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Man charged with spreading AIDS may have TF ties

The Times-News and The Associated Press

NAMPA - A man with possible ties to Twin Falls was charged with three counts of knowingly transferring body fluid containing the AIDS virus, city police officers said Tuesday.

Anthony Garcia's exact connections to Twin Falls, if any, were unclear Tuesday evening, although his friends said Garcia was from Twin Falls. Twin Falls city and county authorities said that as of Tuesday night they weren't conducting their own investigations

into the cases. Garcia, 25, was arrested Monday night. He was arraigned on the three felony counts and was held Tuesday night in the Canyon County Jail on \$250,000 bond. Garcia was arrested after three male roommates, all of whom

had had sex with a fourth man, found documentation indicating that the man was HIV positive, Nampa Police Sgt. Tim Randall said. Garcia's friends said he was from Twin Falls, and had moved. Please see AIDS, Page A2

NEW YEAR'S EVE LITE



George Salinas Jr. pours a drink at The Pressbox Sports Bar in Twin Falls. Because New Year's Eve falls on a Sunday this year, revelers will not be able to purchase hard liquor in Twin Falls County bars.

Sunday sales won't include hard liquor

By John T. Hudry
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - While some people will raise martinis to ring in the new year, Twin Falls County residents will have to settle for a beer, a glass of Cabernet or something other than hard

liquor. Twin Falls County, like several other Magic Valley counties, does not allow Sunday sales of liquor by the drink. And that will include New Year's Eve, which falls on Sunday. For some local bar managers, the liquor ordinance leaves a bad

taste in their mouths. On a typical New Year's Eve, liquor sales are up about 20 percent. But with liquor sales banned, the Pressbox Sports Bar in Twin Falls will be open only until 6 p.m. Sunday, manager Sandi Schlund said. "It just won't be profitable for

us to stay open," Schlund said. The liquor law will affect sales at Muggers Brewpub in Twin Falls, which only recently started selling liquor, said manager Charlie Froke. "We're definitely going to lose several thousand dollars in business this year," Schlund said. Please see LIQUOR, Page A2

Killings suspect may have had tax problems

The Associated Press

WAKEFIELD, Mass. - Prosecutors are investigating whether a man who police say killed seven co-workers Tuesday was upset about an Internal Revenue Service request to garnish his wages to pay back taxes. Michael McDermott, 42, wielding a semiautomatic rifle and a shotgun, opened fire at an Internet consulting company before being subdued by police, authorities said.

Middlesex District Attorney Martha Coakley said said Edgewater Technology Inc. had agreed not to begin taking out money from McDermott's paycheck until after the holidays. However, McDermott had an angry outburst in the company's accounting department last week over the prospect of losing some

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Police take shooting suspect Michael McDermott from an office building Tuesday in Wakefield, Mass.

Fugitives collect about \$30 million in Social Security, review discovers

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The long arm of the law finally grabbed Anthony Cummings in New York City last year, but only after he had collected thousands of dollars from a Social Security program while on the run from a child rape indictment in Georgia. Cummings, now serving a 10-year prison sentence, is one of about 25,000 fugitives from state and federal felony charges who have improperly collected Supplemental Security Income, or SSI, checks from the Social Security Administration since 1996.

The agency has paid out at least \$76 million in SSI benefits designed for poor Americans with disabilities since 1996 - and perhaps as much as \$283 million, an internal review has found. And the Social Security Administration is at risk of paying millions more to accused felons because it doesn't have complete lists of fugitives from the states, its inspector general warns. "We estimate that SSA will continue to pay fugitives at least \$30 million annually in SSI payments if state felony files are not used to prevent such payments," the agency's internal

watchdog wrote in a recent report obtained by The Associated Press. The agency hopes to negotiate agreements by July to get such records from all 50 states, officials said. Congress in 1996 barred federal fugitives from receiving SSI benefits, which are provided to more than 6 million elderly, blind or disabled Americans with low incomes. Since then, only 2,000 of the estimated 25,000 fugitives who received SSI payments - fewer than 10 percent - have been caught, auditors said.

Fugitive felons getting benefits

In 1996, Congress passed a law denying Supplemental Security Income payments to felony fugitives. Elderly or disabled Americans with low incomes are eligible for the payments of up to \$500 a month. Federal auditors used a random sample of 10 states and estimated that fugitives nationwide collected between \$76 million and \$283 million in SSI benefits since 1996. Here are the results of the study.

Number of fugitives	Projected benefits since 1996	
Alabama	244	\$760,214
Colorado	681	4,192,638
Idaho	51	343,070
Illinois	2,267	9,423,299
Iowa	244	1,206,628
Maine	70	353,103
Nebraska	14	69,949
New Mexico	23	135,944
Oregon	1,308	11,683,145
Texas	2,814	10,973,394

Note: Six states and New York City have agreed to supply Social Security computer records of fugitives for federal use. The states are Kentucky, Maine, Massachusetts, New Jersey, South Carolina, Tennessee.
Source: Social Security Inspector General's

Skier digs in before rescue

Minister joins search, finds parishioner with broken ski

By Ruth Streeter
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - With half a liter of water, three granola bars and a broken ski in the middle of a forest, Peter Pinsak sat in a hole in the snow for 13 hours and waited for help.

It wasn't until 2 a.m. on Christmas Day that a search and rescue crew, his minister and fellow parishioner found Pinsak in the snow shelter he had dug in the ground. Pinsak was cold, but OK - and with no lingering fears for his next cross-country ski.

"In fact, I'm just on my way out now," Pinsak said from his Twin Falls home Tuesday afternoon.

Pinsak, 39, had been in the middle of a solo trek Sunday afternoon in Rock Creek Canyon. At the top of the ridge at Walstrom's Hollow, about 45 minutes from the trailhead, his ski broke. He said Tuesday he likely put his foot over an air pocket, causing his ski to snap.

Pinsak considered the snow depth, considered the energy it'd take to walk out, and decided against it. So he dug a hole in the snow for insulation and waited.

That was at 1 p.m. At around 3:30 p.m., Pinsak told the next skier who passed to get help. Twin Falls County Sheriff's deputies first got word of the stranded skier at around 5:30 p.m., and the Cassia County Sheriff's Department and Minicassia Search and Rescue took over the search at around 8 p.m.

Pinsak's minister, Jim Frisbie, helped find Pinsak, but credited the rescue to cooperation.

"This was not a Lone Ranger type of thing," Frisbie said.

Frisbie, also a cross-country skier, was brought in when he correctly guessed which trail Pinsak had been on. Pinsak's wife had thought Frisbie might know.

He said he had expected search and rescue to find Pinsak within an hour of launching the search. When that didn't happen, he called the Cassia County Sheriff's Department to see if anyone on the rescue team had first-hand knowledge of the trails. Frisbie was told no.

Conditions were not good for a rescue. Visibility was less than 20 feet and rescuers would stop their snowmobiles so they might hear Pinsak holler, according to a Cassia County sheriff's report.

Pinsak said he recalls first hearing snowmobiles at around 8 p.m. But nobody could get to where he was, and nobody could hear him, he said.

So by 10:30 p.m. Frisbie was on his way to Magic Mountain with his oldest son, a few hours after leading the Christmas Eve service at the First United

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FORECAST FOR MAGIC VALLEY

ALMANAC section containing weather statistics for Twin Falls, including temperature highs/lows, precipitation, and humidity.

FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR TWIN FALLS

Five-day forecast grid for Twin Falls, showing weather icons and temperature ranges for Today, Tonight, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

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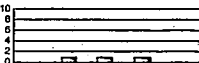
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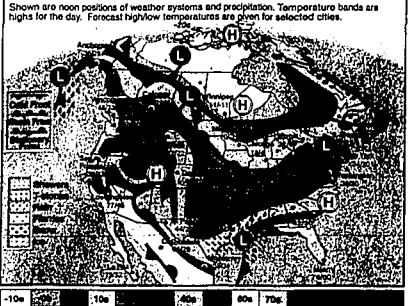
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NATIONAL CITIES

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Double Oscar winner Robards dies at 78

Obituary for Jason Robards, a veteran stage and screen actor, who died Tuesday after battling cancer.



Jason Robards

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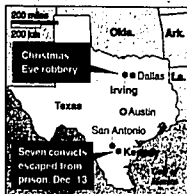
Officials suspect escapees in Texas murder

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — When seven Texas inmates tied up prison employees, stole their clothes and escaped with an arsenal of weapons earlier this month, they left a note warning: "You haven't heard the last of us yet."

Two weeks later, all seven are wanted in the murder of a police officer in a Christmas Eve holdup at a suburban Dallas sporting goods store about 300 miles away.

The surprising thing to investigators and experts on crime was that the convicts — who by all accounts did not even know each other before they went to prison — apparently stuck together instead of splitting up.

"They've generated a discipline among themselves and a loyalty that has held up since Dec. 13," said John McAuliffe,



Inspector general for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. The escaped convicts were behind bars for murders, rapes and robberies across Texas and were serving sentences ranging from 30 years to life in prison. They were seen as well-armed

and desperate. The FBI and state and local police departments hunted for the convicts.

"In light of the fact that Texas executes more prisoners than any other state, we have to recognize how vulnerable we are," said Dennis Longmire, a criminal justice professor at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville. "These men really have nothing to lose."

The convicts used a meticulous plan to break out of a maximum-security state prison ringed with razor wire 60 miles southeast of San Antonio.

Wearing street clothes stolen from prison employees, they bluffed their way into a guard tower, saying they needed to do maintenance work. Then they tied up a guard, stole 14 pistols, a

loaded shotgun, a loaded rifle and 25 rounds of ammunition, fleeing in a stolen pickup that they ditched a few miles away.

The convicts were featured on TV's "America's Most Wanted" on Dec. 16, but the tips it generated did not pan out.

The next time anyone heard from the convicts was Christmas Eve, investigators said. The men are wanted in the slaying of Officer Aubrey Hawkins, 29, who was shot in a robbery at a sporting goods store in Irving. Capital murder warrants were issued for all seven.

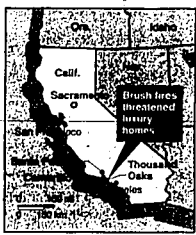
The Border Patrol was warned to be on the lookout for the men, though the convicts apparently spent the past two weeks moving north, away from the Mexican border, which is a three-hour drive from the prison.



Evacuating homeowners carry belongings to a car early Tuesday morning as a fierce wildfire approaches luxury homes in Thousand Oaks, Calif. The wildfire, whipped by dry Santa Ana winds, spread to more than 600 acres, according to the Ventura County Fire Department.

Officials question four as winds whip wildfires

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. (AP) — Dry desert wind drove a 600-acre wildfire dangerously close to luxury homes Tuesday, and investigators questioned four teenagers about the blaze.



The fire broke out in the middle of the night, but by mid-morning no homes had been lost, and the blaze was reported to be 70 percent contained.

More than 600 firefighters, four water-dropping helicopters and two air tankers battled the flames.

Three 16-year-old boys and an 18-year-old man were being questioned by arson investigators, Ventura County Fire Department spokeswoman Sandi Wells said.

Investigators said the blaze appeared to have been set. Thousand Oaks residents were warned that they might have to evacuate as the flames advanced to within 100 feet of back yards, fanned by Santa Ana winds that gusts to 20 mph. But as daylight broke and the helicopters arrived, the wind and flames began to subside.

"I pulled up my curtains and saw a wall of flames coming right at me," said Nathan Brian Wine, after watching the blaze come within 250 feet of his con-

dominium. "I didn't know if I was going to have enough time to get myself up and my 11-year-old son out."

Mandatory brush-clearance ordinances protected property in the hilly, brush-covered area where luxury homes are separated by swaths of open country. The town of 120,000 is some 40 miles west of Los Angeles.

Homeowner Gwen Schakett took no chances before the firefighters got the upper hand. "I turned the water on and the kids and I are packing up and leaving," Schakett said.

Ice, snow create winter nightmare in S. Plains

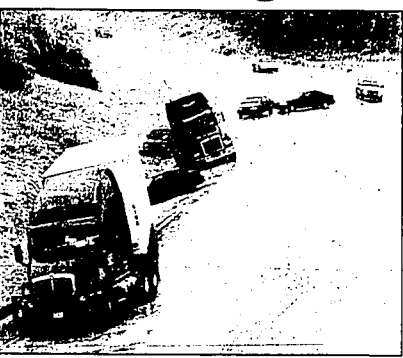
OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — An ice storm made Oklahoma highways slick and dangerous for a second straight day Tuesday, shutting down many businesses and state offices and knocking out power to thousands of homes and businesses.

The storm also coated roads and power lines with snow and ice from New Mexico into Louisiana and Arkansas, halting motorists and canceling buses and airline flights. Arkansas National Guard troops were sent out in four-wheel-drive vehicles to rescue motorists stranded on icy highways by the state's second big ice storm in two weeks.

"Everything is all iced-up," said Garza County, Texas, deputy constable Cliff Laws. "We can't salt the roads fast enough."

In Oklahoma's rural Grady County, Ronald Goeller, 66, fired up a propane stove for heat after his power went out early Tuesday. "I've got two or three neighbors who are older than me and the only heat they've got is electric heat. But I won't be without my propane," he said.

