

GOOD MORNING

WEATHER

Today: Partly cloudy today and tonight with patchy fog, high 38, low 22.

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MAGIC VALLEY



Meth bust: Police have busted a suspected methamphetamine lab in Twin Falls.

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Great growth: Twin Falls County businesses rang up a remarkable 25.3 percent more third-quarter sales last year.

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All decked out: Cast your vote in The Times-News holiday lighting contest!

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Good enough? Gooding High is gunning to defend its unbeaten record in dual meets as area wrestlers hit the mat this week.

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Survivor: Idaho's Sen. Larry Craig retains his leadership role and that's good for Idaho, today's editorial says.

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Craig retains leadership post

Senator garners just enough votes to fend off challenge for policy committee

By Megan Scully
States News Service

WASHINGTON — Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, needed only 26 votes to keep his seat as the fourth-highest member of Senate Republican leadership. And that's all he got. In what many insiders considered

battle between moderates and conservatives, Craig edged out Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., for chairman of the Senate Republican Policy Committee. The vote in the Senate Republican caucus was a narrow 26-24 in Craig's favor. Domenici, chairman of the Senate Budget Committee, has been at odds with Republican leadership, includ-

ing Craig's close ally, Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss. Domenici has voiced concern that tax cuts could affect the budget surplus. "I decided to throw my hat in the ring, because I thought I could bring a unique perspective to my party's leadership, built on my record of building bipartisan consensus in a largely Democratic state," Domenici

said in a statement following the vote.

As chairman, Craig oversees analysts who routinely issue reports to the Republican caucus on specific issues, giving him the opportunity to influence the GOP agenda and work for Idaho on regional issues.



Sen. Larry Craig

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DISPLAYS FOR CHARITY



Barbara Reichert, left, and Lorraine Molyneux put some finishing touches on a booth at the Festival of Trees.

Festival will help rural teams, cardiac care

By Brandon Flala
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — This Christmas tree is for the birds.

A Colorado Green Spruce, decorated with bird seed, berries and fruit, is meant to be planted outside to attract birds. The tree is one of many for sale at the 16th annual Festival of Trees, which has a gala opening tonight. The event raises money for the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Foundation.

Tree decoration themes run from Harry Potter to construction tools. "Hopefully, everything is edible," said Denise Young Tuesday afternoon, as she was putting the final touches on her bird feeder tree.

Young said it took about 15 hours to decorate the tree, which comes with a bird identification

If you go

The first day of the festival is Senior Day, and seniors will be admitted for \$1 and will receive complimentary goodies.

A "Mistletoe Madness" dance will be held from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. Saturday. Tickets cost \$15, including snacks. The Bob Nora band will play.

A breakfast with Santa is at 8:30 a.m. Saturday. The \$10 ticket price per child includes breakfast and admission into the festival and a special showing of "102 Dalmatians." For information or tickets, call the foundation office at 737-2480.

cardiac ultrasound and grants to about 12 rural quick response units, said Barbara Miciak, the hospital foundation's annual-program coordinator. The ultrasound costs \$187,000, and the foundation will be work-

ing for the next nine months raising the money, Miciak said.

About 12,000 people are expected to attend the festival. No goal has been set, Miciak said.

"There is something for everyone here," she said. "We want this to be the premier holiday event."

Besides decorating the bird feeder tree, Young said she also decorated two smaller trees and made a wreath.

Some of the supplies were donated, but the rest Young paid for out of her own pocket. Most trees are sponsored by area groups and businesses, such as Franklin Building Supply.

There will be continuous entertainment as people wander among the nearly 90 trees. Hospital volunteers will also sell holiday-merchandise from the hospital's gift shop.

Last year's festival raised about \$65,000 before expenses.

State lays out odor guidelines

Standards will help officials enforce regulations

By N.S. Nokkenter
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The nose knows. But the trouble is the state has no enforceable standards by which to judge odors in response to complaints.

Until now, The Department of Environmental Quality has developed a procedure by which the department will respond to and attempt to resolve odor complaints.

"These are not rules," DEQ chief Steve Alfred told a roomful of local residents Tuesday evening.

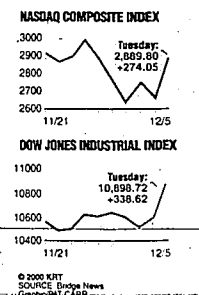
The rules already are on the books, but without any process or way to enforce them.

The latest draft of the policy discussed Tuesday was the result of numerous public comments, Alfred said. It simplifies the process outlined in earlier drafts, and it integrates county officials.

Though Alfred repeated that the process was aimed at all potential odor sources, most of the people in the room where there because of the increasing problem with odors from large dairies.

And the public outcry over

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Gore pins hopes on Florida high court review

Justices sided with vice president in earlier case

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — With his back to the wall, Vice President Al Gore said Tuesday he remains optimistic that the Florida Supreme Court will order a manual recount of enough disputed ballots to give him the presidency as Texas Gov. George W. Bush pressed ahead with transition planning in a Republican effort to put more pressure on Gore to concede soon.

The Florida Supreme Court scheduled oral arguments for Thursday morning on Gore's



Ribbons dedicated to Florida voters whose ballots were not counted, according to Democrats, decorate a fence Tuesday at the Capitol in Tallahassee, Fla. Monday decision rejecting Gore's challenge to the certification of

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Bush as the winner of Florida's 25 electoral votes.

The Florida Supreme Court earlier gave Gore his most important victory in the post-election battle when the seven justices blocked immediate certification of Bush as the winner and ordered the continuation of manual recounts in three south Florida counties. Now those justices represent Gore's last best hope of turning around a presidential election in which he won the popular vote but remains tantalizingly short of victory in Florida.

Gore's advisers said they Please see ELECTION, Page A2

Finally! Some good market news

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Wall Street had its first rush of euphoria in months Tuesday, with the Nasdaq composite index posting its biggest one-day advance ever amid optimism that the Federal Reserve will cut interest rates. Blue chip stocks also soared, carrying the Dow Jones industrials up more than 338 points.

Some market analysts interpreted the buying spree as a signal that Wall Street might actually

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ALMANAC: Twin Falls through 8 p.m. yesterday. Temperature: High/Low 39/21, Normal High/Low 40/21, High/Low last year 31/11, Record High/Low 42/11. Precipitation: 24 hours ending 8 p.m. yesterday 0.00, Month to date 0.27, Normal month to date 0.20, Year to date 2.47, Normal year to date 1.97. Humidity: 61%. Barometric Pressure: 30.35 in. Pollen yesterday in Twin Falls: Grass Absent, Weeds Absent, Tress Absent.

FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR TWIN FALLS

Weather forecast for Twin Falls: TODAY (Patched fog/low clouds, then partly sunny, 38°), TONIGHT (Partly cloudy with patchy fog, 22°), THURSDAY (Clouds and fog, then partly sunny, 40°/22°), FRIDAY (Partly sunny, 42°/24°), SATURDAY (Colder with a couple of snow showers, 32°/12°), SUNDAY (Partly sunny and cold, 26°/12°).

SUN AND MOON

Sun and Moon data: Sunrise today 7:53 a.m., Sunset today 5:05 p.m., Moonrise today 2:38 p.m., Moonset tonight 2:17 a.m. Phases: Full, Last, New, First. Dec 11, Dec 17, Dec 25, Jan 2.

CANADIAN CITIES

Canadian cities weather: Today, Tomorrow. Cities include Calgary, Edmonton, Kelowna, Vancouver, etc.

REGIONAL CITIES

Regional cities weather: Today, Tomorrow. Cities include Boise, Bonaire, Burley, etc.

Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows. All maps, forecasts and data credited to AccuWeather, Inc. ©2000

REGIONAL WEATHER

Southern Idaho: There will be areas of fog and low clouds in the valleys this morning, then most of this afternoon will offer sunshine. Partly cloudy tonight with areas of fog forming in the valleys. Boise: Low clouds and fog this morning, then there should be breaks of sunshine this afternoon. Clear to partly cloudy tonight with areas of fog forming. Fog and low clouds, then some sunshine tomorrow. Northern Nevada: Sunshine and no more than a few clouds today with a pleasant afternoon. Clear to partly cloudy tonight. Sunshine and patchy clouds tomorrow. Northern Utah: Dry weather will be the rule across northern Utah today with sunshine most of the time. Clear to partly cloudy tonight with valley fog possible late, Partly to mostly sunny tomorrow. Northern Idaho: Area-of-low clouds and locally dense freezing fog this morning, then parts of the area will have some sunshine this afternoon. Partly to mostly cloudy tonight with areas of fog.

SUN AND MOON

UV INDEX TODAY: 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, 0. 8 a.m., 10 a.m., Noon, 2 p.m., 4 p.m.

WORLD CITIES

World cities weather: Today, Tomorrow. Cities include London, Paris, Tokyo, etc.

NATIONAL WEATHER

National weather map showing high and low pressure systems across the United States.

NATIONAL WEATHER: High 85° in Simi Valley, CA; Low -17° in Orr, MN.

NATIONAL CITIES

National cities weather: Today, Tomorrow. Cities include Atlanta, Baltimore, Boston, etc.

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Stocks

Continued from A1. ly have reached a bottom after months of earnings-driven selling. Shortly after regular stock trading ended, Apple-Computer warned that it will have disappointing first-quarter results. The announcement was reminiscent of recent warnings from high-tech companies that led to huge sell-offs in subsequent sessions, but analysts doubted there would be a repeat on Wednesday. "It's going to be a problem for Apple, not a problem for the overall market. It may have some spillover effect to other PC makers and dampen enthusiasm for the computer chip market, but the overriding news is going to be the Fed," said Barry Hyman, chief

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investment strategist at Weatherly Securities. "It's a much better picture than we've had. The Fed is on our side, and that's an important development." The Nasdaq rose 274.05 to 2,889.00, or 10.1 percent, for its highest one-day percentage and point gains ever. The Dow picked up 32.2 percent, rising 338.62 to 10,898.72, its third-largest one-day point gain. The advance, however, was nowhere near a record in percentage terms. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 51.57 to 1,376.54, a 3.9 percent increase.

Pentagon probe reportedly blames Korean massacre on troops' panic

The Washington Post. WASHINGTON - A yearlong Pentagon investigation has concluded that American soldiers panicked and fired into a crowd of unarmed refugees near the village of No Gun Ri in the early days of the Korean War, but did not find conclusive evidence that the troops had orders to shoot civilians, a Defense Department official and others involved with the inquiry said. The Pentagon's still-unpublished draft report, based on more than 100 interviews with U.S. veterans and on a review of more than a million pages of documents, would be the first formal acknowledgment by the U.S. military of its involvement in the massacre at No Gun Ri. Defense Secretary William Cohen ordered the investigation after the Associated Press reported the massacre in a September 1999 article that won a Pulitzer Prize. This spring, however, one of the key sources for the AP story was found to have fabricated his

Craig

Continued from A1. The only Western senator in Republican leadership, Craig said he will continue to represent the West on issues such as agriculture, energy and public lands during his next two-year term as a Republican member of the Senate. With a potential 50-50 party split in the Senate, partisanship could pose a roadblock to passing legislation, Craig said. Partisan politics must be avoided, he said. "The American people expect one thing of us and this is to govern. It is foremost in our responsibility," Craig said. "Gridlock is unacceptable." Bipartisanship was the word of the day as Democrats and Republicans announced leadership for the 107th Congress and attempted to address the unique concerns of a divided Senate. Leaders on both sides said they remained optimistic about Congress' ability to pass legislation on issues such as education, tax relief and Medicare reform. But the two parties could not agree on the dynamics of the next Senate's committees. Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., said leadership of both parties party to the issues argued that joint chairmanships and other such moves could confuse the legislative process and make it difficult to work through the legislative agenda. "It is very hard to divide a cake if two people are at the wheel," said Assistant Senate Majority Leader Don Nickles, R-Okla. Nickles said he saw the lack of clear majority will provide both parties with an opportunity to work in a more bipartisan manner. "For us to be effective, we will have to lower the rank," he said.

Election

Continued from A1. believe they have a strong argument on appeal, with vice presidential nominee Joseph Lieberman asserting that the Saults' decision was "wrong on the law." But other legal experts have said the vice president faces a more difficult fight in the court now heading for a decision than in the earlier case. Gore's Democratic allies publicly maintained a united front in support of the vice president. Privately, however, they expressed growing pessimism about his prospects. Gore advisers said they were pleasantly surprised at the continuing flow of support but noted that they anticipate substantial defections in the ranks if the Florida high court rules against the vice president.

Odor

Continued from A1. dairy odors - particularly dairies south of Filer and near Hollister - largely drove the effort to develop the odor process. The undercurrent of tension erupted periodically into arguments over dairies between those affected by the odor problems and those defending the dairy industry. County Commissioner Gary Grindstaff reiterated his campaign promise that the county would not allow any new dairies until the odor issue is solved. "We don't intend to put another dairy out there until we solve the problem," he said. He was unsure of how long the county can maintain the current moratorium - imposed for three months in July and extended another four months in October - but he said the county would give out a way to say no to any more dairies until the issue is solved. The problem is affecting property values and property rights, Grindstaff said. Jerome County Planning and Zoning Administrator Art Brown suggested that new dairies should be required to develop an

Odor management plan as part of the permitting process.

Dave Mead of the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce said that the chamber's No. 2 issue in its platform for the state Legislature is asking for legislative help to let the DEQ make the rules it needs to solve the problem. "We want to help you help us," Mead said. Some complained that the DEQ had no teeth, no means of effective enforcement. "The DEQ is a process for handling odor complaints that involves trained staff rating the intensity of the odor - not whether it is offensive or not. If it is detected at a sufficient intensity and the source is identifiable, DEQ would notify the odor source or the facility complained about and the county. If it is a facility under the authority of another agency, the complaint would be referred to that agency. If the complaint is not resolved, DEQ would ask that an odor management plan be developed. If that doesn't work, DEQ would take enforcement action. An odor management plan would lay out the management practices that would help control odors. Times-News writer N.S. Nohkett can be reached at 733-0931, Ext. 237, or by e-mail nnohket@magicvalley.com

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LOTTERY UPDATE Saturday, December 2, numbers: POWERBALL 11 14 22 38 41, POWERBALL NUMBER 39. Tuesday, December 5, numbers: RollDown 1 2 10 24 50. During the month of November, the Idaho Lottery had four \$100,000 Powerball winners! Congratulations!

NATION

Crew plugs in station's power cables

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) - Two spacewalking astronauts ventured outside Tuesday for the second time this week and completed electrical hookups for the international space station's new power-producing solar wings.

They also provided flight controllers with up-close pictures of the right wing, which is too slack.

Perched 90 feet above space shuttle Endeavour, Carlos Noriega used small TV cameras mounted on his helmet to beam down pictures of loose tension cables on the right wing. The cables came off their pulleys when the wing was extended Sunday night, leaving the blanket of solar cells slack.

The problem could cause the fabric to tear or the wing to bend or break during shuttle dockings or other extreme motions.

"We can put it back on that one pulley," spacewalker Joe Tanner called down. "But the other one is going to be a little work."

Mission Control agreed that Noriega and Tanner could probably fix the cables during their third and final spacewalk on Thursday.

The left wing stretched out fine Monday night, during a deliberately slow release, and was perfectly taut.

The helmet cameras - dubbed "Carlos-cam" and "Joe-cam" - are a new spacewalking feature that came in handy during Tuesday's evaluation of the slack wing. Tanner's helmet camera, however, stopped working.

Know the score?
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NATION

A new tune

Democrats demand more say in Congress

Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON - Texas Gov. George W. Bush and the Republican Party may be edging closer to victory in the long race for the White House, but just down Pennsylvania Avenue, the troubles have only begun.

The impact of last month's election has come crashing down on the GOP on Capitol Hill, particularly in the Senate, where Democrats are demanding - with some success - larger roles on committees, more money and staff to run the office, and even a chance to wield the gavel on key committees.

For the first time in more than a century, power is divided almost evenly between the two major parties. A recount of votes in Washington state completed late last week gives Democrats control of 50 seats with Republicans holding an equal 50. The GOP can continue to control the flow of business in the Senate, assuming there will be a Republican vice president to break ties, but its hold on power would be marginal at best.

GOP control in the House also was chiseled away in the election, though Republicans there continue to hold a functional majority of 223-212 come Jan. 3, when the new 107th Congress is set to convene.

The mounting headache for Republicans was apparent Tuesday when Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., held a news conference for his leadership team for the new Congress, only to be pelted with questions about how he will share power with Democrats.

"We're going to have a very interesting Senate," Lott acknowledged. "So we are committed to reaching out and working together. Different times call for different approaches."

The GOP's loose hold on the majority coupled with Senate rules that endow the minority party with more power than its House counterparts means Democrats will be able to easily block or modify anything Lott and other Republicans want to bring to the floor.

That gives the Democrats an unusually large amount of power to set the agenda and press their issues, including a higher minimum wage, a long-stalled patient's bill of rights allowing consumers to sue their managed care plans and major new spending for education. Sen. Tom Daschle, the South Dakotan who is the Democratic leader in the Senate, is arguably about to become one of the most powerful people in Washington.

"We hope now to achieve the same success at governance as we have in politics," said Daschle, whose low-key style belies his skill at political hardball. "We expect more say in how the Senate is run. We will not be satisfied with anything less than 50-50."

Some Republicans are resigned to some kind of new power-sharing arrangement with Democrats and have said they would agree to 50-50 splits on the committees and an equal sharing of resources. But they draw the line at sharing the gavel of their prized chairmanships.

Most legislation in Congress is shaped in the committees, so a greater voice on those panels increases the minority's power.

Several things could tip the balance to one party or the other. If a senator dies or is tapped for a cabinet post in the next administration, the governor of that senator's state would name a replacement. Depending on the governor's party affiliation, a new senator could very well be from a different party.

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Foundation's



Festival of Trees

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Gala Celebration

Wednesday, Dec. 6th
7:00 - 10:00 pm

Tree preview, hors d'oeuvres, no-host cocktails, silent & live auctions. \$30.00 per person. Tickets available from the Foundation Office. 737-2481

Mistletoe Madness

Saturday, Dec. 9th
8:30 - 11:30 pm

Sponsored by Rosholt, Robertson & Tucker, Attorneys at Law. Enjoy the music of the Bob Nora Band. Informal dance, snacks and no-host cocktails. 21 and over please. \$15.00 per person. Tickets available from the Foundation Office. 737-2481.

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Senior Tea

Thursday, Dec. 7th
10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Sponsored by BridgeView Estates. Special Needs Sponsored by Frazier & Associates, CPA. 1/2 price admission for seniors all day. Refreshments to be served.

Children's Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, Dec. 9th
8:30 am

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Thursday • December 7

- 10:00 Jerome High School Coraliers
- 11:00 Twin Falls Christian Academy Band and Choir
- 11:30 Filer Jazz Band
- 12:00 Filer Madrigals
- 12:30 Clover Trinity Lutheran School Choir and Chime Choir

- 1:00 Kimberly High School
- 1:30 Kimberly Middle School
- 2:00 Kimberly Elementary ~ 4th Grade
- 3:30 Susan Brown
- 5:00 Melanie's Tavaci
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- 6:00 Nielson's School of Dance and Stargazers Dance Company
- 7:30 Razz-Ma-Tazz
- 8:30 Bert Huish

Friday • December 8

- 10:00 First Baptist Preschool
- 10:30 Immanuel Lutheran Free Kindergarten
- 11:00 Lighthouse Christian Elementary
- 11:30 Lighthouse Christian Middle School
- 12:00 Hansen Elementary Honor Choir
- 1:00 Popplewell Elementary Honor Choir
- 1:30 Perrine 3rd Grade Angels
- 2:00 Oregon Trail Choir
- 2:30 Immanuel Lutheran Free Kindergarten
- 3:30 Liberty Christian Academy
- 4:30 The Mauldin Dance Academy
- 5:30 Razz-Ma-Tazz

- 6:00 Noteworthy
- 7:00 Dance Rhythms
- 7:30 Merle Stoddard's Tappers
- 8:00 JUMP Company
- 8:30 Jennifer McFarlane
- 9:00 The Taylor Family Singers

Saturday • December 9

- 10:00 Julie's Jazzworks
- 11:00 Sunburst Unlimited
- 12:00 The Mauldin Dance Academy
- 1:00 Magichords of Twin Falls
- 1:30 He-Tep-Ta Dancers
- 2:00 Sanzyuryu
- 2:30 Posergy
- 3:00 Nielsen's School of Dance and Stargazers Dance Company
- 4:00 Twin Falls High School Jazz Band
- 4:30 Magic Valley Gems Dance and Tumbling Company
- 5:00 Lori J. Head School of Dance
- 6:00 Canyonside Jazz Orchestra
- 7:00 LDS Institute Choir
- 7:30 O'Leary Jazz Band

Sunday • December 10

- 11:00 Alaina Davis
- 12:30 Kelsea and Kallie Beig
- 1:00 Shey Patterson
- 1:30 Rose Gailey
- 2:00 City Park Children's Choir
- 2:30 Rosin Dusters
- 3:00 Robert Stuart Bell Canto Choir
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ORLANDO Fla. (AP) — The American Medical Association approved a resolution Tuesday asking the government to consider making the "morning-after" contraceptive available over-the-counter.

The AMA's policy-making House of Delegates passed the recommendation without discussion during a convention in Orlando.

"This is a wonderful decision by the AMA. This is a terrific resolution," said Tom Coombs, senior vice president of Planned Parenthood. Coombs estimated that widespread use of the morning-after pill could prevent annually 1.7 million unplanned pregnancies and 800,000 abortions.

The Vatican recently condemned the emergency contraceptive

and the nation's largest retailer, Wal-Mart, decided last year not to sell it in any of its 2,400 pharmacies.


Coombs said that if the FDA moves to make the drug over-the-counter, "it will make it (the morning after pill) more acceptable and consumers will demand it. Acceptance will be market-driven," she said.

Taken within three days of sexual intercourse, the morning after pill prevents ovulation or, if it's already occurred, blocks implantation of a fertilized egg. A report by the AMA's Council on Medical Service suggests that women might not be able to get the pills in time to prevent a pregnancy unless they're made available over-the-counter.

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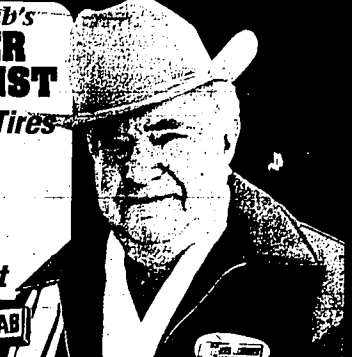


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EDITORIAL

Wily Craig shows his political adaptability

The political landscape is changing fast in Washington, but it will always be home to savvy politicians.

Witness Tuesday's election for GOP Senate leadership in the 107th Congress. No one was gunning for the top three spots, but Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, had a rival for his No. 4 spot as chairman of the Republican Policy Committee.

In the end, he beat back the challenge of New Mexico's Pete Domenici, on a 26-24 vote. That's good news for Idaho, and for the entire Northwest. Craig is the only Western Republican in Senate leadership, so he swings a big bat for this region. If George W. Bush winds up in the White House, Craig will be a "go-to" guy on Western issues.

There was more to Domenici's challenge than mere personal ambition. No one dared contest Mississippi's conservative Trent Lott as majority leader, but moderate Republicans wanted to fire a warning shot. To that end, they targeted one of his top lieutenants.

That might have been good strategy, but his opponents underestimated Craig's mastery of politics. A true conservative, he can't change his philosophical spots - but he can change his tactics. He did it to fend off Domenici, and it worked.

We spent some time with him last week and saw a more pragmatic Larry Craig. Deep down, he may be Senator Six-Gun - ever willing to scrap with environmentalists, gun-control reformers and anyone else who threatens the Western way of life. But Craig is a wily of coyote who knows how to adapt to changing conditions.

With the Senate evenly split between Democrats and Republicans, he knows he'll have to reach across party lines to find votes. That means he must cool the rhetoric.

Again, Craig is nobody's fool. He'll stand on principle, but he's not about to paint himself into a political corner. He'll choose his fights carefully and, when circumstances permit, he'll still be a formidable fighter.

He will also be more conciliatory in the Senate's day-to-day business. That's what America wants right now, and Craig's political antennae are picking up the signal loud and clear. It's this underlying pragmatism that distinguishes him from the real captives of the far right.

Domenici and other senators who had the long knives for him came close, but they didn't draw blood. At this point in his political life, Larry Craig is still the master of his fate, and Idaho is the better for his continued leadership.

With the Senate evenly split between Democrats and Republicans, Sen. Larry Craig knows he'll have to reach across party lines to find votes.



It's time to modernize the voting booth

One of the few benefits that may derive from the Florida vote-counting mess is a serious effort to examine and improve election procedures in this country. For a nation that loves the latest in recreational and communications technology, the antiquated machinery by which we choose our elected officials is an embarrassment.

It would be nice to pretend this is unusual, but private-sector affluence contrasts with public-sector penury far too often. It was only two years ago when the House and Senate were up in arms about the decrepitude of the Internal Revenue Service's computers, and were contrasting the clunky IRS data-processing systems with the ability of Lands' End and other big mail-order firms to process phone transactions with ease.

More than a year ago, I attended a meeting of the National Association of Secretaries of State. What attracted me was the release of a poll analyzing the reasons for nonvoting and the announcement of plans by these officials to sposter turnout in their states. But the conversations that day also centered on the concerns of the secretaries of state - who are charged with the conduct of elections in most states - about the inadequate resources their legislatures and governors typically gave them to do their jobs.

It was easy to dismiss the talk as the usual bureaucratic grumbling. Few agency heads at any level of government believe they have the personnel or budget they really need. But after what we have learned from election officials in Florida and what we heard from the expert witnesses in the Leon County



Circuit Court hearing on Vice President Gore's contest of the election results, there are real problems in the way our elections are run and counted.

Kimball Brace, an old friend who was one of those expert witnesses, said that 31 percent of the voters in this country use the same kind of punch-card technology that is at the heart of the Florida fiasco. This is equipment which, from all we have learned, clearly is harder for voters to use - especially if they are elderly or disabled - and harder for machines to count with precision.

