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Residents offer dairy plan

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - People on both sides of the dairy issue have come together on a proposal for a new animal feeding operation ordinance for Twin Falls County. But Twin Falls County commissioners say they've come to the bargaining table a little too late. The diverse group includes

TF commissioners say they'll proceed with earlier proposal

Lewis Eilers, executive director of the Idaho Dairymen's Association; Bill Chisholm, a local environmental activist; Ken Edmunds, a Twin Falls businessman and consultant and past president of the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce; local attorneys Rich Carlson and Kent

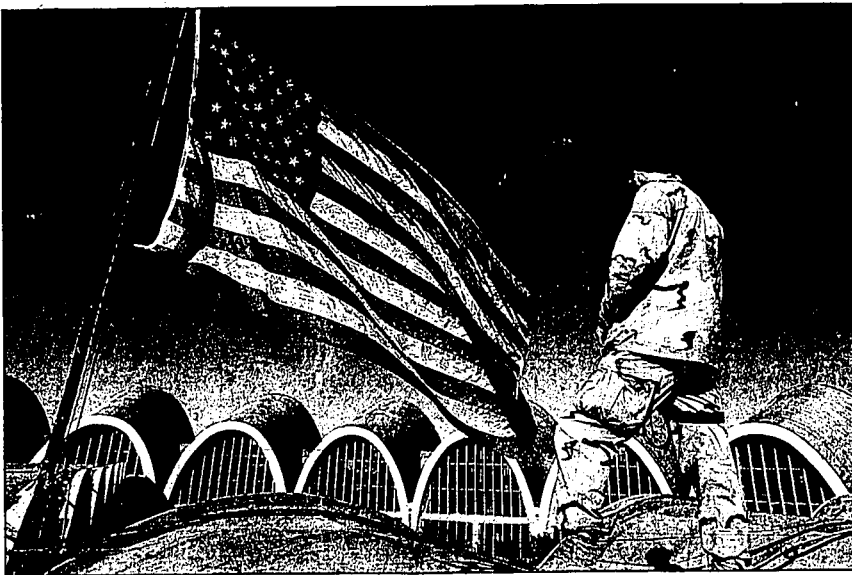
Taylor; dairyman Alvin Smutny; Brent Olmstead, executive director of the Milk Producers of Idaho; and Ed Smith, a Filer-area supporter of the county's draft ordinance. They'd like Twin Falls County commissioners Gary Grindstaff, Bill Brockman and Marvin

Hempleman to postpone the Dec. 27 public hearing to give them time to show commissioners their ideas for resolving some of the issues that previously had been bones of contention. They dropped off the rough draft of their ordinance with commissioners Tuesday.

The ordinance addresses new vs. expanding operations. Existing operations with less than 1,000 animal units that wanted to expand wouldn't have to meet the same stringent guidelines as new operations. In order to expand, an existing operation would have to be in compliance with already existing ordinances.

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FLYING PROUDLY



Marine Cpl. Joshua Rehfeldt of Sacramento, Calif., watches from the roof of the Kandahar International Airport Tuesday as other Marines raise a flag that flew at Ground Zero in New York. The New York City Police Department flew the flag there and it was later signed by relatives and friends of those who lost their lives in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. It has already flown over the USS Bataan, a Marine transport and assault ship.

U.S. signals war's next targets

Yemen, Sudan, Somalia top list; Iraq seems less likely

The Washington Post

As Afghan fighters and U.S. Special Forces troops searched cave-to-cave in eastern Afghanistan Tuesday for an elusive Osama bin Laden, a high-ranking Defense Department official warned that the fate of the Taliban was a "good lesson" for any country thinking of helping the leader of the al-Qaida terrorist network. "I just think any country in the world that would knowingly harbor bin Laden would be out of their minds," Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz said at a Pentagon news conference. Afghan and U.S. forces oriented to search caves and forested mountainsides in the Tora Bora and Milawa areas, looking for al-Qaida stragglers, bodies, weapons and documents that might provide useful intelligence.



U.S. Marines hold down prisoners Tuesday at a detention facility they built at the Kandahar airport in Afghanistan. Fifteen captives from Mazar-e-Sharif arrived here late Monday or early Tuesday for questioning by the CIA and FBI. There was no sign of bin Laden - or of what happened to hundreds of fighters who reportedly had been battling fiercely to protect him. Meanwhile, U.S. forces took custody of 15 captives from the Mazar-e-Sharif area and transported them at night, under heavy guard, to a newly-built detention center at the Marine

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U.S. bombs decimated Tora Bora camp

By David Lamb
Los Angeles Times

TORA BORA, Afghanistan - No one is left to tell what happened here. But one day in the last few weeks, couriers of death struck al-Qaida's terrorist camp in this stone-faced ravine. They left nothing standing, no cave intact, and by the time the U.S. bombers turned for home, the primitive facility had become a ghost town. The camp, covering perhaps 25 city blocks, had a training field and firing range, several bunkers for storing ammunition and clusters of caves that apparently served as both home and classroom for Arabs, Chechens and Pakistanis who came here to hone their skills in the art of mayhem. From defensive shooting positions inside stone parapets, one could look onto the Milawa Valley below and no doubt feel secure in the knowledge that the place was

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Schools bill heads to Bush

Area officials try to assess math, reading testing mandates

By Robert Mayer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Idaho school officials say it's not soon to decide whether Idaho schools will benefit from the passage of a federal education bill that offers increased funding and calls for standardized testing.

In a triumph for President Bush, Congress cleared landmark education legislation Tuesday requiring annual math and reading tests for millions of students as part of an ambitious effort to boost classroom performance.

There remains uncertainty whether the federal mandates will supersede Idaho's existing standardized test or redundantly heap more examinations on a school year already filled with required statewide tests.

William Feusabrenns, Filer School District superintendent, said that while he awaits details from Washington, he doubts the legislation will play a significant role in the state's public schools.

"If they let states use their own testing, it shouldn't have much impact," he said. "But if it's going to be more time out of the instructional day, I wouldn't want to see that."

Idaho students are now subjected to a battery of standardized tests including the Iowa Test of Basic Skills in grades three through eight, the Tests of Achievement and Proficiency in grades nine through 11, and the Northwest Evaluation Association levels testing for grades three through nine.

"If the federal government lets us use these tests, then we should be all right," Feusabrenns said.

The Senate's 87-10 vote Tuesday came less than a week after the House bestowed its blessing on the measure, 381-41. Bush, who placed education legislation atop his first-year list of legislative priorities, is expected to sign the bill into law within days.

"This legislation before us today is a blueprint for progress in all of the nation's schools," said Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., one of four key lawmakers who shaped the measure. "It proclaims that every child matters - every child in every school in every community in America."

Sen. Todd Gregg, R-M.H., added, "What we're doing is creating opportunities for local school districts, states and especially parents, to take advantage of using their federal dollars in a more effective way, educating the low-income child."

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Idaho economy deteriorates further, Kempthorne warns

Governor rules out any tinkering with taxes



The Associated Press

BOISE - Watching the erosion of what was once one of the nation's most robust state economies, Gov. Dirk Kempthorne on Tuesday announced a further reduction in estimated tax receipts for the current budget year. It reduced anticipated revenue - even after the record \$114 million tax cut - by nearly 6 percent from the estimate lawmakers relied on when they approved the state's first \$2 billion budget last March, aggravating

the worst fiscal crisis the state has faced since 1983.

"We have not seen a revision of this extent in December revenue for about 20 years," Kempthorne said. "The recession we're experiencing continues."

But Kempthorne firmly rejected the possibility of either new taxes or revenue measures or rescinding last March's tax cut to avoid what could accumulate in the next budget to

\$160 million in spending reductions from the levels lawmakers originally approved for this year.

After speaking with legislative leaders, the governor said the newest gap between revenue and spending commitments would be covered with \$20 million that would otherwise be deposited in the state's budget reserve fund. The rest of the potential red ink has been offset with a \$55 million across-the-board spending cut.

That includes \$23 million in state aid to public schools and \$7 million in support for universities. It has also resulted in at least 42 layoffs this month at the Health and Welfare Department, and Kempthorne declined to rule out the possibility of more next year.

A fight was expected over making the reduction in school aid permanent during this winter's election-year session. But the bigger battle could come in drafting a state budget for the

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Idaho Extremes Yesterday:

High 41°
Caldwell 38°/19°
Low -10°
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24 hours ending 6 p.m. yesterday:
North to date: 3.70°
Normal month to date: 7.70°
Water level to date (Oct. 1): 2.83°
Normal year to date (Oct. 1): 2.65°

Humidity Yesterday at noon: 75%

Barometric Pressure Yesterday at 6 p.m.: 30.96 in.

Pollen yesterday in Twin Falls:
Grass: N.A. Mold: N.A. Trees: N.A. Mold: N.A.

Source: Asthma and Allergy of Idaho

Shows today's weather. Temperatures are highs and lows.

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FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR TWIN FALLS

TODAY	TONIGHT	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
A little snow at times.	A few snow showers.	There could be some snow.	A morning flurry, then some sun.	Partly sunny.	A mixture of clouds and sunshine.
▲ 37° ▼ 28°	▲ 28° ▼ 28°	▲ 37° ▼ 28°	▲ 32° ▼ 20°	▲ 30° ▼ 16°	▲ 30° ▼ 18°

CANADIAN CITIES

City	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo
Calgary	26	14	22	8
Edmonton	20	14	16	2
Kelowna	34	10	28	10
Lethbridge	21	8	22	10
Regina	21	8	20	3
Saskatoon	28	8	18	3
Toronto	40	30	41	28
Vancouver	42	38	40	28
Victoria	41	31	40	27
Winnipeg	10	-8	23	8

REGIONAL WEATHER

Southern Idaho: Mixed precipitation today with some light rain and snow in western sections and light snow and flurries in the east. Highs from the 20s in the eastern mountains to near 40 in the west.

Boise: Mixed precipitation today with some snow in the morning mixing with, or changing to, rain during the afternoon. High 39. Mostly cloudy tonight with a little snow and rain possible. Low 30.

Northern Nevada: Mostly cloudy with light snow and flurries possible in the north; dry with some sunshine to the south. Highs 30-44. The light snow and flurries should continue in the north tonight. Lows 16-22.

Northern Utah: More clouds than sunshine today; not as cool as it has been lately. Highs today ranging from the 20s in the mountains to around 35 in the lower elevations. Lows tonight 15-25.

Northern Idaho: Mostly cloudy today; a few snow showers in the valleys and more numerous snow showers in the mountains. Highs 28-38. A flurry or two possible this evening; clouds will decrease tonight. Lows 18-26.

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today: 8:03 a.m.
Sunset tonight: 5:07 p.m.
Moonrise today: 11:45 a.m.
Moonset tonight: 9:53 p.m.

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Dec 22 Dec 30 Jan 5 Jan 13

WORLD CITIES

City	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo
Acapulco	90	73	90	72
Athens	39	33	44	35
Auckland	73	58	72	53
Bangkok	66	70	63	68
Beijing	29	22	27	12
Berlin	39	29	42	19
Buenos Aires	68	50	77	63
Calcutta	62	41	55	41
Hong Kong	70	61	70	53
Jerusalem	54	38	45	33
Johnsburg	87	83	89	81
London	42	32	38	28
Mexico City	70	48	68	47
Moscow	8	5	20	14
Paris	39	30	38	28
Rio de Janeiro	83	62	82	69
Sao Paulo	34	24	32	24
Sydney	68	57	67	53
Tokyo	33	23	25	17
Warsaw	33	23	25	17
Zurich	31	22	27	18

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Thu.	Hi	Lo	W	Th.
Boise	39	30	39	28	38	28
Bonners Ferry	38	22	41	23	31	21
Coeur d'Alene	34	24	32	18	28	18
Elko	39	20	41	20	31	21
Emery, OR	44	34	44	32	40	30
Hagerman	39	28	41	28	38	28
Idaho Falls	32	17	34	18	28	18
Katskill, MT	42	19	42	17	37	27
Lewiston	38	28	40	26	36	26
Malad	38	25	41	29	34	24
Malta	38	11	39	20	35	25

NATIONAL EXTREMES

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NATIONAL WEATHER

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U.S. expands hunt for bin Laden

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON - U.S. intelligence agencies have expanded their search for Osama bin Laden into western Pakistan, using spy satellites and other high-flying intelligence-gathering aircraft in the attempt to find the elusive terrorist leader, U.S. officials said Tuesday.

Camp

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remote, difficult to reach overland and well fortified. The caves' walls were reinforced with stone, the exits with wood beams. Up the road was a command post with a machine gun.

Foreign journalists reached the flattened camp for the first time Tuesday. Most of the caves appeared to have taken direct hits from U.S. bombs and collapsed in on themselves.

The occupants who fled, or were buried in the rubble, left behind scores of canisters of small-arms ammunition. A Russian-made tank at the mouth of one cave had been destroyed, and strewn about the area were shredded school notebooks with Arabic entries, articles of clothing, and trees that had been sheared in half.

The caves, like most in this snow-capped mountain range, weren't particularly elaborate. They were about 20 feet deep and 3 or 4 feet wide, and they appeared designed primarily as bomb shelters.

Militia commanders fighting al-Qaida said their troops, not U.S. and British special operations forces helping them, were the first to enter the caves after bombing attacks.

Schools

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The measure represents a political compromise - providing billions more in federal funds sought by Democrats, while granting GOP demands to give local officials increased flexibility in spending the money.

Pupils in the third through eighth grades would be tested in reading and math annually, and the results used to judge the performance of their schools. Failing schools would receive increased funds, although if scores did not improve after six years the schools could be reclassified.

State Sen. Laird Noh, R-Kimberly, said it was premature to conclude the legislation's impact, but he said he inquired last week with budget analysts about the pending federal legislation, but together they decided that too few details of the plan were known to take a course of action. He said he would like to see the federal - government - accept Idaho's testing platforms and supply them further with increased funding.

Officials at the Twin Falls School District also said it was too early to measure the legislation's impact, adding that the Idaho State Department of Education has been focusing primarily on the state's own evolving plans for standardized testing.

But Lindsay Nothern of U.S. Sen. Mike Crapo's office downplayed the potential testing dilemma and emphasized the increased educational funding the state will receive. Indeed, money directed at lower-income students has doubled to \$13 billion from \$4.9 billion, and teacher-quality training funds have tripled. In fact, much of the money is geared toward improving low-performing schools.

Dairies

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rules and regulations, and have no history of citations for violation of county, state or federal rules or persistent nuisance complaints in the last five years.

The ordinance also separates operations by size and water usage into four categories: partially confined or pastured; agricultural domestic; agricultural commercial; and agricultural confined animal feeding operation.

The ordinance would not conflict with state and federal laws and rules, and it would not supersede existing county zoning ordinances.

But commissioners say those concerned should have spoken up sooner and that they plan to go forward with the hearing as scheduled.

"We've advertised the hearing, and we're going ahead with it," Grindstaff said. "Most of the things in there are in the new ordinance anyway."

Dairy operators had an opportunity to be involved in revising the county's new ordinance but bowed out. They refused to take part in a mediation over the county's proposed ordinance, saying the original ordinance, not the new one on the table, should be used as the basis for mediation.

"They've postponed this for a year now," Eilers said earlier this month. "It's time they took the bull by the horns and made some decisions. It's better that the county commissioners take responsibility, draft an ordinance and take it to the public."

Commissioners took that advice. "They said we needed to get with the program and we did," Grindstaff said.

"That's why you have a public hearing - to hear what the public has to say about it," Brockman said. "It's kind of ironic that some of the people who want to postpone the hearing are the same people who said it was time for county commissioners to step to the plate and draft an ordinance."

The commissioners have already completed the drafts of four ordinances regarding small operations, which will be discussed at the Dec. 27 hearing and plan to finish the draft of the ordinance regarding large operations before the first of the year, Brockman said.

Edmunds said he decided to bring people on both sides of the dairy issue together because, "Everyone realizes it's a problem that has to be solved."

"I'm concerned about the economic welfare of the community," Edmunds said. "Our most vital industry is in conflict with that's in the community and that's a problem."

Edmunds said he ran into Chisholm, who liked the idea of bringing everyone together. Edmunds said the group started

The 'official' proposal

Twin Falls County commissioners will hold public hearings on four draft ordinances regarding animal feeding operations at 7 p.m., Dec. 27 on the first floor of the County Courthouse, 4225 Shoshone St. N.W.

The hearings will focus on the following ordinance:

An ordinance establishing zoning standards for the siting of animal feeding operations from 100 to 999 animal units.

An ordinance establishing regulations and standards for the keeping and care of livestock in Twin Falls County.

An ordinance establishing the position of a hearing officer who would have the authority to grant or deny permits.

An ordinance establishing operating permit requirements and procedures.

Copies of the proposed ordinances can be picked up at the Office of Planning and Zoning, 248 Third Ave. E. The ordinances can be seen online at www.twinfallscounty.org. Click on proposed AFO ordinances.

meeting in November and after discussing the issues in a less confrontational setting, members were either able to come to an agreement on a particular issue or were at least willing to compromise.

"We just said, 'Let's identify what's undecided and work on those issues,'" Edmunds said. "They realized it was an immovable object versus an irresistible force. That's great for college football games but it doesn't work for a community. The main thing was trying to bring about a resolution so things could move forward."

Dairy operators wanted to ensure a new siting ordinance would allow them to expand and stay in business while environmental activists wanted to make sure the ordinance wouldn't allow new large operations to move into residential areas. Edmunds said the ordinance addresses the siting of future dairies.

"There's a lot of good dairymen out there who have operations they should be able to expand," he said. "We don't have the perfect answer, but both sides are willing to talk and resolve the problem."

Chisholm said holding a public hearing between Christmas and New Year's was a bad timing.

"The community isn't familiar with what they're doing," Chisholm said.

He pointed out that commissioners have only finished drafting four ordinances - all dealing with small operations.

"The one that's missing is the one that deals with larger operations. We need to slow down the

train here and do something to solve the problem rather than just doing something to say we did something. We're willing to discuss it. There are some good things the commissioners are doing. We'd like to see a hybrid of what they've done and what we've done."

Smutny, who's been in the dairy business more than half a century, agrees that holding a public hearing smack in the middle of the holidays is a bad idea.

"That way, people can't comment on it," Smutny said. "It's the commissioners who have made this whole thing political and more difficult as we've gone through this process."

Smutny said the group had come a long way toward resolving the issue.

"I think it was a positive experience," Smutny said. "I think we've given up on finding a way to accomplish an ordinance that's workable and will protect the livestock industry and still be environmentally responsible."

The Idaho Dairymen's Association recently joined with some dairy operators and business owners to file a lawsuit against county commissioners, saying they violated the law and hurt their businesses when they enacted five consecutive moratoriums on construction or expansion of dairies since July 2000.

Commissioners have not yet filed a response to the lawsuit.

"Smutny wouldn't comment directly on the lawsuit, but he did say the proposed ordinance commissioners now have on the table "probably won't stand legal muster."

"You can't just take people's property and get away with it," Smutny said. "We spent my lifetime building my herd as well as my land and now they're saying that didn't mean anything. It's a common thing for businesses to grow in order to remain efficient. Now they say we're going to put all these restrictions on you and we're allowed to grow without spending a lot of money to meet these new restrictions."

"They (commissioners) have the ultimate decision no matter what," Smutny said. "The buck stops with them but just because it does doesn't mean they're making the right decisions."

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2002-2003 spending year.

Assuming all \$55 million in cuts can be made in the current budget, Kemphorne and lawmakers would still have to come up with another \$108 million in reductions in the new budget from existing spending levels to accommodate the state's current legal obligations, according to legislative analysts. That assumes a 5 percent growth in revenue - a figure that has been equally attacked as too conservative and too optimistic.

Kemphorne said on Tuesday that the 2002-2003 budget he unveiled on Jan. 9 does not include any tax tinkering, and he eagerly defended the tax cuts against critics wanting their repeal or postponement.

CORRECTION

A story in Sunday's paper about YJU GO misprinted the phone number people can call for more information on the game. People can call either 543-9133, or first call 733-3264 and then 543-9133. The Times-News regrets the error.

Sides reach deal on anti-terrorism funding

WASHINGTON (AP) — House-Senate negotiators agreed Tuesday to a compromise \$20 billion anti-terrorism package that would divert \$10 billion from President Bush's budget for defense to domestic security and communities hit by the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Bush rebuffed earlier demands by Democrats for a wider-ranging measure with a price tag that was at least \$15 billion higher. But Democrats succeeded in cutting the \$7.3 billion Bush wanted for the Pentagon to \$3.5 billion, with resulting increases for expenditures at home.

Domestic security programs would get \$8.3 billion, while \$8.2 billion would go to areas directly

'We're going home. If the White House wants a defense bill, they'll sign it.'

—Rep. David Obey, D-Wisconsin

affected by the attacks. The anti-terrorism money was attached to a compromise \$318 billion defense measure for this year. The House was planning to vote on the measure Thursday, and the Senate may as well.

Participants said that to the end, White House officials were

trying to boost the measure's defense funds. But with Congress expected to finally finish this year's session at week's end, lawmakers decided they were finished bargaining.

"We're going home," said Rep. David Obey of Wisconsin, top Democrat on the House Appropriations panel. "If the White House wants a defense bill, they'll sign it."

Even though the Bush administration did not get all the defense funds it wanted out of the anti-terrorism bill, the military money in it will still bring the fiscal 2002 Pentagon budget — contained in several bills — to \$345 billion. That is about a 15 percent boost over last year's total.

With the war in Afghanistan and other costs, the Pentagon is expected to get even more money after Congress returns early next year.

Approval of the compromise would clear the major remaining hurdle before Congress finishes its must-pass spending legislation and adjourns for the year.

The defense bill contains language letting the Air Force lease 100 Boeing 767s for 10 years and refit them to become midflight refueling planes, bolstering the ailing aviation contractor and the military's aging fleet of tankers.

It also contains \$7.8 billion for national missile defense, \$500 million less than Bush wanted.

DEA looks to work more with local officials

The Associated Press

The Drug Enforcement Administration will spend \$5 million to double the number of agents in the field who work with local police and community groups on drug prevention, DEA chief Asa Hutchinson said Tuesday.

The aim is to step up the DEA's role in organizing drug treatment and education programs in cities where the agency has busted drug dealers.

"Agents are tired of dismantling an organization and a year later come back and see that they've moved in again or another organization has," said Hutchinson. The DEA now has 22 "demand reduction" agents around the country. The goal is to more than double that within two years and have at least one agent in every state.

Hutchinson stressed that pushing treatment and prevention programs would not diminish the DEA's core law enforcement mission of investigating and arresting drug dealers. "There should not be any competition between the enforcement side and the demand reduction side," he said.

The agency usually waits until after a drug bust to send in agents to work with local communities on drug treatment and prevention programs.

Senate kills Republican farm proposal

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate Tuesday night rejected a Republican farm bill backed by the Bush administration that would have created new subsidized savings accounts to offset dropping commodity prices.

Republicans have kept a Democratic bill bottled by refusing to allow a limit on debate. But the 55-40 defeat of the Republican alternative "sends a pretty clear signal of where the votes are" and provides momentum to the Democratic legislation, said Sen. Kent Conrad, D.N.D.

Both bills would increase spending on farm programs by nearly 80 percent over the next

10 years and reauthorize farm and nutrition programs through 2006. The Democratic bill, however, would raise crop subsidies and create a new payment program tied to changes in commodity

prices. The GOP bill didn't increase subsidy rates but instead offered farmers more money in fixed annual payments to go with matching deposits for IRA-style savings accounts.

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interrogation in Kandahar.

Wolfowitz said the first priority of the questioning was to collect information leading "to the capture of terrorists here in the United States and other places where they may be planning attacks."

Although stressing that the war in Afghanistan was far from over, Wolfowitz gave the clearest indication yet about where U.S. forces might focus next.

"I think the places that we're going to be looking at, immediately beyond Afghanistan, first and foremost (are) those places where we think senior al-Qaida (members) might be trying to escape to, or those places where we have tentatively identified possible al-Qaida people hanging out," he said.

Those criteria would suggest U.S. military action is more likely in countries such as Yemen, Sudan and Somalia than in Iraq, which is not known to host al-Qaida elements.

"There are, obviously, a number of countries that have active al-Qaida cells, and Yemen is one," Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said in a similar vein at a NATO news conference in Brussels. "Sudan is, obviously, one. Somalia used to be a haven where senior al-Qaida officials spent time. There are a number of other locations around the world where that's the case."

Explosions were heard sporadically through the day and into the night as U.S. aircraft apparently sought to bomb al-Qaida fighters trying to escape to Pakistan. Snow, now falling almost daily, has made the terrain increasingly difficult.

"Al-Qaida is not coming back," said Mohammad Fadhwan, one of the field commanders whose troops helped push the terrorist group out of the mountainous region in recent days.

Each of several valleys in the Tora Bora region has hundreds of caves, some of which have been sealed by U.S. bombardment and may need to be reopened. Peter Pace, vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told reporters at the Pentagon press conference. "And so it's going to be step by step, cave by cave, and to put a time limit on that would be imprudent right now," Pace said.

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Forest Service alters rules for protecting undeveloped land

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Forest Service is moving to change Clinton-era policies designed to protect undeveloped portions of national forests.

New interim directives remove redundancies in agency guidelines and provide protections to pristine forest areas, spokeswoman Leith Valtekevitch said.

But environmentalists contend the changes will open up an uncounted number of acres to logging, road building and other development while weakening requirements for scientific review.

The interim policy follows the state of Idaho's successful court challenge to the Clinton plan that would have put 58 million acres — more than 9 million in Idaho — off limits to logging and other resource development.

The directives will be published in the Federal Register, a clearinghouse of government regulations, this week. The public will have 60 days to comment.

They alter a forest transportation policy developed during the Clinton administration that required each national forest to decide how many miles of roads it needs. Right now, more than 383,000 miles weave through some 192 million acres.