As many as 25,000 people were



Cars and tractor-trailers lie scattered Tuesday across an icy ramp where U.S. 167 joins Interstate 40 near North Little Rock, Ark.

blackened out across Oklahoma early Tuesday. That was down to about 20,000 by midmorning but problems continued, said

Oklahoma Gas & Electric spokesman Tim Hartley.

"It's actually getting worse now and we're losing some ground," Hartley said at midmorning.

Ice coating power lines and trees in McAlester was almost an inch thick. City Manager Randy Green said power was out to the city's water system and the town "got, down dangerously low" on water.

To the east, Entergy Arkansas reported about 49,000 customers without power. "Glenwood and Mount Ida are in the dark right now," Entergy spokesman James Thompson said.

More than 40,000 electric customers had no electricity in northeastern Texas and some 34,000 customers were in the dark in northeastern Louisiana.

Nonessential Oklahoma state employees were told to stay home as were students at schools and business workers throughout the state, though many schools were still on winter break. Officials at the Air Force Base in Oklahoma City granted emergency leave to nonessential personnel and allowed others to show up two hours late.

After busy year, Census prepares to release numbers

WASHINGTON (AP) — It spent millions on advertising, hired temporary workers to knock on strangers' doors and weathered its share of political controversy. Now, the Census Bureau is poised to release figures that will remake the congressional map and document changing population.

The first results from the Census 2000 national headcount, to be released Thursday, are raw, state population totals. They are expected to confirm trends that estimates have hinted at since the last census a decade ago — booming populations in the South and West, slower growth in the North and Midwest.

That report will be followed by more detailed statistics in March, which will reveal America's new racial makeup. The 2000 questionnaires allowed people for the

first time to check off if they were of more than one race, providing a rich portrait of racial identification never before available.

These numbers will have complex political implications. The Supreme Court ruled last year that the raw, state data will be used to reapportion the 435 seats in the House among the 50 states.

The March report may include two sets of numbers: the raw figures, and a second set adjusted by way of a statistical method known as sampling. The same court decision left it to states to decide which numbers to use when they redraw congressional and state legislative lines beginning next year.

But first, the incoming Bush administration will have to decide whether to even release the adjusted numbers, which

many believe will help Democrats. President-elect Bush hasn't said what he will do.

Dig past the political implications, though, and Census Director Kenneth Prewitt believes the results will yield a demographic portrait of America as complex as ever. More detailed statistics will be released incrementally over the next two years, ranging in topics from poverty and income to immigration and same-sex-couple households.

"We are convinced that when the data are out, it will underscore what we've been seeing,

which is that Census 2000 has been operated by a successful census," Prewitt says.

Not without some glitches though.

Earlier in the year, some of the roughly 120 million mailings sent to Americans to remind them of the count were misaddressed because of a printing error. And in March, just after most of the forms were mailed, some congressional Republicans questioned the intrusiveness of some questions on the 53-item long form: "How much money do you make?" or "Do you have plumbing at home?"

Passengers confront flight crew after delay

SEATAC, Wash. (AP) — They expected a Christmas of sun and surf in Hawaii. Instead, dozens of would-be travelers got chilly drizzle, two canceled flights and a visit from police before their plane finally left for the islands Tuesday — two days late.

There were heated words on Monday after the second flight cancellation and police were called to calm the passengers down, but no one was arrested, said Bob Parker, a spokesman for Seattle-Tacoma International Airport.

"It's not illegal to be an unhappy customer," Parker said.

Passengers who had been waiting since Sunday for a flight on Hawaiian Airlines were given \$200 ticket vouchers and a free round-trip ticket to the islands, said Keoni Wagner, a company spokesman.

"There isn't much you can do to repair not being able to be with family on Christmas, but we're certainly not going to operate if there's any hint of a discrepancy," Wagner said, referring to mechanical problems. "We've got to take

care of that first."

One flight scheduled to leave late Sunday was canceled because an engine change took longer than expected to complete. All but 44 of the passengers were booked on other flights.

On Monday, a flight at the same hour was canceled because

of a possible problem with the flaps. By the time the plane was cleared for takeoff, airline officials decided it was too late for the flight, Wagner said.

Police were summoned after some 200 passengers — including the 44 from Sunday — confronted the flight crew.

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NATION/WORLD

Bush focuses on fishing, transition during vacation

BOCA GRANDE, Fla. (AP) - President-elect Bush began a brief family fishing vacation Tuesday, but made plain that he was devoting much of his attention to building a new administration. His daughter Jenna stayed behind in Texas to recover following an appendectomy.

Bush picked up his parents in Houston en route to the island, a favorite family angling spot on Florida's gulf coast. It was his first trip to the

state since the election recount here stilled his claim on the presidency for five weeks.

After Bush arrived at the airport in nearby Fort Myers, someone appeared with fishing rods, and the family departed in a small motorcade for Boca Grande, an exclusive resort town on Gasparilla Island between Sarasota and Fort Myers.

Bush later golfed with brother Jeb, the governor of Florida; brother-in-law

Bobby Cook and Jeb's son, George P. Other family members walked the course with them, including brothers Marvin and Neil; their father, former President Bush, who used a cane following recent hip-replacement surgery; and former first lady Barbara Bush.

The family planned a fishing trip today off the island. They were staying at the Gasparilla Inn, a stately manor on the palm tree-dotted island within

walking distance of the golf course.

Aides had said last week they expected a nonworking getaway. But with Inauguration Day 3.5 weeks away, Bush pressed on with assembling his Cabinet, now about half-completed.

Additional nominations could come as early as Thursday during a trip to Washington, they said.

Stepping onto his plane in drizzly Austin, Texas, Bush said he planned "a little relaxation, a lot of phone calls."

LDS choir will perform

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - The Mormon Tabernacle Choir has been invited to sing at its sixth presidential inauguration in Washington, D.C.

The 325-member choir last performed at the parade when president-elect George W. Bush's father was sworn in in 1989. The choir has also sung for the inaugurations of Lyndon Johnson, Richard Nixon (twice), and Ronald Reagan.

"It's a great honor for the choir to be invited back," director Craig Jessop told the Deseret News on Tuesday, adding that details on the choir's participation in the Jan. 20 ceremony are unclear. "We're very excited about it."

U.S. nixes sale of Canadian drugs

WASHINGTON - The Department of Health and Human Services said Tuesday that it would not implement an election-year law meant to enable cheaper prescription drugs to flow in from Canada, agreeing with critics that the law had "serious flaws and loopholes."

The legislation would have allowed drug stores and distributors to buy drugs in Canada that had been manufactured here and resell them to Americans.

Approved by Congress just weeks before Election Day, the legislation was an attempt to address the clamor for cheaper prescription drugs - particularly among the elderly - as lawmakers were unable to agree on a more sweeping plan to add prescription drug coverage to Medicare.

But the legislation directed the HHS secretary to review the measure and determine whether it was cost effective and safe. In a letter Tuesday to President Clinton, HHS Secretary Donna Shalala said it was neither.

Accordingly, she said she would not request \$23 million available to establish a system for overseeing the importation of drugs from Canada.

News In brief

plaints against Rabbi Baruch Lerner.

Lerner, 50, who separated from his wife earlier this year, did not immediately return a call for comment Tuesday.

Lerner resigned as director of regions for the New York-based youth group in June after The Jewish Week of New York, a leading Jewish publication, ran accounts from more than 25 former students charging sexual, physical and emotional abuse. The students, now in their 30s and 40s, said that Lerner kissed, fondled and hit teenage girls and kneed boys in the groin.

His accusers also said he attacked a man with a knife.

Russia trims size of new nuclear missile deployment

MOSCOW - Russia Tuesday officially deployed a new unit of its most modern strategic nuclear weapon, but in smaller numbers than during



Russian President Vladimir Putin

the last two years, suggesting a shift in priorities under President Vladimir Putin.

The single-warhead, silo-based Topol-M intercontinental ballistic missile is designed to replace the aging Soviet-era multiple-warhead missiles in Russia's arsenal. In 1998 and 1999, Russia deployed 10 such missiles a year.

However, the unit deployed Tuesday comprises only six missiles, and the decline appears to be not only a response to budget pressures but a change in priorities as well.

Alexander Pikayev, a nonproliferation and arms control specialist at the Carnegie Moscow Center, said the reduced complement of missiles was not numerically significant but "symbolically" important, marking a possible shift away from expensive nuclear weapons and toward conventional, or non-nuclear forces.



Fire kills at least 309 at China shopping center

BEIJING - A fire at a shopping center in central China killed at least 309 people, most of them Christmas revelers trapped in a crowded disco on the building's fourth floor, officials said Tuesday.

The fire in the city of Luoyang started Monday night in the building's basement, where renovations were under way. It quickly engulfed the entire four-story structure, an official in the city government's information office said.

Most of the victims suffocated, said the official, who only gave his surname, Li. He said the casualties included disco patrons and construction workers involved in the renovations.

Energy shortage in Serbia reaches dramatic level

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia - Yugoslavia's worst-ever energy crisis forced power cuts across the country's largest republic Tuesday, leaving thousands shivering in their homes and technicians scrambling to maintain electricity to hospitals and other essential facilities.

A drought beginning in the summer and continuing into December has lowered hydroelectric output in Yugoslavia and neighboring Albania. No investments have been made in the power system in either country in decades, forcing the infrastructure into crippling disarray.

- compiled from wire reports

Russian space officials lose contact with Mir for a day

MOSCOW - Russia said Tuesday that it lost contact with its doomed Mir space station for nearly a day, raising fears that the 130-ton contraption will become uncontrollable when space engineers ditch it next year.

Mission Control last touch with Mir at 6:41 p.m. Monday and re-established the radio link about 21 hours later.

Space officials were still trying to determine the cause of the communication break Tuesday night.

In two months, space officials plan to guide Mir gently to a watery grave in the middle of the Pacific Ocean. But if they can't maintain radio contact, they will have difficulty controlling the space station's descent.

The loss in communication was the first in Mir's nearly 15 years in orbit, although the station has suffered a slew of other troubles, including a fire and a collision with a docking spacecraft.

The internal investigation also concluded that some personnel of the Orthodox Union and its National Conference of Synagogue Youth failed to respond properly to "red flags" raised during decades of com-

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NATION

Industries can expect lighter touch from Bush

By Esther Schrader and Elizabeth Shogren
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — When George W. Bush moves into the White House, thousands of rules that govern everything from the energy a dishwasher uses to the labels on clothes are likely to be overhauled in ways that favor powerful industries and anger consumer groups.

When it comes to setting policy for the 64 federal agencies that regulate health, the environment, labor standards, energy use and safety on the roads, rails, waters and in the air, Bush has made no secret of his pro-business leanings.

And with many of the donors whose dollars propelled him into the presidency keenly interested in weakening regulatory standards that they believe cripple business, the likelihood that Bush will undo a host of tough regulations imposed during the Clinton years is high.

"We intend to submit regulations imposed during the previous administration to a strict and thorough review," said Juliana Glover Weiss, a spokeswoman for Dick Cheney, the vice president-elect and transition chief.

Dismantling regulations could take years of jumping through procedural hoops; changing the laws upon which the rules are based would require acts of Congress.

But the new administration could use other means to alter federal rules. Its appointees to regulatory agencies can make significant changes in agency programs without congressional approval and without actually dismantling regulations. In fiscal 2000, that amounted to \$20 billion in programs overall.

By exercising discretion over funding to their agencies, Bush appointees could make it difficult to enforce regulations aggressively. They also could require more consideration of the effect on industry when deciding whether and how to enforce regulations already on the books. And they could either reduce or freeze the work force at various agencies and reduce fines for breaking rules.

That prospect is savored by business but viewed with dismay by consumer advocates.

"We expect them to systematically stop certain things and to underfund others," said Joan Claybrook, who headed the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration under President Carter and now works for Public Citizen, the Ralph Nader group.

"They will probably take a really harsh look at anything that happened in the last three months of the Clinton administration. ... Getting regulatory activity going again will be very difficult, at least in a positive way."

Arle Schardt, founder of Environmental Media Services, which disseminates information on environmental issues, said agencies "don't have to do anything other than not enforce any regulations. Who can make them do it?"

Although it is logical to expect that any Republican administration would arrive in Washington with less compunction to impose regulations that businesses consider onerous, such regulatory restraint could be particularly marked under Bush.

Bush was propelled into the presidency by donations from entrepreneurs and financial and business interests at a level never before seen. His backers, whether small-business owners or representatives of Fortune 500 companies, were enthusiastic about his business-friendly record in Texas, where he simplified regulations on industry, championed tort reform, cut taxes and promulgated a philosophy of partnership with businesses that often allowed them to regulate themselves.

Already business groups and leaders are drawing up lists of rules they want withdrawn or reconsidered — as well as legisla-

Analysis

tion favorable to the business community that they want to see passed once Bush takes office.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce will ask the Bush administration to reopen the rule books on a number of hot-button issues, such as ergonomics requirements, processing of affirmative-action claims against federal contractors and regulations that define when employees are eligible for overtime.

"No one expects the Bush administration to engage in any kind of wholesale rollback. But we do expect a more reasonable approach to regulations that are issued," said Randy Johnson, vice president of labor and employee benefits at the chamber.

