Riggan and two players to be named to Cleveland for Alomar, pitcher Mike Bacsik and outfielder-first baseman Danny Peoples.

One of the players to be named is lefty Billy Traber, New York's first-round pick in 2000, according to a team official who spoke

Trading places

All-Star second baseman Roberto Alomar was traded from the Cleveland Indians to the New York Mets on Tuesday as part of an eight-player deal.

Get: Roberto Alomar, 2B
Mike Bacsik, P
Danny Peoples, 1B/OF

Get: Matt Lawton, OF
Alex Escobar, OF
Jerrod Riggan, P
plus two players to be named later.

SOURCE: Associated Press AP

on condition he not be identified. Of all the Mets' offseason targets, few were as enticing as Alomar — the do-everything second baseman who should invigorate the Mets' offense. Phillips was so enamored with GM Mark Shapiro almost daily since the World Series.

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SPORTS

Wolves outlast Darrington, Pilots

The Times-News

CASTLEFORD - Cole Darrington sank nine 3-pointers and netted 32 points but Glenn Ferry still fell a bucket shy at Castleford 82-80 in boys non-league basketball Tuesday in Castleford.

Elvis Medina scored 19 points and Robert Comer added 14 including four 3-pointers for the Wolves (5-0).

"(Darrington) was just unconscionable," said Castleford coach Andy Wiseman. "We kept rotating our best defenses on him but he's a heck of a shooter."

Castleford bolted out to leads of 12-0 and 25-0 only to see the Pilots (4-5) battling back. "They just kept coming back," Wiseman said. "They'd hit the threes and they're a good free-throw shooting team. I thought we'd wear them out but they're a well-conditioned team."

Castleford hosts Magic Valley Christian on Thursday.

Castleford 82, Glenna Ferry 80
Darrington 19, Comer 14, Medina 19, ...

Carey 61, Ketchum 49
KETCHUM - The Panthers pounded on the Community School 49-45 Tuesday night in Ketchum for their first Northside Conference win.

After it was tied at 26 at the end of the first half, Carey outscored the Cutthroats 17-9 in the third quarter. Shawn Hennefer scored eight for the Panthers in the third to finish with 16 points. John Hayes led the Cutthroats with 15 points.

The Cutthroats (1-1) Northside, 1-3) visit Dietrich on Friday.

Carey 61, Ketchum 49
Carr 15, Hennefer 16, ...

Minico 67, Hillcrest 59
MINICO - The Spartans dominated the Hillcrests 67-59 Tuesday in Minico for their third win.

John Fennell racked up 26 points for Minico, and Ryan Hepworth contributed 16. The Knights also outscored 27-15 in the fourth quarter.

The Spartans (3-0) host Burley on Thursday.

Minico 67, Hillcrest 59
Fennell 26, Hepworth 16, ...

Dietrich 43, Camas County 40
FAIRFIELD - The Blue Devils slipped by Camas County 43-40 in boys basketball Tuesday night in Fairfield.

Mary Jefford led all scorers with 21 points for Dietrich, and Brandon Blodgett nailed 19 for the Mushers. Camas climbed back to a 16-point deficit at

half, but couldn't complete for the win.

Camas County (0-2 Northside, 0-4) travels to Carey on Friday.

Dietrich 43, Camas County 40
Jefford 21, Blodgett 19, ...

Shoshone 65, Richfield 50
RICHFIELD - Shoshone ran past a struggling Richfield team 65-50 Tuesday night in boys basketball.

Tyler McCowen had 14 points to lead Shoshone. Tony Pereira added 10 points for the Indians. Victor Vasquez and Ben Phillips all scorers with 16 points apiece for Richfield.

Richfield (1-6) hosts Bliss on Friday.

Shoshone 65, Richfield 50
McCowen 14, Pereira 10, ...

Oakley 42, Hagerman 31
BUHL 65, Wood River 56
ISDB at Bliss, no report

Monday's Late Results
Boys basketball

ISDB 55, Camas County 43
ISDB 55, Camas County 43

Girls basketball

Gooding 34, Wendell 33
GOODING - Carin Patterson's 33-pointer with five seconds left lifted Gooding to a 34-33 win over Wendell on Tuesday in Gooding.

It was the second time the Senators defeated Wendell by a point this season.

Trojan Kailea Hansing led all scorers with 24 points.

Gooding 34, Wendell 33
Patterson 33, Hansing 24, ...

Valley 54, Kimberly 36
HAZELTON - The undefeated Vikings posted their ninth straight win, defeating Kimberly 54-36 at home Tuesday evening.

Down 8-2, the Vikings fought back to a 17-15 lead in the second quarter. Valley's full-court press kept the Bulldogs out of scoring range in the fourth, and handed Valley the win. Annie Shawyer finished with 21 points, and Rachel Bulcher netted 11 for Kimberly.

Valley (9-0) hosts Hagerman on Thursday.

Valley 54, Kimberly 36
Shawyer 21, Bulcher 11, ...

Burley

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Harr and his staff. They do a wonderful job. Their offensive was crisp."

The Bobcats' Jono Barker posed out the game with a 4-of-4 performance from the line to seal the win. The Bobcats added give the senior leader 14 points in the contest.

But just as the Bobcats dominated the second half, the Bruins ruled the first, taking a 17-10 first-quarter lead when 5-8 junior guard Brett Miller hit back-to-back baskets to end the stanza.

Again, the Bobcats rallied. This time they went up 41-39 with their final points of the quarter coming on a basket by Thomas after Berg scrambled for a loose-ball rebound and saved it from going out of bounds to the wide-open Thomas underneath the basket.

"Coach really got after us for not getting offensive rebounds in the first half," Berg said. "So, we came out pretty fired up."

Harr said he was very happy with his post players in the second half.

"I thought Berg and (Jacob

Dietrich 68, Camas County 30
FAIRFIELD - The Mushers proved no match for the visiting Blue Devils, falling 68-30 Tuesday evening in Fairfield.

Outscored 35-1 in the first quarter, Camas County could never crawl back. Sheena Bingham finished with 20 points for the Blue Devils before fouling out, and Sarah Vouch bagged 14 to lead the Mushers.

Camas County (0-3 Northside, 2-7) visit Carey on Friday.

Dietrich 68, Camas County 30
Bingham 20, Vouch 14, ...