Yet almost one-third of the country uses this kind of voting machine, one that seems to produce more skipped votes or novotes than the electronic touch-screen voting machines that I've gotten to know in my precinct in Virginia.

Now, there's a big difference between the IRS problem and the voting machinery problem. The IRS is a federal agency, and Congress and the administration have begun to step up to their responsibility for improving its operations. But the Constitution gives the states full authority to regulate the conduct of elections - including elections for federal office.

That's why the reflex reaction of some members of Congress that the answer to the kind of problems that have surfaced in Florida is a uniform ballot and uni-

form voting method is a big overreach. It's an approach that will invite more resistance than cooperation - and for a good reason.

Elections are not the same from state to state, and therefore ballots cannot be the same. New Jersey, for example, elects one statewide official - its governor. Other states elect a dozen or more.

Half the states permit voters to write laws in the polling place. Oregon has 15 initiatives and referendums on the ballot last month. Ballots in those states must make space for such measures. Many states have permissive absentee voting rules and large numbers of absentee voters; others do not. It would make no sense for the federal government to try to mandate a single ballot form or vote-counting process for every state.

What would make sense - and what a number of members of Congress have suggested - is a bipartisan or nonpartisan commission to gather and evaluate (outside the presence of a disputed election contest) what experience teaches about the efficiency and accuracy of various voting systems. That commission should include a strong representation of state and local election officials.

Such a commission could document what it would take - in money and equipment - to give this country a 21st century voting and vote-counting system. That burden should be shared between state and federal governments, because, as we've all learned to our sorrow, defects in just a few counties can cause a national migraine headache in a close election.

That would bring one benefit from all the bungling and bitterness.

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LETTERS

Rudy Ashenbrenner had class

Your coverage of the service and memorials to the late Rudy Ashenbrenner is appreciated.

It is said that a man of class can walk with kings yet keep the common touch. Rudy had that admirable quality that made him Main Street Good Will Ambassador.

Mr. Nelson's closing of Sav-Mor Drug during Rudy's service was a class act of tribute.

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WYNN ALLEE
Twin Falls

Come out for the Tour of Homes

As an alumni of Junior Club, I know the kind of effort that goes into the functions that are put on.

On Sunday, they're hosting the yearly Christmas tour of homes. I urge everyone to partake in this event. The tickets are reasonably priced, and all the proceeds go to help our local family of friends and neighbors.

Junior Club is solely operated with donations of time and deserves support from all of us to make our community even more delightful.

SUE STROBEL
Twin Falls

County should look to Chisholm

A fair and equitable control of the animal waste and odor problem is one of the toughest issues to confront Magic Valley.

The Twin Falls County commission shares in this responsibility, along with the people in their districts which they represent.

The solution to the problem is still on the table down at the county courthouse, but our commissioners, along with the

residents therein, have had access to a very dedicated and educated public-spirited man, Mr. Bill Chisholm, from the west end of this county. For the past 20 or 25 years, Bill has labored, cajoled, painted offensive trains bearing waste and now has delivered to them some workable plans for control of animal waste - as I see it, one of the smartest decisions by the commissioners would be to put Bill on a paid assignment basis taking advantage of his career knowledge and well-spoken plans for a solution.

Most anyone can tell the board they are sick of the odors and confinements that beset us, but it takes research and discernment for a backbone in a workable solution; 10,000-plus voters said exactly this about Bill on Election Day Nov. 7. Bill Chisholm's phone is one to look up.

ROBERT G. BRACKETT
Twin Falls

Shelter deserves more support

The front page of Monday's paper was outrageous and sickening. I did not read that page as I could not bear to look at the picture. You cannot shock people into support. How about more support from the paper? If you can give that much of your paper to the death of an animal, how about a pet a day, not just one a week for adoption? I own one of those "pets of the week" and many other animals.

I know what the shelter has to deal with is a hard fact of life, and they deserve more from our community, but insensitive reporting is not the way to achieve it. I can only imagine how many people would have reached out to that dog had they done the story and not put him down!

DIANA LEFFLER
Kimberly

It doesn't take a genius

In response to The Times-News editorial printed Nov. 29:

Dairies have been big news lately in Twin Falls County; however, they have been in our area for years. They ran unopposed and never made the front page of the paper.

The dairy debate started in Hollister with the Keltsma dairy. It was the start of the "bigger is better" dairy operation. Its odor brought out the town to fight. Children didn't want to go to recess because of the smell at school.

The next dairy to come in was the Hafiger dairy. It has brought out the Filer community to fight its odors.

Hafiger's dairy is located in an area where other dairies operate; however, his is the only one in the paper and featured in community meetings due to its odor.

LETTERS

It doesn't take a genius to see the difference in these new industrial-size dairies. These dairies have barns that are a couple of a mile long with bright shining aluminum roofs that can be seen for miles. Talk about changing the view. There is an issue about new radio towers in Twin Falls. You could put 50 towers in one of these barns.

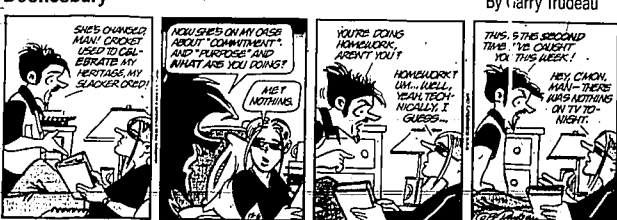
These new industrial operations are big business. The dairy lobbyist wants the public to believe we are anti-dairy, anti-agriculture. This is not the case. Most of the people with complaints have lived in this area for years. These new operations emit an odor like a septic tank. The smell comes from waste lagoons that are not operating properly. This is a problem that can be fixed with the right type of waste-management system employed. It's not the normal smell

related to a dairy. Even people in the livestock business have voiced their concerns. State and local officials have publicly voiced their concerns and promised help. It is greatly appreciated. These new industrial operations are causing real damage to their neighbors. They bring down your property values and would make it hard to sell your home for what it was worth before the industrial dairy moved in.

Until these large operations control their odors to their own property lines, this debate will go on. We as Americans all have rights. There are good people on both sides of this issue. There are dairy and livestock operations that are good neighbors. We need to control and regulate the ones that aren't.

EARL MIRACLE
Filer

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By Garry Trudeau

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OPINION

LETTER

Wang it up, Gore

Mr. Gore, why don't you go home? (Gore, I forgot, you can't go home because you lost the election in your own state.)

In my opinion Mr. Gore, you and your president have vilified the Office of President of the United States of America, which, by the way is my adopted country and, as a citizen of this country, I have enjoyed the privileges, freedoms and enormous opportunities it has to offer.

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Locking up drug users will break the bank

As Robert Downey spent a year in Corcoran State Prison. Less than four months ago, he was paroled. Cast as the new love interest in "Ally McBeal" and offered a part in an forthcoming "Hannibal," Downey seemed to be reviving his career. Last week, he was arrested again. He'll be arraigned Dec. 27 on charges that call for a minimum of three years behind bars.

His chief victim? He's a drug addict. His victim? Robert Downey Jr. His only hope? A truce in the war on drugs.

American voters split down the middle in picking a president this year. But on drug policy, a clear majority is emerging. Americans want to get smart on drugs.

Drug policy issues were on the ballot in six states. The results show that Americans are willing to rethink drug-control strategies in pragmatic ways. The movement's slogan might be "Make Sense, Not War."

"Go to treatment," said California voters. "Go directly to drug treatment. Do not rot in jail. Do not cost millions of dollars in prison costs."

In passing Proposition 36 by a 61 percent margin, voters decided that non-violent offenders shouldn't be locked up for drug possession unless they flunk two chances at rehab. People who've failed drug treatment in the past get a fresh start under the law, which goes into effect July 1.

The new state law provides \$180 million in start-up costs, then \$120 million to fund new treatment options. It will divert 36,000 Californians from cells to treatment centers, estimates the Legislative Analyst. That would save about \$500 million in prison construction and about \$225 million a year in operating costs, the analyst predicted.

A Rand report released just before the election predicted Proposition 36 will reduce crime. Studies show drug offenders in treatment programs are much less likely to commit crimes then and later.

Proposition 36 was based on an Arizona initiative passed five years ago that's credited, in part, with lowering jail costs and helping some users stay out of trouble.

Making it all work in California will not be easy. The state needs to expand the treatment system, beef up parole follow-up and add money for drug testing, which 36

JOANNE JACOBS

does not fund. But even if 36 doesn't fulfill the projections, it's got to be better than what California has been doing. Some 30 percent of California inmates are locked up on drug charges. More than 80 percent have a drug or alcohol problem, according to state correction officials.

Like Downey, many users backslide again and again. Some eventually are able to maintain a drug-free life; others can't kick their habits completely but can reduce their use of drugs and the criminal behavior that supports it.

California isn't the only state where the voters are seeking to put more money into drug treatment and roll back excesses of the drug war.

On Election Day, conservative Utah limited asset forfeiture, mostly used in drug cases; 69 percent of voters said the government must prove by "clear and convincing evidence" that property it wishes to confiscate was involved in a crime. Profits from seizures will go to public education, not law enforcement.

Liberal Oregon passed a similar law by a 66 percent margin: Property can't be confiscated without conviction of a crime, and proceeds of forfeitures must go to fund drug treatment not law enforcement.

Nevada and Colorado passed constitutional amendments letting patients with certain illnesses use marijuana, if recommended by a physician. Both set up a state-run confidential registry of patients allowed to grow and use marijuana. Nevada's law directs the state legislature to create a legal supply for medicinal mari-

juana users. In California, Mendocino County voters went a step further, backing a countywide initiative to decriminalize backyard marijuana gardens.

Medicinal marijuana is a proven winner at the polls, despite fierce opposition from the feds. In earlier elections, voters OK'd medicinal marijuana in California, Oregon, Alaska, Washington state, Maine and Washington, D.C. Only in Massachusetts did a

drug peace measure fail: 53 percent of voters rejected a measure expanding eligibility for treatment, instead of jail, and redirecting forfeitures to a drug treatment fund.

The public's pragmatism deserves smarter, more sensible leadership from the federal government. The public is ready for a change. Now we need a leader.

Joanne Jacobs is a member of the San Jose Mercury News editorial board.

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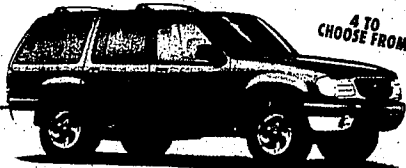
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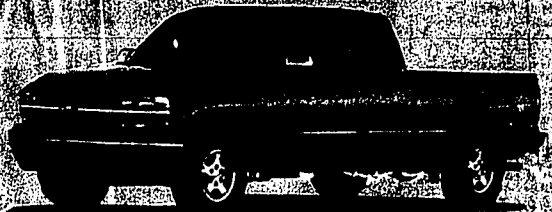
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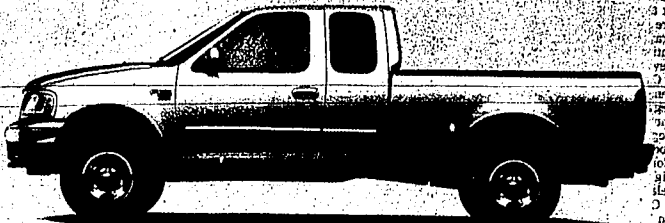


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Section B

AROUND THE VALLEY

Crapo urges slowdown on Owyhee monument

WASHINGTON - Sen. Mike Crapo is urging the Clinton administration to drop any plans to designate the Owyhee canyons as a national monument during its waning days in office.

"Any last-minute, unilateral declaration would impede the ability to reach consensus on future land management decisions within the state," Crapo, R-Idaho, said Tuesday in a letter to Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt.

In his letter, Crapo says Babbitt should stick to his stated plans to not recommend monuments designations during the waning days of the administration.

"The administration should honor your commitment," Crapo wrote. "In fact, it is obvious that the only reason to make such a designation in the last days of this administration is precisely to silence local voices and render meaningless their rights while changing their lives forever."

Crapo regional director Matthew Ellsworth of Caldwell will read a statement on behalf of Crapo tonight during a rally planned by Idahoans for the Owyhees, a coalition of government and interest groups opposing monument status.

The rally is set to begin at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Nampa Civic Center.

Crapo will meet on Dec. 13 in his Boise office with a coalition of groups supporting the monument proposal.

Arts council project gets boulder placed today

TWIN FALLS - Installation of a basalt boulder at a downtown sculpture site is scheduled this morning. A basalt boulder engraved with quotes will be moved from Lynn Signs Inc. to the corner of Main Avenue and Shoshone Street. It's part of the Magic Valley Arts Council's millennium sculpture project.

A dedication ceremony will be held at the Main Avenue site on Tuesday. Installation of the bronze horse harness that will be part of the downtown sculpture is scheduled later this week or this weekend.

A second sculpture site is in City Park but the formal dedication for that site will be held in the spring when irrigation work is completed. The City Park site includes a water feature, a bronze pool and more engraved basalt boulders.

Blaine commissioners to discuss zoning today

HAILLEY - Blaine County commissioners will hold a special meeting today with planning and zoning staff to discuss McHanville zoning issues.

The meeting will begin at 1:30 p.m. at the courthouse.

Dental assistant program accepts applications

TWIN FALLS - Persons interested in the dental assistant program at the College of Southern Idaho are encouraged to contact the program well before the April 1 application deadline, according to a CSI news release.

CSI instructor Tonja Bowcut reminds prospective students that registration is now under way for the spring semester at CSI which begins Jan. 22. This would be a good time for students to take the Compass assessment test and to sign up for courses, the news release said.

CSI's Dental Assistant Program is an 11-month course of study that provides a certificate upon successful completion. The local and regional job market for certificate holders is very strong, the CSI news release said. The course begins only in the fall semester but applicants must be accepted into the program before April 1.

Required courses include English 101, Math 108 or 123, allied health, medical terminology and biology. Bowcut advises students to try to complete some of the general courses before the fall semester to lighten the course load. Some students get dual credit for college-level courses while enrolled in area high schools.

For more information, call Bowcut at 733-9554, Ext. 2186.

Compiled from staff reports

Legislator faces challenge for seat

Idaho lawmakers jockey for position as session nears

By Michael Journe Times-News writer

BOISE - Lawmakers will be in Boise Thursday and Friday to build the framework around which the 2001 legislative session will take shape.

Although there's a possibility for a special legislative session being called while they're at the Statehouse, legislators' minds will most likely be on who will lead the administration.

them and what their special areas of focus will be during the session which convenes in just a few weeks.

Thursday's leadership elections will see at least one Magic Valley legislator with a challenge for his seat high-ranking seat.

Sen. Sheila Sorensen, R-Boise, and Sen. Joe Stegner, R-Lewisston, are challenging Senate Assistant Majority Leader John Sandy, R-Hagerman, for his leadership seat. "People have stepped up and decided to give it a run," Sandy said Tuesday evening. "I've talked with them both and it's a friendly spirited competition."

The three-way race, however, has implications beyond



John Sandy R-Hagerman

Thursday's balloting by senators. Both Sorensen and Senate Majority Leader Jim Risch, R-Boise, are considered to be two of the names Gov. Dirk Kempthorne may select to fill Lt. Gov. C. L. "Butch" Otter's position when Otter steps down from the state government to take up his new duties as Idaho's newly elected congressman.

By beating Sandy, Sorensen puts herself in the position of becoming majority leader if Risch is selected by Kempthorne and at the same time increases her stock as a possible lieutenant governor candidate. Two Magic Valley lawmakers, Sen. Denton Darrington, R-Declo, and Rep. Celia Gould, R-Buhl, have also been mentioned as possible candidates for Otter's job.

Aside from Sandy's seat, it appears most other members of leadership, in both the House and Senate, are secure in their positions, including House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, R-Burley. However, the possibility of last minute entries for leadership

positions always exists, Sandy said.

After leaders are elected, committee chairmanships and assignments will be doled out.

In this arena, the Magic Valley's delegation stands to gain quite a bit of prowess as Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, and Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome, are in line to head the Legislature's powerful Joint Finance and Appropriations Committee. Because of JFAC's control of the state's purse strings, the co-chairmanship is considered by some to rival the power of the top leadership positions.

Earlier in the year Sen. Jerry Please see CHALLENGE, Page B3

METH AFTERMATH



BRIAN SWELBY/THE TIMES-NEWS

Three members of the Magic Valley Emergency Response Team strip off their protective suits after searching a house on the 300 block of Locust Street South. Two men were charged with attempting to manufacture methamphetamine in connection with Tuesday's lab bust.

TF lab bust nets two arrests

By Mark Heinz Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Two men were arrested Tuesday after state investigators raided a suspected methamphetamine lab in Twin Falls.

Richard Brennan, 46, of Twin Falls and John Garcia, 41, of Lancaster, Ohio, were arrested on charges of attempting to manufacture methamphetamine, said Capt. Clark Rollins of the Idaho State Police's investigative division.

ISP agents and Twin Falls police at about 11:30 a.m. served a search warrant on the 300 block of Locust Street South, and found an active meth lab, Rollins said. Some meth was found in a "solution" state, basically one step away from a "crystallized" finished product, he said.

Investigators estimate the lab was capable of putting out

one to five ounces of meth per "cooking" session, Rollins said.

"From the looks of things, they had been cooking in there for quite some time," he said.

No guns were found in the house, which contained little else besides the meth cooking gear, Rollins said.

"It was pretty bare bones in there," he said.

Anonymous tips and surveillance led investigators to the

lab, the seventh busted this year in Twin Falls, Rollins said.

Compared to other Idaho cities, Twin Falls seems to have few meth labs, Rollins said.

"Our manufacturing rate isn't as high as some other places, but the importation of meth into here is extremely high," he said.

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Breakfast of chambers

Blaine leaders look at quality of life in Sun Valley area

By Karen Bossick Times-News correspondent

SUN VALLEY - Grappling with growth was the breakfast porridge du jour Tuesday morning as Blaine County mayors and commissioners debated ways to preserve the quality of life in the scenic Wood River Valley.

About 100 people attended the Community Issues Breakfast presented by the Sun Valley/Ketchum and Hailey chambers of commerce at Elkhorn Resort.

The specter of growth wore different faces. Carey Mayor Rick Baird, for instance, said he worried whether the expansion of Craters of the Moon National Monument would change Carey.

And Ketchum City Administrator Jim Jaquet, filling in for an ailing Mayor Guy Coles, said Ketchum's small-town atmosphere was being endangered by the "tremendous" growth of commercial buildings that have burgeoned from two stories to three stories and from 900,000 square feet to about 1.2 million square feet during the past three years.

Blaine County Commissioner Mary Ann Mix said that loss of wildlife habitat is becoming more pervasive in face of the non-stop growth going on in the county and worried that increasing traffic along Highway 75 will increase pollution.

The drive time was worsened with the move of the hospital Please see BLAINE, Page B3

Skateboarders' association raffles off celebrity quilt

By John T. Huddy Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Legendary crooner Frank Sinatra shares a row with goodfella Robert DeNiro. Nerdish moviemaker Woody Allen's signature is sewn beside supermodel Anna White's. Even the cigar-puffing George Burns is there, next to a barely legible Kenny Rogers. And the person whose \$5 raffle ticket is drawn on Feb. 5, 2001, will become the proud owner of a celebrity quilt stitched by one of Twin Falls teacher Pam Hartley's old classes.

The Magic Valley Skateboarders' Association is selling the quilt raffle tickets, part of an ongoing fundraising program to raise money for a new skate park.

Kate Lopez, a Magic Valley Skateboarders' Association member, said raffle tickets will be on sale at various locations throughout town until Feb. 5.

"We're hoping to raise between \$4,000 and \$5,000," Lopez said.

The quilt was put together by Hartley's class, which is learning letter-writing skills during the 1990-91 school year. To pique her students' interest



LORAN CARTER/THE TIMES-NEWS

Kate Lopez, committee member of the Magic Valley Skateboarders Association, points out John Candy's signature on a celebrity quilt that will be raffled off in February. All proceeds will go to the skateboarders' group.

and to show them a little about being charitable, Hartley had them write letters to celebrities in search of signatures, which were later sewn onto the quilt.

"The country-western singers were very good at sending back signatures," Hartley said. "The first one we got was George Strait. He sent his within two weeks of the letter being mailed out."

The quilt features 10 horizontal rows of signatures on the quilt and more than 70 celebrity signatures.

The signatures are authentic, Hartley said - some are worth more than others, while some are more legible than others.

Signatures from Frank Sinatra, Betty White and John Candy are among the nearest. Billionaire Donald Trump's signature looks more like the squiggly lines on a

On sale

Raffle tickets will be sold for Pam Hartley's third-grade class celebrity quilt. They will be on sale for \$5 a ticket at the following locations throughout Twin Falls:

Price Hardware, The Country Gift Garden, Metropolis Bakery Cafe, C.J.'s Frame and Gallery, Kurt's Pharmacy, Hallmark Cards and Gifts, Tom's 50-Minute Photo, The Homestead, Adventure Outfitters and Cios Office Supply Inc., My Own Little Corner.

Raffle tickets will also be on sale at the Festival of Trees Exhibition gala celebration from 7- to 10 p.m. tonight at the Calvary Church, 233 Main Ave.

The quilt will be on display at the Festival of Trees Exhibition through Sunday.

lie-detector test. Astronomer Carl Sagan's signature is so small, it is barely noticeable, as if Sagan is making a point about man's place in the universe.

Talk show host Sally Jesse Raphael took the cake for most colorful signature, signing in big red letters. A head of a rabbit sporting eyeglasses was drawn directly below her name.

And movie star Kevin Costner went for simplicity - signing just

a big K.

The quilt's donation couldn't have come at a better time for the skateboarders' association.

The association suffered a setback when construction bids for the project came in higher than expected.

The City Council rejected the bids recently, giving the association time to raise more money for the project, likely to cost at least \$140,000.

Money has been filtering in, but more is needed.

So far, the association has about \$50,000 in cash and \$26,600 in in-kind donations.

The city could donate up to \$78,688.

The quilt will be on display at various locations in Twin Falls, including D.L. Evans Bank on Blue Lakes Boulevard and the Magic Valley Bank on Shoshone Street, Lopez said.

Hartley said it wasn't tough parting ways with her quilt.

"The magic, treasure and value to me was in the children's writing," Hartley said. "And seeing their faces when they got their signatures."

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MAGIC VALLEY

Jerome adopts travel expense policy

By Diane Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

JEROME - In response to a controversy over City Council travel expenses, Jerome officials have adopted new written guidelines governing out-of-town travel.

The rules, adopted Friday, lay out the following guidelines:

- The city clerk will make lodging reservations at or near the site of the conference or business activity. Attendees can upgrade lodging at their own expense.
- If a city official drives to an event in a private vehicle,

mileage will be reimbursed at Internal Revenue Service rates.
• Per diem meal expenses will be reimbursed at the rate allowed for state employees.
• Reimbursement will be considered only after a claim is filed with the city clerk. Claims must be submitted within 30 days.

"It seemed the appropriate time to define when and how taxpayers' money should be spent on City Council members and staff traveling on the city's behalf," Mayor Dennis Moore said. "The (resolution) makes everything clear."
The new rules come after council members Joe Skaug and

Marjorie Schmidt drew fire after canceling rooms at a conference in Coeur d'Alene in favor of more expensive rooms.
• Skaug and Schmidt were asked to reimburse the city for the more expensive rooms, but have declined. If anything, they have said, the city owes them money, since they had paid their own way on past trips on the city's behalf.

Skaug said he supports the new travel reimbursement policy.
"It puts everything down in black and white so there is no question about what is reimbursable and what is not," he said.

SERVICES

Goldie L. Severt of Twin Falls, services at 11 a.m. today at White Mortuary Chapel.

Glen Lee Hale of Twin Falls, services at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the Filer LDS Chapel. Friends and family may call from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Saturday.

Robert "Bob" Cord of Twin Falls, memorial services for 2 p.m. today at White Mortuary Chapel.

Margaret Ruth Hurren Haslam of Paul, services at 11 a.m. today at the Boise 10th Ward Chapel of the Church of Jesus of Latter-day Saints, 300 Cassia St. in Boise.

Juan Jose Juarez of Rupert, funeral Mass at 11 a.m. today at St. Nicholas Church, 802 F. Rupert.

Clarence Edward "Ream" Remer of Twin Falls, memorial services at 11 a.m. today at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Rd., Twin Falls.

James N. Preston of Declo, ser-

vice at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley.

Friends may call from 2-5 p.m. today and before services on Thursday at Rasmussen Funeral Home.

Catherine Bengoechea of Twin

Falls, vigil service with rosary at 7 p.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls; memorial Mass at 11 a.m. Friday at St. Edward the Confessor, St. Edwards Chapel in Twin Falls. Friends may call from 3 p.m. until time of vigil service today at Reynolds Chapel.

DEATH NOTICES

Carolyn Rao Pierce
TWIN FALLS - Carolyn Rae Pierce, 55, of Twin Falls died Monday, Dec. 4, 2000, at her home in Twin Falls from cancer.

Services are pending and will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls.

Cecil Clyde Morgan

LOGAN, Utah - Cecil Clyde Morgan, 77, of Logan, Utah and formerly of Declo died Monday, Dec. 4, 2000, at the V.A. Medical Center in Salt Lake City, Utah. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Payne Mortuary in Burley.

Mildred Irene Avery
HAGERMAN - Mildred Irene Avery, 83, of Hagerman, died Monday, Dec. 4, 2000, at her home.

At her request no public funeral service will be held at this time. A memorial service will be announced and held on a later date.

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

The family requests that memorial donations be made in Mildred's name to: Hospice; Visions Inc, 308 Shoshone St. E. suite 1, Twin Falls, ID 83301-6106.

HOSPITALS

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Twin Falls
Dismissed
Lysle Gilmore of Hagerman

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Admitted
John Trevino and Hubert Burke both of Rupert
Dismissed
Agustin Yeslin of Heyburn, Dora Perotto of
Rupert

OBITUARIES

For obituary rates and information, call 733-0931, Ext. 278, between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 4:30 p.m. for next-day publication. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 8 p.m. every day.

TWIN FALLS



Earl David Howard

Earl David Howard, 61, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, Dec. 3, 2000, in Accona, N.M., of a heart attack.

