

Good morning

Martha Stewart joins
The Times-News



The lifestyles celebrity is writing a weekly column on comfortable living. The column is titled, "Ask Martha." This week, Martha tells readers how she wraps her Christmas packages — in high style.

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Today's forecast

Sunny with light winds. Highs in the middle 30s. Lows 10 to 20 degrees.

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City: Water at risk

The city of Twin Falls has sent a letter to Jerome County in an attempt to protect its water supply from urban sprawl and a proposed airport.

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Iowa Test results revealed

Demographics — not teaching philosophies — explain why Morningside Elementary scores high and Hansen scores low, officials say.

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Vanishing free agents

With a midnight deadline facing them, major league franchises and free agents put together several deals Tuesday, many of the players remaining with the same clubs.

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NFL adds a year's peace

In a surprise announcement, NFL owners and the players' association announced an extension of the current labor contract, meaning there could be peace in the league through 2002.

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But you can have some of these holiday delights too.

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English on the ball

Today's editorials look at high school football and Jerome's language debate.

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Fed cuts key interest rate

A day after a Wall Street nosedive, the Federal Reserve cuts a key interest rate. Other rate cuts to follow will aid millions of borrowers.

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Salvation Army counts its blessings

By Julie M. McKimmon
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — From the 4-year-old who saved her allowance to buy a toy for a needy child, to senior citizens who opened their pocketbooks, thousands of community members have helped their own this holiday season.

More than 4,000 people — from more than 720 families — will receive Christmas help from the Salvation Army, which also uses money from its kettles and mail appeal to help people through the winter.

Hundreds of children will receive donated presents today and Thursday, and families also will get food boxes. "This is really a very giving community," said a thankful Salvation Army Capt. Roger Davis. "The Salvation Army can't do anything without the community's support."

"Folks need to know that their giving made a difference."

As of Friday, this year's kettle donations were down 4 percent compared with last year, but funds contributed through the mail campaign were up 7 percent, Davis said.

And kettle donations have picked up in the past few days, Davis said Tuesday.

Last year, kettles donations were up 3 percent in Twin Falls, while most other Salvation Army agencies nationwide saw their kettle donations drop 9 percent, he said.

Davis said people who donate to the Salvation Army in Twin Falls can see the benefits of their generosity because they often know the people getting help: distant relatives, fellow church goers or co-workers, for example.

"It's a small enough community that their giving has an impact," he said.

United Way will surpass '94 campaign

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The United Way of Magic Valley continues on a pace to surpass its 1994 pledge totals.

As of Tuesday, the organization had 4 percent more in pledges than last year at the same time, according to figures released by Executive Director Susan Kelley. The \$197,387 is \$8,390 more than the campaign had raised by mid-December 1994.

The United Way has reached 72 percent of its \$275,000 goal.

The final 30 days of the campaign are traditionally the biggest for the United Way. Last year they accounted for 26 percent of total pledges.

If that's also the case this year, the organization would end up with more than \$266,000 in pledges.

This year's campaign, however, starts.

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Ray Dyer of Twin Falls signed up for the Salvation Army gift distribution, assuring a Christmas for his 3-month-old son, Derrick, Tuesday afternoon. Capt. Marilyn Davis schedules the family's pickup time.



Over 800 gift bags have been prepared for local children. Ben Trevino, a volunteer from the Community Work Center, checks on some of the bags.

Budget quest goes on

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Four days into a partial government shutdown, President Clinton and Republican congressional leaders launched an extraordinary effort Tuesday to nail down a seven-year, balanced-budget accord before the dawn of the new year.

After a two-hour Oval Office meeting, House Speaker Newt Gingrich said a follow-up session with the president was set for today. Given continued progress at that time, he said, "We'll talk about" legislation to reopen the government, mired in its second shutdown of the year.

"We want to get it done by the end of the year; we want a balanced budget over seven years," Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole said at a news conference in the Capitol.

Vice President Al Gore affirmed the administration's commitment to the talks, although he stopped short of saying there was a New Year's deadline. "If it is possible to conclude it" by then, the White House would like to, he said.

Clinton last month vetoed a GOP balanced-budget bill, saying it would fall too hard on key domestic programs. The two sides are separated by a wide gulf on key issues such as tax cuts, Medicare, Medicaid, welfare, and virtually the entire range of government programs in a budget dispute that blends policy with politics.

Dole said major decisions lie ahead, and added, "The president, the speaker and the majority-leaders are going to have to make some of these tough decisions. And we'll try to keep in touch as we go through this."

NATO rolls in as Sarajevo's lights go on

The Associated Press

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — New lights came on in Sarajevo Tuesday and NATO forces poured into Bosnia — new signs of comfort and security in a land that has known little of either.

Powered by a new electric line, the glow of street lights cut through the fog on the deadly stretch of roadway known as "Sniper Alley." After months of patchy electricity, lights and television screens in the city grew brighter.

"This is great. Look at those lights — white, yellow, white, yellow," said Jasna Miletovic, 41, as she drove her car past Bosnian Serb positions 100 yards away. "This now looks like real peace."

Fifty miles to the north, seven U.S. C-130 cargo planes and one C-17 cargo craft brought troops and food to Tuzla, where 20,000 U.S. troops will be based.

Another aircraft brought an advance party of the 1,500 Russian peacekeepers who will be based in the American sector.

More U.S. Army engineers arrived in Croatia on Tuesday to prepare construction of a pontoon bridge across the Sava River to Bosnia.

Once that bridgehead is established, troops and equipment can move overland.

Rudolph is now 'nasally empowered'

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Watch what you say about Rudolph this Christmas.

He's not the "locally correct" age; he's the "nasally empowered" reindeer.

And avoid the word "ghost," as in "Ghost of Christmas Past."

It's "spiritual facilitator," says James Finn Garner, whose best-selling "Politically Correct Holidays" has sold more than 1 million copies.

The 99-page book is a satirical, 1990s version of "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" and four other well-loved Christmas tales.

Garner takes aim at what he considers political correctness run amok.

"I think we're blinded, sometimes at our attempt to be totally equitable," he said in an interview Monday.

Since landing on bookstore shelves Oct. 27, the collection made *The New York Times* and other best-seller lists.

In his book, Rudolph is not the Santa sycophant of the well-known children's jingle. Instead, he considers himself "an angry young reindeer" whose shining nose will help him overthrow Santa's oppressive tyranny.

When Santa asks, "Rudolph with your nose so bright, won't you guide my sleigh tonight?" Rudolph responds, "No. Not without concessions." Like no work on holidays.

Frosty the Snowman is reinvented as Frosty the Person of Snow, who chides the boy and girl who made him for arguing over his gender without asking his preference first. And what he wants to be is genderless.

The children and their creation then plan a march on Washington to protest ozone depletion threatening to cause the untimely demise of you-know-who.

"'Twas the Night Before Christmas" becomes "'Twas the Night Before Solstice" with children nestled in their beds, dream-

ing of lentils and warm whole-grain bread instead of sugar plums.

In Garner's take on "The Nutcracker," the coveted toy is viewed as "an obvious symbol of castration and emasculation."

And in the new-fangled "A Christmas Carol," Tiny Tim is a "vertically challenged pre-adult" named "Diminutive Timmon." He raises his glass and says, "May a higher entity (if there is such a thing) bless us, everyone."

Garner, 35, is the author of two other best sellers, "Politically Correct Bedtime Stories" and "Once Upon a More Enlightened Time." He holds a degree in English literature.

He says political correctness goes especially overboard at Christmas, citing a college where mistletoe was banned because it "tends to sanctify uninvited endearment" and a Chicago principal who forbade a pupil to wear a jingle bell to school because it symbolized the religious holiday.



James Finn Garner
Thinks correctness is overdone

Nation

Clinton signs lobby reform law

WASHINGTON (AP) — The capital's influence industry will be forced more into the open under a law President Clinton signed Tuesday requiring lobbyists register and disclose their activities for the first time.

"At last!" exclaimed Rep. Charles Canady, R-Fla., at a White House ceremony. "We've waited 40 years to see genuine lobbyist reform in Congress, and now it's done."

"Lobbyists in the back room, secretly rewriting laws and looking for loopholes, do not have a place in

our democracy," said Clinton, flanked by lawmakers who had pushed the bill to passage after decades of gridlock.

The law, which takes effect Jan. 1, broadens the definition of who is a lobbyist to include far more people than under the current, largely ineffective, statute. Just 6,500 lobbyists are now registered, while estimates of those involved in influencing federal policy run as high as ten times that number.

Lobbying itself would be redefined to include contacts with execu-

tive branch officials and congressional aides. And the law would require that lobbyists report how much they are paid, and the specific issues on which they are working.

Together with new rules banning or limiting most gifts to members of Congress, advocates said the lobby reform law would help lessen the influence of money on government policy. But they pointed ahead to a larger, more difficult reform hurdle: rewriting the laws governing the financing of political campaigns.

Caffeine use may hinder conception

BALTIMORE (AP) — Women trying to get pregnant may be able to improve their chances by cutting back on the coffee, a study suggests.

The Johns Hopkins University study found that women who consume more than 300 milligrams of caffeine in a couple has a 20 percent chance of getting a viable pregnancy each month, said Dr. Ronald Gray, one of the researchers at the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health. "The high caffeine drinkers would reduce that by a quarter. It would be around 15 percent."

No effect was seen in women consuming less than 300 milligrams. "On average, a couple has a 20 percent chance of getting a viable pregnancy each month," said Dr. Ronald Gray, one of the researchers at the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health. "The high caffeine drinkers would reduce that by a quarter. It would be around 15 percent."

The study was published in the latest issue of the American Journal of Epidemiology. Several previous studies also have indicated a link between caffeine and lower fertility.

Pregnant women already are warned to avoid or cut back on caffeine because there is some biological evidence that caffeine disrupts the menstrual cycle and may lead to early pregnancy loss.

"A cup of coffee contains about 100 milligrams of caffeine, a cup of tea 50 milligrams, and a can of some kinds of soda 40 milligrams."

The study used data from interviews with 1,430 women conducted in 1989 and 1990, involving more than 2,000 pregnancies that occurred between 1980 and 1990.

About 8 percent of the women who neither smoked nor consumed large amounts of caffeine took a year or more to conceive, compared with 19 percent of women who consumed more than 300 milligrams of caffeine a day, the study found.

Regardless of the amount of caffeine they took in each day, smokers were found to be 15 percent to 20 percent less likely to become pregnant in a given month than nonsmokers.

"Women who smoked did experience delayed conception, but the delay was not increased by caffeine consumption," said Cynthia Stanton, a doctoral candidate and lead author of the study.

Zantac will go over-the-counter

WASHINGTON (AP) — Zantac, the ulcer medicine that has become the world's best-selling prescription drug, is about to go over-the-counter to fight heartburn.

The Food and Drug Administration approved a nonprescription version of Zantac on Tuesday. Zantac 75 tablets, half the strength of prescription Zantac, will be on pharmacy shelves early next year, manufacturer Glaxo Wellcome said.

It joins the \$1 billion antacid market, as the third of a unique class of medicines that blocks the stomach's production of irritating acid. Merck & Co.'s Pepcid and SmithKline Beecham's Tagamet already are sold over-the-counter both to treat heartburn and to prevent it from ever forming. Zantac 75, however, is approved only to treat heartburn, not prevent it.