Oakley 42, Hagerman 31
OAKLEY - Oakley defeated Hagerman 42-31 Tuesday night in girls basketball.

Mandi Critchfield led all scorers with 15 points for Oakley. Kristian Carecia and Patricia Demick each chipped in eight points for the Hornets.

Oakley (4-4) travels to Murtaugh on Friday.

Oakley 42, Hagerman 31
Critchfield 15, Demick 8, ...

Jerome 65, Pocatello 40
POCATELLO - The Jerome Tigers defeated the Pocatello Indians 65-40 Tuesday night in girls basketball.

Jennifer Pond scored 13 points to lead Jerome. Merilee Clark led all scorers for Pocatello with 16 points. Jerome outscored Pocatello 20-6 in the third quarter to put the game in its hands.

Jerome (9-1) travels to Minico next Tuesday.

Jerome 65, Pocatello 40
Pond 13, Clark 16, ...

Wood River 51, Filer 28
FILER - Wood River ran all over Filer 51-28 Tuesday night in girls basketball.

Kristine Hill led all scorers with 14 points for Wood River. Laura Williams chipped in 12 points for the Wolverines.

Filer (0-8) travels to Burley on Friday.

Wood River 51, Filer 28
Hill 14, Williams 12, ...

Declo 54, Glenna Ferry 46
GLENN'S FERRY - The Declo Hornets defeated the Glenna Ferry Pilots 54-46 Tuesday night in girls basketball.

Annie Allen scored 16 points to lead Declo. Mallissa Webb and Lana Moss both added 10 points for the Hornets. Jessica Simons led all scorers with 19 points and 13 rebounds for Glenna Ferry.

Glenna Ferry (4-5) travels to Castleford next Tuesday.

Declo 54, Glenna Ferry 46
Allen 16, Webb 10, ...

Burley 69, Twin Falls 54
TWIN FALLS (54) Blodgett 2, ...

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Pomerelle offers free lessons on Saturday
ALBION - The Pomerelle Mountain ski resort will offer free ski and snowboard lessons on Saturday starting at 10:30 a.m. The offer includes a 1.5-hour lesson and free rental equipment. To assure a space, pre-register at 673-5599.

CSI Jr. Eagles host hoops clinic Saturday
TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho Junior Eagles club is holding the second of two clinics on Saturday at the CSI gymnasium.

The clinic, which is open to all boys and girls in grades K-6, will teach basketball fundamentals with CSI staff and players. Cost is \$50 per child and the event will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Besides learning basketball, each Junior Eagle will receive a T-shirt, a team ball, autographs, a poster and other items. To register, or for more information, call 733-9554, Ext. 2473.

ISU suspends women's player for one game
POCATELLO - Idaho State women's basketball coach Shirley Hucatt announced that sophomore guard Lindy Whiteley will serve a one-game suspension for violating a team rule, the school announced on Tuesday.

Whiteley, of Murray, Utah, is still practicing with the team but will miss Thursday's home game against University of California-Irvine to fulfill the suspension. She'll return to the lineup for the Lady Bengals' matchup with Boise State University on Dec. 20.

Whiteley has played in all eight of ISU's games this season, averaging 3.3 points and 1.9 rebounds per game.

Jason Giambi takes physical for Yankees
BOSTON - Jason Giambi's contract with the New York Yankees moved closer to completion Tuesday when the first baseman took a physical for the team in Tampa, Fla.

In a deal that was finalized, the Yankees received a signed copy of manager Joe Torre's three-year contract extension, which he mailed to the team from Las Vegas, where he is vacationing.

Giambi's trip to Florida was another step in the slow process of finalizing a seven-year contract approach to the \$120 million. A lawyer familiar with the negotiations said the deal could be finalized by the end of this week. The lawyer spoke on condition of anonymity.

Former USA Boxing chief pleads innocent
PORTLAND, Ore. - Former USA Boxing president Jerry Dusenberg pleaded innocent Tuesday to charges he sexually molested an 8-year-old boy.

Dusenberg, 61, of Portland, is being held in jail on \$1 million bail, police spokesman Henry Groesser said. The trail is set to begin Jan. 23.

Dusenberg led USA Boxing, the organization governing Olympic-level boxing in the United States since the 1990s. He headed the country's boxing team in the 1996 Atlanta Games.

Hardy goes on IR, likely leaving Jaguars
JACKSONVILLE, Fla. - The Jacksonville Jaguars placed Kevin Hardy on injured reserve Tuesday, bringing an almost-certain close to the linbacker's six years with the team.

Hardy, a free agent after this season, tore cartilage below his right knee in practice Nov. 22 and has not played since. Surgery to repair the damage is an option, but even if he doesn't need surgery, he said he wouldn't be able to play again this season.

It brings an early close to a productive season in which he made 98 tackles and 5.5 sacks in 10 games.

Wrestling

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McComas, Clayton Morrison, Mike Taute, David VanEps, T.J. Wells, Brandon Whipman, Brandon William, and Andrew Wilkin make up the other new faces to the team.

"It's going to be a learning experience," Morrison said. "To date, the Bruins have yet to win, but that doesn't keep them from trying."

The team has a lot to live up to. Twin Falls' Adam Joslin was a two-time state champion, winning in 1998 and 1999. David Roy placed sixth at state last year as a senior.

Even in practice, the Bruins found time for fun. Paxton discussed the differences between the "penguin" and "vulcan" stances. Calvert walked across the room on his hands.

"Wrestling! It's not for basketball players," said Spencer Willden, with a smile.

"Wrestling is beyond cool. It's a state of mind," Paxton explained. Ryan said he has high expectations for the team, which he hopes can place eighth or higher at the state tournament; he also wants to win 90 percent of all duals, and is determined to beat rival Minico.

"Coach Shields and I have been telling them, work hard, and good things will happen," Ryan said. "Our season will depend on how hard they work."

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SPORTS

Jordan sparks Wizards to victory

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) - Michael Jordan scored 16 points and had nine assists early, and Richard Hamilton scored a season-high 30 points as the Washington Wizards beat the Memphis Grizzlies 91-81 Tuesday night for their third straight victory.

In his previous two games, Jordan scored most of his points in the fourth quarter in helping the Wizards beat Houston and Dallas.