The changes remove a requirement that smaller, undeveloped areas next to large swaths of unroaded forest lands be protected unless there is a compelling need to develop them.

They also allow regional officials to decide if environmental and public reviews are necessary to determine if development is appropriate. The Clinton administration mandated the reviews.

Valtekevitch said those areas are best managed by local officials and other policies.

"The roads management policy really is about managing a road system," not making decisions about undeveloped forest lands, she said.

Tim Preso, a lawyer with the environmental group Earthjustice, said the administration is substantially trying to chip away at environmental protections.

"It is a lot of little tinkering, but all the little tinkering paves the way for more logging in roadless areas," he said.

Mike Anderson, forest analyst at the Wilderness Society, sees even bigger changes.

"It removes all protection for smaller undeveloped areas that are often critically important wildlife habitats," he said.

Officials offer anthrax vaccine

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal health officials said Tuesday they would offer anthrax vaccine and an extra 40 days of antibiotics to thousands of Capitol Hill and postal workers in case any anthrax still lurks in their lungs.

The precautionary extra treatment is for people who already were prescribed two months of antibiotics because they may have been exposed during the anthrax attacks-by-mail.

Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson said workers will have to decide, in consultation with their doctors, whether to take extra antibiotics, to take the drugs along with the experimental vaccine — or cease treatment and call a doctor promptly if they have any anthrax symptoms.

The new precaution comes because some animal studies suggest that in rare cases, anthrax spores might linger in the body after standard 60-day antibiotic treatment and then erupt to sicken.

The government has confirmed 18 cases of anthrax — 11 of the often-deadly inhaled form and seven skin infections — since the bioterror attack began in October. No new cases have been reported since a 94-year-old Connecticut woman died Nov. 24.

Exposed can get extra drugs in case of lingering threat

the fifth death from the attacks. Anthrax is inhaled in a dormant spore form. People get sick when those spores germinate deep in the lungs, letting the bacteria break out and multiply. Antibiotics kill bacteria, not the spores.

In some animal studies, 1 percent of the anthrax spores monkeys inhaled still lurked in their lungs 75 days later, and one monkey died three months after spore inhalation.

So while 60 days of antibiotics protection should protect most people, federal scientists worry about the rare person who unknowingly has anthrax spores still lodged in the lungs, waiting to infect once antibiotics are stopped.

Worse, hundreds of people, mostly postal workers, quit taking their antibiotics before 60 days passed, and no one yet knows the consequences.

"Some of these people, especially those who may have been exposed to high levels of anthrax spores may wish to take additional precautions beyond completing the 60-day antibiotic regimens," Thompson said.

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Judge throws out death sentence in 1981 murder of police officer

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A federal judge on Tuesday threw out the death sentence imposed nearly two decades ago on Mumia Abu-Jamal, revered by supporters worldwide as a crusader against racial injustice but reviled by others as an unrepentant cop-killer.



Mumia Abu-Jamal

U.S. District Judge William Yolin cited problems with the jury charge and verdict form in the trial that ended with the former journalist and Black Panther's first-degree murder conviction in the death of a Philadelphia police officer.

The judge denied all of Abu-Jamal's other claims and refused his request for a new trial. The judge said Abu-Jamal is entitled to a new sentencing hearing within 180 days.

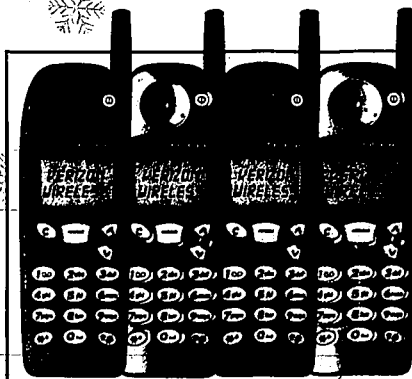
Pennsylvania not have conducted a new sentencing hearing ... the Commonwealth shall sentence petitioner to life imprisonment," the judge said in his 272-page ruling.

The ruling could be appealed to the U.S. 3rd Circuit Court of Appeals. Abu-Jamal, perhaps America's most famous death-row inmate, was convicted of shooting officer Daniel Faulkner, 25, during the early-morning hours of Dec. 9, 1981, after the officer pulled over Abu-Jamal's brother in a downtown traffic stop.

Philadelphia Common Pleas Judge Pamela Dembe ruled Nov. 21 that she did not have jurisdiction over Abu-Jamal's petition for a new trial, scuttling his hopes for another round of state-court appeals.

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EDITORIAL

Election reform should fix more than ballots, chads

Exactly one year after the Supreme Court stepped in to bring order to the 2000 presidential election, Congress has finally taken steps to avoid another legal circus.

The House last week passed a \$2.6 billion federal election reform bill that should improve voting across the country. Most notably, the punch card system that created Florida's hanging, dimpled and pregnant chads will be a thing of the past. For a long time now, poorer voting districts around the country, have neglected their voters' needs.

These reforms go beyond chads and butterfly ballots. Lawmakers are also working to rectify the continuing problem of voter fraud. Nowadays, voting corruption endangers the democratic process more than disenfranchised voters do.

Voting is a right that should be taken seriously and one that relies upon accurate information about registered voters. Voters should be required to identify themselves, their residences and their voting precincts before their ballots are tallied. States also should act to clean up voting. They can start by dropping "motor

voter" laws, which were a result of the National Voter Registration Act. These laws had good intentions: to increase voter registration at motor vehicle, welfare and state assistance offices. But they have backfired by giving fraudulent voters an innovative way to sign up infirm or non-existent people and cast votes by absentee ballot.

Idaho is among the states that loosened voter registration. Legislators now should consider going back to tighten regulations, both to ensure accuracy and to deter fraud. In Pennsylvania, for example, state election bureaus discovered the names of pets and "Star Trek" characters on election rolls in 1996. In some precincts, there are more registered voters than voting-age adults.

Tomfoolery aside, the hoped-for benefits of easy voter registration were dubious from the start. The real reason voters don't register isn't that registration is too difficult. It's that they're too apathetic. In states where motor voter laws have been enacted, registration has gone up, but turnout at the polls has not.

The House version of the election reform bill was right to address the problems directly associated with ballot confusion from Election 2000. But keeping out the menaces who cast invalid votes is just as important. The final bill that goes to the president's desk needs to address both issues.

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Congress earns due praise for bills

On successive days last week, the House of Representatives passed by strong bipartisan majorities a pair of bills with the potential to strengthen fundamental pillars of American society. Did anyone notice?

The news media's perspective on Congress is one of unending conflict - "Crossfire"-type exchanges 24-7. When measures to overhaul the election system in the wake of last year's Florida fiasco and to infuse both money and accountability into chronically lagging public schools were approved overwhelmingly by the House, the applause from press and public was not exactly deafening.

But these were signal achievements, not just in themselves but as symbols of the way in which legislative craftsmanship and largeness of spirit can achieve progress, even under difficult political circumstances. President Bush deserves credit for pressing Congress persistently to pass the school reform program he put at the top of his agenda. He was passive, if not indifferent, on the election reform issue.

Neither the education nor the election bill could have overcome serious roadblocks in the House had not four members of the House and two Democrats decided to defy the ideologues in their own parties and form centrist coalitions to get the job done.

Two Ohio Republicans, John Boehner and Bob Ney, had to confront the strong conservatives who insisted that the federal government had no business even suggesting to state and local officials how to run their schools or manage their elections.

On the Democratic side, George Miller of California and Steny Hoyer of Maryland were condemned by some liberal members for failing to insist on



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direct 1960s-model federal controls. Ney and Hoyer teamed up to write and pass the Help America Vote Act by 362-63. The measure will provide funds to eliminate the punch-card voting systems that caused such havoc in Florida and will set minimum standards for conduct of future elections. States will have to give a clear definition of a valid vote (no more chad debates), improve their registration procedures, allow provisional ballots by people claiming to be eligible, permit voters to correct errors while still in the polling place and provide better access for the disabled.

The opposition came from the most conservative and most liberal members of the House, voting together in uneasy coalition. The day after the overwhelming House vote, senators of both parties announced hard-won agreement on a companion measure, meaning that improvements in the voting process likely will be under way by the time of the next presidential election.

Ney and Hoyer had few problems working together, both are centrists and products of legislatures where they learned the value of compromise. For Boehner and Miller, it was much more of a reach. The Ohioan is a conservative who, just a few years ago, tried to abolish the Department of Education. Miller, a staunch liberal, told me, "Every time I saw him get up on the House floor, I threw rocks at him."

But with Bush playing the honest broker, convincing Miller personally that he really wanted to focus federal funds on

poor kids and poorly performing schools, Boehner gambled he could ask Miller for help on the education bill. He knew he would need Democrats, because so many of his fellow Republicans were still where he had been: dead-set against any federal intervention in the schools. Boehner himself had come to believe that "the federal government could not withdraw from education, but we had to find a way to be sure we were getting results."

The bill they passed seeks to do that by annual testing of students in grades three through eight (a Bush requirement, based on his successful experience in monitoring Texas schools, and sets realistic but challenging standards for measuring year-to-year progress. With Congress adding a big chunk of money to the Bush budget, it also provides the wherewithal for special reading programs, tutoring and after-school and summer assistance to faltering students.

The combination of new resources, increased flexibility for local school authorities and more insistence that educators produce results is a revolution in federal policy.

It passed the House 381-4, with most of the opposition coming, asBoehner expected, from conservative Republicans, and will become law this week.

As Rep. Tim Roemer, an Indiana Democrat who is retiring next year after playing a vital role on the school bill, said, "This is why I came to Washington, 10 years ago. I just wish to had done our work this way more often. Think what we could have accomplished."

It might happen more often if the people who pull off these legislative miracles receive the praise they are due.

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Make no mistake: Dairies still stink

To the person who anonymously sent me the article by Bob Ohlenschelen, titled "The Debate Rages On":

I can only presume you sent this so I was aware that I've received criticism about my last letter to the editor. In that letter I was quite critical of what has become the norm for the dairy industry. While Ohlenschelen didn't name me in the article, he quoted portions of my letter, so it's obvious who he was criticizing. Ohlenschelen insinuated I (among other editorial letter writers) was misinformed and even hinted that my position was fabricated. He claimed problems referred to happened years ago and have since been solved through rules and regulations enforced by the Idaho State Department of Agriculture. Bunk!

It's interesting you felt compelled to send me straight, took the time to find my address and mail this article,

yet you lacked the courage to put a return address on the envelope. Did you ever consider I might throw the envelope away, thinking it might be laden with Anthrax? Were you not capable of explaining your position yourself? Are you afraid to confront me directly with your perspective on the issue?

Too bad you wasted a 3¢ stamp. When someone talks of "scientific data," especially when it's this particular Twin Falls County Extension educator, my brain shuts down. Do you realize that Ohlenschelen designed the waste management plans for the controversial Desert Rose Dairy? You know, the one that's created the horrific odor south of Filer. He also designed the H&H Dairy waste management system in my old neighborhood. Ohlenschelen may well be responsible for numerous pungent waste management systems at industrial dairies throughout the county. I am very familiar

with the works of Ohlenschelen and his criticism doesn't even dent my armor. I am disappointed however, you didn't have the courage to own up to sending me this.

Recently this industry's shown its true colors by filing suit against Twin Falls County commissioners, rather than mediate on the livestock confinement ordinance. Officials have finally realized the harmful effects of industrial dairies and have been forced to enact numerous moratoriums because ISDA isn't doing their job. Having experienced the pollution created by this industry and ISDA's lax attitude first hand, I cannot imagine my position being changed, especially by this pitiful article received in the mail. Next time you feel compelled to do something like this, don't bother.

BERT REDFERN
Ketchum

Skateboard ordinance doesn't get it

In response to the skateboard ordinance article Dec. 6:

First, let me state that I mean no disrespect but that I offer facts about skateboarding and roller blading. Mayor, sir, if you think skateboarders are solely responsible for wax on your curbs and brickwork, you are mistaken. On the contrary, roller blades need wax for their boots to slide on objects more so than do skateboarders. For you to allow roller bladers and roller skates into your central business district and outlaw skateboarders only is biased and wrong. Would you let trucks run stop signs and issue tickets only to cars that did the same? But what is the real problem? Why do skateboarders and roller bladers play in your business district and school yards? It is because they need pavement for their wheels to roll.

Twin Falls had the same problem until the city council formed a team to look

into the problem. They found that the skaters got involved and, with persistence and fund-raising, we now have one of the best skate parks in Idaho. If you contact the downtown business district, Fred Meyer, the mall, etc., they will tell you that the skateboarders quit coming around. The reason being that we (responsible people who skateboard) would much rather hone our skills, harassment free, at a designated area that we helped develop and maintain.

Skateboarding is an all-American sport, born and bred here in the U.S. of A. There are currently more than 9 million skateboarders in the United States, and more than ever, cities are realizing and acknowledging skateboarding as a legitimate sport by building skate parks - an outlet for those who chose something other than "core sports," more challenging than core sports.
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Two Americans die in suspected robbery in Cuba

HAVANA (AP) - Five people, including a couple visiting from Santa Florida and their 8-year-old grandson, were killed by attackers in a suspected robbery, Cuban government sources confirmed Tuesday.

Four were identified as members of the same family and the fifth as a family friend who was driving the car. One morgue employee said the victims were shot.

The suspecting the telephone at the forensic services office in the central province of Matanzas confirmed that five people had been slain. The man, who refused to give his name, provided no details except to say he had seen nothing like it before in Cuba, where murders are uncommon.

Multiple killings are almost unheard of, and slayings of visitors to the communist country - whose economy depends heavily on foreign tourism - are extremely rare. Several government sources

privately confirmed the five were slain in an apparent robbery attempt in Matanzas province while driving east from Havana to visit relatives in Santa Clara, in Las Villas province.

A woman reached later at the forensic services office - the morgue - in Matanzas said the victims had been shot. The woman also refused to give her name.

"It wasn't an accident," Osmani Placencia of Hialeah, Fla., son of the South Florida couple, told Spanish language television in Miami. "They robbed them and then they killed them."

Placencia identified the victims as his parents, Ada Lorenzo, 52, and Celedonio Placencia, 62, both Cuban-born citizens with legal U.S. residency; his son, Daniel Osmani, 8, of Cuba; his sister, Yailen Placencia, 28, of Cuba; and a family friend who was driving the car, Domingo Delgado.

India accuses Pakistan of role in attack

NEW DELHI, India (AP) - India accused Pakistan on Tuesday of trying to wipe out the Indian leadership, insisting its neighbor and longtime rival sponsored a suicide attack on the Parliament building last week.

Pakistan repeated its denial of any role in the attack, which killed 13 people, and warned India against any military action across their tense border.

Indian Home Minister Lal K. Advani - the government's second highest official - made the first extensive address to the nation by a government leader since the Thursday's attack, in which five gunmen attacked parliament and were killed in a battle.

Both armies of the nuclear-armed neighbors are on alert. India says Pakistani troops have moved closer to the border, where almost daily exchanges of gunfire occur.

Arafat faces criticism at home, abroad

JERUSALEM (AP) - After calling for an end to Palestinian attacks, Yasser Arafat found himself under criticism Tuesday from both Palestinian militants at home and some quarters of the Arab press abroad.

Moreover, Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said the speech by the Palestinian leader has not produced any let up in attacks against Israelis, and the United States was calling on Arafat to act against militants.

In the Gaza Strip, meanwhile, Israeli security forces arrested 10 Palestinians in two separate incidents, the Palestinians said.

The Israelis stopped three cars and detained six Palestinians at a checkpoint near a Jewish settlement in southern Gaza, both sides said. At the northern end of Gaza, Israeli troops fired on a group of Palestinian men, injuring one and arresting four, the Palestinian said.

Arafat demanded an end to shootings, suicide bombings and mortar attacks against Israel in a speech Sunday, and pledged to arrest Palestinians who carried out violence.

But two militant groups, Hamas and the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, issued statements rejecting Arafat's call to stop attacks and suicide bombings.

Arafat also faced unusually strong criticism from some of the Arab press.

The Saudi Arabian newspaper al-Watan belittled Arafat's call to stop attacks. "Is there a name for all of this other than surrender?" the newspaper asked in an editorial.

Abdel Bari Atwan, editor of al-Quds al-Arabi, a London-based Arabic newspaper, said it was time for Arafat to retire as the Palestinian leader.

Saddam Hussein calls for Arab summit in Mecca

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - President Saddam Hussein on Tuesday called for an emergency Arab summit to be held at Islam's holiest city - Mecca in Saudi Arabia - to discuss Israeli attacks on Palestinians.

Saddam asked for Arab unity and warned that the United States and Israel are using the Sept. 11 attacks on New York and Washington as a pretext to destroy Arabs.


"America is encouraging the Zionist entity to kill the Arabs," he said in a call to Arab governments and people carried by the Iraqi News Agency. "The United States and the Zionist entity have one common goal, that is to destroy and humiliate the Arab nation."

Saddam's call coincides with plans for an Arab League meeting Thursday in Cairo, Egypt, to discuss the escalating Israeli-Palestinian violence. At least 10 foreign ministers plan to attend, Arab League spokesman Hisham Youssef said.

The 22-nation Arab League has held several meetings in the past 14 months to discuss the Israeli-Palestinian crisis. Though there is broad support for the Palestinian cause and condemnation of Israel, little coordinated action has resulted.

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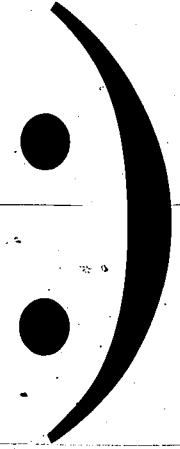
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AROUND THE VALLEY

Monday crash kills Ketchum man

MOUNTAIN HOME - A 49-year-old Ketchum man died late Monday from injuries he suffered in a crash near Mountain Home earlier that night.

Michael I. Gross was being treated at St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise when he died, according to the Idaho State Police.

At about 10:30 p.m., Gross was westbound on U.S. Highway 20 about four miles north of Mountain Home when he apparently lost control of the 1992 Ford Explorer he was driving and went off the right side of the road. The truck flipped and Gross, who was not wearing a seat belt, was ejected, according to the ISP.

GOP considers three coroner candidates

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls County Republican Central Committee has received letters from four people interested in replacing County Coroner Gene Turley, who recently resigned.

The committee will meet at 7 tonight in the county meeting room at 246 Third Ave. E. to select three candidates and place them in the order of preference. Their recommendation will be sent to county commissioners, who will make the final decision.

The candidates are:

- Dennis Chambers, retired from the city of Twin Falls, a former crime lab and evidence supervisor.
- Kim Hernandez, who owns a business called REACH, which helps disadvantaged people find resources in the community. She was the deputy coroner and interim coroner from 1995 to 1998 and was defeated by Turley in the 1998 election.
- Cherrill Jacobsen, a phlebotomy specialist who was chief deputy coroner in 1998.
- Glen Schroeder, for whom information was not available.

"All of them a pretty well-qualified," said Marilyn Hempleman, secretary of the Twin Falls Republican Central Committee.

Turley's resignation was effective Dec. 9. He left the part-time coroner's post to take a job as investigator with the county public defender's office. His annual salary as coroner had been raised from \$18,362 to \$19,096 this year.

Water supply panel to evaluate drought status

BOISE - Persistent precipitation since Thanksgiving has boosted Idaho's water levels to more than average through Tuesday, setting the stage for the state's Water Supply Committee to determine whether two years of drought has ended.

A third-of-the-way through snow accumulation season, the snowpack statewide averaged 138 percent of normal compared to only 87 percent of normal at the same time a year ago. Snowpack in the Fwy Snake is important for Magic Valley irrigators.

The range was right at normal on the Snake River Basin above Palisades Dam in eastern Idaho, which was 86 percent of normal last year. Snowpack in the Fwy Snake is important for Magic Valley irrigators.

The highest reading Tuesday was 205 percent of normal in the Oakley Basin of south-central Idaho, while the West River Basin was at 136 percent of normal.

The drought forced water managers statewide to draw down the reservoir system to its minimum levels by the end of the summer, and the Water Supply Committee will decide at its Jan. 11 meeting just how far along the state is toward recovering.

The scientists from various government agencies will base their recommendations on snowpack and reservoir levels at the time, stream flow forecasts, weather predictions, and other information to form the outlook for 2002.

'Lord of the Rings' opens tonight at area theaters

TWIN FALLS - The friends of Frodo Baggins will be in good luck.

"Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring," the opening round of director Peter Jackson's \$270 million cinematic treatment of the J.R.R. Tolkien, science-fiction classic, opens tonight at the Twin Cinema, the Century Cinema in Burley, the Jerome Cinema and the Magic Lantern in Ketchum.

Two more "Rings" films are planned, set for release during the holidays in 2002 and 2003.

Compiled from staff reports

Officials mull jail option Board OKs bonds

County may want to work out deal with private companies

By Mark Heinz
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - A proposal to open a jail in the old Norco Windows building in Twin Falls is on hold, officials said Tuesday, but the county still wants to try striking a deal with the companies behind the original proposal.

Twin Falls County is now mulling building a new jail instead of renovating the Norco building on Washington Street South, said Commissioner Bill Brockman.

But the jail would be built on the Norco property, and the

county would still pay for it under a long-term lease with the companies that helped forge the Norco plan, said Twin Falls County Sheriff Wayne Tousey.

Under the Norco building plan, one of a trio of Colorado-based companies behind the deal would buy the buildings, renovate it and lease it back to the county at \$1 million per year for 30 years. After that, the county would own the building and the land it sits on. The lease would

have to be renewed every year and would include a no-penalty escape clause for the county, officials said.

That plan - which met with opposition from the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce - had been set to go before a district court judge for judicial review. The judge could then approve or deny the county's request. But the judicial review hearing was first postponed and then canceled, Brockman said.

That's not because the county has given up on the idea, he said. The commissioners and other boosters of the project want more time to consider other options, he said.

"We just want to compare the costs of leasing the building to the cost of a new facility," he said.

Brockman and Tousey said when the county does settle on an option, the plan is still to put it up for judicial review.

Tousey and other backers of the plan have said "the county needs more jail space because

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OKs bonds

County officials want language clarified

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Hospital Board Tuesday signed a resolution approving the issuance of up to \$12.5 million of tax-exempt bonds to buy the Twin Falls Clinic and Hospital.

The board also approved the purposes and activities of Magic Valley Healthcare Systems Inc., a separate not-for-profit company, to issue the bonds.

"I think it's a wonderful thing," said Magic Valley Regional Chief Executive Officer Jerry Hart. "It's an opportune time because interest rates are low. It's a very good step for the community to take to consolidate where care."

But Twin Falls County commissioners to clarify some of the language in the resolution before they sign it on Friday. Commission Chairman Gary Grandstaff said the resolution does not name "Twin Falls Clinic and Hospital." It only says the bonds will be used to "finance the acquisition of medical facilities" for the hospital. It also refers to the clinic as "the project."

"It doesn't really say what property," Grandstaff said. "We need to define the project."

The bond term is 20 years at a variable interest rate of 1.39 percent.

Hospital Board member Jeff Harris wanted to know if the hospital could switch to a fixed interest rate should interest rates rise. Magic Valley Regional attorney Kent Taylor said the hospital could change to a fixed rate at any time during the term of the bond for a percentage of the balance, which he estimated would be about \$5,000. The current fixed interest rate is between 3.59 and 3.89 percent.

The price tag on the purchase of the clinic's inpatient and outpatient services, along with the building, equipment, supplies and inventory, is \$16.1 million. Magic Valley Healthcare Systems Inc. will issue bonds in the amount of \$12,295,000, and the remaining \$3,815,000 will be transferred from Magic Valley Regional's reserve accounts to Magic Valley Healthcare Systems Inc. Twin Falls Clinic and Hospital will then receive the total amount for the purchase.

The former clinic's assets will be leased back to Magic Valley Regional, which will make payments of the bonds from hospital revenue accounts, said Hospital Board Chairwoman Vesta Maughan. Once the bonds are paid off, the assets will be transferred to Magic Valley Regional and Twin Falls County, she said.

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SURVEYING THE SCENE



Jerry Black takes a ride around one of his fields in Buhl Tuesday afternoon to decide where he wants to put up a fence so his cattle can graze safely.

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More spending: Property tax season closes in

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - 'Tis the season. Just when folks think they couldn't possibly spend any more on Christmas, they get to dole out more money for property taxes.

The necessary evil allows Idaho property owners to share in the expense of schools, roads, cemeteries, libraries and fire and police protection, to name some of the services.

Property owners in Twin Falls and Jerome counties are likely to see a drop. Legislative action last session reduced taxes to support the College of Southern Idaho and its sister school, North Idaho College in Coeur d'Alene by 37 percent.

Of \$3.2 million appropriated for tax relief to the state's two junior colleges, half goes to Twin Falls and Jerome counties. Twin

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Falls County will get a bit over 70 percent of the \$1.6 million, or \$1,229,379, in relief. Jerome County will see \$320,621 in relief. The portions were determined by property values in each county.

A hypothetical home owner in either county who has a \$100,000 house on a \$20,000 lot will pay \$58.15 last year, that home owner paid.

That's the good news.

Not all property taxes went down. Within Twin Falls County, for example, 36 different property taxing districts exist. Not

everyone pays into 36 accounts, however. Where a taxpayer owns property determines what taxes are levied on any particular piece of property. In addition, each district has a different set maximum levy rate determined by the Legislature.

One taxing district that saw rates go up slightly this year was the Twin Falls Fire District. One reason is that districts are allowed by state law to ask 103 percent of the highest budget for that district over the past three years. That goes for any taxing district, and most usually take advantage of that ability in order to meet increased expenses that come with inflation.

