

Good morning

Today's forecast:
Cloudy with a chance of rain. Patchy morning fog. West winds 10 to 15 mph. Highs near 45. Lows near 35.

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Magic Valley

Ag head faces questions

Troubles at the Twin Falls Quality Assurance Laboratory may haunt state agriculture. Director John Hatch.

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You're holding cash

Competition is heating up in Twin Falls for scrap metal, aluminum cans, cardboard and all grades of paper.

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Sports

The nation's best

For the first time in the Steve Irons era, College of Southern Idaho is ranked No. 1 in the nation by regional directors of the National Junior College Athletic Association.

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Bruins start home season

The Twin Falls Bruins start their home basketball season tonight against No. 1 ranked Hillcrest of Idaho Falls.

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Food/Home

Yummy, yummy

Is chocolate high on your Christmas list? If so, try these chocolate-packed goodies.

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How's your freezer stocked?

This Magic Valley gourmet cook tells how to prepare game for guests or home folks.

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Say aye

It's pudding, really, and these local cooks know how to prepare it.

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Opinion

Give job a close look

Serious questions need to be answered about the Quality Assurance Laboratory, today's editorial says.

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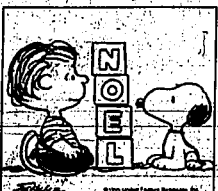
Democrats craft plan

The White House and congressional Democrats say they are drafting their own plan to balance the federal budget in seven years. But Republicans indicate they have some doubts if it will be acceptable.

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U.S. units begin Bosnia mission

Chicago Tribune and The Associated Press

TUZLA, Bosnia-Herzegovina — They came, they saw, they measured the parking lot.

American troops began their deployment in Bosnia Tuesday, a major milestone in a war that has been Europe's thorn in the side for more than three years.

But unlike Caesar's legions, there were no banners flying, trumpets blaring, only a truck with a bumper sticker that said "American and proud of it."

A reconnaissance unit of 10 Americans attached to the 1st U.S. Armored Division arrived at the Tuzla airbase and immediately busied themselves with logistical preparations for the eventual deployment of 20,000 U.S. troops who will be headquar-

tered here. They spent their first day on Bosnian soil checking roads and bridges, measuring buildings and parking lots.

Brig. Gen. Stanley Cherrie, commander of the advance team, said his mission was "just to get the lay of the land."

Another 700 U.S. soldiers are due in Bosnia within a few days, according to the Pentagon.

In Washington, with most Americans opposed to sending troops to Bosnia, President Clinton won important backing Tuesday from former Republican Presidents George Bush and Gerald Ford for the risky U.S. military mission.

But even as the White House welcomed the presidential endorsements, Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole delayed a vote on a resolution supporting the deployment until

next week. And another key Republican, Senate GOP Whip Trent Lott declared his opposition, saying the deployment was "a prescription for political trouble."

The White House readily acknowledged that Americans are "very skeptical."

"They need to have a lot of questions answered," presidential spokesman Mike McCurry said.

Former Democratic President Carter said in a CNN interview Monday that Clinton's decision to send troops to Bosnia was "the only thing he could have done. The Europeans were stalemated when the American troops were not there, when the U.S. was playing an equivocal role for two years."

Unlike the initial U.S. troop deployments in Saudi Arabia, Somalia and Haiti, American military planners are determined to keep a low profile until after the Dayton

peace agreement is formally signed in Paris on Dec. 14. Immediately after that at much more imposing show of U.S. military muscle is expected.

"Everything is hooked to the signing of the peace treaty," said Cherrie, who has spent the last three years planning for the possibility of a U.S. troop deployment in Bosnia.

Cherrie said he had three major concerns: The six million unmapped land mines that dot the Bosnian countryside; cold weather, and poor roads that could cause accidents as some 60,000 NATO troops take up positions; separating American government forces and the Bosnian Serb army.

Most of the landmines are located in forests, and a bit of separation when the NATO troops will be deployed.

On the road again



On a cold and rainy day like Tuesday, only the most dedicated athletes can be seen running down the street. Bob Ridgeway, running down College Road, said he has run six miles a day for the past 18 years.

GOP denies anti-gay agenda in the works

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — For months, some religious conservatives have been urging the new Republican Congress to help end what they argue is promotion of a "homosexual agenda" in public schools. After winning important votes on such conservative social issues as abortion, their next topic was to be school programs dealing with sex education, distribution of condoms and HIV/AIDS awareness.

But as a House subcommittee began hearings Tuesday on moral values in public schools — the anticipated forum for the new debate — Republican leaders facing a storm of protest from supporters of the school programs and from gay and lesbian groups quietly decided to play down the dispute. And they said they have no intention of introducing legislation anytime soon related to the problem.

"I don't see any (anti-gay) agenda," said California Rep. Howard "Buck" McKeon, R-Calif., a member of the subcommittee conducting the hearings.

One of their chief concerns, the Republicans said, is that congressional action would be counter to their philosophy of keeping the federal government out of local affairs — a philosophy they have applied fairly consistently, although with notable exceptions, such as efforts to reinstate prayer in public schools.

"We are not going to be sitting in here, talking and trying to debate with people on this committee about whether this (program) is what should be taught and that (program) is not what should be taught," said subcommittee Chairman Peter Hoekstra, R-Mich., after the first day of testimony. "This is not a morals board."

As a result, the hearings are expected to serve as little more than a venting session for opponents of sex education programs that include descriptions of gay sex and distribution of condoms.

Republicans met before the hearing and agreed to conduct discussions on how to increase parental involvement in the education of their children.

The decision came against a backdrop of fire and fury, including full-page newspaper ads sponsored by a Los Angeles gay rights group that labeled the hearings "witch hunts."

The hearings were requested by the Rev. Louis-Paul Sheldon, who heads the California-based Traditional Values Coalition, a conservative religious organization. Sheldon asked for and received a commitment from House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., during the 1994 congressional election campaign that the hearings would take place.

During a Capitol Hill news conference Monday, several gays spoke of the "gay bashing" they encountered in public schools and of their fears that conservatives are creating an unsafe environment for homosexual students.

Spaghetti sauce, pizza join prostate cancer fight

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Men who eat at least 10 servings a week of tomato-based foods are up to 45 percent less likely to develop prostate cancer, Harvard University researchers report.

A six-year study of the dietary habits of 47,000 men found pizza, spaghetti sauce and other foods rich in tomato substantially lowered the risk of prostate cancer.

Dr. Edward Giovannucci, a researcher at the Harvard School of Public Health, said that tomato-based products and strawberries were the only foods of 46 fruits and vegetables studied that seemed to have a protective effect against prostate cancer. And the benefits of tomatoes came from several forms of the food: sauce, juice, raw and even when cooked into pizza.

"We found that more was better," said Giovannucci. He said men who had 10 or more servings a week had a 45 percent reduction in the rate of prostate cancer, while those who ate only four to

seven servings of the tomato-based food had a 20 percent reduction in the cancer.

Spaghetti sauce was the most common tomato-based food eaten by the men in the study group.

Giovannucci cautioned that the findings should not be interpreted to mean that men should load up on tomato products.

"These findings support the idea that people should eat a variety of fruits and vegetables," he said. Nutrients in other foods may be protective against other types of cancers, said Giovannucci.

The researcher said that tomatoes are rich in an anti-oxidant called lycopene. In fact, tomatoes and tomato products accounted for almost 90 percent of the lycopene in the diet of the men studied.

Giovannucci said the study found that other nutrients, such as beta carotene and vitamin A, had no effect on the rate of prostate cancer. However, he said, these nutrients may be protective against other types of cancers as some research has suggested.

Report: Drugs, booze sickened suspended cop

By Liz Wright Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A policeman who is now under investigation for possible misconduct was hospitalized last year during a violent reaction to amphetamines and alcohol.

According to police reports, Patrolman Steve Collins, 33, had ingested amphetamines, and his blood alcohol level registered .246 percent — double most legal definitions for drunkenness.

The Twin Falls Police Department investigated the 1994 St. Patrick's Day incident as an "aggravated assault on a police officer," because Collins and his wife said someone may have spiked his cocktail with amphetamines at a Twin Falls bar.

Collins is now on suspension and under investigation by state detectives for possible misconduct, apparently in connection with other, unrelated incidents.

According to police reports, five officers went to Steve Collins' Twin Falls home on the evening of March 17, 1994, after his wife, Pauline, said he was acting strangely and looking for his handgun, which she had hidden.

"Upon arrival, the officers found Steve Collins in the back yard, trying to get through the fence," said a report by Sgt. Mike Hottman. "Collins was acting belligerent, threatening and paranoid. He was stating that someone was hiding behind the fence, trying to get him. He was also threatening the officers."

Eventually, police persuaded him to go in an ambulance to the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center emergency room; the report said.

There, he was put in restraints "for his and our protection," Hottman wrote: Collins tore an intravenous tube from his arm several times, the report said. Collins told police that he and Pauline Collins had met friends that evening at The Sandpiper Restaurant's bar after he got off duty from moonlighting as a Twin Falls airport security officer.

In the bar, he told a man to stop staring at Pauline Collins, and he noticed two other unidentified men standing near his table, according to a report written by police Detective Dave Heidemann.

Steve Collins also had words with some...

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Idahoans call implant conference

The Associated Press

HOUSTON (AP) — A group of Idaho women is calling on fellow breast implant recipients to rally in Houston next month and decide for the first time whether they should stay in a federal settlement with implant manufacturers.

"Since 1984, the courts have been clogged with thousands of lawsuits regarding silicone implants and have failed to resolve this massive medical and financial disaster," Diane Albertson, a vegetable and fruit broker in Idaho Falls, said Tuesday. "We, the women, have the plan to resolve and settle the silicone breast implant dilemma now."

Ms. Albertson and her three co-organizers all have had breast implants. They say they want women to decide among themselves "out of the view of their lawyers" whether to remain in a scaled-back settlement worked out in federal court with implant manufacturers.

But the organizers revealed few details about the proposed 1996 Women's Settlement Conference,

scheduled for Jan. 9-12 at the Astrodome. They said only that once in Houston, women will vote on whether staying in the settlement is in their best interest.

"The system has failed us, the cries of suffering are great. The women need to reach a settlement seeking judgment," said Michelle Machen, a 40-year-old Idaho Falls businesswoman.

Such a vote, however, would not have a binding effect on any individual women decide to do. That inconsistency was never cleared up by the conference organizers.

A vague itinerary presented to reporters listed several conference discussion topics on the breast implant debate, but mentioned no speakers.

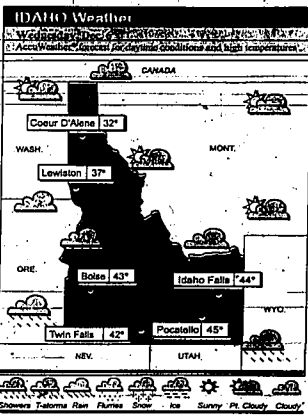
"They will be provided with expert information," said Irene Beard, a 54-year-old arbitrator, also from Idaho Falls.

The group said further details would not be revealed until the conference begins in January. For information on registering, call 1-800-231-0953.



Irene Beard of Idaho Falls, right, is the caller for a conference in January of women receiving breast implants. Joining her were from Judy Gould, Dianne Albertson and Michelle Mackey, all of Idaho Falls.

Weather



Almanac

Table containing weather data for Idaho and Twin Falls, including Max Min Pcp, Yesterday, Last year, and Normal values.

Idaho forecasts

Magie Valley

Cloudy with a chance of rain today. Patchy morning fog. Highs in the mid-40s. West winds 10 to 15 mph.

Extended regional forecast

Friday through Sunday mostly cloudy with a chance of valley rain and mountain snow each day.

Wood River Valley

Cloudy with a chance of snow today. Highs in the lower 30s. Tonight cloudy. A good chance of snow.

Treasure Valley

Mostly cloudy today with patchy fog. A chance of rain during the afternoon. Highs in the lower 40s.

Northern Nevada

Mostly cloudy today with a decreasing chance of rain. Highs in the lower 30s. Tonight mostly cloudy.

Northern Utah

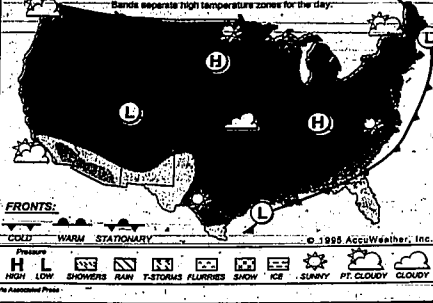
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Idaho weather summary

A major upper level disturbance moved across Idaho Tuesday afternoon bringing snow and low visibility from the Snake River valley through the central mountains.

NATIONAL Weather

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Wednesday, Dec. 6



Temperature extremes

Idaho: High, 44 degrees at Malta. Low, 9 below zero degrees at Dixie.

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National temperatures

Table listing temperatures for various cities like Albuquerque, Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Denver, etc.

For information call

For current road conditions, call these numbers: Boise, 376-8028; Shoshone, 886-2266; Pocatello, 233-6724; etc.

Gusty winds sweep wintry conditions into Midwest, Plains

At midday, temperatures ranged from a high of 83 in Miami to a low of minus 2 in Cut Bank, Mont., with a wind gust of 63 mph reported in Grand Forks, N.D.

Today's weather fact

Shoveling snow may not be interesting to many people, but the way snow forms is a fascinating process.

Each flake first forms as a tiny six-sided crystal. It then grows fastest at the six points which are most exposed to water vapor coming from all directions.

Idaho road report

BOISE (AP)—The Idaho Department of Transportation reported snow and ice throughout the state Tuesday. U.S. 12 from Lowell to Lojo Pass remained closed.

Correction

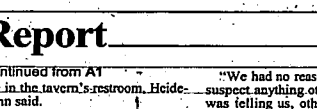
A story Tuesday incorrectly reported that state Sen. Laird Noh intended to visit a nuclear waste dump in New Mexico this week.

Correction

A front-page index note on Tuesday incorrectly reported the sentence relayed by a man who pleaded guilty to fracturing his infant son's skull.

Skywatch

Sunset today 5:05 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow 7:54 a.m. Lunar phase: Full, Dec. 6; last quarter, Dec. 15; new, Dec. 21; first quarter, Dec. 28.



Report

Continued from A1 one in the tavern's restroom, Heidemann said. Shortly after returning from the restroom, Steve Collins found another drink at his table, Heidemann wrote.

Records Law

Collins has refused to discuss the incident with The Times-News. His lawyer, K. Ellen Baxter of Hailey, has not returned repeated phone calls.

Talks on probe continue

WASHINGTON (AP)—Republicans and Democrats on the House ethics committee have begun intense negotiations that could lead to appointment of a special counsel to investigate Speaker Newt Gingrich's conduct.

Sources said Republicans offered Tuesday to support appointing an outside lawyer to investigate whether Gingrich, R-Ga., misused U.S. tax law in raising funds.

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Nation

White House prepares 7-year budget plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — In the first hint of movement at the budget talks, White House officials and Democratic congressional leaders said Tuesday they are preparing a seven-year budget-balancing plan that could be presented to Republicans later this week.

Democrats seemed divided over the size and timing of the proposal's tax cuts, the precise size of some spending cuts, and when it would be unveiled. They said its proposed savings in Medicare and Medicaid would be similar to reductions President Clinton proposed in a 10-year budget-financing outline in June, but it probably would seek deeper reductions in many other domestic programs.



Panetta

reached no agreements. "We probably won't like what they come up with," said Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., who said he spoke to Clinton by telephone Tuesday morning about the Democratic plan. "At least that's what

he told me. But that's at least a start." Republicans have insisted that bargaining cannot go very far until Democrats produce a detailed seven-year plan to eliminate the deficit. The GOP pushed its own seven-year package through Congress last month, containing deeper cuts and bigger tax reductions than Clinton prefers. The president is likely to veto it this week. Democrats said they hoped their plan's presentation would force Republicans to reveal what they would protect Clinton's top priorities: Medicare, Medicaid, education and environment programs — from slashes he considers draconian. "We're also hopeful at some point Republicans would be willing to put down an offer that responds to our

concerns," White House chief of staff Leon Panetta told reporters. One immediate point of contention was sure to be the economic projections on which the plan is being based. White House officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the measure was based on estimates by their own Office of Management and Budget. Its forecasts are more optimistic than those used by Congress and would require \$475 billion less in savings to eliminate the deficit. Senate Budget Committee Chairman Pete Domenici, R-N.M., said it would be "very hard to negotiate" if the White House package were based on its rosier economic projections.

Agreement on cable rates emerges

WASHINGTON (AP) — House and Senate negotiators have reached agreement on how to deregulate cable television rates — one of the most contentious features of a bill to overhaul telecommunications law.

Congressional aides and lobbyists, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Tuesday the plan would keep existing regulations on all but the smallest cable systems for at least three years. After that, rates for such popular networks as CNN, USA, MTV and ESPN, which are part of services above the basic level, would be deregulated.

The plan, a product of six weeks of negotiations, must be approved by a congressional committee that will try

to reconcile House- and Senate-passed telecommunications bills. The committee plans to meet today to discuss a variety of unresolved issues, including conditions under which local telephone companies may enter the \$70 billion-a-year long-distance business, restrictions on the transmission of sexually explicit material on computers and provisions on media ownership.

The Federal Communications Commission has said cable customers have saved \$3.5 billion, since rate regulation began in September 1993.

Responding to complaints of rate-gouging, Congress in 1992 ordered the FCC to regulate the industry. The current plan seeks a middle

ground between vastly different cable deregulation provisions in the House and Senate bills.

The House bill would deregulate rates above the basic tier for most systems within 15 months of the bill's enactment. The Senate version would only regulate systems with rates substantially above the national average.

"It's better than the original bills, but it runs the risk of rates skyrocketing down the road if Congress allows too few large corporate entities to own the vast majority of media and communications outlets," Gene Kimmelman, co-director of the Consumers Union's Washington office, said of the plan. The Consumer Federation of America agreed.

Aliens urged to seek new green cards

WASHINGTON (AP) — Permanent resident aliens with green cards issued before 1979 were urged by the government Tuesday to apply for new cards as soon as possible.

The old Form I-151 Alien Registration Cards will be invalid after March 20, 1996. Without a valid card, aliens might be denied work, social-welfare benefits and re-entry into the United States from abroad.

"Processing of replacement applications may take 90 days or more, so it is important for holders of old green cards to apply now for replacement cards," said Doris Meissner, commissioner of the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

To get a new card, applicants must deliver a completed Form I-90 and \$75 to their local INS office, but the fee and personal appearance can be waived in hardship cases. Further information is available toll-free from INS at 1-800-755-0777.

The government estimates there are hundreds of thousands of people with the old cards, but does not have an exact figure; the old cards never had to be renewed and there was no procedure for keeping track of which card holders died. INS spokesman Elaine Komis explained.

The new cards must be renewed every 10 years.

Court examines policy on gays

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — The Clinton administration's "don't ask, don't tell" policy on gays in the armed forces came under a federal appeals court's scrutiny Tuesday, with some judges musing whether they should interfere with military rules.

All 13 full-time judges of the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals heard former Lt. Paul Thomasson's appeal of his dismissal from the Navy, the first challenge of the policy to reach a federal appeals court.

Some judges questioned whether Thomasson's statement, "I am gay," to his commander should have been sufficient to end his career. "What harm has Mr. Thomasson done to the military?" Judge K.K. Hall asked Deputy Solicitor General Ed Kneader, who defended the policy.

Kneader said the military has the right to discharge an openly homosexual member to protect unit cohesion. "It is not prejudice. It is prejudice," he said.

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Briefly

Thurmond celebrates 93rd birthday

WASHINGTON — Exercise, diet and public service are the keys to longevity, Sen. Strom Thurmond said Tuesday, his 93rd birthday. The audience at a Senate Judiciary Committee hearing on parental rights burst into applause after Sen. Charles Grassley congratulated Thurmond — the Senate's oldest member — on staying hale and hearty well into senior citizenship. "You've got to exercise, watch your diet and have a goal of helping people. That will keep you happy," said Thurmond, R-S.C., who performs nearly an hour of calisthenics and weight lifting each day.

Drug policy chief may join university

WASHINGTON — President Clinton's drug policy director, Lee Brown, is expected to leave the administration for Rice University. "There (have) been some discussions between Rice and Dr. Brown," White House deputy press secretary Ginny Terzano said Tuesday. "But I don't think there's been a final decision." The Houston Chronicle reported Tuesday Brown had already signed a contract with the Houston school to begin an appointment as a sociology professor. The paper quoted an official who declined to be identified. Brown said in a statement he had not signed a contract.

Thieves wipe out charity 'toy store'

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — A charity "toy store" for poor children has been wiped out by thieves. "How could they? I can't imagine people stealing from needy children," said D'Arcy Bryan-Wilson, director of the annual Christmas Store run by the Metropolitan Inter-Faith Association. The thieves struck Sunday, taking hundreds of toys ranging from board games to bicycles in a building at the Mid-South Fairgrounds.