Celtics 102, Knicks 93, OT NEW YORK - Antoine Walker scored a season-high 42 points and Boston caught a break when Latrell Sprewell missed a foul shot late in regulation. Sprewell scored a career-high 49 points for New York. He could have reached 50 and all but locked up the victory with 6.2 seconds left, but missed one of two free throws to give the Celtics one last chance.

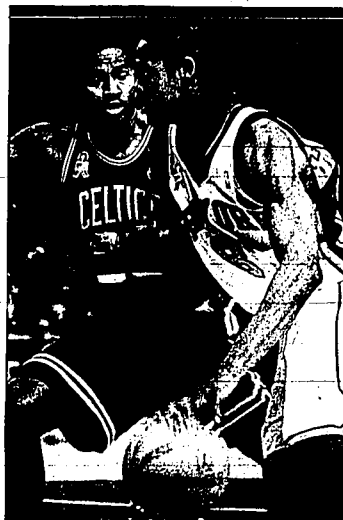
Walker got free behind the 3-point arc as he received the inbound pass, and his shot tied it at 89-89 with 3.6 seconds left. Sprewell took the final shot of regulation, but Paul Pierce got a piece of it and the game went to overtime.

The Celtics won for the seventh time in eight games.

Heat 99, Bucks 97 MIAMI - Eddie Jones scored 23 points, including the go-head layup with 10.5 seconds left, to lift Miami over Milwaukee. Milwaukee had a chance to tie in the final seconds, but Anthony Mason's drive to the basket was stopped by Jones and Alonzo Mourning.

Ray Allen had 30 points on 10-of-14 shooting, including five 3-pointers for Milwaukee.

Hawks 89, 76ers 87 ATLANTA - Jacque Vaughn hit a long jumper with 3 seconds



New York Knicks guard Latrell Sprewell drives around the Boston Celtics' Erick Strickland at Madison Square Garden in New York Tuesday.

Kidd just missed a double-double with 17 points and nine assists as New Jersey beat Chicago.

Cavaliers 107, Rockets 102 HOUSTON - Zydrunas Ilgauskas scored a season-high 22 points, including 13 in the fourth quarter, as Cleveland beat Houston - the Rockets' 11th straight loss.

Almond Murray scored 20 points, and Jumaane Jones added 16 points and 11 rebounds as the Cavaliers improved to 4-1 in the month of December.

Cuttino Mobley had 33 points, including 14 in the fourth quarter to help Houston close the gap to one point after trailing by as many as 20. Oscar Torres added a career-high 28 for Houston, which has its longest losing streak since the 1977-78 team dropped 13 straight from Feb. 27 to March 22.

Cavaliers point guard Andre Miller, the NBA's assists leader, left the game with 530 to play with a dislocated right shoulder. The team said Miller will be re-evaluated today to determine the severity of the injury, but he will miss at least Thursday's game at Dallas.

Mavericks 105, Trail Blazers 103 DALLAS - Steve Nash scored a career-high 39 points, including 17 in the final 6:23, as Dallas ended its season-high three-game losing streak.

Michael Finley shot only 7-for-26 from the field but finished with 20 points for the Mavericks, who were without top scorer Dirk Nowitzki in the second half. Nowitzki injured his left ankle in the second quarter.

Bonzi Wells had 21 points and 13 rebounds for the Trail Blazers, who had won four of their previous six.

left to give Atlanta a win and send Philadelphia to its sixth straight loss.

Jason Terry scored 23 points, and Shareef Abdur-Rahim added 19 points and 11 rebounds for Atlanta, which stopped its eight-game losing streak against Philadelphia.

Dikembe Mutombo, playing his first game in Atlanta since he was traded to Philadelphia last season, had 15 rebounds and eight points. Allen Iverson scored 34 points for Philadelphia, and Aaron McKie added 16.

Timberwolves 107, Warriors 86 MINNEAPOLIS - Wally

Szczerbiak scored 22 points, and Kevin Garnett had 20 as Minnesota beat Golden State.

Joe Smith added 18 points and 12 rebounds for the Timberwolves, who won their fourth straight since going winless during a three-game West Coast road trip.

Danny Fortson scored 17 points, 13 off free throws, and had 14 rebounds for the Warriors, who have lost seven of their last eight games.

Nets 107, Bulls 93 CHICAGO - Lucious Harris had 20 of his season-high 23 points in the first half, and Jason

Baseball players, owners work toward contraction agreement

BOSTON (AP) - Players and owners failed Tuesday to finalize an agreement on a contract that would delay elimination of teams until at least 2003, and the meetings were scheduled to resume after an overnight break.

The union's grievance to block contraction remained on hold. The meeting was to have resumed Tuesday before the arbitrator the arbitrator was kept waiting until late afternoon, when talks were put off until today.

The sides met in person several times and it was possible they would

talk by telephone Tuesday night. "Talks will continue," management negotiator Rob Manfred said.

Union officials do not immediately return telephone calls seeking comment.

The Minnesota Twins and the Montreal Expos, the teams most likely to be folded, would survive for 2002 under an agreement, saving the jobs of approximately 60 major leaguers for another season.

Owners want the union to acknowledge management unilaterally has the right to fold

franchises. Owners say they merely must bargain over the effects of contraction, such as a dispersal draft of players.

Contraction was put on hold by the Minnesota courts, which issued an injunction that forces the Twins to play next year at the Metrodome. Baseball's lawyers failed to get an accelerated review by Minnesota's Supreme Court, and the injunction remains in force until at least Dec. 27, when the Minnesota Court of Appeals holds a hearing.

Also on Tuesday, U.S. District Judge Robert L. Hinkle in

Tallahassee, Fla., refused to temporarily block subpoenas for Florida Attorney General Bob Butterworth, who says he is conducting an investigation into Tampa Bay Devil Rays are targets for elimination.

Baseball, the Marlins and Tampa Bay have until Thursday to turn over all studies, research and reports relating to contraction and any documents on the Nov. 6 meeting where owners voted to eliminate two teams.

"We want the documents," said Trish Conners, a lawyer in the attorney general's office.

Utah students vacate Olympic Village dorms



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SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - For 1,500 University of Utah students, finals week is also moving week as they make way for the Olympics.

Most of the students in the Heritage Commons housing are transferring to the university's old Austin, Bullif and Van Cott dormitories, while their former quarters are turned into the Olympic Village for the Winter Games in February.