For example, The board for the fire district tallied up a budget of \$665,907 it figured it would need to maintain the district. The board anticipates receiving \$82,458 in other revenues, which decreased the amount it needs from property

taxpayers to \$583,449.

However, that amount is still more than 103 percent of the highest budget request of the past three years, which was \$540,589. That most the board can ask for is \$556,807, based on the same property values that the \$540,589 reflected.

But in the Twin Falls Fire District's new construction has added another \$97,114.44. The rate the Legislature set for fire districts is \$0.240000 per \$1 of valuation. But 103 percent of the highest budget would only require a levy rate of .002399798. However, that statutory levy limit can be exceeded by the cost of liability insurance, which can be charged out according to what the insurance company charges. This year the fire district is levying .000149405 extra to pay for that.

That amount is determined by

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Fate of SIRCOMM workers remains uncertain

By Mark Heinz
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls City Council and others have pondered what to do with three employees recently suspended from the Southern Idaho Regional Communications Center, but a decision was still up in the air Tuesday, officials said.

Twin Falls police Capt. Jim Munn and Chief Lee DeVare met late Monday with the City Council in a closed-door session. Munn confirmed Tuesday that the meeting had been about the situation at SIRCOMM.

SIRCOMM's joint board of directors will meet at 7 tonight at the SIRCOMM building in Jerome. To further discuss the matter, said board Chairman Bill Brockman. That meeting will also be closed, said Brockman, who is also a Twin Falls County commissioner.

The board of directors - which also includes Twin Falls City Councilman Chris Talkington - recently decided to put three of the dispatch center's employees on paid administrative leave. But board members and other officials have declined to say who they suspended. They also declined to say whether the suspensions and a subsequent inquiry had anything to do with a strip-tease dancer's performance last month at the dispatch center.

Munn has been appointed as the center's director - a position that had been held by Jeff Rodeman. Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office Lt. Jim Dahl was appointed as operations manager. Gloria Falconburg had held that spot. DeVare later said that a dispatch shift supervisor has also been suspended and hadn't been replaced, but he declined to identify the

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Centennial Commission stays on track

By Loretta Burkhardt
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - Twin Falls Centennial Commission Chairman Ken Edmunds sees "everything on track" as he takes over the board's top position.

Edmunds will be overseeing and prioritizing the activities and events for the city's upcoming 2004 celebration - an anniversary not confined to a single year.

And although Edmunds is the commission's third president, he does not see any big changes in the near future. Edmunds recently replaced Mark Stubbs, who replaced the commission's first chairman, Jeff Gooding.

"I don't plan to reinvent the wheel on this project," Edmunds said, "but I do plan to change some of the procedures - to get things moving."

Commission member

Howard Allen said even though the commission has had some problems with the leadership position is concerned, he feels Edmunds is the right person for the position.

"We have a good, strong agenda and the right people on the board," Allen said. "Ken's a hard worker and a dedicated citizen and we'll get the job done. We just need to stay on track now ... and it's going to be a wonderful celebration."

Although he will be proceeding with the format already in place, Edmunds said he is looking at a very large project. For that - he sees a need to look into some "serious" marketing - he will be assigning some specific committees. He also expressed a need to narrow down some of the commission's ideas for future projects.

According to board member Kent Just, there are a large number of ideas to consider.

"We began (the centennial process) with a, 'Ya'll come and bring your whole baggage of ideas to the table,'" Just said, "and when you're talking about a hundred years of history, there's a lot of ideas to consider. And that's not all.

According to Just, who is also a Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce executive, the whole planning process began too early.

"I started talking about this in 1998. So now we've ended up with more (ideas) than we could ever put into place," Just said.

And though there is a considerable amount of "unique" history associated with Twin Falls, over a long period of time people can lose interest.

"So faces have changed over the years but (nevertheless) I can see it all coming together now," Just added. The TFCC

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MAGIC VALLEY

DEATH NOTICES

Phyllis J. Jones
 JEROME - Phyllis J. Jones, 66, of Jerome died Sunday, Dec. 16, 2001, at her home.
 Funeral arrangements are pending and will be announced by Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

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

The service will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 19, at the VFW Hall in Glens Ferry. Burial will follow at Glenn Rest Cemetery.
 Arrangements are under the direction of Summers Funeral Homes, McMurry Chapel.

George A. Larsen
 GLENN FERRY - George A. Larsen, 86, of Glens Ferry died Friday, Dec. 14, 2001, at his home.

Michael Lee Gross
 KETCHUM - Michael Lee Gross, 49, of Ketchum died Monday, Dec. 17, 2001, the result of a traffic accident near Boise.
 Services are pending under the care of the Wood River Chapel, Hailey.

Jean M. Saunders
 BUHL - Jean M. Saunders, 86, of Buhl died Monday, Dec. 17, 2001.
 Funeral arrangements are under direction of Farmer Funeral Chapel, Buhl.

Russell Wayne Toupin
 BURLEY - Russell Wayne Toupin, 73, died Monday, Dec. 17, 2001, at St. Luke's Regional Medical Center in Boise.

SERVICES
 George Anthony Larsen of Glens Ferry, service at 2 p.m. today at the VFW Hall in Glens Ferry; burial will follow at Glenn Rest Cemetery (Summers Funeral Homes, McMurry Chapel).

Church; burial will follow at the Shoshone Cemetery; friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls and from 11:30 a.m. until the time of service at the church.

Merle L. Kiser of Twin Falls, service at 11 a.m. Thursday at White Mortuary; military rites will be conducted by area veterans and auxiliary; viewing from 4-8 p.m. today at White Mortuary; cremation will follow the services.

Erica Leigh Hesselholt Priddy of Filer, service at 1 p.m. Friday at the Filer Middle School auditorium; friends may call from 4-8 p.m. Thursday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Bertha Lucille Bybee Stimpson of Dietrich, service at 1 p.m. Friday at the Shoshone LDS

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

HOSPITALS

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OBITUARIES

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HAILEY



David Ellis Fowler
 David Ellis Fowler died at home on Monday, December 17, 2001, while in the loving arms of his wife of sixty-three years, Veryl. He was 81.

Dave was born June 17, 1914, in Lincoln, Nebraska, to William Kirk and Edith Carpenter Fowler. He graduated from the University of Nebraska in 1935, and began a career in business working for the Minneapolis, Minnesota, based Gamble Skogmo Company. His first store was in Rapid City, South Dakota. He moved on to Buffalo, New York, and then Greeley, Colorado, where he met Veryl Patterson. They married on September 17, 1938, in her hometown of Ansley, Nebraska. They lived in Greeley and Fort Collins, Colorado, then Twin Falls, Idaho, where they opened a new store.

He was transferred to Logan, Utah, where Dave and an Army Reserve officer, was called into active Army service in August 1941. He was assigned to the 162nd Infantry Regiment of the 41st Division. He served in the South Pacific until the end of the war. He retired as a Lieutenant Colonel and earned a Purple Heart, Bronze Star and Silver Star. He was most proud of his Combat Infantry medal.

He returned home and continued to work for Gamble Skogmo in various positions in Colorado, Nebraska, Minnesota and Toronto, Ontario. He retired after forty-two years and he and Veryl started a new life in Hailey, Idaho. Dave was very active in the Presbyterian Church of the Big Wood, served as an Elder and worked endless hours at Camp Sawtooth.

He and Veryl learned to backpack and cross-country ski. He loved to golf, camp and fly fish with his grandchildren. Loving to travel, he and Veryl had many adventures on long trips with very good friends.

Dave is survived by his wife, Veryl of Hailey; daughters, Jean Marie Fowler of Missoula, Montana and Edith (Randy) Robertson of McKinleyville, California; grand-children, Scott (Marcie) Robertson, Patrick (Kristin)

O'Connor, Kathryn O'Connor, and Matthew Robertson and great-grandchildren, David, Kyler and Mariah.

He was preceded in death by his parents, W. K. and Edith Fowler, three brothers, Kirk, Frank and Lyman, two sisters, Florence and Marie and a daughter, Florence Marie (Cookie).

A memorial service is planned for 1:30 p.m. Thursday, December 20, 2001, at the Presbyterian Church of the Big Wood, in Ketchum, Idaho. Memorial contributions may be given to the Presbyterian Church of the Big Wood, P. O. Box 660, Ketchum, ID 83340 or to the Hospice of the Wood River Valley, P. O. Box 4320, Ketchum, ID 83340.

Arrangements are under the care of Wood River Chapel of Hailey, Idaho.

and Storm Lundstrom, Brody Tracy, Cheyenne Tracy, Bailey Rose, Pearson and Shayla Ochsner.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband - Wesley Tracy, a granddaughter - Deirdre Tracy, two sisters and four brothers.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, December 20, 2001, at 1 p.m. at Demaray's Wendell Chapel with Reverend Andy Morris officiating. Burial will be in the Wendell Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made in Nadine's name to the Gooding Senior Citizens.

WENDELL



Betty O. Bird
 Betty O. Bird, 73, of Jerome, Idaho, died at her home on December 17, 2001.

She was born on November 18, 1928, in Sheldon, Missouri, to James Fowler and Nellie Ruth Roland Sullivan. In her younger years she enjoyed fishing with her first husband Dale Riddle and her brother Don Sullivan. She married Maurice Bird on July 5, 1950, in Jerome, Idaho. She took a trip to Germany with her sister Erma and her brother-in-law Conlie to visit with her son Randy who was stationed there and love every minute of her trip.

Betty had a very special place in her heart for all her nieces and nephews and will be missed by all that know her.

She is survived by three grand-children; Richard Riddle, David Riddle, Michael Riddle, a daughter-in-law Ann Riddle, a sister Erma (Conlie) Greene, one brother Don (Julia) Sullivan.

Maurice preceded her in death in 1997 as well as 2 brothers and 1 sister.

A graveside service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Thursday, December 20, 2001, at the Jerome Cemetery, with Pastor Dale Metzger officiating.

Friends may call Wednesday evening from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. at the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel and then gather at the cemetery shortly before service time.

Nadine Tracy
 Nadine Tracy, 73, of Gooding and formerly of Wendell, died Saturday, December 15, 2001, at the Gooding County Memorial Hospital in Gooding.

Nadine was born on September 23, 1928, in Shoshone, Idaho, the daughter of Harmon and Lenora Thompson. She was raised and educated in Shoshone.

Nadine married Wesley Wayne Tracy on August 19, 1950, in Gooding. They made their home in Wendell.

Nadine is survived by her sons, Gary (Jana) Tracy and Tim (Laura) Tracy, all of Gooding; her daughters, Cheryl (Lorette) Bridwell of Jerome and Bonnie Huber of Gooding; her brothers, Marvin Thompson, Jasper (Nan) Thompson, Larry (Bonnie) Thompson and Tom (Jackie) Lakey, her grandchildren, Dawn Marie (Shon) Lundstrom, Brandy (Ana) Tracy, Mandi Tracy, Gena Tracy, Josh Bridwell, Kerstin Tracy, Nathan Tracy, Mike Bridwell, Clint Tracy, Levi Bridwell, B.J. Huber, Justin Tracy, Chad Huber, Heather (Sheridan) Ochsner and Tom Ochsner, and her great-grandchildren, Taylor

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Minority relations group considers having 'trainers'

By Dixie Thomas Reale Times-News correspondent

JEROME - In an effort to break the cycle of prejudice among cultural groups in Jerome, the mayor's commission on minority relations wants to form a small multicultural group of trainers.

The trainers will work on a program that will be a scaled-down version of a human diversity class with the message, "We are friends. It is OK for you to be friends too." The program will be age-appropriate for elementary children, middle school children and high school children.

The commission met Monday evening and began planning what the training might encompass.

Commission Co-chairman Leon Kyle, who has taught in Magic Valley schools for more than 20 years, said that 10 years ago Hispanics made up about 6 percent of the population; now the percentage is closer to 30 percent.

"In many cases the Hispanic

kids are the best students. Those high-achieving Hispanic students are usually the oldest in the family and want a better life than their parents had. They do not have older brothers or sisters passing on prejudiced thinking to them," Kyle said.

"I see the beginning of cliques showing up in kindergarten with children starting to group up and by the time they reach middle school or high school, the gang influence makes it hard for the children to pull away or to get out for fear of being beat up or worse," Kyle said.

Travis Rothweiler, Jerome city administrator said prejudice is a learned behavior. "If my parents had been racist I would be too, but they were not and neither am I," he said.

Jan Lenker, Jerome Middle School resource officer, said he felt the only way to break the cycle of prejudice is to "teach children when they are very young. By the time people get to

as adult, it may be too late."

"We need to get the kids to mix with others early so they can see first hand that the bad things they hear about people of other cultures are just not true. If the children are learning prejudice from their parents or other family members we need to set good examples," Kyle said.

Rothweiler said he felt the proposed training should show children that no matter where they live in the world they will live in a diverse culture and will need to know how to get along with people from other cultural backgrounds.

A community-wide cultural fair is being planned for sometime next summer for all the different cultures in Jerome to show off their food, music, dance, customs and culture. That will be a good time for both the children and the adults of the various cultures represented in Jerome to begin to get acquainted with one another, Rothweiler said.

Hansen spending stays within limits

By Margaret Jones Times-News correspondent

HANSEN - With recent state "holdbacks," many school districts will find it nearly impossible to set aside funds to make major improvements, Hansen School District Superintendent Dennis Coulter said Monday.

In other School Board business Monday, Coulter said the school district's budget is right on track. Spending should be at 58.5 percent of year's budget at this time and it is at 58.4 percent, he said.

It is time to consider retiring older school buses. A decision will have to be made on purchasing a new or used bus to replace a large

and a small bus, Coulter said.

In his report to the School Board, elementary school Principal Tom Standley said that about 20,000 books have been checked out of the school library so far this year. The recently installed computer check-out system has been a life saver, he said.

Upcoming events for the elementary students include a spirit movie today for students who behave properly and achieve academically, direct math assessment for grades four and eight on Jan. 10, and a Dave Peltzer assembly for the sixth grade at Valley High School, Jan. 11.

The secondary report listed Ellen Freestone, Cody Fowers, DJ

Rouse, Jessica Ratto, and Fernando Vargas as having been awarded the Idaho High School Athletic Association Citizenship awards. Brenda Degner was selected for the women's State Honor Choir and Chelsea Jones for the mixed State Honor Choir; secondary school Principal Rick Abel said. DJ Rouse, Danielle Van Dyle, Chelsea Jones, Sara Nelson and Andea Martin made it to the semi-finals in the state drama competition.

Upcoming events will include the Christmas concert Dec. 20, a professional development assembly at Valley High School, Jan. 11, and the junior high ski day, Jan. 18.

Group plans survey of Gooding water

By Aimee New Times-News correspondent

GOODING - The city of Gooding is getting its water surveyed free of charge.

Melinda Harper of the Idaho Water Association has offered to survey the water in Gooding and within a 500-foot radius of the city. Harper primarily checks well head and surface water contamination.

Harper said that she will sit down with the operator of the public works department, and in three meetings or less will have a rough draft of her findings. Superintendent Todd Bunn said he that the city could use her services.

Harper will start work in January.

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In other city business Monday:

- Share Irish at Region TV Development asked City Council members to approve two pay requests for the Walker Center expansion project.
- Irish reported that the Walker Center has already paid \$12,953.83 of the \$24,763.48 that United States Filter has billed for sewer, water and irrigation pipes. The second bill was from Idaho Sand and Gravel for \$26,677.87.
- The Walker Center has signed a contract with the city of Gooding accepting responsibility for all bills incurred if the U.S. Department of Agriculture rural development grant does not come through. Irish did say that the prospects for receiving the grant look good.
- City Council members must approve payment of any bills for the Walker Center because if the grant is received, it will come through the city and then be paid to the Walker Center.
- City Clerk Linda Wildman told council members that she received a contract faxed from J-U-B Engineers. In the past, contracts have not been signed.
- City Attorney Craig Hobbey looked over the contract and felt that it was simply clarifying that the city would be responsible for time and materials used by the city of Gooding.
- Tim at a loss as to why this was presented," Hobbey said.
- Council members voted to table the decision until more information is received from J-U-B Engineers. Gooding Police Chief Paul Brown said that Conner McLeod has resigned as office worker. McLeod was chosen to go back to school full time, and his last day will be Jan. 18.
- Brown requested raising the rate of pay from \$7 to \$7.50 per hour since there are no benefits offered with the job. The job consists of 29 hours per week.

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A Director from District 3 (Filer) will be elected for a three-year term.

Petitions for candidacy for Director must be filed by December 1, 2001.

Other business will also be transacted. There will be reports from the Company's General Manager, auditors and lawyers. There will also be reports concerning operation and maintenance efforts, 2002 water supplies, water quality issues, Snake Aquifer studies, the Endangered Species Act, the SBRA, and other matters of interest.

The corporate books will close for the transfer of stock on December 28, 2001.

Dated this 16th day of November 2001.
 Twin Falls Canal Company
 Chris Simons, Assistant Secretary

Housing plan gets backing in Ketchum

By Karen Bossick
Times-News correspondent

KETCHUM - Plans to build affordable housing on the site of Ketchum's picturesque Visitor Information Center took a big step forward this week, as the City Council unanimously approved a resolution that would help secure financing for the town's new development.

The vote gave Blaine County Housing Authority Director Gates Kelleit the show of support she needs to apply for \$3 million in federal financing by Feb. 15.

Kelleit said she will now begin negotiating the lease of the land in earnest in hopes of bringing specifics back before the council at its first meeting in January.

As it stands now, the mixed-

unit building would have commercial space on the first floor, underground parking and up to 20 apartment units planned for the second and third floors.

While it's assumed the Sun Valley/Ketchum Chamber of Commerce will occupy the bottom floor, that's not a given, Kelleit said. It could go for city employees, and the number could be relocated, she said.

Seventeen people gave testimony during the hour devoted to the development. Four came out against it, saying the proposed three-story building would rob the area of open space and its view corridor. One person questioned whether it is appropriate to have people living on Main Street.

Kelleit said, however, that the

proposed building would feature the same amount of open space.

Until now, Kelleit said, the project probably wouldn't have stood much of a chance among the urban renewal projects that tend to get the financing.

But she said she's been lobbying the state to get points for such things as local support of the city council to give resort town projects like this one more of a chance.

"Now I think we have a greater than 50 percent chance. Maybe greater than 75 percent," she said.

Ketchum is in a unique position, she said, because land is so expensive that you can't build affordable housing without a donation of the sort she's seeking.

Councilman Randy Hall said he hopes the project would keep more people in town after 5 p.m. so that the town would become more vibrant. Currently, all the worker bees drive south out of town on Highway 75 at quitting time.

Carrie Schiller-Westergard, who works for the chamber, said the proposal is exciting yet scary at the same time.

"Definitely this is a dear spot with a lot of open space. But the process will be deliberate and thought out to meet with the approval of the mayor and the citizens of the town," she said.

"Our current visitor center is certainly not adequate for the thousands of people that go through here. And affordable housing is certainly needed."

Council delays traffic plan

The Times-News

BURLEY - After hearing from several Overland Avenue business owners and managers, Burley City Council members Tuesday voted to table action on a traffic agreement between the city and Wal-Mart.

Wal-Mart officials plan to construct a super center at the store's current site in Burley, expanding around the building. Company

officials have proposed the Overland Avenue exit from their store allow only right turns, moving traffic from the east side of the street north. Similarly, only right turns would be allowed on the west side of Overland Avenue, moving traffic south.

Burley City Administrator Mark Mitton said Wal-Mart's engineer and the traffic engineer used by the city agree that traffic plan is the "best route."

Library board elects new officers

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Public Library Board of Trustees has chosen new officers for 2002.

Kim Patterson will serve as chairman, Debbie Park as vice chairman, Gale Kleinkopf as treasurer, David Chesnut as secretary and Tom Kershaw as liaison to the library foundation.

Rupert city employees will work Dec. 24

By Shari Chaney
Times-News writer

RUPERT - Rupert city employees will work Dec. 24, although offices will close at 3 p.m.

The City Council discussed Tuesday night how to handle Christmas Eve, since it falls on a Monday. Some employees had asked if it could be a day off, said City Administrator Roger Bagley. City Clerk Linda Price said President Bush was letting federal employees have Christmas Eve off.

Bagley brought five options for the council to consider. One was to continue with the current practice of allowing employees to leave two hours early on Christmas Eve; another was to

allow them to use a personal leave day.

In the city of Burley, Bagley said, employees have Dec. 24 off, but work on another authorized holiday. Martin Luther King Jr. Day would be the next authorized holiday.

A fourth option would be to create an 11th holiday, which would be used as a floating holiday. Employees could choose to use the extra holiday for Christmas Eve, New Years Eve or the day after Thanksgiving, for example, Bagley said. Minidoka County employees use this system.

The fifth option would be to create a floating holiday, but exchange it for an authorized holiday such as President's Day or Columbus Day.

Bagley said he recommended using personal leave days or working on another authorized holiday, although he recognized creating a floating holiday could be better in the long run.

Councilman Layne Rutschke said he is in favor of employees using a personal leave day if they wanted to have the day off. Supervisors would have the discretion to grant that day off.

Councilman Mike Brown agreed. He said with five personal leave days, employees could use one if they wanted Dec. 24 off.

City offices will still close at 3 p.m. Price said that in the past city offices have stayed open as long as banks are open, and banks also close at 3 p.m.

In other council business:

The council approved the beer, wine and liquor licenses for 2002. Twenty-one licenses were approved. A license for Grandview C-Store was approved contingent to receiving paperwork and Fiesta Mexicana was approved with a self-imposed condition.

Gary Schorzman was to be reappointed to the Historic Preservation Commission, but Mayor Audrey Neirweh said Schorzman had decided not to be reappointed.

Neirweh read a letter from Gov. Dirk Kempthorne regarding the recertification of Rupert as an Idaho Gem Community.

"We were glad to get that," Neirweh said.

The council also rescheduled its next meeting from Jan. 1 to Jan. 2.

Jail

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the existing jail is almost always full. That means many inmates have to be sent to other jails, which can cost as much as \$45 per inmate per day, Touseley said.

The county spent \$225,000 to house prisoners elsewhere during fiscal year 2000-2001, said Twin Falls County Jail commander Capt. Bob Wright. That has risen steadily in recent years and is expected to keep going up, he said.

Boosters of the Norco plant the county could more than make up the cost of the lease though the money saved by keeping all of Twin Falls County's inmates here, and by charging other agencies to house inmates in the new jail. The plan also hinges on some sub-leases, including one for about \$200,000 from the Jerome Cheese Co., which uses part of the Norco building to store whey.

The plan would allow the lease to be paid off with no cost

to taxpayers, boosters have said.

But members of the Twin Falls chamber and other critics have questioned the dependability of the sub-leases and other proposed sources of money for the jail plan.

Judicial review - which allows local governments to get money for certain projects without going to voters for a bond issue - has also drawn fire. Critics have said judicial review allows government to make an end-run around taxpayers to fund projects that should have been put up for a vote.

Touseley said Tuesday he'd consider a bond issue election for a new jail if for other options fail, but he still favors judicial review.

"Why go to the taxpayers again? The law allows us to do this way," he said.

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Future cuts could reduce staff, superintendent warns

By Shari Chaney
Times-News writer

BURLEY - Reserve funds will get Cassia County schools through budget reductions this year, but the threat of more cuts looms for next year, worry school officials.

The 2.5 percent total budget reduction recommended by Gov. Dirk Kempthorne is in the past, Cassia County Superintendent Mike Chesley said. Contingency funds will make up that loss of staff.

"The next one is the worry," Chesley said of possible cutbacks next year.

The district is hearing of cutbacks ranging up to 5 percent next year, he said. Such cuts would be worse than this year's cuts, because there will be no

contingency reserve fund to take money from, Chesley said.

He views that fund as a buffer for jobs. Twenty school district jobs could be lost next year if cuts continue, he said.

A 5 percent budget cut would mean a loss of \$898,265 to the school district, Chesley said. Based on an average teacher salary and benefits of \$42,500, some 21 teachers, administrators or classified personnel would need to be cut to absorb that dollar loss.

The district plans to reduce staff, if needed, through attrition, Chesley said. When teachers retire, no new teachers will be hired.

The district hired about 20 new teachers this year, and that just wouldn't happen next year, Chesley said. Fewer teachers

would result in more students in a classroom.

Programs could be cut to reduce the number of teachers - for example, elementary music or elementary physical education, Chesley said.

And if jobs are cut, it would not just be teachers affected, Chesley warned. All employees - administrative, classified and teaching staff - would be considered.

"Before we cut staff, we will look at every other budget," Chesley said.

But, Chesley cautioned of the options, "every one of them will be miserable."

School district officials, including principals, central office staff, board members, teachers and union officials, came up with a list of options to save money and

meet holdbacks this year. Those options have not been thrown out and may become more serious if cutbacks continue, Chesley said.

The options include two days of salary loss for all employees, a special supplemental tax levy, a hiring freeze, cutting all teacher's aides for one month, eliminating extra-curricular activities or athletic directors, not buying textbooks, beginning a wellness program, implementing a four-day week or asking teachers to cut back on absences.

Not ordering textbooks would save nearly \$250,000, an amount equal to the salaries of five teachers, Chesley said. A four-day week would save \$400,000 by cutting a day a week from salaries paid to bus drivers, cooks and some other employees as well as heating costs in the winter.

Possible projects

The following is a list of some centennial celebrations:

- A centennial Web site
- The kick-off celebration on Jan. 26, 2002 will be in conjunction with the Olympic Torch Relay
- A traveling Bibles display, including Christmas cards
- Western Day's float
- Ralph Lehman art in the new jail
- Mugs and posters
- School awareness program, would incorporate school activities
- Song contest
- A pageant
- Golf tournaments
- A next 100 years symposium through the College of Southern Idaho
- Plains competition, outside art
- Fourth of July picnic in conjunction with 2004 event
- Centennial air show
- Business recognition program
- Art project to include bust of I.B. Perinne, to be unveiled in 2004

Centennial march competition Exhibit, "50 Years of Magic Valley" Create a non-lending library with the help of the State Historical Society

- A yet-to-be decided reconstruction of the "Turning on the Canal Water"
- Pioneer Recognition Day Reunions (not create new ones, but coordinate with those already in place)
- Spanish fiesta and other ethnic heritage days
- Algor displays
- Mile runs
- Fundraisers
- Road show informational presentation for community groups

The commission has also discussed holding one major event a week during the final 27 weeks of the celebration.