"A lot of the most crucial stuff

happens below the regulatory level," Johnson said. Auto safety is one controversial area where the way regulations are implemented will have substantial effect. Rules recently passed by Congress and signed by President Clinton require the traffic-safety administration to devise new standards for automobile rollovers.

But the standards are still to be hashed out. That means everything could be revised, from what kind of rollover tests will be performed on cars and trucks to what speed vehicles will go during the tests.

"How to implement rollover standards will be highly technical, but can make a huge difference," said Phil Recht, former deputy administrator of the NHTSA. "You can say that no car can roll over in a certain test. And then the test becomes the issue."

"The agency administrators in the end are going to have to decide — when they have doubts, when they don't have perfect data — are they going to side with the concerns of the auto industry or consumer groups?"

Mike Stanton, vice president of governmental affairs at the Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers, agreed that the Bush administration is likely to have a lighter touch than its predecessor when it comes to implementing regulations.

Technology-industry leaders, too, expect the new administration to be hesitant about imposing the kinds of regulations on electronic commerce that have been seriously considered during the Clinton years. They expect less pressure to tax Internet commerce and to impose more stringent restrictions governing Internet privacy.



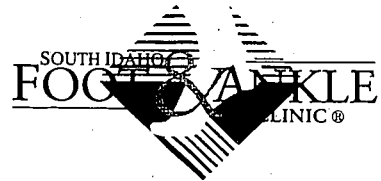
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EDITORIAL

Idaho hit a home run with welfare reform

Lots of people say they'd like to be paid for not working, but deep down, few people really enjoy idleness. So, given the choice, most folks will trade welfare for the dignity of earning their own living.

That's true everywhere, and it seems particularly true in Idaho. Statistics from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services show that Idaho's former welfare recipients are finding work faster than their peers in any other state. The job entry rate for people who've gone from welfare to work is 78 percent in Idaho - almost double the national rate of 43 percent.

As a class, Idaho's former welfare recipients also enjoy the highest earnings gains once they stop collecting welfare checks and start earning their own paychecks. That suggests they are landing great jobs, but the real explanation is that the state's welfare payments are relatively meager. Though the truth is somewhat less glamorous, people still wind up with more money in their pockets when they go from welfare to work in Idaho.

Idaho didn't dream up welfare reform on its own. It was authorized by a Republican Congress intent on returning welfare to its original mission: helping people when they really need help. It was a setback for the liberal culture of entitlement, and its

adherents, but it was a victory for the workaday taxpayers who fund welfare.

Like other states, Idaho was free to craft its own welfare reform program. One key decision for Idaho involved

More people are getting off welfare and getting real jobs in Idaho. They are earning more money than they did when they were subsidized by the state, and they are doing so with the dignity that can only be earned through hard work.

the lifetime eligibility limit. Though Congress set a five-year maximum, the 1997 Idaho Legislature applied a particularly tough variety of love: a maximum of two years of benefits.

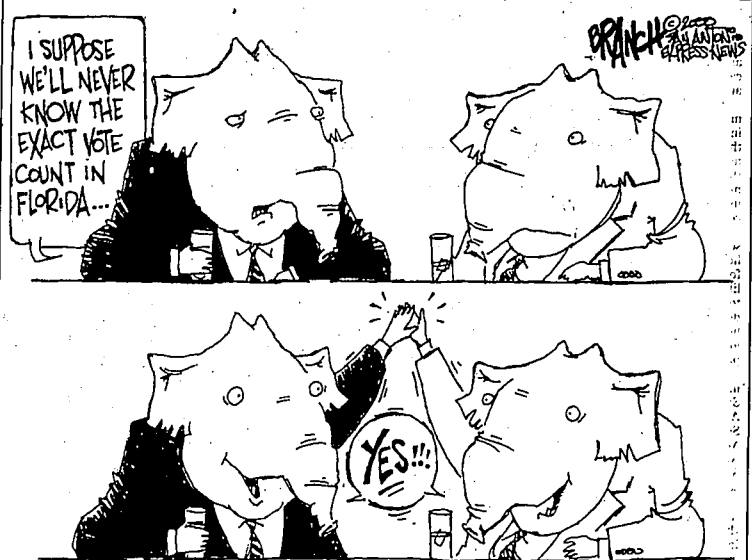
That's two years per lifetime, so most recipients weaned themselves off state support in order to preserve eligibility for when they really need it. Our guess is, the tougher limit is one reason for the comparative success of Idaho's program.

Is Idaho's revamped welfare system perfect? No. Are some people still living in poverty through no fault of their own? Sure.

But no one can deny that the pendulum is swinging in the right direction. Uncle Sam certainly thinks so, because he is giving the state a \$1.5 million performance bonus as a reward for its revamped welfare program.

The simple truth is that more people are getting off welfare and getting real jobs in Idaho. They are earning more money than they did when they were subsidized by the state, and they are doing so with the dignity that can only be earned through hard work.

Now that's real reform.



Ashcroft will return morality to post

Left-wing groups are mighty upset that President-elect Bush has nominated outgoing Sen. John Ashcroft, R-Mo., to become Attorney General of the United States. The reason? Ashcroft is the polar opposite of Janet Reno and her politicized Justice Department. If confirmed (and you can count on the same people who "borked" Robert Bork, keeping him off the Supreme Court, to try the same with Ashcroft), he will be to the Justice Department what an exorcist is to demons.



imposed on Washington, D.C. This reversal in value flow, I think, can be clearly traced to the Great Society era...

Later, Ashcroft tells me that while Washington is neither the entire problem, nor the entire answer, it can be part of one or the other. But he sees government as one of the more powerful influences: "We should take the hostility toward morality out of the system. And take the hostility toward faith out of the system... Pastors need to call people to their highest and best, not accommodate the culture at its lowest and least."

The left will try to smear Ashcroft as a racist because he opposed the elevation of a Missouri judge, who happens to be black, to the federal bench, a misogynist, because he is pro-life; and a religious fanatic, because he takes his faith seriously enough to impose it upon himself, unlike many other politicians. Democrats and Republicans - who use it as political window dressing.

In a lengthy interview for my book, "Blinded by Might: Can The Religious Right Save America?", I asked Ashcroft for his views about government and a lot of other things. Following are some excerpts.

On the purpose of government: "Government's responsibility is to make sure that there is a hospitable set of externals that allow people to do well and to provide a framework in which people can grow. It shouldn't be growth of government; it should be growth of individuals..."

On the primary cause of moral decline: "The moral condition of a country is an aggregation of the moral choices made by individuals. There (are) a variety of conditions in the culture that signal disrespect for morals that have affected the kind of choices that are being made... I think government has helped create an environment that is hostile to good, moral decision-making. Moral

choices are primarily shaped by the culture, and culture shapes behavior in an anticipatory or preventative way. Laws shape behavior by punishing after there's been an infraction. Our government of late has made it very difficult for the culture to operate by shaping behavior... the higher the level of morality, the lower the need for government legality. As we have destroyed the ability of culture to shape behavior, we have had to proliferate laws in an attempt to make up for the absence of the culture-shaping behavior. The proliferation of laws has never made up for it, but we keep adding more laws, and more laws, and more laws."

Ashcroft believes that in our pursuit of tolerance for everything, we have surrendered the concept of stigmatizing behavior which we used to discourage: "We have outlawed stigma... by saying that it's politically incorrect and inappropriate to say that certain things are wrong. We are no longer capable of identifying things as being wrong, and we are no longer capable of ranking, for affirmation, things that are legal. Once you devalue affirmation and you outlaw stigma, you make it impossible for the culture to shape moral choices."

Can government, alone, turn culture around and influence better decision making? "No. The idea of government being the source of goodness in the culture is a mistake... The genius of the American republic is not that the values of Washington be imposed on the people, (it is) that the people's values be

"The point is that governance is the process, by imposition and mandate, of compelling people to live at a level of the threshold of acceptability. If all a leader does is to govern, he's not a leader - he just mandates that people make it to the lowest possible level."

On freedom: "It is very difficult to impose anything in a free society... It's important for the public to understand that you're not in a position to just come in here and insist, yet the public is in a position to insist..."

There's much more in the book and... count on Ashcroft's detractors to pick up the quotes about his faith out of context and turn him into Elmer Gantry. Ashcroft has the personal qualities and professional experience so needed at the Department of Justice after eight years of a department that has served both as a subsidiary of the White House and the primary defender of indefensible actions by Bill Clinton and his minions.

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LETTERS

Medical counseling is a swindle

I have been reading about all of the rip-offs and swindles being perpetrated on senior citizens but was unaware of one being conducted and evidently condoned by the state of Idaho right here in Twin Falls.

Last week, I called the South Central Health District to make an appointment for a yellow fever shot. I was told that it would be \$95 for the shot and counseling for travel abroad. I told them that I was not interested in any counseling but I would like to make an appointment for the shot.

I went in for my yellow fever immunization. I waited for about 20 minutes before being ushered into a treatment room by a very pleasant man. A nurse told me that the yellow fever shot was recommended but not required for where I was going. (My travel agent had already told me that they would not even let me board the plane in New York if I did not have proof of a recent yellow fever shot.) Then she tried to "sell" me on the idea of taking three other shots: Hepatitis 1 and 2 and a malaria shot. I told her that I wanted the required yellow fever shot only! She gave me the shot most efficiently, and I was out of the room in less than three minutes.

When I went to the front to pay for the shot, I was billed \$55 for the vaccine, \$16 for the administration of the shot and \$24 for her trying to sell me three other shots, so instead of it costing \$71 as it should, it ran \$95, as evidently you pay for the counseling whether you want it or not and at the rate of more than \$20 per minute. A rather obscene amount for a service, particularly when that service was neither requested nor desired. Talk about gouging the public.

JACK LYTHGOE
Twin Falls

Gas prices are unethical

The gas prices in this area are out of control, and it is time for this behavior to stop.

This past weekend, I traveled to Salt Lake City to see that gas prices were 35 cents cheaper per gallon than they are here for regular gasoline. Gas prices in the Rocky Mountain Region were averaging \$1.477 for a gallon of regular as of Dec. 18. Boise is enjoying prices right around \$1.50 for mid-grade gasoline. The price of a barrel of crude oil has dropped 58 since Thanksgiving. Have gas prices in this area even budged since then? Not until Dec. 19 did we see a nickel come off the price of gas leaving us still 18 cents above the average for our region. If you follow the formula of 2 cents for every dollar of crude, they should have dropped at least 16 cents since Thanksgiving.

Regardless of the justification for charging such horrendous prices for gasoline, it is dishonest, unethical and possibly illegal. While I certainly respect the fact that these merchants are in business to make money, there are more strategies to accomplish that purpose than to rob their own customers. Some good old-fashioned competition just may be the best thing, and the right thing for this community and for gas station merchants in the long run.

There are remedies available in the state of Idaho to consumers for this kind of behavior. If these steps are necessary for consumers to be treated in a legal and honest manner, it is our responsibility to pursue those remedies.

JARED CHRISTENSEN
Rupert

Central authority must be formed

To The Times-News editorial board: The Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce recognizes our local dairy industry has contributed immensely to the economic vitality of the Twin Falls and Magic Valley area. Our area has received national recognition as a leader in dairy waste management programs.

Unfortunately, a limited number of operators are reflecting poorly on the entire dairy industry and have contributed to environmental concerns with odors, lights, flies, water quality and waste management.

Our counties do not seem to have clear authority or resources to monitor

and enforce the use of "best management practices" in the dairy industry.

This problem cuts across county boundaries and requires input and enforcement from the state level. The state attorney general's office recently provided an opinion that state authority exists for enforcement of proper environmental controls.

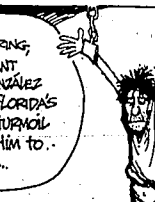
We encourage the Legislature to authorize a central agency to establish standards for these environmental areas with penalties for those violating the standards. We believe this authority must be enforced, including swift, meaningful punishment when compliance is not forthcoming in a timely fashion.

We extend our appreciation to the Twin Falls County commissioners and

county Prosecutor Grant Loeb; our area legislators, Rep. Doug Jones and Sens. Laird Nash and John Sandy; Steve Allred, head of the State Department of Environmental Quality; and other officials for their efforts to address these problems. These individuals understand the issues affecting our community and are aggressively pursuing solutions. We support their efforts and encourage them to continue their work to maintain the quality of life in the Magic Valley.

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OPINION

HMO lawsuits will shortchange patients

DANIEL E. TROY

Americans everywhere ought to be concerned that a panel of federal judges recently agreed to transfer to one federal judge in Miami all of the cases against HMOs pending around the country.

Although it received scant media attention, the seemingly innocuous decision plays into the hands of plaintiffs' attorneys, who are attempting to use the judiciary to coerce the nation's managed care industry into a massive settlement that could run to billions of dollars.

The result would be unconscionable—raising the cost of health-care to prohibitive levels for millions of Americans, and likely jeopardizing the existence of some HMOs. The latter development would leave a health-care void that many localities would be hard-pressed to fill.

This concerted assault on managed care is led by Dickie Scruggs and David Boies. Most Americans haven't heard of Scruggs, a small-town Mississippi lawyer, whose firm worked away with more than \$900 million from the tobacco settlement two years ago.