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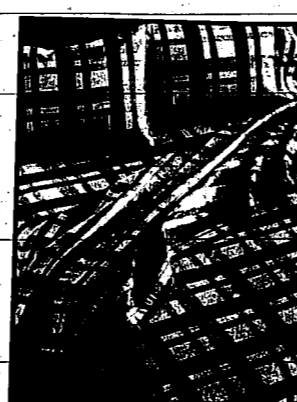
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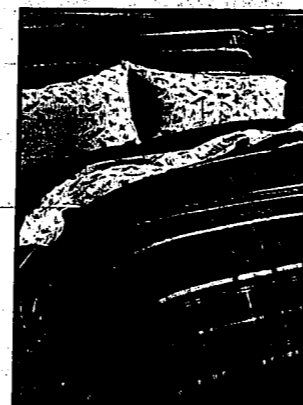
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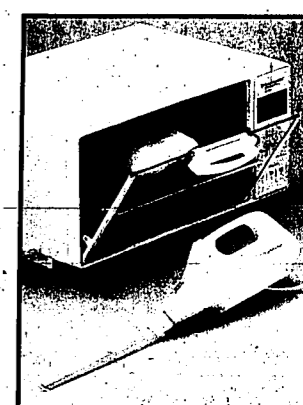
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The **BONMARCHÉ**

Opinion

Editorial

Football proposal would sacrifice academics, safety

A proposal for football scheduling among small Idaho high schools sounds like another case of the athletic tail wagging the scholastic dog.

Parents should insist that their schools find an alternative to putting their sons on the road for hundreds of miles each season.

The situation arises because fewer and fewer schools in Class A-4 are playing 11-man football. These are small schools, with no more than 112 students, roughly half of whom are girls. They sensibly are shifting to 8-man teams, which are easier to field.

Only 10 Class A-4 schools remain in the 11-man ranks. In order to fill out their schedules, they have devised a scheme that will send Magic Valley teams (Hagerman, Murtaugh, Oakley and Raft River) all the way to Mackay and the Boise area, and vice versa.

For the kids, that will mean long hours on the road. A Raft River road game in Mackay is nearly a 400-mile round trip. The cost is high in several ways: travel expense, lost class time and increased danger from long

drives in questionable weather. The plan strikes us a mistake. Athletic participation is a useful and rewarding part of a teen-ager's development, but it should be secondary to academics. Although sacrificing a little class time is necessary occasionally, it should be kept to a minimum.

School officials should find a way to play games closer to home.

The obvious answer is to join the trend toward eight-man teams. Although an eight-man team means fewer slots for youngsters on the field, coaches can compensate by substituting more. (If they're reluctant to do that because it means benching the best players for part of the game, then maybe they're too focused on winning.)

In our view, coaches and administrators need to keep in mind the real reasons for sports participation: developing physical fitness; learning teamwork, building character and having fun. Six or eight hours on a bus doesn't advance any of those goals.

In plain English: Good choice

Jerome County commissioners were right this week to back away from making English the county's "official language." Commissioner Jerry RIDLEY offered a thoroughly sensible reason: "We're seeking out troubles we don't have."

The English-only issue is a national debate that no single county has the power to resolve. Whether a county resolution on the subject could have any legal effect was unclear. But it surely would have inspired resentment—and maybe lawsuits.

The issue came up because a judge ordered a Spanish translation of a

court document, and some county officials objected to the expense.

But interpretation services are a legal obligation that the county can't escape by passing an English-only rule.

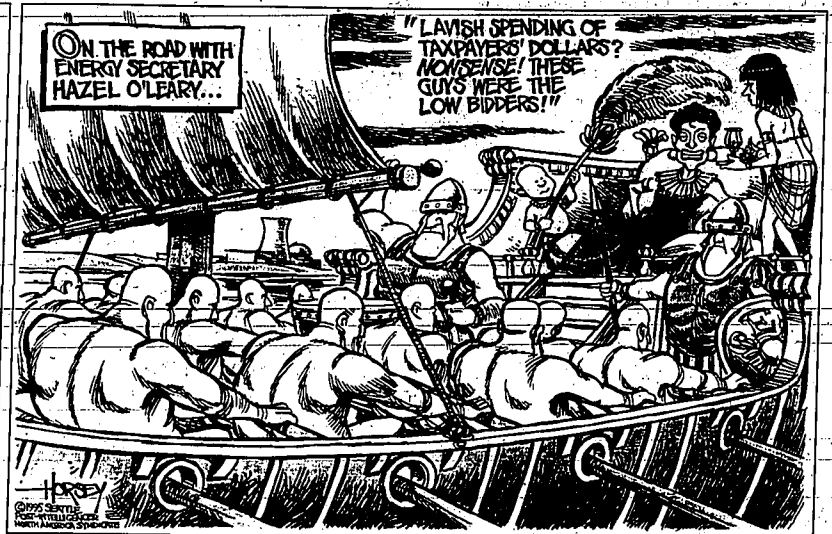
The truth is, America is a diverse society. The Magic Valley includes people with a variety of native tongues: Spanish, Laotian, Russian and many others. It's appropriate to encourage (and help) those folk learn English, but toleration and accommodation are necessary along the way.

Jerome County wisely chose not to buck that reality.

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Letters

Just try the alternative school

I'm 15 years old and a student at the Magic Valley Alternative High School. I work after school at the Fiesta Ole in Twin Falls. I am not pregnant nor do I have kids. I don't live out on my own. I have never been in trouble with the law. I am just an ordinary teen-ager trying to get through school and graduated.

I dropped out of school in the ninth grade because of stress in the home. The only reason I got back into school is because I was challenged by a friend. He told me to try it for just one day, and if I didn't like it by the time the day was over I didn't have to go any more. I loved it!

The alternative school is trying to give kids that could go to regular schools a second chance at graduating. If they change it to night school, only 13 kids will be able to attend. That leaves 107 dropouts, that's 107 more people relying on welfare, 107 more kids to burden society.

MVAHS provides us things that regular school doesn't—child care, better one-on-one communication between teacher and student. You may not realize it, but the MVAHS is a whole lot stricter, and this keeps the kids in line. We only have five hours to miss every three weeks (five hours equals one day). If we're any time over, we have to drop the credit for that block. At the high school, you are allowed nine days every nine weeks, but that nine days isn't enforced.

There's absolutely no fights. The second you kicking at another person you are gone—kicked out for good. No one can afford to get into any fights or miss any days so they don't.

The alternative school is giving me and 119 other teens a second shot for a better future. I thank this school for giving me and others the chance to make something of ourselves. Thank you.

I challenge anyone to come observe our school and find out how it really is before you pass any kind of judgment. It's kind of like what you tell your kids at dinner, "You can't tell me you don't like it until you try it first." I hope you take our challenge.

MICHELLE LEPKER
Twin Falls

Give students another chance

Good for you, Rebecca Corsey, for speaking out and supporting your peers.

After reading your letter on Dec. 15, I felt compelled to write and urge the citizens of Twin Falls to advocate the alternative high school and to find this program a permanent home.

How could these young adults be labeled as "delinquents"? Delinquents make mistakes, drop out of school and then become another tax-supported statistic. The students at the alternative high school are humans who make mistakes and struggle to regain control of their lives to better their families and their communities. If they weren't trying to improve themselves, they wouldn't be attending school at all.

Please give them a chance to fulfill their hopes and dreams of a successful future.

STEFANIE BRIMACOMB
Twin Falls

Bell ringers a part of season

I see that I'm not the only one who resents the prohibition of bell ringing by the Salvation Army at the Magic Valley Mall. This is part of Christmas and is very worthwhile.

Last year and this year, I have not done any Christmas shopping at the mall as a protest. All of the businesses in the mall ought to sign a petition to have the bells returned so that part of Christmas can be enjoyed.

I haven't heard or seen any letters against the bell ringing. I am sure there are people that feel intimidated or embarrassed when they walk by a bell ringer without dropping a coin or two in the kettle. Most of the bell ringers will give a cheery greeting and open and hold the door open for the people.

WILLIAM VAND DYKE
Twin Falls

Bells should not affect giving

I read another letter about the bell ringers for the Salvation Army. It's so easy to listen to bells as you are passing in and out of stores, but I own a business in the mall and to listen to bells eight hours a day six days a week is a little much.

You've seen the ringers stand out in the cold with their jackets, gloves and ear muffs on the cold hard sidewalk for their entire shift. The ringers are warm inside the mall, and they aren't hearing a ringing in their ears.

Come on, the bells shouldn't have anything to do with giving. Giving comes from your heart, not the sound of bells.

RHONDA SEXTON
Twin Falls

Sanding rationale poor one

Wet pavement, wind and freezing temperatures—all the red flags were up for icy conditions on two bridges crossing the Snake River canyon near Twin Falls on Dec. 6.

A state sanding truck visited the bridges that morning before rush hour traffic but left no sand even though ice could and did form shortly after.

The reason was a fatal head-on collision on the Hansen Bridge, injuring two and killing Vickie McClmonds, young mother of two. At the same time, five more accidents occurred on the Perrine Bridge. None were fatal.

Rationals given by state officials for not sanding: The cost of sand and the overtime to clean it up was too expensive.

I am a third-generation Idahoan. I have always been proud to call Idaho home. It's a sad day for all of us when our state determines a few grains of sand are more precious than a human life. I'm not so proud of Idaho anymore.

Vickie McClmonds' mother,
MARILYN BENNETT
Boise

Democrat leader gives thanks

I would like to thank The Times-News for the article on the local Democratic Party. It was very nicely put together. I would like to add one vital bit of information to that: Without the volunteer help of 20 good people, I would not be able to do the job I do.

"No man (or person) is an island."

While I'm thinking, why not broaden the scope a bit. Thank you Times-News for allowing space for locals to voice their democratic opinions—the sounding board you provide is a vital link in the community.

Thanks to this wonderful community for what it is—its uniqueness is special. Thanks for all the volunteers, city band, people who take time to decorate their homes for all to share, Festival of Trees, downtown merchants, Business Improvement District, decorations in the park, etc.

Thanks to the local officials of City Council, planning and zoning, county and all workers and providers of the Magic Valley all a vital link, we all need each other. The beehive keeps humming and right now, we're humming Merry Christmas to all and a great New Year.

JEANNE MEYER
Twin Falls

Politicians just don't get it

To paraphrase the women's movement of a few years ago, Idaho's politicians just don't get it.

Despite the fact that the overwhelming majority of Idahoans object to using Owyhee County as a bombing range, our glorious leaders in Congress have announced enthusiastic support of the idea, according to the lead story in Friday's Times-News.

Cannot Sense, Craig and Kempthorne and Rep. Crapo read or simply listen to their constituents?

Another bombing range is not needed: The federal government has hundreds of thousands of acres of bombing ranges already in use in Utah and Nevada, among other places.

A bombing range in Owyhee County would be an ecological nightmare: The southwestern part of Idaho is one of the last pristine high desert areas left in the United States. It is treasured by hikers, canoeers, hunters and fishermen. It should simply be left alone!

These bozos—Craig, Kempthorne and Crapo—are constantly demanding that the federal government get off Idaho's back—they yet now gleefully seek to let the feds bomb the state.

(Perhaps Owyhee County Sheriff Tim Nettleton, who insists that the Bureau of Land Management and National Forest agents have no jurisdiction in his county, will figure out some method of arresting the offending bomber pilots, when and if this nitwitted idea comes to pass.)

I would have expected no more from Larry ("Hooray for Nicotine Addiction") Craig or Dirk Kempthorne (remember, despite his posturing, he's been a political stooge his entire adult life)—but Rep. Crapo is certainly a disappointment.

Until now, even though I often disagreed with Crapo, I had respected him as a thoughtful conservative. But no, when it comes to grabbing money from the federal treasury to despoil nature, the Harvard-educated 2nd District congressman walks in lockstep with his less-eligible brethren.

I hope the voters remember this travesty next November!

ROBERT W. BARTLETT II
Wendell

Letters

Give gift of blood this year

Aug. 4, 1994, seemed like a typical day for Rebecca Corsey, a teen-ager from Filer. But what would happen that night would have a profound impact on her life and that of her family. The fragility of life in general would be challenged. Only through her persistence and because of the generosity of blood donors would the battle be fought and won.