Possible community beautification projects

- Landscape U.S. Highway 30
- Clean up eyesores project

Tax

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dividing the amount of liability insurance - this year \$34,195 - by the total amount of valuation within the district.

In years past the board did not charge the extra for liability.

The liability levy and the new construction earned the district another \$23,502 in property tax money.

Everything added up so far amounts to \$580,309, or \$3,140 less than the total request. That amount is called "foregone."

That technical term means taxpayers were not charged the

maximum amount that can be collected, but those extra dollars can be claimed in the future.

Of course, taxpayers don't get mighty upset. If a district demanded a large amount of foregone dollars all at once.

The Legislature has looked at the foregone provision and has considered doing away with it," Bob Fort, Twin Falls County clerk.

Valuation is determined by the county assessor's office. Twin Falls County Assessor Gary Bowden, along with all other assessors in the state, uses a five-

year cycle to check out everyone's property and update its worth. This year Bowden said he is finishing up the cycle and looking at acreages and farm parcels.

An interesting fact is that property can be separated from the buildings that sit on it. The trend in Twin Falls County is that property values have been going up faster than the values of the structures, Bowden said.

Values are determined according to what a number of comparable properties in the nearby area are selling for, Bowden said.

The irony is that those folks who work hard to improve their property and spend money on their property tend to pay more property taxes. It might seem like punishing people for doing the right thing, but that is something over which Bowden has no control.

"The law says we have to assess it at what it would sell for," he said.

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Bonds

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The approval of an additional \$205,000 in bonds is there just in case the final purchase price costs more than estimated, said hospital spokesman Shawn Barigar.

Hospital and clinic officials plan to sign the final papers on or around Jan. 2.

Because Magic Valley Regional is a county government entity, the hospital is prohibited by law from paying more than fair market value for any property or equipment.

In 1999, Magic Valley Regional hired the Salt Lake City firm of Jorgenson and Associates to appraise the clinic property, Barigar said. The hospital recently

hired the Seattle-based Consilium Group to determine the dollar value of the clinic's assets and revenue. In October, Western Appraisal, a local company, reviewed and validated the study, Barigar said.

Also Tuesday, the board approved a "sole source procurement" to lease a new CT scanner from General Electric.

"They're the only ones who can provide us with the technology physicians have requested," Chief Financial Officer John Groesbeck said.

Groesbeck said the hospital's current CT scanner is outdated and that the new one will trim preparation time down from 15

minutes to a couple of minutes, allowing the hospital to test patients more quickly.

The hospital will sign a six-year lease at \$30,000 per month.

The board also said good-bye to Dr. Mark McKain, who is resigning after five years on the board. McKain will be serving as chairman of the hospital's surgical department for the next two years, and he said he just didn't feel he had time to do both.

He said he was happy to achieve a couple of goals while on the board, including helping to improve employee morale which in turn improved patient care.

SIRCOMM

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At a meeting with the City Council was simply an update, Talkington said.

"It was strictly advisory," he said. "We need to know what is going on, because the city pays 25 percent of all the money that runs SIRCOMM."

Under Idaho law, government

bodies can meet behind closed doors to discuss personnel matters. But any official action - including findings - must be done in open sessions.

Brockman would not say if tonight's meeting could lead to any action.


Twin Falls County Sheriff Wayne Touseley said Tuesday there will probably be an investigation

into apparent allegations of misconduct at SIRCOMM. Touseley is a member of SIRCOMM's law enforcement advisory board, which includes two sheriffs and five police chiefs.

He said the investigation will probably not involve criminal charges, he declined to give any more details or say exactly who is in charge of the probe.

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Ridgway pleads innocent to Green River killings

SEATTLE (AP) — Gary Leon Ridgway — pleaded innocent Tuesday to charges he murdered four women nearly two decades ago in the Green River serial killings case.

Ridgway's attorney, Tony Savage, entered the plea during a brief arraignment in King County Superior Court.

Ridgway, 52, of suburban

Auburn, did not speak to Judge Jeffrey Ramsdell during the 10-minute appearance.

He is charged with aggravated first-degree murder in the deaths of Marcia Chapman, Cynthia Hinds, Opal Mills and Carol Christensen.

His next court appearance was set for Jan. 2 for lawyers to work out the schedule for the proceedings.

Prosecutors have not said

whether they intend to seek the death penalty if Ridgway is convicted.

The Green River case covers at least 49 women who were killed between 1982 and 1984. The first victims were found in or near the Green River in Kent.

Ridgway was arrested Nov. 30 as he left his job at Kenworth Truck Co. in Renton, where he

had worked as a truck painter since 1969. Results from recent DNA tests linked him to three of the victims, and other circumstantial evidence linked him to a fourth, investigators said.

He is being held without bail at King County Jail.

Savage predicted that it will take about two years to prepare for trial.



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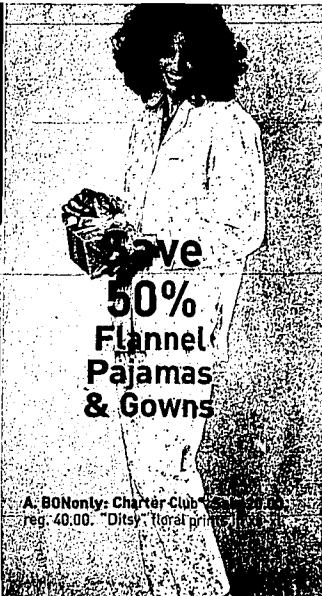
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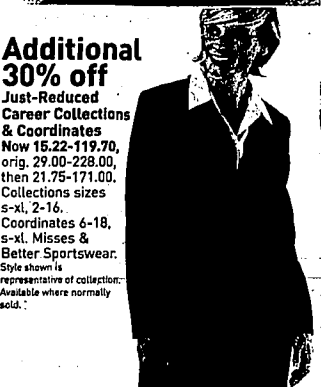
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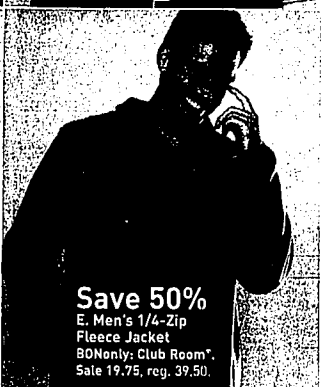
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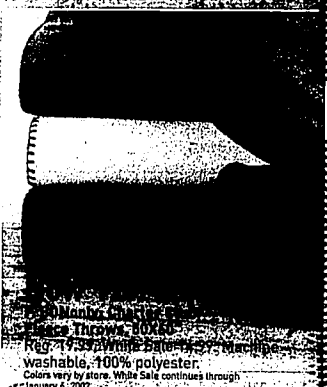
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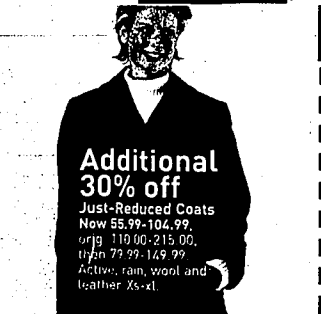
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Ombudsman accuses EPA office of mismanagement

COEUR-ALENE (AP)—Environmental Protection Agency National Ombudsman Robert Martin issued interim findings on his Coeur d'Alene Basin investigation, accusing the department of deceit and mismanagement.

Martin said Monday he found the regional office deceived the public by first promising that its

Superfund listing in Kellogg would not extend beyond its initial 21-square mile "box."

After filing a \$3 billion lawsuit against the mining industry, it now claims it extends to 1,500 square miles in the basin.

He concluded the region built an illegal landfill to bury a 50-year accumulation of smelter smokestack dust full of heavy

metals near the Coeur d'Alene River "that may continue to contaminate that area in perpetuity."

Martin accused the agency of not regulating Gulf Resources' operation of the Bunker Hill smelter during the 1970s when it knew the lead-oxide emissions exceeded safe levels for nearby residents.

The agency's Inspector General

wrongly blamed newspaper publisher Duane Hagedone, Wallace mining executive Harry Magnuson, and potato baron J.R. Simplot who formed a consortium aimed in vain at rescuing Bunker Hill for smelter pollution Gulf alone had caused, Martin said.

Regional office spokeswoman Sheila Eckman said Monday the agency had no comment.

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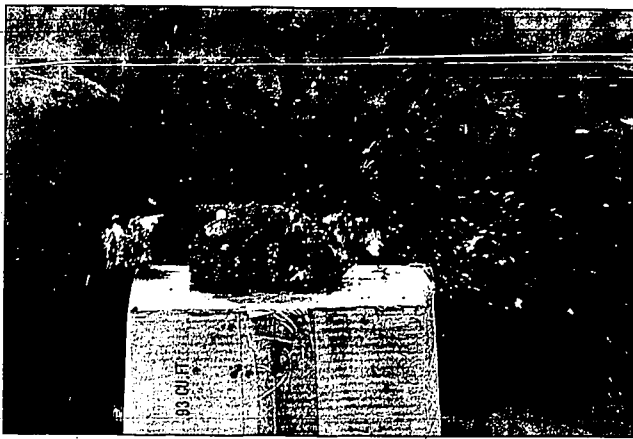
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Bullets from a machine gun riddle a fruitcake at a shooting range east of Reno, Nev., Dec. 6. The shooters found this to be one way to 'kill' these sometimes-unwanted food items that find their way into homes during the holiday season.

Study shows benefits of vaccinations

CHICAGO (AP) — Hepatitis A outbreaks in all age groups could be prevented if children were routinely vaccinated against the liver ailment, a study in Northern California suggests.

When 66 percent of eligible children in Butte County received free hepatitis A vaccinations over six years, cases in the county dropped nearly 94 percent. The number of reported cases fell from 57 in 1995 to 4 in 2000, the lowest number in more than 30 years, the study found.

The study was conducted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and was published in today's Journal of the American Medical Association.

Hepatitis A is an inflammation of the liver that can cause flu-like symptoms and jaundice. Children are less severely affected than adults and may even have no symptoms. The virus can be spread by human feces or contaminated water or food. The disease usually clears up in about two months.

Federal estimates suggest there were 270,000 cases nationwide in 1997, and Western states are disproportionately affected.

The CDC recommends routine vaccination of children in Western states with high rates of the virus: Alaska, Arizona, California, Idaho, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah and Washington.

Of those, only Oklahoma and Alaska routinely require the childhood vaccine statewide, said Dr. Philip Rosenthal, president of the Northern California chapter of the American Liver Foundation.

Former lawmaker claims unfair tax distribution hurts outdoors groups

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — Wally Wright is not sure Idaho is living up to its rugged outdoors image, considering its insufficient financing for mountain trails, boat launches and other recreational offerings.

He blames the short fall on what he calls the unfair distribution of a state gasoline taxes each year.

The former Democratic state representative and marina owner wants to funnel an additional \$6.3 million in that tax into recreation uses as an economic stimulus.

The Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation reports "off-highway vehicles" consumed about 78 million gallons

of fuel in 2000. That is 8.9 percent of all gas used in the state. Off-road vehicles include snowmobiles, motorcycles, all-terrain vehicles and other machines used off-road.

Only 3 percent, or about \$4.2 million, now goes toward recreation. Wright wants to hike that to 4.38 percent, or \$6.3 million.

James Poulsen at the Parks and Recreation Department said financial demands for recreation are double the cash available.

"When you build a boat ramp or snowmobile parking area, you significantly affect the economy of that local area," he said.

In his proposed redistribution, Wright would deposit \$3.3 in the

State Trust for Outdoor Recreation Enhancement. Created in 1995 by the Legislature, it has yet to be funded.

Among other things, it was established to help establish and connect trails.

It also could pay for restroom facilities, trailheads and land for recreation projects.

State Sen. John Goedde of Coeur d'Alene said other sources of revenue should be considered before looking at redistribution of the gas tax.

But if Wright can prove that spending more on recreational programs will stimulate the overall economy, the plan may have merit, Goedde said.

Utah airport makes plans to screen all baggage

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Just in time for the 2002 Winter Olympics, the Salt Lake International Airport will become the nation's first airport to screen all checked and carry-on bags for explosives.

Bomb sniffing dogs, machines and searches will create a tiered security system that checks every bag, sometimes multiple times, said Joshua Ewing, spokesman for Salt Lake City Mayor Rocky Anderson.

The new system will be in place on Feb. 1, one week before the start of the Olympics. "This is the first, this is the cutting edge of security checks," Allen Kunitzer, a spokesman for the Federal Aviation Administration, told the Deseret News.

"It was a goal we had right after Sept. 11, and Salt Lake City is where it's beginning, for obvious reasons."

The Federal Aviation Administration is providing \$11.4 million for screening

equipment at Salt Lake City's airport, including nine computer tomography x-rays and 68 explosive trace-detection machines.

The explosive detection machines will be used on luggage while passengers wait in line. A cloth that detects bombs

will be swiped over every bag. Then that cloth will be run through a machine. If the cloth comes up positive for explosives residue, the bag will be searched or put through the more complex x-ray machines, Ewing said.

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The fruit of the vine

Some winemakers say Idaho has ideal climate for grapes

By Dixie Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

GLENN FERRY - Idaho has the perfect climate for growing grapes, says Neil Glancey. The elevation is high, but not too high. The soil is arid, and the rainfall is less than six inches a year.

"If the grapevine gets too much water it will grow more vine and less fruit," explained Glancey, who makes wine at Carmela Vineyards. "The more stressed the grape is, the better the fruit."

He added, "If you want to grow grapes, you are better off with less water. In fact, you should cut back the water about a month before you plan to harvest your grapes ... if you water too close to harvest, it dilutes the flavor of the grape."

Idaho native Glancey was raised in Boise and went to Florida to seek his fortune as a young man and cooked for several restaurants before deciding he wanted to make wine. He found a job with Lake Ridge Winery in Florida and learned the trade.

In Florida, he also married. When the Glanceys had two children, Neil Glancey decided he wanted to raise his children in Idaho. So when the position of wine maker came open at Carmela, he jumped at the chance. He started work in July and was harvesting grapes in September.

Glancey said it usually takes four years for a grapevine to mature from planting to a decent harvest of grapes. You might get a few grapes at three years, but the full crop can be expected in four years. You need to keep your vines well pruned. About once every 10 years you can expect a killing frost that sends the vines back to the ground - and you have to start over again.

If you have vine grapes and a killing frost is forecast, about all you can do is use wind machines to keep the air moving because sprinkling the vines gives water to the roots and, at harvest, that is the last thing you want to do. This dilutes the flavor, and the wine will not be as good.

Wine grapes come in many varieties, such as chardonnay, cabernet, merlot, reisling and muscat, along with "an amazing little German grape called Limburger." Everyone immediately thinks of the stinky cheese at its mention, but it is a sweet, flavorful grape.

"With another name, it could be the most popular of all wine grapes," Glancey said.



Above, Carmela Vineyards golf course professional Rick Burke helps out with the corking and labeling machine during a special holiday run of the Semillon white wine. Burke helps out with the wine making when activity on the golf course is slow. Top right, the wine-making process begins with good grapes, many of which are grown right at the vineyard in Glens Ferry. All of the grapes for this year's wine come from Idaho vineyards. Right, head wine maker Neil Glancey pulls a sample of the Semillon wine to run some tests and for a tasting. Glancey joined the winery in August and said he is pleased with how all the wines are coming along.

At the winery, Glancey ages many of the wines in 58-gallon oak barrels, which gives them a faint, buttery vanilla flavor. The barrels are French and American oak and cost between \$400 and \$600 apiece. Each barrel is used to age white wine for the first two years

and red wine for the next three years. After five years, the barrels are taken outside and used for decoration.

Glancey also uses huge wine vats in the wine-making process. (They measure between 660 and 5,000 gallons each.) And he likes to buy

grapes from throughout Idaho - Hagerman, Star and Nampa particularly.

"Each individual area lends its own distinctive flavor to the wines, and the grapes can be mixed and blended much like one would mix and blend herbs and



spices while cooking," Glancey said.

Which wine goes with which food? Glancey advises people to try different combinations, because the old adage of using white wine with white meat and red wine with red meat is outdated.

"Experiment," he suggested. "Mix them up and see what you like."

Glancey says people who want to make wine from grapes grown in their yards should get the book "The Art of Making Wine," by Stanley F. Anderson and Raymond Hull. It is written for the amateur wine maker.

Most wine-making ingredients are available at home-brewing shops or online, Glancey added. When making wine you must mash the grapes to get the juice out of them, he said. Do not cook the grapes.

Generally, an eating grape is not as good for wine making as a wine grape. A Thompson seed-

less, for instance is not acid enough. If you want to make a wine out of an eating grape, you will need to visit a brewing-supply store and get a home-brewery kit so you can add acid to the grapes. Otherwise, you will get a flabby-flavored wine that tastes a lot like Koolaid, Glancey said.

If you are making red wine, crush the grapes, add the wine yeast and allow the juice to ferment in the open air. The red wines need more oxygen in the fermentation process. After fermentation has progressed for a while, drain the juice and strain to remove the sludge. Finish up the wine-fermentation process at about 62 degrees. While the wine is fermenting, it gives off carbon dioxide.

Wine recaps talk about "specific gravity." A hydrometer, which can be purchased at home-brewing supply stores, gives the measurements.

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Gingerbread can make Christmas fun

Family Features

Gingerbread dates back to ancient Egypt, where bakers developed a recipe calling for crumbs, syrup and spices. Seafaring traders brought gingerbread to Greece, and from there it spread to the Middle East. Crusaders returning from the wars brought it to medieval Europe. Many years later, gingerbread-making was recognized as a profession. In the 17th century, gingerbread bakers had the exclusive right to make it - except during Christmas and Easter. During those holidays, people would prepare their gingerbread in a variety of ornamental and religious shapes. Some

those shapes were in the form of saints, which became the precursor to the gingerbread man.

HOLIDAY GINGERBREAD MASTER RECIPE

- 1/3 cup molasses
- 1/4 cup packed brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons shortening
- 3 tablespoons cold water
- 1 3/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground allspice
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 2 tubes (4.25 ounces each) Betty Crocker white decorating icing
- 6 tubes (0.68 ounces each) assorted colors Betty Crocker decorating gels
- 2-6 ounces Jelly Belly jelly beans - Red Apple, Kiwi, Lemon, Coconut, Candy Cane flavors
- 2-4 ounces Goelitz Confections, Reindeer Corn and Pectin Sanded Christmas Mix



Stir together molasses, brown sugar and shortening in large bowl. Stir in cold water. Stir in flour, baking soda, ginger, salt, allspice, cloves and cinnamon. Use

dough as directed in one of these variations. No changes in variations for high altitude. Decorate with icing, gels and candies. To save time, double the recipe and freeze half for later use.

LEMON-GINGERBREAD BARS

Heat oven to 350 F. Grease 13-by-9-by-2-inch rectangular pan. Make dough as directed in Master Recipe. Press in bottom and 1/4 inch up sides of pan. Bake 10 minutes. Meanwhile, beat 1 cup granulated sugar, 1 tablespoon grated lemon peel (if desired), 3 tablespoons lemon juice, 1/4 teaspoon baking powder, 1/4 teaspoon salt and 3 eggs with wire whisk or spoon about 1 minute or until well mixed. Pour over hot crust. Bake 20 to 25 minutes or until set. Cool completely. Sprinkle with powdered sugar. Decorate as desired. For bars, cut into 6 rows by 4 rows. Store tightly covered.

STAINED-GLASS COOKIES

Heat oven to 375 F. Line cookie sheet with aluminum foil, generously grease foil. Make dough as directed in Master Recipe. Roll 1/8-inch thick on lightly floured surface. Cut into desired shapes with cookie cutters. Place about 2 inches apart on foil. Cut out center of each cookie using sharp knife; smaller cookie cutter or small round glass or lid.

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Christmas Mix candies with rolling pin on surface sprinkled with sugar. Cut candies into small shapes to fit centers of cookies; place in centers of cookies. To hang cookies as decorations, make hole in each cookie 1/4 inch from top with end of plastic straw. Bake 7 to 9 minutes or until candies are melted. Cool 5 minutes; carefully remove from cookie sheet. Cool completely. Decorate as desired. Store in airtight container (do not stack decorated cookies).

GINGERBREAD PEOPLE

Heat oven to 375 F. Grease cookie sheet. Make dough as directed in Master Recipe. Roll 1/8-inch thick on lightly floured surface. Cut into desired shapes with cookie cutters. Place about 2 inches apart on cookie sheet. Cool completely. Decorate as desired. Store in airtight container (do not stack decorated cookies).



just before serving. Cut into 12 wedges. Serve immediately.

GINGERBREAD HOUSE

Heat oven to 350 F. Grease 13-by-9-by-2-inch rectangular pan. Make dough as directed in Master Recipe. Press in pan. Bake about 15 minutes or until no indentation remains when touched in center. Cool 5 minutes; turn upside down onto cutting surface. With sharp knife, cut angles from 2 corners of rectangle to form roof of house; trim remaining edges to straighten if desired. Reserve corners for use as supports for back of house. Cut openings for windows if desired. Cool completely.

GINGERBREAD PIZZA

Heat oven to 350 F. Grease 12-inch pizza pan. Make dough as directed in Master Recipe. Press in pan. Bake 10 to 15 minutes or until set. Cool completely. Beat 2 packages (3 ounces each) cream cheese, softened, 2 1/2 cups powdered sugar and 1/2 teaspoon vanilla with wire whisk or spoon until smooth and creamy. Spread over pizza. Decorate as desired

Decorate house front as desired; let dry. Attach supports to back of house with decorating icing.

FOOD & HOME

Lawns with more trees, shrubs attract more birds

How does your neighbor seem to attract more birds to his yard than you do?

He probably pays more attention to birds needs.

Your one bird feeder is a good start, but birds need more than that.

They, like you, need a place to hang their hats, and a source of water.

Now, while you're thinking of next year's garden plans, think about reducing the lawn area. Studies show that yards that are dominated by shrubs and trees attract more birds than those with big lawns.

The bonus is that you will have less lawn to mow next year, as well as more bird visitors.

Plant a variety of shrubs and trees that provide berries - especially in winter.

Serviceberry, barberry, dogwood, cotoneaster, holly, privet, honeysuckle and plum are just some of the shrub varieties that birds would enjoy in your yard.



GREEN THUMBPRINTS
Cathy Walworth

They all provide fruits and shelter.

Trees that would please you and visiting birds include maple, birch, hackberry, dogwood, juniper, crabapple, mountain ash, pine and spruce. They all provide fruit or seeds and shelter.

Providing water in winter, when it tends to freeze, is a little trickier. You don't want to keep the cement birdbath filled with water because it might crack in winter. Instead, try keeping an upside-down, dark-colored garbage can lid filled with water.

The dark color will absorb warmth from the sun and stay

liquid longer.

In the meantime, you can provide a tasty treat for wild birds. Try smushing suet or peanut butter into pine cone crevices. Tie the cone securely to a tree branch so the birds can get the food out and you'll be the neighborhood hero.

DEAR CATHY: I bought a lot of tulip and crocus bulbs, then didn't get a chance to get them planted. What should I do now?
-EARLY SPRING

DEAR SPRING: You have the opportunity to make wonderful Christmas gifts for everyone you know.

It's too late to dig deep enough to plant those bulbs in your colder region, I fear.

Outside, bulbs need to be planted at a depth of four times their height.

Then they need water and time to set out roots before the ground around them freezes. What I would do now is to buy

a variety of pots (plastic would be best for this) and a bale of good potting soil, such as Sunshine potting mix.

Bulbs forced in pots need to be planted only up to their shoulder.

But they're flexible. I would buy pots deep enough to accommodate at least two levels of bulbs.

Plant the tulips in the lower level, close enough to allow several in the pot without any of them touching one another, then crocus on top of those. Again, close, but not touching.

Water, tie a pretty bow around the top of the pot and present them to all your friends.

Everyone will be so grateful to get a breath of spring in about six weeks, and you will be the most popular elf in the valley.

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Wine

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RED WINE FROM CONCORD GRAPES
5 pounds grapes
1 gallon warm water
2 1/2 pounds granulated sugar
1/2 teaspoon pectin enzyme powder

1/2 campden tablet
1/2 teaspoon yeast nutrient
Burgundy or all-purpose wine yeast

Crush the grapes and remove as many stems as you can. Add the remaining ingredients, except yeast; stir well to dissolve the sugar and cover the fermenter with sheet plastic. When the must (crushed grapes) cools to 70 degrees, add yeast. Stir daily for seven days. After seven days, or when the specific gravity is 1.040, siphon the wine through a coarse strainer into a secondary fermenter and apply fermentation lock. (A fermentation lock is something that allows the gasses to expand inside the container but doesn't allow outside air into the container.) In three weeks, rack. (Wine is poured off sediment.) In three months, rack again, and fine (clean wine of any suspended solids). Ten days after fining, bottle. Age for one year.