The Olympic athletes won't begin moving in until Jan. 29. In addition to housing 3,500 athletes, coaches and officials, the 70-acre village will offer 24-hour dining, entertainment and recreation services.

Though the old dorms will be a step down for some, the university has spruced them up and rewired them for Internet access. All told, the move is costing the university \$800,000.

Salt Lake organizers provided \$28 million of Heritage Commons' \$164 million cost.

Having an estimated 15,000 boxes, or 263 tons, of student belongings is no small task.

"We're trying to make (the move) as easy for the students as possible," said LaDon Roeder, assistant director of residential living.

Several hundred students have chosen to stay with family next semester. Among them is Jennifer Jensen, who is juggling a part-time job, due dates for two papers and two final exams and must be out of her dorm by Saturday.

"They didn't have a single-room apartment available for me," said Jensen, who for the past few weeks has moved belongings home carload by carload.

For students moving to another dorm, the university has hired a moving company.

Advertisement for Salt Lake 2002 Olympics, featuring a countdown to the opening ceremony in 58 days and information about the torch tour and medal ceremonies.

When the students return from the holiday break, their boxes are to be waiting for them inside their new rooms. The old dorms are about a two-minute walk from Heritage Commons.

Football

Continued from D1 Mike Pearson and defensive end Alex Brown are the other Gators on the team. It also includes two players from No. 1 Miami - Outland Trophy winning offensive tackle Bryant McKinnie and free safety Edward Reed, one of three recent All-Americans.

BYU's Luke Staley, and Tennessee's Travis Stephens are the running backs, with LSU's Josh Reed joining Gaffney at wide receiver.

Staley, the Doak Walker Award winner who ran for 1,673 yards led the nation in scoring with 28 touchdowns. Stephens ran for 1,464 yards and 10 TDs.

Josh Reed caught 94 passes for 1,740 yards and seven TDs in helping LSU win the Southeastern Conference title and a spot in the Sugar Bowl. Gaffney had 67 catches for 1,191 yards and 13 TDs.

Along the defensive line are four standout ends - North Carolina's Freddie Jennings, Syracuse's Dwight Freese, Tennessee's John Henderson and Brown.

Peters had 9.5 sacks and returned one of his three interceptions for a TD; Freency led the nation with 17.5 sacks and forced eight fumbles; Henderson, injured early in the season, finished strong to come up with eight tackles for losses; and Brown had 10.5 sacks for a defense that allowed just 14.1 points per game.

Oklahoma's Roy Williams, the Nagurski Trophy and The Auer Award winner, heads up the secondary along with Edward Reed, Texas' Quentin Jammer and Washington State's LaMont Thompson.

Williams had 101 tackles, five interceptions and 22 pass breakups; Edward Reed led the Hurricanes' tenacious defense with nine interceptions; Jammer had 55 tackles and 24 pass breakups for the nation's topped pass defense; and Thompson led the Pac-10 with eight interceptions, including five for touchdowns.

The rest of the offense includes Colorado tight end Dan Graham, Ohio State center LeCharles Bentley, and two more beefy linemen - Nebraska's Tomni Fonoti and Colorado's Andre Garode.

Graham caught 51 passes for 753 yards and six TDs for the Buffaloes, who won the Big 12 title and will play in the Fiesta Bowl. Auburn's David Duval, who kicked winning field goals in three consecutive games, including a 44-yarder against Florida, is a four-place kicker. Duval hit 16 of 27 field goals and all 30 extra-point tries.

The other defensive All-Americans are linebackers Rocky Calmus of Oklahoma, Levar Fisher of North Carolina State, E.J. Henderson of Maryland and Robert Thomas of UCLA.

Purdue's Travis Dorsch has a unique distinction - he's the All-American punter and also made third team as kicker. His 48.4-yard punting average matched the fourth best in NCAA history, and he was 20 of 25 on field goals.

AP All-America team roster listing players from various colleges and their positions (Back, Linebacker, Quarterback, Running Back, Wide Receiver, Tight End, Offensive Lineman, Defensive Lineman, Defensive Back, Special Teams).

The first team has 15 seniors, nine juniors and two sophomores - Grossman and Gaffney. The SEC was the top conference with eight All-Americans, with the Big 12 next at seven, followed by the ACC and Big East with three each, the Big Ten and Pac-10 with two each and the Mountain West with one.

Mets will shift Edgardo Alfonzo back to third base. After winning the NL pennant in 2000, the Mets went 82-80 this year, finishing with the fewest runs and lowest batting average in the majors and the second-fewest homers in the NL.

The 33-year-old Alomar is a 12-time All-Star who hit a team-high 336 this year with 20 homers, 100 RBIs and 30 steals.

Golf gets a little tougher

ON THE FRINGE Doug Ferguson

Golf is finally starting to look like other sports.

It's not the money. While the PGA Tour had 16 players earn at least \$2 million this season, golf is still lagging behind salaries in team sports. TV ratings are at all-time highs and growing every year; although they still aren't close to NFL levels.

No, the reason golf can claim to be a real sport is because of injuries.

Any more, the PGA needs a D.

At the season-ending Tour Championship in Houston, Mark Calcavecchia was asked how many players in the elite 29-man field had made it through the year injury-free. His face went blank, and he started to turn around and look down the practice range.

No peeking. "I don't think I can name one," he said.

This was the tournament where Tiger Woods had to squat just to stick a tee in the ground because he injured his back while getting worked on in the fitness trailer. Sergio Garcia complained of a sore back for the first time in his career. He's 21.

PGA champion David Toms played with tape wrapped tightly around his wrist. And another golfer, suffering from foot injury, has been sleeping with a large boot on his right foot to keep his calf and heel flexible.

"It's hard to play with this," he said. "All you've got to do is look at it for four months of the year when it's fine, and what's happened since."

Every week, the PGA Tour puts out a money list, world ranking and updated statistics. All that's missing is an injury report.

"You're going to see more and more of it," said Davis Love III, who has been plagued by back and neck injuries all season. "I think you're going to see more and more guys whose careers don't last as long."

stone shots in his hand than he cares to remember. Hal Sutton had a tear in the soft tissue in his lower back during the Match Play Championship in Australia. He had four tiny bruises after a physical therapist got done working him over.