Rebecca, her sister and her cousin planned to venture into Twin Falls that night for something to do. They hopped into Rebecca's car and headed out on Highway 30. Before they reached their destination, a drunk driver would abruptly stop their plans by making a left turn in front of them.

Rebecca still remembers the details of that night: what song was playing on the car radio, her questioning the fellow passengers, "Is he going to stop?" and the ear-piercing squeal of tires. She also remembers thinking, "Are my sister and my cousin OK?" and then the inescapable blackness as she fell into a coma for seven days.

Her sister and cousin suffered some fairly serious and painful injuries. Rebecca, however, was not that lucky. She had a number of broken bones, namely, her left arm, right and left femur and numerous facial bones. Internal injuries included a collapsed lung, a lacerated kidney and liver and a ruptured spleen.

Her 1.5 months hospital stay was filled with X-rays and injections. During this time, she also needed approximately 15 units of blood to help her recover.

Initially, Rebecca was in traction—not to mention the excruciating physical therapy that lasted eight months.

Recovery was not easy. With the help of Rebecca's own persistence, her will to live and the unknown blood donors who gave her another chance at life, it was possible.

A stranger's bows made season

After work Dec. 14, when I turned onto my street, Mountain View Drive (between Filer and Stadium), I couldn't help noticing that someone had tied a green tree branch and big red bow to every mailbox on the street. What a pleasant surprise!

I am one of those people who don't particularly care for this holiday season because of what it has become—a commercial holiday when most people think only of what they are getting instead of what they are giving and what they have already gotten. After all, Christmas Day represents the day that God gave us the best gift of all, his son Jesus.

Whoever put these decorations on my street obviously has not forgotten. It's such a shock these days when someone does something so selfless and thoughtful, giving their valuable time directly to their community to strangers. I must say that single act of kindness has made this holiday season for me. Thank you to whoever did that.

MARIE FLETCHER
Twin Falls

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Nation

Sandwich generation faces bite

GOP budget provision makes adult children pay for parents' nursing-home care

Knight-Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — A little-noticed provision in the Republican budget could take a bite out of the sandwich generation — middle-aged people with elderly parents needing nursing-home care and kids heading off to college.

The GOP bill would allow states for the first time in 30 years to tap into the assets of adult children to pay for their parents' nursing-home care — a cost that now runs about \$36,000 a year. Currently, Medicaid pays for most nursing-home expenses.

Republicans say the provision is designed to shift Medicaid costs from taxpayers to well-off children.

"If my father required nursing-home care and I'm able to pay, it should be my responsibility to look after him," said Rep. Thomas Bliley, R-Va., chairman of the House Commerce Committee.

But the proposal, which may be dropped in budget negotiations, would affect far more than just the wealthy. It would allow states to go after anyone making more than the state median income — a figure that ranges from about \$25,000 to \$42,000, depending on the state.

Under current law, elderly in nursing homes often "spend down" their life savings until they have only \$2,000 in assets and a monthly income of about \$45. Then they qualify for Medicaid. Under the Republican plan, just about every strapped middle-income family in the country could be liable to step in at that point.

"What this means is that families will be forced to choose between sending their kids to college or paying for their parents in nursing homes," said Judy Feder, a health-care policy professor at Georgetown University and a former Clinton administration health official. "Medicaid was based on the premise that nursing-home care should not impoverish families."

Consumer and elderly groups are lobbying intensely for the provision to be removed in budget negotiating sessions between Republican leaders in Congress and Clinton.

"The message is, 'We held the lottery and you lost,'" said American Association for Retired People lobbyist John Rottler. "This is not asking people to help out. This is asking people to sacrifice their own economic stability."

Clinton has attacked the provision specifically, along with the larger Republican plan to turn over to the states much of the control of Medicaid, the federal-state health-care program. He already has vetoed a GOP bill to balance the budget that contained the nursing-home provision.

"This is very explosive," said Rep. Ron Klink, D-Pa. "And when middle-aged adult children, trying to raise their own families, send their kids to college and arrange for their own retirement, finally become aware of this change, that their savings is not protected, their home is not protected,

I think this is a piece of dynamite that will backfire."

Even some Republicans are saying quietly that this so-called "filial responsibility" provision may not make it through negotiations.

"This is political suicide," acknowledged one Commerce Committee aide.

But some states, as well as nursing-home organizations, are lobbying equally as hard that the provision stay in the budget bill.

"Right now, two out of three nursing-home residents rely on Medicaid to pay for long-term care," said David Kytlo, spokesman for the American Healthcare Association, a nursing-home group. "Given the level of cuts being proposed by the Republicans — (\$133-billion-over-seven-years, according to the latest estimates) — states are going to have to have the flexibility to find finances in different ways."

Kytlo hit upon the crux of the debate: money.

Right now, the federal and all 50 state governments spend \$158 billion a year on Medicaid to cover health care for 37 million poor, disabled and elderly Americans.

But, as America has become older and grayer and medicine has advanced to keep sick and frail people alive for years, nursing-home care has become the biggest cost in the program. Just 8 percent of Medicaid beneficiaries — the elderly in nursing homes — account for nearly 35 percent of all the costs.

Of the 1.5 million people in nursing homes, Medicaid pays for 1 million of them. Indeed, Medicaid not only created the nursing-home industry — no other public or private insurance would pay for nursing-home stays-30 years ago — but supplies it with more than 50 percent of its revenue.

With the fastest growing segment of the population being those 85 years and older, and one in four of them going into nursing homes, costs will continue to rise. Faced with shrinking dollars at a time of increased demand, states, in one Medicaid director's words, want every revenue source on the table.

Stephanie Comai-Page, Michigan's social welfare policy director, said Michigan officials have not yet considered tapping into adult children's assets to pay for their parents' nursing-home care. "We certainly support having the option to do that," she said.

Part of what is driving the move to go after children is the widespread perception of Medicaid fraud: an entire cottage industry has sprung up of attorneys who know exactly how to hide the assets of elderly persons so they can quickly qualify for Medicaid, thus enabling them to pass on their money to their heirs.

"Some of the staff feels Medicaid is really becoming a program that helps the middle and upper class," said Lynda Crandall, deputy director of Michigan's Family Services Administration. "That's not what pro-

gram was intended for originally."

In Michigan, she said, one family tried to get an elderly parent in a nursing home onto Medicaid after having spent \$30,000 on an elaborate stone tomb. Burial expenses do not count as assets. Another family had sheltered \$300,000 by investing in Saudi Arabia.

But critics and consumer groups alike say those stories are the exception, not the rule: Fully 90 percent of those who go into nursing homes use up all their own resources within the first two years, Crandall said.

Going after adult children may not be that easy. Idaho in 1983 tried to force children to pay for their parents' nursing-home care. And while the state collected quite a bit more money, the experiment was short-lived.

"We found that it's real hard to go after adult children in that way," said Stephen A. Moses, research director for LTC Inc., a Seattle-based private

long-term care insurance company and a former federal health official who monitored the Idaho plan. "They're resentful. They say, 'I was abused when I was young, why should I pay?'"

Idaho also had difficulty collecting from children who lived out of state — an issue that the GOP bill does not address at all. "There are a lot of equity issues that haven't been addressed," said Diane Rowland, executive director of the Kaiser Commission on the Future of Medicaid. "If one sibling lives closer to the parent in a nursing home, would they be penalized?"

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World

Murder video airs as historic trial opens

TEL AVIV, Israel (AP) — An amateur video of a gunman lunging from the shadows and shooting Yitzhak Rabin point-blank was broadcast in Israel Tuesday, hours after the confessed assassin went on trial for murder.

The dark, grainy video transfixed a nation still trying to recover from the shock of the Nov. 4 assassination and dramatically illustrated the security breakdown that cost the life of the Israeli prime minister.

The video, taken by an amateur photographer, shows the gunman loitering in a supposedly secure area near Rabin's car during a peace rally in Tel Aviv. As Rabin approaches his car to leave, the gunman sneaks around his back and lunges forward through security men and fires point-blank.

A shot flashes from the gun. The grinning prime minister glances behind him, then collapses and those around him duck. The gunman resumes confessed assassin Yigal Amir, but the video does not show his face.

Amir, a 25-year-old student, sur-



An unidentified woman and Ultra Orthodox Jewish man in Jerusalem on Tuesday look at a copy of the Israeli paper Yediot Ahronot, featuring a video frame of the assassination of late Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

veyed to police at the scene. The video of the shooting, broadcast on Israel's Channel Two TV, at one point showed Amir and then-Foreign Minister Shimon Peres together in the same frame, yards apart. The charge sheet says Amir also wanted to kill Peres.

The video was made by Tel Aviv resident Ronni Kempler, 37, who filmed the murder from a rooftop overlooking the parking lot where Rabin was shot.

Asked why he filmed the lot, Kempler told Yediot Ahronot: "The whole time I had the feeling that something bad would happen. There was anxiety in the air. Maybe because in the (army) reserves I deal in security, I am more sensitive to that."

Channel Two and the Yediot Ahronot newspaper bought the tape for \$350,000, said Channel Two director Nachman Shai.

On Tuesday morning, a grinning Amir was brought into the packed 80-seat Tel Aviv District Court without handcuffs and wearing a black skullcap, white shirt and gray-and-white sweater slung over his shoulders.

Taxpayer bailout of lenders sets off storm of criticism

TOKYO (AP) — The government set off a storm of criticism Tuesday by announcing a nearly \$7 billion taxpayer bailout of housing lenders drowning in bad loans.

Commentators almost universally denounced the plan, and a worried Prime Minister Tomiichi Murayama called a midnight press conference to say he was "truly sorry" to ask for public money.

The government's move was the first step in a long-delayed cleanup of Japan's banking woes, and there are expectations of mounting expenses.

Japanese officials have spent months trying to work out how to divide the bad debt burden of about \$75 billion that is crippling seven of eight major housing loan corporations.

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139 die in plane crash in Angola

KINSHASA, Zaire (AP) — A chartered plane flying from Zaire to Angola crashed in a remote region of Angola, killing 139 of the 144 people on board, transport officials said Tuesday.

The plane crashed Monday night, but the incident was not reported until Tuesday evening. Details were vague, but transport officials in the Zairean capital of Kinshasa said most of the passengers were Angolans.

Officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the cause of the crash was not known. They identified the plane as an Electra belonging to Trans Service Airlift, one of several air charter companies operating in Zaire.

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Magic Valley

Around the valley

El Salvadoran pleads innocent to murder

TWIN FALLS — An El Salvadoran man pleaded innocent to murder charges in connection with the shooting death of a Utah man.

Oscar Jacobo, 26, was arraigned in 5th District Court Monday on charges of first-degree murder and attempted first-degree murder. Gustavo Quezada, 25, died of a gunshot wound on Oct. 20 during an argument at the El Magro housing complex south of Twin Falls.

A witness, Bienvenido Flores Nevarez, earlier testified that Jacobo drew a handgun from his waist and shot at Nevarez's brother, Jose, but the gun failed to fire. When Quezada approached the trio, Jacobo shot him, Nevarez said.

Another man, Jesus Reyes-Jimenez, is charged with aiding and abetting a homicide.

Several suspended bonding firms can do business again

TWIN FALLS — Several Magic Valley bonding companies were reauthorized to do business in Twin Falls County after judicial officials reviewed applications to recover \$42,882 worth of delinquent bonds.

When inmates at the Twin Falls County Jail jump bond, the Twin Falls County 5th Judicial District requires bonding companies to redeem the surety bonds with cash within 90 days after notice of forfeiture.

Last week, the district and magistrate judges signed an order refusing to accept bonds from the five bonding companies — A-1 Bail Bonds, Idaho Bail Galleries, Ram Bail Bonds, Magic Valley Bail Bonds and Sawtooth Bail Bonds, according to the Dec. 13 order.