RED WINE FROM CONCENTRATE
Makes 5 gallons
1 (1-gallon) can red grape concentrate
4 cans water
2 pounds white granulated sugar

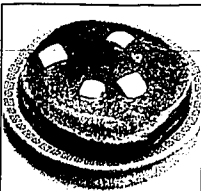
2-ounce acid blend
4 campden tablets
1/4 teaspoon grape tannin
4 teaspoons yeast nutrient
1 package wine yeast
Mix all ingredients except yeast in primary fermenter. When must is cool (70 to 75 degrees), add yeast. Cover with plastic sheet. Ferment in the primary fermenter for six to seven days or until specific gravity is 1.030. Siphon into gallon jugs or carboys and attach fermentation locks. Rack in three

weeks and again in three months. Fine with Serena Finings and bottle. Wine may be sweetened to taste at the time of bottling with sugar syrup (two parts sugar to one part water). Add two Wine Art Stabilizer tablets per gallon to prevent renewed fermentation. Age six months.

When making white wine, pick clean and mash or crush the grapes to get the juice out. Then add wine yeast and allow to ferment at 55 degrees. You want a slow, cool fermentation. You can also make white wine from concentrate.

WHITE WINE FROM CONCENTRATE
Makes 5 gallons
1 (1-gallon) can white grape concentrate
4 cans water
2 pounds white granulated sugar
2-ounce acid blend
4 campden tablets
1/2 teaspoon grape tannin
4 level teaspoons yeast nutrient
1 package wine yeast
Mix all ingredients except yeast in primary fermenter. When must is cool (70-75 degrees), add yeast. Cover with plastic sheet. Ferment in primary fermenter for six to seven days or until specific gravity is 1.030. Siphon into gallon jugs or carboys and attach fermentation locks. Rack in three weeks and again in three months. Fine with Serena Finings and bottle. Wine may be sweetened to taste at the

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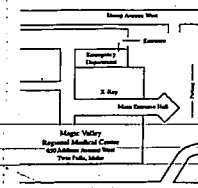
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Electric floor warmer can be a real money saver

DEAR JIM: I thought about installing warm floor electric heating for some chilly rooms. It sounds really comfortable to have warm feet on a cold morning. What options do I have and will they cut my utility bills?
—ALAN C.

DEAR ALAN: Getting out of bed in the morning and stepping on a heated floor does sound comfortable. Not only is the floor warm, but the warm floor radiates heat up to your body. Even though the air temperature in the bedroom, or any other room, is lower, you still feel toasty warm.

Although most electric heating is an expensive energy source for a home, using electric floor radiant heat can be a real money-saver. With your feet warm and the heat radiating up from the floor, you can set your regular furnace thermostat lower for savings without sacrificing your comfort.

Other benefits of electric floor heating systems are no moving parts, they require no maintenance, and are totally quiet. A big plus for allergy sufferers is these systems neither create or circulate airborne dust.

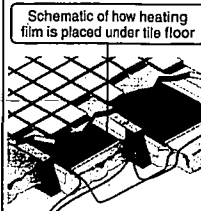
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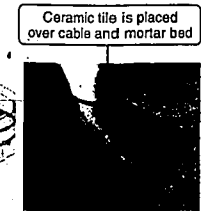
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Heating cable is woven into mesh for simple installation



Schematic of how heating film is placed under tile floor



Ceramic tile is placed over cable and mortar bed

Comfortable electric radiant floor heat is efficient.

electric floor radiant system are numerous. It can be installed under an existing wood floor between the joist, on top of the floor under carpet or in concrete for room additions. Some of the systems have color-coded components for easy-do-it-yourself installation.

Insulated electric heating cable, laid in various patterns on a floor, is the most common type of radiant floor heating. It can be covered with many typical floor finishes. The manufacturers have excellent customer service to help you plan how much cable you need to heat a specific room.

Other simple-to-install systems use a plastic mesh with the cable already woven through it. This helps you determine the amount of cable for an area and provides perfect spacing. You just staple it to the floor and finish the floor over it. The floor surface stays at a comfortable 85 to 90 degrees.

Some systems use two layers of tough plastic film with the electrical heating conductors safely sandwiched between them. The width of this film is sized for typical floor spacing. It is often stapled between the floor joists immediately underneath the floor with insulation installed below it.

Another easy-to-install system uses a metal mesh and low-voltage current to produce the heat. A small transformer lowers the voltage to a safe 8 to 30 volts. This mesh can be installed under almost any floor material, even carpet.

Installing a separate thermostat for each room provides the best comfort and highest efficiency. Programmable thermostats are particularly effective for bedrooms. Optional combination floor/room air thermostats improve comfort too.

Write for Update Bulletin No. 729 — buyer's guide of nine electric floor system manufacturers listing design types, sizes/heat output, common applications, comfort controls and installation instructions. Please include \$3 and a business-size SASE. Write to James Dullely, 6906 Royalgreen Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45244.

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Fort Worth Star-Telegram

Butter? Margarine? Butter! Consumers have been slowly but surely oozing their way back to butter over the past seven years or so. After the scared-of-your-dinner 1980s, this increase is a good sign to dairy farmers, who've watched their countrymen gobble up margarine and other spreads while ignoring the once-golden butter.

"There was a time in this country that Americans each ate about 16 pounds of butter a year," says Al Costigan, president of the American Butter Institute. "Why weren't Americans then keeling over in the streets, clapping their buttered muffins to their chests, their heart muscles seizing? Because in the days before World War II, much of America was agrarian, and we worked off all that saturated fat that so terrified us in the Reagan years."

That was also before America's young men went off to war, leaving the folks behind to mind the

store and ration the food so there would be enough for the troops. Rosie the Riveter, and all her buddies at the plant, turned to margarine, that thoroughly modern spread, which was sold as a thick, white paste with a capsule of food coloring that consumers stirred in to get that rich, yellow butter color.

To be labeled butter, U.S. regulations say a product must contain 80 percent butterfat.

GOOEY BUTTER CAKE
1 cup butter
4 eggs
18 1/2-ounce package yellow (or chocolate) cake mix
1/2 pound cream cheese
2 cups confectioners' sugar
Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Butter 9-by-13-inch cake pan. Melt the butter slightly. Mix it with 2 of the eggs and the cake mix. Pour batter into prepared pan. Mix the remaining 2 eggs with the cream cheese and the confectioners' sugar. Pour this mixture evenly over the first mixture. Do not stir. Bake at 350

degrees for 45 minutes.
—from www.Allrecipes.com

BROWN BUTTER COOKIES
Yields 5 dozen
2 cups butter
2 cups brown sugar
2 eggs
2 teaspoons vanilla extract
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
3 cups all-purpose flour
2/3 cup chopped pecans
Icing:
2 teaspoons vanilla extract
3/2 cups confectioners' sugar
1/2 cup hot water

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Heat butter over medium heat for 5 minutes or so, until it turns nut brown in color. The foaming and bubbling is part of the browning process, but watch it carefully so that you don't burn the butter. Remove from heat and cool slightly. Reserve 1/2 cup of the butter for the frosting.

Pour remaining browned butter into a large mixing bowl. Beat browned butter with brown sugar until the butter is no longer hot. Mix in eggs, vanilla, baking soda, baking powder and salt. Beat thoroughly. Mix in flour and chopped pecans. Drop table-spoons of dough onto ungreased baking sheets. Bake for 10 minutes in the preheated oven, or until light brown around the edges. Cool.

For icing, in a medium bowl, mix the reserved 1/2-cup browned butter with vanilla, confectioners' sugar and hot water. Beat until smooth, and use to frost cooled cookies.

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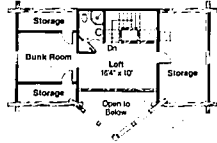
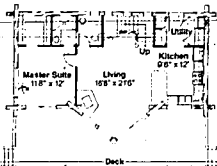
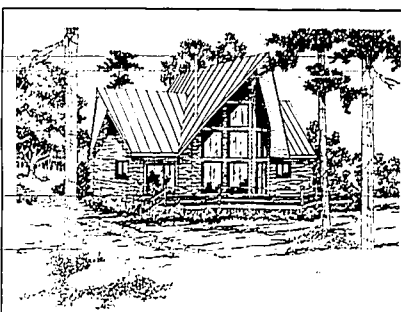
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Chinook: A cabin with flair

The Chinook is basically an A-frame log cabin, expanded by two wings and a lofty V-shaped window bay. Living space is a little more than 1,200 square feet.

Whole logs give this vacation cabin a rustic look, while the metal roof and abundance of sparkling glass add contemporary flavor. Besides being attractive, the metal roof serves as protection in case of fire.

Windows stacked four-high in the living room provide natural illumination on all but the darkest of winter days. The front section of this bright space is open to the second-floor ceiling. A loft caps the rear. Sliding glass doors open onto a wide deck. When days and nights turn chilly, you can fire up the fuel-efficient woodstove, nestled in a front corner by the windows. A good woodstove can provide needed heat throughout the seasons.

Refrigerator, stove and sink are close together in a galley kitchen larger than you'd expect to find in a cabin this size, and there's even a dishwasher. The eating bar doubles as additional counter space. Dining table behind folding doors in a passageway that opens to the rear.

A small two-section bathroom is accessible from both the master suite and the living room, allowing two people to use it at once in privacy. Another bathroom is

upstairs near the bunk room, loft and storage areas. If desired, the large storage area on the right could be outfitted as another bunk room.

Outside, the railed deck echoes the V shape of the Chinook's window bay and provides a delightful setting for outdoor dining during the summer months.

For a review plan, including scaled floor plans, elevations, section and artist's conception, send \$25 to Associated Designs, 1100 Jacobs Drive, Department W, Eugene, OR 97402. Please specify the Chinook 30-01 and include a return address when ordering. A catalog featuring more than 350 home plans is available for \$15. For more information, call (800) 634-0123.

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CRESCENT CHRISTMAS TREE
Bread:
2 8-ounce cans Pillsbury Refrigerated Crescent Dinner Rolls
2 tablespoons margarine or butter, softened
2 tablespoons sugar
1 teaspoon cinnamon
Gloss:
1/2 cup powdered sugar
1 tablespoon milk
1/4 teaspoon vanilla
Garnish:
Red and green candied cherries, halved



This Crescent Christmas Tree is perfect for a fun family breakfast or morning when out-of-town guests are staying over.

Heat oven to 375 F. Lightly grease cookie sheet. Separate dough into 4 rectangles. Firmly press perforations to seal. Spritz each rectangle with margarine. In small bowl, combine sugar and cinnamon. Sprinkle evenly over rectangles. Starting at shorter side, roll up each rectangle. Seal edge. Cut each roll crosswise into 3 equal slices. Place slices cut side down on greased cookie sheet to form tree. Begin with 1 slice for top. Arrange 2 slices just below, with sides closely touching. Continue arranging a row of 3 slices, then a row of 4 slices. Use the remaining 2 slices for the trunk. Bake

15-20 minutes or until deep golden brown. Cool 3 minutes. Carefully remove from cookie sheet. Cool slightly on wire rack. In small bowl, combine glaze ingredients until smooth. Drizzle over tree. Garnish with candied cherry halves. Makes 12 rolls.

FESTIVE APPLE BERRY PIE
2 cups fresh or frozen cranberries

1 1/2 cups sugar
4 tablespoons cornstarch
2 tablespoons water
1 Pillsbury Refrigerated Pie Crust (from 15-ounce package)
5 to 6 cups sliced peeled apples
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
In small saucepan, combine cranberries, 1 cup of the sugar, 1 tablespoon of the cornstarch and water. Bring to boil. Boil 5 min-

utes. Cool 15 minutes. Heat oven to 425 F. Prepare pie crust as directed on package for two-crust pie using 9-inch pie pan. In large bowl, combine apples, remaining 1/2 cup sugar, remaining 3 tablespoons cornstarch, cinnamon and nutmeg. Toss until apples are coated. Stir in cooled cranberry mixture. Spoon into crust-lined pan. Top with second crust. Seal edges and flute. Cut slits in several places in top crust. Bake at 425 F. for 40 to 50 minutes or until golden brown. Cover edge of crust with strips of foil after 15 to 20 minutes of baking to prevent excessive browning.

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You can't beat charms of homemade pudding

Chicago Tribune
This super-rich, deeply chocolate-flavored pudding is a favorite at Peperino's restaurant in Chicago. We adapted it from a recipe by chef Mark Dorian.

CHOCOLATE PUDDING
Yield: 8 servings
2 cups whipping cream
1 cup half-and-half
3/4 cup sugar
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
5 ounces semisweet chocolate, chopped
9 egg yolks
Heat oven to 300 degrees. Combine whipping cream, half-and-half, sugar and vanilla in a heavy-bottomed saucepan over medium-high heat. Heat just to a simmer; remove pan from heat. Add chocolate; stir to melt completely. Whisk egg yolks one at a time into mixture. Strain mixture through fine-mesh strainer. Divide pudding among eight 6-ounce custard cups; place in a deep baking pan and place in water. Fill pan with enough scalding-hot water to come halfway up sides of custard cups. Cover with foil. Bake puddings until set, 50 minutes. Allow puddings to cool in the pan 10 minutes. Remove from water bath; cool. Cover with plastic or foil; refrigerate 4 hours or overnight.

to pan, stirring constantly over medium heat, until pudding thickens, 10 minutes. Do not allow to boil. Remove from heat; stir in butter and vanilla. Pour into custard cups or a large bowl, placing plastic wrap directly on the surface of the pudding. Refrigerate until chilled, 4 hours or overnight.

Our tasters swooned over the rich butterscotch flavor in this beautifully creamy baked pudding, adapted from "Recipes From Home," by David Page and Barbara Shinn.
BUTTERSOTCH PUDDING
Yield: 6 servings
3/4 cup sugar
1/4 cup water
2 cups whipping cream
1 cup whole milk
1/4 cup firmly packed dark brown sugar
4 egg yolks, lightly beaten
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/2 teaspoon salt
Place sugar in large, heavy saucepan; pour water evenly over sugar. Cook over medium heat, stirring occasionally, until sugar is dissolved. Increase heat to medium-high; cook without stirring until it turns golden amber, about 8 minutes. Remove caramel from heat. Meanwhile, stir together cream, milk and brown sugar in heavy-bottomed saucepan over medium-high heat. Cook until small bubbles appear on surface; remove from heat. Carefully pour hot cream into hot caramel; stir with a long wooden spoon or whisk. Heat oven to 300 degrees. Place egg yolks in small bowl. Stir in 1/4 cup of the hot cream mixture into yolks. Stir yolks, vanilla and salt into remaining cream mixture. Strain mixture through fine-mesh strainer into bowl. Divide pudding among six 6-ounce custard cups. Place cups in a deep baking pan and place in water. Fill pan with scalding-hot water to come halfway up sides of custard cups. Cover with foil. Bake pud-

dings until set, about 50 minutes. (The center will jiggle a bit.) Remove from the water bath; let cool. Cover with plastic or foil; refrigerate 4 hours or overnight.

This classic, cornstarch-based pudding is adapted from "How to Cook Everything," by Mark Bittman.
VANILLA PUDDING
Yield: 6 servings
1/4 cup sugar
3 tablespoons cornstarch
1/8 teaspoon salt
4 egg yolks
2 1/2 cups half-and-half or milk
3 tablespoons butter
2 teaspoons vanilla extract
Combine sugar, cornstarch and salt in a small saucepan. Whisk together eggs and half-and-half in a medium bowl. Add egg mixture

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FOOD & HOME

Easy holiday bash lets guests help themselves to goodies

By **Thay Thomas**
The Orange County Register

Relax! You're only giving a get-together. No need to get the "hosting" a dinner party heebie-jeebies. Some soup. Some salad. Some sweets. Simple. This holiday season, informal gatherings seem to be more appropriate, for host and dinner guest alike.

"With everything that has happened, everybody is hungry to get together to talk, to reinforce friendships and they don't want to worry about making everything perfect," says Kathy Gunst, author of "Relax, Company's Coming!"

Soup station: Prepare two make-ahead soups and loads of easy garnishes. Provide plenty of individual mugs, cups or bowls (mugs are better if you're not sitting at tables). Slow-cookers (set on low) make great serving vessels; they keep soup warm without the danger of having it scald on the bottom. Place soup ladles in small shallow bowls next to soup. Provide soup spoons if guests aren't sitting at a table setting.

Salad station: The easiest approach is a modified "wedge" salad. Arrange quartered (pre-washed) romaine on a large platter. Place with fourths of cantaloupe in a bowl-like fashion. If you like, top with a few tiny red tomatoes, and small sprigs of Italian parsley. Or, if guests aren't sitting at tables, serve bite-size mixed lettuces that don't require a knife for cutting. Provide two dressing options: To keep the lettuce platter chilled, place it on a larger platter lined with a pocket or two of skinny frozen cold packs.

Dessert station: What could be more fun than an ice cream sundae bar? Just before serving, place tubs of ice cream in an ice-filled container (I like to use a fish poacher, because it looks pretty and holds the containers in place). Provide bowls, scoops and optional toppings, such as chocolate sauce, caramel sauce, wedges of candy bars, crushed peppermints, toasted nuts, marshmallows and colored sprinkles.

CORN CHOWDER WITH BACON AND THYME

- 6 strips bacon, preferably thick
- 1 teaspoon butter
- 1 medium onion, finely chopped
- 1 yellow OR red bell pepper, cored, seeded, finely chopped
- 1 1/2 tablespoons chopped fresh thyme OR 1 1/2 teaspoons dried
- Salt and freshly ground pepper, to taste
- 3 large baking potatoes, peeled and diced
- 3 cups frozen corn kernels
- 4 cups milk, whole or low-fat
- Dash hot pepper sauce
- 1/2 cup heavy cream
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley

Optional garnishes: Chopped roasted chilies (canned diced mild chilies), chopped tomatoes, thinly sliced green onions, oyster crackers, diced ham and crumbled, crisp bacon

In large soup pot, cook bacon over medium-low heat until crisp on both sides, about 5 minutes per side. Remove bacon and drain on paper towels. Remove all but 1

tablespoon bacon fat; heat remaining fat with butter over low heat. Add onion and cook about 5 minutes or until softened, stirring frequently. Add bell pepper, thyme, salt and pepper; cook 3 minutes. Add potatoes and cook 3 minutes. Add corn. Crumble or chop 2 strips bacon and add to pot along with milk (reserve remaining bacon for garnish). Bring to gentle simmer over medium heat. Reduce heat and simmer, partially covered, about 15 minutes or until potatoes are just barely tender (not falling apart). Remove cover and remove from heat. Taste and add pepper sauce, and more salt and/or pepper as needed. Cool. Cover and refrigerate until serving time. Soup can be prepared 2 days in advance and refrigerated. Reheat on low heat. Add cream and heat. Taste and add salt and/or pepper as needed.

Presentation: Pour into slow-cooker and adjust setting to low or warm. Stir in parsley. Cover and place at soup "station." Place garnishes in bowls. Yield: 6 servings (recipe can be doubled or tripled)

—Source: Adapted from "Relax, Company's Coming!" by Kathy Gunst

LIGHT CRANBERRY VINAIGRETTE

- 1/2 cup whole-berry cranberry sauce
 - 1/4 cup white wine vinegar
 - 1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil OR walnut oil
 - 2 tablespoons orange juice
 - 1/2 teaspoon crushed garlic
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt
 - 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
 - 1/4 teaspoon dried thyme
- Place all ingredients in blender; blend until smooth. Cover and

refrigerate at least 2 hours before serving. Let dressing sit at room temperature 1-2 minutes to liquefy oil; stir. Yield: About 1 1/8 cups.

—Source: "Light and Easy Holiday Cooking" by Sandra Woodruff

SEVEN-LAYER BARS

- 1/2 cup (1 stick) butter OR margarine
 - 2 cups graham cracker crumbs
 - 1 (12-ounce) package semi-sweet chocolate chips
 - 1 (12-ounce) package butter-scotch chips
 - 1 cup chopped pecans
 - 1 cup shredded coconut
 - 1 (14-ounce) can sweetened condensed milk
- Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Melt butter in small saucepan. Pour into 9-by-13-inch baking pan. Sprinkle (or pour) each ingredient in layer in pan as evenly as possible; don't stir. Sprinkle on graham cracker crumbs, then chocolate chips. Add layer EACH of butterscotch chips, pecans and coconut. Pour condensed milk on top and bake in middle of preheated oven 25-30 minutes or until nicely browned around edges. Remove from oven and cool 15 minutes. Cut into about 30 squares, but do not remove from pan. Cool completely before removing bars. Can be prepared 2 days in advance and stored at room temperature.

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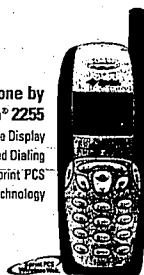
Festive cookies may satisfy Santa

By **Ellen Hawks**
The Baltimore Sun

This recipe was in a Better Homes and Gardens magazine years ago. The cookies are very festive, with jewel-like bits of candied cherry. Like a rich butter cookie, they have extra interest because the edges are just slightly crispy. They store well for several days and can be frozen in an airtight container.

- SANTA'S WHISKERS**
- 1 cup butter or margarine
 - 1 cup sugar
 - 2 tablespoons milk
 - 1 teaspoon vanilla or rum extract
 - 2 1/2 cups sifted all-purpose flour
 - 3/4 cup finely chopped red and green candied cherries
 - 1/2 cup finely chopped pecans
 - 3/4 cup coconut flakes

In a mixing bowl, cream together butter and sugar; blend in milk and vanilla. Stir in flour, candied cherries and nuts. Form into two rolls, each 2 inches in diameter and 8 inches long. Roll out. Wrap and chill several hours or overnight. Slice rolls 1/4 inch thick; place on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake in 375-degree oven for 12 minutes or until the edges are golden. (For a crispier cookie, bake 14 minutes.)



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FOOD & HOME

No more icky office potluck entrees

Knights Riddler News Service

Office potlucks are a time to share the holiday spirit with co-workers. They also can be one of the worst nightmares of your career.

Boring food often is the norm, but boring you can live with. It's the downright awful stuff that makes you consider a job change before next year's holiday luncheon rolls around.

Rule No. 1: No Jell-O and especially nothing in which the word "congealed" is involved.

Rule No. 2: If it involves Velveeta, a can of chili and a microwave, don't do it.

Rule No. 3: Skip the supermarket vegetable trays. Predictable offerings are less than inspiring.

Rule No. 4: Looks do count. Suggest that those contributing to the party plan to serve their food in attractive containers.

Rule No. 5: Mind your manners. Provide enough serving and eating utensils. Eat in moderation. It is better to go back for seconds than to put the entire buffet table on your plate.

And although it may not be an issue at office potlucks, drink in moderation as well.

Rule No. 6: Don't poison your co-workers. It will only mean more work for you. Keep hot foods hot and cold foods cold. Cooked food held for more than two hours without refrigeration or a heat source is the ideal environment for bacteria to grow and multiply.

The day before the party, clean out the office refrigerator, so you'll have the extra space you need. Insulated coolers with ice or cold packs can keep salads and meats cold for a few hours. Use a slow cooker at low setting to keep food hot. Or refrigerate it and reheat just before the party. On the buffet table, use sterno or a slow cooker to keep food warm. Set potato salad or other cold foods in a large pan of crushed ice.

GRAPE TAPENADE

Makes 24 appetizer servings
 1 1/2 cups chopped seedless grapes
 1/2 cup chopped, pitted kalamata olives
 1 tablespoon chopped toasted pine nuts
 1 clove garlic, minced
 1 teaspoon chopped fresh thyme
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 1/2 teaspoon chopped fresh sage
 1/8 teaspoon freshly ground pepper

1 French baguette, sliced 1/2-inch thick and toasted
 Combine all ingredients except bread; mix well. Refrigerate 30 minutes to allow flavors to blend; drain excess liquid before serving. Serve with sliced bread.

-From California Table Grape Commission

PINEAPPLE BREAD PUDDING

Makes 10 servings
 1 cup butter, softened
 1 1/2 to 2 cups sugar
 1 teaspoon cinnamon
 8 eggs (or 4 eggs and egg substitute equal to 4 eggs)
 2 cans (13.5 ounces each) crushed pineapple
 5 cups toasted bread cubes
 1/2 cup toasted pecans
 Whipped cream, for garnish, if desired

In a bowl, beat butter, sugar and cinnamon until well mixed. Add eggs and beat on high until mixture is light. Drain pineapple well. Fold pineapple and bread cubes into creamed mixture. (At this point, you may add other ingredients as desired - mini-chocolate chips, coconut, macadamia nuts, etc.) Pour batter into a slow cooker. Cook on low 6-7 hours, or on high 1 1/2 to 2 hours and low 2 hours, until set. Serve warm topped with pecans and whipped cream.

LAYERED MEDITERRANEAN PASTA SALAD

Makes 10 servings
 16 ounces bowties or other medium pasta shape

3/4 cup Greek salad dressing or your favorite vinaigrette
 2 medium zucchini, sliced and steamed until crisp-tender
 4 quinces crumbled feta cheese
 1/4 cup roasted red peppers, drained, patted dry and coarsely chopped
 1 cup frozen green peas, thawed
 2 ounces thinly sliced prosciutto or good-quality ham or crum-

bled cooked bacon
 1 cup fresh mushrooms, sliced
 3 plum tomatoes, sliced
 2 tablespoons fresh basil, chopped
 1/4 cup Parmesan cheese, freshly grated
 Cook pasta according to package directions, drain. Return to cooking pan and toss with cup dressing. Transfer one-third of pasta to clear glass bowl. In lay-

ers, add zucchini, feta cheese and roasted peppers. Top with one-third pasta. In layers, add peas, prosciutto, mushrooms and tomatoes. Top with remaining pasta. Sprinkle with basil and pour remaining dressing evenly over salad. Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese. Serve at once or cover and chill until ready to serve. Serve with additional dressing, as desired.

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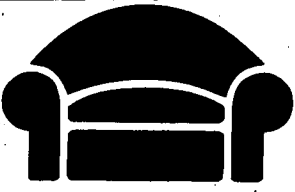
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It's a team thing

This is a love story. Not the kind you find in Harlequin romance novels but maybe one that is just as preposterous and four times as wonderful. It is the story of the Castleford Wolves. They play together, they go to movies together, they eat together, they share credit together, they practice together (in season and out) and they win together. A lot. On all counts. The Wolves boys basketball team is 7-0 and their football team has gone to the state semifinals the past three years. There are many reasons why. Here are three: Seniors Jon Bobango and Erik Medina and junior superstar Elvis Medina.