He was born Jan. 21, 1939, in Butte, Idaho, the son of Loyd and Frances Hayes Howard. Earl's mother died when he was an infant, and his family relocated to California where he lived until he was 12. Earl then returned to Idaho, where he was raised by his aunt and uncle, Ruth and Carl Murphy, in Hazelton, for a few years, and then by his sister and brother-in-law, Joanne and Herbert Paul, in Eden. He graduated from Valley High School in Hazelton in 1957, and on Sept. 22 of that year, he married Margie Watson. They lived in Southern California for several years, and in 1974, the family returned to Twin Falls, where he was employed with W. S. Hatch. In 1982, he became an owner-operator, and for the last six years was leased to Crete Carrier. He received several awards over the years for his safe driving record.

In addition to his wife of Twin Falls, he is survived by one son, David (Joan) Howard of Twin Falls; two daughters, Janaye (Mike) Ridgway of Twin Falls; Michelle Howard of Butte; Idaho's eighth grandchildren, Bryan, Tony, Kimberly, Jason, Nicole, Alex, Stephanie and Whitney; and one sister, Jeanne (Herbert) Paul of Eden.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Warren Howard.
Funeral services for Earl Howard will be conducted on Thursday, Dec. 7, at 2 p.m. at White Mortuary Chapel, with Rev. O. I. Cricket Harrison officiating. Interment will be in Sunset Memorial Park. Friends may call at White Mortuary on Wednesday from 4-8 p.m.

BOISE

Adela Olavarria
Adela Olavarria, 65, Boise, formerly of Twin Falls, passed away Dec. 4, 2000, of complications from a stroke.

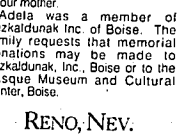
Vigil services will be held Friday Dec. 8, 6 p.m., Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls. Funeral services will be held Sat. Dec. 9, 11 a.m., St. Edward's Church, Twin Falls. Interment will be at Twin Falls Cemetery. Friends and family may call from 3-5 p.m. until the time of rosary on Friday.

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RENO, NEV.

Harry LeRoy 'Roy' Beer
Harry LeRoy "Roy" Beer passed away Nov. 28, 2000, at the Veteran's Hospital in Reno, Nev.
His parents Harry Beer and Amy (June) Fiebig resided in Filer, Idaho. Roy was born Feb. 15, 1918, at the home of his grandparents. His father and mother were early pioneers to the area in the early 1900's. Roy was educated in the Buht and Twin Falls schools. In 1935, he went to work for the Bureau of Entomology USDA. In 1935 he went to work for the Amalgamated Sugar Company as a field man in Gooding, Idaho. In 1944, he was called to duty and entered the Army Air Corps as a rear gunner in the B-24 Bombar. Leaving Texas for the war in the Pacific, the landing gear wouldn't come down. The flight crew belly landed the aircraft. All flight personnel were hurt, but survived. Roy spent several months in the Denver Hospital and was honorably discharged.

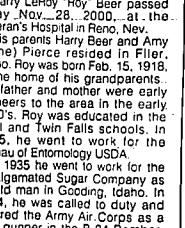
Roy then entered the automobile business in 1947. He sold, managed and owned automobile dealerships until his retirement in 1981. He resided in Reno, Nev. from 1963 to his death. Roy and his wife Marba spent as much time as possible at their summer home in Sierra City, Calif.
Services were held at the VA Hospital Chapel on Dec. 1, 2000, in Reno, Nev.
His survivors are his wife Marba of 40 years, son Michael Beer of Reno, daughter Michelle Knagle of Reno; two step children, Diane Dascanic of Mesa, Ariz., Randy Wolberg of Reno, Nev.; first wife, Wilma Murphy Beer; "Ruth" of Wendell, two sons of a former marriage, Gary L. Beer of Wendell, Idaho, and Ronald R. Beer of Cheyenne, Wyo.; 20 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren. Interment was at Sierra City, Calif., alongside his mother. He was loved and will be missed.



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JEROME



Jim Troglia

Jim Troglia passed away on Nov. 30, 2000, in Seattle at the University of Washington Medical Center.

Jim was born in Butte, Mont., on Jan. 28, 1948, to Anthony and Eleanor Troglia. He was preceded in death by his father Anthony on Nov. 30, 1981. Jim attended St. John's and after graduation from Butte High School in 1965 he joined the Navy where he was stationed in Norfolk, Va. and served in the Mediterranean.
On Nov. 30, 1968, Jim married Diane Barclay. They moved to Minnesota where Jim attended Dunwoody Baking School. Upon graduation Jim went to work for Butter Foods in Montana. In 1973, he was transferred to Twin Falls and run the Bakery. In 1984, Jim started the Bread Box Bakery and serviced

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Family of Mike Willess
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Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home & Twin Falls Cemetery
Invite you to attend the Memorial Christmas Tree Lighting Service Saturday, December 16, 2000, at 7 PM at Parke's Funeral Home
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Come join us in remembering your loved ones this holiday season. Special tree ornaments will be provided with the name of your loved one.
Everyone is welcome, and we need not have served your family in the past for you to attend.

Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls would like to extend an invitation to our Magic Valley community to attend our annual Holiday Memorial Service to honor and remember friends and family members who have died.

This time will be filled with words of encouragement, songs of comfort, and include a candlelight remembrance ceremony. Holiday ornaments will be offered to each family to personalize, place on the Memorial tree and then take home following the service.

Guests at this year's service include Pastor Jerry Kester, Pam Bolton, Joan Dalton Boyd MA, and special musical guest artist Jaime Thietten.

This non-denominational service will be held at 3:00 pm on Sunday, December 10, 2000 at Reynolds Funeral Chapel located at 2466 Addison Ave. E in Twin Falls.

For questions, transportation arrangements or more information, please call 733-4900

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Rupert trims health care costs

By Ruth Streeter
Times-News writer

RUPERT - The City Council approved a health insurance policy for city employees that considerably trims the 18 percent cost increase the council had initially anticipated.

The council approved switching coverage from Blue Shield to Blue Cross in order to save \$4,877 per month in premiums. The current plan, with a \$500 deductible, costs the city \$26,921 a month, and would have increased to \$31,798 this next year. The Blue Cross plan, with a \$750 deductible, will cost the city \$25,908 per month.

Councilman Steve Barras proposed an idea using a \$750 deductible that would save the city money. Under the proposal, instead of Blue Cross paying 80 percent of medical expenses after the \$500 deductible, the city would. Employees who exceed their \$500 deductible must justify their addi-

tional expenses to the city.

If the city finds those expenses to be valid, the city would pay 80 percent of the cost within that \$250 difference. Once the \$750 is used up, Blue Cross would continue to pay 80 percent of medical expenses.

The city will set aside \$30,000 to cover its portion of the deductible.

The council approved the plan on a one-year trial basis. Department heads will meet with their staff to explain the new plan.

In other council business:

- The council reapointed DeMary Memorial Library board member Pam Loosli to another five-year term.
- The council approved an ordinance that transfers two surplus culinary water pumps to the city of Minidoka, which has expressed interest in the pumps.
- Dennis Andrew, the city's water department superintendent, said that once the water

quality samples are complete, engineering and design work on the city's water system can begin.

The well, dug last year, was supposed to yield about 3,000 gallons per minute, but instead has been pumping about half that. The well is part of a \$3.75 million project, the fate of which depends on how much it costs to increase water flow.

Sand and clay have also been found in the well water. Andrew expects to go to bid on the project by early spring or late winter.

The Idaho State Historical Society is looking for 100-year-old farms and ranches whose families exemplify the farming and ranching lifestyle. Applications may be sent to the County Farm Project Coordinator at 1109 Main St., Ste. 250, Boise, ID 83702. For information, call 208-334-3967.

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Minidoka County School District Superintendent Nick Hallett, center, discusses ideas for putting together a school plant facility levy with the School Board on Tuesday. Pictured with Hallett is School Board member Curtis Janssen, left, and district secretary Darrel Black, right.

Minidoka County School Board hears from community members

By Aaron Brock
Times-News writer

RUPERT - As decisions involving the upcoming school plant levy near, the Minidoka County School District held open meetings Monday and Tuesday to hear from county residents.

Tuesday marked the first meeting with an advisory committee, which will make a recommendation to the board about how to proceed next week.

Several area residents spoke out about the apparent contradiction between the declining enrollment in Minidoka, and the plans by the board to add on to buildings.

"You are going to have to justify the loss in students and increase in classrooms," Paul Duncan told the board.

While the codes allow for fourth- and fifth-graders to occupy the area behind the gym, it is illegal for younger students to go back there, Hallett said.

"We should not have primary-age kids in this section of the building," he said, adding that it may, or may not, be possible to make improvements that bring that area up to a reasonable level of safety to accommodate fourth- and fifth-graders.

Projections have been made which allow the district to estimate how many students will be in the county, Superintendent Nick Hallett said. In fact, he added, the board is considering plans to build based on fewer students than are currently enrolled. And the current number is causing overcrowding in several schools.

"I think we have to look ahead," Hallett said. "What can we reasonably expect to have?"

Preliminary plans call for a small addition of five classrooms at Heyburn Elementary School, Hallett said. Heyburn has bucked the declining enrollment trend, and now has 587 students, said Principal Nancy Kunau.

If this area is walled off, the remaining building will only be able to accommodate children in kindergarten through third grade, Hallett said.

In order to make room for children who would move from Acquia, and from other schools, the middle schools (which are now junior high schools) and the high school would need to have rooms added to them.

But an alternate plan calls for no increase in classroom space at Heyburn, and instead would call for the busing of Heyburn students who are pushed out by overcrowding to other area elementary schools.

"This idea, which is only in the conceptual stage, is based on data showing that elementary schools with more than 500 students are too crowded to allow for an optimal learning environment, Hallett said.

Of course, he added, busing students away from their area school is controversial.

At a special board meeting at Acquia Elementary School Monday night, close to 60 Acquia residents, many of them parents of Acquia students, came to support their school and to reinforce the idea that busing students away is unpopular.

A recurring theme from the parents was the willingness to allow sixth-graders to go to a middle school, but the refusal to consider moving the fourth- and fifth-graders to another school.

The board has proposed moving all sixth-graders in the district to East or West Minico Middle School, as the ninth-graders get moved up into an expanded Minico High School.

"If there are going to be additions made to schools, then you should make some additions out here," said Sheryl Knyfe.

While the board is still considering options, its hands are tied as far as adding to Acquia because of increasingly strict building codes that must be followed. If additions were made, then the entire building would need to be brought up to code, which would cost millions of dollars, Hallett said.

And that is probably too much to spend on an old facility right now, he said.

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Extension office puts on pesticide seminar

BURLEY - The University of Idaho Extension Office will hold an all-day pesticide seminar Thursday at the Burley Inn.

The seminar will begin at 8:30 a.m. and is scheduled to end at 4:30 p.m.

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For information, call Matt Schuster with the Minidoka County Extension office at 436-7184.

Minidoka County business owner settles battery case

RUPERT - A Minidoka County grocery store owner, who had faced a misdemeanor criminal charge in connection with a battery involving a teenage employee, said a civil settlement was a means of getting the charge dismissed.

Richard H. Swensen, 58, of Paul, paid the alleged victim \$150 in restitution through a civil compromise. In the agreement, Swensen pleaded innocent but "acknowledges that there was probable cause" for prosecutors to file charges, the compromise said.

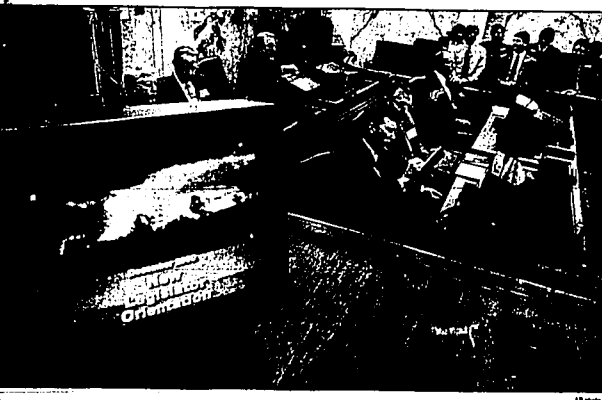
Civil compromises are used to resolve matters outside the criminal courts for a variety of reasons, said Minidoka County Prosecutor Rick Bollar. In this case, the prosecutor agreed to the compromise because of a dispute over the evidence.

Swensen's attorneys had proposed the compromise. Swensen said on Friday that the compromise "was just a means of getting rid of" the charge, and declined further comment.

Swensen, who owns Swensen's Food & Drug Inc. in Rupert and Paul, became angry at Rick Fisher, a 16-year-old employee at the Paul store, on Sept. 14, 1999, and slammed a box into Fisher's chest, pinning him against some shelves. Fisher resigned later that day.

The compromise, dated Oct. 6, releases both Swensen and Fisher from liability and claims, and restricts either party from taking civil action in the future.

- compiled from wire reports



New Idaho legislators are introduced to Joint Finance and Appropriations Committee procedure during orientation at the Statehouse in Boise. Rookie lawmakers will attend their first general legislative session Jan. 8, 2001.

Challenge

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Thorne, R-Nampa, the second most senior Senate member, had threatened to claim the Senate side of the chairmanship for himself if Cameron did not vocally support financing for a proposed Boise State University branch. However, Thorne said Tuesday that he will stick with his assignment as head of the Senate Revenue and Taxation Committee rather than go after Cameron's seat.

Darrington and Gould will likely retain their chairs at the head of the Senate and House's Judiciary and Rules committees.

Rep. Doug Jones, R-Filer, are also likely to again head the Senate's Resources and Environment Committee and the House's Agriculture Committee respectively.

Rep. Jim Kempton, R-Albion, is also likely to be reapointed to head the House Transportation Committee.

While lawmakers are in town, they may be called into a special session by Kempthorne to consider an amendment to the law that regulates Idaho's electricity industry.

In October, the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that the law is not in compliance with federal antitrust laws and is therefore

invalid. Some Idaho utilities and lawmakers are worried the decision effectively deregulates the industry, leaving the state's cheap power rates at risk.

Newcomb and Senate President Pro Tem Robert Geddes, R-Soda Springs, have asked Kempthorne to call a special session to amend the law so it complies with federal standards.

Kempthorne is considering the special session possibility.

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Blaine

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north 10 miles from Hailey to Ketchum, added Bellevue Mayor Steve Fairbrother. South County residents seeking medical treatment now have to drive a half hour to hour longer to get it, depending on how backed up traffic is.

Bellevue is having trouble getting workers, just as Ketchum and Sun Valley are, because of lack of affordable housing as real estate prices continue to spiral upwards, Fairbrother added.

Baird said that Carey is part of the solution - housing starts are increasing as large parcels are being subdivided.

A new housing director from Atlanta, Ga., who reportedly has good skills in finding financing for affordable housing, is also expected

to be on board with the county in mid-January.

Mix said the county would be amenable to providing tax relief to those who are willing to hold the rental rates down on older condominiums in Ketchum. The county already does that with senior low-cost housing in Hailey, she said.

And Sun Valley Company, which houses nearly 500 employees, will have the option of developing more housing once the city of Sun Valley sells or trades the old Moritz Community Hospital and a couple adjacent acres to the resort company.

Mix said the county will start regional transit studies next week to identify strategies to get people to use mass transit. One reason people don't use it elsewhere, she

said, is because there are no bus shelters.

Mix added that there has been talk about using school buses to alleviate traffic problems along Highway 75.

Extending the free KART bus system, which studies tourists to the ski area and around town, would likely require a countywide funding system, Jaquet said.

"I don't think a fare would cover the costs," he said.

Sun Valley Mayor Dave Wilson said Sun Valley and Ketchum, which employ a one-cent sales tax to pay for the bus system, can't support more than they're doing now.

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Energy shortages in California dim holiday spirits, add to heating bills

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - Energy shortages have strained electrical and natural gas supplies, prompting the state to ask residents to keep their holiday lights off in the early evening and leading utilities to warn customers of skyrocketing heating bills.

Pacific Gas and Electric Co. customers face an average bill of \$77 this December. Last December the average bill was \$50.

PG&E is warning customers to expect high bills throughout the winter.

Utility officials urged homeowners to delay turning on holiday lights until after demand tapers off in the evening, after 7 or 8 p.m. They also asked homeowners to lower their thermostats to 68 degrees while at home and to 55 degrees if they leave the house, and to use appliances in off-peak hours, before 4 p.m. or after 7 p.m.

Part of the problem is a decreasing supply of natural gas nationwide, said Claudia Chandler, assistant executive director of the California Energy Commission. Low natural gas prices over the past few years led to a decline in drilling and production. That is now picking up, but the products of those efforts will not hit the market for up to two years.

California also must now com-

pete with the West Coast for natural gas, because urban areas in the East have built their own pipelines to reserves of natural gas that California has been using.

The high price of electricity and oil also are driving the cost up, because much of the natural gas supply goes to generate electricity. And, because oil prices are also high, consumers that can use either petroleum and natural gas have no incentive to switch to petroleum.

PG&E said most of its supply of natural gas is guaranteed by contracts, prices will continue to be high.

Electricity shortages also are plaguing the state, with a Stage One power emergency declared Tuesday morning - following a Stage Two power emergency on Monday.

"This is going to be another challenging week for the ISO," said Patrick Darmon, spokesman for the California Independent System Operator, the state agency that runs the electricity system for about 75 percent of the state.

A Stage Two emergency means the state is within 5 percent of running out of power. During Stage Two emergencies, the agency can cut power to commercial customers who have agreed to interruptible contracts. The next step, when reserves fall below 1.5 percent, is a Stage

Three, which triggers rotating blackouts. A Stage One is when electricity reserves dip below 7 percent, and is a request for voluntary conservation.

California never has had a statewide Stage Three emergency. But Monday's peak demand of more than 34,000 megawatts was close to the winter record, and supplies could get even tighter with colder weather looming later in the week.

Part of the problem is that some power plants are out of commission while owners perform maintenance that was delayed because of summer power needs.

Estimates vary, meanwhile, as to how much holiday lights contribute to the problem. The power agency says the lights add about 1,000 megawatts of consumption statewide. But Edison figures the total for its 50,000-square-mile territory alone to be about 1,400 megawatts.

A thousand megawatts is enough to supply about 1 million homes.

Not all electricity consumers are affected by the shortages. Los Angeles Department of Water and Power customers, for instance, can switch on holiday lights without fear because the municipal utility, like others in the region that are not part of the ISO grid, has more than enough electricity to meet demand.

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U.S. Energy Secretary Bill Richardson tours mine tailings at the old Atlas Mine near Moab, Utah, in this Jan. 14 photograph.

Indian tribe gets land back as part of deal for tailings cleanup

FORT DUCHESNE, Utah (AP) — In a ceremony at the Ute tribal headquarters, Energy Secretary Bill Richardson signed an agreement that sends to the tribe 85,000 acres of energy-rich land that Congress took from the Indians 84 years ago.

It was the largest voluntary federal return of land to the Indians in more than a century, Richardson said.

"For a change, the U.S. government is keeping its word and turning the land back to you," he said to the cheers of about 50 members of the tribe. "This is a day of giving back ... something the government should have done years ago."

The 85,000 acres were withdrawn from Ute control in 1916 to become a naval oil shale reserve, to be drawn upon in case of military crisis. The Utes did

"For a change, the U.S. government is keeping its word and turning the land back to you."

— Energy Secretary Bill Richardson, to Ute tribal members Tuesday

not approve, but were powerless to stop it, said tribal Chairman Roland McCook Sr.

McCook said getting the land back is a "moral thing" that helps make amends for the federal government's treatment of the tribe.

The 85,000 acres will add

about 7.5 percent to the reservation's size, giving the tribe control of access to areas that contain hunting opportunities and cultural sites.

The land is believed to hold about 17.5 billion cubic feet of natural gas, and may also have some crude oil potential, plus the oil shale, which someday could become feasible to develop.

The agreement also provided for the Utes to give the Interior Department a quarter-mile-wide, 75-mile-long conservation easement in the Desolation and Gray canyons of the Green River.

In addition to returning the land, Monday's ceremony also was another step in a complex plan to clean up uranium tailings along the Colorado River near Moab — a problem the Indians had nothing to do with.

DOE seeks public comment on revised groundwater cleanup plan

By N.S. Nokkventud
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — For nearly two decades, waste water laced with chemicals and radioactive materials was pumped directly into the aquifer beneath the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory.

The federal Energy Department now wants to know what people think of revised efforts to clean up those chemicals in a series of public meetings. The estimated price tag will be more than \$35 million.

Beginning at 6 p.m. today at the Armering Hotel on Blue Lakes Boulevard North in Twin Falls, INEEL officials will be on hand to discuss the issue. Beginning at 7 p.m. the public will be able to ask questions and submit comments on the planned cleanup.

From 1953 to 1972, officials dumped waste water that contained an estimated 35,000 gallons of the solvent trichloroethene and four radioactive elements directly into the Snake River Plain Aquifer. In 1987 the contamination began showing up in worker drinking water wells at INEEL's Test Area North.

In the most contaminated parts of the aquifer beneath TAN, the level of the solvent trichloroethene is 4,000 times the federal standard. The concentration is 20,000 parts per billion. The federal limit is five parts per billion. Trichloroethene poses a cancer risk if ingested.

INEEL officials have been pumping the contaminated groundwater to the surface and removing the solvents. Scientists now have found that feeding naturally occurring bacteria in the worst of the contamination appears to be increasing their number and breaking down the solvents quicker than would happen naturally.

Scientists also say that a computer model shows that contaminants break down naturally into harmless byproducts in areas of groundwater where they're in low concentration.

Officials at INEEL want to continue to pump and treat the groundwater but they also want to add the bacteria treatment. They estimate that the new method will cut nearly \$8 million off the cost.

Over 30 years, the original cost estimate was \$43 million. But using the proposed new groundwater treatment, that estimate dropped to \$32.7 million.

Some radioactive elements were found at about 300 times

the regulatory limit, but scientists predict the radioactive elements will decay away to harmless levels within the 100 years period set out in the cleanup plans.

Documents describing the problems at Test Area North and

the cleanup efforts are available on the Internet at <http://environment.lnel.gov/involve/pubs.cfm>.

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1410 N. Milton, Boise, Idaho 83706-1255
Docket No. 58-0103-0001, Rules Regulating Swine and Poultry Facilities. Requires permittees of swine and poultry facilities to provide financial assurances for the operation, closure and remediation of their facilities. The specific requirements for financial assurances are to be determined by DEQ in rule. This rule change only affects those swine and poultry facilities that are required to be permitted under the Rules Regulating Swine and Poultry Facilities. It does not affect existing facilities that are required to be registered under those rules. Comment By: 1/1/01.

Please refer to the Idaho Administrative Bulletin, December 6, 2000, Volume 00-12 for notices and text of all rulemaking, public hearing schedules, Governor's executive orders, and agency contact names.

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Teachers walk out in protest

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Her foot in a cast, Nancy Safsten hobbled off the job Tuesday to sit on a cold street corner with a handful of fellow teachers waving signs reading "Utah Students Deserve More."

Safsten was among the thousands of Utah teachers who staged a one-day walkout, disgusted with Utah's lowest per-pupil spending and largest class sizes in the nation. The state's chief teachers' union said 80 percent of the state's 22,000 teachers took part in the walkout.

The strike forced the closure of hundreds of schools and meant a day off for hundreds of thousands of students.

Leaders of the state's 19,000-member teachers union, the Utah Education Association, called for the walkout last week to protest the lack of a long-term state education funding plan.

But House Majority Leader Kevin Garn, R-Layton, said he and other lawmakers are getting frustrated with teachers' constant complaints.

"We're going to be able to do pretty much the same thing this year," he said. "That's why everybody is scratching their heads and saying, 'Why is everybody walking out?'"

Land Board requests meeting over federal roadless proposal

BOISE (AP) — The Idaho Land Board is asking Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman and Forest Service Chief Michael Dombeck for a face-to-face meeting before the federal government finalizes its proposed roadless forest rule.

In a Tuesday letter to the two officials to request the meeting, the board expressed renewed concerns about the state's access to its public school endowment lands which are interspersed among federal plots included in President Clinton's proposal to ban road-building across about 8 million acres in Idaho, 58.5 million nationwide.

The state owns about 450,000 acres surrounded by or adjacent to national forest land. Those state parcels generated \$52 million last year for the public schools.

Land Board members asked Glickman and Dombeck for a supplemental environmental

impact statement, taking in more alternatives to a roadless designation, drafted in collaboration with state and local officials.

They also seek assurance the federal government would not use a roadless rule to wall off the endowment acres.

"It is only mildly reassuring that the environmental impact statement recognizes that access to our lands across roadless areas is guaranteed by the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act," Idaho Attorney General Al Lance said.

"This language is relatively meaningless unless the final rule includes more specific language acknowledging that granting construction permits for access roads is non-discretionary and that the Forest Service may not require either environmental assessment or environmental impact statements as a precondition to construction permits."

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Report: U.S. students still trail in math

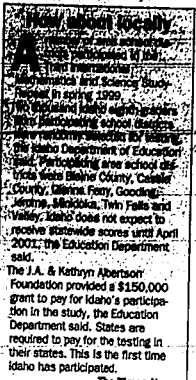
WASHINGTON (AP) — America's eighth-graders still are largely outperformed by children in industrialized Asian and European nations, scoring only at average levels on the latest round of international math and science tests.

Despite more than four years of efforts to improve American student performance in science and math, a report released Tuesday shows little improvement for the middle-schoolers from the first set of uniform tests in 1995.

U.S. educators generally blamed a lack of follow-through on improvement plans developed after the 1995 tests, which also included fourth- and 12th-graders. The earlier tests showed not only that U.S. students made average scores but seemed to do worse as they grew older. The latest tests, conducted in 1999, covered only eighth-graders.

"It's not surprising that in four years we haven't seen real changes," said Christopher Cross of the Council on Basic Education, a nonprofit advocacy group in Washington. "We've gotten the message. We just haven't taken it to the classroom level."