The companies had failed to pay the bonds within three months — all of the delinquent payments were less than a year old, said Linda Wright, trial court administrator for the 5th Judicial District.

Several of the companies, which she declined to specify, had been cut off for 24 hours, one for 48 hours, Wright said. The other two will be reauthorized when their bonds are paid, she said. About \$15,000 remains to be collected, she said.

Jerome residents will petition to dodge college-support tax

JEROME — Upset about having to pay property taxes to support the College of Southern Idaho, Jerome residents are circulating a petition they plan to present to Gov. Phil Batt.

Jerome, Twin Falls and Kootenai counties are the only three counties that support community colleges through property taxes.

The governor "needs to know how keen we feel about this issue and how inequitable we think it is," said attorney Rob Williams, who has taken a vocal stand on the issue. "The political process is not a real predictable thing but we're not going to go away."

The group has collected more than 600 signatures so far. They plan to gather all the petitions when the Legislature begins Jan. 8.

Juvenile justice committee meets today for funding talks

GOODING — The eight-county steering committee for juvenile justice will meet today to discuss the Youth Court program and legislation for juvenile corrections funding, Twin Falls County Commissioner Brent Reinke said.

The meeting begins at 8 a.m. today in the Gooding County Courthouse, and a courthouse clerk said people should enter through the building's back door.

Turkey shoot to raise money for newborn intensive care

HOLLISTER — The second annual turkey shoot to raise money for the Riley Todd Parrott Endowment Fund, which benefits the county hospital's newborn intensive care unit, will be held Dec. 30.

Riley's parents, Eric and Bobbi Parrott, of rural Twin Falls, set up the endowment fund after the newborn died in October 194. To help save other infants, the Parrotts are raising money for more nurses' training and equipment at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

The turkey shoot will be held at noon Dec. 30 off U.S. Highway 93 in Hollister. A variety of prizes will be awarded, including turkeys, gift certificates and clothing items.

For more information, call Eric Parrott at 733-1456.

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Letter: Jerome threatens Twin Falls' water

By Julie M. McKinnon
 Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Hazardous materials stored at manufacturing plants. Chemicals sold by dealers. Jet fuel at a proposed regional airport. Waste from feedlots and dairies.

These are some of the things Twin Falls City officials are concerned, may accidentally leak into the city's water supply if Jerome County's proposed comprehensive plan doesn't adequately address such possibilities.

Part of the "area of impact" that Jerome County has proposed for commercial and light industrial uses just north of the Snake River along U.S. Highway 93 — as well as a possible regional airport there — overlap with part of the city's watershed protection area.

"Any development that occurs in the area without strict controls has the potential of polluting groundwater," said Twin Falls City Manager Tom Courtney.

On Tuesday, the city faxed a letter to Jerome County Commission Chairman Roy Prescott, Jerome Mayor Gerald Ostler and Comprehensive Plan Committee Chairman Mike Pepper, asking them to again reconsider their proposed land uses.

The city also suggested the county prohibit the use of fuel or chemical storage tanks, feedlots and dairies because they could threaten the groundwater.

Prescott said Tuesday afternoon the county will take Twin Falls' watershed-protection concerns into consideration, just as it will those from its own cities of Eden and Hazelton. Earlier Tuesday, the Comprehensive Plan Committee met to

evaluate varying concerns from several entities.

"It has nothing to do with northside, southside, eastside, westside," Prescott said. "We can get along, we really can."

One thing that will not be compromised is the leading interest of Jerome County's residents — and the basis of the county's economy, he said.

"We're not going to sacrifice the agriculture base of Jerome for the urban areas that come after the fact," Prescott said.

The regional airport, meanwhile, is a possibility that is several years down the road, and it only will happen if representatives from the whole region want it there, he said.

After Twin Falls City learned of Jerome County's area-of-impact plans, the city asked that the area north of its boundaries fall with-

in Twin Falls' area of impact, Courtney said.

As an alternative, the city sent Prescott a letter in November, saying that the northern county's adoption of four standards would work.

All wastewater should be piped to Jerome's Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Water supplied to any development will be from a public water system.

Storm water in developed areas should be collected and piped out of Twin Falls' aquifer area.

The first two standards have been incorporated into the Jerome County's comprehensive plan, and Courtney said he believes the other two also will be addressed.

Schools ponder test scores

By Karen Tolkinen
 Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Principal Dennis Sonius thinks he knows why his Morningside Elementary School students tested well this year — demographics.

Counselor Gary McEwan thinks he knows why his Hansen School District students didn't perform well — demographics.

As school districts sort through the results of the Iowa Tests of Basic Skills students took this fall, officials shy away from comparing school to school. So many factors are involved that it's misleading to say one school district has better teachers or a better curriculum than others, they say.

"I think the faculty works very hard to present material to the students and try to do the best they can," McEwan said. "I would be the last one to say the staff is failing."

Instead, it comes down to a topic McEwan is reluctant to discuss — the education and income levels of the families that live in Hansen.

"You start talking about that kind of stuff, and you're in hot water," he said. But a survey found that at least 60 percent of his students, who had some of the lowest rankings in Twin Falls County, were on the free or reduced-price lunch program.

At Hansen, third-grade students ranked in the 9th percentile in spelling, seventh-graders ranked in the 9th percentile in math concepts, and fifth-graders ranked in the 10th percentile for spelling. A percentile is a national system of ranking. It is not the percentage of questions that students answered correctly.

"A school's 9th percentile ranking means that 91 percent of the nation's students who took the tests scored higher."

Low rankings bothered McEwan, "but I've been in school for 25 years, I look at it as just another factor," he said.

"By contrast, students at Morningside Elementary School drew the highest scores. Fourth-graders ranked in the 99th percentile in advanced math skills and fifth-graders

How the valley ranked in the Iowa Tests of Basic Skills

Grade	National	State	Buhl	Kimberly	Castleford	Hansen	Filer	Hollister
3	50	46	31	40	46	23	20	34
4	50	48	38	44	35	28	22	31
5	50	48	35	42	32	21	37	15
6	50	54	34	41	65	65	44	43
7	50	61	38	66	73	65	44	43
8	50	63	33	56	55	29	74	—
9	50	57	44	58	58	53	57	—
10	50	60	32	60	58	41	55	—
11	50	61	58	64	73	35	45	—

Twin Falls School District

Grade	Bickel	Harrison	Lincoln	Morningside	Grade	O'Leary	R.Stuart	H.S.	Alt.H.S.
3	34	62	29	54	7	78	48	—	—
4	34	77	26	94	8	73	60	—	—
5	31	43	43	91	9	—	—	56	18
6	49	40	29	81	10	—	—	60	18
7	—	—	—	—	11	—	—	61	23

Rankings are percentiles based on test-takers' performance nationwide. A school's 50th percentile ranking would mean that half the nation's test-takers scored higher, and half scored lower.

Source: School districts.

ranked in the 97th percentile in language.

That means a tiny percentage of the nation's students taking the tests had higher scores than Morningside.

Thirty-five percent of Morningside students are on the free-or-reduced lunch program, Sonius said. That's much fewer than other schools.

"It makes a difference," he said. "There may be a difference in a parent's ability to help at home and have things kids can use as resources. Not necessarily, but it could

have an impact."

But demographics aren't the sole cause of test results.

Despite having fewer students in lunch programs, Morningside's third-graders ranked in the 94th percentile, just above average.

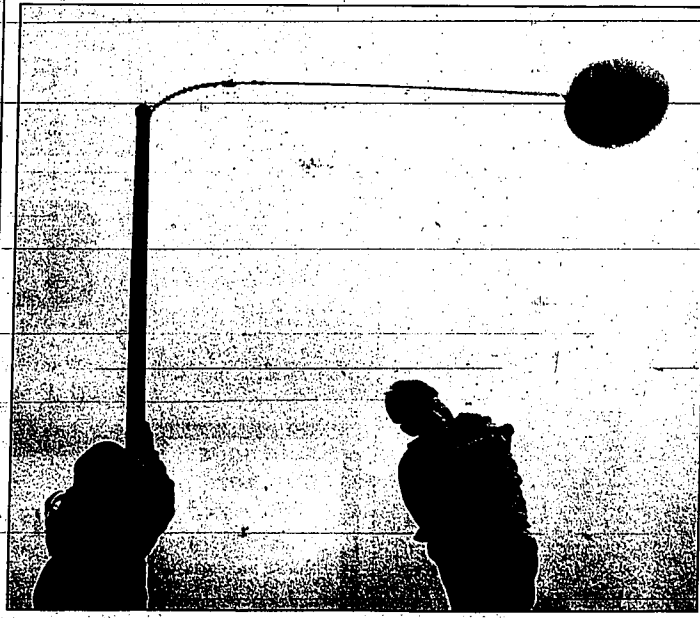
Sonius said the third-graders' performance baffled him. It's the first time they've been tested, so he doesn't have information from previous years to compare with.

Despite people's interest in national rank-

ings, growth from grade to grade is more important, he said. Morningside students gained at least a full year's academic growth in each grade, he said.

Last year, Sonius attributed his school's district-leading test scores to the Outcome-Based Education philosophy, only to be accused by local OBE foes of withholding the test scores of lower-achieving students. His accusers could not produce proof, however, despite a review by the state Department of Education.

Playing fair



To give his smaller and younger, 8-year-old friend, Garrett Painter, left, an advantage, 11-year-old Cody Stringer added the rule "no scratches" (allowing him to cross over the center line) in an after-school game of football. However, having little progress in equalizing the game, a rule of "no ropesies" also had to be added. Eventually the older and taller friend won.

Idaho gas prices still above average

The Associated Press

BOISE — When Idaho drivers travel for the holidays, they will find fuel prices have dipped a little from Thanksgiving levels. But the average price for a self-service gallon of unleaded gas, \$1.17, still is five cents higher than the national average.

The Idaho AAA said its holiday fuel gauge survey showed a drop of 2 cents per gallon from Thanksgiving prices, but prices in the AAA's West region still were higher than any other area.

"We've seen only modest price fluctuations at Idaho's pumps this year," said AAA spokesman Dave Carlson. "While Idaho's prices are higher than the national average, they're still about 24 cents lower than the most recent five-year period for this holiday and about a nickel lower than they were a year ago."

Prices for self-serve unleaded dipped in the Boise area to as low as \$1.05 per gallon.

The American Automobile Association estimates a

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Cassia County must settle gravel excavating dispute

By Jennifer Bunch
 Times-News writer

BURLEY — Cassia County commissioners must decide whether to allow a Rupert concrete company to excavate gravel at a Cassia County site in the Jackson Area north-east of Rupert.

About 10 neighbors, as well as owners of Triple C Concrete Inc. met with commissioners Monday. Commissioners have scheduled a tentative decision date for Jan. 16 at 11 a.m. In the meantime, neighbors and Triple C have two weeks to submit written comments about the proposed operation.

David Coats, Triple C's secretary and treasurer, said the proposed site was remote enough not to bother neighbors.

"It's pretty hard to find a site that affects neighbors less than this one does," Coats said.

But neighbors at the meeting didn't agree. They

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Aberdeen man pleads guilty to federal charges

POCATELLO (AP) — Naturopath Harold Klassen faces a five and a half year federal prison term for mail fraud and mislabeling valium. Klassen, who has operated Monomohans Clinic Inc., Aberdeen, for 18 years, pleaded guilty on Monday under a plea-bargain agreement presented to U.S. District Judge Lynn Winnick. He was scheduled for trial on an indictment listing more than 40 counts of mail fraud, distributing controlled substances and mislabeling controlled substances. The judge said it will allow Klassen's attorney, Reed Larsen of Pocatello, to present character witnesses at the sentencing hearing. But he said it might have little influence on the sentence, which will be determined by federal guidelines.