Ernie Els had to withdraw from the Scottish Open and nearly bailed on the British Open because of a bad back. Jim Furyk played with an injured wrist the early part of the year. Joe Durant won consecutive starts, injured his neck and missed the cut in nine of his last 12 events. That includes the Tour Championship, which has no cut.

And then there's Tiger. He got tripped up by an autograph hound at Pebble and hyperextended his right knee. He was suffering from an Achilles injury at the U.S. Open that he still doesn't talk about. And his back injury in Houston was the biggest scare of all.

"This is a first," Woods said that day. "I don't see how it can't concern me."

Why so many injuries? Some of it is bad luck, like Tom Lehman hurting his shoulder at an amusement park in England in 1997, or Brad Faxon falling off a ladder last year. No sport is immune.

The fitness craze could be partially responsible. More players are spending more time in the gym; when the twist motion of the golf swing is taxing enough.

Besides, how many fat guys get hurt playing golf?

"Guys are just not going to last as long because they're pushing themselves to do things their bodies weren't meant to do," Love said. "We've always said golfing is not good for your back. Well, if you think hitting it 280 is not good for your back, try hitting it 320."

Then again, taking care of the body isn't always enough in golf. Take it from Jesper Parnevik, who has battled shoulder problems and had hip surgery last year. "My shoulder is fine. My hip is fine," he said. "My brain, I'm not so sure about."

MLB

Continued from D1 "Obviously when you're able to acquire a Hall of Fame-caliber player like Robby, when you smell an opening you have to keep going at it to make it happen," Phillips said.

Cleveland, which has won six of seven division titles, is in a rebuilding stage, having lost Manny Ramirez and Alomar in the last year. Juan Gonzalez, who replaced Ramirez last season, is a free agent and unlikely to return. "I know this trade won't be immediately embraced," Shapiro said. "But it's more important to me how it will be perceived two months, six months, a year or two years down the road."

It was the second major move in the last week for the Mets, who dealt third baseman Robin Ventura to the Yankees last Friday for outfielder David Justice.

Alomar, a 10-time Gold Glove winner, will join with shortstop Rey Ordonez to form one of the majors' most acrobatic middle-infield duos.

Notes on the economy

Magic Valley report

This chart shows the annual 2000 wages in Gooding County - given in thousands of dollars - for industries covered by the Idaho Employment Security Law.

Total excluding federal	\$105,277
Agriculture	\$27,261
Mining	0
Construction	\$5,241
Food processing	\$14,362
Lumber	\$109
Other manufacturing	\$1,456
Transportation, communication, utilities	\$11,559
Wholesale trade	\$4,969
Retail trade	\$7,241
Finance, insurance, real estate	\$1,677
Local government	\$11,257
State government	\$4,926
Local government	\$15,221
Federal government	\$2,044

Source: Idaho Department of Labor

BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Developers like looks of eastern Idaho

ST. ANTHONY - Two companies hoping to build a \$15 million to \$20 million ethanol plant near Newdale say it appears eastern Idaho could support the plant and as many as two others.

Now more specific information is needed, said Dennis Keiser, an engineer with Idaho Falls-based Intrepid Engineering Services, which is working with a Boise engineering company on the project.

Keiser said the initial appeal of the Newdale area was the potential for tapping geothermal energy to help power the plant and offset operating costs. The area also can provide vast quantities of potato waste to turn into ethanol.

The companies feel there are enough potato farms and processing plants between Blackfoot and the Montana line to provide up to three ethanol plants with enough inexpensive potato waste to keep the plants running.

Keiser said developers have had to discount the geothermal power idea because of the extensive process of obtaining government permits. But he said other advantages of the Newdale area continue to make it a desirable location.

Meanwhile, Keiser said two other companies are considering ethanol plants in Fayette and Twin Falls.

Communications firm promotes vice president

TWIN FALLS - Clear Channel Communications Inc. promoted Dick Lumenello to regional vice president for Idaho and Montana.

Lumenello has a 10-year record as market manager in Boise and has been running Clear Channel's Idaho stations since 1999. In Twin Falls, Clear Channel has country radio station KEZJ-FM, news and talk station KLDX-AM and oldies station KLDX-FM.

"We've always experienced the power a region can deliver for advertisers with what we've been doing with Boise, Twin Falls, Evon, Pocatello, Idaho Falls the last few years. We are now poised to deliver the same partnership for our clients in Montana," Lumenello said.

Delta teams up with French rail service

ATLANTA - Delta Air Lines is about to start selling train seats to travel with the French rail service SNCF to offer frequent flier miles on trains to eight French cities.

The trains will operate from Charles de Gaulle International - the hub of Delta's SkyTeam Alliance partner Air France - to and from Angers, Le Mans, Lille, Evon, Pocatello, Boise, Twin Falls, Remes and St. Pierre des Corps. The train tickets will be sold as part of the airfare purchase and represent the first rail agreement in the airline's history, company spokesman Todd Gray said.

Delta's SkyMiles members will receive a minimum of 500 miles per train segment.

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Fed cuts key rate



Chicago Mercantile Exchange traders react in the Euro pit after the Federal Reserve announced a quarter-point cut in a key interest rate Tuesday. It was the 11th time the Fed cut rates this year in an attempt to keep the economy from sinking further into a recession.

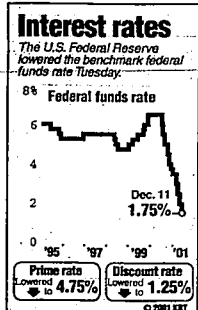
Reserve Board looks to help struggling economy

WASHINGTON - The Federal Reserve cut a key interest rate Tuesday for the 11th time this year in an attempt to keep the economy from sinking further into recession. The quarter-point reduction was less than the half-point cuts the central bank had been making since the Sept. 11 attacks.

The Fed's cut is aimed at bolstering the economy, which has been in recession since March and was dealt another severe blow by the terrorist attacks. In their aftermath, consumer confidence has plunged, layoffs have rocketed and unemployment soared, hitting 5.7 percent in November.

Economists hope that lowering borrowing costs will persuade consumers and businesses to spend and invest.

On Tuesday after their last scheduled meeting of the year, Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan and his colleagues announced they were cutting the target for the federal funds rate, the interest banks charge each other on overnight loans, to 1.75 percent.



the month since July 1961.