Compiled from wire reports

IRS expands telephone filing to every state

WASHINGTON (AP) — For about 3 million taxpayers, filing a return to the Internal Revenue Service next year could be as easy as picking up a telephone and punching in some numbers. The IRS announced Tuesday it will expand its TeleFile program nationwide for taxpayers filing their 1995 returns. Next month, 23 million taxpayers who use Form 1040EZ will be mailed special booklets giving them the option of filing by telephone. The IRS predicts 3 million will take

advantage of the program, up from 680,000 this year. For the first time next year, the process will be completely paperless. Taxpayers will send their call-by-using a personal identification number, which will substitute for a signature. Previously, taxpayers had to follow up a telephone return by mailing a signature form. Telephone filing began in 1992 as a small pilot project and this year was available to eligible taxpayers in 10 states: Ohio, Florida, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, South Carolina, West Virginia, Colorado and parts of California and Texas. To be eligible, taxpayers must receive a TeleFile booklet containing their personal identification number. They also must be single with no dependents, have taxable income of less than \$50,000, have interest income of less than \$400 and live at the same address as last year. During the call, which should last about 10 minutes, taxpayers follow the nine steps outlined on a work sheet and the recorded-voice instructions, which are available in English and Spanish. Using push-button telephones, they enter their Social Security numbers, answer two yes-no questions and enter the employer identification numbers from their W-2 forms, their total wages, federal tax withheld and taxable interest. After a pause, a recorded voice tells the taxpayer's federal adjusted gross income, taxable income and refund due or additional tax owed. At the end, a six-digit confirmation number is provided for use if there are questions later.

Waldholtz opens documents

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Rep. Enid Greene Waldholtz agreed Tuesday to unseal all court documents related to her divorce, including those involving the custody of her 3-month-old daughter. Waldholtz's announcement is an about-face from her decision last week to open documents pertaining only to financial transactions, income and responsibility for debts. She wanted to keep sealed all filings related to custody. But media outlets, including The Associated Press, The Salt Lake Tribune, the Desert News, KTVX-TV and KSL-TV, said they would challenge the request. "I had hoped that the media would recognize and respect my daughter's privacy but it is clear that they insist on pressing forward with their motion to open up this extremely personal matter to public scrutiny," Waldholtz said today in a prepared statement. "After a great deal of consideration, I have reluctantly decided not to fight their motion," she said. "After all that has happened in the last few weeks, I simply do not have the emotional or financial resources to fight this battle."

Man dressed as Santa caught after robbery

BAYTOWN, Texas (AP) — A Santa Claus outfit provided a disguise for an armed man to rob a truck stop restaurant of more than \$5,000 in a "Season's Greetings" bag.

But the red suit and white beard did not make for a successful getaway.

The robber, who stole a taxi as he fled late Monday night, was chased by restaurant patrons and eventually captured by police. Frank Sidney Smith, a 35-year-old former employee of the restaurant, faced aggravated robbery charges Tuesday, detective Gene Sutton said.

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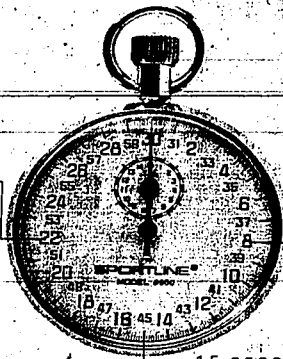
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Governors blast Medicaid plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican lawmakers and governors charge that President Clinton's Medicaid plan would leave them in the worst of all possible worlds: The government would give them less money but hold them, to the same responsibilities.

"Give us the flexibility. We will take care of the poor," Wisconsin Gov. Tommy Thompson, the chairman of the National Governors Association, said Tuesday at a news conference outside the Capitol.

Rep. Thomas J. Bliley Jr., R-Va., chairman of the House Commerce Committee, charged that Clinton is trying to perpetrate "a cruel hoax on the states" with his alternative-to-the-GOP plan to convert Medicaid into block grants and discard most federal rules and entitlements.

Clinton wants to keep the federal entitlements while giving states more flexibility and putting a per-capita cap on the growth of federal spending on caring for the poor and disabled. He would save \$54 billion over seven

years, one-third of the GOP's \$163 billion Medicaid target.

"Per-capita caps sound like reform," said New Hampshire Gov. Stephen Merrill. "It is no reform at all."

Bliley said it would be "the biggest unfunded mandate ever."

Melissa Skolfield, spokeswoman for the Department of Health and Human Services, disagreed, saying Clinton's approach "retains the guarantee of health insurance for people who need it, restrains the growth of health care costs, increases state flexibility and assures that funding is there for states if a recession hits."

After weeks of taking heavy hits on their Medicare and Medicaid reform plans, the Republicans were trying to rally support for their ideas. Some 37 million Americans, half

of them children, rely on Medicaid for health care. The \$166 billion federal-state program picks up half the nursing home bills and covers the delivery of one in three babies.

The GOP plan to convert Medicaid into "Medicaid" would still require states to cover poor children under 13 and pregnant women, but they could tailor their own benefit packages.

House Speaker Newt Gingrich, meanwhile, appealed to leaders of the American Medical Association to pressure the White House and Congress to strike a deal in the next three weeks on Medicare, Medicaid and the rest of the budget.

If they fail to strike a deal now, Gingrich asserted, "you will see interest rates skyrocket and the stock market crash."

The organization of almost 300,000 physicians has been an enthusiastic supporter of the GOP's sweeping plan to overhaul the Medicaid program and save \$70 billion, but has refrained from endorsing the Republican Medicaid proposal.

The House of Delegates, the doctors' policy-making body, was not making any change in its stance on Medicaid. The AMA says Congress should try to save less from Medicaid.

"We agree that state governments should have considerable flexibility in deciding how these federal funds are to be used," AMA President Lonnie R. Bristow said in a statement. "We also support the continued provision of necessary medical services for our most fragile populations."

Man who barked at dog must answer in court

PORTLAND, Maine (AP) — A German shepherd man who barked at a police dog Johnny Mathis, 20, said he didn't mean to provoke the dog to cause trouble when the dog detained and ordered to appear in court. Zedo, began barking on Saturday court on a charge of taunting the dog and he barked back.

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President of NRA dies after seizure

DEARBORN, Mich. (AP) — Tom Washington, president of the National Rifle Association, died Tuesday, nearly three weeks after he suffered a heart attack while deer hunting. He was 58.

He was flown to Oakwood Hospital in this Detroit suburb two days after falling ill in Michigan's Upper Peninsula on Nov. 16.

"During the time he was in our care, he had multiple setbacks," hospital spokeswoman Suzanne Truskowski said. She said he died at 12:30 p.m.

Washington was elected in May to a second one-year term as president of the 3.5-million-member organization.

Washington, of Lansing, was also executive director of the Michigan United Conservation Clubs, the state's largest outdoors organization. He had held that position since 1974. An avid hunter, he was among Michigan's leading advocates for fishing, hunting, firearms and conservation interests.

Washington's tenure had seen the NRA grow more political and activist.

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The following agencies of the state of Idaho have published the complete text and all related, pertinent information concerning their intent to change or make the following rules in the new issue of the Idaho Administrative Bulletin.

IDAPA 02 - IDAHO DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE
P.O. Box 790, Boise, ID 83701-0790
Docket No. 02-0414-9501, Dairy Waste. Rules designed to improve Idaho water quality by limiting dairy waste to the south of Idaho dairy farms. Comment By: December 27, 1995.

Docket No. 02-0613-9501, Rapeseed Production. Amendment will allow farmers in Rapeseed Production District III (all north of the Clearwater River and north of the Salmon River) to plant the winter edible type of rapeseed. Comment By: December 27, 1995.

Docket No. 02-0634-9501, Virus-Free Certification of Nursery Stock. Voluntary program that provides for certifying nursery stock to be "virus free" for export to other countries, especially Canada, by establishing isolation distances for nursery stock from other plants, procedures for the inspection, sampling, testing and maintaining the identity of nursery stock, and a schedule of fees. Comment By: December 27, 1995.

IDAPA 09 - DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT
317 Main Street, Boise, ID 83735
Docket No. 09-1935-02, Employer Accounts Bureau. Raises low-dollar tolerance amount for a more cost-effective collection process of employer's tax; modifies statute of limitations for the period of time an employer's records may be audited after notification of such audit; and sets the time frame for collection of delinquent amounts following a determination of the amounts due. Comment By: December 27, 1995.

IDAPA 11 - DEPT. OF LAW ENFORCEMENT
PO Box 700, Meridian, ID 83680-0700
Docket No. 11-0201-9501, Idaho State Brand Board. Changes the method of renewing brand registrations and creates a scheme of staggered reduced fees. Comment By: December 27, 1995.

Docket No. 11-0401-9502, Horse Racing. Deletes provisions relating to disciplinary action by stewards. Comment By: December 27, 1995.

Docket No. 11-0403-9503, Greyhound Racing. Permits greyhounds to be schooled twice and started fresh in grade D instead of a single time after failing to place in the top four during four consecutive starts giving them a longer career and making it less likely a losing greyhound will be destroyed. Comment By: December 27, 1995.

Docket No. 11-0403-9504, Greyhound Racing. Changes delete provisions relating to disciplinary action by the judges. Comment By: December 27, 1995.

Docket No. 11-0404-9501, Disciplinary Hearings. Adopts the model rules for due process and disciplinary proceedings advanced by the Association of Racing Commissioners International. Comment By: December 27, 1995.

Docket No. 11-0405-9501, Environmental Audit Protection Rules. Complies with statutory requirement to enforce environmental laws implementing the Environmental Audit Protection Act. Comment By: December 27, 1995.

Docket No. 11-1101-9503, Idaho Peace Officer Standards and Training Council. Changes specify the decibel and three frequency ranges of acceptable hearing range for POST Academy applicants. Comment By: December 27, 1995.

IDAPA 13 - IDAHO FISH & GAME COMMISSION
P.O. Box 25, Boise, ID 83707
Docket No. 13-0111-9501, Fish and Crustacea. This rule sets the fall steelhead seasons and limits based on returning fish counts. Comment By: December 27, 1995.

IDAPA 16 - Idaho Dept. of Health & Welfare
PO Box 83720, 450 W. State St., Boise, ID 83720
Docket No. 16-0101-9505, Air Pollution Control. Change removes Total Suspended Particles (TSP) category of regulated criteria pollutants; corrects application procedure for new major facilities in attainment or unclassified area requirements for monitoring increases of criteria pollutants; routine update of elements incorporated by reference for compliance with federal regulations; removes acetone and methyl siloxanes from DEQ's definition of volatile organic compounds (VOC); and changes the definitions of "Safety Measure" and "Scheduled Maintenance." Comment By: December 27, 1995.

Docket No. 16-0301-9503, Aid to Families with Dependent Children. Requires that both parents sign the application for assistance in a two parent AFDC budget unit; clarifies that a budget unit AFDC income and resource eligibility to receive one month continued benefits when deprivation no longer exists; adds rule, at State's option, requiring a resource maximum for Low Income Earned Women and Low Income Child Welfare Aid groups; and makes other non-substantive changes and corrections. Comment By: December 27, 1995.

Docket No. 16-0309-9508, Medical Assistance. Changes the outpatient reimbursement methodology for certain outpatient hospital ambulatory surgical procedures and radiological and imaging services to conform with Medicare methods and levels of reimbursement; eliminates balance billing services to be reimbursed according to Medicare reasonable cost principles. Comment By: December 28, 1995.

Docket No. 16-0310-9502, Medicaid Provider Reimbursement. Changes the year of patient hospital reimbursement per diem limits are based from 1984 to 1992; changes method of determining and distributing payments for disproportionate share hospitals; obtains specific compliance with Section 441 of OBRA '93; increases payment level to \$50,000 before Department pursues cost settlement with out-of-state hospitals; and changes the Department's method of determining reimbursement while remaining under the federal outpatient payment per diem limits. Comment By: December 28, 1995.

IDAPA 20 - IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF LANDS
3802 Industrial Avenue, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814
Docket No. 20-0101-9501, Idaho Board of Optometry. Changes the therapeutic pharmaceutical agents that an optometrist may use to perform refractive and therapeutic laser procedures. Comment By: December 27, 1995.

Docket No. 24-1801-9501, Idaho Real Estate Appraiser Board. Complies with changes in educational criteria under the federal mandate for licensure/certification. Comment By: December 27, 1995.

IDAPA 35 - STATE TAX COMMISSION
800 Park, Plaza IV, P.O. Box 36, Boise, ID 83722
Docket No. 35-0101-9503, Income Tax Rules. Fixes the annual simple interest rate due for calendar year 1996, upon any delinquency or payable upon an overpayment or refund, at 8%. Comment By: December 28, 1995.

IDAPA 59 - PERSI
607 North Eighth Street, Boise, Idaho 83702
Docket No. 59-0107-9503, Miscellaneous Rules of PERSI. Describes the procedure the board will use in determining the regular interest rate. Comment By: December 27, 1995.

PUBLIC HEARINGS ARE SCHEDULED FOR THE FOLLOWING DOCKETS

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & WELFARE (DEQ)
Docket No. 16-0101-9505 - Air Pollution Control Rules

IDAHO ST. BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
Docket No. 46-0101-9501 - Rules of the State Board of Veterinary Medicine

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Opinion

Editorial

Food lab may have little justification for continuing

The governor's office was tight to suspend operations at the Food Quality Assurance Laboratory, after receiving alarming reviews from outside evaluators. Those reviews make the lab's future a doubtful proposition.

The lab has been a shaky venture from the get-go. State lawmakers, who sank \$2 million into building the facility, were soon dismayed to realize it would need an ongoing subsidy to stay open. So far, taxpayers have spent \$550,000 propping up an agency that was supposed to be self-sustaining.

A serious contributing problem was weak support from the industry that the lab was built to help. Farmers were slow to make use of its services, partly because of the cost.

Now comes a series of scathing reviews from the University of Idaho, the Oregon Department of Agriculture and the Montana Department of Agriculture. One U of I official said the lab's operations were "so questionable that much of its information 'would probably not withstand a serious challenge.'"

That conclusion is devastating for a lab whose reason for existence is to bolster consumer confidence. The lab was created to provide a credible seal

of approval for Idaho farm products. If the quality of its testing is suspect, then its services are worthless to consumers and farmers alike.

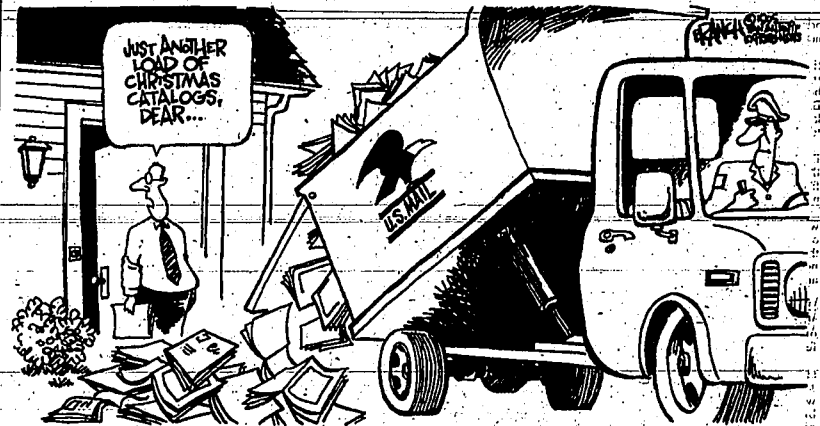
The initial criticisms will be followed by a more detailed review from an outside evaluator. But the seriousness of these comments raises some basic questions about the nature of the lab.

The lab was born from concern among ag interests about consumer scares, such as the Alar apple panic of a few years ago. Those concerns may have subsided. If the program can't support itself, perhaps the demand isn't sufficient to justify continuing it.

Unfortunately, a lab of this kind might be more effective and credible if it were attached to a major university, rather than a community college.

These are questions for the governor, the state Agriculture Department and state lawmakers to consider over the next few months.

Idaho has made a big investment in this lab, and it would be a mistake to pull the plug based on preliminary criticism. But the lab clearly needs a close look — and possibly some major changes — before the state pours further tax dollars into it.



People can ignore nuclear problem — or fix it

We Idahoans did not ask for cancer-causing plutonium particles to be dumped by the billions over our water supply. When we asked Gov. Andrus and Gov. Batt to dig up Colorado's plutonium and ban the reburial, they refused. Now we have been volunteered by Gov. Batt for trainload after trainload of deadly nuclear waste, and the old buried plutonium is ignored but continuing to leak at least 240 feet down over our water.

Like a rape victim, we did not ask for it, but we have at least one choice left: Do we fight back or not?

When Albert Einstein worried about the devastation that could happen as a result of his atomic discoveries he said, "We believe that an informed citizenry will act for life and not for death." In 1947, he predicted accurately, "There is no possibility of control except through the aroused understanding and insistence of the people of the world."

It seems unfair that with all the work we do to raise a family, the Magic Valley people have the added burden of fulfilling Einstein's hopes to clean up the nation's nuclear nightmare. Yet here we are, the little people at the end of the line.

We can ignore the problems or fix the problems. We can ignore the rape or fix "no more."

When 90 percent of the Idahoans in the Louis Harris poll said, "No more nuclear

Reader comment
Peter Rickards

There are 21 signing days left before Christmas. Let's use them all. We are starting advertisements to make up for the lack of press and some outright ignorant press. Please don't count on rich folks to squeeze our nuclear waste through the eye of the needle of heavenly survival.

Please send a penny for every nuclear waste shipment or \$11-33-Get-a-petition-by sending a business-sized, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Box 911, Twin Falls, ID 83303, or call State Coordinator Tracy Hodges at 733-2094.

When Rep. Mike Crapo spoke at high school graduation, he got great press, praying in public, calling on students to "do God's work." I agree, but if today was judgment day, what accuse would Mike and Phil offer to explain what is "God's work" about endorsing the burial and reburial of cancer-causing plutonium over the creator's water supply?

The media may be afraid to ask that question, but we nobodies working on the recall to protect our water might not be the only ones who ask.

It is Phil who takes money from the Lockheed nuclear company. It is Phil who continues to lie by using the words "safe" and "guarantee" for deadly nuclear waste. It is Phil who won't talk to the 20 medical doctors who started the recall. It is Phil who insists on only getting the advice of Lockheed's top-paid lobbyist, ex-Sen. Jim McClure.

Idaho has been blessed with a great water supply by the creator. We think of the recall as cleaning house, as a way for all of us to give a gift to the creator.

Twin Falls podiatrist Peter Rickards is a candidate for the Republican nomination for Congress in Idaho's 2nd District. He launched the current signature drive to recall Gov. Phil Batt.

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Letters

Magic Valley is a great place

For the past five years, it has been my good fortune to work one morning a week during the tourist seasons at the Twin Falls Chamber of Commerce Visitors Center by the Perrine Memorial Bridge. It has been a pleasure to meet some of the thousands of visitors who pass through the Magic Valley every summer. Almost every time we work there, we hear comments on the good impression they have received from the clean streets and well-kept homes and business buildings in our community. Those visitors who can stay a little longer and visit the area are also impressed by the scenic beauty we have to offer as well as the beauty of some of our parks and the campus and buildings of the College of Southern Idaho.

This past year, we have seen some very impressive and beneficial additions to our valley. Buildings like the John Roper Auditorium at the high school and the Faulkner Planetarium at the Heritage Center for Arts and Sciences will, for many years to come, add beauty to the area as well as being very useful for all of us.

In another area of the city where the need is most urgent, Cliff Smallwood has chosen to give of his own treasure of talent and labor to provide a wholesome building where youthful activities can take place. Improvements like these in the community don't just happen unless some public spirited citizens put in a lot of work and back it up with generous contributions giving back to the area that they call home.

Others have come forward with innovative ideas to utilize the assets left in the Old Town neighborhood to make it a profitable part of the community. As frosting on the cake, the elected officials of Jerome and Twin Falls, realizing that both the opportunities and challenges facing our valley can no longer be successfully dealt with by each community-individually, met on southern Idaho's Mason-Dixon line (the Perrine Memorial Bridge) to signify a new era of cooperation.

Last night we were brought by Twin Falls City Park and observe the beautiful lights on the trees in honor of the birth of the Christ child. Clean streets, educational institutions with adequate modern facilities, parks and facilities for the youth to use and enjoy, and a host of other benefits too numerous to mention here all go together to make the

Magic Valley a great place to live.

IRVIN ELLERS
TWIN FALLS

Buckle up your children in cars

Motor vehicle accidents are the leading cause of death among children. In fact, last year alone, 1,100 children under the age of 4 were killed in the United States in automobile accidents. Thousands were severely injured. Many were left permanently disabled. The number of these tragedies could be greatly reduced or even prevented had they been traveling in a car safety seat. All children under 40 pounds must always be in a car seat when riding in a vehicle.