"What would be really upsetting is that in another four years



The I.A. & Kathryn Abernethy Foundation provided a \$150,000 grant to pay for Idaho's participation in the study, the Education Department said. States are required to pay for the testing in their states. This is the first time Idaho has participated. —The Times News

"There is a new mood about education in America... everything I've seen tells me the American people are rising to the challenge."

The testing, organized by the International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement and conducted by individual education authorities, showed that in 1999 math and science testing, a dozen nations out of 38 participating in the study outperformed of the United States.

They are Australia, the Flemish (Dutch) part of Belgium, Canada, Taiwan, Finland, Hungary, Japan, Korea, Netherlands, Singapore, the Slovak Republic and Slovenia. U.S. students shared the average field with Bulgaria, Latvia and New Zealand; American children did better than those in 17 other countries in both science and math.

Students were asked questions about algebra, geometry, physics, chemistry and other topics that children would have expected to have covered at their grade level.

Questions went well beyond simple math and science knowledge. In a typical math question from the test, which was translated into each country's lan-

guage, testers were given the problem 691+208 and asked to show which of several other sums were closest. The choices were 600+200, 700+200, 700+300 and 900+200. Answer: 700+300. Some questions required detailed calculations or explanations.

Other nations' reactions to their students' standings varied widely. "We are looking at ourselves, not comparing ourselves with other countries," said Thailand's Chaiwat Watcharamai, a national education testing official. Thailand scored below the U.S. in both science and math.

With average national performance set around 500, math scores ranged from 604 in Singapore to 275 in South Africa; science scores ranged from 569 in Taiwan to 243 in South Africa. The U.S. score was 502 in math; 515 in science.

France and Germany did not participate, the only major industrialized nations that did not. The tests, which all nations were invited to give and were expected to pay for, drew three African countries, Middle Eastern states including Jordan and Iran, several Eastern European countries and a lone South American nation, Chile.

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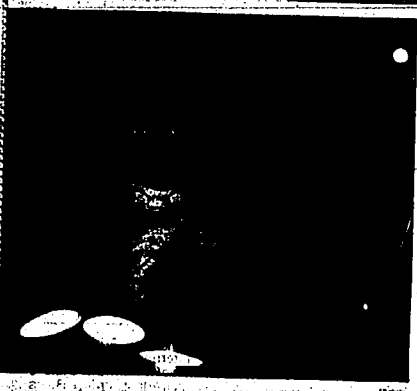
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Agency Bivens, right, hugs her daughter, Elizabeth Davis, Monday during a Mothers Against Drunk Driving candlelight vigil at the Idaho Statehouse in Boise. Bivens lost her daughter, Jerri Ellen, in a drunk driving accident.

Unexpected estate taxes gives Idaho boost to surplus

BOISE (AP) — An extraordinarily wealthy resident who died sometime this year left \$20 million to the state's budget surplus, bringing the total to about \$300 million.

Idaho Tax Commission officials will not say who owned the estate or describe its size, citing taxpayer confidentiality. But they did reveal the estate required \$21.5 million in taxes, twice the size of Idaho's typical estate tax collections combined.

The wealthiest Idaho residents meeting the criteria to have left the money include the late Warren Harrington Brown, the former

state senator and co-founder of Brundage Mountain Ski Area, who died after a stroke in September; and Boise philanthropist Gladys Langroise, who died last January and left a huge estate.

Mrs. Langroise's legacy — along with her late husband's, William Langroise — included a \$15 million bequest to the Idaho Community Foundation and the \$6 million Gladys and William Langroise Center for the Performing Arts at Albertson College of Idaho in Caldwell. The couple's home also was donated as the residence for the Boise State University president.

Sex offenders in Salt Lake get younger

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — More and more young children are committing sex crimes, according to Salt Lake police statistics.

Between June 1998 and April 1999, children aged 5 to 17 were suspects in 79 felony sexual assaults, the Deseret News reported Tuesday in a copyright story.

Thirty suspects were younger than 10, the youngest being just 5-years-old. In one case, a 7-year-old boy was caught naked with three 4-year-old girls.

Sex crimes unit Sgt. Don Bell said it was a growing problem, especially in the past two years.

In 1998, 9 percent of the sex offenses reported to Salt Lake City police were committed by children 11 or younger. In 1999, the number rose to 11 percent while the number of offenders 30 years or older declined, Bell said. "Eleven-year-olds today are doing things that 20 years ago 18- and 19-year-olds were doing," Bell said. "We ask 11-year-olds where they learned this stuff and they look at us like we're crazy."

Statistics from the Division of Youth Corrections mirror those collected by city police.

"Across the board we are identifying younger perpetrators. The question is, are they really becoming younger or are we more efficient at identifying them?" division program specialist Dave Fowers said. "It's almost always males, but our female offender population is growing as well. That's hard to accept."

Mike Christensen, director of the Salt Lake District Attorney's juvenile division, calls the problem "out of hand" and says his office needs better tools to address it.

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CDC finds widespread cervical-cancer virus

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Nearly 18 percent of American women and 8 percent of American men carry the sexually transmitted virus that causes half of all cases of cervical cancer, according to the first national study on the prevalence of the virus.

Dr. Judith Wasserheit, director of the STD Prevention Program at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, said Tuesday that the figures were in line with

researchers' expectations.

"At the same time, she said: 'That's a substantial portion of the population and it's probably a low-end estimate.'"

Also, gonorrhea cases are rising again, especially among young people, after nearly two decades of decline, while syphilis is at an all-time low, CDC officials said Tuesday at the National STD Prevention Conference in Milwaukee.

The human papilloma virus causes more than 95 percent of cervical cancer cases, with the HPV-16 strain accounting for half of them, Wasserheit said.

Black women ages 20 to 29 had the highest rates of HPV-16 infection, at 36 percent. Overall, 19.1 percent of blacks carry the strain, compared with 12.5 percent of whites, according to the study led by CDC researcher Dr. Katherine Stone.

County uses tobacco funds to insure children

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — Hoping to ease the high cost of living in Silicon Valley, Santa Clara County approved an unprecedented plan Tuesday to use its share of the national tobacco settlement to provide health coverage for all uninsured children in the county.

The county of more than 1.7 million residents is believed to have 69,000 children without health insurance.

"We're sick and tired of waiting for the national and state elected officials to respond to this problem," said James T. Beall Jr., one of the three county supervisors who unanimously approved the program. "It's continually getting bigger and bigger."

On Jan. 2, officials will begin enrolling children in the program, which is expected to cost \$14 million a year. It will cover

families making up to three times the federal poverty level, meaning a family of four with income of nearly \$52,000 is eligible. Most state and federal programs are aimed at people making less than half that amount. But the higher limit reflects life in Santa Clara County — which has a median home price of more than \$550,000 and one of the tightest apartment-rental markets in the country.

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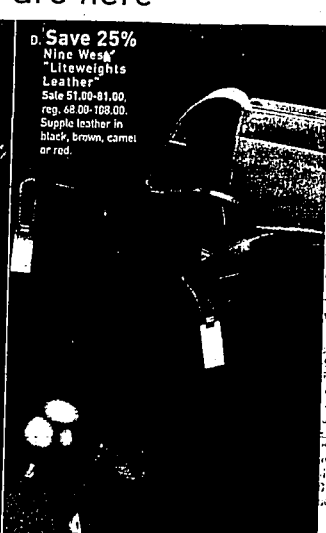
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A brief look at election developments

The Associated Press

Developments Tuesday in the Florida presidential election recount:

Courts

In Tallahassee, Florida's highest court kept the presidential race on the legal fast track, agreeing to a speedy hearing of Gore's appeal of a ruling that Bush the state's 25 electoral votes.

The arguments, scheduled for Thursday morning, were the latest legal twist among many in the month since the presidential election left Bush leading by a slim margin among 6 million votes cast in the pivotal state.

In Pensacola, Republican lawyers urged a federal judge to rule that hundreds of rejected overseas ballots, mostly from military personnel, should be counted in the state's contested presidential election.

The attorneys asked U.S. District Judge Lacey Collier to declare the ballots valid even if they are undated, lacked postmarks, were postmarked in the United States and were not requested on time or at all.

In Atlanta, lawyers for George W. Bush asked a federal appeals court Tuesday to throw out manual recounts of ballots in three Florida counties because they were "utterly unstandard."

The 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals heard related appeals in separate cases - one initiated by the Bush campaign and another from three pro-Bush voters in Brevard County.

In Tallahassee, a pretrial hearing was held in a lawsuit challenging Seminole County absentee ballots. Democrats accuse Republicans of tampering with absentee ballot application forms by adding voter-ID numbers and want 15,000 ballots thrown out. The case goes to trial today, along with a separate but similar case challenging almost 10,000 Martin County absentee ballots.

Courts

Elsewhere

In Austin, Texas, George W. Bush received his first regular national security briefing from the CIA and inched closer to announcing appointments.

Bush has said he will not announce prospective Cabinet members until court challenges are resolved.

In Washington, lawmakers outlined several plans to overhaul the nation's antiquated voting system and prevent a recurrence of the voting count mayhem in Florida that has thrown the presidential election into dispute.

It would provide up to \$100 million a year in matching grants to states and localities that want to adapt improvements consistent with the voluntary recommendations of the commission.

George W. Bush has raised

twice as much money as Vice President Al Gore to pay for his Florida recount expenses, both campaigns reported.

Bush has raised \$7.4 million, helped by the same benefactors that enabled him to raise a record \$100 million for his presidential campaign. Gore has taken in \$3.5 million to pay his recount expenses.

Both presidential candidates continue to raise money.

While his running mate tossed around promises of finally, Al Gore opened the door to fighting beyond his own election appeal until all related court cases are resolved.

The vice president, taking questions from reporters outside the White House, zeroed in on private lawsuits going to trial Wednesday in Florida's Seminole and Martin counties over absentee ballot irregularities there.

Idaho delegation wants election resolved

BOISE (AP) - Idaho's all-Republican delegation wants no part of it, but at least one lawmaker believes the prospects are still "reasonably high" that it may fall to Congress to decide who will be the next president.

U.S. Sen. Michael Crapo said it's up to Democratic Vice President Al Gore to concede and keep an already sharply divided new Congress - with the Senate tied 50-50 - from beginning the

term in disarray.






"It would be extremely unfortunate if that happened," the lawmaker said. "Al Gore literally has the opportunity to take the first step into either a more partisan arena or moving this next congressional session into an effort to find more common ground."

Crapo's colleagues agreed that having the presidential election land in its lap is the last thing

Congress wants. Yet they are preparing for the possibility, with leaders ordering research into the process and lawmakers boning up on historical precedent.

Sen. Larry Craig and U.S. Rep. Michael Simpson share Crapo's desire for the issue to be resolved either by Gore's concession or by the Florida courts.

They would prefer that Florida's legislature not even get involved.

				
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Ebola claims hospital director who led fight against outbreak

KAMPALA, Uganda (AP) — Dr. Matthew Lokwiya, a hero who led the fight against the deadly Ebola virus as head of one of northern Uganda's best hospitals, on Tuesday became the latest victim of the outbreak.

As director of Lango Hospital in the northern town of Gulu, Lokwiya was one of the first to recognize that the patients admitted to his hospital with strange symptoms were suffering from a form of viral hemorrhagic fever, later identified as Ebola.

But after weeks of treating patients — and being credited for keeping the death toll remarkably low — Lokwiya became a patient himself on Nov. 30, and like many Ebola victims, he died soon after.

"He has been spearheading the fight against Ebola in Gulu and the country will miss him," said Alex Opio, assistant director for National Disease Control.

Lokwiya, who was in his early 40s, was a shy, quietly determined doctor who managed to appear calm despite the chaos that surrounded him. Even as he was converting a wing of the Roman Catholic Church-supported hospital into an isolation ward for Ebola victims, Ugandan soldiers brought in wounded from nearby battles with the rebel Lord's Resistance Army.

Kenyan television quoted an unidentified World Health Organization official as saying Lokwiya may have contracted the virus while treating a nurse and friend who later died. Since the outbreak of the disease, 22 health workers have died of Ebola. Three people died of Ebola in the northern Ugandan town of Gulu over the weekend, and five died in Masindi, 185 miles northwest of Uganda's capital, Kampala, Opio said. That brought the death toll from the outbreak to 156.

But international health officials say the toll could have been worse, and they gave all the credit to Lokwiya for containing the outbreak.

In some previous outbreaks,

Libyans accused of terrorism open defense

CAMP ZEIST, Netherlands (AP) — Lawyers in the Lockerbie trial called an FBI agent and a Maltese meteorologist Tuesday to testify as they opened their defense of two Libyans accused of downing an American jetliner 12 years ago, killing 270 people.

In what is expected to be several months of hearings, defense attorneys Richard Keen and Bill Taylor have said they will bring evidence indicating Palestinian terrorist groups were responsible for the Dec. 21, 1988, attack over Lockerbie, Scotland.

After hearing several witnesses, the court adjourned until Jan. 8 to await the arrival of new evidence from Syria sought by the defense that it believes will implicate the Palestinians further.

But after granting repeated postponements in the trial that began last May, the judges warned they would grant no further delays, barring "the most exceptional circumstances."

Prosecutors rested their case Nov. 20 against Abdel Basset Ali al-Megrahi and Lamem Khalifa Fhimah, offering a thick file of circumstantial evidence that the two dispatched the bomb onto Pan Am flight 103 via a feeder flight while operating as Libyan intelligence agents in Malta. The Libyans have pleaded innocent to murder and conspiracy to commit murder.

Noted political writer dies at 74

PARIS (AP) — Daniel Singer, longtime European correspondent for The Nation magazine and a noted political author who settled in France after fleeing Nazi soldiers in World War II, has died at age 74.

Singer died of cancer Saturday in Paris, his wife said Tuesday.

Born in Warsaw, Poland, on Sept. 26, 1926, Singer fled German troops at the outbreak of World War II with his mother and sister, seeking refuge in France. Threatened with arrest by French police, the family escaped to Switzerland in 1942, aided by French Resistance workers.

After finishing his studies in Geneva, Singer joined his father in London. The elder Singer, a journalist who wrote in English and Yiddish, had been arrested and deported to a Soviet Gulag in 1940. He was released a year later.

the death toll has reached 90 percent of those infected, while in Uganda the rate is just 40 percent.

At the hospital, a large, single-story complex with huge shade trees and gorgeous flower gardens, some 10 doctors worked on Ebola patients. Lokwiya helped care for some of the worst cases.

International health workers, who arrived to help Lokwiya's team with the Ebola outbreak, were amazed at how quickly the hospital staff adopted advanced nursing techniques based on a few pages faxed to them from Geneva out of a medical textbook.

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Section C

Let kids make holiday crafts

Q: What are your favorite holiday crafts for kids?

A: Now is the perfect time to gather kids together for an afternoon of making decorations. Older children can help guide the younger ones, and adults can assist with more challenging tasks. Children and pets are naturally curious, so it's wise to decorate with "safe" ornaments.

PAPER AND RIBBON CHAINS: One simple, unbreakable way to dress up a tree or mantle is to hang chains made of paper or ribbon.

To make a paper chain, interlock strips of colored paper and fasten ends with white glue. You can also create a chain from the ribbon that remained last

year's gifts or was left over from prior projects. Fold a length of ribbon in half, wrong-side out; staple the loose ends together just before tips. Glue each end back against the formed loop (distracting stay) and then turn right-side out. Run another piece of ribbon through this link, and repeat the process until you've achieved the desired length.

GARLANDS: If you've found more tinsel on the floor than on the tree during past holiday seasons, try making garlands of paper or stickers instead. Using safety scissors, cut circles of various sizes out of construction paper, wrapping paper or wallpaper. Adults can connect the circles by feeding them through a sewing machine and stitching straight across centers with heavy-duty thread. Children who are too young to use sewing machines can make a garland out of round or star-shaped stickers (found in office-supply stores). Place a sticker adhesive-side up on a flat surface, lay thread across its center, then press a second, matching sticker on top so that both adhesive sides are facing and are fastened together. Repeat process and cut thread when the garland has reached desired length. Gumdrops and licorice twists also make excellent materials for garlands. Gumdrops are soft and easy to pierce with a toothpick, and licorice twists cut into various lengths with a plastic knife or safety scissors) are hollow in the middle. String them on waxed thread or dental floss. Of course, part of the fun of this project is sampling the candy while you work, but since gumdrops become stale after a day or two of display, let the youngest members of the family know that these decorations are to be admired, not eaten.

ORNAMENTS: To make tree ornaments out of gingerbread or sugar cookies, pierce cookies with a toothpick while still warm from the oven. After cookies cool, feed a length of thread through the hole to make a hanger. Tie the ends of the thread together in a secure knot or bow, then hang on tree. Adults can prepare more permanent ornaments by drilling small holes in wooden letters, numbers and animals; kids can decorate the ornaments with markers or craft paints, then thread with ribbon.

INDOOR SNOWMEN: Colored marzipan snowmen make delicious and inviting edible place settings. Cut marzipan (sold in plastic-wrapped logs in many supermarkets) into thin rounds. Knead a drop of food coloring into each round to give the snowman his form, and shape into balls. Make and reserve a small amount of orange-colored marzipan for carrot-noses. Roll the balls in superfine sugar and stack them; insert a toothpick as a spine for support. To make a hat for the snowman's head, form marzipan into a gumdrop shape. Roll a smaller piece of marzipan into a tube and wrap around bottom of hat. Attach thin clean twigs or bare herb stems for eyes. Use a toothpick to add black food coloring to create eyes. Stick nose in plate. Refrigerate snowmen in an airtight container until ready to serve, or up to a week. (Remove twigs and toothpick before eating.)

Questions should be addressed to Martha Stewart at care of The New York Times Syndication Sales Corp., 127 E. 42nd St., New York, N.Y. 10168. Write to: marthastewart.com, "Martha Stewart Living" is on KSAW-TV at 9 a.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. Sunday.



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The Times-News

Above, this Magic Valley house lit up the night last year.



The Volmer home will showcase family collections during this holiday season.

Tour has a millennium theme

By Dixie Thomas Reals
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - The Junior Club of Twin Falls is gearing up for its annual holiday tour of six area homes.

This year, in honor of the millennium, the homes will be decorated in the style of the 20th-century decade in which they were built. Refreshments will be served, and local musicians will entertain. Wilson Bates loaned some furniture to fill out extra rooms, and Candlestick Park did some decorating.

A drawing will be held for a one-year membership to Curves for Women and a one-year membership to the Magic Valley Arts Council. Hostesses will be available in each home to offer an explanation of the history of the home and any special decorations or displays.

Here's the line-up, according to the age of the home:

- The home of Jason and Barbara Mielak, at 159 10th Ave. N., was built in 1911 by Judge Babcock, the first district judge in Twin Falls. The wood-

work and wallpaper are original. A previous owner removed 17 layers of wallpaper to uncover the original.

- The home of Robyn Bammert, at 1342 11th Ave. E., was built in 1915 in a Victorian style. Bammert has decorated her home with her own handmade crafts.

- The Victorian home of Kathryn Barta, at 551 Fourth Ave. N., was built in 1925. The light fixtures and wood are original. The fireplace hearth is imported marble.

- The home of Doug and Deann Volmer, at 546 Pierce, was built in the 1950s and will showcase family Christmas collections. The Vollmers decorate everything at Christmas time, including the house, the garage and the grounds.

- The home of Max and Charlene Caspersen, at 2507 Twin View Lane, (near Curry Crossing), was built in the 1980s. This home will feature a different theme in each room. Max Caspersen likes lights and puts lots of them inside and out, making this home a good

If you go...

The Twin Falls Millennium Holiday Home Tour is scheduled for 1 to 7 p.m. Sunday. Adults and children over the age of 8 are invited to go on the self-directed tour. Tickets, priced at \$6, are available from any Twin Falls Junior Club member or at Candlestick Park, Everybody's Business, Kelley's Garden Center, The County Gift Garden, Little Red Hen, Kimberly Nurseries, Green Acres Pet Center and Crowley's Soda Fountain and General Store.

Proceeds will go to Camp Rainbow Gold and the Breast Cancer Endowment Fund.

one to visit at sunset or after dark.

- The home of Chris and Linda Frazier, at 2785 Chapparral Circle, was built in the 1990s. Chris Frazier is an artist who has displayed artwork from Greece to San Francisco to Sun Valley in his home.



This tempting recipe for Chilled Mocha Eggnog makes a delicious snack for Christmas Eve, New Year's or any time.

Toast the holidays with Mocha Eggnog

Taste of Home

This recipe is from Debbi Smith, of Crosssett, Ark. She said, "Instant coffee and a sweetened cream topping make this beverage one of the season's super sippers."

CHILLED MOCHA EGGNOG
1 1/2 teaspoons instant coffee granules
1 tablespoon hot water
4 cups eggnog
2 tablespoons brown sugar

1/8 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/2 cup whipping cream
2 tablespoons confectioners' sugar

1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
In a bowl, dissolve coffee in water. Add eggnog, brown sugar and cinnamon. Whisk until sugar is dissolved. Chill. In a mixing bowl, beat cream, confectioners' sugar and vanilla until soft peaks form. Pour eggnog mixture into glasses. Top with whipped cream. Makes 4 cups.

FOOD & HOME

Keep your poinsettia pretty this year – and next

It's holiday time and that means poinsettia time. Here's a poinsettia primer.

• Be wary of plants displayed in paper, plastic or mesh sleeves. Watch out for plants that are crushed together in the store display. A poinsettia likes her space, and the longer a plant remains sleeved, the more the plant quality deteriorates.

• Crowding reduces air flow around the plants and causes premature loss of bracts (branches of those pretty red leaves) and invites disease. Those sleeves keep light and air away from bottom leaves; they also keep water from draining out of the bottom of the pot.

• Touch the soil. If the soil is



GREEN THUMBPRINTS
Cathy Walworth

wet and the plant looks wilted, walk away. Root rot might have already set in.

• Wrap it up. Protect your poinsettia from cold winds by putting it into a large, paper shopping bag for the trip home.

• Once home, rip off the foil or plastic sleeve. At least cut off the bottom of the colored foil so that water and air can come and go. Leave that plastic or foil on the

pot and you'll invite the dreaded root rot.

• Put your plant in indirect sunlight for at least six hours a day.

• Provide room temperatures between 68 and 70 degrees. If you are comfortable, your poinsettia is happy, too.

• Water your poinsettia when the top of the soil feels dry to the touch.

• Fertilize your plant after the blooming season. The blooms are those tiny yellow flowers at the top center of each bract. Use a good, water soluble fertilizer such as Peter's 20-20-20.

• Poinsettias don't like drafts or a lot of heat. Don't put them

on the TV, near the fireplace or next to a furnace duct.

• Don't overwater your poinsettia. Or let it lounge in standing water. Take it out of the decorative foil and let it drain all it wants.

By late March or early April, you can cut your poinsettia back to about 8 inches tall. Water and fertilize it just like always. By the end of May, you should see vigorous new growth.

Once the night temperatures are 55 degrees or more, you can put your poinsettia outside. You might need to prune the poinsettia back now and then to keep it bushy and compact. That should happen in late June or early July. Don't

prune any later than Sept. 1 or you'll cut off the next year's blooms.

• Around the first of June you will probably need to transplant your poinsettia to a larger pot. Make sure to choose a pot no more than a couple of inches wider at the top than the original pot. It's kind of like buying new shoes for the kids.

• Poinsettias like a soil mix that has a lot of organic matter in it. Look for one with a lot of leaf mold and/or peat moss.

As the nights lengthen, poinsettias get the idea that it's time to come into bloom and color up again. If you can give your poinsettia 14-hour nights with no light at all till morning, she will bloom

prettier next Christmas than she did this year.

NOTE: A personal note to Green Thumbprints readers: The Office Christmas tree this year, I hope you'll stop by to see it at 132 Third St. W. in Twin Falls.

What's bugging your garden? Write to Cathy in care of this newspaper or email her at: cwnoo@pm.com.

Bridgewater is roomy and filled with light

Brick and glass. Looking at the Bridgewater, you can't help but be struck by the extensive and creative interplay of these two elements. Brick detailing adds visual appeal to the chimney, windows, porch and landscaping planters. Patterned window panes give a nostalgic, hand-crafted flavor.

Unlike many contemporary homes, this plan has a living room, a dining room and a huge great room/kitchen. Double doors swing into the high-ceilinged living room, where a wide-hearted fireplace serves as a focal point. Glazed on three sides, this is a bright space. The narrow bayed nook in the dining room could hold a window seat.

Family room and eating nook are also richly illuminated. Four skylights bathe the nook in natural light, tall windows flank the fireplace, and more light washes in through French or atrium doors that access a screened porch.

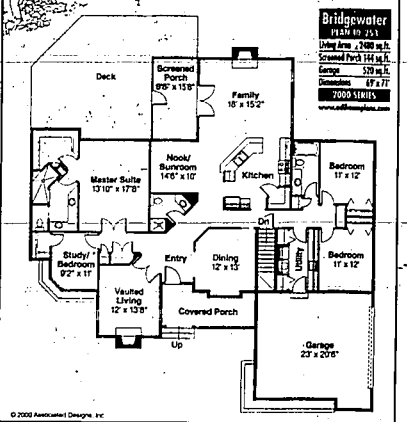
While processing dishes at the kitchen sink, you can gaze across the long eating bar, into any or all of these informal living environments. Appliances are built in and there's plenty of

counter and storage space, including a large walk-in pantry. It's only a few steps to the basement stairs, a small bathroom with a shower, and an exceptionally large utility room. Accessible from the garage, this space is outfitted with two storage closets, a long folding counter, overhead cabinets, and a deep sink.

The Bridgewater's master suite, along with a room that could function as a study, office, bedroom or guest room, is off to the left. Luxuries include a generously sized walk-in closet, twin lavs, and private toilet. The huge shower has three or four shower heads and a built-in seat.

For a review plan, including scaled floor plans, elevations, section and artist's conception, send \$20 to Associated Designs, 1100 Jacobs Drive, Department W, Eugene, OR 97402. Please specify the Bridgewater 10-253 and include a return address when ordering.

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Handmade gifts will show you care

The Wichita Eagle

Homemade gifts are an ideal way for children and adults to be creative and to show loved ones how much they care. Here are some handicraft projects that are inexpensive to make and allow each person to share the holiday spirit with others.