The Fed, in explaining its rate cut said: "To be sure weakness in demand shows signs of abating, but those signs are preliminary and tentative."

Some economists interpreted this comment as suggesting that the Fed's string of rate cuts may be drawing to a close. "I think they sense the economy is finding a bottom and will begin to

turn upward by early next year," said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Economy.com. "With a little bit of luck, this will probably be the last rate cut that they will have to implement," he added.

Other analysts, however, guessed there might be another rate cut at the Fed's next meeting in late January. In response to the Fed's action Tuesday, M&T Bank announced it was reducing its prime lending rates, the benchmark for millions of consumer and business loans, by a similar quarter-point to 4.75 percent, the lowest since November 1965. Other commercial banks were expected to follow suit.

Tuesday's quarter-point cut in the federal funds rate marked the fourth reduction since the terrorist attacks, but the three previous cuts were each by a bigger half-point. The last rate cut came Nov. 6.

After the Fed's announcement, stocks gained ground. The Dow Jones industrial average was up 84 points and the Nasdaq rose 38 points in late afternoon trading.

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ed the smaller quarter-point cut, believing the central bank would make the switch in an effort to signal that the string of rate cuts may be drawing to a close.

However, in the part of the statement that reflects possible future action, policy-makers left the door open to further rate cuts should the recession show signs of lingering.

Firm completes purchase of \$64 million in partner's shares

DENVER - Qwest Communications International Inc. has completed its \$64 million purchase of shares of the data communications company KPNQwest, its European joint venture.

Qwest - which does business in the Magic Valley - paid \$4.58 per share for 14 million shares from its Dutch partner Royal KPN NV. Qwest's principal shareholder, Anschutz Co., purchased six million more shares at the same price.

The deal, announced in October, leaves Qwest with 47.5 percent of the voting power and Royal KPN NV with about 40 percent in KPNQwest.

KPNQwest's new supervisory board comprises two independent directors, a nominee from Royal KPN NV and three from Qwest, including Qwest chairman and chief executive Joe Nacchio.

KPNQwest is trying to build a fiber-optic network connecting 50 European cities.

Qwest struggles to boost share prices

Knights Rider News Service

DENVER - Stock options have enticed executives to hit new heights in the past, so Qwest has placed another bet to boost its sagging stock.

Since its stock-market debut in 1997, Qwest's stock has shown a greater overall gain than the stocks of each of the company's independent peers in the telecommunications industry. That's despite Qwest's 70 percent stumble since May.

In that same span, Qwest's executives were rewarded for the stock's rise. Cumulatively, they collected more profit from selling the Denver company's stock - \$640 million - than did insiders at any of Qwest's 14 peer companies. To determine that figure, The Denver Post analyzed data provided by Thomson Financial's First Call about insider stock-trading activity at 15 telecom firms.

With Qwest's stock now trading near a four-year low due to the slumping economy and the company falling short of third-quarter projections, Qwest has returned to incentives to spur a turnaround.

Oct. 31, the company - which

It's all about pay for performance and leveraging risk. If the company does well, executives do well. If the shareholders do well, executives do well.

- Ian Ziskin, executive vice president for human resources

Live Web cast

Qwest Communications International Inc. will provide a live Web cast of its Thursday analyst meeting. Qwest Chairman and CEO Joseph P. Nacchio and other executives are scheduled to make presentations.

The meeting will begin at 7:15 a.m. Access the Web cast or replay at www.qwest.com/about/investor/meetings.

Qwest tops other companies in some measures of service quality

SAINT PAUL, Minn. - Qwest topped other big local phone companies in 2000 in several customer service measurements tracked by the Federal Communications Commission. But it lagged behind the pack in other measures.

The FCC's report summarizes various service quality data filed by local telephone companies that service about 90 percent of the nation's phone lines.

The report covers BellSouth, Qwest, Sprint, Verizon (segmented into north, south and CTE zones) and SBC (segmented in Ameritech, Southwestern Bell and PacBell zones).

The FCC's data showed Qwest was first among nine major local phone companies in installation of residential service, installing service in an average of one day. From 1999 to 2000, Qwest cut customer complaints per million lines from 722.1 to 379.2. Still, it ranked next to last in that category, behind only SBC.

Nextel Partners expands coverage

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - A "four-in-one" digital wireless service is launching expanded coverage in southern Idaho.

Nextel Partners today plans to announce availability of its all-digital wireless network and services in Pocatello, Idaho Falls, Blackfoot, Rexburg, Dubois, Moreland and Atomic City. The service combines digital cellular digital two-way radio, wireless Internet access and text/numeric messaging in a compact phone.

The eastern Idaho expansion completes Nextel's coverage of the southern Idaho interstate corridor from Boise to Rexburg.

Nextel's and Nextel Partners' all-digital wireless network now extends from Boise to Salt Lake City along the I-84 corridor through Mountain Home, Twin Falls, Rupert and Heyburn in Idaho, and Tremonton, Brigham City and Ogden in Utah, Nextel Partners said.

Coverage in eastern Idaho also includes the I-86 and I-15 corridors through Pocatello, Idaho Falls and on to Rexburg and Dubois in the north, and to Tremonton in the south.

Other Nextel coverage in Idaho includes I-84 east from Ontario, U. e., through Caldwell and Nampa to Boise, and Idaho Highway 75 north from Twin Falls through Hailey to Ketchum.

Nextel's two-way radio service lets a customer communicate with any other Nextel user. The expansion increases the number of colleges, customers and suppliers available via two-way radio within the calling region, the company said Tuesday. A customer in Pocatello, for example, can press a button and talk instantly with a co-worker or colleague using Nextel service throughout Idaho, Utah, Colorado, Montana, Wyoming, with no long-distance charge.

Nextel's and Nextel Partners' regional coverage already includes Boise, Caldwell, Nampa, Mountain Home, Twin Falls, Jerome, Hailey, Gooding, American Falls, Ketchum, Rupert, Burley, Heyburn, McCall and Coeur d'Alene; Ontario, Ore.; Spokane, Wash.; Denver; Salt Lake City; and Ch-yenne, Wyo.

To oversee N-xtel Partners' expansion in the region, the company promoted Brian Lueddeke to general manager. Lueddeke will manage development of the company's local wireless coverage network and launch Nextel Partners' service in new markets.