In a crash, unrestrained children are thrown with tremendous force into windshields, dashboards or out into the roadway, resulting in severe injury or death. It is such a shame that these innocent lives are taken just because they weren't buckled up in a car seat.

Parents, don't think for a second that you would be able to hold your child in your arms during an impact. That's like believing you won't get wet in a rainstorm. A 25-pound child would exert 300 pounds of force in a 20 mph crash. Would you be able to hold a force of 500 hundred pounds? Holding a child in your arms or on your lap actually increases the chances of death or injury for the child. In an accident, your body weight would crush the child against the windshield or dashboard.

Even if you have a seat belt put over the child on your lap, you are just awaiting danger. The weight of your body would force the seat belt to cut deeply into the child's body. Obviously, this would cause severe internal injury or, quite possibly, death.

There is no safe place for a small child to travel in a car, except of course, in a car seat. All small children need to be buckled up. Not only is it the law, it is a matter of life and death. Children are a precious gift. We cannot and must not put our kids at risk!

WAB LYNN SHOTWELL
TWIN FALLS

Leaders let down little people

On a quiet peaceful Sunday morning in December some 50 years ago, bombs fell on American warships asleep in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. I was aboard one of those warships, and it was a morning I shall never forget. It wasn't long before we were all to realize that these bombs were the real thing. We also came to know that these bombs were being dropped by Japanese aircraft.

As the smoke cleared and the Japanese planes went winging their way back to their carriers, I can remember slowly coming out of a numbness brought about by the action of the morning. We were now at sea and supposedly trying to find those who we now knew to be our enemy. I can remember wondering how and why could something like this happen. Was I old enough, wise enough to understand any of it that did happen?

Yes, I could understand and know that this should never have happened. Our leaders, those so-called wise men, had been

Politicians trade lives for favors

I fear that Bob Dole and Nevt Gingrich are going to trade body bags for political favors with Bill Clinton.

WAYNE WHITTICKEND
Wendell

Letters

Disaster could stop shipments

This was the worst place it could have happened. There was no best place. It was early in the morning and no one knew about it for hours. A strong wind blew the dust and lighter particles in the direction of Shoshone. The heavy stuff along with the liquid, went into the water and began to move downstream.

Disaster stopped the shipments.

Space was left on the memorial where the names of the sick would be added to the names of the dead. Two years later, the investigation revealed the cause to be human error. In the aftermath, an idea began to spread. If nuclear material is not produced, transportation and storage is not necessary. An outcry of "enough and no more" brought the nuclear age to an end.

BEN SCHEPPS
HALLSLEY

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school and trained to be able to run the ships of state, not only of our nation but all of the nations of the world. We, the population, looked for them to do their job, and now they were letting us down. Surely in the days ahead we will be looking and waiting for the guidance of these so-called wise men.

So what has happened or taken place in the 50 years plus from the quiet Sunday morning in December? Wars, police actions, skirmishes too many to name. Now maybe on another quiet Sunday morning this December, the little men of this nation (20,000 of them from every walk of life, so they say) — no, not the sons and daughters of the big shots and politicians and especially not a son or daughter of Bill and Hillary's but the sons and daughters of we, the little people — these 20,000 military personnel (oh, yes they did volunteer) will be having their Christmas dinners in a foreign country where not too long ago all was peaceful, peaceful enough to host the Olympic games.

So now I must ask myself, just how far and how smart did your statement, ambassadors and so-called wise men become? Are they allowing this nation to become involved in a situation where many of those 20,000 (maybe more) might not be home for their Christmas dinner in 1996.

CHARLIE HALLERAN
Jerome

Tell elected officials "enough"

Has anyone noticed how quickly our elected officials move to save face? One day, they tell us that we can't pay our bills and that we must idle thousands of our "non-essential" government workers. Hardly a week goes by and everyone is back to work and the taxpayers get to pay for their time off but also the overtime that will be needed to make up for the lost time. In almost the same breath, our government tells us that we are sending 20,000 of our

young people to Bosnia, knowing some of them will die.

I don't know if they forgot we can't pay our own bills, let alone those of half the world as well. Then again, perhaps they only wanted to take our "tax public" — minds off of the mess our politicians have created by not paying attention to a balanced budget.

I doubt if any of our elected officials would care to lose a little pay in the interest of finding a way to balance the budget. They keep telling us, the taxpayers, we must give more, we must sacrifice more. What is good for the goose is good for the gander? It is time we Americans told our elected officials that they need to put up or shut up.

As long as we the people let our elected officials lead us around like blind animals, that is all we can expect of them. It is up to us to say enough!

Call or write to our elected officials in Washington. If you don't, too baaaand.

WADE L. BLUMBERG
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By Gary Trudeau Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley



Town demolishes house of murderer

ST. CATHARINES, Ontario (AP) — It was the typical house next door before it became Canada's house of horrors.

On Tuesday, a volunteer demolition crew tore it apart in a ritual intended to help this city move beyond the trauma inflicted by Paul Bernardo, who tortured, raped and killed two schoolgirls behind the pastel-pink walls.

"I'm glad it's coming down," Debbie Mahaffy, mother of one of the slain girls, said as she watched from behind a police barrier. "But it's not the house that was evil."

Her 14-year-old daughter, Leslie, was abducted from the nearby town of Burlington in June 1991, taken to the two-story, Cape Cod-style house near the shore of Lake Ontario, raped and beaten, then strangled.

In April 1992, Bernardo and Karla Homolka, his wife at the time, abducted 15-year-old Kristen French off a St. Catharines street. She suffered the same fate as Leslie.

The house has been abandoned since Bernardo's arrest in February 1993. The ground-floor windows were boarded up after being shattered by vandals. Graffiti was spray-painted on the pink clapboard: "Burn in hell," "One day, Paul, you'll pay." A few obscenities.

Neighbors grew disgusted by a steady stream of curiosity-seekers who came to gawk at the house where Canada's most widely publi-



Demolition workers raze Paul Bernardo's house in St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada, on Tuesday in a ritual intended to help this city move beyond the trauma inflicted by Bernardo.

calized sex crimes had occurred. After a few bureaucratic hitches, local authorities finally completed arrangements for the demolition.

On Monday, Bernardo's sports car — used to abduct the two girls — was towed away to be scrapped. Early Tuesday a demolition crew of 20 volunteers, equipped with two backhoes and a small fleet of dump trucks, got to work.

A few dozen residents, outnumbered by reporters and TV crews, watched silently as one of the backhoes tore into the shingled roof at 8:04 a.m. Within an hour, the house had been leveled, and trucks were loading the rubble for shipment to a landfill at an abandoned quarry.

Mrs. Mahaffy, who cried briefly as the demolition began, said she hoped the owners of the lot — who had

rented the house to Bernardo — would build a new house there.

"It's important that something new goes up there," she said. "Out of destructing comes rebuilding."

The owners have said the lot will remain empty for a while before deciding what to do with it.

St. Catharines' mayor, Al Unwin, said the city of 130,000 near Niagara Falls has found a new sense of strength and togetherness while enduring the tragedy.

Several initiatives grew out of the tragedy. Local businesses contributed funds to establish a nature path in memory of murdered and missing children. Many residents contributed to a legal fund for the French and Mahaffy families, who remain active trying to persuade local libraries and bookstores not to carry books about the Bernardo case that they consider inaccurate or pornographic.

Bernardo, 31, was convicted of murder on Sept. 1 and is serving a life sentence at a prison in Kingston, Ontario. Officials keep him separated from other inmates for fear he would be killed.

Bernardo was declared a "dangerous offender," unlikely to be rehabilitated, at a Nov. 3 hearing at which he admitted to raping 14 other women and helping kill his sister-in-law, Tammy Homolka, by drugging her so she could be raped. The admission precludes any trials for those crimes.

Australia to bar HIV-positive recruits

CANBERRA, Australia (AP) — Australia's government announced Tuesday that it will bar HIV-positive people from joining its defense forces. "We need everybody in uniform to be potentially able to fight and means that they have to be fit and healthy enough to do that," said Acting Defense Minister Garry Punch.

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Ex-general appeals to voters with tough talk

MOSCOW (AP) — Every day, one of the most stark TV ads in Russia's election campaign shows a veteran soldier doing what millions of his colleagues do all the time: He takes a bribe.

Suddenly, the camera cuts to an imposing army general in full dress uniform. "I strongly advise against it," his deep voice booms. Then an iron grate slams across the screen.

Welcome to the world of Lt. Gen. Alexander Lebed, a real Russian bear whose tough talk about defending ordinary Russians has made him a hero and the military man to beat in Dec. 17 parliamentary elections.

Lebed is one of more than two dozen generals campaigning for a

seat in the Russian parliament and one of several known to have their sights on the June 1996 presidential race.

The 45-year-old former paratrooper and Afghan war veteran, however, is in a class of his own. Rougher, meaner, and more macho than most, Lebed's allure has made him one of Russia's hottest political properties.

Other parties quickly followed when the Congress of Russian Communities, or KRO, a nationalist movement with ties to the military-industrial complex, announced that Lebed would be at the top of its ticket.

Each of the major political parties has at least one general on its list of

candidates. The Defense Ministry has nominated 123 servicemen to run on the army's behalf in hopes of creating a military lobby in parliament.

"Everybody's trying to counteract Gen. Lebed. He is the general to beat, so they want to dilute his influence," said Michael McFaul, a political analyst with the Carnegie Foundation's Moscow think tank.

But no other military candidate can match Lebed's popularity, or the paws-up, claws-bared kind of charisma that has won him so many followers — and made his opponents nervous.

Russians captivated with Lebed's vision of a powerful Russia capable

of commanding respect are flocking to KRO offices throughout Moscow to volunteer as campaign workers.

Castro tours showpiece of capitalism

SHENZHEN, China (AP) — As part of his first visit to China, Fidel Castro toured the sky-rising, neon-lit streets of Shenzhen Tuesday, a showpiece of China's shift toward capitalism.

Two dozen hotel staff in red silk cheong-sam — traditional full-length dresses — waved flags and bouquets of flowers and chanted, "Welcome, welcome, special welcome," as Castro strolled into a hotel amid tight security.

Police in green uniforms guarded the lobby, and Castro's motorcade had its own police escort.

Since arriving in China last Wednesday, the Cuban leader has visited Beijing, Xian and Shanghai, and met with Chinese President Jiang Zemin and Premier Li Peng.

Though they both led peasant revolutions in their countries, Castro did not develop close ties with China because of its rivalry with the former Soviet Union. Jiang became the first Chinese leader to travel to Cuba in 1993.

While reforms have spawned an economic boom in China, Cuba's economy has languished.

Russia says NATO continued spying

MOSCOW (AP) — Russia's air defense forces said NATO Tuesday is continuing air espionage operations, saying more than 900 spy flights have been detected along the country's air borders this year.

The air defense forces' press service said the aircraft, tracked by Russian radars, made reconnaissance flights to collect information "in the interests of their countries and NATO," the ITAR-Tass news agency reported.

Many flights passed within range of industrial and military facilities, the press service said.

ITAR-Tass quoted unidentified experts as saying that the number and routes of NATO spy flights have not changed since the end of the Cold War.

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World

Former S. Korea president, aides indicted

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — The scene has become all too familiar: A prosecutor takes to live television with an announcement that shakes public confidence in the country's most powerful people.



Roh

This time, it was expected, but no less shocking. Former President Roh Tae-woo, four aides and a dozen top businessmen were indicted Tuesday in a bribes-favors scandal.

The aftershocks began immediately with the No. 2 man in the ruling Democratic Liberal Party offering to resign — a move that was a virtual revolt against President Kim Young-sam and threatens to break apart the ruling party.

The potential defector, Kim Yoon-hwan, leads a strong regional faction and is a friend of both Roh and former President Chun Doo-hwan, who was jailed Sunday in an unrelated case.

After meeting with the president, Kim Yoon-hwan withdrew the offer, but it likely only delayed the split.

His followers reportedly have asked him to quit with them. One is expected to announce a

breakaway on Wednesday, with others to follow suit. To fill the gap, the ruling camp is reportedly inviting some opposition members to join it.

In the long run, it is unclear whether a shakeup would help or hurt the ruling party. After a debacle in local elections in June, it faces important parliamentary elections in April.

President Kim, a former opposition leader who in 1993 became the first civilian president in 32 years, has been trying to distance himself from his military-backed predecessors.

The threatened defection offers a chance to make a clean break — the party is changing its name Wednesday to the New Korea Party — but the scandal threatens to envelop him as well.

When senior prosecutor Ahn Gang-min began his live announcement about Roh's

indictment at 2 p.m., people crowded around televisions in offices and restaurants.

The announcement carries serious implications for the country's booming economy, since the list of indicted businessmen reads like a Who's Who of the corporate world, including heads of the Samsung and Daewoo conglomerates. They were not arrested but could face up to five years in jail.

Roh was arrested last month after admitting tearfully on live television that he amassed a \$650 million slush fund during his 1988-93 term. He claimed the money came from donations.

A day later, Roh's former chief bodyguard, Lee Hyon-woo, was detained, charged with managing \$230 million that the ex-president still had left in secret bank accounts.

Roh faces 10 years to life in prison if convicted of corruption, and prosecutors are seeking forfeiture of his estimated \$350 million in assets — including the money left in the slush fund.

"The investigation was conducted with a national call to cut off traditional collusive ties

between politics and business," prosecutor Ahn said.

He said 35 businessmen were found to have given Roh bribes of up to \$32 million, but legal action was taken against only 12 whose criminal activity was evident.

Ahn, who heads a 37-member investigative team, said the probe will continue to check whether Roh diverted any money to secret foreign bank accounts.

An opposition legislator alleged that Roh took up to \$150 million in kickbacks in connection with a \$5.2 billion deal to buy 120 F-16 jet fighters from General Dynamics Corp. of the United States, which has denied the claim.

In 1992, Roh's daughter, Roh So-young, and her husband were convicted in a U.S. court of violating currency laws after depositing nearly \$200,000 in 11 California banks during Roh's presidency in 1990. The money reportedly came from a Swiss bank.

Ahn said he was seeking, through the Foreign Ministry, to obtain U.S. court records on the case.

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Magic Valley

Around the valley

Icy weather sends cars off Magic Valley roads

BELLEVUE - Ice- and snow-covered roads led to several accidents Tuesday around the outskirts of the Magic Valley, including one that sent five Blaine County children to the hospital with minor injuries when a car slid into their school bus.

Numerous cars reportedly slid off the roads in Elmore County, and several slide-offs also were reported in Jerome County.

One motorist escaped injury in Cassia County on Interstate 84 Tuesday afternoon, according to dispatchers.

"The 911 lines are lit up constantly," said Mountain Home Police Chief Tom Berry. None of the accidents have led to serious injuries in Elmore County, he said.

Motorist Sandra L. King, 48, lost control of her Subaru while driving south on Highway 75 and slammed into a Blaine County School District bus headed north, said Cpl. Ross Kirtley of the Idaho State Police.

Five of the seven children aboard the bus were treated for bumps and bruises and released from Wood River Medical Center in Hailey, Kirtley said. The 4:50 p.m. accident occurred about seven miles south of Bellevue. King will be cited for driving too fast for conditions, Kirtley said.

Idaho road reports available by phone for state highways

SHOSHONE - The Idaho Transportation Department offers winter road reporting service with four reports daily.

Road conditions on the state highway system are updated at 5:30 and 9 a.m., and again at 3 and 7 p.m. daily, including weekends and holidays.

Conditions are recorded on statewide and regional telephone reports that are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Reports also are sent to the Associated Press wire service for distribution to the state's media and three gateway visitor centers and the National Weather Service.

For statewide conditions, call 208-336-6600, for regional conditions call 208-772-0531 for Coeur d'Alene, 208-799-5055 for Lewiston, 208-376-8028 for Boise, 208-233-6724 for Pocatello and 208-745-7278 for Rigby.

In the Magic Valley area, call 208-888-2266.

ITD's road reports are limited to information about the 5,000-mile state highway system.

For weather conditions or information on other Idaho roads, contact the National Weather Service, U.S. Forest Service or the appropriate county highway district or city office.

Resident aliens must replace green cards from before 1979

TWIN FALLS - Permanent resident aliens holding a "green card" issued before 1979 must apply for a new card to maintain proof of permanent resident status.

The old Form I-151 Alien Registration Card will not be valid after March 20, 1996.

It may take 90 or more days to process applications for the new Form I-551 Alien Registration Card, so the Immigration and Naturalization Service is advising permanent resident aliens to apply as soon as possible.

To apply for a replacement card, a completed Form I-90 and a \$75 filing fee submitted to a local INS office.

For more information, call 1-800-755-2077.

U.S. Census Bureau to study Magic Valley unemployment

TWIN FALLS - Data about employment and unemployment will be collected from a sample of Magic Valley residents Sunday through Dec. 16 by employees of the U.S. Census Bureau.

The data will contribute to December's national employment and unemployment picture to be released Jan. 8 by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The Census Bureau collects labor force data every month from a national sample of 53,000 households.

Individual information is confidential and only used to compile statistical totals.

Compiled from staff reports

Twin Falls troubles may doom ag chief

The Associated Press

BOISE - Gov. Phil Batt called in his Agriculture Department director on Tuesday amid increasing uncertainty over John Hatch's future in the administration.

Just minutes before the meeting with Hatch, Batt twice expressed dissatisfaction with the way Hatch dealt with problems at the Quality Assurance Laboratory in Twin Falls.

"Whether or not his activities were totally sufficient, I don't know," the Republican governor said. "I have to have more conversations with him."

Hatch was in Twin Falls Monday afternoon when Batt announced the lab would be closed for an investigation.

Administration officials said the governor was waiting for the results of a more extensive inquiry into what he labeled "very serious allegations" about operations of the Quality Assurance Laboratory, Batt said a report should be ready by year's end.

There was no immediate speculation about a possible successor should Hatch resign.

Hatch's problems with the \$2 million Twin Falls laboratory only seemed to underscore what some in the industry have said is growing disappointment with his overall administration of the department.

Reviews of the lab, which checks commodities for pesticides and other contaminants, raised questions about the adequacy of testing procedures, and Gregory Moller of the University of Idaho went even further than his colleagues from the agriculture departments of Montana and Oregon when he said reports on commodities, mostly potatoes, included statements that some substances tested at below detection levels when they were not tested for at all.

According to Batt, Moller advised him several months ago that he was having trouble obtaining some of the information he needed to complete his review, and Batt said he told Hatch that was intolerable.

The information was eventually provided.

Hatch was the agricultural field representative for Republican Congressman Michael Crump when Batt picked him nearly a year ago to take over the Agriculture Department from Greg Nelson, who had run the department under Democratic Gov. Cecil Andrus.

Prior to that, Hatch was director of the western region of the Rural Development Administration and a natural resources representative for former GOP Sen. Steve Symms.

Food lab's defenders surprised by closure

By Karen Tolkkien
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Gov. Batt's decision to temporarily shut down Twin Falls' food-safety lab surprised two of the three scientists who recently reviewed it.

"I think it's a shame in my book," said Laszlo Torma, a chemist with the Montana State University. "I think it's a beautiful facility."

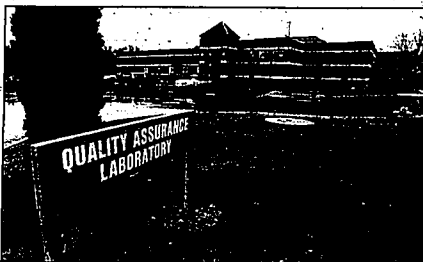
Torma and his colleague, Oregon chemist Nels D. Pedersen, released reviews that outlined problems with documentation and worker training, but complimented the lab for doing a good job in the short time it has been open.

But a third review, by University of Idaho scientist Gregory Moller, was far more critical. He reported that lab workers falsified the results of lab tests, apparently dumped "tens of gallons" of laboratory chemicals down the sink and used improper procedures and standards in testing for pesticides.

But lawmakers and an Idaho Department of Agriculture official said a conflict of interest potentially exists for Moller, who runs a Moscow testing facility with some of the same capability as the Quality Assurance Laboratory in Twin Falls. Both labs rely to some extent on state dollars. Moller's laboratory gets about \$116,000 a year from the Legislature. The Twin Falls lab gets about \$150,000 each year, although it was conceived as a self-supporting operation.

"It's clearly a question we have had in our minds as we looked at those other reports," said Mike Everett, administrator of the agriculture department's division of marketing and development.

"I think that was on everybody's mind," said Sen. Please see LAB/83



Because of a scathing review from a University of Idaho researcher, the Quality Assurance Laboratory in Twin Falls won't be back in business for a while. Other reviewers have praised the quality of the lab's modern equipment, below.



Company investment boosts valley's recycling

By William Brock
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - A major Magic Valley recycling company is spending more than \$500,000 to upgrade its equipment and facilities - and the upshot will be more competition and higher prices paid for scrap metal, aluminum cans, cardboard, and all grades of paper.