• **Decorated recipe cards**
What you need - Stickers, crayons, twine or ribbon and a cookie cutter.

• **Approximate cost** - Index cards (50 per pack), twine or ribbon, \$1; stickers, \$2.

• **How to make them** - Put stickers in upper left-hand corner of index card, copy your favorite recipes, and bundle the cards and the cookie cutter together, tying with twine ribbon.

• **Picture frame**
What you need - Brown craft paper frame, stickers and markers.

• **Approximate cost** - Frame, \$2; stickers, \$2; markers, \$4.

• **How to make them** - Decide on a design and sketch it on scrap paper and then on the frame, adding stickers. A good gift for kids to make for grandparents. This is a great way to use scrap-booking supplies.

• **Christmas chalkboard**
What you need - 8 1/2 by 11 1/2 inch chalkboard; chalk; large and small chunky rubber stamps; green, white and red acrylic paint; small paint brush; white, green and red paint pens.

• **Approximate cost** - Chalkboard, \$3; large chunky rubber stamps \$1.50 each; small chunky stamps, \$1 each; set of paint pens, \$8.

• **How-to-make-it** - Sketch a design on paper before transferring to chalkboard. Do the stamping first and let dry. Do the lettering next and let dry. Finally use the paint pens and draw the design on the frame. If you don't want to buy the rubber stamps, use stick-

ers or draw designs with paint pens.

• **Christmas card kit for kids**
What you need - Tablet of construction paper, envelopes, stickers, fusible webbing, iron, ironing board, a scrap of Christmas fabric and crayons.

• **Approximate cost** - Construction paper, \$3; envelopes, \$2.50; stickers, fusible webbing, 97 cents a yard; fabric, \$1.

• **How to make them** - Follow manufacturer's directions for the webbing and fuse to the back of the Christmas fabric. Trace the front of the tablet onto the fabric that the fusible webbing has been ironed to. Trim to that size. Iron on front of tablet. Put tablet, crayons, stickers and envelope in a gift bag.

• **Door hangers**
What you need - Package of paper door hangers, stickers and marker.

• **Approximate cost** - Door hangers, \$2 for a package of 10; stickers, \$2; pens, \$6.

• **How to make them** - Decide on a design and then decorate the hangers using markers and stickers.

• **This is a great way to use up odds and ends of scrapbooking supplies.** They make inexpensive gifts for classmates, teachers or co-workers.

• **Gift tags**
What you need - Index cards, hole punch, pinkish shears, twine or ribbon, fusible webbing and fabric.

• **Approximate cost** - Index cards, \$1; fusible webbing, \$1 a yard; fabric, \$1.

• **How to make them** - Following manufacturer's directions, fuse webbing on to back of fabric and cut decorative shapes out of fabric and iron on to index cards. Fold in half and punch a hole in the corner and tie on a piece of ribbon or twine.

• **Stamped gift bag and wrapping paper**
What you need - Rubber

stamps, stamp pads and/or acrylic paints, paint brush, brown craft paper and white gift bags.

• **Approximate cost** - Gift bag, 69 cents; craft paper, \$3 for several yards; chunky rubber stamps, \$1 to \$2; paints, \$3; and paint brush, \$3.

• **How to make them** - Unroll several feet of craft paper and set food cans on the corners to hold down. Stamp random patterns all over the paper. Use a marker to write personal greetings.

• **If you want to stamp the entire roll of paper, let each portion you stamp dry before continuing with the next length of paper.**

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FOOD & HOME

Young adults like to put out great spreads

By Jane Snow
Akron Beacon Journal

This holiday season, you're as likely to find melted brie as take-out pizza at a 20-something's party.

"They're now buying their first homes and first apartments and they're settling down and they want to know how to do this stuff," says chef Brendan Meeker, 30, owner of Meeker's Kitchen in Akron, Ohio. "I remember when I was 18, nobody of that generation wanted to cook."

To find out what's cooking in the kitchens of the young and the hip, we asked young chefs what they intend to serve at their own Christmas bashes.

Sara Marconi, 26, sous chef at Pecci's in Akron, is known among her friends for the risotto that she takes to potluck parties. Aaron Hervey, 29, and DeAnna Akers, 25, owners of Crave, a personal chef service, serve a lush eggnog bread pudding at their holiday get-togethers. Meeker is known for both his wild party duds - a sequined spurs jacket - and his hot crab dip with puffy, homemade tortilla chips.

Casual potluck parties are the norm, the chefs agree.

HOT CRAB DIP

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1/4 cup diced onion
- 4 cloves garlic, chopped
- 1/4 cup diced celery
- 1/4 cup diced carrots
- 3 tablespoons butter
- 3 tablespoons flour
- 1 cup dry white wine
- 1 pound crab meat
- 1 cup cream
- Salt, pepper to taste
- Pinch of cumin
- Pinch of Old Bay seasoning
- 4 ounces softened cream cheese

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1/4 cup grated Parmesan.

Heat oil in a 2-quart saute pan. Saute onion over medium heat until onions begin to brown but not burn. Add garlic and saute 1 minute longer. Add celery and carrots and saute until vegetables are soft. Add butter and melt. Add flour; cook and stir for 2 to 3 minutes. Add wine and stir until smooth. Add crab and cream, stirring until mixture bubbles and thickens. Stir in salt, pepper, cumin and Old Bay. Add cream cheese and Parmesan, stirring until cream cheese melts. Pour into a serving dish. Serve with warm tortilla chips for dipping. Serves 10 to 12.

TOMATO TORTILLA CHIPS
5 tomato-flavored flour tortillas (flour may be substituted)

Oil
Salt, pepper
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New dishwashers are quieter

DEAR JIM: My old dishwasher leaves food on the dishes and I cannot even hear my husband talking five feet away. What are the newest, quietest designs available? Will they save much energy and are they attractive?

-TAMARA R.

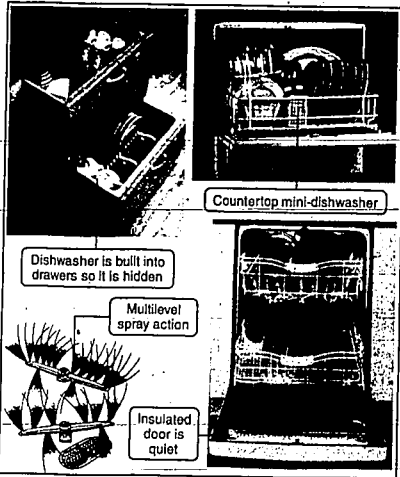
DEAR TAMARA: Actually, many wives might consider not hearing their husbands a blessing. Seriously though, there are some totally new dishwasher designs now that fit your needs perfectly. They are extremely quiet and also super-efficient, so the energy and water savings will offset the cost.

Some of the new models of dishwashers are designed so that they are totally hidden when closed for a modern, contemporary kitchen decor. With a matching cabinet front covering, they look exactly like the other cabinets. The electronic controls are built into the top edge of the door.

The very newest designs are actually called "dishdrawers." These models are built into a standard drawer area with one mounted above another, like double drawers. Although the inlet and drain plumbing is shared, they can be used independently for efficient small loads, or together for large loads. These designs are convenient for today's smaller efficient kitchens. To save cabinet space, the clean dishes can be left in one drawer. Your family uses the dishes from the clean drawer and places the dirty ones in the other drawer. When it is full, clean those dishes and reverse the procedure.

Washing controls have become more sophisticated on new models to save energy and water and to reduce the noise level. For example, for partial loads, only one or two of the spray arms function instead of all three. Special timed wave patterns are used so the sprays do not interfere with each other.

Most of the highest efficiency and quietest dishwashers use a two-pump system. This uses one powerful, high-pressure pump for



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New dishwashers are efficient, quiet.

the spray cleaning and a low-pressure, high volume pump for the draining of the dirty water. A two-pump design requires a smaller reservoir of water since each pump is physically smaller. This saves hot water. Your present dishwasher probably uses about 12 gallons of hot water per load. The new dishwashers use as little as 4 gallons and they have their own preheater for more savings.

Many models now have automatic water soil sensors to determine the optimum water temperature and cycle times. By measuring the food soil in the first cycle water, the electronic brain makes all the appropriate settings.

Some other features to consider are built-in mini-water softeners, self-cleaning filters, large particle food grinders, high-temp sanitizing cycles and condensation drying to keep excess moisture out of your room air.

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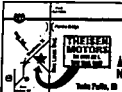
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FOOD & HOME

Artificial sweeteners appear to be safe

By Carol J.G. Ward
Knight Ridder News Service

Splenda (sucralose) is the newest addition to the sugar substitute market. Sucralose is made by altering the sugar molecule to replace three hydrogen-oxygen groups on the molecule with three chlorine atoms.

After reviewing more than 110 animal and human safety studies conducted over 20 years, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved it in 1998 as a tabletop sweetener and for use in products such as baked goods, nonalcoholic beverages, chewing gum, frozen dairy desserts, fruit juices and gelatins. Earlier in 1999, the FDA amended its regulation to allow sucralose as a general-purpose sweetener for all foods.

Splenda became available to consumers in tabletop packages (granular boxes and packets) in September.

"Use it, try it, but as with anything, use moderation," said Teresa Moore, a clinical assistant professor in USC's School of Public Health. "Since there have been no long-term studies on the effects, we don't know what

might happen 20 years from now."

Probably the two most studied artificial sweeteners are saccharin (sold as Sweet 'n Low), the granddaddy of all sugar substitutes discovered in 1879, and aspartame (Equal or NutraSweet). These two sugar substitutes have been the subject of an ongoing controversy that dates back more than 20 years.

"There is no scientific documentation and nothing in any of the (scientific) journals that suggests that artificial sweeteners are dangerous to use," said Kay MacInnis, a registered dietitian at Providence Hospital.

Although questions still linger about whether saccharin may cause cancer in humans, the sweetener is widely used, and these claims have never been substantiated, said Roger Sargent, a professor in USC's School of Public Health. Nor have claims that suggest aspartame may be linked to brain tumors, Sargent said.

In the late 1970s, the FDA and National Cancer Institute conducted a population-based study of saccharin's role in causing bladder cancer in humans and

found that "in general," people who used the sweetener had no greater risk of bladder cancer than the population at large. However, the study found suggestive evidence that heavy saccharin users - defined as those using six or more servings of the sweetener a day - may have an increased risk.

CINN AMON BREAD PUDDING

6 servings
2 cups skim milk
4 tablespoons margarine, cut into pieces
1 egg
2 egg whites
5 teaspoons Equal for Recipes, or 12 packets Equal, Sweet 'n Low or Splenda; or 1/2 cup sugar
1 1/2 teaspoons ground cinnamon

3 dashes ground mace (optional)
1/4 teaspoon salt
4 cups cubed, day-old French or Italian bread, (3/4-inch cubes)
Heat milk and margarine to simmering in medium saucepan; remove from heat and stir until margarine is melted. Cool 10 minutes. Beat egg and egg whites in large bowl until foamy; mix in Equal, spices, and salt. Mix milk mixture into egg mixture; mix in bread. Spoon mixture into ungreased 1 1/2 quart casserole. Place casserole in roasting pan on oven rack; add 1 inch hot water. Bake, uncovered, in preheated 350 degree oven until pudding is set and sharp knife inserted halfway between center and edge comes out clean, 40 to 45 minutes.

-From www.equal.com



These festive, jam-filled Holly Berry Cookies are topped with red-hot candies.

Painted-on holly leaves dress up pretty cookies

Taste of Home

Whether you're entertaining holiday guests, wrapping gifts or treating your family, nothing says "Christmas" like home-baked cookies. Just ask Audrey Thibodeau, a country cook from Mesa, Ariz., whose Holly Berry Cookies were featured in Taste of Home magazine.

- HOLLY BERRY COOKIES**
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
 - 1 cup shortening
 - 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
 - 3/4 teaspoon baking powder
 - 1/4 teaspoon salt
 - 1/2 cup cold butter (no substitutes)
 - 2 eggs
 - 1/4 cup milk
 - 2/3 cup seedless raspberry jam
 - Glaze:
 - 2 cups confectioner's sugar
 - 2 tablespoons milk
 - 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
 - Red-hot candies

Green food coloring

In a large bowl, combine the first five ingredients. Cut in butter until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. In a small bowl, beat egg and milk. Add to crumb mixture just until moistened. Cover and refrigerate for 1 hour or until dough is easy to handle. On a lightly floured surface, roll out dough to 1/8-inch thickness. Cut with a 2-inch round cookie cutter. Place on ungreased baking sheets. Bake at 375 degrees for 8-10 minutes or until edges are lightly browned. Cool on wire racks. Spread jam on half of the cookies; top each with another cookie. In a small mixing bowl, combine sugar, 1/4 cup milk, and vanilla until smooth. Spread over cookies. Decorate with red-hot berries before glaze is set. Let dry. Using a small, new paintbrush and green food coloring, paint holly leaves on cookies. Makes 2 dozen.

Turkey Bean Chili will warm you up this winter

By Charlotte Balcomb Lane
Knight Ridder News Service

Meaty, mildly spicy and very satisfying, this recipe for Turkey Bean Chili makes an easy and low-fat supper. Simply combine onions, vegetables and a jar of salsa, and then simmer the ingredients slowly until they develop a full, rich flavor. Toward the end of the cooking, add a can of small white beans and a can of black beans to create a thick, nutritious pot of chili.

- 1 large onion, chopped (about 2 cups)
- 2 stalks celery, chopped (about 1 cup)
- 1 large carrot, scrubbed and chopped (about 3/4 cup)
- 2 cloves garlic, minced or crushed through a press (about 1 teaspoon)
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1/4 teaspoon dried basil leaves
- 1 (15-ounce) can low-sodium black beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 (15-ounce) can small white beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese for garnish (optional)

or simmer for up to 1 hour longer. Divide into servings. If desired, garnish the top of each serving with a portion of cheese.

This recipe can also be made in a slow cooker. Using a slow cooker, combine the broth, turkey, salsa, onion, celery, carrot, garlic, cumin and basil. Cover and cook on low for 6 to 8 hours. Add beans and heat for 30 minutes longer. Garnish with cheese, if desired, and serve warm. Makes 8 servings.

Nutritional information per serving without cheese: Calories, 289; fat, 6.8 grams (19 percent of calories from fat); protein, 27 grams; carbohydrate, 37 grams; dietary fiber, 6.3 grams; cholesterol, 45 milligrams; sodium, 1,057 milligrams.

Nutritional information per serving with cheese: Calories, 346; fat, 11.5 grams (27 percent of calories from fat); protein, 31 grams; carbohydrate, 37 grams; dietary fiber, 6.3 grams; cholesterol, 59.5 milligrams; sodium, 1,145 milligrams.

- 3 cups diced turkey meat, preferably from the thigh
 - 1 (16-ounce) jar medium salsa
 - 1 large onion, chopped (about 2 cups)
 - 2 stalks celery, chopped (about 1 cup)
 - 1 large carrot, scrubbed and chopped (about 3/4 cup)
 - 2 cloves garlic, minced or crushed through a press (about 1 teaspoon)
 - 1/4 teaspoon ground cumin
 - 1/4 teaspoon dried basil leaves
 - 1 (15-ounce) can low-sodium black beans, rinsed and drained
 - 1 (15-ounce) can small white beans, rinsed and drained
 - 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese for garnish (optional)
- In a large kettle, combine the broth, turkey meat, salsa, onion, celery, carrot, garlic, cumin and basil. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat to a simmer, covered, cook for 1 hour. Add beans and heat through

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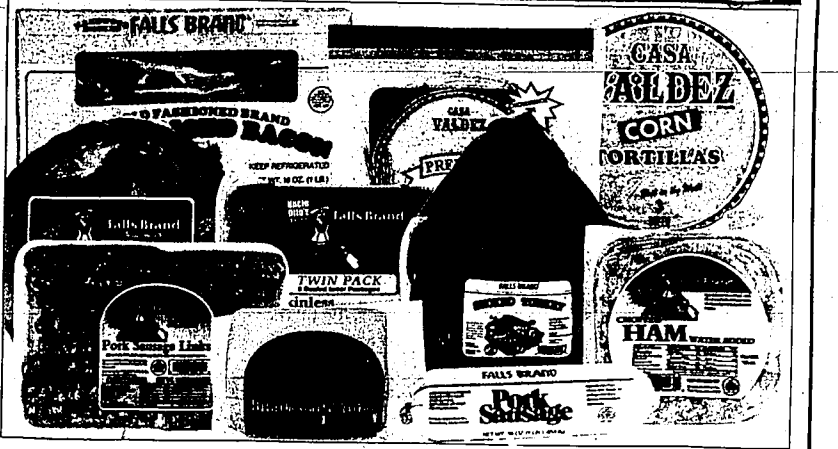
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FOOD & HOME

Designers tell how to deck your halls

By Crystal Chow
San Jose Mercury News

Here's an early present: generous advice from San Francisco Bay area interior designers on imaginative and often easy ways to trim the tree, accessorize every room and bring home for the holidays the pure enchantment of the season.

For starters, think shiny and bright, advises Cherie Rose, owner of the Rose Collection in Los Gatos, Calif. She got her inspiration from the recent biannual home furnishings show in High Point, N.C., which featured lots of fantasy elements: beaded jewel-tone fabrics, a bounty of crystal accessories and an assortment of feathers attached to everything from pillows and throws to tablecloths and ornaments.

Rose suggests taking beaded fabric, crinkling it and using it as a table runner for an elegant touch. Top the table with candles enclosed in crystal or glass holders of different heights, and add crystal napkin holders.

Other uses for the luxurious beaded cloth: tree skirts, place mats and window treatments. Complement this with sheer meshing material fashioned easily into seat cushion covers. "Just cut the fabric and clip it; don't even do ties. Notch out the back ends, or whipstitch to attach them to the cushions."

Linda Floyd, of Linda Floyd Inc. in San Jose, says she goes to her garden for impromptu supplies.

"I'll cut greens; it doesn't have to be flowers," she says. "I'll tie small tree branches with Christmas ribbon, with maybe a couple of ornaments on the bow. These are nice even in the bathroom, hanging off a corner of the mirror."

In the powder room, Floyd often sets out holiday-theme paper guest towels. To make sure visitors get the point, she'll place the towels in a gaily decorated basket sitting next to the sink.

Betty Lohbeck of Betty Lohbeck Interior Design in Los Gatos favors the grocery store for

fast and easy decorating ideas. "Fruits and nuts," she says. "Take things like cranberries, red and green apples, chestnuts and cinnamon sticks, then layer them in clear glass vases or canisters. Tie a ribbon on each of them and you can make an arrangement in the kitchen or on the buffet table."

The designers had more suggestions for other key areas of holiday ornamentation:

- Take strings of miniature lights, tie them into groups of tiny "bouquets" and place these strategically on the Christmas tree before anything else goes on. Frame pictures, maybe even heirloom photos, of family members. Use novelty scented soaps tied with ribbon. Create a treat tree, suitable for a child's room, by loading it with small, inexpensive presents. String Gummi bears and drape the garland on the tree. Let the child choose one present or treat per day, like a Nativity calendar.

- For bare windows, create a drapery treatment with garlands and miniature lights. Affix a thin rod over a window and attach strands of lights. Tie back with ribbon or tassels.

- Start an ornament tradition by buying a new one annually for each child. By the time they're old enough to leave home and start their own traditions, they'll

have a nice collection to take with them.

- Use garlands to frame doorways and windows, especially in the kitchen. Add flowers and keep them fresh by inserting them in florist vials. Don't forget to place a special garland on the front door to create a really welcoming element. Decorate it with ornaments, using ones that might

have slight defects you can hide with foliage. It's a good way to recycle baubles that have seen a little wear, and if they're stolen, that's OK.

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Cake is moist, flavorful - and unusual

By Ellen Hawks
The Baltimore Sun

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SAUERKRAUT-AND-BEER CAKE

2/3 cup butter, softened
1 1/2 cups sugar
3 eggs
1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla
1/2 cup cocoa
2 1/4 cups flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 cup beer
2/3 cup (8-ounce can) rinsed, drained and chopped sauerkraut
Cream butter and sugar. Beat in eggs, one at a time. Mix in vanilla. Stir dry ingredients together and beat into creamed mixture, alternating with beer. Stir in sauerkraut. Pour into 2 greased 8-inch round cake pans. Bake at 350 degrees for 35 minutes. Remove from pans, cool on wire racks and frost with favorite chocolate-icing. Serves 16.

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Cookie recipes worthy of spot in your lineup

By William Rice
Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO - Every year at this time, Chicago and its suburbs become a land of home bakers. This fall, with the Chicago Tribune Good-Eating-Holiday Cookie Contest returning after a year's hiatus, we decided to complicate things somewhat. "This year's theme: Creativity," read the invitation to compete. "We're looking for cookie recipes with a twist."

More than 100 readers responded to the challenge. The coconut cranberry pinwheels entered by Robert Hafey of Lockport emerged as the favorite. Hafey was awarded a \$200 gift certificate to Marshall Field's.

Hafey is no novice in the kitchen. "I grew up with eight brothers and sisters," he said. "You had to be willing to cook if you were going to eat." Cooking dinner for friends is "my creative outlet," said the former art student who works as a manager in a steel manufacturing company. As for his winning recipe, "My mother made date pinwheels," Hafey said. "I love them as a kid, but they were really creative." So he combined dried sweetened cranberries with sweetened flaked coconut and added a little nutmeg to the dough.

**FIRST PLACE
COCONUT CRANBERRY
PINWHEELS**
(from Robert Hafey)
Yield: About 3 dozen

Dough:
1/4 cup flour
1/4 cup yellow cornmeal
1/2 teaspoon grated nutmeg
1/4 teaspoon each baking soda, baking powder, salt
6 tablespoons unsalted butter, softened
3 ounces cream cheese, softened
1/2 cup granulated sugar
1 large egg yolk
1 cup sweetened flaked coconut
Filling:
1 cup each: dried sweetened cranberries, water
3/4 cup sweetened flaked coconut
3 tablespoons granulated sugar
1/3 cup turbinado sugar for coating, see note

For dough, combine flour, cornmeal, nutmeg, baking soda, baking powder and salt in small bowl; set aside. Beat together butter, cream cheese and granulated sugar in bowl of electric mixer until light and fluffy. Add egg yolk; beat until combined. Add flour mixture on low speed; mix until dough forms. Add coconut; mix until combined. Scrape dough from bowl onto wax paper. Wrap; chill in refrigerator until firm, about 1 hour.

Meanwhile, for filling, combine cranberries, water, coconut and granulated sugar in small saucepan. Heat to boil; reduce heat, cook until almost all water is absorbed, about 20 minutes. Place in food processor or

blender; puree until thick paste forms. Refrigerate to cool.

After dough has chilled, roll into 8-by-15-inch rectangle about 1/4-inch thick on lightly floured wax paper. Spread cranberry mixture evenly over dough. Roll up from long end into tight cylinder. Sprinkle turbinado sugar onto wax paper; roll dough to coat cylinder. Wrap in wax paper. Place on baking sheet; refrigerate until firm, about 3 hours. (Dough may be frozen at this point if making several days in advance. Thaw in refrigerator before continuing.)

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Slice cookies about 1/4-inch thick; place on greased baking sheet about 1 inch apart. Bake until bottoms are slightly browned, about 13 minutes. Cool on wire rack.

NOTE: Turbinado sugar, sometimes called "raw" sugar, is a coarsely granulated tan color sugar sold in most supermarkets.

Caryn Lerner created her "mice" because her nieces and nephews wouldn't eat cookies made from a Mexican wedding cake dough.

**SECOND PLACE
MEXICAN MICE**

Yield: About 3 dozen
2 sticks butter (1 cup), softened
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/2 cup confectioners' sugar, plus more for dusting
2 cups flour
1 cup finely ground pecans
1/4 teaspoon salt

Chow mein noodles, mini-chocolate chips, sliced almonds

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Beat butter and vanilla in bowl of electric mixer until light and fluffy. Add sugar; beat until combined. Mix in flour, pecans and salt. Shape dough into 1 1/2-inch ovals, tapering one end. Bake 15 minutes. Remove from oven; insert noodle at tail end and 2 almonds about 1/3 of the way from pointed end for ears. Return to oven; bake until slightly browned, about 12 minutes. Remove from oven; immediately place two chocolate chips in front of ears for eyes. (Chocolate will melt slightly and stick to cookie.) Dust mice bodies with confectioners' sugar. Cool on wire rack.

**THIRD PLACE
HAZELNUT CHOCOLATE
FINGERS**

(from Cindy Beberman)
Yield: About 4 dozen
1 cup shelled hazelnuts
2 1/4 cups flour
1/4 teaspoon salt
2 sticks (1 cup) unsalted butter, softened
1/3 cup sugar
2 teaspoons vanilla extract
1 1/4 cups milk chocolate chips
1/8 bar paraffin, optional
Heat oven to 350 degrees. Toast hazelnuts on baking sheet 15 minutes. Remove from oven; rub while still warm in clean towel to remove most of skins. Place in food processor; process until finely ground. Mix together

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Mashed potatoes are a dilly

Taste of Home

Theresa Evans, of Spenceport, N.Y., shared her grandmother's recipe for Dilly Mashed Potatoes. My grandmother has made these for me every time I've visited her for the past 24 years," she said.

DILLY MASHED POTATOES
2 pounds potatoes, peeled and

2 tablespoons butter or margarine, softened
1/4 cup milk
1/4 cup sour cream
1/2 to 3/4 teaspoon salt
1/2 to 3/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper

Cook potatoes in boiling water until tender. Drain. Mash with remaining ingredients. Makes 4 servings.



Prepare tasty, homestyle side dishes like grandma used to make.

Make Olive Cheese Balls faster and lighter

By Elaine Magee
Night Rider News Service

QUESTION: I love the olive cheese ball recipe in "The Recipe Doctor" cookbook; it's a big hit at my house. But I was hoping there was a quicker way to make it.

ANSWER: You inspired me to take a second look at this five-year-old recipe (one of the first in the Recipe Doctor column) with an eye to simplify. Answer? You can now make these puppies quicker than you can say, "Now here did I put that Cuisinart?" This recipe makes great plain cheese balls, just don't use the cheese. In fact, I like to make one whole sheet of olive cheese balls and one cookie sheet of cheese balls without olives—for the kids at heart.