Kirkland, Wash.-based Nextel Partners employs 23 people in Idaho.

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MONEY

Merck's bad news tempers Wall Street mood

NEW YORK (AP) — The stock market struggled to find a direction Tuesday despite the Federal Reserve's 11th interest rate cut of the year and a bullish forecast from Nokia.

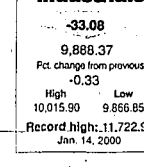
Tech stocks managed a small gain, but the broader market fell back when a disappointing outlook from Merck late in the session reminded investors that the timing of an economic turnaround is still uncertain. Analysts said the Fed's decision to lower rates, while welcome, was widely expected and failed to inspire sustained buying.

The Dow Jones industrial average closed down 33.08 or 0.3 percent, at 9,888.37. It was the fourth straight decline for the index, which had risen as much as 93 points on news of the Fed cut.

Merck's stock price tumbled more than 5 percent. Standard & Poor's 500 index lost 3.17, or 0.3 percent, to 1,136.76. The technology-focused Nasdaq composite index rose 9.81, or 0.5 percent, to 2,001.93.

In its statement issued announcing the rate cut, the Federal Reserve indicated a few more signs of "preliminary and tentative" stabilization, but said it remained focused on the risk of more economic problems. Although rates are a 40-year low,

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the statement's tone suggested that more reductions are possible. "The markets got the rate cut they wanted and the Fed said they were starting to see some evidence the economy was limping up," said Todd Clark, co-head of trading at WR Hambrecht. "That was enough for people to get encouraged."

But Wall Street's good feeling and the solid gains immediately following the rate cut dissipated with Merck's forecast of no growth in earnings per share next year, mainly due to expiration of the patent on its key ulcer drug, Prilosec. The stock closed down 56.29, or 9.3 percent, at \$60.70. "When you have a drug compa-

ny come out and say that there's zero-growth, that's fairly dramatic. These are non-cyclical companies, that are usually pretty stable," said Barry Hyman, chief investment strategist at Ehrenkrantz King Nussbaum.

Manufacturing and industrial stocks were mixed. General Motors fell \$1.69 to \$48.65, while Caterpillar rose 49 cents to \$50.50.

Tech stocks fared a little better because of an upbeat forecast from Nokia. The world's biggest cell phone maker rose \$1.71 to \$25.50 after saying it expects sales to rise 20 percent during the fourth quarter. It is the latest technology company to forecast stabilizing or improving business.

Analysts say the market's recent losses are nothing to worry about, given the extent of the rally. The Dow is up some more than 20 percent from the 2001 low it set Sept. 21; the Nasdaq has gained about 40 percent.

Still, there have been concerns that the gains are premature, and that there might not be enough good earnings or economic news to sustain the upward trend in the short term. The Dow is back below 10,000, after a brief spurt higher last week for the first time since before the Sept. 11 attacks.

Last week, Cisco and Oracle made similar announcements. Other tech stocks showed strength, including IBM, which gained \$1.84 to \$121.50.

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"Investors, for the near term, are cautious. We've had a big move in the market, but there's still a need for consolidation," Hyman said. "The expectations rally is over. We need to start getting consistent stories in terms of earnings stabilization and potential growth."

Advancing issues and declining issues traded nearly evenly on the New York Stock Exchange. Consolidated volume came to 1.32 billion shares, compared with 1.52 billion Monday. The Russell 2000 index gained 0.59 to 474.77.

Potlatch plans large temporary layoff

LEWISTON (AP) — About 27 percent of Potlatch Corp.'s 1,810 Lewiston employees will be temporarily laid off at some point during the Christmas season.

Between 75 and 100 employees will be laid off between Dec. 14 and Jan. 2 or Jan. 5 during a temporary curtailment of one of Potlatch's two paper machines and another piece of equipment used in that process, spokesman Mark Benson said.

Potlatch's other paper machine and pulp and tissue operations will continue to function.

The company previously announced about 390 employees at its Clearwater Lumber

Mill in Lewiston would be off the job Nov. 19 through Nov. 26, Dec. 24 to Dec. 28 and Dec. 31 to Jan. 4.

After a string of money losing quarters, the Lewiston-Clarkston Valley's biggest employer has been struggling to turn profits. Benson said the most recent decision was "directly related to poor markets for paperboard."

"The machine that will be idled makes paperboard for milk and juice cartons. 'The trend is currently flat and we're only hopeful there will be an upswing sometime next year,' Benson said. "It's not just poor pricing; it's lack of orders."

School Board rejects MicronPC's contract bid

MERIDIAN (AP) — Ignoring a call for regional loyalty, school officials have rejected Nampa-based MicronPC's attempt to gain part of a contract to supply computers to local schools.

The Meridian School Board unanimously voted Monday for bids totaling about \$1 million that were submitted by vendors selling the IBM brand.

The money will pay for 826 computers.

"You buy a computer, but what really buys you down is the support," board chairman Rex Harrison said.

The district has a long-held practice of purchasing mostly IBM-brand computers, which officials said reduces the cost of support and technician training.

"We're certainly disappointed," MicronPC Vice President Ross Ely replied. "We believe the process overall is seriously flawed."

By rejecting the MicronPC brand, the district is placing itself in a non-competitive situation that could result in higher costs, he said.

He said claims that keeping to one brand would result in savings were not true, since the computers were "functionally identical."

Ely had also hoped to appeal to the board's regional loyalty. "Our policy at MicronPC is to consider 'buying Idaho' at every opportunity, and we believe the district should adopt this perspective as well," he said.

FCG approves Nestle's purchase of Ralston Purina

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government cleared the way for the creation of a global pet-food empire Tuesday, approving Swiss food giant Nestle S.A.'s \$10.3 billion purchase of Ralston Purina and alarming critics concerned that consumers will pay more to feed Fido and Fluffy.

While the deal brings together such brands as Alpo, Purina and Friskies, the companies agreed to sell Ralston's Meow Mix and

Alley Cat dry cat food brands, the Federal Trade Commission said. The agency's antitrust division has been considering the deal for 11 months.

The FTC's decision "ensures even more competitiveness in the world's most important pet-care market," said Peter Brabeck-Letmathe, Nestle's chief executive.