In addition to putting money in people's pockets, sending castoff items to recyclers will greatly extend the life of the local dump, said Terry Schultz, director of the Southern Idaho Solid Waste District.

"It is good news for everybody because the (Twin Falls County) landfill was filling up at a much faster rate than expected," Schultz said. "Every cubic yard has a value, and every yard we can keep out will extend the life of the landfill."

Schultz's enthusiasm stemmed from the arrival of a high-speed, 42-ton computerized baling machine at Pacific Steel and Recycling in Twin Falls. On Tuesday, a pair of cranes plucked the ungainly apparatus from a semi-truck trailer and installed it on a newly poured concrete pad.

The new baler will be the centerpiece of a 140-by-100-foot building, said Russ Taylor, Pacific's manager in Twin Falls. The new building will be dedicated solely to recycling, Taylor said, noting that construction can begin now that the new baler is in place.

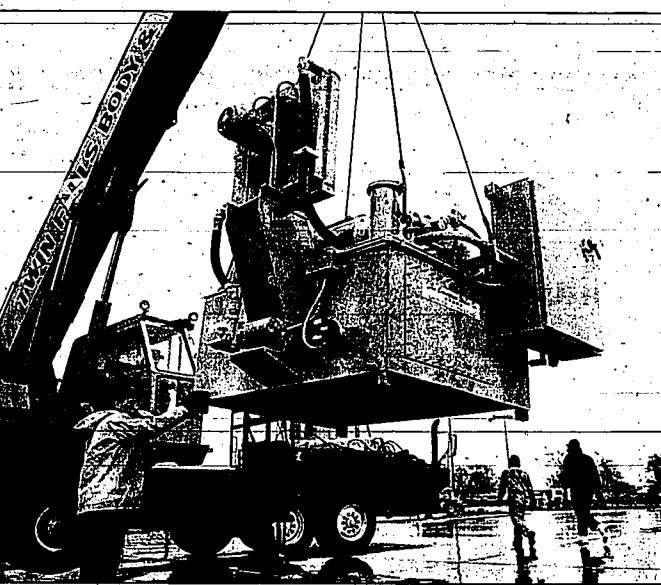
The massive machine should be up and running by the weekend, Taylor said. At that point, it will begin the daunting task of reducing Pacific's extensive inventory of scrap materials to densely packed, square bales.

"When I'll go from worrying, 'How do I get this stuff out of here?' to 'How am I going to feed this thing?'" Taylor mused.

The answer will come from Magic Valley home owners, business managers and others with "junk" that can be sold - and Taylor plans to turn them in with higher prices.

Pacific currently pays up to two cents per pound for newspaper, and up to 30 cents a pound for aluminum cans. For three days next week, the Twin Falls branch will pay 40 cents a pound for aluminum cans.

Over the long haul, Taylor is confident of offering higher prices because his baler will



Andy Thomas of Manchester, England, is alert for trouble as crane operators unload part of a brand-new, 42-ton baling machine at Pacific Steel and Recycling in Twin Falls. Thomas and two other employees of the Enterprise Baling Co. of Santa Ana, Calif., will spend several days readying the machine for action.

- Enable Pacific to accept materials it once turned away, including cardboard, plastics and all grades of paper - from office paper, to junk mail, to old phone books.
- Reduce labor costs by processing more scrap material with fewer workers: Until now, the Twin Falls branch could bale about a ton per day - but the new machine can bale up to five tons every hour.
- Reduce transportation costs by loading more densely packed bales onto fewer trucks for shipment to wholesale buyers on the West Coast.
- Pacific's primary local competitor is Magic Valley Recycling, which also buys newspaper, cardboard, aluminum and tin.

Please see RECYCLING/B3

Dump developer must obtain county permits

By Jennifer Bunch
Times-News writer

BURLEY - A Boise garbage-dump developer's plan to pay back creditors fails to mention the county permits he needs to open his landfill eight miles west of Burley.

Dispose-All Magic Valley Trust, owned by developer Doug Lomow, filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy in 1994. This October, a U.S. Bankruptcy Court judge in Boise gave Lomow 45 days to come up with a plan to pay off his debts.

Cassia County recently received Egan's plan.

According to that plan, Lomow would pay back creditors by operating the land-

fill on Burley Butte. But the plan doesn't mention that the company needs county permits to operate, Cassia County Prosecuting Attorney Stephen Bywater said Tuesday.

"We're just saying, you still don't have county permits, and you're not telling your creditors," Bywater said.

Lomow's lawyer, D. Blair Clark of Boise, could not be reached for comment Tuesday.

County permits long have been an area of dispute between the county and Dispose-All.

The county passed its solid waste ordinance two days before Dispose-All began construction on its Burley garbage landfill in April 1993.

Cassia County filed a lawsuit against Dispose-All in 1993 to stop the company from opening the landfill until it applied for and received county permits.

Dispose-All filed a counter suit against the county, stating it did not have to abide by county regulations. In the counter suit, Dispose-All claimed the county zoning and solid waste ordinances violated federal solid waste environmental law.

But according to a letter from Bywater to Clark, Lomow and the county in July 1994 reached an agreement under which Dispose-All agreed to apply for the appropriate and necessary permits with Cassia County.

No applications have been filed, Bywater said. The county is ready to take

Dispose-All back to court if it doesn't submit to county regulation, Bywater wrote in the Dec. 4 letter.

"I can assure you that we will do everything legally possible to prohibit the development of a landfill by your client in Cassia County until such time as the appropriate county permits have been applied for and received by Dispose-All Magic Valley Trust," Bywater wrote.

When he filed for bankruptcy, Lomow owed more than \$1.5 million to 29 different creditors who worked to develop his garbage dump on the Burley Butte, according to U.S. Bankruptcy Court records. His major outstanding debt in October was \$328,000 to landfill engineer Brown and Caldwell in Boise.

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Yellowstone on environmental danger-list

By Meredith Cohn
States News Service

WASHINGTON — An international organization of park-watchdogs listed Yellowstone National Park as a heritage site "in danger" Monday, according to several environmental groups who say it gives them one more item in their arsenal to use in fighting a proposed gold mine nearby.

The environmentalists said the World Heritage Committee — formed in 1973 by a treaty with 142 signatories including the United States — named Crown Butte's gold mine at the northeast corner, in addition to threats to native eutrothraut, bison, grizzly bears and geothermal resources, as reasons to list the park. The committee voted in Berlin Monday at its annual meeting.

This designation is a source of sorrow, not pride, said Mike Clark of the Bozeman-based Greater Yellowstone Council, which is one of the groups that invited the committee to tour the park and consider listing it.

Conservation groups object to logger on bear committee

BOISE (AP) — Two conservation groups say if Gov. Phil Batt succeeds in placing a timber industry representative on a committee working to help grizzly bears recover, the panel might as well be disbanded.

In a news release, the Alliance for the Wild Rockies and the Inland Empire Public Lands Council urged the Intergovernmental Grizzly Bear Committee to reject Chuck Roach as a new member. The committee meets Wednesday in Denver.

grizzly bear problems. The governor strongly believes that we should have representatives of private industries, whose livelihoods will be affected," said Batt committee said. Crown Butte Inland and the Intermountain Forest Industries Association have "waged a continuous and obvious campaign to impede recovery" of grizzlies in the two areas.

Death notices

Elmer Peters — SALMON — Elmer Peters, 90, of Salmon, died Tuesday, Dec. 5, 1995, at Steele Memorial Hospital in Salmon.

Guyer, 76, of Kimberly, died Monday, Dec. 4, 1995, at his home.

a.m. to 12:45 p.m. on Thursday at the church. Arrangements are under the direction of The Hansen Mortuary-Rupert Chapel.

Shirley L. Hughes — BURLEY — Shirley L. Hughes, 57, of Burley, died Tuesday, Dec. 5, 1995, at the Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley.

Clara Predmore — RUPERT — Clara "Ethel" Predmore, 89, of Rupert, died Sunday, Dec. 3, 1995, at her home.

Robert W. Wiley — BURLEY — Robert William Wiley, 72, of Burley, died Monday, Dec. 4, 1995, at his home.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at the Burley LDS Stake Center, with Bishop Scott Pickup officiating. Friends may call one hour before the funeral on Friday at the church. Arrangements are under the direction of the Hansen Mortuary-Rupert Chapel.

Archie Van Hoosen, of Kimberly, graduate services, 11 a.m. Thursday, Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls. Viewing, noon to 5 p.m. today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Antia Fay Barker, of Twin Falls, memorial service, 1 p.m. Thursday, White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Thelma F. Knight — BURLEY — Thelma Fawn Taylor Knight, 90, of Burley, died Tuesday, Dec. 5, 1995, at the home of her son in La Crosse, Wis.

Roose C. Evans, of Buhl, 10 a.m. today, White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Archie Van Hoosen, of Kimberly, graduate services, 11 a.m. Thursday, Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls. Viewing, noon to 5 p.m. today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by the Payne Mortuary in Burley.

V. Earl Woodruff, of Buhl, 10 a.m. today, First Christian Church, Buhl, (Fanner Funeral Chapel in Buhl).

Archie Van Hoosen, of Kimberly, graduate services, 11 a.m. Thursday, Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls. Viewing, noon to 5 p.m. today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

William "Bud" Guyer — KIMBERLY — William "Bud" Guyer, 76, of Kimberly, died Monday, Dec. 4, 1995, at his home.

S. Robert "Bob" Anderson, of Burley, 11 a.m. today, Burley LDS Stake Center, 7th Ward Chapel, 2200 Oakley Ave., Burley.

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Hospitals

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J. Mike Hutchings of Twin Falls.
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Admitted
Nichole Catmull, Frances Elmer, Kay Kawamoto, Kelsey Konrad, Nola Larson and Roger Raines, all of Burley; Wilbur Brishin and Julio Rodriguez, both of Rupert; Casey Higley of Paul; Jamie Kelsey of DeLo; Martin Juarez of Malta; and William Stennett of Pocatello.
Released
Manuel Nava, Jennifer Rice and Frances Elmer, all of Burley; Edward Shipley and Jerry Williams, both of Burley; Ferrell Chambers of Hazelton; La Tasha Pride and Amy Sjoeholm, both of Heyburn; and Donna

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Hilda Lempe, Rye; Gale Semann, Marvin Meyer and Elsie Engle, all of Rupert; and Mollie E. Davidson of Burley.
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Obituaries



Norma E. Ryan
Norma E. Ryan, 61, of Twin Falls, died Tuesday, Dec. 5, 1995, at her home.
Norma was born April 22, 1934, in Los Angeles, Calif.; to Fred and Elsie Chabessa Langham. She was raised in San Bernardino, Calif., with her grandparents who she attended Catholic school. Norma married O.T. Ryan and the couple were married for 17 years. She lived in California, Nevada and in Idaho. She had lived in Twin Falls since 1973.
Norma is survived by her mother, Elsie Chabessa of Twin Falls and Lisa Black, both of Twin Falls; a son, Ron Ryan of Boise; three granddaughters, Sherry Macdon of Twin Falls and Jessica Ryan and Britany Ryan, both of Boise; a grandson, Michael Sargison of Twin Falls; and two great-grandchildren, Robert Macdon and Erin Macdon, both of Twin Falls. Norma was preceded in death by a son, Robert Ryan.
The funeral will be held at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 7, 1995, at

Mae B. Janacek
Mae B. Janacek, 90, of Twin Falls and formerly of Murphy Hot Springs, died Monday, Dec. 4, 1995, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls of a sudden illness.
Mae was born Nov. 25, 1905, in Arkansas, where she grew up on a homestead. She lived in Westville, Okla., and Kansas City, Mo., until her 20s when she moved to Pasadena, Calif. In 1950, she took a job as a cook at a guest ranch in Victorville, Calif. She subsequently became involved in land development in Healdsburg and Victorville, Calif. Mae was married to Forrest Nichols, who preceded her in death. Subsequently, she married retired Master Sergeant Charles F. Jones, who preceded her in death. Mae was married to Chuck owned Murphy Hot Springs for many years until Chuck's death in 1981. Mae then moved to Twin Falls, where she was residing at the time of her death.
Few people have had a life as fulfilling and interesting as Mae. She was a friend to everyone and was considered by many to be the "Founding Mother" of Crescent Valley, Nev., and Murphy Hot Springs, Idaho.
Funeral service will take place at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 7, 1995, at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls, with the Rev. Robert Smith officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.
Joe C. Boster
Joe C. Boster, 86, of Twin Falls,

Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls, with Father Robb Keller of St. Edward's Catholic Church officiating. Burial will follow at the Twin Falls Cemetery. Friends may call from 3 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral chapel.
pioneer Magic Valley locksmith, passed away Monday, Dec. 4, 1995, at the Heritage Retirement Center.
He was born Jan. 1, 1909, in Cedarville, Ark., the son of Will and Eliza Morgan Boster. He attended schools in Arkansas, Oklahoma and North Carolina. He attended Lees-McCree College in Bannock, N.C. While working at the Indian school near Marble City, N.C., he met Grace Schade and they were married in 1934. During World War II, Joe served with the 94th Seabee in Hawaii and Guam. He and Grace moved to Twin Falls in 1946, and joined her father, Henry Schade in the locksmithing business. Grace passed away on Sept. 19, 1981. On Sept. 14, 1982, he married Helen Pugh Melton in Twin Falls. They purchased the business from Mr. Schade and operated it jointly under the name of Boster Key Shop until their retirement in 1970.
Joe was an ardent photographer and enjoyed sharing pictures taken during his extensive travels at various slide shows. He was a long time member of the First United Methodist Church.
Survivors include his wife, Helen, poster of Twin Falls; one stepson, Robert (Shirley) Melton of Pocatello; and one granddaughter, Amanda (Pat) Onelda and their daughter, Jessica, all of Pocatello. He was preceded in death by one sister and two brothers.
The funeral will be held at 3 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 7, 1995, at White Mortuary in Twin Falls, with the Rev. James Frisbie officiating. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at White Mortuary.
The family suggests memorial contributions may be made to the United Methodist Church, 960 Shoshone St. E., Twin Falls ID 83301; or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Roody of Crown Pacific Inland was named to the panel to succeed Idaho Fish and Game Department staffer Dave Ortmann. The subcommittee that Ortmann served on is overseeing grizzly bear recovery in the Cabinet-Yaak and Selkirk recovery areas in northern Idaho and Montana.

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Court rejects rule against obesity treatment

BOISE (AP) — The Idaho Supreme Court has struck down a state regulation denying Medicaid coverage for all medical procedures for the treatment of obesity. The court Tuesday ruled unanimously in favor of Sheila McCoy, who asked for Medicaid payment for gastric bypass surgery.

Woodland agreed. In a decision written by Justice Linda Coppel Trout, the Supreme Court ruled that regulation is too broad, because it might block the only treatment available for a condition that qualifies for aid.

In another decision released Tuesday, the Court of Appeals upheld the life sentence ordered for Paul Joseph Pugsley. He was sentenced for rape and lewd conduct.

Rigby man pleads innocent to murder

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — A Rigby man has pleaded innocent to first-degree murder for the August beating death of his girlfriend's 22-month-old daughter.

Prosecutors intend to rely on contradictory statements Carlson made to police and jailers at the time of his arrest about what may have caused the girl's death.

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Winter gently waded into northern Minidoka County Tuesday with a dusting of wet snow just eight miles north of Paul. The rest of the Mini-Cassia area may have to wait a while for the white stuff. The National Weather Service forecast calls for more rain, but little chance of snow.

Judge says investigator must testify for defense in pair of child rape trials

WATERVILLE, Wash. (AP) — A detective who investigated the so-called Wenatchee sex rings must testify for the defense in the child rape and molestation trials of a Pentecost preacher and his wife, a judge ruled Tuesday.

Meanwhile, two other cases involving people charged in the sex-rings investigation were dismissed. Douglas County Superior Court Judge T.W. "Chip" Small refused to quash a subpoena for Wenatchee police Detective Bob Perez, who also is the foster father of two of the alleged child victims in the trials of unordained pastor Robert "Roby" Roberson and his wife, Connie.

Wenatchee City Attorney Pat McMahon asked Small to declare Perez irrelevant to the Roberson case. "This case is not a case about Bob Perez," McMahon said. "Let's stop all this Bob Perez bashing."

But Small sided with the defense. "The defense subpoena anyone they want, and then it's up to the court to decide whether that testimony can be heard by the jury," Small said.

Defense lawyer Robert Van Sclen said after court Tuesday that he planned to call Perez on Wednesday. Roberson is charged with four counts of first-degree child rape, four counts of first-degree child molestation and one count of third-degree child molestation.

Connie Roberson is charged with two counts of first-degree child rape and four counts of first-degree child molestation. Both deny the accusations. They contend the charges were filed in retaliation for their criticism of authorities' motives and methods in a larger sex-ring investigation.

The Robersons and 26 other adults have been charged since last fall with participating in what authorities describe as two loosely organized sex rings in operation since 1988.

Five of the cases have resulted in convictions and 12 defendants have pleaded guilty. One person was acquitted and charges against five others were dismissed, including two cases this week. Two people pleaded guilty to misdemeanor offenses. In addition to the Robersons, one case is pending.

Also on Tuesday, Douglas County Superior Court Judge Carol Wardell dismissed child rape and molestation charges filed against Bill Davis. He had been scheduled to go on trial Tuesday.

The charges cannot be refiled against Davis, who drove a van to pick up children for services at the Robersons' East Wenatchee Pentecost Church of God House of Prayer. He had been charged with one count of first-degree child rape and one of first-degree child molestation.

Prosecutors said two witnesses recanted their statements and the alleged child victim was unable to testify due to medical reasons.

In Chelan County Superior Court, sex ring charges were dismissed Monday against Karen Lopez because two of the three witnesses in her case were no longer available to testify.

Lopez, 30, of Grandview, is also known as Karen Everett. Her father, Harold Everett, pleaded guilty to multiple counts of child rape earlier this year and is in prison, along with his wife, Idella Everett.

Utah murder convict wins Small quake felt in Utah perjured-witness appeal

DENVER (AP) — For the second time, a Utah man convicted of murder has won a federal appeal for an investigation into whether the only eyewitness had a criminal background associated with the victim.

On the first remand, the U.S. District Court in Utah dismissed Jerry Joe Medina's request for an evidentiary hearing into the eyewitness's background on grounds Medina failed to make the requisite showing.

On Monday, the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals remanded the case back to District Court, saying if Medina's allegations as to (Ricky) Myers' background, prior dealings and contacts with the victim are true, then petitioner may indeed be innocent.

The appeals court noted "this case has become a procedural morass." "It seems to us that this case may be resolved rather quickly by a court order requiring the production of the entire criminal record of Myers and the victim," the appeals court said.

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The Summit County sheriff's office received about six calls from people who felt a small tremor Tuesday night, a dispatcher said. No one reported damage.

Sue Nava of the University of Utah Seismograph Stations said the magnitude 3.5 quake was at 9:15 p.m. near Kimball Junction, about 18 miles east of Salt Lake City. It was nine miles deep and in an area where scattered small earthquakes are frequent.

She said the quake also was felt in the eastern parts of Salt Lake Valley.

Spokane suburbs want to form city

SPOKANE (AP) — Some residents in the suburbs east of Spokane want to form a new city, just seven months after a similar effort failed.

The proposed city of Lilac Valley would encompass suburbs east of Spokane, roughly to the Idaho border. It would be home to about 75,000 people.

The drive is the fourth such attempt since 1990, but supporters are undaunted by past incorporation defeats, a leader said Monday.

Seniors can receive free eye care from doctors in national project

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Low-income senior citizens can receive free eye examinations and follow-up care from local ophthalmologists who volunteer for the National Eye Care Project.

To get a referral a local ophthalmologist who volunteers with the program, call 1.800.222.EYES, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Referrals are

provided to citizens or legal residents aged 65 or older who are economically disadvantaged or do not have access to an ophthalmologist they have seen in the past.

Eye glasses, contacts, prescription drugs and hospital services are not included in the program, sponsored by the Foundation of the American Academy of Ophthalmology and the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

Recycling

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cans, scrap metals, all grades of paper, and clear glass, said Manager Greg Darnell.

There is enough recycling business in the Magic Valley to support both companies, Darnell said, adding that Pacific's new investment will benefit everyone with a stake in the recycling game.

"Competition is always good, because it makes you do that much better," Darnell said. "Surrounding states do quite a bit more recycling than we do, so it's time to develop a strong recycling

program here," he said. About 550 tons of newsprint, aluminum cans and other materials is recycled in the Twin Falls area every month, Schultz said, and community leaders are hoping to boost that figure with more drop-boxes and, ultimately, a curb-side pick-up program. Magic Valley residents are eager

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—Manager Greg Darnell of Magic Valley Recycling

to step up their recycling efforts for a variety of reasons, Schultz said. Keeping useful materials out of the landfill "allows people to be part

of the solution, rather than part of the problem — and it puts money in their pockets for items that would otherwise be discarded."

