

## Kulongoski cracks down on statewide meth abuse

**By Medford Mail Tribune and Wire Services**

Gov. Ted Kulongoski has announced establishment of a new task force that will tackle methamphetamine abuse statewide, which he called one of Oregon's biggest crime problems.

"Methamphetamine is estimated to be the driving force in 80 to 90 percent of property crimes committed in Oregon," Kulongoski said in a speech last before the Citizens Crime Commission in Portland.

With new, cheaper and purer forms of the drug coming on the market, "it is anticipated that use of this drug will increase sharply."

Last year, arrests linked to meth made up 78 percent of total drug arrests by Jackson County's Narcotics Enforcement Team.

Nearly 87 percent of the agency's overall drug arrests were connected to meth in 2001. Most suspects are apprehended in Medford, officials said.

The task force will include law enforcement, treatment specialists, the pharmaceutical industry and others who can craft a plan by early next year.

Although meth long has been recognized as one of the state's main drug concerns, this is the first time a governor has singled it out for attention.

Craig Campbell, Kulongoski's public safety adviser, said the plan is to go after the drug at all levels, from monitoring the everyday chemicals used to make it to treatment programs for users who become addicted.

He said the task force will have approximately 20 members and will first meet in late January. The hoped-for result is a plan of action the governor can implement or take to the Legislature.

Campbell said Kulongoski is most nervous about the emergence of a crystallized form of meth, known sometimes as "ice," that is cheaper, stronger and more addictive than other forms.

"It's cheap," Campbell said. "It produces a high the first time. It's one of those drugs that, once you use it, that's it."

The task force will look at precursor chemicals used to make the drug, which can be found in common products such as Sudafed, an over-the-

counter allergy pill, he said. The governor hopes to find a way to track how such chemicals come into Oregon and how they're acquired, Campbell said.

Kulongoski also wants to study how the drug is sold on the streets and in schools, and how treatment programs can become more effective.

## IVHS spreads musical cheer with free concert

A free, public program of current and traditional holiday compositions will be presented on Wednesday, Dec. 17 by Illinois Valley High School (IVHS) music students.

Led by T. Lund, the vocal and instrumental concert will begin at 7 p.m. in the IVHS cafeteria. Lund, director of music, is one of only five music teachers nationwide this

year to be honored with a Mr. Holland's Opus Award during a presentation in Carnegie Hall with actor Richard Dreyfuss, who played Mr. Holland in the film about him, making the presentation.

The performance will feature the IVHS Swing Choir, Concert Choir, and Concert Band. Various holiday melodies, plus a couple of spirituals for the

season, will be on the program.

"There'll be traditional winter music, much of it upbeat," said Lund. There also will be a Sousa march and the well-known "Brahms' Lullaby," he said, plus a Christmas march, and excerpts from the music of "Star Wars."

In addition, said Lund, the popular "Up on the Housetop," which encour-

ages audience participation, will be presented.

"We're going to have fun, and are looking forward to this performance for the community," said Lund.

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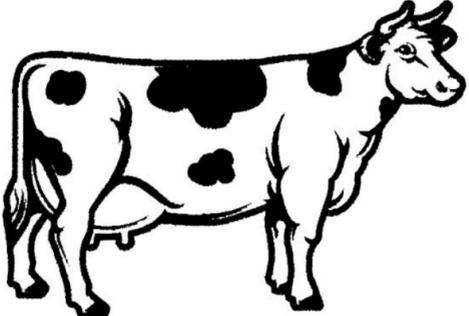
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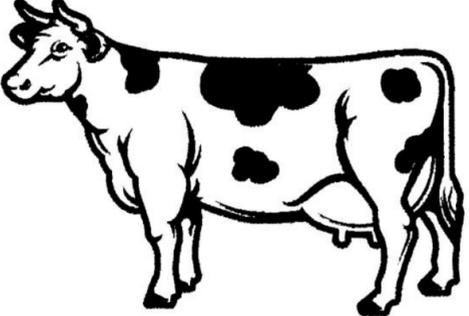
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