The plea-bargain agreement calls for Klassen to pay up to \$1,690 reimbursement to medical insurance companies. The companies were billed for a diagnostic blood test procedure that still is in the research stage. The plea-bargain agreement says Klassen would no longer practice as a naturopathic physician. He couldn't do blood work, bill insurance companies or give injections. But if Idaho's Legislature adopted licensing or certification for naturopathic physicians, Klassen could practice after becoming licensed under Idaho law, the agreement states. Klassen would be permitted to run a health food store and recommend and sell health care products, according to the agreement.

The government will recommend a jail sentence of no more than six months and no more than \$50,000 in fines. The case resulted from a lengthy investigation by the FBI, Idaho attorney general's office and the federal Food and Drug Administration. Naturopathy is an alternative form of medicine that Klassen and others say uses air, water, heat and light to promote the body's own healing capabilities. Naturopathic practitioners are not licensed physicians, and there are no federal or state regulatory agencies that monitor them. Klassen could also be sentenced to as many as three years of home detention with an electronic monitoring system.

Valley happenings

Wood River Shriners plan party

GOODING — The Wood River Shrine Club has planned its Christmas party for 8:30 p.m. Thursday at the Lincoln Inn. For more information, call 934-5496.

Buttons, Bows set round dance class

JEROME — Round dance classes sponsored by the Buttons and Bows Dance Club will be held Thursday at the American Legion Hall on North Lincoln. Wilford Allison (teacher) will give the beginners at 7 p.m., and Gid Harr will call for the advanced dancers at 8:30 p.m. For more information, call June Custer at 733-9235.

McArthur celebrates 70th birthday

BUHL — Ruth McArthur will celebrate her 70th birthday at an open house set for 2 to 8 p.m. Saturday in the banquet room at the Ramona Restaurant. A no-host bar will be available. Ruth Copenberger was born Dec. 24, 1925, in Buhl and was raised in the Three Creek, Castleford and Buhl areas. She married Jay McArthur in May 1947 in Gilco, Nev. They had three children, Norman, McArthur (deceased), Pete, McArthur of Homedale and Sandi Johnston of Buhl. No gifts please. Copiable photos of events involving the honoree are requested. For more information, call 543-6982.

All members and their families are invited. Participants are asked to bring a covered dish to share and their own table service.

Anderson Camp site of holiday dance

EDEN — A Christmas dance is planned for Saturday at Anderson Camp. Pre-rounds start at 7:30 p.m., with squares following at 8 p.m. A potluck dinner will follow the dancing, with meat rolls and beverage furnished by the club. Those attending should bring a dish to share. The event is hosted by the Buttons and Bows Square Dance Club. For more information, call June Custer at 733-9235.

Christmas Radio Hour set for today

KETCHUM — The Ketchum Christmas Radio Hour will be presented at 8 p.m. today, Thursday and Friday at the NextStage Theater, 120 S. Main. The show will feature local actors and a guest appearance by cowboy poet, Ernie Sites. Readings from Truman Capote's "A Christmas Memory" and "The Grinch-Who-Stole-Christmas" and traditional carols are included. Admission is \$7 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. Tickets are available at the door or by calling 726-3706.

VFW sets holiday gathering Saturday

TWIN FALLS — Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 216 and its auxiliary will have its Christmas party at 6:30 p.m. Saturday at the DAV Hall, corner of Shoup and Harrison streets.

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

Death notices

Shelley Sizemore

MERIDIAN — Shelley Sizemore, 22, of Meridian, died Sunday, Dec. 17, 1995, of injuries sustained in an automobile accident near Waco, Texas.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Otis-Roughton Funeral Home, 1430 N. 45th St., Corsicana, Texas 75110. A graveside service will be held at the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding, under the direction of Demary's Gospel Chapel, A complete obituary will appear at a later date.

Sidney Fradal

MALTA — Sidney Fradal, 48, of Malta, died Tuesday, Dec. 19, 1995, at the Banneck Regional Medical Center in Pocatello.

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

Pierre Peyron

RUPERT — Pierre "Fete" Peyron, 75, of Rupert, died Sunday, Dec. 17, 1995, at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise.

Medical Center in Boise. The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. today at the Saint Nicholas Catholic Church, 802 F. St. in Rupert, with Father Henry Carmona and Jon Marcotte as celebrants. Rosary will be recited one hour before the funeral at 10 a.m. Interment will be at the Rupert-Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of the Hansen Mortuary Chapel.

Gerald W. Gibson

JEROME — Gerald W. Gibson, 85, of Jerome, died Tuesday, Dec. 19, 1995, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

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

be announced by the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Lynn H. Coon

PAUL — Lynn Harold Coon, 93, of Paul, died Monday, Dec. 18, 1995, at the Minidoka Memorial Hospital in Rupert.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Paul United Methodist Church, 127 W. Clark with the Rev. Kenneth Hill and the Rev. Karen Martin officiating. Burial will be at the Paul Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St. in Burley and one hour before the funeral on Saturday at the church.

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and Denver Fine of Filer.

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Released

Robert Johnson and Charles Stoddard, both of Twin Falls; Frances Harris of Hansen; and Andrea Condon of Buhl.

MINIDOKA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Some names are omitted at patients' request.

Obituaries

Joseph T. Potucak

Joseph Thomas Potucak, 84, of Castleford, died early Monday morning, Dec. 18, 1995, at his home of a heart attack. Joseph was born Aug. 23, 1911, on his parents' homestead located west of Buhl in the Deep Creek area. He was the son of Austrian immigrant Venceslaus (James) Potucak and Agnes Klammer, a daughter of Bohemian immigrants. He married Mary Louise Wicher in Glenns Ferry on Sept. 25, 1947. Joseph attended Sunset View Elementary School and Castleford High School. Joseph moved with his parents from the Deep Creek area to Castleford in 1916. He had lived and farmed on the home place until his death.

Daniel H. Woodland

Daniel "Dan" Henry Woodland, 87, of Twin Falls, died Tuesday, Dec. 19, 1995, at his home. He was born July 14, 1938, in Buhl, the son of LeRoy M. and Nettie Hawley Woodland. He attended Wendell High School. On July 9, 1964, he married Rozina D. Olague in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple. Dan drove truck for Masco Trucking-Austin's Express for 10 years and had been a truck driver for 30 years. He served in the U.S. Army in Germany. He was an active member of the LDS Church, and was a favorite uncle of many nieces and nephews. Dan enjoyed hunting, fishing, golfing, and spending time with his family. Survivors include his wife, Rozina Woodland of Twin Falls; mother and stepfather, Clifton and Myrtle Andrus of Glendale; one son, Joe Daniel Woodland of Twin Falls; two daughters, Jackie Danette Brown of Burley, Utah, and Peggy Zina Woodland of Provo, Utah; three brothers, Gerwin Woodland of Wendell, Dennis Woodland of Glendale, and Reed Woodland of Kamsley; one daughter, four sisters, DeEtte McClure and Mary Wilson, both of Glendale, Ariz., Paula Peterson of Wendell,

Ruth A. Allison McClure

Ruth Arlene Allison McClure, 63, of Rupert, died Saturday, Dec. 16, 1995, in the Bullhead City, Ariz. She was born Oct. 28, 1932, in Delphis, Kan., the daughter of Evert Allison and Maude Allison. She married John A. McClure in Lamar, Kan., in 1952, and was later divorced. She moved to Buhl in 1953, and later moved to the Rupert area in 1960. She enjoyed sewing, knitting and traveling. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Burley. Survivors include three sons, Joe A. McClure of Eiko, Nev., Jerry A. McClure of Heyburn area, and Clark A. McClure of Rupert; one daughter, Janet A. McClure of Bullhead City, Ariz.; three sisters, Leta Hamilton of Bennington, Kan., Alma Heer of Kansas City, Kan., and Vesta-Shannon of McPherson, Kan.; and two brothers, Evert Allison Jr. of Salina, Kan., and Paul Allison of Camden, Mo. She was preceded in death by her parents and a daughter, Anna Mahan. The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 20, 1995, at the First Baptist Church, 2282 Hilland in Burley, with Pastor Chris Colta officiating. Friends may call on Saturday before the funeral at the church. Interment will be at the Riverside Cemetery in Heyburn. Arrangements are under the direction of the Hansen Mortuary Chapel.

Batt to endorse Dole for president

BOISE (AP) — Gov. Phil Batt will become the nation's 20th governor to endorse Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole for president today. Batt's schedule includes a news conference "to announce which candidate he will be endorsing for president in 1996." And the Dole campaign issued an advisory Tuesday about a "major campaign announcement" with Batt at the same time.

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Couple contributes 10,000 shares for business scholarships

BOISE (AP) — Albertson's Inc. President John Cannon and his wife, Joan, have donated 10,000 shares of Albertson's stock to provide four-year scholarships for business students at Boise State University. Stock in the Boise-based supermarket chain closed Monday at 33 1/2 cents, making the Carley's donation worth nearly \$334,000. The stock will be used to establish an endowment through the BSU Foundation that will pay for scholarships to four freshmen next fall, increasing by four each year through 2000. Sixteen students will receive a scholarship each year after that to cover tuition and books. Preference will be given to graduates of Boise's Bishop Kelly High School.

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He was a member of the Castleford Men's Club, Church of Immaculate Conception and the Council of Knights of Columbus. He has hobbies were his farm, playing cards, and seven grandchildren. Joseph is survived by his wife, Mary of 48 years; two sons, Daniel and Janel of Boise, and Edward of Glenns Ferry and his children, Susan, Michael and Sarah; two daughters, Lorinda of Gemany and her two sons, Daniel and Joseph, and Ann, and five children of Pocatello and their daughters, Emily and



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Magic Valley

Hailey City Council mulls subdivision

By Charlotte Giles
Times-News correspondent

HAILEY — Though the City Council easily approved one final plat and one replat last week, it still has unresolved issues about a third plat.

Owner Elliot Caplow has been seeking approval of the final plat for Northridge V Subdivision for more than 1½ years. One issue concerns two streets whose names already been used in the valley. Both need to be renamed, changed on the plat and signed.

Another delay is irrigation. Hailey is requiring irrigation limitation language in Northridge's covenants, codes and restrictions for water conservation.

City Engineer Mike Choate reported on the city's main concern — the well.

Northridge representatives hired Charles Brockway to find a site for the well and drilled 190 feet before hitting bedrock. The optimum well would have been deeper and thus not contaminated by surface water.

But Northridge was not so lucky. Not only is the well not deep enough, it does not pump the 2,000 gallons per minute of drinking water required by the city. Also, the water contains too much air.

Therefore, the gallons per minute with air removed will be closer to 900 gallons per minute. Brockway's report suggests removing excess air from the well water by dropping pingpong balls in the well.

The subdivision will first perforate the present well to remove air, as well as increase water capacity. If the capacity is not sufficient, a second well may have to be drilled.

According to Northridge representatives, this could be prohibitively expensive.

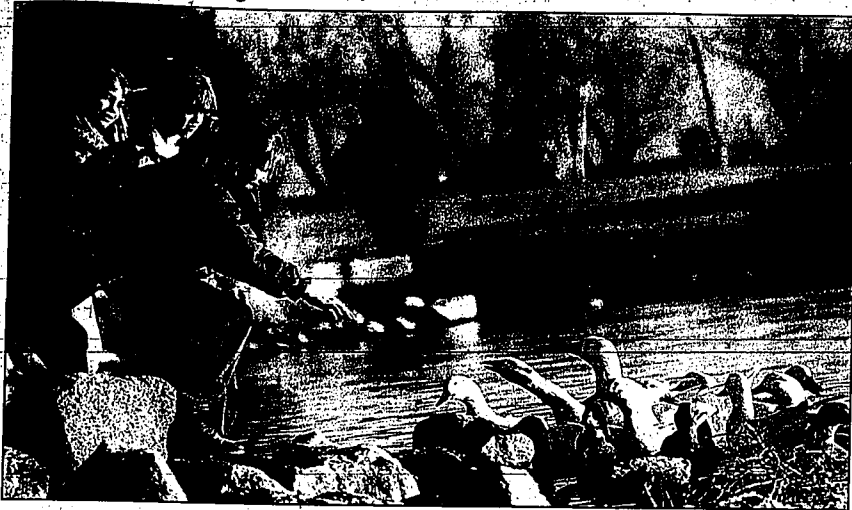
Despite Caplow's protests about the cost of the delay, the council voted to table the final approval until the repetitive street names are changed, irrigation is limited, the subdivision well or wells can pump approximately 2,000 gallons per minute and the water quality meets federal, state and local codes.