A major change in public attitude is under way, Taylor agreed, and it can't happen soon enough.

"We've been a throwaway state for so long, but we can't afford to be anymore — especially with the way this valley is growing," he said.

Lab

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Denton Darrington, R-Declo. "But in an interview Tuesday, Moller denied a conflict of interest because the two labs serve different purposes. His lab analyzes crop samples for the Environmental Protection Agency, tests animals for toxins, and conducts water and plant analysis."

The Associated Press reported that Moller's review found that the Twin Falls laboratory's reports to customers included evaluations for all listed substances even though there was no evidence to support those evaluations for between 30 percent and 52 percent of the substances cited.

In Tuesday's interview, he said his review was different because he

had access to files not available to the other two scientists. He said he is under a confidentiality agreement with the Department of Agriculture not to discuss those files, but was led to them after talking to former and current employees of the lab.

"Number one, I'd like it to be known that it is always popular sport to shoot the messenger," he said. "Number two, I was invited to review this program. Number three, if there is some accusation about bias, I have a bias toward what's good in science or Idaho agriculture."

State Sen. Laird Noh of Kimberly, who started hearing concerns about the Quality Assurance Laboratory in December, 1994, stood by Moller Tuesday.

"I personally don't feel there is a conflict of interest," he said. "I have a great deal of respect for his ability and his ethics. ... To some degree both labs do the same type of work, but I certainly don't think there's a need for concern about a conflict."

Officials are scheduled to talk to the scientists during a teleconference today to find out the reasons for the discrepancy in the reviews. The three reviews played a big part in shutting down the lab, Everett said.

"They were the leading indicators," he said. "They pointed in the same direction." And the reviews could lead to difficulty in getting funding, Sen. Dean Cameron, who is on the

Joint Committee for Finance and Commerce, said the battle for the laboratory takes place in his committee. Every year, he said, money is tight. It is next year, the committee voted 12-8 to fund it.

"Obviously those kind of reviews will play a negative role in this," he said. Lawmakers also have groused year after year because the lab's promoters promised before it was built that it would support itself through user fees.

Also criticized for not attracting enough business to support itself, the laboratory would have to do a "real full court press" with the agriculture industry if it doesn't get money from the Legislature, Everett

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Task force urges tough domestic laws

BOISE — Domestic violence continues to grow, and Attorney General Alan Lance admits he doesn't have the answers on stopping it. But after months of work by an advisory committee, Lance is ready to present next month's legislature with recommended law changes to deal with the problems.

The task force gave Lance his recommendations Tuesday at the Statehouse. Lance said the most important would give officers clearer authority to make arrests in domestic violence situations. Other proposals would impose stronger penalties on spouses who violate protective orders.

The task force, headed by former state Rep. Janet Jenkins of Sandpoint, met five times to research problems with current law. Jenkins said it was a "totally unpolitical" and hard-working study group.

The panel encouraged more emphasis on education for law enforcement officers, the judiciary, lawyers, officials, educators and health care providers on domestic violence laws.

Boy dies of injuries received in crash

IDAHO FALLS — A 2-year-old Idaho Falls boy has died of injuries suffered in a Nov. 19 auto accident, while his mother was taking him to the hospital out of fear he had contracted a bacterial infection.

John Thornock died Sunday at Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center. His mother, Diane Thornock, was taking her two children to the emergency room because she feared they had contracted meningococcal bacteria in a recent outbreak in the Rigby area, family members said.

John and his mother were thrown from their pickup in the rollover accident on Interstate 15 two miles south of Dubois. A local woman in the truck was treated and released.

Foundation could give schools millions

BOISE — A foundation formed by the late grocery magnate Joe Albertson has ended its search for a mission to guide its charitable giving, saying it will focus on Idaho education for the next three years.

Carried to its possible conclusion, the decision could mean Idaho's public and private schools would receive as much as \$50 million a year in the future: a huge sum for a state which has not attracted gifts on such a grand scale.

The J.A. and Kathryn Albertson Foundation was mostly dormant through its first three decades. Two years ago, it had \$4.9 million in assets. That has risen to \$40 million, making it Idaho's largest.

The money could be critical, given the government's campaign to cut spending, including education budgets.

Foundation secretary-treasurer Tom Wilford on Monday said foundation officers decided they had to develop a specific mission this year because the fund must now give away a minimum \$2 million annually under federal tax laws, and so it needs a more formal structure.

Railroad plans to cut 54 Pocatello jobs

POCATELLO — Union Pacific Railroad plans to abolish or transfer as many as 54 jobs from Pocatello over three years as part of its planned \$5.4 billion merger with Southern Pacific Rail Corp. Union Pacific spokesman Ed Trandahl said Tuesday some wheel repair work now done in Denver will be transferred to Pocatello, but that would not change the proposed reduction.

Trandahl said employees in most areas would be given the chance to relocate and work elsewhere for the railroad. The jobs affected locally include locomotive engineers, as many as 23 machinists, some maintenance workers and managerial staff.

Jury rejects inmate's claim about jail

COEUR D'ALENE — A federal jury has rejected a convicted felon's claim that his civil rights were violated by being strapped down while he was awaiting trial in the Kootenai County jail.

Steven George Brown, 38, claimed jail employees punished him without due process before he was convicted of robbery charges in 1991 and 1992.

Brown, who is serving 10-years to life in prison, represented himself in the suit.

Compiled from wire reports

Batt endorses reform proposal

BOISE (AP) — Gov. Phil Batt Tuesday endorsed the 44-point welfare reform package developed by his advisory council, although he conceded some of the recommendations "may be as practical as others."



Batt

The governor, in accepting the report of the 15-member panel, declined to cite any specific item as impractical. And while he said he wanted to press ahead with legislative endorsement of a comprehensive reform plan during this winter's session he acknowledged that could be delayed if Congress and President Clinton fail to cut a deal on federal welfare reform by spring.

"Many of the reforms will not be implemented if they're still contentious at the federal level," the governor said.

The recommendations "give a 24-month limit on cash assistance under the Aid to Families with Children that includes a 12-month extension for medical and child care benefits. It's a general requirement that recipients work while on welfare and a huge infusion of cash into subsidized child care so beneficiaries can get and keep jobs. We believe our recommendations will take care of children on welfare and provide their parents an environment that empowers them to become self-sufficient by assuming responsibility for their own actions, their own children and their own futures," the council said in its report.

Parts of the package would beef up a child support recovery operation that is already considered one of the best in the nation, revamp the system for determining eligibility for aid and amount of assistance, and essentially revise the way the Health and Welfare Department handles welfare.

Batt said that if completely implemented, the recommendations would probably not change the amount of money the state is currently paying for welfare assistance, but he also said that in the long-run the package should rein in the growth of Idaho's welfare rolls, which jumped nearly 50 percent from mid-1990 through last summer.

"But the day of lifelong dependence is past," Batt said. "The taxpayers cannot afford it. More importantly, society can no longer tolerate the destruction of the human will."

Ligertown owners file 2nd claim

POCATELLO (AP) — The owners of the Ligertown complex near Lava Hot Springs have filed another claim against Bannock County over removal of wild animals from the complex.

Dotti Martin and Robert Fieber seek \$8.5 million in a tort-claim filed against the county, alleging interstate theft, racketeering, cruelty to animals and misuse of public funds.

The couple also seeks restitution for what they claim was wrongful seizure of game animals.

Officers and others shot 19 African lions starting Sept. 20 after some of the big cats escaped from a ramshackle collection of cages and pens.

The latest claim also names as a defendant Martine Colette, president of Wildlife Waystation, an organization that is caring for 24 African lions and three ligers in Southern California.

The animals came from Ligertown.

In the claim, Martin and Fieber charged Bannock County Sheriff Bill Lynn, county commissioners and Colette with 12 counts of cruelty to animals.

Martin and Fieber also filed a \$30 million claim against the county last week for the death of a lion that was shot near an elementary school.

The claims must be filed with governmental agencies before lawsuits can be filed.

Boise gets Wal-Mart

BOISE (AP) — The world's largest retailer is coming to Boise with a new Wal-Mart store.

The Bentonville, Ark.-based company plans to build a 135,000-square-foot store in 1996, said Larry Lenseure, a local developer who represents the company. Ontario, Ore., 50 miles west of Boise, has a Wal-Mart. The nearest one in Idaho is in Burley.



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Wife of Aryan founder dies

HAYDEN LAKE (AP) — Funeral services were held Tuesday for the wife of Aryan Nation founder Richard Butler. Betty E. Butler died Friday at the Kootenai Medical Center in Coeur d'Alene. She was 74.

Born in Los Angeles, Betty Litch married Richard Butler in 1941. The couple lived in Southern California for over 30 years before moving to the Idaho Panhandle in 1973.

Butler, a self-declared white supremacist, founded the Church of Jesus Christ Christian-Aryan Nation in the Idaho Panhandle, drawing sharp and constant criticism from state and local officials for the national reputation of racism the Hayden Lake-based group generated for Idaho.

AUCTION CALENDAR
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- The Police Department
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Money

Sweatshop retailers identified

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — While there could be big profits in selling sweatshop-made apparel, some retailers are trying to educate such workplaces...

department said the list was a "work in progress" and other companies may be added.

The list included retailers from Abercrombie & Fitch to Victoria's Secret, Atlanta, however, were many major retailers...

A consumer group is urging holiday shoppers to patronize these stores, but retail trade associations say the list excludes many companies that should have been mentioned...

The Labor Department's Fair Labor Translators list named 31 retailers actively working to end the clothing industry's use of sweatshops...

(public relations) campaigns," said federation President Tracy Mullin.

Labor Secretary Robert B. Reich said the companies chosen were committed to labor law compliance and cooperate with law enforcement officials.

They also educate their suppliers about legal requirements and monitor working conditions.

"Some in the garment industry follow trends," Reich said. "Others go further and set them." "These trendsetters take that critical extra step," he added...

purchase decisions.

In the next few months, retailers and manufacturers will hear this message from consumers: "We expect you to aggressively monitor your suppliers..."

Reich stepped up department efforts to stem abuses in the nation's garment industry last summer, when investigators in California found 83 Thai nationals working under false labor conditions...

But the department has only 800 investigators to police the nation's 6.5 million workplaces, including 2.2 million registered sewing and garment shops where more than 850,000 workers are employed.

Stocks hit new highs for 2nd straight session

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Wall Street's winning streak continued Tuesday, with the Dow Jones industrials average setting its 67th record for the year...

The Dow Jones industrials rose 37.93 to 5,177.45, marking the second straight close at an all-time high.

The New York Stock Exchange's composite index and the Standard & Poor's 500-stock index also rose to record levels.

The NYSE's composite index rose 2.19 to 329.79 and the S&P's 500-stock index gained 4.00 to 617.68...

A decline in technology shares, however, weakened the Nasdaq composite index, ending its downslide on the anticipation of a rate cut...

Advancing issues led declines by about 13 to 9 on the NYSE. Big Board volume totaled 434.0 million shares as of 4 p.m., up 405.09 million Monday.

Markets

Table with columns: Dow Jones, S&P 500, NYSE, NASDAQ, VIX, etc. showing market indices and changes.

Most actives

Table listing most active stocks with columns: Symbol, Price, Change, Volume.

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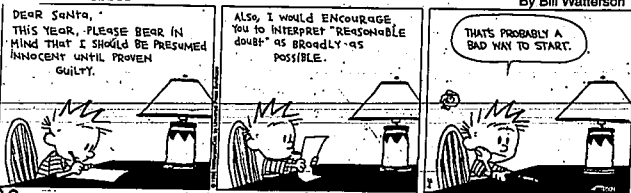
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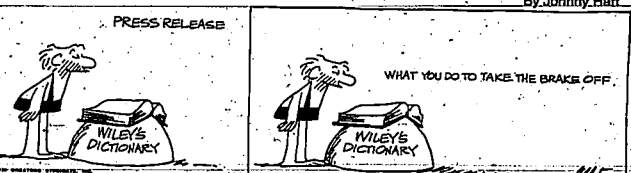
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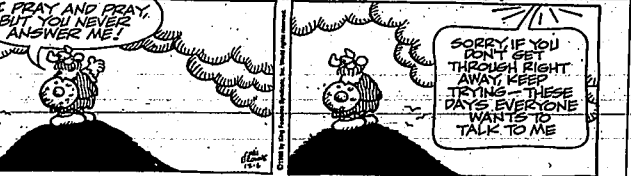
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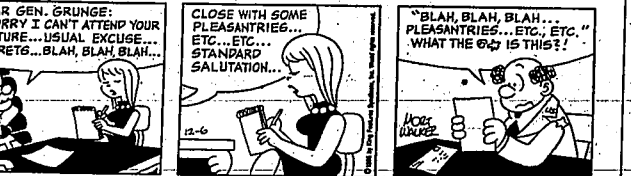
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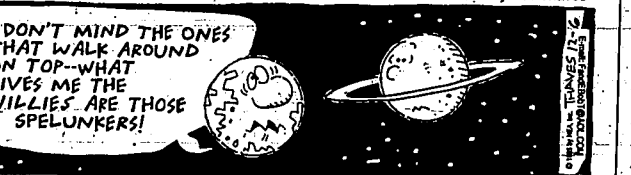
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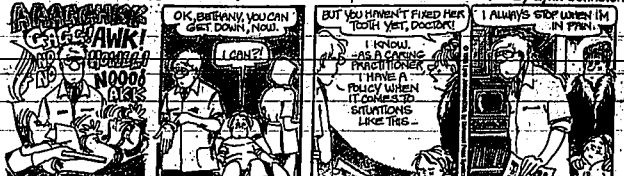
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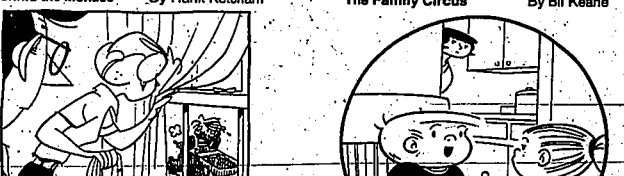
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Judges' robes came from mourners

Queen Mary II of England, Scotland, and Ireland - she of the William and Mary team - died in 1694. Her lands' judges, who'd worn colors, put on black robes to mourn. They never switched back. The common costume came down with the common law.

Q. What's the difference between a "superstity" and a "megacity"?
A. Superstity - two to eight million people, mostly in warm colors, put on Head counters say the world now has 101 superstities and 28 megacities. Add noteworthy country music titles: "I'm So Miserable Without You / It's Almost Like Having You Here."

Q. Where does Pennsylvania rank on the list of states with the largest proportion of retired people?
A. No. 2 with 15.8 percent. Behind the expected, No. 1, Florida with 18.6 percent. Following close in order: Iowa, Rhode Island, West Virginia and Arkansas.

People unfamiliar with the Southwest are usually surprised to learn that New Mexico's Toos has an outdoor ice skating rink.

L.M. Boyd What's what?

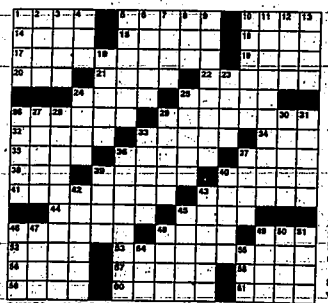
Q. What does "Florentine" signify about a dish listed on a restaurant menu?
A. That it has spinach in it.
Q. An authority on international table manners says a traditional host in Zambia does not first speak of food to a dinner guest, but expects said guest to request it. And once requested, it's never refused.
A. A computer run of medical records finds a disproportionate number of cab drivers among ulcer patients.
Q. No, it was Anonymous who said, "If I had my life to live over, I'd live it over a delicatessen."
A. Dragonflies beat their sets of wings in opposite directions. That gives them far more lift for their weight than an engineered aircraft. Helicopter designers study them.

Sydney Omarr Horoscope

IF DECEMBER 6 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You have a voice, sense of drama, have friends among musicians, enjoy luxury; should court sweet tooth.
Taurus: Libra, Scorpio persons play important financial transaction, marital status. Viper returns in December, you'll be tid of obligation foolish in first place. Don't be intimidated by one who knows price of everything, value of nothing.
ARIES (Mar. 21-April 19): At last, the Moon finally reaches Third House, meaning freedom of movement, expression. All stops out Terms defined, love, relationship in December, but, exciting, rewarding. Pisces represented.
Taurus (April 20-May 20): Money, pure bright, get paid, you'll be invited to join special group. Budget, with education, travel, drama. Break free from simulator car walls progress and falls to grant you recognition.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Cycle, high, push forward, don't wait for lag-guards. Strive for universal appeal, better distribution, production. Love relationship recent. Aries to ward.
CANCER (June 21-July 22): This is it! Focus on independence, daring, originality, bright, get paid, you'll be invited to join special group. Budget, with education, travel, drama. Break free from simulator car walls progress and falls to grant you recognition.
LBO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't keep secrets from Cancer native. Food, masculinity involved. Adhere to unorthodox methods; utilize elements of timing; surprise. You'll be attractive physically, will be told as by big shot.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Inquiry made two months ago brings results - involves travel, special tour, social activity, who wants to star, bypass bureaucracy. Diverently, add to wardrobe, communication, idealism in romance.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Obtain edited wisdom by reading Gemini, Libra messages. Focus on variety, spontaneity, exploration, flirtation. Keep plus flexible, learn via process of teaching others, creating material!
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Mellow. Play your music; accent diplomacy, domestic adjustment favorable. Individuals who want to star, but, can't be treated with tact and told to go away.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): What was lost will be returned. Sharpen sense of direction, get to know yourself. Fitness report involves lifestyle, clear on basic issues, employment.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Lunar positioning will bring warning of creativity juices. Pay no attention to those who say, "impossible." That is a word for fools, not to your vocabulary.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Language - prospects made of situation. Travel involved, letting go of language in which you are taken for granted. Spotlight on legal rights, marital status.

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Yesterday's Puzzle solved:

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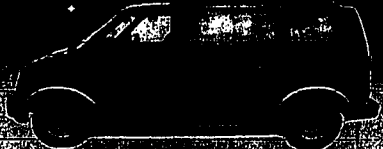
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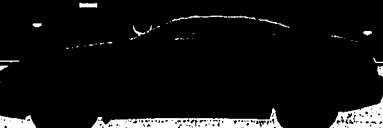
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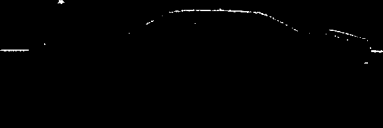
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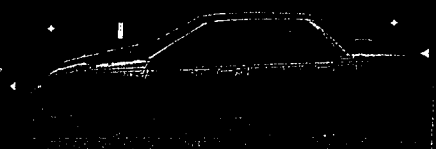
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“It looks like an octopus falling out of a tree, or like a man trying to kill a snake in a telephone booth.”

— Irish golfer David Beahery on the swing of American Jim Furyk

Briefly

NBA refs may return to floor on Monday

NEW YORK—After being locked out for more than two months, the NBA's regular referees may be officiating games as soon as Monday.

Although their new labor agreement with the league has yet to be completed, the refs will be undergoing physicals and a brief refresher course on rules this week.

By the narrowest of margins, 27-26, the referees on Monday voted to accept a contract offer from the league that was less lucrative than what they wanted.

One will be the replacement officials, most of whom came from the Continental Basketball Association, and for most players, it won't be any too soon.

Bears running back Green breaks leg, will miss season

CHICAGO—The Chicago Bears said Tuesday that running back Robert Green broke his left leg during the 27-7 loss to the Detroit Lions and will be out the rest of the season.

Bears spokesman Bryan Harlan said Green cracked his fibula, the outer and smaller of two bones of the leg, while covering a kickoff after he scored Chicago's lone touchdown on an 11-yard run in the third quarter Monday night.

Teen gets 2 years in prison for Super Bowl scam

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla.—A teenager who swindled more than 250 people out of Super Bowl tickets last January has been sentenced to two years in prison and nearly \$90,000 in restitution and fines.

James Sabatino, 18, on Monday pleaded guilty to three counts of dealing in stolen property before Broward Circuit Judge Paul Beckman handed down the stiff sentence.

Beckman also ordered Sabatino to provide \$1,000 worth of turkeys to various charities for the holidays. He also must provide \$500 in tickets to underprivileged children for the Carquest Bowl between North Carolina and Arkansas on Dec. 30.

Rypien could start Sunday for Rams instead of Miller

ST. LOUIS—The hard knocks that Chris Miller has absorbed have done nothing to diminish the bravado of the St. Louis Rams' backup quarterback.

Mark Rypien said if he sustained five concussions in 15 months, as Miller has, he wouldn't even think of retiring.

"I might battle my wife and he might be beating his wife and family," Rypien said. "But it's hard not to come out here and be with the fellows."