THOMPSON'S TIMEOUT
Scott Thompson

I could have chosen others, such as Ben Rodgers, who football coach Shawn Scow said persistently stayed after practice to perfect his routes and his footwork, "which is kind of funny because we never throw it." Or Ryan Blick, whose parents often allow the entire school to crash at their house before and after games. "Our high school is about 105 students and when you're that small, they're more like brothers and sisters," said boys basketball coach and principal Andy Wiseman.

And sometimes the team will go to movies together like the time the group went and watched "Remember the Titans." But we'll start with Bobango, one of the best offensive linemen in the area who carries a 3.7 grade-point average and was a state award finalist in the "Wendy's High School Heisman" competition. "I just do what I'm supposed to do - help people in the community and get good grades," Bobango said. "I'm in high school, what else am I going to do?"

"That's one of his contemporaries find far less noble things to do never occurs to Bobango. "He's a team player," Scow said. "He'll do whatever he's asked. He doesn't get a lot of the credit but I think that he knows how important he is. He's one of the best role players we've had here."

But surely Bobango must tire of opening holes and setting screens to free Elvis and then watching while the junior steals the crowd's heart and the newspaper headlines with dazzling plays. Try again. "With Elvis, it's so hard to be jealous because he's the first one to say he couldn't do it without us," Bobango said.

But here's somebody who must be a little bit green: Erik, older brother to the superstar. Nope, not gonna happen. Not in Castleford. "I don't get jealous because I know he's more talented than I am," Erik said.

As for Elvis, you're going to have to take everybody else's word for how good he is because he's not going to talk about himself. "We're a team," he said. "So we're not just worried about ourselves."

And there are other reasons for the Castleford success. There is the emphasis on developing the junior high athletic program. In the last seven years, the junior high football team has gone 47-1.

And then there's the camaraderie of the dormitory community. "I've got a T-ball picture and most of the guys in that picture are still on the football and basketball team with me," Bobango said.

And there is the weight program that Scow runs, which encourages athletes to lift weights 42 times between April 1 and Aug. 1, which works out to about 2.5 times a week. Nearly 15 students a year the past three years have met that goal. And many surpass it by a bunch.

"And it's the kids who are pushing it," Wiseman said. "It doesn't work as well if it's adults or coaches forcing it on them."

That shouldn't surprise you by now.

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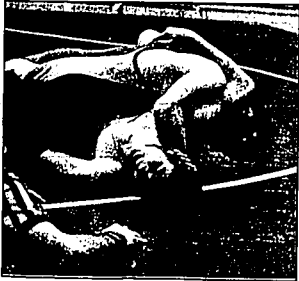
Tigers top Burley, Declo

By Scott Thompson
Times-News writer

BURLEY - It was no contest Tuesday as the Mountain Home Tigers romped over Declo and host Burley in a pair of dual wrestling matches. The Tigers (7-3) first beat up on Declo (9-1) 45-33 with five of their victories coming via pins and then trounced Burley (1-3) 61-18 in a matchup that featured just one of the contested bouts going the distance.

The powerhouse Tigers featured a pair of state champions in 135-pounder John Nunez and 171-pounder Curtis Scott and three others who have been on Team Idaho at one time or another. Mountain Home also did all its damage without four starters. Three were out due to illness and another is out with grade problems. Coach Lynn Knudson feels his squad will be even stronger than it was last year when it placed fourth at the state tournament. They were certainly strong

Tuesday, getting a pair of pins from Garrett Wells (119), Ben Knudson (189), Nunez and Scott. "The difference between Mountain Home and us is that they had five wrestlers on Team Idaho who have a bunch of experience in the summer," Burley coach Clint Milliron said. And Declo coach Jason Taylor said experience was the difference between the Hornets and Mountain Home. "We have only five seniors," Please see WRESTLING, Page D2



SCOTT THOMPSON/The Times-News

Burley 145-pounder Casey Huff looks to put the finishing touches on John Great of Mountain Home Tuesday in a dual match at Burley High School. Great came back for the pin as part of the Tigers' 61-18 victory over the Bobcats.

Pressure pays off

Burley's tough defense helps beat Jerome

By John Derr
Times-News writer

JEROME - Relentless. That word described Burley's constant defensive pressure as the Bobcat boys gained control early and never let go, defeating the Jerome Tigers 62-40 in a Great Basin Conference boys basketball game Tuesday night at Jerome.

"We had good effort for 32 minutes," Burley coach Matt Harr said. "We have been solid defensively and we shot the ball well. Maybe we are getting into shape."

The Bobcats were hot from the start, forcing three turnovers and scoring the first nine points of the game. They pushed the lead to 15 at the break before taking it over 20 in the second half.

Though the statistics sheet showed Burley with only one more field goal at 20-19 shots. The difference was at the free-throw line where the Bobcats hit 16-of-21 attempts, and the Tigers were ice cold converting just 1 of 9.

Burley post Eric Berg hit a pair of free throws and connected inside while Jono Barker nailed one from beyond the arc as Burley kept the Tigers off the boards for the first three minutes of the game.

Travis Hlatt moved out from his post position to nail the long jumper at the 4:45 mark as the Tigers finally got on the board.

Berg scored again and Jacob Kay drained another one from downtown giving Burley the 12-point edge after one.

"The defense runs the offense for us. Our best offense is our defense," said Berg, who finished with 14 points.

The onslaught continued in the second. The Tigers hit two straight jumpers by Tim Davis

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Burley's Eric Berg goes up for a shot against Jerome's Travis Hlatt in the third quarter of their game Tuesday evening in Jerome. The Bobcats ran past the Tigers 62-40.

LUKA M. COLLINS/The Times-News

Martinez, Knoblauch sign with new teams

The Associated Press

Tino Martinez and Chuck Knoblauch, teammates on three straight New York Yankees World Series championship teams, found new baseball homes on Tuesday, signing free agent contracts.

Martinez agreed to a three-year deal with the St. Louis Cardinals, where he replaces Mark McGwire, who retired following last season. Knoblauch, whose throwing problems led to a shift from second base to left field, signed a one-year contract with the Kansas City Royals.

The Chicago Cubs are close to an agreement with outfielder Moises Alou on a \$27 million, three-year deal, The Associated Press learned.

The free-agent deal could be finalized as early as Wednesday, said a source familiar with the negotiations, speaking on the condition he not be identified. Alou hit .331 with 107 homers with 108 RBIs for the Houston Astros last season.

Meanwhile, the Yankees finalized a two-year deal with left-hander Sterling Hitchcock, who was reacquired from San Diego last July and was a combined .65 with a 5.63 earned run average.

Reliever John Rocker was traded by Cleveland to Texas for minor league pitcher Dave Elder. The Indians acquired Rocker from Atlanta last June, but he was a major disappointment for

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Tino Martinez



John Rocker

Rams batter N. Texas in New Orleans Bowl

The Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS - Justin Gallimore blocked a punt and recovered it for a touchdown as Colorado State opened the bowl season by beating North Texas 45-20 Tuesday night in the inaugural New Orleans Bowl.

A crowd of 18,898 saw Bradlee Van Pelt throw for one touchdown and run for another score. The Superdome fans were well behaved, a day after the NFL game between St. Louis and the Saints was briefly delayed at the stadium because of debris thrown from the stands.

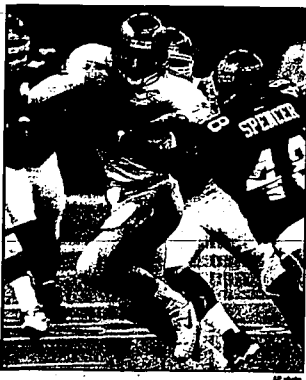
North Texas (5-7) was the first team with a losing record to play in a bowl game since William & Mary in 1970, when it lost 40-12 to Toledo in the Tangerine.

Gallimore's touchdown gave Colorado State (7-5) a 31-14 lead, and came just four plays after Van Pelt fumbled on the North Texas 16 - one of the quarterback's three turnovers.

After receiving the opening kickoff, Colorado/State needed only three plays to score.

Van Pelt hit Pete Rebstock with a 56-yard pass to set up Brad Svoboda's 2-yard TD run on a reverse.

Colorado State took a 17-0 lead



Colorado State quarterback Bradlee Van Pelt is stopped by North Texas linebacker Cody Spencer after a 9-yard gain Tuesday in the New Orleans Bowl at the Superdome in New Orleans.

when Van Pelt hit Jose Ochoa from 8 yards out, capping a drive that began when North Texas running back Kevin Galbreath fumbled on his own 11.

North Texas cut the lead to 17-7 on a 5-yard pass from Scott Hall to Dustin Dean. Patrick Cobs rushed for 46 yards during the 80-yard scoring drive.

The Rams' ensuing drive began

near midfield after a 44-yard kickoff return by Dexter Wynn, and Van Pelt capped it with a 6-yard keeper to make it 24-7.

Van Pelt later threw two interceptions, and the second one led to Scott Hall's 42-yard touchdown pass to Ja'Mel Branch that closed North Texas to 24-14 just before halftime.

Hall passed for 185 yards and Galbreath ran for 106

No. 1 Duke needs OT to top Kentucky

The Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. - Jason Williams' career game kept top-ranked Duke's winning streak alive.

The junior guard scored 38 points, including 23 of his team's final 31 in regulation, and the Blue Devils beat No. 7 Kentucky 95-92 in

overtime in the Jimmy V Classic for their 20th consecutive victory. Duke, the defending national champion, was down 59-47 with 12:30 remaining when Williams took over. He scored every way imaginable and his 3-point with 5:10 left gave Duke (10-0) a 63-67 lead, its first being up 31-30 in the first half.

Williams, whose previous career-high was 35 points two games ago against Michigan, proved he wasn't perfect when he missed the second of two free throws with 8.8 seconds left in regulation to leave the game tied at 78. Kentucky's Cliff Hawkins missed a 3 at the buzzer and the game went to overtime.

Williams gave Duke the lead for



Kentucky's Andy Borman defends Duke's Jason Williams during the Jimmy V Classic in East Rutherford, N.J., Tuesday. Duke won, 95-92, in overtime.

good in the overtime with a three-point play that made it 91-89 with 1:30 left. Ho-found Carlos-Boover for a layup with 58 seconds to go to make it a five-point lead.

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SPORTS

Pilot boys hold off Filer, 51-40

The Times-News

GLENN'S FERRY - Corey Hall and Mark Black combined for 34 points leading Glens Ferry (6-4) past visiting Filer 51-40 in non-conference boys basketball on Tuesday.

Hall had a double-double with 18 points and 10 rebounds. Black scored 16 and added nine steals.

Justin Mecham and Luke Gerrish added 13 points apiece to lead Filer (3-4) as the pair blistered the Patriots' zone defense early, said Glens Ferry assistant J. Bates.

"Our defense clamped down and we finally got intensity and loose balls to run," Bates said. "We want to get loose balls and run, that's our game."

Glenn's Ferry 51, Filer 40
Filer: Corey Hall 18, Mark Black 16, Justin Mecham 13, Luke Gerrish 13, Jason Jones 12, Jason Smith 10, Jason Davis 8, Jason Brown 7, Jason White 6, Jason Green 5, Jason Blue 4, Jason Red 3, Jason Purple 2, Jason Orange 1, Jason Yellow 0.

ISDB 56, Dietrich JV 47

DIETRICH - Cesar Ledezema scored a game-high 26 points and Tanner Carr netted 17 to lead visiting Idaho School for the Deaf and the blind over the Dietrich junior varsity 56-47 on Tuesday.

Jose Venegas led the Blue Devils with 12 points.

ISDB 56, Dietrich JV 47

CAREY 54, Bliss 49
CAREY - Shawn Hennefer scored 16 points to lead Carey over Bliss Tuesday 54-49 at home. Stephen Jurgensmeier and John Sault added 10 points apiece for the Panthers.

Bliss' Caleb Burk led all scorers with 24 points.

Carey (3-4) hosts Murtugah on Thursday.

Carey 54, Bliss 49
Bliss: Caleb Burk 24, Stephen Jurgensmeier 10, John Sault 10, Shawn Hennefer 16, Jason Jones 12, Jason Smith 10, Jason Davis 8, Jason Brown 7, Jason White 6, Jason Green 5, Jason Blue 4, Jason Red 3, Jason Purple 2, Jason Orange 1, Jason Yellow 0.

Richfield 67, Camas 65

FAIRFIELD - Josh Henson's

basket in the last 20 seconds lifted Richfield to its second win of the season Tuesday, as the Tigers beat Camas County 67-65. Cade Norman led Richfield (2-8) with 19 points and Paul Ward contributed 14 points.

Brandon Blodgett led all scorers with 23 points for the Musers (0-5).

Richfield 67, Camas County 65
Richfield: Cade Norman 19, Paul Ward 14, Brandon Blodgett 23, Jason Jones 12, Jason Smith 10, Jason Davis 8, Jason Brown 7, Jason White 6, Jason Green 5, Jason Blue 4, Jason Red 3, Jason Purple 2, Jason Orange 1, Jason Yellow 0.

Kimberly 57, Valley 45

HAZELTON - Kimberly defeated Valley 57-45 Tuesday night in boys basketball.

Cody Gibbons led all scorers with 15 points for the Bulldogs. Aaron Osborne chipped in 14 points for Kimberly. Casey Scott led Valley with 14 points.

Kimberly 57, Valley 45
Kimberly: Aaron Osborne 14, Casey Scott 14, Cody Gibbons 15, Jason Jones 12, Jason Smith 10, Jason Davis 8, Jason Brown 7, Jason White 6, Jason Green 5, Jason Blue 4, Jason Red 3, Jason Purple 2, Jason Orange 1, Jason Yellow 0.

Camas County 50, Richfield 40

FAIRFIELD - Sarah Vouch scored a game-high 18 points Tuesday night to lead Camas County over Richfield 50-40 in Fairfield. Chad Bennett added eight points in the win.

Shannon Meyer led Richfield (4-10) with 17 points.

Camas County (3-8) travels to Shoshone on Friday.

Camas 50, Richfield 40
Camas: Sarah Vouch 18, Chad Bennett 8, Jason Jones 12, Jason Smith 10, Jason Davis 8, Jason Brown 7, Jason White 6, Jason Green 5, Jason Blue 4, Jason Red 3, Jason Purple 2, Jason Orange 1, Jason Yellow 0.

Raft River 42, Hagerman 38

MALTA - Laci Thomas scored 10 points and Tami Lepp chipped in nine to help Raft River beat Hagerman 42-38 in a Magic Valley Conference girls game on Tuesday.

Raft River (1-2) Magic Valley Conference, 5-5) hosts Castelford on Thursday.

Raft River 42, Hagerman 38
Raft River: Laci Thomas 10, Tami Lepp 9, Jason Jones 12, Jason Smith 10, Jason Davis 8, Jason Brown 7, Jason White 6, Jason Green 5, Jason Blue 4, Jason Red 3, Jason Purple 2, Jason Orange 1, Jason Yellow 0.

Twin Falls 56, Burley 42

TWIN FALLS - Amanda Hovey scored 12 points leading Twin Falls over Burley 56-42 Tuesday night in girls basketball.

Hansen 56, MVC 10

HANSEN - The Hansen Huskies rolled over Magic Valley Christian Academy 56-10 Tuesday night in girls basketball.

Brianna Stanger led all scorers with eight points for Hansen. Every player for Hansen scored as the Huskies went on an early 17-0 run to take an early control of the game.

Hansen (11-1) hosts Oakley on Friday.

Hansen 56, MVC 10

MVC: Hansen 56, MVC 10
Hansen: Brianna Stanger 8, Amanda Hovey 12, Jason Jones 12, Jason Smith 10, Jason Davis 8, Jason Brown 7, Jason White 6, Jason Green 5, Jason Blue 4, Jason Red 3, Jason Purple 2, Jason Orange 1, Jason Yellow 0.

Filer 47, Wendell 23

FILER - Filer earned its first win of the season behind the 20 points of Niki Peterson to beat Wendell 47-23 Tuesday night.

Kari Brown chipped in eight points for the Wildcats (1-10). Filer outscored Wendell 14-2 in a decisive third quarter.

Filer hosts Buhl on Wednesday.

Filer 47, Wendell 23

Wendell: Filer 47, Wendell 23
Filer: Niki Peterson 20, Kari Brown 8, Jason Jones 12, Jason Smith 10, Jason Davis 8, Jason Brown 7, Jason White 6, Jason Green 5, Jason Blue 4, Jason Red 3, Jason Purple 2, Jason Orange 1, Jason Yellow 0.

Glenns Ferry 66, Castelford 42

CASTLEFORD - The Glenns Ferry Pilots defeated the Castelford Wolves 66-42 Tuesday night in girls basketball.

Jessica Simons led all scorers with 28 points for Glenns Ferry. Allison Knox followed with 12 points for the Pilots.

Glenns Ferry went on 2-9 run in the fourth quarter to pull away for the win.

Castelford (2-10) travels to Raft River on Thursday.

Glenns Ferry 66, Castelford 42

Castelford: Glenns Ferry 66, Castelford 42
Glenns Ferry: Allison Knox 12, Jessica Simons 28, Jason Jones 12, Jason Smith 10, Jason Davis 8, Jason Brown 7, Jason White 6, Jason Green 5, Jason Blue 4, Jason Red 3, Jason Purple 2, Jason Orange 1, Jason Yellow 0.

Twin Falls 56, Burley 42

TWIN FALLS - Amanda Hovey scored 12 points leading Twin Falls over Burley 56-42 Tuesday night in girls basketball.

Danielle Maloney netted 11 points for the Bruins (5-5). Robyn Lyons led all scorers with 19 points for Burley.

Twin Falls (5-5) hosts Highland on Thursday.

Twin Falls 56, Burley 42

Burley: Danielle Maloney 11, Robyn Lyons 19, Jason Jones 12, Jason Smith 10, Jason Davis 8, Jason Brown 7, Jason White 6, Jason Green 5, Jason Blue 4, Jason Red 3, Jason Purple 2, Jason Orange 1, Jason Yellow 0.

Declo 56, Kimberly 34

KIMBERLY - Declo defeated Kimberly 56-34 Tuesday night in girls basketball.

Amy Allen led all scorers with 15 points for the Hornets. Jamie Chaphurn followed with 12 points for Declo. Rachel Bulcher led Kimberly with 11 points.

Kimberly (5-7) travels to Wood River on Jan. 3.

Declo 56, Kimberly 34

Kimberly: Amy Allen 15, Rachel Bulcher 11, Jason Jones 12, Jason Smith 10, Jason Davis 8, Jason Brown 7, Jason White 6, Jason Green 5, Jason Blue 4, Jason Red 3, Jason Purple 2, Jason Orange 1, Jason Yellow 0.

Other scores

Jerome 68, Millico 53

Wrestling

Buhl 52, Wendell 30

Wendell 48, Glenns Ferry 24

Buhl 74, Glenns Ferry 15

WENDELL - Buhl swept a tri-mat at Wendell Tuesday night, defeating the host Trojans 52-30 and Glenns Ferry 74-15.

In the other match, Wendell defeated Glenns Ferry 48-24.

Buhl 52, Wendell 30

Buhl: Wendell 30, Buhl 52
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No report

Buhl nips Senators in SCIC showdown

By Ethan Stone Times-News writer

GOODING - In a Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference showdown, Gheby King and the Buhl Lady Indians slipped by Gooding 46-44 Tuesday night at the Senators' home court.

"Gooding played a very good game," said Buhl coach Joe Shepard. "We're lucky to get out with a win."

Sophomore Brandi Hosman got things going for the Tribe, scoring seven in the first quarter to give Buhl a 13-9 lead. The tight zone defense and overwhelming height advantage of the Indians (3-0 SCIC; 7-2) kept the Senators shooting from outside.

King took control early in the second quarter, holding her ground under both nets for Buhl. She netted four points and snagged several rebounds.

Things were looking bleak for Gooding (0-2 SCIC, 2-8) until senior Carin Patterson nailed two consecutive 3-pointers to give the Senators the lead at 18-17 with two minutes left in the half.

Baskets by King and Annie McCauley gave the Indians a thin 23-20 lead at half's end.

Despite two 3-pointers from Gooding's Audrey Damele, the Indians added onto their advantage to finish the third up 40-34.

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Report: Seattle's Buhner may call it a career

SEATTLE - Jay Buhner, the Seattle Mariners' right fielder for 14 years, plans to retire at age 37 because of a series of injuries, the Seattle Times reported Tuesday.

Buhner, the 10th player in major league history to hit .400 or more home runs in three consecutive seasons, told the newspaper he would make a formal

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announcement as early as this week.

"I'm done. I need surgery just to retire, on my left shoulder, which froze up on me, and on my left knee," he said, limping out the door of his home suburban Issaquah.

Neither Buhner nor his agent

could be reached immediately by telephone Tuesday by The Associated Press.

Bum ankle ends another season for Grant Hill

ORLANDO, Fla. - The season is over for Grant Hill, who needs surgery - again - on his troublesome left ankle.

Hill, a six-time All Star who joined the Orlando Magic two seasons ago, played only 14 games this year and has been in medical limbo for the past 12 games. A year ago, he played in just four games before undergoing ankle surgery.

He will have a bone spur removed by Dr. Mark Myerson in Baltimore today.

SALT LAKE 2002 Countdown to the Salt Lake Olympics 51 days until Opening Ceremony

The Torch Tour: The Olympic flame begins the day in Charleston, W. Va., winding through Morgantown, W. Va., and Washington, Pa., ending in Pittsburgh.

March to the Medals: Women's bobsled pilot Bonny Warner has decided not to pick up Jay Davidson for the Olympic Trials in Park City this week and instead will team with first-year brakeman Anthony Hart. Davidson, of Layton, Utah, was dropped by four-year partner Jean Racine last week. Warner was the top U.S. pilot at the start of the season but started to slump and her partner, Gea Johnson, teamed with Racine.

NCAA

The Wildcats (6-2), who had a six-game winning streak of their own, closed to 93-91 on two free throws by Keith Bogans with 43 seconds left, but Dahntay Jones iced it for Duke when he converted an offensive rebound with 9.6 seconds left.

Mike Dunleavy added 21 points for Duke, which improved to 16-1 in the Meadowlands Arena, while Boxer had 15.

Freshman Rashad Carruth, who had played in only three games because of a sprained ankle and had a total of 12 points

added 17 points and 10 rebounds, and freshman David Lee had 16 points and seven rebounds.

No. 9 Illinois 87, Illinois State 73

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. - Frank Williams shot 4-for-8 from 3-point range and scored 29 points to lead No. 9 Illinois to a victory over Illinois State.

Williams scored eight straight points in the second half, sparking Illinois (8-2) to a 17-6 run that gave the Illini a 20-point lead, their largest of the game.

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No. 13 Stanford 97, Belmont 63

STANFORD, Calif. - Casey Jacobsen scored 25 points as No. 13 Stanford beat Belmont in the first round of the Stanford Invitational.

No. 22 Oklahoma 109, E. Illinois 50

NORMAN, Okla. - Aaron McGehee scored 22 points and Hollis Price added 18 to lead Oklahoma to a 109-50 victory over Eastern Illinois.

The Soomers (8-1) shot 72 percent (25-of-32) from the field in the first half en route to a 60-26 lead.

No. 23 Alabama 70, Temple 67

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. - Erwin Dudley had 14 points and 11 rebounds and combined with Maurice Williams on a late run to lead No. 23 Alabama past Temple in the Jimmy V Classic.

Terrance Meade added a season-high 19 points and Williams made two free throws after combining with Dudley on the steal with 7.5 seconds to play as the Crimson Tide (8-2) had off a late rally by the Owls (3-5).

Kenny Walker added 13 points and Williams finished with 11 at Alabama.

King scored six more, and Hosman nailed five.

With morale slipping, the Senators were down 44-35 when Patterson downed another 3-point-halfway-through-the-fourth quarter to jump start the Gooding offense. A quick rally followed, and with two minutes left the Senators were nipping at the Indians' heels 46-42. Several missed opportunities later, Gooding's Damele slipped in a lay-up at the buzzer to cut the loss to 46-44.

"We played with more intensity," said Senators coach Andrew Moretto. "And it showed, despite the loss."

King finished with 22 points to lead all scorers.

"Our height advantage was a really big thing," King said. "It helped us a lot blocking people out and getting rebounds."

Damele racked up 15 for Gooding; Patterson was close behind with 14. Buhl's Hosman finished with 12.

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SPORTS

Thrashers ice Bruins in OT Utah defense embarrasses Miami

Senators stomp Hurricanes, 5-1

BOSTON (AP) — Dave Headley scored at 3:58 of overtime as the Atlanta Thrashers beat the Boston Bruins 3-2 despite being outshot 55-14 Tuesday night.

Atlanta, which has the NHL's worst record, won for just the second time in 11 games. The Bruins have lost three straight for the first time this season.

Senators 5, Hurricanes 1

RALEIGH, N.C. — Patrick Lalime stopped 28 shots, and Sami Salo scored a short-handed goal as Ottawa won for the 14th time in 22 games (14-3-3).

Lalime earned his 65th victory over the Senators, tying Jim Rhodes for second on the club's career list.

Carolina lost for the first time since general manager Jim Rutherford said nine days ago that he was re-evaluating everyone on the roster. The Hurricanes earned nine of 10 points before Tuesday.

Islanders 4, Oilers 1

UNIONDALE, N.Y. — Shawn Bares scored twice in his first game back from an injury and the New York Islanders won for the second time in 10 games.

Mark Parrish had a goal and assist, and Mariusz Czerkawski also scored for New York, just 2



Philadelphia's Kim Johnson checks St. Louis' Dallas Drake in Philadelphia Tuesday. The Flyers won 6-3.