"It won't kill anybody if we wait one more month," Mayor Steve Kearns said.

The council approved the final plat of Bartonwood Condominiums and the replat of the Warehouse West Condominiums.

The Hailey City Council will take a short holiday recess and meet again at 6 p.m. Jan. 8.

Feeding frenzy



Girl Scouts from Declo made new friends Tuesday when they brought bread to the hungry ducks and swans that call the pond at South Freedom Park in Burley home.

KEVIN MILLER/The Times-News

Rupert hospital nears end of indigent care argument

By John Thompson
Times-News writer

RUPERT — In spite of prolonged negotiations over indigent care at a Rupert hospital, officials say a deal could be completed before the end of the year.

A contract that stipulates how much Minidoka County will reimburse Minidoka Memorial Hospital for people who can't afford to pay their hospital bills has lapsed by nearly three months and there is no agreement in force.

The last chance to reach a compromise this year will be Friday during a special Minidoka County commissioners' meeting.

During the hospital's board meeting Tuesday, Administrator Randy Holom said the county and the hospital are still about \$42,000 apart in the negotiations. Holom said during a special meeting this week the hospital offered to accept \$155,000 for this fiscal year and the same amount for the next fiscal year.

"We are still in agreement on the dollar figure," Holom said. "We believe it's a fair offer, and we hope to come to terms Friday. Our offer enables them to budget and plan for two years."

The county commissioners

offered \$113,000 during a meeting in late November and during subsequent meetings have not budged on that offer.

The current contract allows the county to set a figure for the following year, and if the hospital exceeds that amount in indigent bills, the hospital has to absorb the difference.

The commissioners say the county overpaid the hospital by about \$20,000 last year and should be able to make up for that difference this year. The commissioners also say that the current contract isn't working to their satisfaction because they think too many indigent bills are being sent to them, and the hospital is not doing enough to investigate the claims.

But two of the three commissioners have said they would rather modify the current contract until it works instead of dissolving it.

Holom does not dispute that the county overpaid for indigent care last year, and he said the hospital will do a better job in filling out the claim forms in the future.

Because it is a county-owned facility, the hospital is mandated to provide care to anyone, regardless of their ability to pay.

In other hospital board business,

Holom said the hospital is currently remodeling a physician's office and is planning to break ground on an addition to the hospital in May.

A subcommittee of board members has negotiated a new two-year contract for Holom. The administrator has agreed to accept a 5 percent increase over the next two years.

Ken Knight, the hospital's financial officer, reported that November was a good month financially for the hospital. Admissions were up slightly and total inpatient days were up by more than 100 from last month. Surgeries were down slightly but on the year most totals are higher than last year, according to the financial report.

The board approved Knight's request of about \$15,000 for a new computer system that would be used to manage payroll information. The new system would pay for itself within a year.

Holom said the hospital plans to start advertising its new 24-hour emergency care capabilities. He said the hospital will guarantee emergency service by a physician within 15 minutes of a patient arriving or that service will be provided free of charge.

Restroom in ruins



Hayburn City worker Doug Brown spent Friday removing debris from Gaylawn Park after the city demolished the park's restroom.

LSA DAYLEY/The Times-News

Gravel

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were concerned about noise, dust, traffic safety and the potential for ground water contamination.

Tom Grisenti lives at a narrow corner at 250 North and 700 East. "I've pulled a lot of cars out of that ditch," Grisenti said.

Neighbor Bill McManus said two cars barely can pass at the corner.

A maximum of 50 loads of gravel would be taken from the site on

a busy day, Coats said. On an average day, hauling would be reduced to half or two-thirds of that, he said.

Another concern to neighbors and commissioners is that Coats said the company may bury construction material in the excavated pit before refilling it. Material such as concrete, farm rocks and demolition materials could be dumped there, he said. Material such as

sheet rock and asbestos would not be dumped there, he said.

But commissioners want to know more, especially if asphalt, tree stumps or anything that could decompose would be dumped there, county Prosecutor Stephen Bywater said. And Triple C would need a county permit to dump any solid waste, he said.

Coats told commissioners the company has plans at this point to

mine 20 acres at the proposed site. Excavation could last between 10 and 20 years, he said.

Don McFarland owns the property and said he plans to lease the excavation ground to Triple C. He would continue to farm remaining ground, he owns surrounding the site, he said.

Coats and his father Clyde Coats, president of Triple C, live near gravel pit, David Coats said.

Gas

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record 37.6 million Americans plan to travel during the holiday period. That's up 3 percent from last year. The estimate was that 7.9 million people will travel in the West.

Georgia reported the lowest average price for self-serve unleaded gasoline at 94.1 cents per gallon. At the other end, in Hawaii, prices averaged nearly \$1.59 per gallon.

Of the four geographic areas in Idaho, southeastern Idaho reported the highest per-gallon average price for self-serve unleaded, just under \$1.19. Southwestern Idaho had the lowest average, \$1.14.

Carlson said 41 percent of the Idaho stations surveyed will be open at least limited hours on Christmas. The survey indicated about one-fourth of the stations will be open 24 hours on Christmas.

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Idaho

Governor blames 'high-profile people' for state's poor image

SANDPOINT (AP) — Gov. Phil Batt encouraged Sandpoint civic leaders Tuesday not to overreact to what he called the inaccurate and unfair media characterizations of Idaho as a haven for bigots and hate groups.

"We do not have widespread problems in Idaho. We are among the least deserving of any of the states to receive negative national reviews," Batt said in remarks prepared for a speech to local leaders.

"Our best approach for turning that image around — to show what we really are instead of what others say we are — is to show our honest indignation about this unfair coverage and concentrate on the positive aspects of this best of all possible places in the world, our lovely Idaho."



Batt Fuhrman

The governor was invited to speak by the Sandpoint Chamber of Commerce and other groups concerned about the community being unfairly labeled as racist, especially since former Los Angeles Police Detective Mark Fuhrman moved to the Panhandle city after retiring earlier this year.

Fuhrman became controversial for his role in the double murder investigation and trial of O.J. Simpson. Defense attorneys argued that he perjured himself by testifying that he had not used a racial epithet for blacks during the previous 10 years on the police force.

The proximity of the Aryan Nations headquarters about 40 miles south in Hayden Lake, and the 1992 shootout and siege at white separatist Randy Weaver's Ruby Ridge cabin in neighboring Boundary County also have contributed to the negative image in the national media.

"It is because a handful of high-profile people — whose views espouse bizzare causes — have chosen to make Bonner County their home," Batt said. "The fascination of the media with anything negative, and their determination to magnify any perceived flaw, causes undeserved problems for Idaho's image."

But while there are "a few malcontents" in Idaho, Batt said a preliminary report from a scientific market survey commissioned by the Idaho Tourism Council undermines the idea that Idaho's reputation is in serious trouble.

The survey, involving 1,909 individuals in Sacramento, Seattle, Salt Lake City, Portland, Las Vegas and Minneapolis, of which 1,246 said they were planning a trip of 100 miles or more in the next 12 months.

Hospice sues county for taking in indigent mentally ill

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — Coeur d'Alene's hospital is suing Kootenai County for more than \$225,000 in unpaid medical bills racked up by indigent mental health patients involuntarily committed there.

Kootenai Medical Center also

seeks clarification of the county's financial responsibility for indigent mentally ill patients who voluntarily check in themselves.

Until recently the county paid those latter bills, said Carmen Brochu, hospital vice president of

patient services. She estimated willful commits have created about \$10,000 in unpaid bills.

Islands float across windy lake

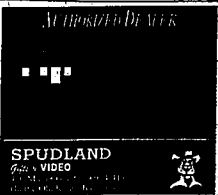
HARRISON (AP) — The thing that broke Mark Johnson's dock and left his boat ramp mostly landlocked is unusual but not unheard of — a floating island.

Johnson's dock was in the path of an island that drifted about a quarter-mile from its former location to a spot near the northeast end of Thompson Lake. The shifting island left the boat ramp surrounded by land, except for a small patch of water where three steel pilings held the island back.

"Before, it was a terrific fishing spot," Johnson said. "Now it's a grassy meadow with trees growing on it."

The island was one of several in the small lake east of Lake Coeur d'Alene that apparently broke their tree-root moorings in high water and heavy winds Dec. 4. Overnight, the peat islands — mostly a dense mash of sticks, bark and dried weeds — drifted and lodged in the cove where Thompson Creek runs into the lake.

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Detroit does defense

Lions' 6-game winning streak triggered by defense digging in

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) — The Detroit Lions' offense is high-octane stuff, all right, having regained the No. 1 spot in the NFL again this week.

Yet, the team's turnaround really took hold with the defense. It all started in a 27-24 victory over Tampa Bay, triggering the current six-game winning streak.

"We were ready to win that game," said linebacker Chris Spielman, the heart and soul of the defense. "The Bucs ran up and down the field on us that day. We knew something had to be done."

The Bucs gained 411 yards on the Lions that day, 190 of them on the ground. Spielman and some of the other veterans felt they were better than that. But they felt their hands were tied. They went to coach Wayne Fontes.

"Really, it could have been done a bit sooner," safety Willie Clay said. "It was so simple."

The problem was an ego thing—a turf war among two of the team's assistants.

When he decided to scrap the old 3-4 defense, Fontes hired John Teerlinck from the Minnesota Vikings to install the aggressive 4-3 defensive scheme. Teerlinck was given the title of assistant head coach for defense.

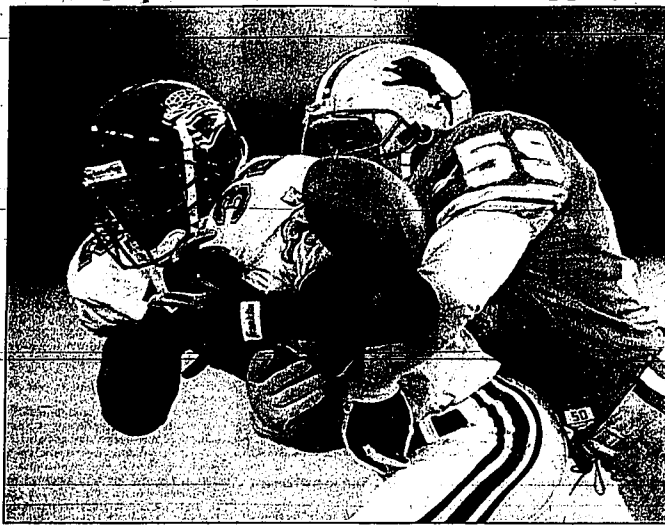
But Fontes kept his old Michigan State teammate and buddy Herb Paterno on board as defensive coordinator. "It was bad chemistry from the start."

"I don't think coach Teerlinck had the input he wanted," Clay said.

The Lions had practiced all week using an eight-man front for Tampa Bay because they wanted to force Trent Dilfer to throw. Yes, when the game started, Paterno called for a 4-2 nickel package. As a result, the Bucs ran for 125 yards on their first 15 carries.

Fontes, a former defensive coordinator, told Paterno to stick with the game plan. Things improved and the Lions hung on for the win. But the players wanted to make sure it didn't happen again.