Compiled from wire reports.

Sportslate

Today

College basketball
Treasure Valley men at CSI, 8 p.m.
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High school boys basketball

Hillcrest at Twin Falls, 7:45 p.m.
Butte County at Wood River, 7:30 p.m.
Minico JV at Ratt River, 8 p.m.
American Falls at Kimberly, 7:30 p.m.

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Eagles ranked No. 1

By Larry Hovey
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS—For the first time in his head coaching career, College of Southern Idaho coach Steve Irons has his charges ranked No. 1 in the nation.

The Golden Eagles, ranked No. 2 behind Vincennes, Ind., in the coaches' pre-season poll, took over the top spot in the first weekly NJCAA official poll, taken from the 22 regional directors.

The Eagles, who have won 11 straight, moved up when Vincennes started the season at 5-2.

The Dixie College Rebels, considered

the strongest southern division contender in the Scene West (or region 18) conference, were lodged in ninth place.

"It's a great honor to start the year this way," said Irons. "But it's more important how you finish."

"I've always felt we play people at their best simply because we're CSI," he continued. "Now they have the double incentive of playing CSI and the No. 1 team. It is a test of the pride, character and mental toughness of our players to meet that kind of challenge, especially on the road."

Other than putting a target on the Eagles' collective chest, the No. 1 ranking is more for the fans to enjoy.

"We'll use it as a recruiting tool — something to help next year more than right now. Everything we put in the mail to high school prospects will carry a mention of it," he added with a laugh.

"Actually, it is very exciting for me personally," said the third-year man. "I think the highest we've been since I've been head coach is fourth. I think probably our players are a little excited about it, too."

"It definitely is something to be proud of but you've got to prove your worthy," he concluded.

The Eagles begin protecting their lofty status at 8 p.m. today against the Treasure Valley Chukars at the CSI gymnasium.

NJCAA basketball poll

Rank	Team	Record	Pts
1	Southern Idaho (10)	11-0-0	100
2	Western Valley, Ill. (3)	6-0-0	91
3	Spartanburg Mch. S.C. (2)	10-0-0	82
4	Independence, Kan. (1)	10-0-0	73
5	Connors State, Okla.	11-1-0	60
6	Okechoosa-Wilton, Fla.	10-1-0	54
7	Jacksonville, Fla.	8-0-0	50
8	Allegheny, Md.	10-0-0	46
9	Dixie College, Utah	12-0-0	42
10	Western Nebraska	10-2-0	39
11	Butler County, Kan.	10-1-0	36
12	Tallahassee, Fla.	11-1-0	32
13	Faulkner State, Ala.	9-1-0	31
14	NW Mississippi	8-1-0	26
15	Vincennes, Ind.	5-2-0	23
16	Canisius, N.Y.	7-1-0	18
17	Angeline, Texas	8-1-0	17
18	Walters State, Tenn.	6-2-0	15
19	Westchester, N.Y.	4-0-0	14
20	Jones County, Miss.	10-2-0	12

Battle for the ball



Filer's Jennifer Cowger, center, gets tied up with Valley's Kristan Kohtz as they battle for control of the ball.

Vikings dominate Valley takes Canyon Conference lead over Filer

By John Derr
Times-News writer

More basketball — D2

FILER—After ending the first quarter even, the Valley Vikings outscored the Filer Wildcats 16-4 on their way to a 51-39 Canyon Conference girls basketball victory Tuesday night.

"That was the best teamwork we have had all season," said Chrissy Detmer, who led all scorers with 18 points, including 10 in the second period, "I get some bruises and bumps, but that the price I pay for being aggressive," said Detmer, who spent much of the night literally on the floor.

The first quarter ended with the score tied at 12-12 as Filer's Jennifer Cowger tossed in seven points, including a 3-pointer, and Detmer had four points and two assists.

The second quarter saw the Vikings pick up the intensity defensively, as they caused several turnovers and got the ball up the floor quickly. Filer was limited to one shot most of the night as the taller Vikings dominated under the boards.

The quarter started with a steal and

aggressive. Detmer had a jumper and a layup, while Marjorie Lutz, Filer's leading scorer this season, had her only basket of the night, also a 3-pointer.

The teams combined for 17 foul shots over the game's final three minutes, while hitting only one from the field. Valley's Holly Hagan tossed in a jumper and Filer's Stephanie Allen hit a 3-pointer in the last minute to end the scoring on the night.

Valley coach Rod Malone said this was his team's best outing of the year. "Filer is a good team. That second quarter we picked up our intensity and hustled on defense. We played consistent tonight."

Filer coach Bruce Lenington said his team didn't attack the zone well enough. "The zone bothered us; but we did a better job in the second half."

The junior varsity game went to Filer, 67-25.

Valley 12-28 40-53
Filer 8-17 27-59

Valley: Cowger 2 0-2, Lutz 4 0-0, Hagan 1 0-0, Detmer 7 2 1, Hagan 4 0-2, Hagan 1 0-0, Erickson 0 0-0
Filer: Hovey 2 1-5, Roman 4 0-5, Toole 22-18 31-3-pointers

Valley: Hovey 1 1-1, Hovey 1 1-2, Adams 2 1-2
Filer: D. S. Arnold 0 2-2, Cooper 0 0-2, Koppach 3 0-0, Lutz 1 0-3, Cook 1 1-3, Toole 14-6 12-39, 3-pointers
Coaches: D. Lutz, Schward, John

Bruins face tough challenge in No. 1 Hillcrest

By Larry Hovey
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS—Well, one can't accuse the Twin Falls Bruins of feeling their way into the home basketball schedule.

After losing an opening game to Meridian, the Bruins kick off a three-game week tonight by entertaining the newly-elected No. 1 Class A-1 team in the state, Hillcrest of Idaho Falls.

For their second home game Thursday, the Bruins face a powerful Highland team in a battle that is a virtual "must" for post-season seedings. And Saturday night, the Bruins return to Boise to play the highly-regarded Capital Eagles.

Hillcrest moved to the No. 1 spot by

knocking off pre-season No. 1 Centennial. Hillcrest also scored 80 points in beating the new Eagle high school.

"They like to play offense and they're very good at it," said Bruin coach Dan Vogt. Hillcrest collected 30 points from perimeter scorer Kevin West against Eagle. Vogt said Jade Chase is an excellent inside threat despite being just 6-3.

"They have decent athleticism," he said. "And they used it to keep good pressure on Eagle."

Not much has changed for Highland. After a coaching row, Chris Frost is back at the Ram helm and is starting five seniors who were with him last year.

Vogt is impressed by Tenyson Triple, a 6-2 wing who is "an excellent three-point

shooter. If he gets a good look at the basket, he's deadly."

Inside, the Rams have 6-8 Mike Higgins and 6-5 Shane Griggs, who as quarterback led Highland to the state Class A-1 football championship.

The Rams beat Skyline 68-51 in their only outing.

The Bruins probably will be facing the most defensive pressure Saturday night at Capital.

Coach Charles Henry has a quick, tough guard in Brad Lords and another strong player in Brandon Doane.

"We will go against Capital without having seen them but I know just with those two individuals they will cause problems with their pressure. I expect this to be a

very physical game."

Although the Bruins lost their opener, Vogt said there were some pluses.

"We had four players in double scoring figures and that's something we'll have to do all year," he said.

On the downside, he said "70 points are just too many to give up. It was a helter-skelter game on both ends. The good shots came too early and both sides took them. There wasn't a lot of halfcourt offense."

"Defensively, we let them have a couple of shots but we did get out 10 in the first half and I think 11 in the second. But both times we were able to come back to tie. The difference was in the final two minutes with the score tied, they made the plays and we didn't," Vogt added.



Jerome holds off Burley, 74-60

Mushers romp Raptors

The Times-News

BURLEY — In a free-throw shooting contest, Jerome buried 14 of its last 20 — all in the fourth quarter — to hold off the cold-shooting Burley girls 74-60 Tuesday night. The Tigers (5-2) made only one field goal in the final period, but knocked out 70 percent from the charity stripes in the quarter to open a 65-58 lead.

Kimberly Burton, Jerome's leading scorer with 22 points, was four of five from the line in the quarter, sinking a pair with 1:10 left to play in the game to give the Tigers a seven point advantage.

"Late in the game, we banked on them missing some free throws, but they didn't," Burley coach Craig Mills said after his team dropped its third consecutive game to the dip.

The two teams combined to shoot 73 foul shots and were whistled for 50 fouls in the contest. Remarkably, only one player fouled out. Despite not scoring a field goal until just 30 seconds were left in the contest, Burley was still in a position to win. Cheryl Wornell hit her fifth three-point field goal of the night with just over a minute remaining in the game to close the lead to 65-61.

Another 3-pointer, with 30 seconds left, gave the Bobcat guard 33 points and cut the Tiger lead to three at 67-64.

But Tonin Burk stuck a pair of free throws with 24 seconds left and Burley turned the ball over on its ensuing possession, sealing the win for Jerome.

Burley shot a frigid 3 of 24 from the floor in the fourth quarter and shot 20 percent in the second half.

"We're getting the shots we want, we just have to knock them down," Mills said.

Jerome 74 21 24 14
Burley 60 15 12 12

Girls' high school basketball

Kimberly 48, Declo 39
DECLO — Limited to three points until four minutes remained in the game, Kimberly center Jessica McEwen exploded for 10 down the stretch and led the Bulldogs to their first victory.

Raft River 62, Oakley 40
OAKLEY — The Hornets found themselves in the familiar position of relying on Catherine Hale for scoring, but Hale's 21 points were not enough.

Hansen 50, Castelford 38
CASTLEFORD — Hansen evaded its Magic Valley Conference record with a convincing win over Castelford.

Murtaugh 64, Jackpot 26
MURTAUGH — The Red Devils rolled to an easy non-conference girls' basketball victory over Jackpot Tuesday.

Three Murtaugh players scored in double figures: Kristin Wiley and Melissa Tolman, each scored 12 and Tabea Bell added 10.

Wood River 43, Bliss 21
BLISS — The Wood River Wolverines broke away with a 10-point second quarter and went on to beat the Bliss Bears 43-21 Tuesday night.

Gooding 54, Wendell 39
WENDELL — The Gooding Senators got 18 points from Bobbie Jo Miller inside and 16 more free throws in taking a 54-39 Canyon Conference win from Wendell.

Glenns Ferry 39, Buhl 30
GLENN'S FERRY — The Glenns Ferry Pilots outscored Buhl 14-9 in the third quarter and protected that lead the rest of the way in a 39-30 non-conference victory Tuesday night.

Dietrich 57, Richfield 34
DIETRICH — Dietrich's full-court pressure took the game over from the outside and the Northside Conference pace-setting Blue Devils topped Richfield 57-34 Tuesday night.

ISDB 48, Camas County 23
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No further information available.

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Boys' high school basketball

Carey 63, Jerome 54
JEROME — The Carey Panthers, just a couple of weeks off the football field, generated enough Tuesday night to top the Jerome Jayvees 63-54.

Shoshone 64, Hagerman 56
HAGERMAN — The home team had no solution for Shoshone post Brian Ross.

Richfield at Rockland
No report.

Minico 77, Idaho Falls 62
No further details available.

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Rockets 103, Jazz 100
SALT LAKE CITY — Hakeem Olajuwon scored four of his 25 points in the final 54 seconds, including a hook shot to put Houston in front with 11 seconds to play, as the Rockets defeated the Utah Jazz 103-100 Tuesday night.

Trailing 100-99, Olajuwon spun right and hooked over Utah's Greg Foster for what turned out to be the winning basket.

Utah's John Stockton then dribbled up court and passed the ball to a surprised Byron Russell on the left baseline. The ball bounced off Russell and went out of bounds with three seconds to play.

With 1:19 seconds left, Stockton fouled Sam Cassell, who sank the three-point shot to seal the victory. Karl Malone's 26-footer at the buzzer skinned off the rim.

Scores and stats

Basketball

NBA standings table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct, GB, and Recent Game Results.

NBA box scores table listing player names, points, and other statistics for various games.

Football table listing team names, scores, and game details.

Hockey table listing team names, scores, and game details.

NHL standings table listing team names, points, and game results.

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Philadelphia's Reggie Dumas and Indiana's Mark Jackson battle for a loose ball in front of Reggie Miller and Vernon Maxwell.

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Food & Home

It's cookie time!



Holidays call for white fudge

By Denise Turner
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Readers are still responding to requests for recipes for white Christmas fudge.

"I read someone was looking for a recipe for white fudge," wrote Zola Browning of Rupert, who said she enjoys the recipe exchange column and tries many of the recipes. "This one is excellent. The flour helps to take away the real sweet taste."

Zola also enclosed two other recipes that she said are quick and easy. And she added a tip: "Be sure to check your candy thermometer before you use it because they aren't always accurate. Place it in a pan of water - don't let it touch the bottom - water should boil at 212 degrees. If your thermometer registers 210 degrees, cook the candy two degrees less than the recipe says. If it boils at 216 degrees, cook at four degrees more than it says."

Here are Zola's recipes:

SPUD CANDY

- 1 2-pound Hershey chocolate bar or 2 pounds dipping chocolate
- 1 12-ounce tub of Cool Whip
- Coconut (blend in blender until small pieces)

Melt chocolate over boiling water in a double boiler. (Can melt chocolate in microwave, Don't get it too hot.) Blend in Cool Whip. Drop by spoonfuls and roll in coconut. Cool. Store in air-tight container.

CRABM FUDGE

- 3 cups sugar
- 1 cup light corn syrup
- 2 cups whipping cream
- 1/2 cup butter
- 1/2 cup flour
- 2 cups walnuts (optional)

Blend in spaceoven sugar, syrup and cream. Heat to boil. Give medium heat, stirring constantly until sugar is dissolved. Cook to 234 degrees (soft ball stage). Cool 5 minutes; blend in butter. Beat until mixture begins to thicken. Blend in flour. Beat about 15 minutes. Add nuts. Pour in 9-by-9-inch pan.

EASY POPCORN BALLS

- 2 cups sugar
- 1 cup light corn syrup
- 1 cube margarine
- Food coloring, if desired
- 8 quarts popped corn

Bring to a boil over medium heat, stirring constantly. When it is boiling good, put a lid on your pan; turn off heat of electric stove. Let set on burner for 2 to 4 minutes. Pour over popped popcorn and form into balls. This also a delicious caramel corn if you use brown sugar.

Last week, **Katrin H. Hunt** of Heyburn shared some recipes she collected while she lived in the Canary Islands of Spain. Here's another favorite, from the Canaries themselves.

ROPA VIEJA

- 2 cans (15-ounce) garbanzo beans
- 1 chicken breast
- 1 boneless round steak
- 3 medium tomatoes
- 3 large potatoes
- 1/2 onion, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/2 red pepper
- 1/2 green pepper
- 1/2 cup olive oil, divided
- Fresh parsley, optional
- Saffron powder, optional

Poach chicken and steak covered in water until cooked but tender. In the boiling meat water, add the three tomatoes. Blanch 1 minute. Remove skin and seeds. Dice tomato pulp and set aside. Meanwhile, peel and dice potatoes. Fry potatoes in 1/4 cup olive oil in skillet. After they are tender remove the potatoes and add the onions, peppers, garlic and tomatoes. Fry in 1/4 cup olive oil until tender, but not overcooked. Drain excess oil. Remove meat from water and shred. Mix meat, garbanzo, potatoes and vegetable mix in large bowl. Add parsley and saffron powder.

Serves 6-8.

Requests

We're looking for some good Christmas recipes.

Recipes to share or requests for recipes to share should be sent to Recipe Exchange, Denise Turner, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548. Please include name, address and phone number.

Celebrate the holidays with these sweet snacks for family and friends

What better way to spread cheer this joyous holiday season than sharing favorite homemade cookies with family and friends? Whether they're presented in a special holiday gift basket or shared at a party, delicious homemade cookies are always a hit.

This holiday, serve your family and guests a variety of holiday cookies that can be enjoyed throughout the 12 days of Christmas - if they last that long!

- COCOA-WALNUT CRESCENTS**
- 1 cup (2 sticks) Fleischmann's Original Margarine, softened
 - 2/3 cup powdered sugar
 - 1/2 cup Hershey's Cocoa
 - 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
 - 1/4 teaspoon salt
 - 1 2/3 cups Gold Medal All-Purpose Flour
 - White chips, melted
 - Semi-sweet chocolate chips, melted

In large bowl, with electric mixer at medium speed, beat margarine and sugar until light and fluffy. Add cocoa, vanilla and salt; mix at low speed until blended. Mix in flour and walnuts. Cover; chill dough 1 hour.

Heat oven to 325 degrees. Grease cookie sheet. Divide dough into 6 portions. Working with one portion at a time, roll into 18-inch long rope. Cut into 12 (1 1/2-inch) pieces. Form into crescent shapes, tapering ends. Place on cookie sheet. Repeat with remaining dough. Bake 15 to 18 minutes. Remove from cookie sheet; cool completely on wire rack. Drop crescents halfway into melted white chips; place on waxed paper to dry. Drizzle coated ends of crescents with melted semi-sweet chocolate. Makes about 6 dozen cookies.

- CARAMEL THUMBPRINTS**
- 1/2 cup (1 stick) Fleischmann's Original Margarine, softened
 - 1/2 cup sugar
 - 1 egg
 - 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
 - 1 cup Gold Medal All-Purpose Flour
 - 1/3 cup Hershey's Cocoa
 - 1/4 teaspoon salt
 - 1/2 cup pecans, finely chopped
 - 10 caramels
 - 1 tablespoon water

In small bowl, with electric mixer at medium speed, beat margarine and sugar until light and fluffy. Add egg and vanilla; beat until smooth. Mix in flour, cocoa and salt. Cover; chill dough 1 hour.

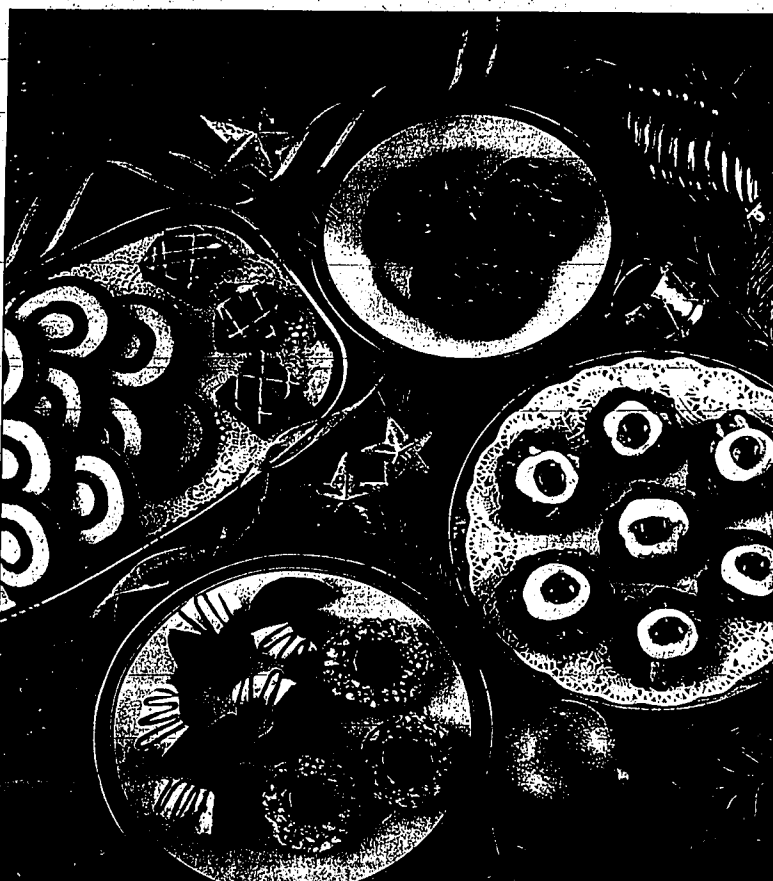
Heat oven to 350 degrees. Form dough into 1-inch balls. Roll in pecans, pressing nuts gently into dough. Place 1 inch apart on ungreased cookie sheet. Press down centers with thumb. Bake 9 to 12 minutes. Remove from cookie sheet; cool completely on wire rack.

In small saucepan, over medium low heat, melt caramels and water, stirring frequently. Spoon 1/2 teaspoon caramel mixture into center of each cookie.

Makes about 3 dozen cookies.
Note: Baked cookies may also be filled with creamy or chunky peanut butter or melted vanilla chips in place of caramel mixture.

- "PERFECTLY CHOCOLATE" CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES**
- 2 1/2 cups Gold Medal All-Purpose Flour

Heat oven to 375 degrees. Stir together flour, cocoa, baking soda and salt. In large bowl, with electric mixer at medium speed, beat margarine, granulated sugar, brown sugar and vanilla until creamy. Add eggs; beat well. Gradually add flour mixture, beating well. Stir in chocolate chips and nuts, if desired. Drop by rounded teaspoonfuls onto ungreased cookie sheet. Bake 8 to 10 minutes or until set. Cool slightly; remove from cookie sheet to wire rack. Makes about 5 dozen cookies.