Boies, of course, is America's latest legal celebrity—first, as the government's top rented lawyer in the Microsoft antitrust case and more recently as the field marshal of Vice President Gore's pestilence brigade of chad-talkers.

Together, Scruggs and Boies lead 40 or more firms seeking to cash in on the current hostility to HMOs. Their strategy, as Scruggs told a Mississippi newspaper, is to combine all of the separate complaints against the seven national managed-care competitors into one "massive lawsuit."

That, he notes, will "put incredible pressure on everyone to settle it." Settle out

court, of course, which would allow Scruggs and Boies to walk away with hefty contingency fees for doing little more than filing a threatening lawsuit.

Scruggs has gone so far as to tip financial analysts about pending lawsuits—hoping they'll scare investors into a panicky sell-off that sends HMO stock prices into tailspins. His "sue and destroy" strategy seems to be working. Since the suits have been filed, the value of some managed care companies has declined by half.

Coercing out-of-court settlements works to Scruggs' advantage since many of his cases are legally dubious, if not preposterous.

These lawsuits jeopardize the very existence of HMOs by allowing a single federal judge in Miami to render a verdict on whether Americans should have the option of signing on with HMOs.

The judge acknowledged the enormity of his task during a courtroom hearing when he asked incredulously, "You mean to tell me, Mr. Scruggs, that you want me to supervise and revise health policy for over 100 million Americans?"

The U.S. Supreme Court warned against such judicial intrusion last term, recognizing that, for HMOs to function, they must provide "specific financial incentives to physicians, rewarding them for decreasing utilization of health-care services and penalizing them for what may be found to be excessive treatment."

The high court further observed that Congress has promoted the formation of HMOs for nearly three decades in a largely successful effort to curb runaway health-care costs. In

an attempt to erode the Supreme Court, the class-action lawyers repackaged their claims, alleging that the HMOs somehow concealed the financial incentives they offer physicians who limit the use of unneeded or extraneous treatments.

The lawyers also made the novel argument that HMOs could be sued under the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act, a federal law originally passed to fight organized crime that allows plaintiffs to seek an enticing triple damages remedy. The lawyers suggested that the HMOs' failure to disclose physician incentives constitute alleged acts of "mail fraud" and "wire fraud" that fall within RICO's jurisdiction.

Yet, surely the average person already knows that signing on with an HMO is not the same as having fee-for-service insurance. And just as surely the average person understands that HMOs manage the costs of delivering care to offer far more affordable health care than fee-for-service insurance.

The risk in these suits is that what companies actually did and disclosed may be ignored in favor of some one-size-fits-all caricature of the "bad HMO." An even greater risk is the cre-

ation of a one-size-fits-all plaintiff which is what the plaintiffs' lawyers propose to do by pressing this as a class-action suit.

Yet common-sense tells us that claims of fraud depend on highly individualized facts relating to the particular HMO's communications and what each person understood. These claims should be considered on their merits rather than lumped together as a class.

Consolidating all of the claims before one federal judge in Miami obviously paves an easy road to riches for the plaintiffs' bar. Worse, it almost surely will cripple a highly efficient way of delivering health care—one that provides quality services to millions of Americans at the lowest possible cost.

In the long run, the real losers will be patients who can't afford to pay doctor's bills that are bloated with sizeable surcharges for already wealthy lawyers.

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Radicals threaten production

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Radical environmentalists, especially the Sierra Club, work to prevent opening oil reserves in the Rocky Mountain states. They also fight to keep oil reserves off limits in Alaska, which has 16 billion barrels of oil (equal to 30 years of Saudi imports). Many radical groups seek to ban new offshore drilling along the California and Florida coasts. Al Gore is one of the leaders of radical environmentalist movement. What a blessing he wasn't elected president.

California is experiencing a

shortage of electricity this winter as a result of radical environmentalists making it impossible to build any kind of power plants. Radical greens oppose nuclear power plants and the Environmental Protection Agency is threatening to close eight coal-fired plants because they are too dirty. Bill Clinton, by executive order, locked up some of the cleanest coal by designating a huge park in Utah.

Environmentalists are battling to systematically tear out hydroelectric dams.

It's difficult for agriculture, mining and lumbering to exist with all the environmental regulations. Let's hope the new administration uses some common sense and ignores the radical environmentalists.

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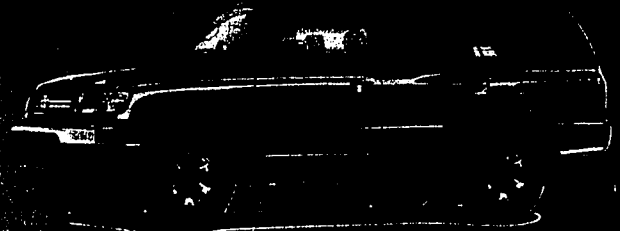


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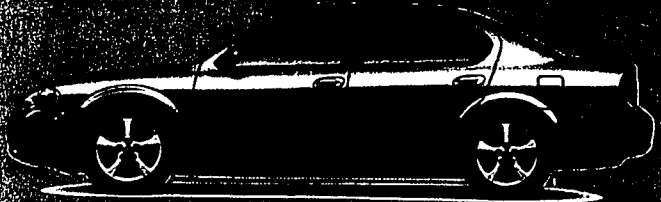
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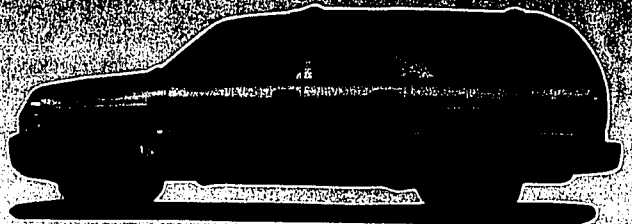
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Pretty horses: Sounds from a recently released movie come from an Idaho ranch.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

TF clinic expects decision in January

TWIN FALLS - Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital doctors could decide on a plan by the end of January.

Clinic doctors will meet on Jan. 9, 2001, with the two hospitals seeking to buy or lease the hospital, said clinic attorney Randy Stamper of Spokane, Wash.

The meetings will probably be the last ones before a decision is made. Clinic doctors will meet privately with officials from both hospitals, Stamper said.

"All options are still alive," he said. "We are assessing and refining proposals, so there will be no misunderstanding when we reach a decision."

At their last meeting, clinic doctors compiled a list of questions about potential relationships with the hospitals.

The questions prompted the hospitals to seek more information about the clinic's finances and organization.

"I anticipate a decision before the end of January by the doctors, but it's their decision, not mine," Stamper said.

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center and Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise are both seeking the clinic's hospital. Their proposals are confidential.

Clinic doctors can choose among several options.

- Stay the same.
- Sell, lease, or share ownership of the hospital with Magic Valley Regional.
- Sell, lease, or share ownership with Saint Al's.

School districts, agency offer parenting classes

TWIN FALLS - Free Active Parenting classes for parents in Twin Falls and Jerome counties will be offered by the Twin Falls School District and the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare.

The classes will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesdays for six weeks. The first session will begin next week.

The classes will cover a number of issues including parenting styles, parenting methods that have shown to be successful, discipline using non-violent methods, building courage and self-esteem in children, mutual respect, effective communication skills, why children misbehave and how to redirect that behavior, resolving conflicts peacefully and handling anger.

The sessions will run from Jan. 3 to Feb. 7 and from Feb. 21 to March 28.

The classes will be held at Vera C. O'Leary Junior High School on the southeast corner of Elizabeth Boulevard and Eastland Drive.

No registration is required. Interested parents or soon-to-be parents can show up for the first class.

Call Margy Wray at 736-7649 or arrange free child care or call Marcia Lanting at 733-6900 for more information.

Draft horse, mule club publishes calendar

TWIN FALLS - Members of the Southern Idaho Draft Horse and Mule Association have been captured in glossy color photos in a new 2001 calendar.

"It's beautiful," said association secretary Betty Shriver. "It's very professionally done. It shows our local people and some of the activities we're involved in."

Shriver said money made from calendar sales will benefit the non-profit association.

Calendars are \$14.95 each and can be ordered by calling Shriver at 733-3288.

Heyburn will hear from United Electric tonight

HEYBURN - Representatives from United Electric will report tonight to Heyburn city officials about their bid on Saturday at the Riverton substation.

The Heyburn City Council meeting is slated for 7 p.m. at City Hall.

Compiled from staff reports

Opinions differ on reaction possibility

INEEL spokesman says there's no evidence

By N.S. Nohkentved
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - A small runaway nuclear reaction might have gone unnoticed years ago in radioactive waste buried willy-nilly in eastern Idaho, some experts suggest.

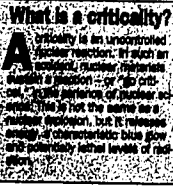
Federal energy officials assert that the risk of such an event is not credible.



"We have found no evidence of a critically ever having occurred out there," INEEL spokesman Nick Nichols said.

Yet state and federal environmental regulators say they have seen no evidence that would rule out an accidental nuclear reaction - known as a critically - in the buried waste, either in the past or in the future.

Recent concerns about a criticality were raised when data



gathered from radioactive waste in INEEL's controversial Pit 9 suggested some barrels might contain enough plutonium to support a spontaneous nuclear reaction.

In a worst-case scenario, an uncontrolled criticality might release radioactive materials into the air. It also could ignite other radioactive waste, and the resulting fire might lead to additional radioactive releases.

Consultants to the EPA wrote in a May report that "no conclusive evidence has been presented to date that places the future risk of nuclear criticality in the (burial waste site) at an insignificant level."

In early December, Energy Department and regulatory officials met to discuss the issue of criticality risks in the waste buried at the INEEL's Subsurface Disposal Area.

Following that meeting, one consultant wrote that the INEEL assertions that no criticality happened while the burial ground was flooded should be supported by calculations, and monitoring data from before, during and after the event.

Sue Striger, head of environmental cleanup at INEEL, said monitoring was in place that

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Buried waste includes grisly mix of castoffs

By N.S. Nohkentved
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Official records of buried waste at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory include many bizarre items.

But federal Energy Department interviews with site employees in 1989 to 1991 turned up some downright grisly details.

Bill Kerr worked at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory from about 1957 through 1985. He was interviewed Oct. 29, 1990, according to documents newly obtained by the Times-News in a Freedom of Information Act request.

"Parts of human beings: their people in contamination ... figure the best way was to cut the finger off or the arm off, those were some of the things that went into the sludge," Kerr said in the interview.

Sludge barrels and boxes shipped to Idaho were used to dispose of any extra low-level waste from the federal government's nuclear bomb factory at Rocky Flats in Colorado. That waste included 35-pound bottles of sodium cyanide, Kerr said.

"If they knew of anything that we couldn't figure out an easy way of getting rid of, we put into sludge barrels, sludge boxes," he said.

Kerr also noted that the inter-

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Don't trash the trees

Cities offer a chance to recycle

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - If it's time to trash that trimmed tree, there are plenty of places to drop it off.

And at several locations, your tree will be recycled into a fine mulch for use in landscaping, livestock bedding or composting.

Southern Idaho Solid Waste and Magic Valley communities have set up the following dropoff sites for live Christmas trees. All decorations must be removed.

- **Burley:** City crews will collect trees left in city alleys. Phone City Hall at 678-2224.
- **City of Gooding:** City crews will pick up trees the first week of January. Otherwise, residents can drop off trees at the city brush pile one mile west of Gooding. Call City Hall at 934-5669.
- **Halley:** Residents can drop off trees in a designated area at Lions Park from Monday through Jan. 31, for grinding into mulch.
- **City of Jerome:** Residents can drop off trees at the city lot on West Fourth Street near the RV dump for grinding into mulch. Phone City Hall at 324-8189.
- **Ketchum:** Trees can be dropped off at the Ketchum Park & Ride lot near the Church of the Big Wood. Look for signs or roped off areas designating where to leave your tree for grinding into mulch.
- **Shoshone:** Residents may drop off trees in a designated area near the city shop, or take them to the Lincoln County Transfer Station. Phone City Hall at 886-2030.
- **City of Twin Falls:** Residents are encouraged to drop off trees at the city lot at Sixth Avenue West and Shoshone Street. Trees at this location will be ground into mulch. Phone 735-7264.
- **Albion:** 760 S. Idaho



Garry Hildreth throws away his family's Christmas tree Tuesday at the city of Twin Falls' disposal site at Sixth Avenue West and Shoshone Street. Every year, the city grinds the trees up to make mulch.

Wendell: Residents are asked to bring trees to the city shop from Saturday to Jan. 10 or take them to the Wendell Transfer Station, just north of city limits on Idaho Highway 46. Trees can also be dropped off at waste transfer stations:

- **Albion:** 760 S. Idaho Highway 77.
- **Almo:** 2480 S. Elba, Almo Road.
- **Blaine County:** Ohio Gulch and Carey stations.
- **Gooding County:** Just north of Wendell.
- **Lincoln County:** Just north of Shoshone.
- **Jerome County:** Highway 25 east of Jerome.
- **Malheur:** 2450 E. 1760 S.
- **Miller Butte landfill:** 1050 W. 400 S.
- **Minidoka County:** Northwest of Paul at 325 N. 400 W.
- **Okley:** 985 S. Worthington.
- **West End:** West of Buhl.