FOOD PROCESSOR OLIVE CHEESE BALLS

Makes 34 balls
1 1/4 cups unbleached flour
1/4 cup light or fat-free cream cheese

2 cups shredded, reduced-fat, cheddar cheese (a 5-ounce bag of shredded works perfectly)
1/2 cup light or fat-free cream cheese (canola margarine works too if the margarine contains at least 9 grams of fat per tablespoon)
1/4 cup low-fat or whole milk
3/4 pint or garlic-stuffed green olives, drained well and patted dry

Canola cooking spray
Place flour in food processor. Add cream cheese, shiny cheddar cheese and butter to food process-

or bowl. Pulse for about 5 seconds to blend well. Drizzle milk over the top of mixture in food processor bowl and pulse for about 3 seconds until a dough forms. Add another tablespoon if necessary. Press dough into a tablespoon measure. Remove this

dough and wrap around an olive. Place balls about 2 inches apart on a cookie sheet that has been coated with canola cooking spray. Cover and refrigerate at least an hour. Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Bake until set (about 15 minutes).

NOTE: If you don't have the time to let it chill in the refrigerator, go ahead and bake them out immediately, it still works out well.

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FOOD & HOME

Try big-top recipes for little people

By Molly Lopez
New York Daily News

Whether or not you've ever seen the Big Apple Circus, you'll love "Big Top Recipes for Little People," the official cookbook of this nonprofit institution. It's filled with kid-pleasing recipes for snacks, sweets and main courses. Culled from the most-requested dishes of the circus performers, the spiral-bound book features fun fare like Circus Star Pudding, Elephant Ear Cookies and Popcorn Juggling Balls.

While some require the assistance of a grownup, other recipes are so basic that middle school children can easily make them.

CLOWN FACE SUNDAES
Serves 1
1 scoop vanilla ice cream
1 pointed ice cream cone
Chocolate chips
1 maraschino cherry
3 or 4 wafers

Place the scoop of ice cream in the center of the serving dish. Press the cone onto the ice cream to resemble a hat. Add the chocolate chips for the eyes and mouth and the cherry for the nose. Cut the wafers into triangles. Press the points of the wafers into the base of the ice cream to resemble a collar. (You can substitute your favorite flavor of ice cream for the vanilla.)

FRUIT SMOOTHIES
Serves 2
Any combination of the following: 1 large handful of blueberries, 1 peach or nectarine, 1 mango or 1 banana
2 cups fat-free vanilla yogurt
4 to 6 ice cubes

With the help of an adult, peel and chop the peach or nectarine, mango or banana. Combine the cut up fruit or the blueberries, yogurt and ice cubes in blender container. Cover and process until smooth and creamy. Pour into glasses and drink immediately.

CIRCUS STAR PUDDING
Serves 4
1 (4-ounce) package vanilla instant pudding mix
2 cups cold milk
Red, blue, yellow and green food coloring

Combine the pudding mix and milk in a bowl; mix until creamy and smooth and slightly thickened. Let stand for a few minutes until thick. Divide the pudding into 4 bowls. Add 1 drop of food coloring to each bowl. Stir slightly. Position the bowls in the shape of a star to create the look of a circus tent from above.

This is a great recipe, but adults should be completely in charge of making the caramel. Older children can prepare the apples.

MILK CARAMEL APPLES
Serves 6
Butter for the pan
6 to 8 crisp apples, such as Granny Smith
6 to 8 wooden lollipop sticks or chopsticks
2 cups whole milk
2/3 cup instant nonfat dry milk
2 1/2 cups sugar
1 cup light corn syrup
2 tablespoons unsalted butter
2 teaspoons vanilla extract
Butter a non-stick cooking sheet for cooling the apples. Wash and dry the apples.

Remove the stems and turn the apples upside down. (Since the tops are usually larger and flatter, the apples should stay upright.) Insert a wooden stick down through bottom of each apple, pushing about 2/3 of the way through. Set the prepared apples aside.

Here's where the adult should

step in: In medium saucepan, combine the milk, instant dry milk, sugar and corn syrup. Place over medium heat and stir until the instant milk and sugar completely dissolve into the whole milk. Bring mixture to boil, stirring constantly. Add the butter and stir until it melts.

Clip a candy or deep-fry thermometer to the inside of the pan and cook until the caramel is golden and registers 240 degrees (softball stage), about 15 minutes. Stir occasionally

at first and frequently near the end to avoid burning the caramel. Remove the pan from the heat. Wait until the caramel stops bubbling, then stir in the vanilla. Tilt the pan to create a deep pool of caramel. Dip 1 apple into the caramel, turning it as necessary to coat completely. If the caramel is not deep enough to dip the entire apple, hold the apple by the stick over the pan and spoon the caramel over the apple, letting it run back down the sides and cover-

ing the entire fruit. Allow any excess caramel to drip back into the pan. Place the apple on prepared cookie sheet, stick facing up, to cool. Repeat with remaining apples.

Kids can do this part: If you like, roll the dipped apples into chopped nuts, shredded coconut or granola before placing them on the baking sheet to cool. Do not refrigerate the dipped apples or the caramel may become too hard to bite through.

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Hot recipe could earn cold cash

By Carol J. G. Ward
Knight Ridder News Service

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Cooks may enter more than one recipe, but each recipe must be original and contain no more than eight ingredients, including a large Reynolds Oven Bag and a tablespoon of flour. All ingredients must be readily available.

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For complete rules, check online at reynoldskitchens.com or send a self-addressed stamped envelope to the entry address.

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“That’s grade-school stuff right there. That’s stuff that, fundamentally, you’ve got to convert on.”

—Trail Blazers coach Mike Dunleavy, who said he counted at least 10 blown layups from his team in its last two games.

TRIVIA

QUESTION:

Who was the last NHL player to compete without a helmet?

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Girls' high school basketball

Valley at Murtaugh, 6 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Tickets are on sale for CSI vs. Stampede

TWIN FALLS — It's not too late to purchase tickets to see the College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team take on the Idaho Stampede Dec. 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the CSI gymnasium.

CSI's game against the professional Continental Basketball Association team will counted in the Golden Eagles' season record. There are a few low reserved seats available for \$15. General admission tickets also can be purchased for \$10 per person or \$5 for students and senior citizens. Money raised from the game will help support the CSI men's basketball program.

Call or stop by the CSI athletic office to buy tickets. For more information, call Kathy Deahl at 733-9554, Ext. 2486.

Empey quits, Stubbs suspended from CSI

TWIN FALLS — College of Southern Idaho women's basketball players Erika Empey and Belinda Stubbs won't play again this season after breaking athletic department and team rules, said coach Kendall Grant.

Empey quit Thursday, while Stubbs was suspended for the season, Grant said on Tuesday. "Erika Empey came in when we were having a team meeting and made the decision that she was going to quit," Grant said. "Belinda Stubbs is on a coach-imposed suspension."

Grant said Stubbs would remain with the team. "She's one of us," Grant said, "she just won't play in any of the games." Both players were suspended for the team's season opener Nov. 2 at Miles City, Mont., due to an alcohol-related incident in Eagle Hall.

Empey, a sophomore from Boise, had averaged 9.7 points and 11 rebounds through seven games. In six games, Stubbs, a freshman from Clatskanie, Ore., averaged 5.5 ppg and 4.7 rpg.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Craig MacTavish

LADY EAGLES CLIMB TO No. 2

Southern Idaho men still third in NCJAA poll

By Kevin Hall
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — It's not only on the basketball court that the College of Southern Idaho men's

and women's basketball teams are scaling new heights.

Tuesday's National Junior College Athletic Association men's and women's polls had both Golden Eagles teams ranked among the top three.

The CSI men remained No. 3 after blowing out the competition in last weekend's Arctic Circle Classic. The men had been perched atop the preseason poll. But a loss to Daytona Beach Community College Nov. 23

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dropped them to third in the poll that followed on Nov. 28.

Southern Idaho's women's team, however, crept all the way up to second — despite not playing a game in 10 days. The 8-0 Golden Eagles, who were ranked

sixth in the Nov. 28 poll, trail only 9-0 Seward County Community College, which was third last week.

Yet CSI coach Kendall Grant said he doesn't assign much importance to the December rankings.

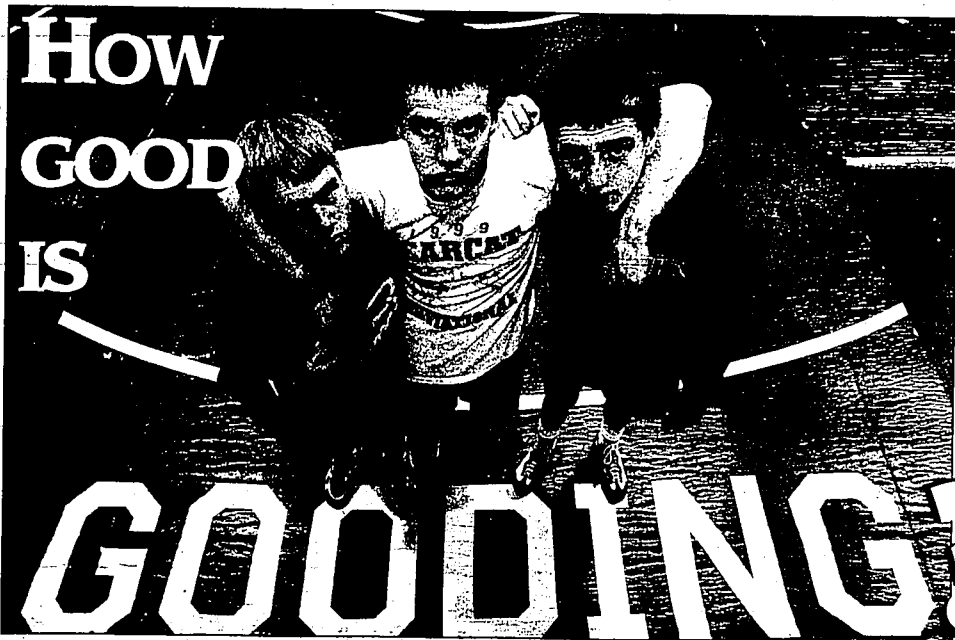
"If we're No. 2 in the polls in February, let me know," he said, chuckling. "I don't pay attention to the polls. At this point in the season, it doesn't matter. The one thing that it does show me is that

it's wide open this year."

Then Grant turned his attention to the Scenic West Athletic Conference.

"I think our league can step in and have a shot at the (national) championship," he said, "because I think it's wide open. I think it's our league's year to step up in." Grant said unranked Ricks College, preseason No. 2 Utah Valley State and current No. 16

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Travis Stone, left, Kevin Rogers and Lance Nebeker, right, form the backbone of the Gooding High wrestling team. All three qualified for state last year and hope to make it back to Holt Arena this winter.

By Joe Sunnen
Times-News writer

GOODING — Last season was a magical one for Gooding High wrestling.

Not only did the Senators claim a Class A-2, District IV title, they finished the season with a perfect 16-0 record in dual meets for the first time in school history and nearly crowned their first state champion in four years.

In first-year coach Mark Stauffer, the team finally had a

Coming off a perfect season, Senators return to the mat

presence both in the hallways and in the gym. He'd honed his skills as a science teacher and wrestling coach in Pennsylvania and turned a program that hadn't won in years into a conference power and state title threat.

In many ways it was a perfect season, the kind a coach dreams of before nodding off to sleep.

But then Stauffer left to go back east, the team graduated

three state qualifiers and talk turned from how great the wrestling program is to how great the wrestling program was. Factor in a new coach who's only previous experience was last year as an assistant, and the fact that several members of an outstanding freshman class are moving up in weight to tougher competition, and the question arises: How good is Gooding?

"A lot of people are saying last year was a fluke," sophomore Travis Stone said. "People are thinking just because we had (Stauffer) last year and he's gone now that it won't happen again. It'll happen. I don't know if we'll go undefeated again but we will be good. It will happen."

Taking over for Stauffer is first-year coach Travis Williams. The

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Wrestling preview

This is the final installment in a series profiling high school winter sports in the Magic and Wood River valleys.

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Hype struck early for Oklahoma QB

The Associated Press

NORMAN, Okla. — Josh Heupel was about 5 when he first asked to join his dad at the office to watch game film.

"I said, 'If you come and you meet around, that'll be the last time you do it,'" said Ken Heupel, then an assistant coach at Northern State University in Aberdeen, S.D.

"Most kids, when you bring 'em, they're fooling around or drawing on the board. He was right in the middle of the coaches."

It wouldn't be the last time Josh Heupel made an impression in a film room. On his recruiting trip to Oklahoma in December 1998, he spent seven hours watching tapes of the Sooners' offense, which he now runs so well he could win the Heisman Trophy on Saturday.

Heupel threw for 3,400 yards and 30 touchdowns last year. But as this season began, he was generally considered the third-best quarterback in the Big 12, behind Major Applewhite of Texas and Eric Crouch of Nebraska.

He's now considered one of the nation's best. "Josh is the heart of this team," coach Bob Stoops said after his top-ranked Sooners beat Kansas State in the Big 12 championship game.

"He doesn't like to hear that or doesn't want me to say that. But I don't know if anyone else has had the ropes that we've had, played the games that we've had, come out undefeated. We've more than earned our way, and he's THE factor."

Heisman who's who

The Times-News continues a four-part series profiling each Heisman Trophy finalist. Today, Josh Heupel of Oklahoma.



Oklahoma quarterback Josh Heupel throws the ball while pressured by Kansas State defensive end Chris Johnson during the second quarter of the Big 12 Championship Saturday in Kansas City, Mo.

Special delivery

The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Karl Malone's first eight points carried him past Wilt Chamberlain. The Mailman's next 23 carried the Utah Jazz past the Toronto Raptors.

Malone moved past Chamberlain for second place on the NBA's career scoring list Tuesday night, hitting a scoop in the lane with 4:58 left in the second quarter of Utah's 98-84 victory over Toronto.

Malone finished with 31 points, giving him 31,443 in his 16-year career. Chamberlain scored 31,419 in 14 seasons. Kareem Abdul-Jabbar is the league's career leader with 38,387.

Malone, the most prolific power forward in NBA history and a 16-year fixture for the Utah Jazz, went into the Toronto game needing eight points to pass Chamberlain.

It was Malone's night. He added 12 rebounds and three blocked shots, and the only lowlight was when he was ejected with less than one minute to play after getting his second technical foul for arguing with referee Marc Davis.

Even then, Malone received a standing ovation when he left the floor. The points to surpass Chamberlain came, naturally, on a feed from Stockton, Malone's longtime teammate and the point guard who made so many of his baskets possible. Malone stepped into the lane, swept past defender



Karl Malone

Corliss Williamson and flipped the ball in, touching off a chorus of cheers that continued until a dead ball about one minute later.

The fans continued to cheer Malone as he went to the bench during a break in play. He was swarmed by teammates, who hugged him and gave him high-fives.

Chamberlain, who died in October 1999 at age 63, scored 31,419 points during 14 seasons in the NBA. He averaged 30.1 points a game and still holds the league's single-game scoring record of 100 points.

At his current average of about 23 points a game, the 37-year-old Malone would need to play about four more seasons to catch Abdul-Jabbar. Malone passed Michael Jordan for third place on the list in November 1999.

SPORTS

Elias' hat trick cools Colorado Avalanche

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) - Patrik Elias scored a career-high three goals as the New Jersey Devils extended their unbeaten streak to nine games by cooling off the Colorado Avalanche 6-1 on Tuesday night.

Jason Arnott and Petr Simon, Elias' linemates, each scored a goal and Martin Brodeur had 18 saves as the Stanley Cup champion Devils edged what appeared to be a great matchup into a mismatch. New Jersey is 7-0-2 following a six-game losing streak and seven-game winless run.

John Madden also scored on New Jersey ended Colorado's five-game winning streak and headed the Avalanche only to their fifth loss (19-5-3) of the season.

Sabres 3, Canadiens 2

MONTREAL - Rookie Denis

NHL

Hamel had a goal and an assist and Martin Biron stopped 30 goal shots Tuesday night to lead the Buffalo Sabres to a 3-2 victory over the Montreal Canadiens.

Blues 1, Mighty Ducks 0

ST. LOUIS - Daniel Corso scored his first NHL goal and Roman Turek made 19 saves for his fourth shutout this season as the St. Louis Blues beat the Anaheim Mighty Ducks 1-0 Tuesday night.

Penguins 4, Senators 2

KANATA, Ontario - Defenseman Jiri Slegr scored twice and Alexei Kovalev had a goal and an assist Tuesday night to lead the Pittsburgh Penguins to a 4-2 victory over the Ottawa Senators.

Penguins 4, Senators 2

Milan Kucera also scored for the Penguins.

Manitowan and Shawn McEachern had goals for the Senators; who remained tied

McSorley looks to Europe

LAUSANNE, Switzerland (AP) - Marty McSorley might play hockey in Europe before his NHL suspension ends.

International Ice Hockey Federation president Rene Fasel said Tuesday there may be no legal grounds to bar the defenseman from playing in Europe.



NHL player Marty McSorley makes his way to provincial court in Vancouver, British Columbia for closing arguments in his assault trial in this September file photo. McSorley might play hockey in Europe before his NHL suspension is over.

"We may not have a legal reason to prevent him from playing in Europe. I don't want to let him play here, but legally we may be forced to, we may not have a legal to stand on," said Fasel.

"For me, he is suspended and I don't think he should be allowed to play in Europe. But there is the legal aspect and we have to talk with our lawyers."

Rumors had McSorley, who is a free agent, planning a trip to Europe in hopes of signing with a German or Swiss team before returning to the NHL when his suspension is up.

But the idea of a player skating in one league after being suspended from another sits poorly with Fasel.

"If a player is suspended in Europe or North America, there should not be an opportunity for him to escape to another system," Fasel said heatedly.

If someone is jailed in one country, he should not be allowed to transfer freely to another country. Hockey should protect itself and the different leagues and federations should support and defend each other."

Fasel said he hoped in the NHL's next contract with the IHLH, honoring the other's suspensions would be resolved.

BASKETBALL

NBA Standings

Table with columns for Conference, Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Includes Eastern and Western Conference standings.

IN THE BLEACHERS

By Steve Moore

Scenic West Athletic Conference 2000-01 Women's Basketball Standings

ON THE AIR

TELEVISION

Table listing TV and radio broadcasts for various sports events.

FOOTBALL

NFL Standings

Table with columns for Conference, Team, W, L, T, Pct, GB. Includes AFC and NFC standings.

WRESTLING

NCAA Standings

Table with columns for Division, Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Includes Division I, II, and III standings.

BASEBALL

MLB Standings

Table with columns for League, Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Includes American and National League standings.

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Wrestling Schedule

Table listing wrestling events and participants.

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SPORTS

Team by team

Here's a look at each high school wrestling team in the Magic and Wood River valleys.

Glass A-1, Div. I Minico Spartans

Coach: Brad Cooper, 16th year
1999-00 record: 12-2
Key returners: Eric Adams, so, 103 pounds; Mark Harper, Jr., 112 pounds; Josh Anderson, Jr., 140 pounds; William Urcola, Jr., 152 pounds; Justin Reed, so, 145 pounds; Jerry Vall, so, 171 pounds; Jacob Zenzko, so, 180 pounds; Ethan Salley, Jr., 215 pounds; Adam Cox, Jr., heavyweight.

Savin Falls Bruins

Coach: Dave Grolman, 7th year
Key returners: Ryan Fohlman, so., 112 pounds; David Roy, Jr., 119; Armando Salinas, Jr., 145; David Cavetti, Jr., 145; John Jolin, Jr., 171; Damon Hansen, Jr., 171; Brent Faught, Jr., 215; Steve Wilson, Jr., 215.
Others to watch: Ryan Salinas, so., 160; Adam Panton, Jr., 171; Dustin Scott, Jr., 180.

Glass A-1, Div. II Burley Bobcats

Coach: Alan Brown, 3rd year
1999-00 record: 4-9
Key returners: Jason Vasubudick, Jr., heavyweight; Brian Watts, Jr., 119 pounds; Billy Orthwein, so., 152 pounds.
Others to watch: Gerardo Vega, so., 160/171 pounds.

Jerome Tigers

Coach: Don Case, 2nd year
1999-00 record: 12-5
Key returners: Troy Egbert, so., 140 pounds; Adam Swenson, so., 150; Eric Johnson, Jr., 152; Richard Geier, Jr., heavyweight; Jason Van Sled, so., 171; Kyle Krobobsky, Jr., 189; Tony Simental, so., 194; Preston Stoebe, Jr., 215.

Glass A-2, SCIC Buhl Indians

Coach: Casey Wilson, 4th year
1999-00 record: 12-5
Key returners: Jason Clark, Jr., 130 pounds; JD Gould, so., 145 pounds; Nick Hock, so., 152 pounds; Josh Strainik, Jr., 135 pounds; Ryan Wynn, Jr., 152 pounds; Mike Thompson, Jr., 171 pounds.

Declo Hornets

Coach: Jason Taylor, 3rd year
1999-00 record: 12-5
Key returners: Jason Clark, Jr., 130 pounds; Brandon Turnage, Jr., 119; Tyler Dehaak, Jr., 140 pounds.

Filer Wildcats

Coach: Gordy Schroeder, 2nd year
1999-00 record: 15-5
Key returners: Deonora Wiser, Jr., 215; Dan Alesh, Jr., 145; Brad Dochowder, Jr., 160; Terry Platteau, Jr., 180; Todd Billington, Jr., 180; Paul Smith, Jr., 180; Brent Anderson, Jr., 180.

Gooding Senators

Coach: Travis Williams
1999-00 record: 15-4
Key returners: Travis Stone, so, 119 pounds; Lance Nebeker, Jr., 112 pounds; Kevin Rogers, Jr., 120 pounds; Joe Abernathy, Jr., 140 pounds; Matt Rigby, Jr., 189 pounds.

Kimberly Bulldogs

Coach: Troy Palmer, 11th year
1999-00 record: 11-4
Key returners: Kala Gamber, Jr., 109; Mitch Roberts, Jr., 109; Zach Hollibaugh, Jr., 140; Eric Newberry, so., 120; Kyle Gerding, Jr., 150; David Eggenroff, Jr., 132; Joe Talbot, so., 180; Justin Bryson, Jr., 185; Kyle Schreiber, so., 215.

Wood River Wolverines

Coach: Tom Golozochka, 17th year
Key returners: Cory Golozochka, Jr., 171 pounds; Brian Spiras, Jr., 145; Josh Valva, so., 103; Matt Conover, so., 125; Casey Markwell, so., 125.

Glass A-3 Valley Vikings

Coach: Jim Stewart, 2nd year
Key returners: Jake Astergulski, Jr., 215; Deonora Wiser, so., 145; Casey Kovacs, Jr., 160; John Gott, Jr., 165; Ellis Shawver, Jr., 160; Joe Bannock, Jr., 170; Robert Rich, Jr., 130; Jason Beams, so., 119.

Wendell Trojans

Coach: Steve Matthews
Key returners: Daniel Diamond, Jr., 152 pounds; Allen Genter, Jr., 160; Mike Dimond, Jr., 145 pounds; Zak Wilbers, Jr., 119; Clint Chandler, Jr., 145-2; Zak Outler, Jr., 132; Jason B. Lee, Jr., 182; Zak Gilbert, Jr., 182; Charles Dimari, Jr., 215; Doug Hall, Jr., 160 pounds.

Glass A-4 Oakley Hornets

Coach: Sid Nelson, 22nd year
Key returners: Ryan Badda, Jr., 145 pounds; Marvic Altman, so., 132 pounds; Kevin Bliss, Jr., 103 pounds.

Raft River Trojans

Coach: Justin Blair, 1st year
1999-00 record: 13-2
Key returners: Jim Campbell, Jr., 140 pounds; Joel Hutchison, Jr., 112 pounds; Tyson Hutchison, Jr., 125 pounds; Casey Erickson, Jr., 152 pounds.



Gooding High's Joe Abernathy (left) Dustin Wells while practicing takedowns.

Gooding

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Idaho native wrestled for American Falls High School and spent time as a professional bull rider before working as an assistant and eventually taking over the reigns of the Gooding program.

Even though the team is young, experience shouldn't be a major concern. Returning are three wrestlers who medaled at state last season and five that placed in the top five at the District IV Tournament.

"If I had to pick one wrestler that was going to go all the way it would be (Rogers)," long-time Gooding coach and assistant Tom Bingham said. "He is probably the most serious wrestler out here. He really wants to do this year."

Most of Rogers' experience and success can be attributed to a strong wrestling pedigree. His brother is a two-time state champion and the family has a mat at home with their name emblazoned in the middle.

While Rogers is the team's technician, Stone is Gooding's Pocket Hercules. The sophomore standouts has been wrestling since he was 4 and spent the past year bulking up.

Online

An Internet site dedicated solely to high school wrestling in Idaho has emerged online. The site offers features on Gem State wrestlers, news about coaching changes and links to the Idaho High School Activities Association.

This season he'll be making the jump to 119, and if his 220-pound bench press is any indication, the added muscle will only make him tougher to beat.

"There weren't any real nail-biters in our duals last year," Williams said. "It will be tougher this year. Everyone will be looking for us. We had a little more depth last year which helped us out and this year we are short a few weights, but I think the kids we do have this year are good enough."

"We should be all right. I don't know about going undefeated again, but come state, we'll be ready."

Times-News sportswriter Joe Sunnen can be reached at 735-3230.