Nestle holds 32 percent of the U.S. cat food market, while St. Louis-based Ralston has 26 per-

cent. Nestle also adds Ralston's 28 percent share of the dog food market to the 10 percent it already has.

Nestle has agreed to sell Meow Mix and Alley Cat to the Boston-based investment firm I.W. Childs Equity Partners, which owns the pet supply company Hartz Mountain, the FTC said. Nestle will have to give up international trademarks for the brands and help

Childs take them on.

Childs also must get FTC permission before reselling the brands during the next five years.

Without this agreement, Nestle would control about 45 percent of the U.S. dry cat food market, said Joe Simons, director of the FTC's Bureau of Competition.

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Company completes purchase of Lewiston ammunition producer

LEWISTON (AP) — Alliant Techsystems has completed its purchase of Blount's Sporting Equipment Group, which has 700 employees making sporting and law enforcement ammunition in Lewiston.

Blount sold the group for more than \$100 million in a transaction announced two months ago. The close of the deal was announced Monday.

Lehman Brothers purchased Blount about two years ago, and affiliates of the investment firm owned about 85 percent of Blount's stock. Based in Edina, Minn., Alliant Techsystems makes bullets, ammunition for tanks, rifles and armored vehicles, strategic missiles, tactical missiles fired from aircraft and rocket motors used on space launch vehicles for commercial satellites and the space shuttle.

Blount's stock price has climbed from \$65.29 on Sept. 10 in the wake of the terrorist attacks on New York City and Washington, D.C. The company plans to keep the Lewiston operation open at an existing site. A new site is being developed in Idaho.

Blount will give Alliant Techsystems an entrance into markets for law enforcement and commercial ammunition. Until now, Alliant Techsystems has made ammunition only for the military.

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appreciation of the original Qwest's stock, save for the stocks of two Baby Bells bought by buyouts. No Qwest executives have sold shares since the stock began to slip in May.

The \$640 million cumulative proceeds Qwest executives gained through exercising stock options or buying the company's stock on the open market and then selling it surpasses that gathered by insiders at any of Qwest's 14 peer companies. However, so does the

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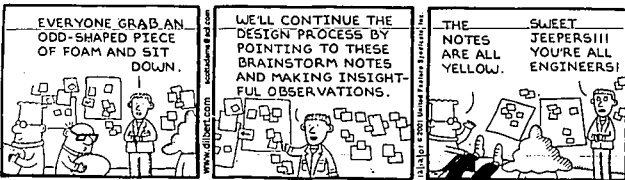
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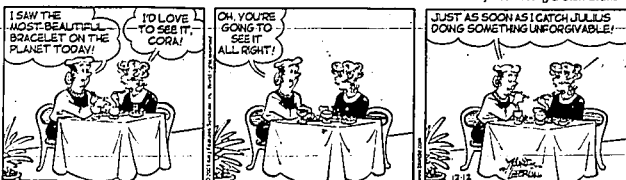
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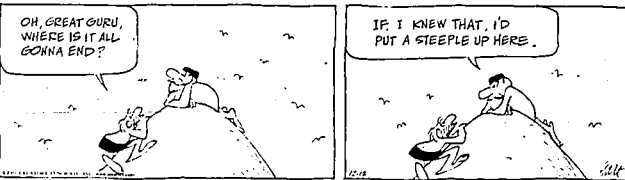
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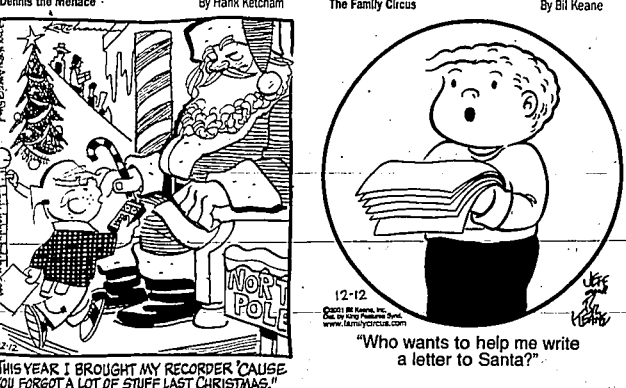


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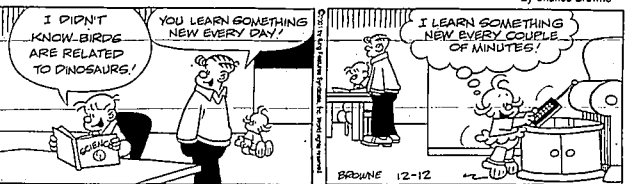
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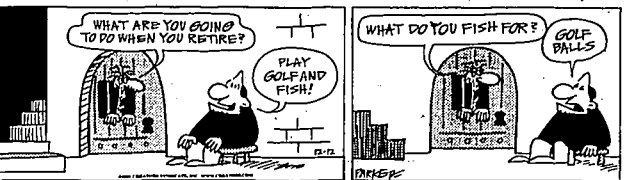
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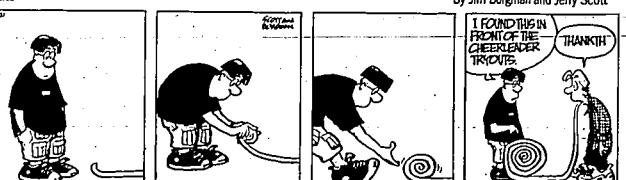
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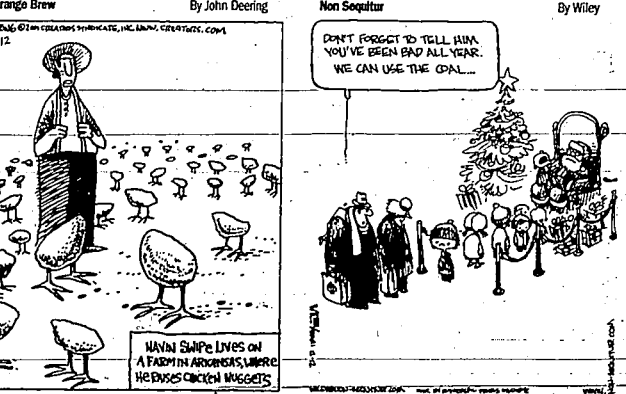


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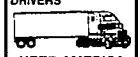


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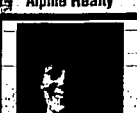
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