Now there are nine Two more sign on as candidates

By Michael Joumes
Times-News writer

BURLEY - Two more candidates for a vacant Idaho House seat have surfaced, giving legislative District 25's Republican executive committee a wide selection of possible nominees for a gubernatorial appointment.

Burley City Council member Curtis Mendenhall, 54, and former Cassia County Commissioner John Adams, 63, Tuesday told Mark Peterson, chairman of the district's executive committee, they were joining the slate of candidates for the House seat held by outgoing Rep. Jim Kempton, R-Albion.

Mendenhall's main focus would be rural economic development. The state must find ways to keep rural Idaho competitive with growing cities, he said.

"I'm going to tackle everything that comes along to me on that," he said.

In addition, the state needs to be more involved in helping Idaho's deteriorating smaller downtown areas.

Mendenhall, a dental technician, is the only one of the nine candidates with no professional agricultural background. However, he said he grew up on a farm and is familiar with the issues facing agriculture through his economic development work on the City Council.

He serves on a number of committees as a member of the council, the Mini-Cassia Area Economic Development Board, and the Idaho Association of Cities, which he serves on the legislative committee.

Adams, an Okley native and retired farmer, said keeping the state's public lands open for multiple use would be his main priority.

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Raft River utility hopes contracts help it avoid rate hike

By Aaron Brock
Times-News writer

RAFT RIVER - Electric rate increases, based on rising wholesale power prices, will probably not affect Raft River Electric Cooperative's customers, said co-op general manager Bud Tracy.

In fact, Raft River Electric users rates might not go up for the next five or six years.

"We believe that the level of our rates now will keep us steady through 2006," Tracy said.

Raft River Electric operates with two contracts from the Bonneville Power Administration, but while most other area users of BPA power will see rate increases on Oct. 1, 2001, and pass increases on to customers, Raft River officials are optimistic that they will not have to raise rates.

As power companies deal with high demand and short supply of customers served by the city of Heyburn, the city of Burley and United Electric could see power rates

increase between 15 and 25 percent.

About half of Raft River's power is purchased under a contract, which sets the rate at a constant mark until 2006. This rate could change, said Larry King, an account executive with BPA, but it would take a lengthy public hearing process to do so.

It was a gamble to enter into a long-term contract, King said, but it looks like it will pay off for Raft River Electric and its customers, which includes some Nevada residents.

The BPA offered a limited number of long-term contracts last year, and all its customers had a chance to purchase them, but rate predictions for 2001 to 2006 were lower than the rate offered in the long-term contracts, so most customers chose market-based contracts.

"The general impression was that rates were going to remain stable or go down," King said. "Now the rate projections are all much higher than that."

The other half of the power Raft River Electric buys is a set

percentage purchased from the total amount BPA generates.

Raft River Electric can exchange power with other co-op members who have different seasonal electric needs. In addition, when there is a surplus, it can sell power at market cost, and this helps keep customer prices down, Tracy said.

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IDAHO

Timber firms might go to court over road plan

COEUR d'ALENE (AP) - On Idaho's Panhandle National Forest, an area known for its extensive web of logging roads, about 800,000 untrammeled acres still could be set aside under the Clinton administration's roadless initiative. But area timber companies are not giving up, and will likely turn to the courts for relief. The president's proposal would

ban road-building on about 8 million acres in Idaho, 58.5 million nationwide. That is bad news for timber companies who have been beset by low lumber prices and environmental lawsuits blocking timber sales. "To allow a policy like this to go unchallenged would be a travesty," said Shawn Keough, executive director of Associated

Logging Contractors. It is not enough to leave the forests alone, Keough said. The fires that ravaged the West this summer are evidence forests are in disrepair. Panhandle Forest Supervisor Dave Wright said the Forest Service shares the blame for the fire problem. It employed an aggressive firefighting policy that has allowed fuels to build up

over the past century. "But that is no excuse for letting them go up in a major conflagration like we had last summer. You are never going to stop fires, but we sure as hell can do more to some of the forest from going up in smoke," he said. Environmentalists praise the roadless plan as a change in public attitude about forests once managed largely for board feet.

Epidemiologists track statistics to keep health problems in check

BOISE (AP) - Conventional wisdom says such debilitating diseases as leprosy were wiped out long ago in the United States, yet they crop up in reports for 2000 to the state epidemiology office. One case of leprosy was reported in southeastern Idaho this year.

There are 13 new cases of tuberculosis this year, all in the southern part of the state. While four people with malaria were reported in southwestern Idaho this year, people are unlikely to contract the disease in the Idaho woods. But you could easily come down with the nasty gastrointestinal symptoms of giardia if you drink untreated water. Idaho had 132 cases in 2000. The state also has plenty of sexually transmitted diseases,

including 10 cases of syphilis, and gastrointestinal ailments, including 74 cases of E. coli 0157:H7 that caused stomach ailments for dozens of Treasure Valley people who ate wild-game sausage. While the numbers are relatively small, keeping track helps public health officials ensure such problems are held in check. Diseases common to developing countries arrive in Idaho with people who contracted them elsewhere and receive treatment here, or through Idaho residents who contract them while traveling, said Dr. Christine Hahn, state epidemiologist. "We keep track of a lot of diseases that are rare and we work hard to keep them that way," she said.

Landlords threaten to oust mayor over anti-meth ordinance

BOISE (AP) - Landlords and others opposed to Boise City's new anti-meth property ordinance vow they will work to unseat Mayor Brent Coles next fall. Boiseans for Responsible Meth Control formed recently to look

at options for punishing the mayor and City Council members for passing what the group says is a damaging ordinance. "They will not be forgotten, and that I will tell you affirmatively," said Joe Rehner, associate broker of Sun Valley Boise

McCall Realty. "We'll remember all the way to the election." The ordinance was passed unanimously last week. It holds landlords partially responsible if a property is cited by police as a nuisance due to two or more instances of the manufacture or

sale of methamphetamine, cocaine or heroin. If twice cited, property owners must submit a plan to the police department to rid the property of the nuisance. If the landlord does not comply, a judge could temporarily close the property.

Meet a few of Boise State's online MVPs

This team won't win MVP honors at the Crucial.com Humanitarian Bowl. But a national award proves they're the "most valuable providers" of Internet service on a college campus. And that makes **BSU.Net** students an All-American team.



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Ring in New Year with fun finger food

Q: What are some easy hors d'oeuvres for a New Year's party?

A: Instead of making a big meal, offer your guests a selection of hors d'oeuvres to nibble on. They look festive and taste delicious — and they're fast and easy to prepare, so you won't spend the whole time in the kitchen.

THE BASICS

Think of hors d'oeuvres in terms of layers: bases, toppings and garnishes. Bases can be made of puff pastry, pita bread wedges or tortillas — all of which keep well in the refrigerator and can be pulled out and baked in the oven at a moment's notice. Bases can even be as simple as sliced French bread, crackers or celery. Toppings can consist of cheeses, fresh fruits and vegetables, olives or delicate slices of smoked fish — enhanced with flavorful ingredients such as olive oil, garlic, horseradish or wasabi. For garnishes, think of color, texture and distinct flavor — chopped nuts, crisp, slices of jalapeño peppers or fresh herb sprigs all work well. Experiment with combinations of bases, flavorings and toppings — you'll be surprised at how simple it is to prepare quick, delicious hors d'oeuvres. For more ideas, visit the cooking channel on www.martha.com or try our searchable Recipe Finder.

WHAT TO KEEP IN THE PANTRY

- Here are some suggestions:
- Puff pastry
 - Feta cheese
 - Tortillas
 - Condiments and flavorings, such as extra-virgin olive oil, balsamic vinegar, Dijon mustard, wasabi paste, Tabasco sauce and soy sauce
 - Canned beans
 - Tuna, anchovies and sardines
 - Dried fruit, such as raisins and figs
 - Chutneys
 - Nuts, such as almonds and walnuts
 - Dried tomatoes
 - Capers
 - Canned pickled items
- Fresh ingredients that will keep for a week or so include:
- Hardly vegetables and herbs, such as garlic, celery, onions, radishes, carrots and scallions
 - Cheeses, such as goat cheese, cream cheese, Gruyere
 - Sour cream
 - Kalamata or oil-cured olives
 - Smoked salmon
 - Fresh ginger
- Items to buy at the last minute:
- Bread
 - Fresh herbs such as basil, parsley and dill
 - Perishable vegetables and fruits such as endive, cucumbers, snow peas, cherry tomatoes, avocados and grapes

RECIPE

PEAR PECAN TOASTS
(Serves 10 to 12)
10 ounces Roquefort cheese
5 tablespoons heavy cream
15 slices white sandwich bread, crusts removed
2 Bartlett pears, thinly sliced into wedges
1/3 cup pecan halves, thinly sliced crosswise
1. Heat oven to 350 degrees F. In a small bowl, combine the cheese and heavy cream. Using a fork or wooden spoon, combine until mixture is soft enough to spread but not too runny; set aside.
2. Cut bread in half crosswise, making fingers that are about 3 inches by 1 1/2 inches. Transfer bread fingers to a baking sheet; toast in oven until light golden on each side, 10 to 15 minutes. Remove from oven.
3. Spread one heaping teaspoon cheese mixture on each bread finger. Top with a pear slice; garnish with pecan slices. Serve at room temperature.

Questions should be addressed to Martha Stewart in care of The New York Times Syndication Sales Co., 122 E. 42nd St., New York, N.Y. 10018. Or visit Martha Stewart at www.marthastewart.com. (Questions of general interest will be answered in this column; Martha Stewart regrets that unpublished letters cannot be answered individually.) "Martha Stewart Living" is on KSAW-TV at 9 a.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. Sunday.

A traditional scratch cook

Woman doesn't deal with ordinary

By Dixie Thomas Raale
Times-News correspondent

GOODING — Pat Fossecoco grew up on a ranch in Nebraska. The oldest of five children, she was recruited early to help Mom in the kitchen.

Her mother was Swedish, her father a meat-and-potatoes man, her mother-in-law Austrian and Italian. Dinner has always been a time for the family to gather and share the day's events.

Fossecoco met her husband, Robert, at Colorado State University. When their children were young, Robert had a job that required a lot of travel. After a particularly long trip, about six weeks, the Fossecocos decided "that was enough," Pat Fossecoco recalled.

Since both husband and wife had grown up on ranches, they started a search for a suitable ranch. A friend in Boise suggested they check out Idaho. They found a ranch near Gooding and packed up the family — the youngest child was 4 at the time. That was 28 years ago.

The three children thrived on ranch life and were active in 4-H, church, school and sports, Fossecoco said. When the children were small, Fossecoco made spaghetti about once a week. One of her daughters had a friend who loved spaghetti so much that, every time spaghetti was scheduled, that friend managed to show up and maneuver an invitation to dinner.

Fossecoco worked as an office manager through the years. The children all went to college — one to the University of Idaho, one to Boise State and one to the College of Southern Idaho.

Daughter Lori Kleinmann said her mother is "a traditional scratch cook that can turn the most ordinary meal into a sumptuous delight...You may think this sounds ordinary, but my mother never used a bread machine (let alone any kind of measuring device). It was cheap-

er for her to buy flour, yeast and all the ingredients — make our own bread than buy it in the store."

Pat Fossecoco shared some favorite recipes.

RASPBERRY CHEESECAKE/CREAM PIE
1 unbaked 9-inch pie shell
12 ounces cream cheese, softened
1 cup sugar
2 eggs
1 cup sour cream
2 (10-ounce) packages frozen raspberries
5 tablespoons cornstarch
1 pint whipping cream
Cream the cheese, 1/2 cup sugar and the eggs till well mixed. Pour into the pie crust and bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Then allow to cool. Spread sour cream over the top and chill 1 hour. Combine the berries, cornstarch and 1/2 cup sugar and cook till liquid is clear. Cool. Whip 1 cup cream and fold into the berry mixture. Cover with Saran Wrap and refrigerate. (You can hold this for up to two days before serving.) When ready to serve, whip the other 1 cup of whipping cream with about 6 tablespoons sugar (or more to taste) and drop a dollop of whipped cream on each piece.

CINNAMON BROWNIES
2 cups flour
2 cups sugar
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1 cup water
2 sticks butter
2 tablespoons cocoa
2 eggs beaten
1/2 cup buttermilk
1 teaspoon vanilla
Mix the dry ingredients in a bowl. Place the butter, water and cocoa in a saucepan and bring to a boil, then pour it over the dry mixture. Beat the eggs, buttermilk and vanilla, then add to the flour-cocoa mixture and mix well. Bake in a greased 11-by-16-inch



LOUIE CASTRO/The Times-News

Pat Fossecoco is a traditional 'scratch cook,' known for turning simple foods into fantastic meals.

sheet pan at 350 degrees for 20 minutes.

About five minutes before the brownies are done make a frosting:

1 stick butter
6 tablespoons milk
3 tablespoons cocoa
1/2 cup brown sugar
1/4 cup powdered sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla
Mix butter, milk, cocoa and brown sugar in a pan. Heat well while stirring, but DO NOT BOIL.