Nothing says "Season's Greetings" better than a plate of sweet treats, and these delectable goodies will please any family.

- 1/3 cup Hershey's Cocoa
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup (2 sticks) Fleischmann's Original Margarine, softened
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1/4 cup packed light brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 eggs
- 2 cups (12-ounce package) semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 1/2 cup chopped nuts (optional)

Heat oven to 375 degrees. Stir together flour, cocoa, baking soda and salt. In large bowl, with electric mixer at medium speed, beat margarine, granulated sugar, brown sugar and vanilla until creamy. Add eggs; beat well. Gradually add flour mixture, beating well. Stir in chocolate chips and nuts, if desired. Drop by rounded teaspoonfuls onto ungreased cookie sheet. Bake 8 to 10 minutes or until set. Cool slightly; remove from cookie sheet to wire rack. Makes about 5 dozen cookies.

- CREAM CHEESE SPIRAL COOKIES**
- 1 cup (2 sticks) Fleischmann's Original Margarine, softened
 - 1 package (3 ounces) cream cheese, soft-ened
 - 1/2 cup sugar
 - 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
 - 1 egg
 - 3K cups Gold Medal All-Purpose Flour
 - 1/4 teaspoon salt
 - 1/4 cup Hershey's Cocoa

In large bowl, with electric mixer at high speed, beat margarine, cream cheese, sugar, vanilla and egg until creamy. Add flour and salt. Beat until dough is stiff. Roll into ropes. Cut into spirals. Bake 8 to 10 minutes. Cool on wire rack. Makes about 5 dozen cookies.

Tell us about your kitchen proficiency

The Times-News

We're looking for a few good cooks. Each month, *The Times-News* features two Magic Valley cooks as cook's profiles in the Food & Home section of the paper. If you know a good cook with good recipes - feel free to suggest yourself - please send name, address and phone number to Denise Turner, *The Times-News*, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303-0548. Or call 733-0931, Ext. 243. Include a sentence or two telling us what kind of cooking your cook enjoys.

Area homes sparkle with holiday cheer

By Andrew Hamblen
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - "Home for the Holidays" is the theme for this year's Junior Club home tour.

Annual home tour

Although the weather has not exactly been "wintery," holiday cheer is definitely in the air. And, it's this time of year when the Junior Club of Twin Falls puts on its Christmas best.

This year's self-directed tour will feature six Twin Falls area homes. The Alan and Judy Cummins home will



Photo courtesy Junior Club

Area homes show off their holiday cheer for this year's Junior Club home tour Sunday.

take visitors back to their childhoods. The Christmas tree, in the home's large living area, daughters and I have made over the years," Judy Cummins said. "Some are parents to decorate the traditional 9-foot tree. Most of ornaments are things my

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Home & Garden

Don't let the weather tell you what to grow

Unplug the Christmas lights and turn on the hose. If your trees had to depend on nature for their water last month, they're probably thirsty. The Magic Valley only got about an inch and three-quarters' worth of rain the whole month of November - almost enough for two weeks, had it been divided up evenly.

One of the pleasures of gardening is its challenges. The weather is erratic enough to cause us to complain, though secretly we're awfully proud of what we can grow when nature throws a curve ball. This high-desert winter looks an awful lot like the Pacific coasters.

When life gives us coastal temperatures, we'll plant lettuce. And peas. Might as well decide that this is an adventure, and get into extending the season gardening.

While we need to remember to give adequate water to everything that already planted, we can clear a protected spot for a couple of cool season crops, just for fun. An assortment of lettuce varieties would be tasty. Plant them next to a fence or wall so you can fashion a lean-to with a roof of plastic on really cold nights if you have to.



Green thumbprints
Cathy Walworth

mulch over the bud union. Some plants may be fooled into sprouting new leaves during unseasonably warm weather. There's nothing you can do about it, so put it out of your mind. Those tiny leaves will freeze, but next spring, after a slower start than usual, things will look out fine.

Take advantage of mild weather to get out and work over the garden. How are things doing? Make mental notes of how each plant performed, and of any problems. One last spray of fungicide might be called for - if the leaves are off a plant that had insect damage, dormant oil will smother the eggs. Pull a few weeds.

Overnight, cover the outside fauces with insulated foam covers that can be slipped off when morning temperatures climb. Keep the hoses neatly curled nearby. When water is slowly run through them, they thaw quickly. Plug the lights back in for tonight. And thanks for putting them up.

What's bugging your garden? Send your garden questions to Cathy Walworth, in care of The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303.

Enjoy subtle flavor of pecans - without putting them in pie

By Carol J.G. Ward
Knight-Ridder News Service

What family get-together or holiday dinner is complete without a thick, rich, sugary, syrupy pecan pie? It's one of the most popular southern desserts, made with the region's favorite nut.

As John Egerton writes in "Southern Food": "No other country likes pecans the way this country does, and no other region grows or eats as many as the South."

Although pecan pie might be among the most popular Southern desserts, it's just one way to enjoy the nuts. Try them roasted with butter and sugar or salt. They are also favorite additions to stuffings and salads and are a staple for breads and cakes. And don't forget a summertime favorite: pecan ice cream.

The pecan originated in North America, growing wild in the Mississippi Valley and river bottoms in Texas and Oklahoma. It was named by American Indians and was one of the staple foods. Accounts by early Spanish and French explorers show that the Indian tribes planned migrations around the harvesting of pecans.

The pecan is a variety of the American hickory nut. Pecan trees are planted and thrive throughout the South as far north as Texas. But the trees do best in the Deep South, from Georgia to Louisiana to Texas. The leading producers are Texas and Georgia, according to the Southeastern Pecan Growers Association.

Pecans provide protein and fiber and

contain some iron, calcium, phosphorus, potassium and B vitamins, but they are high in fat, writes Irene Chalmers in "The Great Food Almanac." In fact, pecans have a fat content of more than 70 percent - higher than any other nut, according to "The Food Lover's Tipiary" by Sharon Tyler Herbst.

When buying unshelled nuts, choose those that are heavy for their size with solid shells free from cracks or holes. Shelled nuts should be plump, crisp and uniform in color and size, Herbst writes. Avoid those that are shriveled or discolored.

Packaged shelled nuts are harder to test for freshness. If they're in a cellophane bag, snap a couple through the wrapping. They should break rather than bend, which indicates they're past their prime.

Store nuts in an airtight container in a cool place. Shelled nuts can be refrigerated for up to four months or frozen for up to eight months. As a general rule, unshelled nuts will keep twice as long as shelled nuts.

1 cup pecan halves
Combine the first three ingredients; cut in butter and cheese with a pastry blender until mixture resembles coarse meal. Add hot sauce. Sprinkle cold water (1 tablespoon at a time) evenly over the surface of the flour mixture; stir with a fork until dry ingredients are moistened. Shape into a ball. Roll dough to 1/4-inch thickness on a lightly floured surface; cut with a 2 1/2-inch round cutter. Press a pecan half to right of center of each circle. Moisten edges of circle with water; fold in half, and press edges together with a fork. Place on a lightly greased baking sheet. Bake at 350 degrees for 15 minutes or until lightly browned. Cool.



- HOT NUT CRACKERS**
(Makes 52 crackers)
2 cups all-purpose flour
1/2 teaspoon red pepper
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 cup butter or margarine
2 cups shredded cheddar cheese
Dash of hot sauce
4 to 6 tablespoons cold water

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A home to fit the Danson family

By Ruth Ryan
Los Angeles Times

Ted Danson and his wife, Mary Steenburgen, have purchased a Colonial-style home in the Los Angeles community of Brentwood for close to \$3.5 million, including furnishings, non-real estate sources say.

Danson, who won two Emmy Awards as the bar owner in the long-running TV series "Cheers," and Steenburgen, who won a best supporting actress Oscar for her role in "Melvin and Howard" (1990), were married in October.

President and Mrs. Clinton, who know the couple, were invited to attend the wedding, held on the



Danson - Steenburgen
grounds of the \$1 million farmhouse on Martha's Vineyard that the actors

bought in the summer of 1994.

The romance between Danson, 47, and Steenburgen, 42, flourished after they co-starred in the movie "Pontiac Moon" (1994). The couple also co-star in the NBC miniseries "Gulliver's Travels," due to air in February.

Danson co-starred in "Three Men and a Cradle" (1987), "Three Men and a Little Lady" (1990) and "Made in America" (1993).

Steenburgen co-starred in "Back to the Future III" (1990), "What's Eating Gilbert Grape" (1993) and "Philadelphia" (1993).

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New traditions: Here are some tips to add to your holiday decorations

By Gary Kibbe
Orange County Register

When it comes to decorating for Christmas, traditions are what this jumbo-of-holidays is about. No doubt you have some of your own. We're here to give you suggestions on a few you might consider adding to your repertoire. They're from Debbie Stapley, big-time holiday

home-decorating person with Department 56. Welcome basket. Set the holiday scene right at the front door. Grease holiday guests with a welcome basket filled with ornaments and homemade goodies (OK, if you have to cheat, quality store-bought will do). Place the basket in the front entry, and give each visitor a special thank-you when they show up. Tip: To keep the baked goods fresh, wrap in clear, colored plastic tied with a bow.

Recipe wreath: Recipe wreaths can make themed decorations as well as gifts. Start with an evergreen, straw or grapevine wreath. Attach a favorite recipe; then add some or all of the ingredients needed to prepare the recipe. (Do not consider a standing rib roast. Raw meat does not look good on a wreath. A baked good is a much better, more practical choice.) Next, add a few of the utensils that might be used to prepare the recipe.

For a finishing flourish, add a colorful bow, and you've got it. Add a few sprigs of bay leaf.
Rustic candles. This one is fairly simple for a country, lodge or cottage look. Drill holes in a piece of firewood. Pick a piece with an interesting shape. Then place aluminum liners in the holes and fill them with a collection of candles. The look is warm and comfy. Decorate the firewood candleholder to fit with other decorations in the room.

Wagonload of toys: If you have kids, have friends who have kids, or have neighbors who have kids (we think that about covers it), then you should be able to round up a wagon. Place a base of evergreen boughs in the bottom of the wagon allowing some of them to pop out over the sides. Then fill the wagon with an assortment of wrapped gifts, collectible or heirloom toys, or maybe one of those little village pieces that evoke Christmases past.



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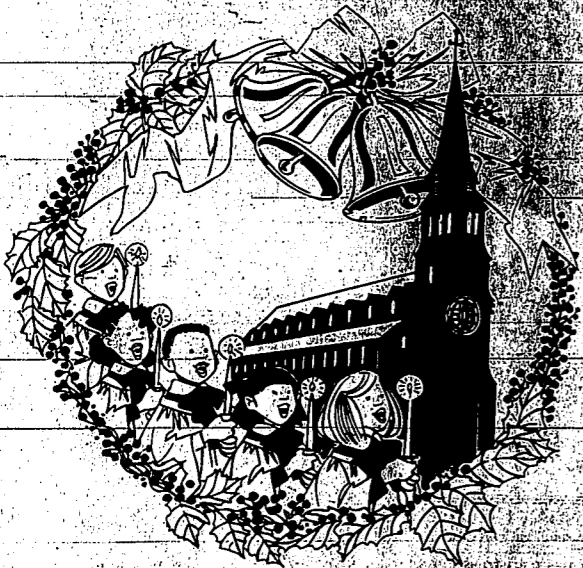
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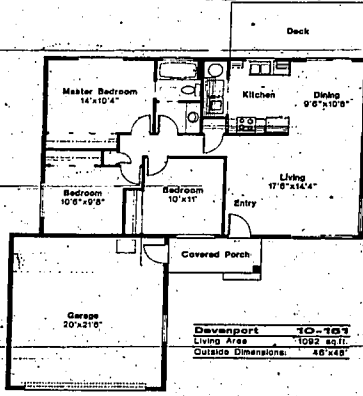
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In the living room, light washes in through two large multi-paned windows that face the street, and a third window on the side. This space, which flows into the dining area, has a bright, open feeling. The dining room, too, is filled with light. Sliders at the rear open on a large deck, and there's a side window as well.

Standing at the kitchen sink, you gaze out over the deck and into the back yard. The galley kitchen is efficient, with sink, stove and refrigerator arranged in a tight triangle. Washer and dryer are tucked in an alcove, hidden behind pocket doors.

Bedrooms in the Davenport share a dual-compartment bathroom. This arrangement allows for two people to use the facilities at once and still have privacy.

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Kitchen provides ideas to Use your imagination dress house in holiday style to create unique gifts

By Deborah Hornblow
The Hartford Courant

Around holiday time, when doors and rooms and boxes and trees beg to be dressed in the spirit of the season, cooks and food-lovers can pillage the cupboards and decorate with food.

Although cookie ornaments, gingerbread houses and strings of cranberries and popcorn are common enough, there are a host of other decorations that are easily and inexpensively crafted with ingredients and equipment common to most kitchens.

Depending on what you plan to make, a basic list of supplies includes grapes, seckle pears, apples, oranges, lemons, pine cones, cinnamon sticks, candy canes and whole nuts.

The rest of the necessary supplies can be found at any craft-supply store and some nursery and florist shops (listed under Craft Supplies in the Yellow Pages). Some items include a variety of ribbons such as raffia, satin, organza (the sheer, lustrous type), and French ribbon (which has wire along both edges and holds a shape beautifully).

Also consider wreath forms made of whatever material fires your imagination — from grapevines to lavender to eucalyptus, florist wire, wire cutters and stringing glue such as Sobo- and Styrofoam forms. If you're pressed for time but not for cash, many supply shops also sell a selection of dried fruits — from citrus slices to boysenberries — as well as dried herbs, chilies and peppers.

Back at home, rustle up a good pair of scissors and some toothpicks, which are handy for directing glue into crevices and positioning objects in Styrofoam forms. If you're making dried apple or citrus slices, you'll definitely require a very sharp knife and several baking sheets fitted with roasting racks.

Assemble all of your supplies in one place, put on some holiday music, mix and match and assemble some of these holiday favorites:

• **APPLE WREATHS:** These charming, rustic wreaths are deceptively easy to make. For a small one, you need four to five apples, heavy wire, a sturdy but malleable gauge (18 gauge works fine), and ribbon, if desired. A pair of small-nose pliers also helps when manipulating the wire. Dry the apples. If the slices don't have seed pocket holes, use a skewer or toothpick to make holes in the center of each slice. Cut a piece of wire long enough to make a wreath with some left over to create a tail (necessary to hang the wreath). String apple slices on the wire, then bring the two wire ends together, twist them together, forming a loop or hook for hanging. Add a ribbon or a bow if you like.

• **FROSTED FRUITS:** Sugar plums dance in our heads this time of year, but they also make elegant centerpiece arrangements. All you need is egg whites, sugar and a selection of fruits — a variety looks best and might include plums, grapes and small seckle pears. Avoid fruits that overrip or bruise. Wash and dry all the fruit. Using a fork, beat the egg whites gently to make them smooth but

Dried fruit slices are a snap to make

By Deborah Hornblow
The Hartford Courant

Making dried fruit slices is easy and uncomplicated and is good deal cheaper than buying them. The slices make beautiful holiday wreaths and natural ties for packages and bottles.

Before you begin, round up supplies: baking sheets lined with roasting racks, a sharp knife and a selection of fruits. Good choices include oranges, lemons, limes and apples. Because of their elongated shape, lemons and limes produce many slices per apple than most varieties. Their bright red skins also make them an excellent choice. Star fruit also can be dried, but the resulting slices are delicate and must be handled with care.

Whatever fruit you select, be certain to choose ripe, unblemished specimens because overripe and bruised fruit is difficult to slice. Preheat the oven to 200 degrees. Slice off the stem end and bottom end of a piece of fruit. Discard the ends and slice the remainder into 1/4-inch slices — or as thinly as possible without tearing or breaking the skin or rind. Place slices in one layer (without overlapping) on a roasting rack for 2 to 3 hours until slices appear somewhat shrunken and dry. Remove from the oven and let cool slightly.

Working carefully, remove slices from the oven and before they become thoroughly dry and brittle. Store the slices uncovered in a cool, dry place. Use as needed to adorn wreaths and packages.

not foamy. Dip the fruits in egg white (or use a brush if you prefer) and thoroughly covering the surface of each piece. Let any excess egg white drip off, and transfer the fruit to a plate or sheet of foil. Using a tablespoon or canister scoop, lightly sprinkle sugar over the fruit. Gently at first, and continue sprinkling until you have the look you're after. When all of the fruits are frosted, arrange them on a dish or platter. Stored in a cool, dry place, frosted fruits will keep for as long as the fruit lasts. Once dipped in egg white, it is not wise to eat the fruits.

• **DECORATIVE CANDLES:** Candlelight is always an easy way to create a memorable mood. Go one step further and decorate the candles themselves.

To make festive votives, assemble some flat-sided votive candles, florist's gum (Stick-Um is one brand) and ribbon. Buy California bay leaves if you can (they are longer and generally more supple than the regular variety, and they have the added bonus of a wonderful eucalyptus-like aroma), cinnamon sticks and/or peppermint sticks. Using the florist's gum as a glue, affix leaves, cinnamon or peppermint sticks onto the outside

edges of the candle. Fasten a ribbon around the lot (French ribbon — with the wire edges — works particularly well), making sure that the bow or knot is away from the candle wick.

To make eye-catching candle rings, buy the circular forms at the hobby shop. Working with glue and some potstickers, affix cranberries, assorted nuts (plain or painted), or silver cake-decorating beads (these are small enough to require lots of patience) to the forms. If you want to venture away from the food theme, there are also plenty of objects to choose from — gold or silver balls or pine cones and seashells.

• **POMANDER BALLS:** Aromatic and understated, pomander balls are simply made by stuffing citrus fruits with whole cloves. Select thin-skinned oranges (such as juicing oranges), tangerines or lemons. Figure you'll need about three-quarters of a box of whole cloves per small orange. Some pomanders last for years, some succumb to nature's decay process. Keeping them in a cool, dry place helps prevent decay. Press the cloves into the fruit, positioning them close together. Over the next few days, the fruit will shrink and dry. Tie them with a ribbon for a finishing touch.

• **WRAPPING PAPER:** You need several potatoes, an assortment of citrus fruits or sponges, some colorful water-based acrylic paints and plain, uncoated brown or white wrapping paper. Cut a potato in half. Using a toothpick or pencil, outline only the perimeter of a simple shape such as a Christmas tree, a star or a crescent moon. Using a paring knife, carefully carve away the potato flesh surrounding the shape, leaving the image you want unraised in potato. To use sponges, moisten them slightly and paint them in whatever color you like. If you use citrus fruits, just cut them in half, and let Mother Nature's drizzles work for you. Squeeze or drizzle some paint onto a foil-covered cookie sheet or paper plate. Dip the stencil into the paint and press evenly onto wrapping paper. (Practice a time or two first to get an idea of how much paint needs to be on the stencil. If it is too much, scrape it gently with a knife and proceed.)

• **FAST FESTIVITY:** If you're busy, there are some simple ways to create festive touches with food. Deck the halls with bowls of fruits and nuts and Christmas candies, fill a special cup with candy canes and tie French ribbon on the handles of serving utensils. Silver-sided cookie cutters can be fixed with satiny red ribbons and hung on kitchen cabinets or doorknobs.

Finding a teacher's gift always seems to be a hard assignment. You want something that will make the grade, yet be unique and different, not to mention inexpensive.

Maybe this idea will point you in the right direction. It's a teacher's pointing stick. All you need is a dowel, pencil top eraser and decorative topper.



Valley crafts & stitches Tracy Dalin

You can either leave the dowel plain or paint it any color. Place the pencil top eraser on one end of the dowel and attach the topper to the other end. A small plastic or wooden apple or a wood cut-out of any shape would make a great topper. I chose a wooden school house. Drill a small hole into the bottom of the topper and insert the dowel. To make it more secure, place a few drops of glue onto the end of the dowel before inserting the topper. What could be simpler? You can personalize the pointer, too. Write the teacher's name with permanent marker on either the dowel or the topper.

This is one idea that will point some fun into your favorite teacher's — class and get you an A-plus on the assignment.

Tracy Dalin welcomes comments on crafts or requests for craft instructions. Write to her at Box 312, Fairfield, Idaho 83327.

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The Thistle Monster, shown here, is used to pull out roots of invasive vines.

Get latest gadget for gardener

By George Bria
The Associated Press

FOUND RIDGE, N.Y. — What would a gardener want for Christmas? Merchants are offering a wide range of gifts, suiting any pocketbook, to give green thumbs.

Starting at the low end, a sure-fire gift is a trowel, always in demand because trowels get mislaid. A quality trowel costs around \$12.