Returning State Qualifiers

Class A-1

- 145
1. M. Wildig, Highland
2. T. Williams, American Falls
3. T. Haplin, Idaho Falls
112
1. K. Spangler, Moscow
2. S. Terry, Bonaville
3. J. Korpelaki, Timberline
119
1. J. Summers, Madison
2. J. Armstrong, Porterville
3. J. Lewis, Hildcrest
125
1. P. Ricka, Skyline
2. D. Christensen, Eagle
3. J. Shea, Borah
130
1. S. Thometz, Borah
2. T. Egbert, Jerome
3. C. Johnson, Skyline
6. J. Anderson, Minico
135
1. M. Hodges, Idaho Falls
2. D. Cox, Meridan
3. J. Harrison, Skyline
140
1. B. Ross, Sandpoint
2. C. J. Beard, Skyline
3. J. Hill, Bonaville
145
1. J. Hooks, Sand Point
2. A. Parks, Century
3. J. Reiter, Minico
152
1. J. Burton, Madison
2. C. Scott, M. Home
3. T. Qualls, Emmet
160
1. E. Carson, Vallive
2. R. Rice, Focallito
3. J. Sall, Hildcrest
171
1. B. Boshok, Sand Point
2. J. Frosham, Lewiston
3. D. Carlson, Bonaville
4. E. Rivas, Eagle, Burley
189
1. J. Ferrin, Highland
2. J. Wicks, Lewiston
3. J. Patrick, Meridan
215
1. J. Johnson, Postville
2. T. Tajala, Lake City
3. J. Strang, Eagle
4. E. Rivas, Eagle, Burley
275
1. D. Ladda, Caldwell
2. S. Page, Centennial
3. A. Davis, Kuna
4. Adam Cox, Minico

Class A-3

- 145
1. D. Dickerson, Weiser
2. B. New, Gooding
3. Ian Webb, Declo
152
1. K. J. M. Gilbert, Kimberly
2. T. Williams, American Falls
3. J. D. Allred, Preston
160
1. P. Mestham, Shelly
2. C. McWilliam, Parlatoc
3. A. Porath, American Falls
171
1. J. Plato, Bonners Ferry
2. C. Goy, Gooding, Wood River
3. J. J. Preston, Sugar Hill
189
1. C. Pheip, Lakeland
2. J. Carpenter, Fruitland
3. J. Taylor, Filer
215
1. S. Mello, McCall Daniels
2. D. Smith, American Falls
3. F. Nelson, M. Home
5. Donnan Wiser, Filer
275
1. S. Pruitt, Lakeland
2. J. Stone, Snake River
3. J. Bailey, American Falls

Class A-3

- 112
1. J. Jones, North Fremont
2. J. Scates, Postville
3. A. Gutman, Madras
6. J. Hutchinson, Raft River
119
1. J. Case, North Fremont
2. J. Berry, Challis
3. W. Johnson, New Plymouth
4. Tyson Hutchison, Raft River
125
1. B. Cordings, North Fremont
2. D. Hutter, Madras
3. C. Tucker, Garden Valley
4. A. Patrick, Meridan
130
1. A. Murray, Homedale
2. R. Rains, New Plymouth
3. D. Edwards, Madras
135
1. B. Borch,
2. J. M. Campbell, Raft River
3. D. Herman, Marsing
140
1. J. Bessiah, New Plymouth
2. J. H. H.
3. M. Leckath, Kamah
145
1. K. Yates, Galt
2. D. Hamer, New Plymouth
3. J. Brittain, Firth
6. J. Sanchez, Glenn Ferry
152
1. B. Smith, Madras
2. M. Pitzer, Challis
3. P. Chandler, Wendell
5. C. Harker, Raft River
160
1. B. Harkson, Cambridge
2. R. Rupp, Kamah
3. R. Knudschick, Madras
5. Doug Hill, Wendell
171
1. D. Herbst, Firth
2. J. Kelly, Valley
3. B. Frithman, Oxnardia
5. Kasey Kowal, Firth
189
1. B. Miller, Homedale
2. B. Jones, Challis
3. J. T. Hoke, Homedale
6. Derek Romer, Valley
215
1. J. Johnson, Kamiah
2. B. Goffey, Sugar Salem
3. Leonard, Lakeland
4. Charles Dornier, Wendell
275
1. A. Naitani, Kamah
2. A. Bannock, Madras
3. Christians, Challis
4. Charles Dornier, Wendell

Class A-2

- 101
1. B. Zollinger, Sugar Salem
2. Travis Stone, Gooding
3. Lance Nebeker, Gooding
112
1. C. Howard, Sugar Salem
2. JD Gould, Buhl
3. M. Conover
119
1. S. Skinner, St. Maries
2. Kevin Rogers, Gooding
3. M. Cox, Bonners Ferry
4. Brandon Turnage, Declo
125
1. C. Leonard, Lakeland
2. T. Hawkins, Teton
3. J. Shaw, Idaho Falls
5. J. Strainik, Buhl
130
1. M. Meehais, Middleton
2. J. Bush, Kellog
3. Jason Torres, Raft
135
1. J. Harris, American Falls
2. G. Holley, Sugar Salem
3. Leonard, Lakeland
140
1. J. Singleton, South Fremont
2. J. VanHelden, Snake River
3. J. Christensen, Bonners Ferry
5. K. Giller, Declo

Advertisement for The Times-News Online Editor featuring various local businesses like Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, Jule's Harrison, Interstate Amusements, White Mortuary, Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Jim Bieri, D.L. Evans Bank, Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce, Southern Idaho Waste Exchange, Sutton & Sons Auto Center, Terry's Heating & Air Conditioning, and The Homestead.

BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Job Service in Burley opens new office

BURLEY - Job seekers, take note.

The Idaho Department of Labor's Job Service operation in Burley has constructed a new office adjacent to its existing facility at 127 W. Fifth N. The old office will close Friday, and the new Mini-Cassini office will open at 8 a.m. Monday.

During December and January, the old building will be demolished and a new parking lot prepared in its place. During those months, Job Service asks the public to park along Miller Street to access the new Job Service office. Once demolition is completed, the parking lot will be gravelled until it can be paved in the spring. Once gravel is in place, the lot will be available for parking.

An open house will be planned soon to let the public participate in a ribbon cutting and a tour, the Labor Department said. For more information, call Brent Tolman at 678-5518.

Boise area ranks second in small cybercity growth

BOISE - The Boise metropolitan area added some 6,600 high-tech jobs to its economic base between 1993 and 1998 for a total of 19,400 jobs.

That 52 percent growth rate is the nation's second-fastest among small cybercities (those with 15,000 to 25,000 tech workers), according to "Cybercities: A City-by-City Overview of the High-Technology Industry," an analytical report released Tuesday by the American Electronics Association and The Nasdaq Stock Market.

The Boise metro area is the 50th-ranked cybercity by high-tech jobs but is ranked ninth by concentration of high-tech workers. The report said 112 of every 1,000 private sector workers - more than 10 percent - were employed by high-tech firms in 1998.

Technology workers in metropolitan Boise earned an average wage of \$46,800, or 68 percent more than the average private sector wage of \$27,800.

"Cybercities does an excellent job of portraying the extraordinary growth in the Boise metro area's high-tech industries," said Boise Mayor Brent Coles. "We offer a way of life that many larger cities don't have with our affordable housing, the great outdoors, and negligible commute times."

Nanna Mayor Maxine Horn said: "The Cybercities report is a powerful statement about our business-friendly atmosphere and lower cost of operations which has fostered growth of a quality high-tech industry and contributed substantially to this area's robust local economy."

Foreign exchange holds down Heinz's performance

PITTSBURGH - H.J. Heinz Co. said Tuesday that earnings rose almost 10 percent in its second quarter even as foreign-currency effects pushed down sales.

The Pittsburgh-based maker of Heinz ketchup, StarKist tuna and Ore-Ida frozen potatoes - including some from Magic Valley growers - said operating income totaled \$459.5 million, or 69 cents a diluted share, compared with \$418 million, or 63 cents a share, in the year-earlier quarter. Analysts had forecast earnings of 68 cents a share, according to a consensus compiled by First Call/Thomson Financial.

Results for this year, though, excluded \$77 million in pre-tax charges related to the company's ongoing Operation Excel restructuring plan. Last year's figure excludes a one-time gain on the sale of the company's Weight Watcher's classroom business and a similar restructuring charge.

Even on a constant currency basis, revenue in the quarter rose just 6 percent. The 2 percent decline including the impact of the weak euro and other currencies fell far short of the 2-3 percent gain many industry analysts expected.

Heinz said it will continue having currency-related trouble in the second half of its fiscal year. The company now estimates foreign exchange will cost it \$460 million in second-half revenue and will trim a combined nine cents per share of profits in third and fourth quarters.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Twin Falls sales jump

Reports show Twin Falls County up, Gooding County down

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Twin Falls County businesses rang up a remarkable 25.3 percent more third-quarter sales than a year earlier - by far the county's best growth in years for July through September.

Certain sales in the county totaled a stunning \$379.72 million in the quarter that ended Sept. 30, compared with \$302.98 million in third quarter 1999.

"I was surprised by how much we were up," said Dave

McAlindin, Twin Falls city's economic development director. Especially, he said, given the comments he had heard from a variety of sources - "merchants, businesses, bankers, business leaders" - saying the local economy seemed soft.

According to McAlindin's records, Twin Falls County sales haven't jumped that far in a long time. Third-quarter results in 1999 gained just 2.9 percent

over year-earlier sales; in 1998, 4.4 percent; in 1997, 1.3 percent; in 1996, 3.7 percent; in 1995, 2.3 percent; in 1994, 10.7 percent; in 1993, 12.3 percent; and in 1992, 13.4 percent.

Those totals and growth percentages exclude sales by businesses that have locations in more than one county. (Those companies each file just one sales tax return and aren't included in the county-by-county

numbers.) Also excluded from county totals are sales by businesses headquartered outside of Idaho.

In the third quarter, Twin Falls County again was No. 6 in the state, trailing behind Ada, by far Idaho's biggest seller; Canyon; Kootenai; Bonneville; and Nez Perce counties, in that order.

Several of Twin Falls County's largest sales categories made gains in the third quarter. Nonretail sales of dairy products in the county leapt to an

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WALL STREET WHIRLWIND



Traders work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange Tuesday. Wall Street's mood appeared to turn around as the presidential election nears an end. Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan's comments about a potential cut in interest rates also fanned the market's flames. See story on page A-1, D-7.

Idahoans discuss strategy for Olympics

The Times-News

BOISE - Idaho hopes to attract business during and after the 2002 Winter Games in Salt Lake City, and state Department of Commerce leaders will discuss strategies today.

The Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games in Salt Lake "will be the premier athletic event of the century for the western

United States," said the Commerce Department, which said establishing a travel information center in Salt Lake City is just one of the ways Idaho hopes to bring in business.

Today, the Idaho 2002 Winter Executive Committee will meet to review the state's progress on a strategic plan to attract Olympic and Paralympic athletes to more than a dozen train-

ing facilities around the state. The meeting starts at 11 a.m. on the second floor at 700 W. State St. in Boise, and anyone is welcome.

There will also be an update on pre-olympic events and exhibitions, including the Idaho International Cross-Country Series scheduled for March 31 through April 7.

Races will be held in McCall,

Boise and Sun Valley. Top-level competitors from around the world, including national teams from the United States and Europe and individuals such as Estonia's Kristina Smigun (No. 2 in the 2000 World Cup), have competed in this event, the Commerce Department said.

Today's meeting is scheduled to conclude at 5 p.m.

Starbucks aims to perk up South Korean habit

Knight Ridder News Service

SEOUL, South Korea - It's just after 9 p.m. and there's a long line snaking through the world's largest Starbucks cafe, a 200-seat, five-story glass skyscraper in Seoul's trendy Myeongdong shopping district.

Clerks dressed in black polo shirts and green aprons greet each customer with a cheery "Yoboseyo!" the Korean word used to get someone's attention. Then they crank up the espresso machines and call out the orders in English.

No one waits long. In Korea, the customer is king, and it takes just a minute or two to get served. Three dollars buys a tall latte and a front-row seat in a neighborhood where the shopping, eating and music go on all night.

With 363 stores in 10 Asian countries, Starbucks - which also has operations closer to home in the Magic and Wood River valleys - is growing its Asian business rapidly. A recent announcement that the Seattle-based chain has converted its licensing agreement with Shinsegae Department Store into a joint-venture partnership signaled more plans for expansion in Korea.

"It means a little more ownership in the business," said Laura Richardson, an analyst with Adams, Harkness and Hill in Boston. Joint ventures, where Starbucks typically splits ownership of its stores with a partner, produce more revenue for Starbucks

than licensing arrangements, she said. Licensing agreements call for Starbucks to provide products and training and permission to use its name to a company that owns and runs the business and gives Starbucks royalty payments in return.

Korea, where Starbucks has 10 stores, is a relatively small market compared with Japan, where Starbucks has been since 1996 and has 181 stores.

Unique, however, is a strong coffee-house culture that was in place long before Starbucks opened its first store in Seoul in July 1999.

"In Korea, people prefer coffee over tea," said Shin Eun Jung, 25, a student majoring in English and a frequent Starbucks customer.

Vending-machine coffee is a national staple. And there are dozens of cafes around Seoul with names such as Soho Express, Southern Houston in Asia and Cafe Milan. With personal space at a premium in a city of 11 million, coffee shops offer a refuge from the crowds, a place to relax or have a quiet date.

But the coffee is expensive, and not "specialty good."

"Starbucks sees Korea as a country with tremendous prospects for continuing growth," said Peter Maslen, president of Starbucks Coffee International.

With more than 500 stores in 20 foreign markets, Starbucks doesn't break out international sales. Total revenues in fiscal year 2000 were \$2.2 billion.

Prosecutors bring 55 felony counts against meat packer

Complaints about ambitious Blackfoot businessman pour in to Bingham County offices

The Associated Press

BLACKFOOT - Allegations of check fraud against a businessman have developed into a complicated story with an odd assortment of characters and circumstances, and the trial has not even begun.

Wes Austin, 45, came to Blackfoot in August with plans to open a meat-packing facility that would serve as the central point for a network of meat stores in the region as well as a shipping point for domestic and overseas distributing.

The idea was put on hold two weeks ago when Blackfoot and Bingham County detectives searched the facility and arrested Austin on suspicion of writing bad checks.

Bingham County prosecutors originally charged him with 27 felony counts related to the allegations. By Monday, the prosecution had settled on 55 counts.

County officers say they are responding to a near-daily litany of complaints.

"We just received two more complaints and three checks this morning," detective Brad Bench said Monday. "Now he owes well over \$100,000."

Most of the charges stem from Austin's inability to pay employees and local business checks that helped him get started. Police now are suspicious of Austin's overseas and domestic bank accounts and say he

transfers millions of dollars that may not exist.

A set of plane tickets to the Czech Republic also troubles authorities. Austin's ties to the Czech Republic include a potential business there and his wife, who said she is a Czech.

She said she is a former Olympic biathlete, but could not recall the year of the Olympics in which she competed.

Austin's friends say employees of his company took advantage of his bank accounts, charging or writing checks for their own use.

Austin's bond-reduction hearing took place Monday, a normally simple process that took more than an hour. Defense attorney David Parmenter painted his client as an aspiring businessman unable to finish his dream. Deputy prosecutor Darren Simpson presented Austin as an untrustworthy criminal ready to flee the county at any moment.

Magistrate Judge James Martsch reduced Austin's bail to \$100,000. But if Austin makes bail, he will be required to wear ankle monitors so police can track his movements. He would also have to get permission of the court to leave the area.

Austin faces a charge of passing fraudulent checks in Florida and also has paid fines related to that same crime in Nevada.

Cenex a year later

Farm cooperative reports small gain in net income

Knight Ridder News Service

MINNEAPOLIS - A year after its members rejected a merger with a larger agricultural co-op, Cenex Harvest States said it will continue to expand into food processing and manufacturing.

At its annual meeting in Minneapolis, the company - which has many Magic Valley member locations - reported only a modest increase in net income in the past year, as the agricultural economy endured its third year of depressed prices.

The Minnesota-based grain and farm supply cooperative said it had net income of \$87.4 million in its fiscal year, up from \$86 million a year ago. It reported sales of \$8.4 billion, up from \$6.3 billion a year ago, minus a minor accounting change that increased revenue from its stake in a petroleum refining joint venture.

In a separate move, the company unveiled a new logo that will encourage people to refer to the co-op as CHS.

Farm cooperatives in general are reporting a tough year financially, given their exposure to the farm economy. Prices for

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Propane users might need tank inspections

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

JEROME - A Jerome propane plant is among dealers that may have received inadequately odorized propane, Cenex Harvest States Cooperatives said Tuesday.

Odorizing agents are added to propane, a natural odorless gas, as a standard precaution to allow detection in the event of a leak.

People who have purchased propane from certain retail locations supplied by CHS' Laurel, Mont., refinery should ask their local dealers to inspect their storage tanks to ensure the propane contains enough additive to give it a detectable odor, CHS said.

The only Magic Valley dealer on the list is CHS' cooperative.

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Greenspan triggers rally

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan, warning of economic threats posed by rising energy costs and plunging stock values, signaled that the central bank stands ready to cut interest rates to ward off a recession.



Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan delivers remarks to a banking conference Tuesday.

Greenspan wanted to explain to the markets that we are not headed for a recession and he wanted to explain to Bush and Cheney that the Fed is on top of the situation—said David Wyss, economist at Standard & Poor's of the New York.

Propane

which have recently run out of gas and been refilled, and those in public places will be given priority, company spokeswoman Lani Jordan said.

Customers with questions may call a 24-hour information line at (800) 653-3998. The line is staffed by Country Energy LLC, a sales, marketing and distribution venture of CHS and Farmland.

Stamp price rises to 34 cents in January

WASHINGTON (AP) — It's official. It will cost a penny more to mail a letter starting Jan. 7.

omanded decision, but are returning it to the commission for further consideration," said Board Chairman Einar V. Dyrkopp.

Journalist Stephen Sharfman said the commissioners were waiting to receive and read the post office's response.

Cooperative

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But take note: Propane customers should not attempt to inspect their own tanks.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Table with columns: Name, Chg, % Chg, High, Low, Vol, Bid, Ask, Last, etc. Includes NYSE, AMEX, NASDAQ, and various stock indices.

MARKET SUMMARY

Summary table for NYSE, AMEX, and NASDAQ. Columns include Most Active, Gainers, and Losers.

NASDAQ NATIONAL MARKET

Table listing NASDAQ national market activity with columns for Name, Chg, % Chg, High, Low, Vol, Bid, Ask, Last.

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Table showing market indices: S&P 500, Dow Jones Industrial, NASDAQ Composite, etc.

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Table listing local stocks: Airtel, American, AmeriCorp, Boise, etc.

HOW TO READ THE MARKET REPORT

Table is the NYSE's most active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, the 400 most active on the NASDAQ, and the 100 most active on the AMEX.

AMERICAN STOCK EXCHANGE

Table listing American Stock Exchange activity with columns for Name, Chg, % Chg, High, Low, Vol, Bid, Ask, Last.

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Table of closing futures prices for various commodities including Mon Commodity, High, Low, Close, and Change. Includes sub-sections for Beans and Grains.

LIVESTOCK

Table of livestock prices including POCAETEAU (Lamb), CATTLE, FEEDER CATTLE, and HOGS. Lists prices for various grades and weights.

FOSSIL FUELS

Table of fossil fuel prices including NEW YORK (NY) and LIGHT BRIGHT CRACK. Lists prices for different grades of oil and gas.

Salt Lake City newspaper adds MediaNews to lawsuit

ATTORNEY DENO HIMONAS, who represents the Tribune, said Tuesday that the original complaint was cleaned up a little in the amended suit and some of the allegations were changed slightly. The Tribune management company is still seeking a preliminary injunction, and a hearing on that motion is set for next Monday.

Sales

Continued from D6 astounding \$91.99 million from the \$67,810 of third quarter 1999, and sales of motor vehicles shot up a respectable 7.5 percent to \$67.46 million from the \$62.77 million of a year earlier.

MUTUAL FUNDS

Table of mutual fund performance and prices, listing various fund names, their categories, and current values.

BEANS

Table of bean prices including Soybean Meal, Soybean Oil, and Soybean Meal.

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Table of grain prices including Soybean Meal, Soybean Oil, and Soybean Meal.

CHEESE

Table of cheese prices including Cheddar cheese prices on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange.

POTATOES

Table of potato prices including CHICAGO (JAN) - USDA - Major potato markets.

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Table of sugar prices including NEW YORK (JAN) - Sugar and Cocoa Exchange.

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Serving the Magic Valley

COMMUNITY EVENTS

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

NEW OFFICERS

Burley woman 95th birthday

BURLEY - Christine Bradshaw will celebrate her 95th birthday with an open-house from 2-4 p.m. Saturday at the Parke View Care and Rehabilitation Center dining room at 2303 Park Ave. in Burley.

Organizers request no gifts.

Christine Bradshaw

Winter Festival will be Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the Snake River Plaza during mall hours.

Gift and craft vendors are welcome. There will be free horse and wagon rides. Santa Claus and entertainment. Pictures can be taken with Santa for \$5. Gift wrapping will be available.

Jenny Faith and the Burley Music Club will provide entertainment.

Tickets are \$8 and may be purchased at the door or by calling 436-6484 for reserved seating.

Northside Arts, Craft Show planned

JEROME - The Northside Arts and Craft Show will be held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday through Saturday at the Jerome National Guard Armory.

To find the armory, turn at the Stinker Station and go to the front of the building.

All items are hand-crafted.

For information about booths, call 324-2795 or 324-2825.



The Fler Kiwanis Club held an installation banquet for new 2000-2001 officers. Those attending were, left to right: Morris Lask, long time member; Lori Bergama, vice president; Bud Sheelan, immediate past president; Bob Parish, division lieutenant governor; Bill Feashtars, president elect; Shirley Gallo, secretary and Jay Fort, president. Not pictured is Barbara Egner, treasurer. The Fler Kiwanis Club meets on every Tuesday at the United Methodist Church in Filer. Visitors and new members are welcome. For more information, call Jay Fort at 326-4345.

Photo courtesy of The Fler Kiwanis Club

Delta Kappa Gamma holds meeting

TWIN FALLS - XI Chapter Delta Kappa Gamma will meet at 10 a.m. Saturday at Cavanaugh's Canyon Springs in Twin Falls.

The Bel Canto Choir from Robert Stuart Junior High will perform.

Food and clothing for La Posada Ministry will be collected at the meeting.

Legion auxiliary schedules potluck

TWIN FALLS - Unit 7 of the Twin Falls American Legion Auxiliary will hold its annual Christmas potluck and gift exchange at 6 p.m. Thursday at the Post Home at 447 Seamount St.

Members are asked to bring a dish, table service and a wrapped gift. Members may also bring donated personal items for the local Christmas baskets.

For more information, call Helen at 734-1435.

Gooding seniors play bingo Friday

GOODING - The Gooding Senior Citizens play bingo at 6:30 p.m. every Friday night.

Bingo on Dec. 29 is canceled. The public is welcome.

Mini-Cassia Winter Festival set

BURLEY - The second Annual Mini-Cassia

Craft show set in Minidoka County

RUPERT - A craft show will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday at the Minidoka County Senior Center, 702 11th St., Rupert.

There will be a smorgasbord lunch on Friday and a pancake breakfast on Saturday.

Paul plans pinocchio party

PAUL - A pinocchio party will be held beginning at 6:30 p.m. Friday at the Paul Masonic Lodge, 113 E. Idaho St.

Dessert and coffee will be served at 6:30 p.m., followed by cards at 7 p.m.

The public is invited.

Minidoka plans 'thank-you' dinner

RUPERT - Minidoka County Fair Board invites everyone who helped with the Minidoka County Fair to bring their families to the annual appreciation dinner at 7 p.m. Friday in the McGreggor Building at the fairgrounds, 85 E. Baseline, Rupert.

The fair board and livestock sale committee will provide the meat, potatoes, drinks and table service.

Those attending are asked to bring a salad or dessert.

Centre Stage presents 'Nutcracker'

BURLEY - Centre Stage Studios presents "The Nutcracker" at 2 p.m. Saturday and 7:30 p.m. Monday at the King Fine Arts Center.

Christmas in the Country bazaar set

TWIN FALLS - The Christmas in the Country craft bazaar will be held from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday through Sunday at the Spanbauer Barn at 581 S. Highway 93.

The bazaar will have handmade crafts, collectibles, primitive wood, rustic florals and ornaments.

For more information, call Pam Luper at 324-5102 or Sandra "Sam" Morgan at 733-8751.

Reindeer Ramble sets off Saturday

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Foundation Reindeer Ramble Fun Run/Walk is Saturday at the College of Southern Idaho.

Registration begins at 10:30 a.m. Pre-registration fee is \$19 per person.

The foundation's Festival of Trees Breakfast with Santa is 8:30 a.m. Saturday. The \$10 ticket price per child includes breakfast and admission into festival and special showing of "102 Dalmations," sponsored by Interstate Amusement.

For information or tickets, call the foundation office at 737-2480.

We want your news

Deadlines

For the Sunday page: noon Wednesday
 For the Thursday page: noon Monday
 For the Friday page: noon Friday
 For the Saturday page: noon Tuesday
 For the Wednesday page: noon Friday

Fax: 677-4543 or 734-5538
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Please send your news and photos to:

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Civic

Rotary Clubs
 Blue Lakes - 7 a.m. Tuesdays at the Weston Plaza Hotel & Convention Center in Twin Falls, 734-7007 or 734-4187.
 Burley - Noon Tuesdays at Burley Lincoln Center, 678-2221.
 Gooding - Noon Thursdays at the Capucino Restaurant in Buhl, 543-6841 or 543-5566.
 Gooding - 12:15 p.m. Friday at the Lincoln Inn, 934-5855.
 Hailey - Noon Thursdays at the Senior Center of Blaine County, 768-0837 or 768-2114.
 Jerome - Noon Tuesdays at China Village, 123 S. Alder, 324-7000 or 324-4511.
 Ketchum/Sun Valley - Noon on Tuesday at Rico's Pizza and Pasta Restaurant, Bob Stone at 728-4100.
 Rupert - Noon Wednesdays at the Rupert Elks Lodge, Call Jack Dell at 436-5610.
 Shoshone - Noon Wednesdays at the Senior Citizens Center, 886-2221 or 886-2883.
 Twin Falls - Noon Wednesdays at the Turf Club in Twin Falls, 736-0239 or 734-6549.