Remove from heat and add the powdered sugar and vanilla. Spread-on-the-brownies while they are still warm. Top with 1/2 cup chopped nuts, if desired.

POTIZA
(Austrian pastry)
2 cups milk
1 1/2 pounds butter
1 1/2 cups sugar
1 pound walnuts, chopped or ground (almost to a paste consistency)

1 large jar maraschino cherries, drained and diced
Combine the ingredients and cook on low heat till thick. Cool. Spread on sweet bread dough that has been rolled out very thin. You can use prepared sweet bread dough from the store. Or you can use this recipe:
Sweet bread dough:
1 cup lukewarm water
1/4 cup powdered milk

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Make 5 a day sweet and easy

Family Features

The best approach to good nutrition is balanced. A good diet provides all the nutrients the body needs — carbohydrates, proteins, fiber, vitamins, minerals and yes, even fats — all taken in moderate quantities and the right proportions.

Most health organizations, such as the American Heart Association and the American Dietetic Association, recommend at least five servings of fruit and vegetables daily.

SESAME-GINGER CABBAGE SALAD

Serves 6
Sesame-Ginger Dressing:
2 teaspoons Oriental sesame oil
2 teaspoons minced fresh ginger
3 tablespoons rice vinegar
2 tablespoons peanut butter
2 tablespoons honey
2 tablespoons reduced-sodium soy sauce
Salad:
2 1/2 cups thinly sliced green cabbage
2 cups thinly sliced red cabbage
2 Gala or Red Delicious apples, cored and chopped
2 green onions, chopped
1. Make Sesame-Ginger Dressing. In small skillet heat sesame oil over low heat. Add ginger; cook 1 minute. Transfer to small bowl and whisk in vinegar, peanut butter, honey and soy sauce.
2. Prepare salad. In large bowl combine both cabbages, apples and green onions. Add dressing; toss to coat. Let stand 5 minutes.



For a nutritious and yummy meal, prepare Fruit and Honey Baked Custard and Pork Tenderloin With Honey Roasted Carrots and Apples.

Rest-toss and serve immediately.
Nutrition information per serving:
protein: 2g; total fat: 4g; saturated

fat: 7g; carbohydrate: 18g; fiber: 2g; sodium: 169mg; cholesterol: 0; calories: 111

Quick and delicious combinations

Family Features

Here are some quick and delicious ways to add vitamins, minerals, antioxidants and fiber to your everyday meals and snacks.

1. Stir applesauce, honey and honey and 1/2 cup Dijon-style mustard with a dash of Worcestershire sauce, ground black pepper and cayenne pepper for a great savory dip for apple wedges.
2. Mix 6 tablespoons each of honey and canned sweet cherries into 8 ounces cream cheese. Spread on bagels and toast.
3. Mix 3/4 cup peanut butter and 1/2 cup honey with a teaspoon of cinnamon, spread on toast or muffins and top with thin slices of apple for a delicious power-packed snack.
4. Thoroughly mix 1/2 cup honey and 1/2 cup Dijon-style mustard with a dash of Worcestershire sauce, ground black pepper and cayenne pepper for a great savory dip for apple wedges.
5. Ladle 3/4 cup canned or frozen sweet cherries and 1 cup vanilla ice cream into blender; process until smooth and creamy for a luscious cherry ice cream shake.



Try something a bit different, such as Sesame-Ginger Cabbage Salad and Chicken With Cherry-Balsamic Sauce.

CHICKEN WITH CHERRY-BALSAMIC SAUCE
Serves 4
1 tablespoon vegetable oil
4 boneless, skinless chicken breast halves
Salt and pepper
1 medium onion, cut into thin wedges
1 small green-bell pepper, cut into thin strips
1 can (16 1/2 ounces) sweet cherries, drained
1/4 cup honey
1/4 cup balsamic vinegar
2 teaspoons cornstarch
Please see BALANCE, Page C8

FOOD & HOME

Fighting winter blahs? Get your hands dirty

Wishing to get your hands dirty? These bright winter days do that to a person. Start some seeds. Dig those half-used seed packets out of the drawer.

To make sure they're still good, put a few seeds between layers of damp paper towels. Let them sit overnight. In the morning, you should see sprouting. Plant some chives and parsley to brighten winter meals. Cilantro will do well in a sunny winter window, too.

Someone just sent me some coleus seeds. Its pretty purple-shaded leaves will be a welcome addition to the naked east window sill once it's up. It's fun to throw some impatiens seeds into warm moist soil this time of year, too. They sprout quickly and easily and fill a window sill nicely.



GREEN THUMBPRINTS
Cathy Walworth

Go to the paint store and get a long, narrow plastic container generally used to soak wallpaper in. It will be about 6 inches deep and 24 to 36 inches long. When planted with impatiens or marigolds or geraniums, this is the best window box planter you've ever seen.

Fill the container to within a little over an inch from the top with sterile potting

soil. Don't use garden soil. Even if the garden does happen to thaw out, you don't want to take the chance of battling damping off disease or inviting any other pathogens into your indoor garden. It's always better to start with a good, sterilized potting soil.

Drag a pencil point lightly over the surface of the potting soil. Sprinkle the seeds into the 1/8-inch rows. Pat down the potting soil gently and mist with warm water. Cover the whole thing with a sheet of waxed paper. Nothing fancy, just drape it over the top. The waxed paper will help keep in the moisture while the seeds get around to sprouting.

For a really quick sprouting, try showing the whole planter into one of the

compartments under the waterbed. Tomato seeds sprout quickly under a waterbed, sometimes in 24 hours. Be sure to check them often.

As soon as the seeds have sprouted, take the waxed paper off the top and/or take the planter out from under the waterbed. They now want lots of indirect light and gently circulating air. In no time at all you'll have the neighborhood's earliest spring garden.

Tip of the Week: You know that once you have the seed packets out, you're going to start dreaming about next year's garden. Go ahead; plan it now, on paper.

One of the challenges of vegetable gardening is to water everything just right.

Some want quite a bit of water, while others don't. It's all too easy to give your tomatoes a good soaking while drowning a patch of neighboring carrots.

The solution? Group your crops according to water usage. An easy way to do this is to plant crops according to how big they'll get and how fast they'll grow.

For instance, lettuce, carrots, beets, spinach, and radishes make good neighbors, since they grow at about the same rate. Similarly, corn, tomatoes, and melons all grow quickly and get big - and therefore need lots of water - so it's helpful to plant them in the same area.

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

Ham dish can be served with rice or noodles

Newsday

The folks who give us *Hornel* cured ham also make this recipe available in a recipe color brochure, "Ham for All Seasons." They suggest serving the dish with rice; we think it would be just as good, maybe better, with noodles.

HAM VEGETABLES DIJON

- 1 1/2 cups whipping cream
 - 1/3 cup Dijon mustard
 - 3 cups diced cooked ham
 - 3 cups cut broccoli, cooked
 - 1 (4-ounce) can sliced mushrooms, drained
 - 1/4 teaspoon white pepper
- In a large skillet, combine cream and mustard. Bring to a boil. Cook over medium heat 8 to 10 minutes or until slightly thickened, stirring occasionally. Add ham, cooked broccoli, mushrooms and pepper. Heat through. Makes 4 servings.

Casserole is easy, economical

Taste of Home

When Linda Philippi, of Ronan, Mont., started serving her Carrot Coin Casserole, it was just a creamed vegetable dish. Over time, she has enhanced it by trying different vegetables and adding nutmeg. Today, her scrumptious casserole makes a delicious *dish-to-pass* and is sure to spark recipe requests.

CARROT COIN CASSEROLE

- 12 medium carrots, sliced
- 1 large onion, cut into 1/4-inch slices
- 2 cups frozen peas
- 1 1/2 cups (6 ounces) shredded cheddar cheese
- 4 tablespoons butter or margarine, divided
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 2 1/2 cups milk

1 cup crushed butter-flavored crackers (about 25 crackers)

Place carrots and a small amount of water in a saucepan; cover and cook over medium heat until crisp-tender, about 6 minutes. Add onion; bring to a boil. Reduce heat. Cover and simmer for 4-6 minutes or until onion is crisp-tender. Drain. Add peas and toss.

Place 4 cups in a greased, shallow 3-quart baking dish. Sprinkle with cheese. Top with remaining vegetables. In a saucepan over medium heat, melt 1 tablespoon butter. Stir in flour, salt, pepper and nutmeg until smooth. Gradually add milk, stirring constantly. Bring to a boil. Boil and stir for 2 minutes. Pour over the vegetables. In a small saucepan or skillet, combine cracker crumbs and remaining butter. Cook and stir over medium heat until toasted. Sprinkle over casserole. Bake, uncovered, at 350 for 30-40 minutes or until bubbly. Makes 12 servings.



Photo courtesy Taste of Home

Comfort foods like this Carrot Coin Casserole are satisfying ways to feed your family.

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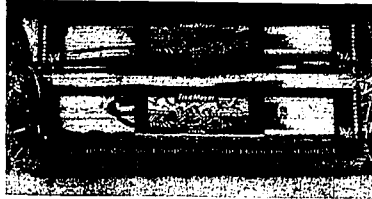
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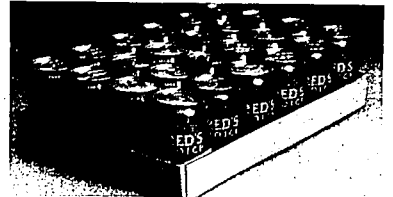
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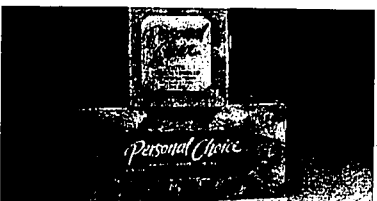
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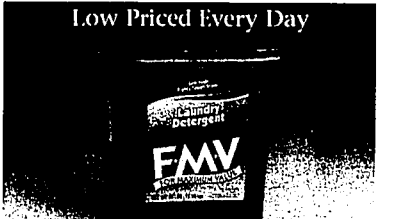
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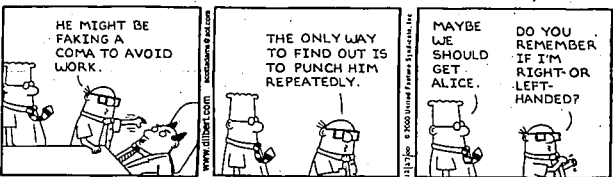
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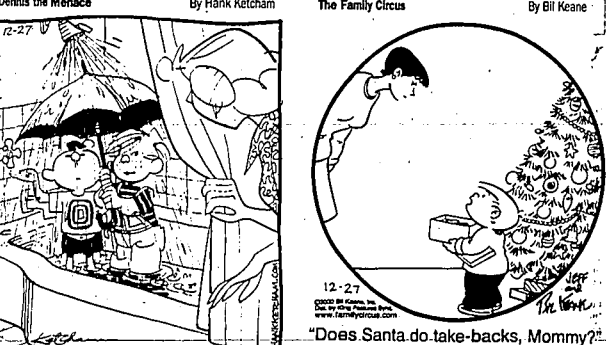


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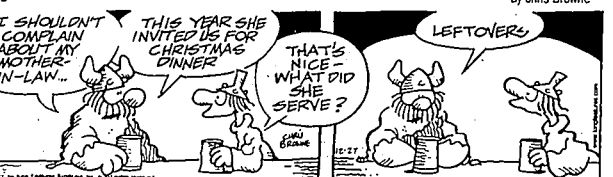
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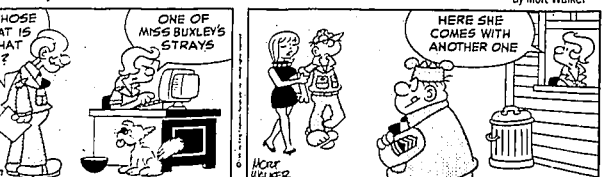
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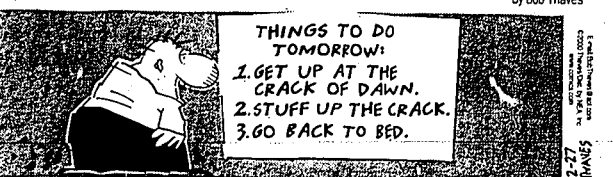
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What women really want is a good laugh

DEAR ABBY: In the continuing saga of how men are different from women, let me share this with you.

Peter, my significant other, was involved in a men's counseling group. One of the topics about which they were to report back during their next meeting was "What Women Want From Men in Their Relationships." Members of the group discussed reading the "Women Seeking Men" personal ads to get a better understanding of what women want. (Pretty ingenious if you think about it!)

I told Peter he should do some home study and ask me. I explained that women need to feel loved, wanted, beautiful and needed by their partner. I was in the only bathroom of our home putting the finishing touches on my face, and I asked Peter if he thought he had recently met these qualities in our relationship.

His clever reply was: "I LOVED you last night. I WANTED you to make coffee this morning. You look BEAUTIFUL today - and I NEED you to get out of the bathroom RIGHT NOW!" May I add that one important quality women need from men in a relationship is HUMOR. Humor makes anything possible - and I thank the Lord that my darling has it in abundance.