Lately, gardening catalogs have been offering sets of trowel, cultivator and fork. Among many displayed, a different-looking pair caught my eye: Japanese creations with 14-inch handles that can be used for digging, cultivating, weeding and chopping. The two-item set costs \$30, from Brookstone, 1655 Bassford Drive, Mexico, Mo. 60265-1382, (800) 926-7000.

Another unusual tool I saw, bearing the name Thistle Monster, boasts a huge jaw and sharp brass teeth to pull out by the roots invasive vines like blackberries. A 29-inch handle lets you put body weight into the job. It's offered at \$55 by the Natural Gardening Company, 217 San Anselmo Ave., San Anselmo, Calif. 94960, (707) 766-9203.

Watering cans are greatly appreciated by indoor as well as outdoor gardeners. A galvanized French can with a long curved handle — for a one-handed grip in any position — is offered by Langensbach, Dept. L5800, P.O. Box 1420, Layndale, Calif. 90260-6320, (800) 362-1991. It comes in three sizes at \$48.50, \$54.50 and \$59.50.

For a big bang and price — surprise you could make someone happy with the newest thing in lawn mowers — a cordless, battery-powered model, particularly appreciated by elderly gardeners tired of the strain and fuss of some gasoline mowers.

I bought one last summer and was thoroughly satisfied with the instant-start, fumes-free and low-noise performance. They run up to 90 minutes on an overnight charge and need no maintenance except for sharpening the blade and cleaning. Prices go from \$400 for a push model, to \$500 for a self-propelled one.

1996 models are offered by Gardener's Supply Company, 128 Intervale Rd., Burlington, Vt. 05401, (800) 863-1700. Black &

Decker models are carried by hardware stores and garden centers, with addresses obtainable by telephoning (800) 762-6672.

Gardener's Supply also carries handsome tabletop fluorescent light stands for indoor gardening. A two-tube model comes at \$149 and a four-tube at \$199. The tubes themselves cost extra, two for \$25.95 and six for \$69.95.

A sumptuous catalog from Horchow Garden, P.O. Box 620048, Dallas, Texas 75262-0048, (800) 456-7000, abounds with decorative objects. One of the most striking is a verdigris copper fountain featuring three frogs spouting water from their mouths via a recirculating pump. Cost of the 20-inch wide, 15-inch deep and 8-1/2-inch-tall fountain is \$299.

Durable doors offer endless choices

Q: I want to enhance the appearance of my house with a new natural wood front door. What new styles and designs are available? Are there any energy efficient wood doors that do not require lots of maintenance? - C.J.L.

A:—Nothing matches the elegant appearance of a natural, hand-finished wood door. It is impossible to duplicate wood's subtle true grain color variations in an imitation-wood* steel or fiberglass door.



Sensible home
James Dullea

The range of new styles is endless. Some use as many as 70 different pieces of wood to create sunburst and other contemporary patterns. Others use deeply hand-carved and hand-finished panels on both sides. Each door is unique.

One of the most unique designs, Sculpture, uses a combination of wood and deeply etched on a copper, brass or pewter panels over a solid core. These doors are also extremely strong. For added security, several manufacturers offer wood doors with up to three-point security latches.

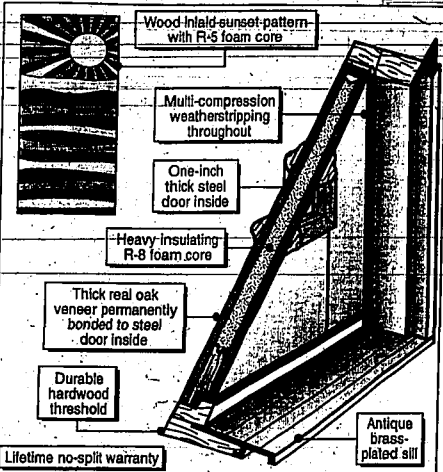
Many of the wood door designs are as maintenance free as some steel doors and as energy efficient. One new design uses thick wood veneer over a rigid foam insulation core. This provides an insulation value of R-5.

Another new design bonds high quality, factory hand-finished wood to a mini insulated steel door core. This produces a super strong elegant wood door with an insulation value of R-8. It has a lifetime no-split warranty.

There are various wood door construction methods to avoid warping over time. No matter how the door is constructed, the quality of the finish is paramount for appearance and long-term efficiency. A durable factory, machine or hand-applied, finish on all door surfaces seals out moisture.

Fronting panel construction, for natural wood doors with raised panels, allows the panels to shrink and grow with climate changes. Any glass panels should use double pane thermal-glass. Some doors have optional triple panes.

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The beauty of natural wood meets the durability of steel... many small pieces with the grains oriented in different directions. The surface is covered with a finely finished wood veneer.

Durable weatherstripping is critical to the long-term efficiency. Vinyl compression bulb is most often used. One wood door, Registry, uses an air-tight flexible magnetic seal like one on a refrigerator door. A thin brass-plated steel trim strip is inset around the perimeter of the door.

For future decorating flexibility, Feather River, designs its wood and glass panels (plain, leaded or beveled) to be interchangeable. Some more expensive wood doors use true ball bearing hinges for smooth operation.

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For more information, call Mary Midard at 536-5967.

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Household items and soup, salad, homemade cinnamon rolls and beverages will be available for purchase. Individuals may rent table space to display and sell their wares. For more information, call 934-5504.

Square dance club meets Friday in Shoshone

SHOSHONE — The Desert Sundancers Square Dance Club will meet Friday at the Masonic Hall on W. 23 Street.

Round dancing begins at 7:30 p.m., with squares following at 8 p.m. A potato bar will be provided after dancing. Those attending are asked to bring a dessert. Cost is \$6 per couple or per person. For more information, call 886-2103, 886-2510 or 886-2808.

'Breakfast with Santa' scheduled for Saturday

JEROME — A free "Breakfast with Santa" will be served from 7 to 11 a.m. Saturday at the American Legion Hall, corner of North Lincoln and Seventh Avenue East.

Families are invited to the breakfast and to have pictures taken with Santa (free film lasts). The event is sponsored by the Jerome Optimist Club.

Jerome Red District offers dance class for kids

JEROME — The Jerome Recreation District is sponsoring a modern/jazz dance class for fourth-through eighth-grade children.

Debbie Shaum will teach the class at Central Elementary School. It will begin when 10 students are registered. For more information or to register, call the recreation center at 324-3389.

The Times-News welcomes news of community events. Send material to: The Times-News, Valley Happenings, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548. Please submit news at least a week in advance and include a phone number where you can be reached.

Cookie-house builder sells plans by mail

OSAGE COUNTY REGISTER

It started 41 years ago, when a little old lady in St. Louis, her hands gnarled from age, shared her directions for cookie houses with Rosette Lensens.

"She said I should make them, that she couldn't do it anymore because of her hands," recalls Lensens of Mission Viejo, Calif.

180, Lensens began crafting the little houses for Christmas, Easter, Fourth of July. She made them for family gatherings, school events, for friends who requested them.

One day, her son, now 41 and a cookie-house crafter for his own clients, suggested she sell the cookie-house secret. That she pass along the fun to other people.

Rosette Cookie House Etc. was born. For \$14.95, Lensens sells the copyrighted master plan for her cookie houses. (Decorations are not included and decorations are not, which makes a house 18-by-18 inches (that's the floor size).)

The houses, though, are meant to be eaten, and can be made with crackers or cookies, covered up or down with frosting, candy pieces and other goodies. No baking required.

To order, send a check for \$19.60 (\$14.95 plus tax and \$3.50 shipping and handling) to Rosette Cookie House Etc., 25302 Gillette Drive, Mission Viejo, Calif. 92692. Or phone order, with Visa or MasterCard number, to (714) 830-8682. You can reach Lensens by E-mail at RLensens@aol.com.

Daughter's leap of faith stuns mom

DEAR ABBY: Four years ago, my 100-percent Jewish daughter (now 29) married a religious Catholic her age. We are not religious, but we observe all the Jewish holidays.

Recently, our daughter and her husband started adoption proceedings for a little girl from another country. She'll be 15 months old when they get her.

My daughter informed us that she is attending classes on both the Old and New Testaments — in the church rectory. She says she would like some education in order to be able to answer questions concerning religion. I asked why she didn't go to a synagogue to learn Jewish history. No reply.

I asked, only half-seriously, "You aren't considering converting, are you?" Her reply, "I don't know yet. I might."

Abby, it was like I was struck by lightning. She said she would still celebrate the Jewish holidays with us, and nothing would change. "Then why convert?" I asked. "Why not raise the child in both faiths and let her decide when she gets older?"

"What will her answer be when her daughter asks, 'Why are we going to Grandma's for Passover if we're not Jewish?'" Should my daughter say, "I had. I had..." they would interrupt with, "Why did you change, Mommy?"

Abby, where does that leave us and her three Jewish brothers who are committed to Judaism?

— DEVASTATED
IN LONG ISLAND



Dear Abby
Abigail
VanBuren

DEAR DEVASTATED: It leaves her parents and three brothers who are committed to Judaism — practicing the Jewish faith.

DEAR ABBY: Last summer I underwent surgery to fuse two of the vertebrae in my neck, and I had to wear a hard cervical collar for six weeks. For the first time in my life, I saw the world through the eyes of someone with a disability.

Most people were wonderful, but some were insensitive bores. Conversations with the latter usually went something like this: "Oh, Lynn, what happened to you?"

"I underwent some surgery..."

"I know, I had surgery myself about 10 years ago. What I went through, you wouldn't believe!"

These people would then engage in long harangues about their own health problems, the agony, the tedious recovery and their residual problems.

If I ventured, "Well, that is not what I had. I had..." they would interrupt with, "I know, my daughter had that, too..."

Then began a lengthy discourse regarding their children's medical conditions, broken bones and accidents.

Most people are not remotely interested in anyone other than themselves.

They feign interest simply as a pretext to discuss their own medical problems. Abby, will you please remind your readers that the next time they ask people how they are, they should at least pretend they care enough to hear the answer?

— LYNN R. SHOEN, LAS VEGAS

DEAR LYNN: Some people mention their own illnesses as a way of relating to yours — to let you know they've "been there." Unfortunately, some self-centered individuals view these conversations as an opportunity to deliver an "organ recital."

Perhaps your letter will cause some of them to stop and think — but don't count on it. Take comfort from those who are sincerely concerned and sympathetic, and try not to dwell on the others.

For an excellent guide to becoming a better conversationalist and a more attractive person, order "How to Be Popular." Send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby Popularity Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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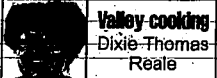
Food

Holiday recipes conjure up childhood memories

At Christmas at our house we always keep a bowl of mixed-nuts on the table for snacks. As a child on the farm, I remember us growing "untamed" varieties of nut trees. In the fall we would harvest them and store nuts in burlap sacks in the shed. We had nuts galore for holiday candies, cookies and breads.

After dinner one evening close to Christmas - when my younger brother was just a little guy, maybe 3 - Mom made a candy she called Sea Foam. It was a kind of divinity loaded with black walnuts, spread out to cool in dollops of whipped heaven on great sheets of waxed paper across the dining room table. John, my brother, had eaten way too much candy already and Mom had said, "No more!"

No amount of pleading or whining made any difference to her. But John was as determined as she. It was dark outside and the darkened window reflected the entire room. John pointedly turned his back to the table of candy. He studied his reflection in the window. Slowly, he moved the spoon in his hand behind him. All the while, he



was watching the reflection, as if somehow it wasn't him after the candy but that child in the mirrored window. Slowly and painstakingly, he moved the spoon across the table to the candy.

Mother was watching him. When he was ready to scoop up the candy, she slipped John's hand, not the reflection's hand. Was he ever surprised. The look on his face said, "How did that happen?"

John didn't get any more candy that night.

Here are some holiday recipes for you to try. The Sea Foam is included.

Valley cooking
Dixie Thomas Reale

2 egg whites
2 tablespoons Karo syrup
1 teaspoon vanilla
1/4 tsp almond extract
1 drop food coloring (if desired)
1 cup chopped walnuts (use black walnuts if you can)
Beat egg whites until stiff. Add the cooking syrup to the egg whites slowly, beating constantly. When stiff, add the vanilla, almond extract, food coloring and nuts. Drop by spoonfuls onto waxed paper to cool.

LORD FILBERTS
1 cup whole filbert nutsmeats
1/2 cup finely ground filbert nutsmeats
Toast filberts at 275 degrees for 20 minutes.
Combine:
1/2 cup sugar
Dash of salt
3 tablespoons milk
Beat egg whites until soft but stage, 236 degrees. Add 1/2 teaspoon rum flavoring and whole filberts. Stir until the mixture coats the nutsmeats. Turn into a bowl containing the fine nutsmeats. Quickly coat and separate the nuts. Cool on waxed paper.

CHRISTMAS SUGAR COOKIES

1 cup butter
1 cup sugar
2 eggs
3 cup flour
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 cup shortening
2 tablespoons vinegar
Cream butter and sugar, then mix the rest of the ingredients into the butter/sugar mixture. Refrigerate overnight. Place on a floured surface. Roll out to 1/4-inch thick. Cut into shapes. Bake 350 degrees for 10 to 12 minutes. Frost and decorate as desired.

Cream Cheese Frosting
1 8-ounce package creamed cheese
1 tablespoon milk
1 teaspoon vanilla
4 cups powdered sugar
Put all ingredients together in a medium-sized bowl. Beat on low speed until smooth. Add food coloring if desired.
This will frost a 13-by-9-inch cake or fill and frost a double layer 8- or 9-inch cake. Or it will frost lots and lots of cookies.

Dixie Thomas Reale, welcomes comments on recipes. Her address is 503 W. Eighth, Jerome, Idaho 83338.

Cookies

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speed, beat margarine, cream cheese, sugar, vanilla and egg until light and fluffy. Add flour and salt; beat on medium speed about 1 minute or until thoroughly blended. Divide dough in half. Beat cocoa into one-half until thoroughly blended. Cover; chill both halves at least 2 hours or freeze about 30 minutes.

Roll each half of dough into 12-inch square between 2 sheets of waxed paper. Peel off top sheet of waxed paper from each dough square. Lifting with bottom sheet of waxed paper, invert plain dough onto chocolate dough. Peel off top sheet of waxed paper. Roll dough up tightly, peeling back bottom sheet of waxed paper. Wrap; chill at least 2 hours or freeze about 30 minutes.

Heat oven to 375 degrees. Cut roll apart on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake 10 to 12 minutes or until cookies are set and begin to brown. Cool slightly; remove from cookie sheet.

Makes about 5 dozen cookies.

EASY CHOCOLATE LINZER SQUARES
1 cup sugar
1 cup (2-sticks) Fleischmann's

Original Margarine, softened
1 egg
1/2 cups Gold Medal All-Purpose Flour
1/2 cup Hershey's Cocoa
1/2 cup ground hazelnuts
1/2 cup raspberry jam
Glaze (recipe follows)

Heat oven to 325 degrees. Grease and flour square pan, 9-by-9-by-2 inches. In large bowl, with electric mixer at medium speed, beat sugar, margarine and egg until light and fluffy. Beat in flour, cocoa and hazelnuts.

Divide dough in half. Spread half of dough in bottom of pan. Spread jam over dough in pan to within 1/2-inch of edge. Pat remaining dough into 9-inch square between 2 sheets of waxed paper. Remove top sheet of waxed paper. Lifting with bottom sheet of waxed paper, invert dough into pan; remove waxed paper. Press dough lightly onto jam.

Bake about 20 minutes or until set; cool. Prepare Glaze. Cut into 1x1-inch squares.

Makes about 3 dozen cookies.

GLAZE
1/2 cup powdered sugar

2 to 3 tablespoons milk
1 tablespoon Hershey's Cocoa
Mix powdered sugar and milk until smooth. Drizzle half of the glaze over top of squares. Stir cocoa and, if needed, additional milk into remaining glaze. Drizzle over plain glaze.

CHOCOLATE CHERRY-NUT DROPS
1/2 cup (1/2 sticks) Fleischmann's Original Margarine, softened
1 cup sugar
1 egg
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/2 teaspoon almond extract
1/2 cups Gold Medal All-Purpose Flour
1/2 cup Hershey's Cocoa
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/3 cup water
1/2 cup finely chopped maraschino cherries, well drained
1/2 cup chopped nuts
Vanilla Frosting (recipe follows)
Candied cherries, quartered (optional)

In large bowl, with electric mixer at medium speed, beat margarine and sugar until light and fluffy. Add

egg, vanilla and almond extracts; beat until well blended. Stir together flour, cocoa, baking soda and salt; add alternately with water to sugar mixture. Stir in cherries and nuts. Cover; chill dough 2 to 3 hours.

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Lightly grease cookie sheet. Drop dough by slightly heaping teaspoonfuls onto cookie sheet. Bake 9 to 10 minutes or until set. Cool 1 minute; remove from cookie sheet to wire rack. Cool completely. Spread with Vanilla Frosting. Garnish with candied cherries, if desired.

Makes about 3 1/2 dozen cookies.

VANILLA FROSTING
2 tablespoons Fleischmann's Original Margarine, softened
1/2 cups powdered sugar
1 to 2 tablespoons milk
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/2 to 1/4 teaspoon almond extract

In small bowl, with electric mixer at medium speed, beat margarine until creamy. Gradually add powdered sugar alternately with milk, beating until of spreading consistency. Beat in vanilla and almond extracts.

Makes about 1/2 cup frosting.

Homes

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cookie dough style, some are made with yarn, but, mostly, it's just whatever we decided to do that year.

The next stop on the tour is Ed and Kathy Hinkle's home. This home promises the warmth of Christmas and a few unique handcrafted items, as well. A Victorian touch in the kitchen and some traditional red and green has prepared the home for a festive Christmas morning.

The Lloyd and Tara Caspersen home is the next stop on the tour. With Tara Caspersen's talent in decorating and taste in antiques, the Caspersen home is being billed as a must-see. The living room Christmas tree is decorated with dried flowers, a new twist on old tree decorations.

"Our tree is really unique," said Tara Caspersen. "It's more like an arrangement of flowers within a Christmas tree than it is a tree decorated with flowers."

When asked about decorating her house, Tara Caspersen said, "I didn't use a single theme. I put in things I liked and did each room a little differently."

The furniture and cabinetry are worth the visit.

The Starley home is a veritable potpourri of must-see decorations and Christmas cheer. Beginning with a Victorian tree in the living room, Grant and Sharon Starley have accented the area with a collection of porcelain dolls and lighted miniature houses. The kitchen boasts a country theme, and there are teddy bears in the family room.

Richard and Dianne Birrell's home offers everyone who wishes for open space a glimpse of heaven at Christmas. With 18-foot vaulted ceilings in the family room, there is space for the plant shelves decorated with animated Christmas figures.

The Victorian theme is carried throughout the home, with collectible angels and plates throughout.

The final home on the home tour belongs to John and Rosemarie Doerr. Guests should take special notice of the handcrafted Nativity scene adorning the piñata in the main living area.

This home has been described as an "angelic setting," perfect for the holiday season.

"I made one of my Nativity sets from dip-and-drape fabrics, which is really one of my favorites," said Rosemarie Doerr, "and my angels are very important to me, also. I put

my entire collection out at Christmas."

"When asked if Christmas has always a big event in her household, Rosemarie Doerr answered, "Absolutely. My mother decorated our home as children and I have always done the same. And for us, our Nativity set is always the central focal point of the decorations."

The Junior Club is eager to raise money for several good causes with the 1995 home tour. The group chose Born to Read, the Valley House Coalition and Twin Falls Search and Rescue.

"We will try to give each of these groups about \$1,000 from the event proceeds," said Neva McGregor, one of this year's event tour coordinators. "Twin Falls Search and Rescue has especially become associated with this annual event."



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Campbell's changes recipe for chicken noodle soup

CAMPDEN, N.J. (AP) — Last summer Campbell's began saying its soup was "M.M.M. M.M.M. M.M.M." Now it is unveiling a new recipe for chicken noodle soup that it says backs up the claim.

The recipe, which puts a third more chicken in every can, was introduced in August and began reaching stores across the country later. The Camden-based Campbell Soup Co. said it represents the first significant change since it began marketing chicken-noodle-soup in 1934.

"The overall goal is to sell more soup," the company spokesman Kevin Lowery said. "This is the first real change. It's a massive change."

Campbell markets 64 varieties of soups, but chicken noodle is its most popular, selling 350 million cans a year.

It wasn't always that way. When it was introduced as "Chicken and Noodle" soup in 1934, Lowery said, it met with a lukewarm reception. That changed a few years later, when a radio announcer mistakenly called the soup chicken noodle and people flocked to buy it.

Over the years, the recipe remained virtually unchanged, although the company did introduce a double-noodle chicken soup three years ago.

It wasn't a knock-your-socks-off product, Lowery said. Campbell, the nation's sixth-largest food company, is also bringing out a new line of reduced-fat soups for health-conscious consumers.

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