Lions Clubs

Burley - Noon Fridays at Price's Cafe, 2444 Overland Ave., 3202.
 Gooding - 6 p.m. on the second and fourth Mondays at the Lincoln Inn, 934-4372.
 Hailey - Noon first and third Wednesdays at Full Moon Restaurant in Bellevue.
 Heyburn - 7:30 p.m. second and fourth Tuesdays at Heyburn fire station; 436-8030.
 Jerome - 7 p.m. first and third Monday at Jerome Civic Library, 734-7910.
 Rupert - 7:30 p.m. second and fourth Monday at Red Cross building, 707 P St., 434-4241.
 Rupert Springs - 7:30 p.m. second and fourth Monday at United Methodist Church, 605 H St., 436-9822.
 Twin Falls - Noon Wednesdays at the Jade Restaurant; 734-5268.
 Twin Falls Monarch - Meets first and third Thursdays at Norm's Check Wagon in Twin Falls.

Kiwanis Clubs

Buhl - Noon Wednesdays at the Grandstand Sports Grill; call 543-2330 or 543-8789.
 Burley - Noon Wednesdays at Price's Cafe, 2444 Overland Ave., 436-3228 or 436-2720.
 Filer - Noon Tuesdays at the Filer Methodist Church; 326-4530 or 326-4061.
 Gooding - Noon Tuesdays at the Rupert Elks Lodge; 436-8124.
 Jerome - Noon Thursdays at the Jerome Senior Center, 212 First Ave. E., call 324-3333.
 Twin Falls - Noon Thursdays at the Turf Club for lunch; 736-4276 or 734-4284.

Optimist Clubs

Twin Falls - Noon Thursdays at the Mandarino House; 733-2278, 733-7035 or 734-7885.
 Gooding - 6 p.m. Wednesdays, Oop's Market, 156 E. Main St., 324-5469.
 Wendell - 7 p.m. Tuesdays at the Farmhouse Restaurant in Wendell; 536-6440.

Adult Children of Dysfunctional Families - 5 p.m. Wednesdays at the Walker Center, 203 Second Ave. N., Twin Falls, 734-2400.

Senior Support Group for Blind and Visually Impaired people, noon at the Twin Falls Senior Center, the last Wednesday of the month, meeting following lunch, call 733-5973.

Grandmothers in Touch - Christian grandmothers who pray for their grand-children; for information call Lorraine at 734-7015.

Magie Valley Brain Injury Support Group and Referral Service - For information, call Cassandra Blakley at 426-4089.

Moms in Touch - Meets at various times throughout the week to pray for their children; their schools and their teachers. For information, call 825-9604.

New Life Fellowship (a 12-step recovery group and bible study), 7 to 9 p.m. Thursdays at the First Baptist Church of Twin Falls, corner of Ninth and Shoshone; 734-6714.

Parsons of Down Syndrome Children - For information, call 733-8869, leave a message.

Post Poets Support Group - For information, call 679-5771.

Southern Idaho Twin Falls Singles - 8 p.m. Saturdays at Spanbauer's Bar for dancing; 733-7172.

Mini-Cassia Singles - 7 p.m. Thursdays at 1501 W. in Heyburn, 678-5328.

Substance Abuse Volunteer Efforts - For information, call 436-2869.

Substance Abuse Volunteer Efforts - 6 to 7:30 p.m. Sundays at the Mountain View Elementary School lunchroom; 333 Grandview Dr. N., 284-7025.

Mental Health Support Group - 7 p.m. first and third Mondays at the Twin Falls Public Library; 734-5973.

Breath Easy Club and Magie Valley Bicyclists Club of Idaho. For more information, call 344-6567.

Christian 12-Step Support Group - For information call 734-7201.

Co-Dependents Anonymous - 7 p.m. Wednesdays at First Christian Church, 811 Shoshone St. N., Twin Falls, 734-6694.

Al-Anon - For people concerned about someone's drinking.
 Kimberly - 8 p.m. Monday, Senior citizens building, Main Street, 734-8483.
 Filer - 8 p.m. Tuesday, Peace Lutheran Church, Stevens Street and Sixth, 734-8483.
 Jerome - Noon Thursdays at First Presbyterian Church, 262 E. Ave. A in Jerome, 324-2379.
 Jerome - 7 p.m. Thursdays, First Presbyterian Church, call 324-2379.
 Ketchum - 8:30 a.m. Monday, Sun Club, 728-2314.
 Ketchum - 8 p.m. Wednesday, Magie Valley Fellowship Hall, 801 Second Ave. N., 734-0664.
 Twin Falls - noon Friday, Step meeting in Presbyterian Church, 309 Fifth Ave. N., 423-6301.
 Twin Falls - 9 a.m. Saturday, Magie Valley Fellowship Hall, 734-6611.
 Burley - 8 p.m. Tuesday, Presbyterian Church, 2100 Burton Ave., 436-9553.
 Hailey - 7 p.m. Tuesday, St. Charles Parish Hall, 784-2309 or 788-2944.
 Buhl - 8 p.m. Friday, Presbyterian Church, 516 Main St., 434-9226.

Overeaters Anonymous
 Twin Falls - 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays or 10 a.m. Saturdays or 1 p.m. Mondays, all meetings at the First Baptist Church, 910 Shoshone St. (use side door on Wednesday and Ninth Avenue entrance on Saturdays); 732-0767.
 Gooding - 7 p.m. Mondays at the Walker Center, 1120 Mountain, 334-8692.

Christian Singles Group - 7 p.m. on Aug. 28 and every other week, Christian Center, 1511 Morrison St., Twin Falls, 733-6255.

Christian Mens Bible Fellowship - 7 a.m. Saturdays at Depot Grill Caboose room, call Jan at 733-2897.

Twin Falls Chapter of Les-Mis, professional organization for business men and women, meets every Thursday at Depot Grill, Mark at 733-0404 or Joan at 736-2519.

Magie Valley Singles - Thursdays at Jay Floyd Plaza, 123 E. Main St., Jerome, call Debbie at 644-1153.

Jobs Daughters
 Bethel - 18 p.m. second and fourth Mondays at 1519 Overland Ave. in Burley.
 Bethel - 14 p.m. second and fourth Mondays at 1519 Overland Ave. in Jerome.
 Bethel - 15 p.m. first and third Wednesdays at 6th and California in Gooding, call 434-8283.
 Bethel - 4:30 p.m. first and third Mondays at 883 Blue Lakes Blvd N.
 Bethel - 56 p.m. second and fourth Mondays at 883 Blue Lakes Blvd N.

Other organizations
 Twin Falls Chapter Order of DeMolay - 7 p.m. first and third Thursdays at 883 Blue Lakes Blvd N.
 Idaho Rebekah Lodge - 8 p.m. first and third Mondays at 8 p.m. at 130 W. Ave. A, Wendell.
 Guiding Star Lodge - 4 second and fourth Thursdays at Mountain Home.
 Ruth Rebekah Lodge 107 - meets the second and fourth Thursday at the Betty Old Fellows Lodge at West 13th Street and Oakley Avenue, 436-6515.
 Marguerite Rebekah Lodge 98 - 7 p.m. first and third Thursdays at the IOOF Hall Third and Avenue and Idaho Street in Gooding.
 Occident Lodge 58 - Second and

Musical

Magie Valley Single Square Dance Club - 7 p.m. Tuesdays at J. Jerome's Parish Hall, 216 Second Ave. E. in Jerome; 734-5859.

Magichords Barbershop Chorus - 7:30 p.m. Thursdays at the Methodist Church basement, Shoshone Street and Fourth Ave. N., Twin Falls, 734-2664.

Magie Pulp Mill Orchestra - 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the Burley High School band room; 678-7430.

Snake River Flats - 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Harmony Hall, 123 K St. in Rupert; 436-6047 or 438-8148.

Sweet Adelines Chorus - Members car pool to Burley, meet every Tuesday evening, Call 733-6238.

Hobbies

Bingo - 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays at Golden Year Senior Citizens center, 218 S. Hall St. W. Shoshone; anyone over 18 years of age welcome; call 886-2369.

Bridge - 1 p.m. Mondays at Magie Valley Bridge House, 246 Falls Ave., Twin Falls, 733-8699, newcomers welcome.

Magie Valley Chess Club - 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. Every other Saturday at Barnes & Noble in Twin Falls, 733-8186.

Magie Valley Pinocle Club - 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays at the Plinked American Legion, 400 Park Street and South Ave. Shop and Avenue, Twin Falls.

Valley White Retirement Center Pinocle Club - 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays in the community center at 633 Rose St. N. in Twin Falls; 733-5531.

Writers Support Group - 6 p.m. Wednesdays at Chapter Bookstore, 120 N. Main, Valley, 726-5425.

Magie Valley Bingo, 126 2nd Ave. S. Twin Falls, 7 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday; 726-8955.

Pre-school story hour, 10 a.m. Tuesdays at the Gooding Public Library, 256 E. 1st, Gooding, 436-4949, and parents welcome, 436-4949.

Twin Falls Rifle and Pistol Club - Shooters welcome; 6 p.m. Wednesdays at 253 27th St., Burley, 678-1447 and 22, 334-5900 or 734-4313.

Open chess - 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays, Tennis & Golf Club, 5876-1st, Lincoln St., Jerome, 824-8255. All levels welcome.

Weight loss

Weight Watchers - 6 p.m. Mondays at the Old Fellows Lodge, 13th and Oakley Aves.; 734-2288.

TAPS Clubs

Burley Chapter - 6 to 7 p.m.

Alzheimer's Disease support group for families
 Twin Falls - 10:30-11:30 a.m. third Wednesday at 640 Filer Ave. W., sponsored by Southridge Care Center, call Jan at 432-6718.

Burley - 7:30 p.m. second Thursday of the month at Burley Senior Center, sponsored by Ashley Manor Care Center; call 436-4327.

DivorceCare

Twin Falls - 7 p.m. Mondays at the Twin Falls Reformed Church, 1631 Grandview Dr. N.; 733-6128.

Alocholics Anonymous

Twin Falls - For information, call 734-8000, 738-9446 or 733-2897.

Sunday Breakfast Group - Suffixes alternate between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. at Edith's Cafe; Highway 94 exit 88, across from the golf course; Burley; 678-6798 or 678-0293.

Unity Group - 8 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays at St. James Episcopal Church, 20th St. and Oakley; Burley; 678-9144.

Women's Group - 8 p.m. Mondays at the Snow Building, 1321 Oakley Ave. N.; 678-9414 or 678-7424.

Wine and Cheese Group - 8 p.m. Tuesdays at the Snow Building, 1321 Oakley Ave. N.; 677-9040 or 438-5448.

Senior Support Group - 8 p.m. Mondays and Fridays at the Team Support Building, 548 E St.; 436-5842, 436-9449 or 432-6718.

Rupert Group - Noon on Wednesdays at 426 S. 2nd St. in Heyburn.

Halley-Berkeley - For more information, call 788-5950.

Recreation Valley - For more information, call 726-4650.

Debtors Anonymous

For business owners, call at 734-6088.

Narcotics Anonymous

For information, call 736-1160 or (800) 328-2527.

Gooding - 8 p.m. Mondays, corners of 3rd and Idaho; 7 p.m. Thursdays, 1120 A Morrison St. in Jerome.
 Ketchum - 7 p.m. Mondays; 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays; 6:30 p.m. Saturdays, 571 E. 2nd St. in Ketchum.
 Kimberly - 8 p.m. Thursdays, 310 Main St.

fourth Thursdays in Fairfield
 Union Lodge 45 - First and third Tuesdays at 2 p.m. in Ingomar.
 Atkinson Rebekah Lodge 110 - Second and fourth Mondays at 8 p.m. at 132 E. Ave. B, Jerome.
 Odd Fellows - 8 p.m. Tuesdays at the Old Fellows Hall, 13th and Oakley; Burley; 678-1431.

Masonic activities
 Star of the West 35 Order of Eastern Star - 8 p.m. first Thursday of month at Weir, 405-3055 Lodge on North Idaho.
 Gooding Eastern Star Lodge - 7:30 p.m. second Tuesday of month at Masonic Temple, Sixth Avenue and California Street.
 Ednah Lodge chapter 77 Order of the Eastern Star - first and third Wednesday at Masonic Temple, 113 E. Idaho in Paul; 436-6246.
 Rupert 39 Order of the Eastern Star - meets the second and fourth Thursdays at the Moose Temple, 620 E. St.; 531-5190.

Twin Falls Chapter 29, Order of the Eastern Star - meets the second and fourth Thursdays at the Masonic Temple - Blue Lakes Boulevard North, 733-8816.
 Twin Falls Falls Lodge 45 - 8 p.m. the first Wednesday at 883 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., 424-8937.
 Rupert Lodge 65 - 8 p.m. first Wednesday at Rupert Masonic Temple, 620 E. St., 436-4017.
 Burley-Rupert Shrine Club, 6:30 p.m. dinner, fourth Wednesday at Rupert Elks, 436-4043.

Royal Arch Masons - 8 p.m. second Tuesday, Rupert Masonic Temple, 436-4017.
 Paul Lodge 77 - 8 p.m. first Thursday of month acts from Paul Post Office, 436-4017.

Veterans of Foreign Wars

Buhl - 804, Thruway, hence Post, 8 p.m. second Tuesday of the month at Lincoln Court, 343-5347.
 Burley - 804, Thruway, hence Post, 8 p.m. third Thursday of the month at Lincoln Court, 343-5347.
 Jerome - Post 4068, Jerome Post, 8 p.m. fourth Tuesday of the month at Jerome Legion Hall, 324-6909.
 Kimberly - 400, 10228, Kimberly Post, 7:30 p.m. third Wednesday of the month at senior citizens center, 423-4443.
 Rupert - 7:30 p.m. second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at Rupert Club Development Center, 436-6964.
 Gooding - Post 3078, Toppis Post, 8 p.m. first Thursday of the month at Gooding VFW Memorial Bldg., 934-5025.
 Hailey - Post 4128, Big Wood River Post, Bellevue, 309 Fourth St., 8 p.m. first Thursday of the month at Gooding VFW Memorial Bldg., 934-5025.

Twin Falls - Post 2126, Henry 16th Post, 8 p.m. second Tuesday of the month at Twin Falls DAV Hall, 459 Shoup, 734-4082.
 Wendell - Post 2264, Thousand and one, end of town of the meeting with a telephone number and name of a contact person for information. 736-7176.
 New P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, 83303, attention Club Calendar. The deadline is noon Tuesday.

MORNING BREAK

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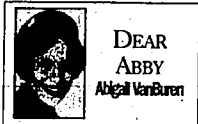
Home remodeling tiff could be a signal

DEAR ABBY: I was married three months ago and I'm not live with my husband. We have been remodeling the farmhouse that he has lived in for the last three years. Before I came along, he lived in filth and clutter.

Abby, I'm beginning to lose patience. He promised to be the house would be habitable before we married. The only work that gets done-to the house-is what my mother and I do. I cannot live in a house under construction because I become claustrophobic and agitated in that kind of clutter. This is starting to have a negative effect on our marriage. Please help.

-LIVING SINGLE IN DES MOINES

DEAR LIVING SINGLE: If your fiancé promised the house would be completed before your wedding, and then failed to fulfill that promise, that should have rung an alarm bell regarding his



level of enthusiasm about marriage. Since after three months he is still not motivated enough to keep his promise so that you may live together as husband and wife, it's time to re-evaluate the entire situation.

Is this the way you want to live the rest of your life? Marriage should be a partnership, but you and your mother are doing all of the work. This man is unlikely to change.

Consider consulting an attorney about an annulment before investing any more time or elbow grease. You deserve better.

DEAR ABBY: Scooters are the latest rage. They're at the top of almost every kid's Christmas list. Along with this scooter craze comes a number of safety concerns. Abby, will you help me spread the word about the do's and don'ts of safer scooter usage?

-CARLTON CALVIN, PRESIDENT, RAZOR, U.S.A.

DEAR CARLTON: Certainly. Your safety tips are important and well worth the space in my column. Read on:

1. DO use the same precautions you would when riding a bike, a skateboard or using in-line skates.
2. DO wear a helmet and elbow and knee pads.
3. DON'T ride barefoot or in sandals. Wear athletic shoes.
4. DON'T allow children under age 8 to ride a scooter.
5. DO watch the terrain; avoid bumps, water, sand and gravel.
6. DON'T be a "hot dog" and ride too fast.

DEAR ABBY: What do you think of receiving a thank-you for a wedding gift and being told, "Your generous gift has been donated to our favorite charity?"

I realize once a gift is given it's the recipient's to use or dispose of, as he or she wishes.

However, I would have preferred to have been told beforehand that the wedding was to be a "charity fund-raiser," because my gift was chosen especially for the bride and groom.

-MIFFED IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR MIFFED: The couple who received the gift were a little too truthful.

To inform someone that his or her gift wasn't worthy of keeping implied that it was useless or tasteless. A simple "Thank you for the beautiful () and for your generosity" would have been much kinder than the note you received.

Police: O.J., other motorist scuffle during traffic stop

MIAMI (AP) - A motorist accuses O.J. Simpson of reaching into his car, grabbing his glasses and catching his face after they pulled over during a traffic dispute, police said.

No charges have been filed. Jeffrey Pattinson, 55, told police he "flicked his lights" at a black Lincoln Navigator after he saw the SUV drive past a stop sign Monday.

The Navigator stopped, and

Simpson got out and walked toward Pattinson's car and the two men argued briefly, Pattinson told police.

Simpson denied wrongdoing, telling WSVN-TV Tuesday that Pattinson was tailgating with his lights on high-beam.

LAMPHOUSE THEATRE

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Whale 'designer' had some ideas

Q. A fish's tale is a rudder - vertical - a whale's is a hydrofoil - horizontal. Any reason for the difference?

A. Maybe. A fish has more need to zigzag from predators. A whale has more need to go up for air - and down. That's the theory.

A praying mantis will attack any small-animal life except an ant.

Western folk writers quote Bat Masterson as advising: "Shoot first and think." And, "Aim at the belt buckle." And, "Never bluff."

Q. How can I make a rainbow move?

A. You move. That will move it.



WHAT'S WHAT
L.M. Boyd

In old England, 10 families equaled a shire. Ten shires equaled a county. Each shire elected a reeve. That "shire reeve" came to be known as a "sheriff."

Termites are deaf. But they can't stand vibration. One exterminator says termites won't linger long where motors shake the woodwork.

Q. What mammals, not counting people, live longest?

A. Whales. You know "placebo" comes from the Latin for "I shall please." But few know its exact opposite, the "I shall displease" word: "nocebo." A nocebo is a harmless substance that might make you sick because you think it will.

Among reptiles with thighs, those thighs are horizontal. Among mammals with thighs, those thighs are vertical.

False eyelashes make the eyes of some young women look smaller, says a cosmetics authority. Not every ingénue should wear same.

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This Week's G Rated Movies
 The Ring in Paris Daily 7:00 - 9:00
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 Disney's 101 Dalmatians Daily 7:30 - 9:45
 Sat - Sun 12:45 - 2:00 - 5:15 - 7:30 - 9:45

This Week's PG Rated Movies
 How The Grinch Stole Christmas
 Daily 7:15 - 9:30
 Sat - Sun 12:30 - 2:45 - 5:00 - 7:15 - 9:30

This Week's PG13 Rated Movies
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 Remember the Titans Daily 7:25 - 9:45
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 Sat - Sun 12:30 - 2:45 - 5:00 - 7:15 - 9:30
 All Shows 9:30 before 9:30 p.m. on Sat - Sun

COMICS

Classic Peanuts

By Charles M. Schulz



For Better or For Worse

By Lynn Johnston



Dibert

By Scott Adams



Blondie

By Dean Young & Stan Drake



B.C.

By Johnny Hart



Pickles

By Brian Crane



Garfield

By Jim Davis

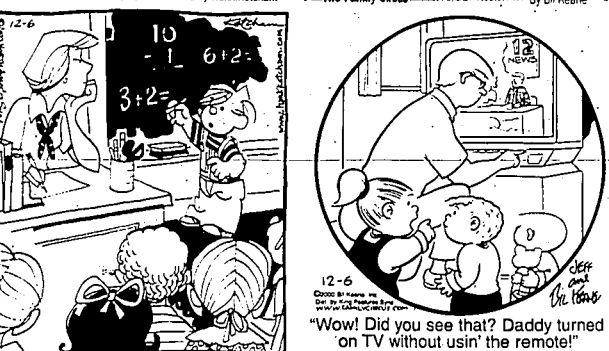


Dennis the Menace

By Hank Ketcham

The Family Circus

By Bil Keane



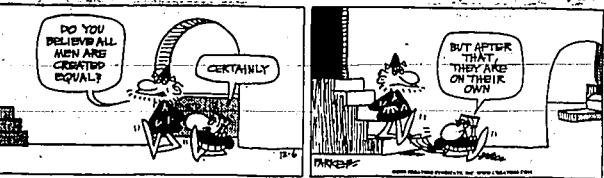
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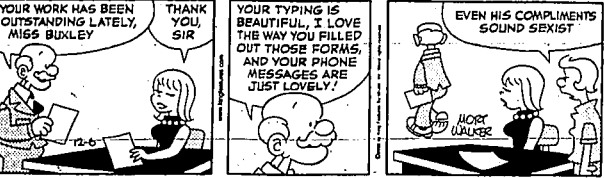
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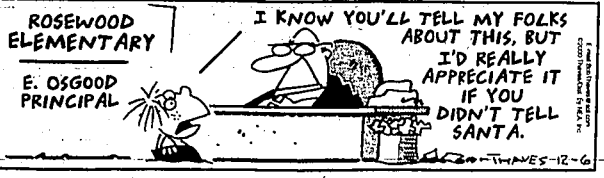
Beetle Bailey

By Mort Walker



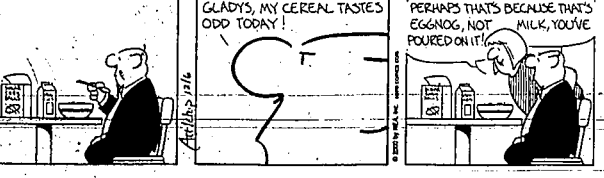
Frank and Ernest

By Bob Thaves



The Bom Loser

By Art Sansom & Chip



Rose is Rose

By Pat Brady



Zits

By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott



Luann

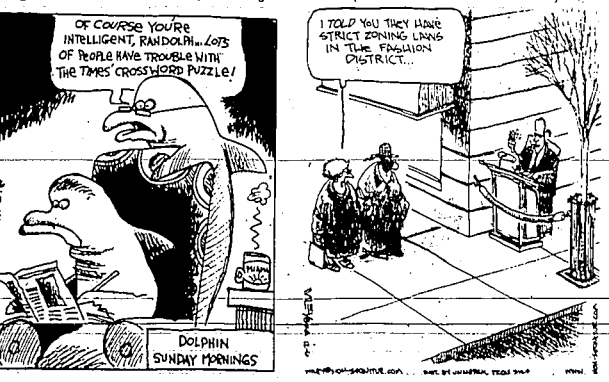
By Greg Evans



By John Deering

Non Sequitur

By Wiley



FEATURES

Aries: Focus on social sensibilities

The New Yorker apologizes for article with made-up details

IF DECEMBER 6 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You are ultra-sensitive concerning sound. People find sound of your voice pleasing. You are creative, romantic...

HOROSCOPE Sydney Omarr

your advantage. GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You will win friends, popularity zooms. Written material once rejected will now be enthusiastically accepted...

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Moon in your sign equates to high cycle. Focus on social activities and elements of luck. You will be at the right place at a crucial moment almost effortlessly.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Look behind scenes, check details, rebuild and rewrite. Visit individuals temporarily confined to home, hospital. Secret will be revealed to

make it come true. Pisces individuals play outstanding role. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Check accounting procedures. Relationship is hot and heavy. You win promotion, can handle added responsibility...

concerning marriage loom large. Emphasis on direction, motivation, necessity for soulful meditation.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Social activities accelerate, popularity zooms. Keep plans flexible, be ready to travel at moment's notice.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Relative who is sincere could be sincerely misformed. Do things your way, including rebuilding, rewriting.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Scenario features change, travel, variety of experiences. What began as mild flirtation is getting serious. Gain indicated via written word. Virgo represented.

NEW YORK (AP) - The editors at The New Yorker were not laughing after publishing a humorous article that contained what turned out to be made-up details.

"It doesn't matter that this was a light-hearted piece," editor David Remnick said Tuesday. "We can't mix fact and fiction or change details without telling the reader. And it was important to come clean and apologize as soon as we were made aware of this problem."

The article, "My Fake Job," appeared in the magazine's Nov. 27 issue. Writer Rodney

Rothman tells about a 17-day sojourn in an unidentified dorm company in Manhattan's Silicon Alley. Without ever actually being hired, Rothman starts showing up for work as a "junior project manager."

His point was to illustrate the transience and anonymity of workers in computer-related fields.

He wrote: "They sat in thousand-dollar ergonomic office chairs, but their nameplates were made with paper and Magic Marker. The message was clear: The chairs could be resold; the employees were expendable."

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West leads the heart deuce, and South inserts dummy's nine. What happens if Easy denies South a cheap winner and covers with his king?

Nothing good for East's side. South wins his heart ace and leads the king of clubs twice to exhaust South of clubs...

It is a different matter if East breaks with tradition and gives South a cheap first-round winner. After dummy's heart nine wins and South attacks clubs, a holdup by East pays off...

It's tough to discard old traditions. However, each deal has its own challenges, requiring thoughtful action instead of a reflex response.

Table with columns for North, South, West, and East, listing card holdings and points.

Vulnerable: East-West Dealer: South

The bidding: South West North East 1NT Pass 3NT All pass

Opening lead: Heart deuce

BID WITH THE ACES 13-4-B

South holds: 10 9 4 2 K 7 3 K 10 9 A 6 3

North South: 1 7

ANSWER: Two clubs. With prime cards and four trumps, this hand is a touch too heavy for a single raise to two spades.

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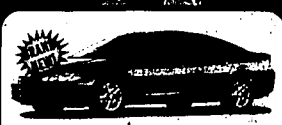
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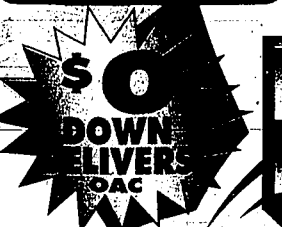


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