Seeds of rebellion were on the wind.



Violating blackouts will cost bars money

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — Larry Braddell admitted, showing a blacked out Buffalo Bills game at the Pepper Mill Restaurant to 20 people, half of whom were relatives.

Like the 18 other tavern owners in the Buffalo area, Braddell is paying heavily to settle a lawsuit from the NFL.

"It hurt," said Braddell, who wouldn't say exactly how much cash he handed over to the league. "They don't give you a very good payment schedule."

Braddell won't get much sympathy from the league, which says it's being ripped off by pirated telecasts. NFL and Bills officials say they have succeeded in efforts to make it tougher to see blacked out games without buying a ticket to Rich Stadium.

"We just want the establishments, the clubs, the bars — everybody — to adhere to the law," Buffalo owner Ralph Wilson said Tuesday.

When an NFL game does not sell out, the league bans it from being broadcast within a 75-mile radius of the home team's stadium.

To show a blacked-out game in a public place is a violation of federal communications and copyright laws.

Most of the bars that have been sued are charged with breaking the blackout rule, although some have been accused of violating the terms of their NFL Sunday Ticket package that allows them to receive games via satellite.

Pro-Bills fans have been the focal point of the NFL's anti-piracy campaign this season.

Sixty-two taverns and restaurants in the Buffalo, Rochester and southern Ontario areas have been sued for \$200,000 each and a dozen more soon will be.

Litigation against 18 others in the Tampa, Fla. area is expected for the end of the week, NFL attorney Neil Roman said.

Nineteen taverns have settled with the league and promised not to show any more blacked out games. Some bars have paid the NFL as little as a couple of thousand dollars but others have forked over more than \$9,000, Roman said.

The league will lose more money on legal fees than it will make in settlements, but the NFL is going ahead with the lawsuits because it wants fans at the stadium rather than turning football into a studio sport, Roman said.

"It has a definite impact on attendance," Wilson said.

"Why wouldn't it? When people can go to establishments and watch these games in comfort and have a few beers? Come on."

Braddell and other tavern owners disagree vehemently and claim the NFL is just picking on small business.

"So if we make an extra \$300 or \$400 on one of those games, what's the big deal?" said Lewis Grandinetti, the owner of Legion 4, a neighborhood bar in the suburban community of Kenmore.

"Who are we luring? It has nothing to do with ticket sales. That's a lot of talk."

Grandinetti blamed tickets priced between \$26 and \$41 for the Bills selling out only two games, against Carolina and Miami, this season.

Detroit Lions' Mike Johnson breaks up a pass to Jacksonville Jaguars' Vaughn Dunbar that is then intercepted by Detroit's Ryan McNeil in the second quarter Sunday.

"It was the worst win you can ever imagine," Spielman said. "They were running through us like we didn't exist."

Fontes, however, is a marvelous coach-mender. When the players asked for a meeting, he readily agreed. They talked. He listened. The players wanted to play more aggressively up front. Fontes agreed.

"The key to it was stopping the run," Clay said. "Once you can't do that, the other team can make your

defense stop there all day." The defense certainly isn't overpowering. Not even close. The Lions rank 24th overall in total defense. That's about the best you can hope for when you're allowing an average of 21.7 points per game.

Detroit ranks 16th against the rush and 25th against the pass. But those numbers are based upon 15 games. In the five games since the squeaker over Tampa Bay, the Lions have held opponents an average of 78.6 yards rushing. They also have recorded 4 takeaways and 14 sacks in those five games.

"We decided we had to keep it simple," Spielman said. "We just asked them to put in the best plan and we'd execute it the best we could."

Saturday, the Lions (9-6) travel to Tampa to finish the regular season against the Bucs (7-8). Detroit has already clinched a playoff berth. But a victory over the Bucs, coupled with a loss by Green Bay, would give the Lions the NFC Central title and probably a home game in the first round.

"See, anything can happen when everybody is on the same page," Spielman said.

CART announces rival race to Indy 500

Imagine the best golfers in the world staging their own tournament on the same weekend as the Masters. Or the top thoroughbred trainers putting on a classic event other than the Kentucky Derby on the first Saturday in May.

"Sounds ludicrous, right? But that's just what will happen in IndyCar racing when the top drivers sign their engines to a direct competition with that most sacred of institutions, the race that gave the entire sport its name — the Indianapolis 500."

Championship Auto Racing Teams, at odds with Tony George's proposal to reserve most of the spots in the 500 for the regulars of his rival series, the Indy Racing League, said it will boycott Indianapolis and hold its own race on the very same day, May 26.

"This is not a decision we're necessarily happy with because it is a major move and we had hoped it wouldn't get to this stage," 1986 Indy 500 winner Bobby Rahal said Tuesday after the wire-in event in Sebring, Fla. "But the reality is we had to make it, so its onward and upward."

While Jim Nabors sings "Back Home in Indiana" for the expected 400,000 fans and millions of anonymous field of drivers at Indianapolis, the cream of American-based, open-wheel racing — including Al Unser Jr., Emerson Fittipaldi and Michael Andretti — will be revving up their top-powered machines for the U.S. 500 at Michigan International Speedway.

"I'm disappointed that we're not running at Indianapolis," said Unser, whose family has combined to win nine Indy 500s, including his vice in 1992 and '94. "But I stand firm with IndyCar's decision not to run there under the circumstances."

CART, which approved the rival race at a meeting Monday in Chicago, felt the race was necessary. "War with his plans to reserve 25 of the 33 starting spots in the 500 for teams that compete in his personal baby, the IRL."

"Now this has been turned into a completely competitive event," said CART spokesman Adam Sael. "We're confident that the Midwest location will offer people a logical alternative. It's just as easy to drive to Michigan from Ohio as it is to Indiana."

George, president of Indianapolis Motor Speedway, was more diplomatic in a statement released Tuesday.

"CART owners and competitors also got locked out of a number of Indianapolis 500 or the Indy Racing League," he said. "All have been invited to participate. Our intent was that the IRL could co-exist with CART's current series of races."

Indianapolis unsure what competing Memorial Day race will mean

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — A competing IndyCar race on Memorial Day weekend next year may bruise the city's pride but probably won't hurt its pocketbook — at least not yet.

The 1996 Indianapolis 500 was already a sellout when Championship Auto Racing Teams rebelled against new rules at the Indianapolis-Motor Speedway and announced on Monday it would hold a competing race in Michigan on May 26.

CART says popular drivers including Al Unser Jr., Michael Andretti and Emerson Fittipaldi would compete in the race at Michigan International Speedway and travel to Brooklyn, Mich. With most of the big names at Michigan, the Indy 500 will feature lesser-known drivers.

"We can only say we are disappointed by the action because of its negative impact on automobile racing in North America," said Tony George, president of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

CART's action could diminish the opportunities for some drivers and tempt to compete in the greatest motorsport event in the world, the Indianapolis 500.

Doug Boles, a spokesman for Mayor Stephen Goldsmith, said Tuesday that the city is leaving the matter to George.

"Tony's probably not going to do something that hurts his business," he said. "Clearly, we would like all the IndyCar teams to be here, and that includes the CART franchise holders and the IRL teams. It's the Super Bowl of motorsports and clearly having all those teams here makes it that."

Derek Daly, a television announcer who covers auto racing, said fans will determine the strength of the 200-mile race.

"Tony George believes the Indy 500 makes stars, my heart tells me that's only 50 percent right," he said. "The crowds flocked to the speedway to see the star names. That 50-percent will be missing this year."

The Indy 500 and the month's worth of events leading up to it pump an estimated \$250 million into the economy and focus attention on the city. "A major boycott could hurt it."

"It's the biggest weekend of the year," said Tom Pratt, manager of the downtown Ramada Plaza Hotel. "Obviously it would be a financial disaster for

all of the hospitality industry in Indianapolis if the 500 was not to happen."

Most owners and businesses are taking a wait-and-see attitude and putting their best feet forward in the face of potential disaster.

"There's something about the roar of the engine and the nostalgia of that track that will keep people coming back to Indy," said Judy Casselman, an Indianapolis native who works at the Best Western Waterfront Plaza Hotel near the speedway. "We're all on standby, kind of waiting to see what happens."

She and others say the tradition of the race, first held in 1911, won't die easily.

"To say we're not concerned is an understatement," she said. "But I think it would take quite a lot to eliminate (the race). I don't think competition is really going to effect history."

Said Roland Dorson, executive vice president of the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce.

"When you're the heavyweight champion of the world, the challenger has to knock you out to claim the crown. The challenger is going to have to dislodge this enormous event that has world-wide recognition ... The challenge is going to head to (the Indy) 500."

But while Dorson doesn't think people who spend race weekend in Indianapolis would head to a track in the middle of a cornfield for the U.S. 500, many motorsport drivers have their own feelings.

Indy Regency Racing owner Sal Incandella believes fan loyalty will prevail.

"A lot of people follow the established drivers and a lot of people want to be at the Indy 500," he said. "But a lot would rather see their favorite racers on race day."

Incandella, who had based his team in Indianapolis for the last decade, will take his drivers to Michigan next year at the request of his sponsors, who he would not name.

He believes the speedway will lose 50 percent of the fans who turn out for the race and the practices leading up to that day.

"If on the other hand, if a lot of fans show up, then the speedway is successful and it's going to be a big plus," Incandella said. "But right now, I think it's a risk."

positions, perhaps the most treasured in all of racing, were determined by the fastest four-lap laps around the 2.5-mile track — no ifs, ands or buts. Last year, defending champion Unser and his teammate, two-time Indy winner Emerson Fittipaldi, missed the 500 when their cars couldn't get up to speed during the month of May.

Unser and Fittipaldi won't race at Indy in 1996, either. They will be at the 2-mile oval in Brooklyn, Mich., which is owned by their car owner, Roger Penske, and already is host to

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— Doug Boles, spokesman for Indianapolis Mayor Stephen Goldsmith

Italy's ski star Alberto Tomba competes in the men's World Cup slalom ski race Tuesday in Madonna de Campiglio, Italy.

Tomba gives self gift of World Cup victory

MADONNA DI CAMPIGLIO, Italy (AP) — Alberto Tomba celebrated his 29th birthday on Tuesday by winning a World Cup slalom for his first victory of the season.

The defending World Cup champion had two third-place finishes as his previous best this season.

Cheered by thousands of fans, Tomba produced an explosive second run worthy of his nickname of La Bomba (The Bomb).

The three-time Olympic champion threw a crystal trophy from the podium after a giant slalom race Sunday, slightly injuring freelance photographer Aldo Martinuzzi.

Martinuzzi, who had taken nude photos of the skier this season, filed a suit claiming Tomba intentionally hit him. The skier said he was trying

to toss the trophy to his sister.

A member of the paramilitary Carabinieri, Tomba's risk suspension concludes he was at fault.

"My morale was really low before this race. I was upset by the incident. I really had to go all out, also because I'm not yet in my best form," Tomba said.

He refused to apologize. "I will do it if I ever meet the photographer privately," he said.

Only third after the first run, behind Slovenia's Jure Kosir and World Cup leader Lasse Kjus, Tomba clocked the fastest second-run time to set an unbeatable aggregate time of one minute, 34.62 seconds.

Yves Dimier of France had his best slalom performance ever by finishing second, though he was 1.55 seconds behind Tomba.

Konrad Ladstätter of Italy was third, giving the Italian team its best showing in a World Cup slalom since Park City, Utah, in 1991.



Italy's ski star Alberto Tomba competes in the men's World Cup slalom ski race Tuesday in Madonna de Campiglio, Italy.

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Idaho

Governor blames 'high-profile people' for state's poor image

Islands float across windy lake

SANDPOINT (AP) — Gov. Phil Batt encouraged Sandpoint civic leaders Tuesday not to overreact to what he called the inaccurate and unfair media characterizations of Idaho as a haven for bigots and hate groups.