- SUSAN IN SANTA FE, N.M.
DEAR SUSAN: Peter got his



DEAR ABBY
Abigail VanBuren

message across, so he is a skilled communicator. And because he's in a counseling group, it's apparent he's interested in personal growth. I think you've found a "keeper."

DEAR ABBY: My 10-year-old daughter, "Amber," stays home one or two hours by herself after school until I get home from work. She has rules to go by; however, she has been known to break them.

Amber answers the door when she shouldn't and leaves the house unlocked. She doesn't take seriously the bad things that can happen to her.

I have an idea that may put her in touch with reality. I'm thinking of asking a male friend to go to my house and knock on the door - which I know Amber will answer. At that time, my friend would pretend to be a pushy salesman. He would insist, on coming into the house and waiting for her mother. That's as far as I've gotten.

Is this a bad idea? I don't want to scare her into having nightmares, but I want her to know how important it is to be wary of strangers and

to follow the rules.
- CONCERNED KNOXVILLE MOM

DEAR CONCERNED: Yes, it's a bad idea. I know it's tempting, but such a ruse would be dishonest and potentially traumatizing. When your daughter discovers you play "tricks," it might give her a false sense of security. Also, your credibility would be damaged for years to come, and

your daughter would always wonder what kind of trick you would pull next - and I wouldn't blame her.

ACROSS

1. Country
6. Costume jewelry
11. Fish
14. Make one
15. Aluminum company
16. Stray
17. Novel ideas
18. Vote against
20. Liz or Rip
21. Not dressed for occasion?
23. Bolivian beast
25. Bordeaux red
27. Location after a single
31. Healthy spot
32. Grand poem
33. One of the other
35. Part of a process
38. Precious one
39. Laid-off
40. Eerie
42. Raw mineral
43. Put to sea
45. Filter John hit
47. Oil-well device
48. Negative conjunction
50. Chairwoman of women
52. Rodriguez of golf
55. Assignment
58. Polish anew
- 59
61. Knowledge
62. Rainbow shape
63. Press source
66. Shoof's tip
67. Soap or horse towel
68. Leave no guard
69. Break off
70. Razor sharpener
71. Cozoes

DOWN

1. Throw in the towel
2. Dancer
3. Pavlova
3. Itsy-bitsy
4. Canal islands
5. Rose up
6. One way to start?
7. Chair's foe, often
8. Dundee man
9. Involving medicine
10. At supporters
11. Dytanics
12. Tape over
13. Assignment
14. Horse breed
22. Rumors' measures
24. Crooner
25. Grisy shade
27. Obscuring hazes
28. Concept
29. Got nostalgic
30. Spookier
34. Travel
35. "backward"
36. Niagara's source
37. Wooden fasteners
41. Father of Icarus
44. Highland lake
46. Beer bottle
49. Thick-skinned mammal, for short
51. Trambique
52. Packing container
53. Wading bird
54. Aikward
56. Water pitcher
59. Label
60. Urgent letters?
61. Telescope part
64. Sell-out letters

Tuesday's Puzzle Solution

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You had better be in touch with legal matters, Cancer

IF DECEMBER 27 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY, you are a humanitarian and have international point of view. You will travel, you are romantic, passionate, could meet future mate during cruise. Aries, Libra persons play important roles in your life, could have these letters, initials in names: A and R. During 2001, important domestic adjustment occurs, would include change of residence, marital status. February and November most memorable.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): Family member conveys news of promotion. Taurus, Libra, Capricorn persons will play memorable roles. Your advice will be sought, give it freely.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): Look beyond the immediate, utilize imagination, take cold plunge into your future. Elyhu bunch, especially in dealing with real estate. Pices involved.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Accept

HOROSCOPE
Sydney Omarr

marital status. Keep resolutions concerning exercise, diet and nutrition. Cancer prepares excellent dinner tonight.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Make people laugh if even through their tears. Display versatility, entertainment skills and fairness in making controversial judgment. Sagittarius is in picture.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Capricorn relative attempts to be helpful but could be a hindrance. Check details and correct measurements. Revise, rebuild and rewrite. Get ideas on paper.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): What you missed 24 hours ago will once again be made available. Write your views, impressions. Take note of dreams and obtain proper interpretation. Flirtation serious.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Attention revolves around domestic adjustment, possible change of resi-

dence, marital status. Find your rhythm, dance to your own tune. Libra figures prominently.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): What occurs behind scenes will have direct affect on current situation. Be discreet; don't tell all. Be near water if possible. Pisces plays fascinating role.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Best foot forward! Take charge of promotion, promotion. Love relationship strong, requires attention. Capricorn, Cancer individuals play memorable roles.

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Today 12:30 - 2:45 - 5:00 - 7:15 - 9:30
Proof of Life
Today 1:00 - 4:00 - 7:00 - 9:45

Balance

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- 1 teaspoon dried thyme, crushed
1/2 teaspoon salt
1. In large skillet, heat oil over medium-high heat until hot. Add chicken breasts and cook just until brown on both sides. Season with salt and pepper, as desired. Remove to plate; set aside.
 2. Reduce heat to medium. Add onion and green pepper to skillet; cook and stir for 5 to 6 minutes or until pepper is crisp-tender. Stir in cherries.
 3. In small bowl, combine honey, vinegar, cornstarch, thyme and salt; mix until blended and cornstarch is dissolved.
 4. Gradually add to skillet; cook, stirring, until liquid in skillet thickens. Reduce heat to low. Return chicken to pan, cover and cook 5 to 8 minutes or until chicken is cooked through.
- Nutrition information per serving - protein: 27g; total fat: 6g; saturated fat: 4g; carbohydrate: 24g; fiber: 1g; sodium: 332mg; cholesterol: 73mg; calories: 263**

FRUIT AND HONEY BAKED CUSTARD

- Serves 6
- 2 Jonagold or Golden Delicious apples, peeled, cored, chopped
 - 2 tablespoons honey
 - 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
 - 2 tablespoons butter
 - 1 can (16 1/2 ounces) sweet cherries, drained
 - 3 eggs
 - 1 cup reduced-fat (2 percent) milk
 - 3/4 cup all-purpose flour
 - 1/3 cup honey
 - 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt
 - 2 tablespoons sliced almonds

1. Heat oven to 375 F. In small bowl, combine apples, 2 tablespoons honey and cinnamon; mix well and set aside.
 2. Place butter in 2-quart shallow baking pan; place in oven to melt. Remove from oven; spoon apple mixture over butter in pan. Add cherries, distributing evenly.
 3. In blender or food processor container, combine eggs, milk, flour, 1/3 cup honey, vanilla and salt; process until smooth. Pour evenly over fruit in pan.
 4. Bake 15 minutes. Sprinkle almonds evenly over top. Return to oven; bake 10 to 15 minutes or until custard is set. Remove from oven; cool slightly on wire rack. Drizzle with honey or dust with powdered sugar before serving.
- Nutrition information per serving - protein: 8g; total fat: 5g; saturated fat: 1g; carbohydrate: 110g; fiber: 2g; sodium: 80mg; cholesterol: 110mg; calories: 306g**

PORK TENDERLOIN WITH HONEY ROASTED CARROTS AND APPLES

- Serves 4
- 1/4 cup cider vinegar
 - 3 tablespoons honey
 - 1 tablespoon olive oil
 - 2 teaspoons coarse grain Dijon-style mustard
 - 5 medium carrots, peeled and thickly sliced
 - 1 large red onion, cut in thick wedges
 - 1 pound pork tenderloin
 - 1 teaspoon dried rosemary, crushed
 - 1/2 teaspoon dried sage
 - 1/2 teaspoon each salt and pepper
 - 2 Fuji or Granny Smith medium

apples, peeled, cored and cut in 1-inch chunks or slices.

1. Heat oven to 425 F. In a small bowl, whisk together vinegar, honey, oil and mustard. In large roasting pan, mix carrots and onion with half of the honey mixture. Place tenderloin in center of pan and turn to coat with honey mixture. Rub rosemary and sage on surface of meat. Sprinkle salt and pepper over pork and vegetables. Roast 15 minutes.
2. Remove pan from oven. Stir in apples and remaining honey mixture. Roast, stirring once, 15 to 20 minutes or until meat thermometer registers 160 F. Let pork rest, slice and arrange on serving platter, surround with roasted vegetables and apples.

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The Philadelphia Inquirer

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Scratch

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- 1 teaspoon salt
 - 2 packages yeast
 - 1/2 cup sugar
 - 2 eggs
 - 1 1/2 cups butter
 - 4 1/2 cups flour
- Place the powdered milk, yeast, salt and sugar into the lukewarm water and allow it to work. Then add the eggs, butter and flour and either knead or mix with your bread hook until it is smooth and elastic. Allow to rise for 2 hours. Punch down and allow to rise another 1/2 hour. Divide in 4 equal pieces and roll each out as thin as possible and place on a lightly greased cookie sheet. Place 1/4 of the fill-

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SPORTSQUOTE

“ He is something
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 has raised the bar to
 a level that only he
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— *Five-time British
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 Watson on Tiger
 Woods*

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QUESTION:
 Who is the only NFL player to
 average more than two points a
 game for a career?

...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

High school boy's basketball
 Kimberly at New Plymouth, 5 p.m.
 Declo Tournament, 5 p.m.

Girls' high school basketball
 Christmas Tournament at
 Shoshone, 6 p.m.

IN BRIEF

**Utah coach McBride
 hires three coaches**

SALT LAKE CITY — Utah
 coach Ron McBride, who fired
 one coach and had two others
 resign from his staff this month,
 hired three new coaches
 Tuesday.

Rob Spence replaces offensive
 coordinator Tommy Lee, who
 resigned. Spence held the
 same job at Louisiana Tech.

Alex Gerke, a former Ute
 player and graduate assistant
 coach, will round out the offe-
 sive staff. Gerke will be respon-
 sible for offensive tackles and
 guards. He coached the offe-
 sive line at Cal Poly-San Luis
 Obispo last year.

Ladies was hired to coach
 safeties. Busch coached the past
 four years as New Mexico
 State's secondary coach.

**BK Softball Pitching
 Clinic Is Jan. 13-14**

BOISE — The eighth annual
 Bishop Kelly High School
 Softball Pitching Clinic will be
 held Jan. 13-14 for grades 9-
 12.

The clinic will focus on the
 fundamentals of softball
 pitching and mechanics of
 specialty pitches. BK coach
 Wes Worrell and Aberdeen
 College coach Kelly Osburn
 will conduct the sessions.
 Advance registration is
 required — cost is \$25 before
 Jan. 8 and \$30 after.

Ladies Worrell at the school
 (208-375-6910) or home (208-
 938-3181) to sign up. For more
 details, e-mail Worrell at wwor-
 rell@bk.org.

**Players sought for
 women's basketball league**

TWIN FALLS — A women's
 basketball league for players
 in Jerome and Twin Falls
 needs more participants, and
 boys' youth basketball teams
 are still forming in the Twin
 Falls area.

Ladies over 18 who enjoy
 playing basketball are invited
 to sign up by calling the Twin Falls
 Parks and Recreation office at
 736-2265.

Boys looking to play are
 needed in the following youth
 leagues: Sixth grade at
 Morningside; fifth grade at
 Perrine; and fourth grade at
 Sawtooth, Ferrine and Lincoln.

To register, call the parks
 office at 736-2265. Late fees
 will be waived for those classes
 until the teams are filled
 out.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

The Pittsburgh Penguins' Mario Lemieux.

CSI women look to rebound from setbacks

**By Kevin Hall
 Times-News writer**

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho women's basketball team is looking to rediscover itself in temperate Arizona.

CSI is one of four teams competing in the Roughrider Wells Fargo Classic, a three-day tournament beginning Thursday in Prescott, Ariz. The Golden Eagles (8-2)

open against host Yavapai College (7-3) at 6 p.m.

On Friday, Southern Idaho plays Scenic West Athletic Conference rival College of Eastern Utah (8-2) at 2 p.m., before finishing against Division II Goegebic College (6-5) on Saturday.

CSI coach Kendall Grant is hopeful the Eagles can rebound from their first losses of the sea-

Wells Fargo Roughrider Classic

When: Dec. 28-30
 Where: Yavapai College, Prescott, Ariz.
 Radio: KEXX 1450AM

Schedule:
 Dec. 28 vs. 7-3 Yavapai (6 p.m.)
 Dec. 29 vs. 8-2 Eastern Utah (2 p.m.)
 Dec. 30 vs. 6-5 Goegebic, Mich. (2 p.m.)

CSI probable starters:
 P - "O" fr. Elisha Booth (13.7 ppg, 7.4 rpg), P-61 soph, Trisha Gardner (6.1 ppg, 5.2 rpg), W-5-10 soph, Natalia Kortisova (5.4 ppg, 2.9 rpg), G-5-8 soph, Jinga Gosschalk (11.9 ppg, 4.6 rpg), G-5-4 soph, Tonya Phillips (3.2 ppg, 2.0 apg)

5-on Dec. 8-9 against Salt Lake Community College and Utah Valley State — losses which opened conference play.

"Wins are important (this week)," Grant said. "But most important is learning how to play with each other again."