4-3 in the last

Rookie Jason Chimera scored his first NHL goal for Edmonton, the Northwest Division leader.

Flyers 6, Blues 3

PHILADELPHIA — Chris Therien's short-handed goal midway through the third period lifted Philadelphia past St. Louis.

The Flyers had lost two straight and five of seven at home. St. Louis has just one regulation loss in 10 games.

Jeremy Roneick, Marty Murray, Kim Johnson, Mark Recchi and Ruslan Fedotenko also scored for Philadelphia. Recchi's 400th NHL goal made it 5-3 with 1:26 left.

Kings 3, Maple Leafs 1

TORONTO — Felix Potvin made 22 saves against his former team, and Los Angeles won its fourth straight.

Adam Deadmarsh, Steve Heinze and Ian Lapierre scored for the Kings, unbeaten in six games (5-0-1).

Mighty Ducks 5, Wild 1

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Andy McDonald and Mike Leclerc each had two goals as Anaheim snapped its three-game losing streak.

McDonald, who began the season in the minors, scored his first goals since being called up Nov. 30 from Cincinnati of the AHL. He hadn't scored since Dec. 3, 2000.

MIAMI (AP) — A surprisingly bad season took an embarrassing turn for the worst Tuesday night as the Miami Heat were held to the fourth-lowest point total in NBA history, losing 95-56 to the Utah Jazz for their 18th loss in 23 games.

Miami tied the franchise record for fewest points in a game, and their fans let them know about with a chorus of boos throughout. Miami also scored 56 points against Charlotte on Dec. 20, 2000.

Knicks 100, Hornets 95

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Latrell Sprewell scored 13 of his 30 points in the fourth quarter to help the New York Knicks snap their four-game losing streak.

Sprewell hit a pair of free throws with 12 seconds to play that sealed the win and helped the Knicks avoid their first five-game losing streak since the 1995-96 season.

Cavaliers 102, Bulls 84

CLEVELAND — Wesley Person scored 27 points and shot Cleveland out of trouble in the second half as the Bulls dropped to 0-13 on the road this season.

Pacers 103, Hawks 100

ATLANTA — Jermaine O'Neal gave Indiana the lead for good by making two free throws with 23.4 seconds left as the Pacers snapped the Hawks' three-game

winning streak.

Shafer'Abdur-Rahim missed a 3-pointer at the buzzer that would have tied it. Earlier, Nazr-Mohammed had a chance to give the Hawks the lead; but Jeff Foster blocked his layup with 6 seconds left.

Clippers 96, Suns 92

PHOENIX — Lamar Odom snaked inside for a tiebreaking layup with 1:16 remaining, and Elton Brand cemented the win with a free throw as the Los Angeles Clippers gained their first victory of the season.

Earl Boykins made a free throw for a 95-92 lead with 15.9 seconds to go. On Phoenix's possession, Rodney Rogers couldn't get a layup to fall, and Brand got the rebound and fouled. He made one free throw with 5.9 seconds left.

Mavericks 107, Timberwolves 103

MINNEAPOLIS — Tim Hardaway scored five points in the final minute — including the go-ahead 3-pointer with 18 seconds left.

The Mavericks rallied from a 22-point third-quarter deficit to win their fourth straight game and 11 of 12 seconds against the Timberwolves in four days.

Michael Finley had 21 of his 26 points in the second half. His dunk tied it at 98 with 1:19 left, and Hardaway's 22-foot jumper gave the Mavs their first lead

since early in the first quarter. Wally Szczerbak tied it at 100 with a layup, but Hardaway's 3 gave the Mavs the lead for good.

Dirk Nowitzki scored 24 points and Steve Nash had 23 for the Mavericks.

Bucks 114, Grizzlies 105

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Ray Allen scored 20 points — and the Milwaukee Bucks used a 13 run in the fourth quarter to defeat Memphis.

Glenn Robinson added 23 points and Sam Cassell had 20.

After trailing since late in the first quarter, the Grizzlies took the lead late in the third and held a two-point edge entering the fourth, 85-83.

Trail Blazers 101, Rockets 92

HOUSTON — Ruben Patterson had 23 points and 11 rebounds, and Rasheed Wallace added 23 points as Portland extended the Rockets' losing streak to 14 games.

Derek Anderson added 20 points as Portland ended a three-game road losing streak.

Spurs 102, Nuggets 93

DENVER — Tim Duncan had 24 points and 16 rebounds, and the San Antonio Spurs pulled away in the fourth quarter.

Antonio Daniels had 10 of his 16 points in the final period as the Spurs posted their eighth straight victory and fourth in a row on the road.

BASEBALL

Baseball Calendar

Today — Last day for teams offering salary advance to accept new offers.

Thursday — Last day for teams to sign free agents.

Friday — Opening day of season.

Saturday — Opening day of season.

Sunday — Opening day of season.

Tim Lincecum Career Statistics

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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Washington Federal announces dividend

JEROME - Washington Federal Inc. - parent company of Washington Federal Savings, which has branches in Jerome and Twin Falls - announced a quarterly cash dividend of 24 cents per share.

The dividend will be payable Jan. 18 to common stockholders of record Dec. 28.

The company said this is its 76th consecutive quarterly cash dividend.

Washington Federal Savings, with 11 offices in Idaho states, said it had \$7 billion in assets and \$4.3 billion in deposits as of Sept. 30.

Boise Cascade dividend comes in at 15 cents

BURLEY - Boise Cascade Corp., which has a Corrugated Container Operations plant in Burley - announced a regular quarterly dividend of 15 cents per common share payable Jan. 15 to shareholders of record Jan. 1.

The Boise-based company also said James E. Sterrett was elected vice president for panels and lumber sales and marketing. Sterrett joined Boise Cascade in 1970 and held a variety of sales and marketing positions in the company's wood products manufacturing business.

Sterrett holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Washington and attended the University of Michigan's University Executive Development program in 1998.

Boise Cascade is a distributor of office products and building materials and an integrated manufacturer and distributor of paper and wood products.

Idaho pump prices drop, but still rank high in U.S.

BOISE - Average prices at the self-service pumps in Idaho are down another 21 cents since the Thanksgiving holiday, but gasoline still costs more than in all but four other states.

Even so, the American Automobile Association on Tuesday said the \$1.23 a gallon found in its daily survey is the lowest average price Idaho has seen in more than a year.

It was just 14 months ago that the average gasoline price hit a record high of nearly \$1.75 a gallon.

"Some motorists are probably downright giddy about the prospect of paying the lowest gas prices of the year and saving a minimum of four to five dollars per fill-up," AAA Idaho spokesman Dave Carlson said.

Washington and Oregon, which does not have self-service fuel, both had average prices of just under \$1.25 while Alaska averaged \$1.51 and Hawaii \$1.71.

The national average was less than \$1.08.

Up until this past month, the average price in Idaho had not been below \$1.40 a gallon this year. At \$1.23, it was 12 cents below the five-year average for the Christmas travel season.

The recession and the attendant restriction in demand by American motorists coupled with slowing economies in other countries translated into increasing inventories of gasoline and oil. Crude oil prices remained under \$20 a barrel.

"As long as crude oil prices remain low, lower gasoline prices should stick around," Carlson said.

Acme's rising market share prompts investment

BOISE - Albertson's Inc. announced Tuesday it is increasing its capital investment in its Acme food and drug stores because of record market share gains in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland.

Chairman Larry Johnston said \$70 million will be spent on store remodeling, enlargement and replacement in the Mid-Atlantic region during 2002, up from \$50 million this year.

Acme's 148 supermarkets, acquired by Albertson's as part of the 1999 purchase of American Stores, have increased market share by 3 percentage points in the past year, the company said.

Albertson's generates \$37 billion in annual revenue from 2,500 retail outlets in 36 states, including a couple in the Magic Valley.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Publisher changes roles

Former T.F. resident moves up to VP of Howard Publications

Knight Ridder News Service

MUNSTER, Ind. - A former Times-News publisher and Twin Falls resident plans to turn more of his attention toward his corporate role with *The Times-News*' parent company.

William E. Howard, now publisher of *The Times of Munster, Ind.*, is leaving the position to work full time as vice president of Howard Publications Inc.

Howard Publications, which

owns 15 U.S. newspapers, including *The Times* and *The Times-News*, maintains corporate offices in Longview, Wash.

Howard named Daniel Blom acting publisher at the Munster paper. Blom, who is the newspaper's general manager, has been with Howard Publications since June 1973, moving to Munster in 1993 from *The Phoros-Tribune* in Logansport, Ind.

"I came here about 10 years ago to work on building *The*

Times," Howard said Monday. "Now that we are where we are, and our staff is as strong as it is, it would be appropriate to turn this over to new leadership to carry us into the next decade."

Howard came to *The Times* in November 1989 from Twin Falls' *The Times-News*, where he was publisher for 18 years. The Times had a daily circulation of 60,000. It has since grown to 88,446 daily.

Under Howard's leadership,

the newspaper became nationally known as "the Munster model," incorporating the latest in technology to deliver a newspaper that is both regional and hometown in nature. He initiated nine zoned news and advertising editions.

During his 12-year tenure, *The Times* was judged Indiana's best daily newspaper, winning the prized "Blue Ribbon" from the

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Farmer claims he has money coming

The Associated Press

BLACKFOOT - An eastern Idaho irrigator claims he is getting the run-around from Idaho Power Co. about his payment for participating in last summer's power buyback program.

The state's largest utility counters that Boyd Christensen missed the deadline for signing up and is not eligible for the more than \$48,000 he says he is due.

The Public Utilities Commission is trying to work out a settlement to Boyd's informal complaint. If that fails, Boyd could seek formal regulatory review of his case.

Christensen says he signed a contract with the utility to sell back nearly 325,000 kilowatt hours of power he would have otherwise used to irrigate 320 acres of grain, hay and pasture, on his farm east of Blackfoot.

But he did not get the first check as expected, and when he asked Idaho Power what happened, Christensen said he was told he missed the sign-up deadline.

"I didn't know there was a sign-up deadline," he said. "I wasn't told at the time I signed my contract that I had missed any deadline."

What he was told, he said, was that he was ineligible because he still owed on his 2000 power bill but that he could sign up anyway if his banker guaranteed the payment.

Christensen said he forwarded a payment guarantee letter from his banker, the Bank of Commerce, to Idaho Power on July 20 and heard nothing more.

Utility spokesman Dennis Lopez declined comment on Christensen's specific case, but he said every farmer was given a specific deadline for signing up for the buyback program, and those with outstanding balances were given specific dates by which to have them resolved.

The buyback program, which was also in effect in the Magic Valley - was initiated during the height of runaway wholesale power prices as a way to help Idaho Power reduce its reliance on the volatile market. It spent \$58 million - cash that will be considered when its annual cost adjustment is calculated next spring.

Rail car plan could give boost to city, industry

The Associated Press

POC/TELLO - Leaders of Idaho's biggest railroad town are pushing a project that could bring hundreds of jobs and boost the competitiveness of the state's potato industry.

The proposal calls for refurbishing at least 500 railroad refrigerator cars, which are used to move Idaho potatoes. It would not only create local jobs, but ensure the competitiveness of Idaho potatoes in eastern markets, officials said.

"Idaho's economy is based on agriculture. Bannock County has an economy that centers around transportation. This project would benefit both of them," Pocatello Sen. Evan Frasure said.

Officials said Union Pacific will donate 500 refrigerator cars that are in need of an average of \$30,000 in refurbishing work.

Frasure and Rep. Kent Kunz of Pocatello hope to have those cars rebuilt in town. Although rebuilding that many would initially create about 30 jobs in the \$12-per-hour range, Kunz said that number is expected to grow significantly.

There are thousands of rail cars that need to be rebuilt.

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HOMES GALORE



Terry Gulick, with Blair Construction, Inc., helps build a house Dec. 12 in Andover, Kansas. Housing construction jumped by 8.2 percent in November to the highest level since July as builders bet that low mortgage rates would continue to lure prospective buyers, the Commerce Department reported Tuesday. In the West, housing starts rose by 12.7 percent, to a rate of 372,000.

Dell Computer modifies business model

Knight Ridder News Service

AUSTIN, Texas - Just a few years ago, it seemed Dell Computer Corp. couldn't care less about consumers.

Dell made computers for businesses, founder and Chairman Michael Dell declared. And while his company didn't turn away less-profitable sales to individual customers, it didn't pursue the market, either - especially after a short-lived attempt to sell machines through warehouse retailers and other stores during the early 1990s.

But at a time when the consumer computer business is anemic, Dell is jumping into the market once again. This time around, Dell - which is preparing to open a technical-support operation in Twin Falls - believes it can dominate the consumer market segment just as it does almost every other area of the PC industry.

The drive for consumers is simply in keeping with the basic principles Dell built the company on, said John Hamlin, who runs Dell's U.S. consumer business: "We go after the largest share of the largest profit pool you can find, and then you move on to the next largest profit pool."

The company already is the biggest seller of PCs for business, government agencies and other institutions such as schools. The general consumer business is the only

place where it is No. 2 by most measures behind only Hewlett-Packard Co.

As it seeks to dominate the consumer market, Dell has launched a price war that has pushed computer prices to bargain-basement prices.

It is remarking its image in television ads and marketing campaigns to attract younger customers ("Dude, you're getting a Dell") who once shied away from its plain-vanilla machines.

Even though it built its business on just-in-time production and made-to-order machines, Dell recently introduced a pre-configured consumer desktop that is similar to the off-the-shelf model competitors sell.

And although it still relies almost exclusively on direct-to-the-customer sales over the Internet and telephone, Dell even is cautiously wading back into retailing. Last month, it set up kiosks in shopping malls in suburban Dallas and in Nashville, Tenn., where consumers can learn about and place Internet orders for Dell machines.

"For us, five years or so ago, certainly the priority was first and foremost on the business market," Michael Dell said in a recent interview. "We're not exactly just getting into the consumer market, but it's become a larger, more important part of the business."

Firm hopes product placement helps push consumer sales

Knight Ridder News Service

LOS ANGELES - Master hacker John Travolta relied on one in "Swordfish."

Ashley Judd totee one around in "Someone Like You."

The White House - the one on television's "West Wing" - uses one, as do the alien hunters on the "X-Files."

Leaving no stone unturned in its push to become the PC of choice, Dell Computer Corp. now is hoping Hollywood's magic can help it reach consumers.

Dell - about to become a major Magic Valley employer - would seem an unlikely choice for Hollywood. Its boxy machines are about as plain-Jane as you can get.

But in a nod to the importance Dell places on the movie business, the company now has a full-time executive whose job is to get the Dell brand some screen time.

Kim Britt, Dell's entertainment marketing manager,

makes frequent trips to Timeslot and spends most of her days trying to get Dell's machines in film productions.

"I kept seeing other brands getting exposure on television and in movies, and I just decided that we should be able to do the same thing," said Britt, a 10-year Dell veteran who used to help run the company's tradeshow events before floating an idea to become the company's full-time marketer to Hollywood about two years ago.

For Dell, the push into movies is more than publicity: It's translating into design changes for computers ordinary consumers buy. The laptops "Dell spiced-up" for "Swordfish," for example, started with ideas from Dell's in-house design team. The team produced plastic veneers to resemble snake-skin, metal and wood for the parts of the laptop around the keypad.

From there, it was a short

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BANKRUPTCIES

The Times-News

BOISE - Recent activity in U.S. Bankruptcy Court included these Magic Valley filings:

Chapter 7, nonbusiness, under \$50,000

JoAnn Thurston, 218 W. Ave. 1, No. 23, Jerome, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case No. 01-42360.

Steve Owens and Jamie Owens, 1015 N. Fir, No. 18, Jerome, joint, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case No. 01-42359.

Brian S. Oleske and Patricia A. Luna, 1010 S. Stevens St., Filer, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case No. 01-42338.

Brenda L. Payton, also known as Brenda L. Grover and Brenda L.

Dye, 333 Rock Creek Road, No. 42, Hansen, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case No. 01-42335.

Chapter 7, nonbusiness, \$50,000 to \$100,000

JoAnn Brown, 160 Juniper St. N., Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000. Case No. 01-42339.

David Ray Butterfield and Shauna Louise Butterfield, 1723 E. Bob Barton Highway, Wendell, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$50,000 to \$100,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000. Case No. 01-42346.

James David Wright and Kami Michelle Knight, also known as Kami Michelle Sorenson, 218 11th Ave. E., Jerome, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets \$50,000 to \$100,000, liabilities

\$50,000 to \$100,000. Case No. 01-42334.

Kerry Kent Hutchinson and Robin Patrece Hutchinson, also known as Robin Patrece Schindl, 99 E. 100 S., Burley, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000. Case No. 01-42333.

Chapter 7, nonbusiness, \$100,000 to \$500,000

Jose Garcia and Carole J. Garcia, 1930 E. 16th, No. 5, Burley, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$50,000 to \$100,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case No. 01-42348.

Joseph Neal Armstrong and Ruth Maxine Armstrong, 77 W. 100 N., Rupert, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$50,000 to \$100,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case No. 01-42347.

Lori L. Clayson, also known as

Lori L. Osterhout, 640 Third St. E., Hansen, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$50,000 to \$100,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case No. 01-42340.

Randy Lee Atkinson and DeAnn Marie Atkinson, 331 Elm St., Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets \$50,000 to \$100,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case No. 01-42337.

Dale Anderson, 417 N. Birch St., Shoshone, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets \$50,000 to \$100,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case No. 01-42332.

Chapter 11, business, \$1 million to \$40 million

Gregory S. Hall, 3880 N. 2500 E., Filer, individual, business, Chapter 11, 1-15 creditors, assets \$500,000 to \$1 million, liabilities \$1 million to \$10 million. Case No. 01-42343.

Micron Technology posts first-quarter loss

Officials blame low chip prices

BOISE (AP) — Micron Technology Inc. on Tuesday blamed plunging prices for computer memory chips for a first-quarter loss of \$266 million or 44 cents per share, 5 cents per share worse than Wall Street expected.

The world's second-largest semiconductor manufacturer, on the heels of acquiring still more production capacity from Toshiba Corp., said the average selling prices for its memory products were down 24 percent from the fourth quarter of 2001 and 88 percent below last year's first quarter.

At the same time, Boise-based Micron said it shipped about 20 percent more memory during the previous three-month period than it did during the fourth quarter and about 130 percent more than during the first quarter last year.

The company reduced its inventory by about 20 percent during the quarter.

Wall Street expected a loss of 39 cents a share, according to Thomson First Call. Micron stock closed up 3.6 cent, or \$1.11 per share, to \$31.81 on the New York Stock Exchange on Tuesday. The earnings report was issued after the market closed.

Micron has come all the way back from losing a third of its share value in the wake of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the

East Coast. Its stock was trading at \$31.76 on Sept. 10.

And Merrill Lynch analyst Joseph Osha said the worst might be over.

"We believe that the DRAM business has bottomed," Osha said. "More specifically, we believe that the industry is not shipping more than it is producing, and that production capacity growth during 2002 will be well below trend at 50 percent to 55 percent."

In fact, Chairman Steve Appleton, who is foregoing his \$800,000 annual salary until the company regains profitability, told shareholders last month that cost-cutting measures had left Micron well positioned to expand.

"There are only two of us in the

industry—Micron and Samsung that are not at risk for selling or consolidating or exiting the business," Appleton said at the company's annual meeting. "Micron will continue to look at opportunities that exist in the marketplace."

The company reported that the first-quarter loss came on net sales of \$424 million. It compared with a loss of \$575 million or 96 cents per share on \$480 million in sales during the fourth quarter. Net sales during the first quarter a year earlier reached more than \$1.57 billion.

Micron recorded a record \$625 million loss for its entire 2001 fiscal year, which came after a record \$1.5 billion profit in fiscal 2000.

Micron purchases Toshiba chip-making subsidiary

TOKYO (AP) — Electronic products maker Toshiba Corp. is selling its U.S. chip manufacturing operation to Idaho's Micron Technology, becoming the latest Japanese chip maker dropping personal computer memory production as prices plunge.

Toshiba said Tuesday it expects to complete the sale of Dominion Semiconductor, a wholly owned subsidiary that makes dynamic random access memory chips in Manassas, Va., by the end of January. Terms of the deal with the world's second-largest memory chipmaker weren't disclosed.

Micron, which has also been in talks with financial struggling South Korean chipmaker Hynix, got a boost on Wall Street from

the deal.

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Toshiba's Dominion facility was originally a joint venture project between Toshiba and IBM, which began full-scale wafer production in 1997. In 2000, Toshiba purchased IBM's ownership interest.

Rail

They are currently being sold for scrap metal for pennies on the dollar, he said.

The demand for the cars could grow to the point of supporting 300 jobs, Bannock Development Corp. Executive Director Ray Burstedt estimated.

Union Pacific Railroad and Eastern Idaho Railroad would

each have to agree with the proposal, as would the state. But the Idaho Grower Shippers Association's directors have endorsed the idea.

About 500 cars would be leased or owned by Eastern Idaho Railroad in a partnership with the Idaho Grower Shippers and government entities to ensure enough cars are avail-

able to meet the needs.

Eastern Idaho Railroad supplies 22 percent of Union Pacific's total nationwide refrigerated traffic, shipping potatoes and potato products.

"Right now in east Idaho we are short in refrigerated rail car capacity. The ability to have available transportation at times when it's needed is critical,"

Idaho Growers Shippers President David A. Smith said, adding shipping the potatoes by truck is too expensive.

While Watco Companies Inc. — Eastern Idaho Railroad's parent company with an office in Twin Falls — would put up the bulk of the funds for the project, it would also require a start-up and many companies pay — sometimes

Stocks rise on housing report

NEW YORK (AP) — The latest round of evidence to support a long-awaited economic recovery — namely a strong jump in November housing construction — sent stocks soaring Tuesday, propelling the Dow Jones industrials up by triple digits.

Better-than-expected earnings from electronics retailers Best Buy and Circuit City also con-

tributed to the market's advance. Combined with the housing report, it improved investors' outlook for the economy, two-thirds of which is comprised of consumer spending.

"There are a lot of reasons to be optimistic," said Thomas F. Lydon Jr., president of Global Trends Investments in Newport Beach, Calif.

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journey to the consumer market.

Britt and Dell designers and marketers figured the jazzy laptops would appeal to consumers as well, and recently started selling a line of laptops with different veneers.

The fact that they are working with Hollywood forces is to be more creative, Britt said. As a result, "the work we put into looking at emerging trends, emerging designs, ... we were able to apply to our current products."

Product placement is nothing new, of course.

Companies spend millions of dollars each year trying to get their names in film products, hoping their association with cool flicks or television stars will help sway consumers to buy their products.

But like just about everything else Dell does, its nascent approach at product placement is quite different than its competitors.

Most companies hire and pay agencies to get their products in front of the camera. Dell relies solely on Britt.

Some companies try to get their goods in almost any production, at any time. Dell is choosy, picking only those productions that fit its corporate profile and most companies pay — sometimes

hundreds of thousands of dollars — to get included in big-ticket films.

Dell never pays.

"In some cases the studio just wants a big check," Britt said. "And with us, they go elsewhere."

Dell makes extra efforts in other ways, however — and they're resulting in some additional, unexpected benefits for the company.

For the techno-spy thriller "Swordfish," for instance, Dell created pop-up inserts to jazz up part of a notebook's keypad. Since then, Dell has been selling the inserts — it now offers more than a dozen varieties, including fake snakeskin and wood — to everyday consumers.

For science-fiction film "Ali: Artificial Intelligence," Dell custom-built a futuristic monitor. Some of the same designs were later incorporated in its latest laptops, offering for consumers and businesses.

Because of its build-to-order business model and quick turnaround time, the customization that studios desire for their films is something Dell can offer more easily than its competitors.

"I don't think a lot of Hollywood types would build a computer to order at all before they used the Dell model, Britt said.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

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AA	1.00	25.30	+0.10	100	25.20	25.30	25.20	25.30
ACEL	0.50	38.00	+0.20	50	37.80	38.00	37.80	38.00
ACLU	1.00	20.00	+0.10	200	19.90	20.00	19.90	20.00
ACR	1.00	12.00	+0.05	100	11.95	12.00	11.95	12.00
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Table of closing futures prices for various commodities including soybeans, corn, wheat, and oil. Columns include contract name, price, and change.

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Official criticizes governor's call regarding Qwest plans

DENVER (AP) - Questions have been raised about the propriety of a call from Colorado's governor to the consultant monitoring testing for Qwest's bid to resurrect its long-distance business.

It comes as officials acknowledged that Qwest Chief Executive Joseph Nacchio talked to the governors of Idaho and the other 13 states in the company's local service territory to discuss the consumer benefits of Qwest long-distance.

That was not the case, Hopkins said, and the governor "certainly did not try to find out what the results were or what their progress had been so far. He didn't apply any pressure one way or another, nor try to skew the findings."

State regulators monitoring the testing process were informed last week of Owens' call. State utilities commission-aided call had no influence.

But Nebraska regulator Anne Boyle called it troubling, citing her repeated requests of Qwest to quit lobbying commission-aided call.

What they've done is distracted all the parties who are trying to get this job done so far. Qwest had hoped to regain its long-distance business by last summer. Delays have pushed the time frame to mid-2002.

Publisher

Continued from D4 Hoosier State Press Association on six occasions. The newspaper's growth and success is credited to Howard.

"He is known as one of the savviest publishers in the country - a true visionary," Bloom said.

"Bill's dedication, leadership and vision will be missed," said William Nangle, executive editor of The Times.

"His intention has been to build Northwest Indiana as a better place to live for everyone, and he's worked hard to make that happen - not just for the business community, but for everyone," said Gary Neale, chairman and chief executive officer of NiSource Inc.

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Something missing?

We are able to customize our market reports. If you're interested in a stock, mutual fund, or commodity that's not in our report, just call us and we'll try to include it.

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Chicago futures prices for various bean contracts.

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PUMPKIN PROCEEDS



Photo courtesy of Clover Trinity School

Diane and Leonard Clifmore stand in their pumpkin patch with students from Clover Trinity Lutheran School in Buhl. Diane, who teaches third and fourth grades, and her husband opened their pumpkin patch to the students and donated proceeds from pumpkin purchases to the school to purchase books.

We want your news

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Open house celebrates TF woman's 80th birthday

TWIN FALLS - Nettie Gates of Twin Falls will celebrate her 80th birthday at an open house from 6-9 p.m. Sunday at the Magic Valley Center, 601 E. Main St., Twin Falls. Friends and family are invited.

Nettie Gates

Buhl woman celebrates 80th birthday at open house
BUHL - Ruth Johnson of Buhl will celebrate her 80th birthday with an open house from 3-6 p.m. Friday at Personal Connection Home Care, 921 Main St., Buhl. Johnson was born Dec. 29, 1921, in Palms, Calif. She married Lynn Johnson on Aug. 29, 1947. She has lived in the Magic Valley since 1956.

Ruth Johnson

Johnson was the chairman at the West End Senior Center for seven years. She runs Personal Connection Home Care and Naturally Wonderful Hair.

Johnson has three children, David Thorp of Sebastopol, Calif., Thory McKay of Jerome and Susan Harvey of Castledo; three children; and two great-grandchildren.

CSU offers 'Computer for Seniors' course

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho will offer "Computers for Seniors" from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Saturdays, Jan. 5 through Feb. 2 in Evergreen room C33 at CSU. Seniors will get the chance to learn computer basics at a slow and easy pace. This course has been especially designed for seniors who want to get started with computers but feel a need to build extra confidence in using them. The course covers everything from how to turn the computer on and run the mouse to using basic computer software. The cost is \$55, plus a \$3 manual fee paid to the instructor at class. For more information or to register, call 733-9554, Ext. 2288.

Technician donates time to help anxiety sufferers

BURLEY - Rapid eye technician Lisa Hobson will donate her time to help those who suffer from anxiety due to Sept. 11 events, and will accept appointments from January through February 2002. To schedule an appointment call 678-2381. One fee will be taken through one free SSPT (single situation processing technique) session. By directing eye movement, Hobson says she will guide them through a process to eliminate stress for a single situation related to the Sept. 11 disaster. She also wants to educate the community about the kind of sessions she offers, she said. Hobson said she is a certified master rapid eye technician and

SPST trainer. Minidoka County Historical Society holds Christmas party

RUPERT - The Minidoka County Historical Society will hold its member Christmas party at 6 p.m. Thursday at the Minidoka County Historical Society Museum, 99 E. Baseline Road in Rupert. Brains & favorite dessert and party snacks to share.

Burley HS Drama Team hosts dinner theater Saturday

BURLEY - The Burley High School Drama Team will host a dinner theater at 6 p.m. Saturday. The cost is \$20 per person and includes dinner and a viewing of some of the state championship pieces. Catering will be done by Farmer's Corner and musical entertainment will be provided by the Burley High School jazz band. To reserve a table, call 678-8778.

TF Library hosts adaptation of 'Santa on Strike'

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Public Library will host a reader's theater adaptation of "Santa on Strike" at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in the library's storywell vault. Students from Robert Stuart Junior High's eighth-grade drama class will be the guest performers. All families are invited. There is no charge and no registration.

Buhl Arts Council presents Langloise Trio, Italian dinner

BUHL - The Buhl Arts Council

will present The Langloise Trio and a holiday Italian dinner prepared by Bill and Susan Baggis at 7 p.m. Friday.

The cost is \$32 per person. The Langloise Trio is a string trio from Albertson College. They will perform chamber music from baroque through 21st century compositions. To make reservations, call 543-2888.

Jerome Historical Society offers holiday gifts

JEROME - The Jerome County Historical Society is selling its 2002 calendars. This year's pictures are a conglomeration of historical photos and grave-sites on the Northside Alternate Oregon Trail route, the society said. There are also two photos of the Minidoka Relocation site. Calendars are available for \$5 each at the Jerome County Historical Museum. The calendars were put together by Claire and Virginia Ricketts.

Other Idaho gifts available include "Then and Now in Southern Idaho" by Virginia Ricketts, tree ornaments, North Side Inn picture and plates, souvenir plates from several states, Idaho jigsaw puzzles, caps, T-shirts, mugs, cachets, wooden nickels, historical picture drawings on note cards. Call 324-5641 or visit the museum at 220 N. Lincoln St. for availability. Museum hours are open 1-5 p.m. Tuesday to Saturday; and closed, Sunday, Monday and holidays.

FOCUS ON PEOPLE

Wood River Middle School green team elects reps

Colleen Fiaschetti, McKenna Peterson, Derek Abbott and Kyle Niedrich

Student collects money to help NY children

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CLUB CALENDAR

Civic

Blue Lakes - 7 a.m. Tuesdays at Cavanaugh's Best Western in Twin Falls, 734-707 or 734-1877.
Burley - noon Tuesdays at Burley Inn Convention Center, 678-2221.
Boise - 12:05 p.m. Thursdays at The Granddads, 543-6278.
Gooding - 12:15 p.m. Friday at the Lincoln Lodge, 234-4580.
Hailey - noon Thursdays at the Senior Center of Blaine County, 788-087 or 788-2114.
Jerome - noon Thursdays at China Village, 123-153, Alder, 324-7000 or 324-4511.
North Idaho Valley - noon on Tuesday at Rio's Pizzeria and Pasta Restaurant; 101 Stone at 720-4100.
Rupert - noon Wednesdays at the Rupert Elks Lodge, Call Jack Bell at 436-5611.
Shoshone - noon Wednesdays at the Senior Citizens Center, 886-2221 or 886-2883.
Twin Falls - noon Wednesdays at the Turf Club in Twin Falls, 736-0229 or 734-6459.

Rotary Clubs

Burley - noon Fridays at Frio's Cafe, 2444 Overland Ave., Val Gans, 678-9890.
Burley Square - 7:30 p.m. third Tuesday in Burley Bureau conference room, 44 E. 5th N. Albrecht Road, Shertis, 678-2328.
Gooding - 6 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays at the Lincoln Inn, 334-1441.
Hailey - noon first and third Wednesdays at Full Moon Restaurant in Bellevue.
Jerome - 7:30 p.m. second and fourth Tuesdays at Burley Inn, 436-5611.
Hayden - 7 p.m. first and third Monday at Hayden Elks Lodge, 326-4320 or 486-0793.
Kimberly - 7 a.m. first and third Tuesday at Crossroads United Methodist Church, 423-8824.
Rupert - 7:30 p.m. second and fourth Thursdays at Red Cross building, 707 P.C., 436-6301.
Rupert Beylages - 7:30 p.m. second and fourth Tuesdays at United Methodist Church, 6011 S.E., 436-9822.
Twin Falls - noon Wednesdays at the Jade Restaurant, 734-6266.
Twin Falls Moonshiners - Meets first and third Thursdays at North's Church Wagon in Twin Falls.

Kiwanis Clubs

Buhl - noon Wednesdays at the Buhl Community Center, call 543-2330 or 543-8576.
Burley - noon Wednesdays at Frio's Cafe, 2444 Overland Ave., 436-3223 or 486-0793.
Flayer - noon Tuesdays at the Flayer Methodist Church, 326-4320 and 486-2813.
Burley - noon Tuesdays at the Rupert Elks, 436-1824.
Rupert - noon Thursdays at the Jerome Senior Center, 212 First Ave., call 436-2332.
Twin Falls - noon Thursdays at the Turf Club for lunch, 736-4276 or 734-4244.

Optimist Clubs

Twin Falls - noon Thursdays at Crandall's Restaurant, 735-2778, 730-7055 or 734-7876.
Jerome - 6 p.m. Wednesdays, Opa's Market, 156 E. Main St., 326-4469.
Twin Falls - 7:15 p.m. Tuesdays at the Caves Restaurant in Wendell; 536-667.

Civil Air Patrol

Twin Falls - 7 p.m. Mondays at the Federal Aviation Administration Building at the Bury Airport, 677-2559 or 436-6661.
Twin Falls - 7 p.m. Mondays at 702 Airport Loop at Joan Field, call Milton at 731-8871.

Scoutmaster International

Twin Falls - first, third and fourth Tuesdays 12 p.m. at Bob's Joe's Restaurant, 508 E. Main St., in Twin Falls. All but one woman are invited, 734-9456.
Burley - noon second, third and fourth Wednesdays at George's, call Arlene at 436-8966.
Rupert - noon first and third Fridays at Rupert Elks Lodge, 678-2266 or 436-2332.

Beta Sigma Phi Sorority

Alpha Theta Chapter - 7:30 p.m. first and third Thursdays, Sept-March, 543-5222 or 734-1367.

Weight loss

Burley Chapter 256 - 6 p.m. Thursdays in the Heyburn School 1607 room.
Gooding Chapter 203 - 7 p.m. Thursdays at the Gooding Senior Center, 308 Senior Ave., 334-4506 or 334-9440.
Hailey Chapter 203 - 7 p.m. Wednesdays at the public library, 324-7326 or 324-5722.
Jerome Chapter 203 - 7 p.m. Wednesdays at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1700 Heyburn Ave., 733-3306 or 326-6811.
Kimberly Chapter 203 - 7 p.m. Wednesdays in the recreation hall at 475 Carwell Ave., 734-5122 or 736-3221.

Support Groups

National Alliance for the Mentally III of Idaho for survivors of mental illness, their families and friends - 7 p.m. Tuesdays, Wood River Middle School family lounge, call 788-3584.
Women's support group sponsored by Advocates for Survivors of Domestic Violence - 6 p.m. Tuesdays, call 788-4191 for directions.
Advocate support group for children of divorce, old who have witnessed domestic violence - 6 p.m. Tuesdays, call 788-4191 for directions.
Unemployed pregnancy Christian-based support and counseling group - 5:30-7 p.m. Tuesdays, call 788-4191 for directions.
Medical Center, 727-6101.
Grief support group - 7 p.m. Sun., 64, Rupert United Methodist Church, 605 E. St., 436-1256.
TIU support group - 10 a.m. every other Saturday, call James at 733-1328.
TIU support group - 7 p.m. Fridays at 2420 Park Ave. in Burley; call James at 678-7447.
Wendell - meets weekly for support and activities, call Heather at 734-8265.
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Hobbies

Magie Valley Bridge Group - Deck 2, 26 p.m. Tuesdays at St. Jerome's Parish Hall, 216 Second Ave. E., in Jerome; call Vera at 734-4617 or Tom at 324-6649. Copies welcome.
Magdalena Barber Shop - Tuesdays at the First Methodist Church basement, 600 Second and Fourth Ave., Twin Falls, 734-2624.
Magie Valley Bridge Group - 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the Burley High School band room, 678-4378.
Seneca Silver Flats - 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Harmony Hall, 122 K St. in Rupert; 436-6047.
Sweet Adelines Church - Members can pool to pool to chorus every Tuesday evening, Call 733-0238.

Book discussion clubs

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Other

Bridge - 7 p.m. Mondays at Magie Valley Bridge Club, 216 Second Ave. E., Twin Falls, 733-8929. Members welcome.
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Alcoholics Anonymous

Twin Falls - 10:30-11:30 a.m. third Wednesday of month in 640 Frio Ave. No. 438, sponsored by SunBridge Care Center; call Steve or Dawn at 734-8645.
Hailey - 7:30 p.m. second Thursday of the month at Senior Center, sponsored by SunBridge Care Center; call Bill at 677-5451.
Alcoholics Anonymous
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Alateen

Alateen - for younger family members affected by someone's drinking, 24-hour a day hotline, 736-3555.
Alzheimer's support group for families
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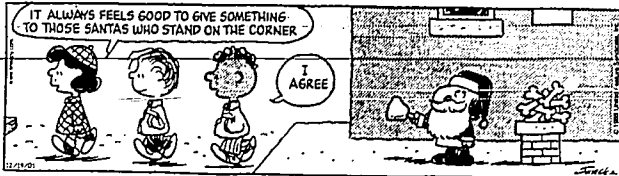
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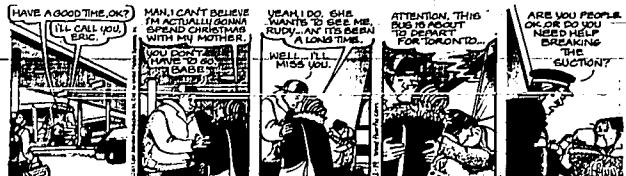
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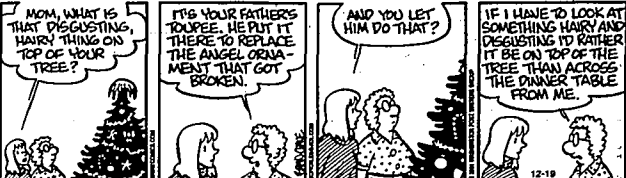
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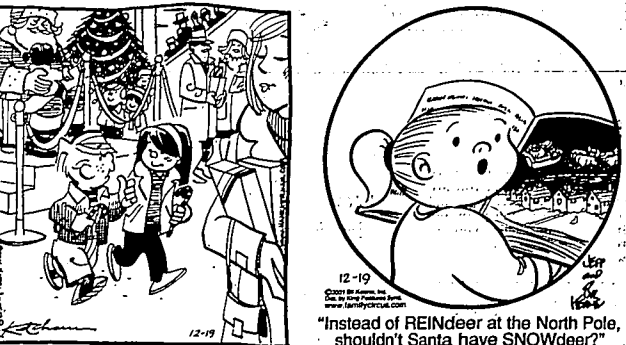


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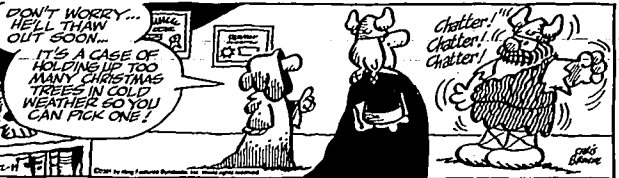
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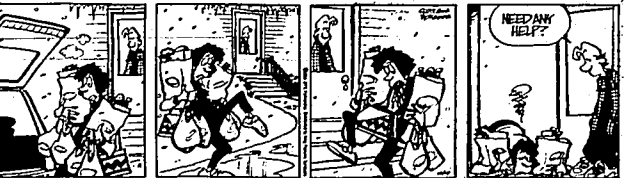
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Strange Brew

By John Deering

Non Sequitur

By Wiley



Roommate's gifts to girlfriend go too far

DEAR ABBY: I am 18 years old and a freshman in college. I have been dating my girlfriend "Holly" for about eight months.

My roommate is also friends with Holly, and that is the problem. He treats Holly like she is a princess and gives her extravagant gifts, sometimes for no reason at all. This irritates me because it makes me look like a



DEAR ABBY
-Abigail VanBuren

terrible boyfriend.

I cannot approach him about it since he is my roommate, and I have to live with him for the rest of the year. Holly really

likes that it irritates me, but I can't have her say anything because then it would be extremely weird whenever she comes to visit - even more than it is now.

How should I handle this?

- **CONFUSED IN CLEMSON, S.C.**

DEAR CONFUSED: You must speak up. For your roommate to buy expensive gifts for Holly,

knowing she is your girlfriend, is inappropriate. (If you and Holly break up - THAT'S the time he should make his move, but not now.)

For Holly to accept those gifts is insensitive. You're certainly within your rights to let them both know this bothers you. And there's no time like the present to make your roommate aware of your feelings.

ACROSS

- Sharks
- Ma. Gardner
- Look over the
- Wrist bone
- Cover
- Europe's play
- Overlooker
- Fuss
- Tribe-shaped
- Letter
- Affix firmly
- Original "SNL" cast member
- Clipping sound
- University of Wisconsin city
- Stairway piece
- Praise highly
- Spanish cheers
- Country
- Domain
- Orange variety
- Early Persian
- Foggy
- Sound of rippling water
- Cool course
- "Siddhartha"
- Author
- Shipping sheet - pluses
- Slender-necked antelope
- Swallows
- "Fiddlers"
- Arion
- Part of WCR
- Unruly throng
- Actress Birger
- Pi-eyes
- Waltz
- Make a mistake
- Like Whirly's
- walls
- Direction symbol
- Flo or Caspan
- Looney Tunes
- 6 Port

DOWN

- Pack down
- Regras
- Strengthening agents
- Pizza purchase
- Degrees
- Toni's horse
- Diesels
- Table scrap
- Mason's masterpieces
- Heranges
- King and Ladd
- Part of WCR
- Decorate
- Give the game away
- Always smugged
- Colis and curls around
- Punny pincher
- Brif's stretcher
- Spy Mata
- Ziegfeld Follies
- Seasonal employees
- Gap in time
- Forebears
- Absurdonian
- Germanic John
- Argentine grassland
- Part of a dance
- Slaughter in Cooperstown
- Freshly moist
- Club of "The Broken Hearts"
- Serengeit equine
- Victoria's Secret offering

Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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ELEMENT PLYWOOD
TRIE TALL
BASSOON RIO
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ERIE
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Rotten eggs can get you in trouble in Iowa

Iowa law prohibits possession of a rotten egg. Q. Doesn't Israel outlaw the publication of nude photographs? A. Only nude photographs of persons between ages 9 and 18.

Sheep and goats are exceedingly fond of rape, which some may be surprised to learn is an herb akin to mustard. It's grown most particularly around Tisdale, Saskatchewan, a place also widely known for its beekeepers. The community adopted as its official postmark, "Tisdale, Land of Rape and Honey." Canada's Postmaster General didn't like it, so it was killed.

Average word of spoken English contains 1.4 syllables. Bolivian Indians long have treated arthritis pain with ant stings.

The late actor Raymond Burr



REVISITED
L.M. Boyd

once was a nightclub singer. Not surprising. He had an extraordinary voice. But he did not always make you aware of it when he delivered his lines. That's said to be the mark of the professional. He wanted you to hear his meaning. The amateur wants you to hear his timbre.

Turkish towels are not Turkish but French. The man who invented a workable way to manufacture barbed wire - Joseph Glidden of DeKalb,

Aquarius could be the talk of the town

IF DECEMBER 19TH IS YOUR BIRTHDAY ... you are creative and independent and often arouse jealousy among friends and associates. You are romantic and believe that life without love is no life at all. Leo, Aquarius persons play major roles in your activities, could have these letters, initials in their names: A, S, J. Next year will be powerful for you, representing promotion, production and marriage. September of 2002 will be your most romantic, profitable month of the year.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): Your achievements today could go far beyond expectations. Go with the tide; do not get in your own way. You will win friends and influence many. Capricorn involved.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): Participate in humanitarian project; you gain added recognition on an international scale. Lunar position equates to promotion and places you on precipice of fame and fortune.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't wait for others. Imprint style, create your own tradition. Take initiative, guided by original thinking. You exude aura of sex appeal. Take care - don't hurt yourself!

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Assess partnership, cooperative efforts and marriage. Eschew mysterious get-rich-quick scheme. You will get story behind story; relate it without fear. Another Cancer involved.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Puzzle pieces have yet to come together. Check legal aspects of recreational projects. Entertain and be entertained. Sagittarian will play outstanding role. Keep recent health resolutions.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): What had been rejected could now be accepted; perfect techniques and streamline procedures. A co-worker expresses interest in your "personal life." Be friendly, but know when to say, "Enough!"

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Lunar aspect coincides with creativity, sensuality and sex appeal. Read and write, teach and learn. You will encounter romantic Aquarian. Protect self in emotional clinches.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Attention revolves around where you live, marital status, what to spend and what to conserve. You will learn difference between generosity and extravagance. Libra represented.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Short trip could involve request from relative, do not immediately acquiesce to demand. Deception involved, deliberately or otherwise. Pisces, Virgo figure prominently.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Your kind of day! You

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prove you can handle pressure of added responsibility. Romantic relationship is serious; it could lead to something permanent, including marriage. Number 81

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You could be talk of the town! You best deadlines; people in far-away lands read about and discuss your efforts. Steer clear of individual who takes you for granted. Aries figures prominently.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Participate in new project. Exercise independence of thought, action. Avoid heavy lifting. Speak from the heart. Secret meeting held; you will be chief subject. Leo in dramatic role.

Movies

Twin Cinema
Today 6:45 - 7:15 - 8:00 - 8:45
Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone (PG)
Today 7:30 - 8:45
Shannon Elizabeth - 13 Ghosts (R)
Tom Cruise - Vanilla Sky (R)
Domestic Disturbance (R)
Today 7:15 - 8:30 - 9:15 - 9:45
Walt Disney - Monsters Inc (G)
Today 7:30 - 8:45
Robert Redford - Spy Games (R)

Odyssey 6
Daily 7:00 - 9:30
Gene Hackman - The Helix (R)
George Clooney - Oceans 11 (13)
Kevin Spacey in K-PAX (13)
Daily 7:30 - 9:40
A Snowboarder's Delight - Out Cold (13)
Not Another Teen Movie (R)
Daily 7:00 - 9:10
Martin Lawrence in Black Knight (13)

Jerome 4
Daily 7:00-9:45
George Clooney - Oceans 11 (13)
Harry Potter (PG)
Daily 7:15 - 9:15
Gene Hackman Behind Enemy Lines (13)
Daily 7:30 - Lord of the Rings (13)

Orpheum

Daily 7:00 - 9:10 Gene Hackman Behind Enemy Lines (13)

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Effective January 1st, 2002 Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital's Emergency Room is Closed

All emergency services will be available at one, convenient location in Twin Falls. If you are experiencing a medical condition that requires emergency care please go to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Emergency Room, located at 650 Addison Avenue West.

Go directly to the emergency room or call 911 for any of the following problems:

- You are having trouble breathing
- You are suffering uncontrolled bleeding
- You are experiencing chest pain or other symptoms of a heart attack

SERVICES THAT WILL CONTINUE TO BE PROVIDED AT MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER'S DOWNTOWN CAMPUS (Formerly Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital) 660 Shoshone Street East

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To schedule an appointment call 733-3700.

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Happy Holidays From "Roy and The Boys"

GOD has given us the best gift for all seasons, the gift of Family!

God has given us new paths to walk and doors to open and go into new Journeys during our lives.



When we pass through another door in our journey, we must remember to take our family with us, maybe only in our minds, but keep the best gift of life with you always in your heart, the gift of family.

"Roy and the Boys" 2001

Santa and His Elves Are Due to Visit Twin Falls!

This week Santa and his elves, Roy Dixon and sons Jacob and Nicholas, will make some visits to: the Morningside School, the Valley Grade School, M.V.R.M.C. Children's Floor, and some local retirement homes. Santa and his elves set aside this time to bring joy to some of those that are unable to get out to enjoy the happiness of Christmas.



Santa and his elves are sponsored by: "Welcome Neighbor" Roy "R. D." Dixon and "Magic Valley Kirby" Ken and Susan Law.

Any persons or businesses wanting to donate small bears or candy canes for Santa to deliver, please call Roy Dixon at 736-5939. Thank you, Merry Christmas to all and may God bless you!

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COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN IDAHO REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS COMPUTER NUMERIC CONTROL MANUFACTURING EQUIPMENT, SOFTWARE AND TRAINING

Sealed bids for the specified equipment, software and training will be accepted until 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 2, 2002 in the office of the Vice President of Finance in the Taylor Administration Building, 215 Falls Avenue, Twin Falls, Idaho and then publicly opened.

Bids must be sent or delivered to the above address on or before the above listed date and time to be accepted. The outside of the envelope should clearly indicate "SEALED BID ENCLOSED".

For complete bid specifications, procedures, bid forms, and additional information contact David Sess at the College of Southern Idaho, PO Box 1238, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303-1238 or telephone 208-733-9554 ext. 2397.

The College reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any formalities and to accept the bid deemed to be in the best interest of the College.

John M. Mason, Vice President of Finance

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REQUEST FOR BIDS FY 2002 FUEL FOR HEYBURN & PAUL FLEETS

The Board of Trustees of Joint School District #31, Minidoka, Cassia, Joromo and Lincoln Counties, Idaho, will receive sealed bids on or before Tuesday, January 8, 2002 at 9:00 a.m., local prevailing time, at the Minidoka County School District Office, 633 Fremont Avenue, Rupert, Idaho 83350, for FY 2002 Fuel for Heyburn and Paul Fleets.

Specifications and bid documents may be obtained at the Minidoka County School District Office between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., local prevailing time, Monday through Friday, or by calling (208)436-4727.

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All contractors and subcontractors on this project shall be licensed as Public Works Contractors pursuant to Title 54, Chapter 19, Idaho Code, as amended. A Bid Bond in the amount of five percent (5%), a Performance Bond and Labor and Materials Payment Bond in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the total bid will be required.

The Board of Trustees reserves the right to accept or reject or to select any portion thereof any or all bids and to waive any technicality.

Pamela A. Wado, District Treasurer, School District #31

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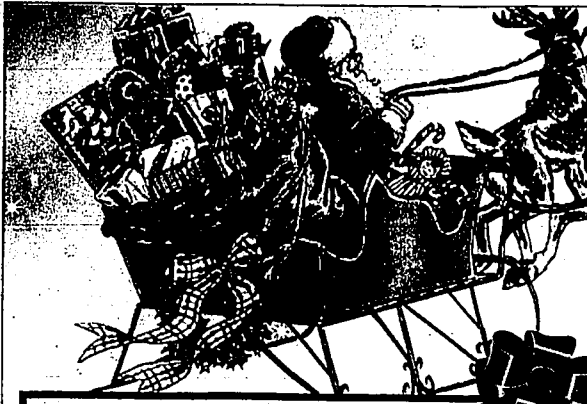
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