After cruising through the pre-season unscathed at 8-0 and climbing as high as second in the NJCAA national poll, the team suffered a double blow when leading rebounder Erika Empey, a sophomore, quit the team, and 6-foot-3 freshman post Belinda Stubbs was suspended for the season.

The loss of Empey and Stubbs showed in the coach's untimely, often rough substitution patterns.

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TIGER DOES IT AGAIN

Associated Press names Woods Male Athlete of the Year

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Tiger Woods was a repeat winner Tuesday as The Associated Press Male Athlete of the Year. Like so many of his amazing victories, it was no contest.

Fresh off his incredible season of nine victories, three straight majors, the career Grand Slam and shots that had to be seen to be believed, Woods joined Michael Jordan as the only three-time winner of the AP award since it began in 1931.

He received 47 first-place votes and 160 points from sportswriters and broadcasters to easily defeat back-to-back Tour de France winner Lance Armstrong.

Woods became the sixth player to win the award in consecutive years. The others were tennis great Don Budge, golfer Byron Nelson, track star Carl Lewis, quarterback Joe Montana and Jordan, who won it three years in a row.

"It's very humbling," Woods said. "It's a great honor to be in the presence of such great names. I didn't realize that Jordan was the only other three-time winner."

In a sport where two strokes is considered a comfortable victory, Woods won the U.S. Open by 15 strokes, a World Golf Championship by 11, the British Open by eight and two other tournaments by at least four strokes.

It was a year in which he kept raising the bar, and sailing over it. The higher the expectations, the better Woods played.

Five straight wins on the PGA Tour plucked a nation's interest. Then, Woods made it six in a row by coming from seven strokes behind over the final seven holes at Pebble Beach.

Winning the U.S. Open wasn't enough. Woods challenged history and whipped that the way he did the rest of the field — a 15-stroke victory, the largest margin in the 140 years of major championship golf, a 12-under 272 on a course where no one else broke par.

Could he complete the Grand Slam at the home of golf? Just barely. He won the British Open by eight strokes, set another major-championship record with a 19-under 269 and never once set foot in any of the 112 pot bunkers at St. Andrews.

He made it three straight majors at the PGA, the first player since Ben Hogan in 1953 to do that. He broke Nelson's 55-year-old scoring record with an unadjusted average of 68.17. He didn't have a round over par after May 7.

When asked at what point in the season he thought he was capable of winning three

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Tiger Woods received the Associated Press Male Athlete of the Year award Tuesday for the third time. With an unmatched season of nine victories, three straight majors and a career Grand Slam under his belt, there was little trouble deciding a winner.



Let the comeback begin

Lemieux returns to the ice tonight

The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — The comeback the NHL never dared to dream for begins tonight, and not even the man making it knows exactly what to expect.

Mario Lemieux returns to the ice after a 3.5-year retirement, restoring some star power to what has been a largely featureless NHL since he and Wayne Gretzky quit — and, he hopes, some offense to the slumping Pittsburgh Penguins.

Lemieux's return would be dramatic and virtually unprecedented even if there wasn't the added element of the sport's first Hall of Fame player-turned-owner team, forming himself back into a player.

But, despite the Jordan-like buzz



Mario Lemieux
 Guy Lafleur and Gordie Howe renounced their retirements after a short time to return to the NHL, and Ted Williams and other baseball stars spent years fighting World War II and the Korean War before returning to the majors. Michael Jordan played minor league baseball for a year before leading the Chicago Bulls to three more NBA titles.

Back on Ice

Mario Lemieux returns to the Penguins lineup after a 3.5-year retirement.

Pittsburgh vs. Toronto
 Today, 5:30 p.m., ESPN

Lemieux's return has created a buzz in hockey, and the huge number of tickets it has sold in Pittsburgh, it is difficult to predict how successful it will be.

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New Bowl on the block

GalleryFurniture.com Bowl to showcase explosive offenses

The Associated Press

HOUSTON — Texas Tech and East Carolina will offer pass-proficent attacks in the galleryfurniture.com Bowl tonight, the first bowl game played in the Astrodome since 1987.

Whether enough fans will show up to give the first-year bowl a prominent spot in the crowded postseason scene remains to be seen.

Despite early overstatement on the progress of ticket sales, sponsor Jim McIngvale expects a good first year after giving away 250,000 memorabilia items to promote the game.

"I think I'm very, very close, and I'm very excited about the future," Lemieux said.

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Texas Tech (7-5) vs. East Carolina (7-4)
 Today, 6 p.m. (ESPN2)

between 30,000 and 40,000 people at the game," McIngvale said. "I think 40,000 would exceed my wildest expectations."

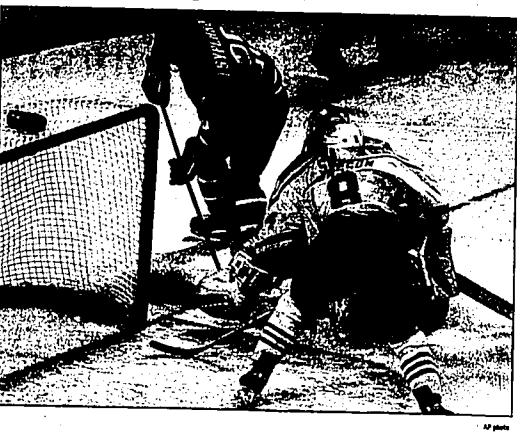
That might be a stretch since icy weather threatened to sock Tech fans from West Texas and East Carolina fans purchased only about 3,000 tickets, well below expectations. East Carolina athletic director Mike Hamrick said the Pirates took

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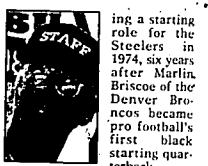
Hrdina rallies Penguins for 5-3 victory Fomer NFL QB Gilliam dies of apparent heart attack

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — Jan Hrdina had a goal and two assists as the Pittsburgh Penguins rallied for a 5-3 victory Tuesday night over the Buffalo Sabres...



Buffalo Sabres' left winger Vladimir Vydlimir puts the puck past goalie Garth Snow of the Pittsburgh Penguins for the first goal in the first period at the HSBC Arena in Buffalo, N.Y., on Tuesday.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Joe Gilliam Jr., who was one of the first black quarterbacks to start an NFL game but fell back to drug addiction and spent two years living under a bridge in a cardboard box, has died at 49.



Joe Gilliam Jr.

Gilliam, who was in such desperate straits at one point that he pawned his two Super Bowl rings, had finally seemed to be getting his life back together when he died of an apparent heart attack on Christmas Day.

Earlier this year, he started a football camp for boys at his alma mater, Tennessee State, and was counseling drug addicts and renewing old relationships.

Drug problems were partly to blame for Gilliam's bending and the end of his NFL career. Gilliam talked about it during a reunion of former Steelers players for the final game at Three Rivers for the final time...

Thrashers 5, Maple Leafs 3 ATLANTA — Hnat Domenichelli scored twice as Atlanta jumped out to a four-goal lead in the first period before heading off Toronto.

Atlanta's 14th victory tied the Thrashers' win total last season, their first in the NHL.

beat Columbus. Scott Young also scored twice for St. Louis, which extended its unbeaten streak to 12 (11-0-1) games — tying the team mark set in 1968-69 season.

Pierre Turgeon, who had three assists, earned his 1,000th career point on Demitris' 19th goal this season.

Predators 5, Avalanche 2 NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Scott Walker scored a career-high three goals and Mike Dunham made 28 saves, leading Nashville past Colorado.

Lightning 3, Hurricanes 2 TAMPA, Fla. — Rookie scoring leader Brad Richards had a goal and an assist as Tampa Bay beat Carolina.

Blues 5, Blue Jackets 0 ST. LOUIS — Rookie Brent Johnson stopped 24 shots and Paul Demitris scored two goals and had two assists as St. Louis.

The win snapped an eight-game Avalanche unbeaten streak against the Predators (5-0-3) that dated to Oct. 31, 1998.

An autopsy was completed Tuesday, but the Nashville medical examiner will not declare a cause of death until toxicology tests results are returned in about a month.

Gilliam's career was marked by a series of highs and lows, including a starting role for the Steelers in 1974, six years after Marlin Briscoe of the Denver Broncos became pro football's first black starting quarterback.

Gilliam's big chance with the Steelers came in his third year, 1974, when several veteran players, including Terry Bradshaw, were injured. Gilliam kept the job when Bradshaw returned, but he and the Steelers to a 4-1 record.

SCORES AND STATS

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

Table with columns for Eastern Conference and Western Conference, listing teams like Philadelphia, New York, and Chicago with their records.

Continental Basketball Association

Table with columns for American Conference and National Conference, listing teams like Connecticut, Cleveland, and Dallas with their records.

ON THE AIR TELEVISION

Table listing TV and radio broadcasts for various sports events, including Motor City Bowl, NHL, and PGA.

Sugar Bowl

Table listing college football bowl games such as the Motor City Bowl, Orange Bowl, and Sugar Bowl.

Penguins 5, Sabres 3

Table showing game statistics for the Pittsburgh Penguins vs Buffalo Sabres game, including goals, assists, and penalties.

Blues 5, Blue Jackets 0

Table showing game statistics for the St. Louis Blues vs Columbus Blue Jackets game.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

Table listing NFL games and results, including matchups like Atlanta vs Jacksonville and Buffalo vs Cleveland.

NFL Individual Leaders

Table listing individual player statistics for the NFL, such as passing yards, rushing yards, and touchdowns.

College Bowl Games

Table listing college football bowl games and their results.

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Table listing PGA golf tournament results, including the Sony Open in Hawaii.

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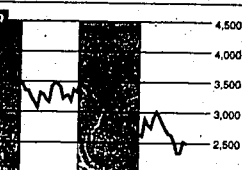
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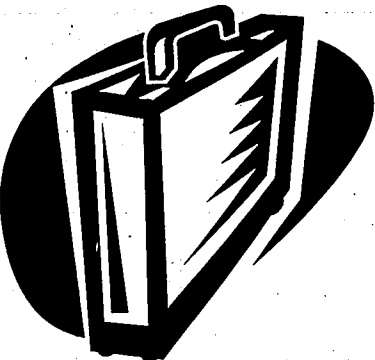
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STRUCTURAL ENGINEER FOR PERRINE ELEMENTARY ROOF
Sealed bids will be received by a representative of the Board of Trustees of School District No. 411, Twin Falls County, Idaho, at 201 Main Avenue West, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301, until 2:00 p.m. on January 4, 2001 for a Structural Engineer to oversee and be responsible for all phases of planning, project bidding, contracts, monitoring work and payment approval for the replacement or repair of the Perrine Elementary roof. There will be a walk-through inspection of the building at Perrine Elementary on December 27, 2000 at 3:00 p.m. to acquaint the Bidders with each individual aspect of the project. Access to the building for inspection and measurements will be very difficult to obtain at any other than the time provided. The Contractor should be prepared to take any required measurements or data that he may need in order to bid this project at that time. Additional information will be available from Wiley Dobbs, Director of Operations for Twin Falls School District. Mr. Dobbs may be reached by phone at (208) 733-6900 or email dobbsw@tded.12.id.us. The construction should begin on June 1, 2001 and must be completed by August 1, 2001. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any or all bids, likewise, to reject any item or items in such bid, and the right to waive any technicality. /s/Rose Staffens Clerk of the Board
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LEGAL NOTICE

The Twin Falls Housing Authority and the Housing Authority of the City of Jerome has developed their Administrative and Occupancy Policy in compliance with the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998. It is available for review at 200 Elm St. N., Twin Falls, Idaho. The Authority's hours of operation are 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. In addition, a public hearing will be held on February 5, 2001 at the Twin Falls Housing Authority Office located at 200 Elm St. N., at 2:00 P.M. Everyone is invited.
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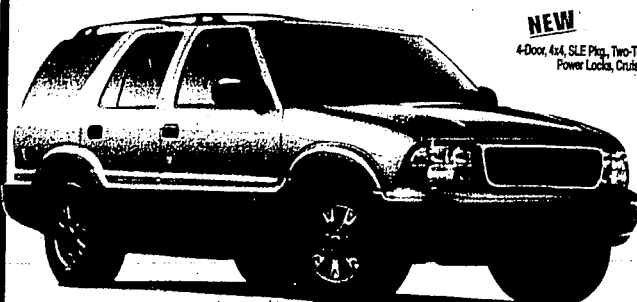
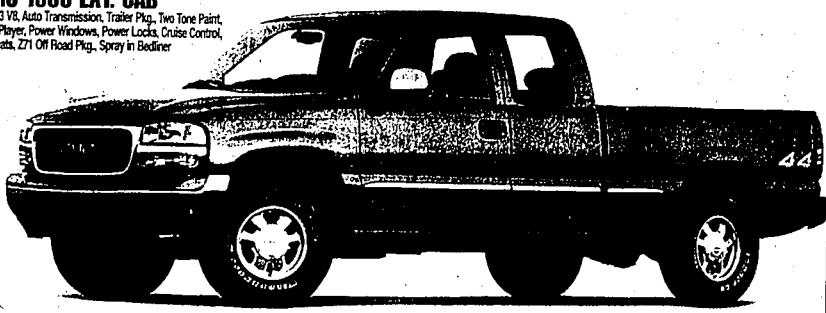
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