"We do not have widespread problems in Idaho. We are among the least deserving of any of the states to receive negative national reviews," Batt said in remarks prepared for a speech to local leaders.

"Our best approach for turning that image around — to show what we really are instead of what others say we are — is to show our honest indignation about this unfair coverage and concentrate on the positive aspects of this best of all possible places in the world, our lovely Idaho."

The governor was invited to speak by the Sandpoint Chamber of Commerce and other groups concerned about the community being unfairly labeled as racist, especially since former Los Angeles Police Detective Mark Fuhrman moved to Sandpoint.



Batt Fuhrman

the Panhandle city after retiring earlier this year.

Fuhrman became controversial for his role in the double murder investigation and trial of O.J. Simpson. Defense attorneys argued that he perjured himself by testifying that he had not used a racial epithet for blacks during the previous 10 years on the police force.

The proximity of the Aryan Nations headquarters about 40 miles south in Hayden Lake, and the 1992 shootout and siege at white separatist Randy Weaver's Ruby Ridge cabin in neighboring Boundary County also have contributed to the negative image in the national media.

"It is because a handful of high-profile people — whose views espouse bizarre causes — have chosen to make Bonner County their home," Batt said. "The fascination of the media with anything negative, and their determination to magnify any perceived flaw, causes undeserved problems for Idaho's image."

But while there are "a few malcontents" in Idaho, Batt said a preliminary report from a scientific market survey commissioned by the Idaho Tourism Council undermines the idea that Idaho's reputation is in serious trouble.

The survey involved 1,909 individuals in Sacramento, Seattle, Salt Lake City, Portland, Las Vegas and Minneapolis, of which 1,246 said they were planning a trip of 100 miles or more in the next 12 months.

patient services. She estimated willful "omissions" have created about \$10,000 in unpaid bills.

Until recently the county paid those latter bills, said Carmen Brochu, hospital vice president of Kootenai Medical Center also

seeks clarification of the county's financial responsibility for indigent mentally ill patients who voluntarily check in themselves.

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — Coeur d'Alene's hospital is suing Kootenai County for more than \$225,000 in unpaid medical bills racked up by indigent mental health patients involuntarily committed there.

Hospital sues county for taking in indigent mentally ill

Kootenai Medical Center also



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HARRISON (AP) — The thing that broke Mark Johnson's dock and left his boat ramp mostly landlocked is unusual but not unheard of — a floating island.

Johnson's dock was in the path of an island that drifted about a quarter-mile from its former location to a spot near the northeast end of Thompson Lake. The shifting island left the boat ramp surrounded by land, except for a small patch of water where three steel pilings held the island back.

"Before, it was a terrific fishing spot," Johnson said. "Now it's a grassy meadow with trees growing on it."

The island was one of several in the small lake east of Lake Coeur d'Alene that apparently broke their tree-root moorings in high water and heavy winds Dec. 4. Overnight, the peat islands — mostly a dense mass of sticks, bark and dried weeds — drifted and lodged in the cove where Thompson Creek runs into the lake.

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Briefly

Pacific gives football the boot after 77 years

STOCKTON, Calif. — The University of Pacific, which has had a football team for 77 years, is dropping the sport next season to save money.

Pacific, the only private school in the Big West Conference, had a 3-8 record last season.

Japanese challenger wins WBA middleweight title

TOKYO — Shijin Takehara of Japan dethroned WBA middleweight champion Jorge Castro (tonight by winning a unanimous decision over the Argentine fighter.

Takehara, the WBA's fourth-ranked contender, felled Castro once in the third round of the 12-rounder.

Takehara became Japan's first world middleweight champion.

Sponsors key to Marshall's Div. I-AA title game bid

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. — The Huntington Sports Committee wants sponsors to pledge \$80,000 to bid for a title game bid to host the Division I-AA football championship for a fifth straight year, its chairman says.

Sponsorship guarantees is the major sticking point, said Lee Moon, who also is Marshall University's athletic director.

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Beck and Giants agree to \$6 Million, 2-Year Deal

SAN FRANCISCO — Rod Beck, who set a major league record by converting 41 consecutive save chances for the Giants, agreed Tuesday to a \$6 million, two-year contract with San Francisco.

Beck, 27, who has 127 career saves over his five-year career with the Giants, had 33 saves in 43 opportunities last season, going 3-6 with a 4.45 ERA in 60 appearances.

Compiled from wire reports

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Girls high school basketball
Burley at Pocatello, 8 p.m.
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Inside
Scores and stats D2

CSI plans gymnasium expansion

By Brad Boylin
Times-News sports editor
TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho plans to add about 12,000 square feet to the physical education building to make room for racquetball courts, offices, a weight room and an aerobic exercise room.

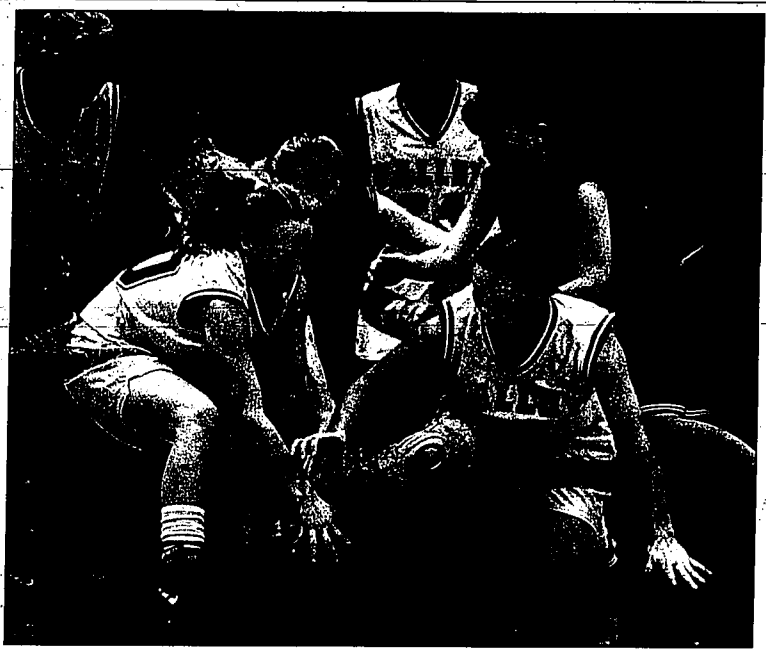
NFL, union may see truce until 2002

The Associated Press
NEW YORK — The NFL, beset by franchise e-mail this season, got some good news Monday when its players' union agreed to a contract extension that could ensure labor peace through the 2002 season.

The agreement must be ratified by three-quarters (23) of the owners, who are to vote on the matter Jan. 17 in a meeting in which they will also decide on the Cleveland Browns' relocation. A majority of voting union members must approve the contract.

Cowboys look for security, benefits through union

The Associated Press
DENVER — For generations, rodeo riders were working cowboys who picked themselves up, dusted themselves off and limped into the sunset with a little cash in their jeans after a bruising day of bronc riding or calf roping.



From the left, Valley's Kristan Kohtz, Gooding's Raleigh Thompson, Valley's JoDee Hawkins and Gooding's Jennifer Brown fall into a pile on a loose ball during Tuesday evening's game.

Vikings vault past Gooding, 49-39

By Brad Breland
Times-News writer
HAZELTON — The tailspin that the Valley Vikings were in may be spinning up.

"It makes sense to extend the agreement. The fans, the players and the clubs want to see the games on the field, not in the courtroom or on the picket line. This extension should create more stability for the franchisees, something everyone wants."

Page turns on heat to lead Burley over Jerome

By Kevin Miller
Times-News writer
BURLEY — Bobcat guard Todd Page stepped into the zone Tuesday against Jerome and came out with 28 points to end Burley's two-game skid.

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Girls' games - D2

Cleverly and Destiny Graybeal brought the Senators within a dozen. Then Chrissy Demer found her mark. She hit a rare 4-point play and the team's next three baskets over a two-minute span, boosting the lead to 37-15.

Boys' games - D2

BURLEY — Bobcat guard Todd Page stepped into the zone Tuesday against Jerome and came out with 28 points to end Burley's two-game skid. Page put up season-high scoring numbers just when Burley needed it.

While rodeo riders make up about 80 percent of the membership, the PRCA also includes stock contractors who supply the animals, local committee members who organize rodeos, and rodeo contractors — bullfighters, clowns and announcers. Six years ago, rodeo riders tried and failed to take over the organization.

Knicks knock former coach in 89-70 win

NEW YORK (AP) — The New York Knicks worked their old coach they haven't forgotten how to play defense.

Patrick Ewing had 18 points and 16 rebounds as New York defeated the Miami Heat 89-70 Tuesday night in Riley's first game at Madison Square Garden since quitting the Knicks in June.

It was an unpleasant return for Riley in many ways than one. Besides being deluged by boos from the Madison Square Garden crowd, Miami posted its second season low in as many games.

With the Knicks up by six points at half-time, John Starks helped put the Heat away by hitting two early 3-pointers, the second pushing the lead to 51-36.

Through three quarters, injury-ravaged Miami managed just 52 points against the bigger, stronger Knicks as the Heat lost its fourth straight game and improved to 12-11, moving above .500 for the first time this season.

The Cavs have gone 12-4 since losing their first seven games of the season.

Pistons 94, Raptors 82
TORONTO — Grant Hill scored 26 points and collected 11 rebounds to lead Detroit over Toronto.

Hill followed with two free throws and Otis Thorpe, who scored 21 points before fouling out with just under two minutes to play.

Bulls 114, Mavericks 101
CHICAGO — Michael Jordan scored 32 points Tuesday night and Chicago Bulls extended their winning streak to 11 games with a 114-101 victory over the injury-ravaged Dallas Mavericks.

Rockets 103, Suns 91
HOUSTON — Hakeem Olajuwon had 31 points and 17 rebounds as the Houston Rockets shook off an injury Tuesday to star guard Clyde Drexler and beat the injury-plagued Phoenix Suns 103-91.

Spurs 111, Trail Blazers 103
SAN ANTONIO — David Robinson scored 31 points and Sean Elliott added 27 to the San Antonio Spurs rallied to beat the Portland Blazers 111-103 Tuesday night.

Lakers 109, Bucks 105
MILWAUKEE — Nick Van Exel's 24 points helped the Los Angeles Lakers stave off the Milwaukee Bucks 109-105 Tuesday night despite a season-high 17 points from Marlyon Conley — all in the fourth quarter.

Burley
Continued from D1
Jerome committed eight first half turnovers, most leading to easy Burley buckets.

Filer boys file 1st win of season

High school boys' basketball
Buhl (0-6) hosts Middleton on Thursday.

Shoshone 76, Bliss 37
BLISS — Shoshone drilled nine three-point shots while blitzing the Bliss Bears in a Northside conference, four-in-double figures — as the state fourth-ranked Class A-4 team ran out to a big early lead and cruised to victory.

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Glenns Ferry 44, Kimberly 38
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Murtaugh 47, Jackpot 22
JACKPOT, Nev. — The Murtagh girls inched closer to the 500 mark with an easy victory over Jackpot.

Jerome 60, Wood River 65
HAILEY — The Jerome girls had a big night on both ends of the court Tuesday, sweeping past the Wood River Wolverines 60-25 in a Class A-2 district game.

Camas County 56, Dietrich 52
DIETRICH — After trailing the whole game, Camas County hit a hot streak in the second half and Dallas Smith hit his free throws to give the Mustangs a 56-52 victory over the Dietrich Blue Devils Tuesday night in boys high school basketball action.

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Scores and stats

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New Olympic plan even less traffic-friendly

ATLANTA (AP) — Atlanta is rolling out the red carpet for visitors coming from around the world for the Olympic Games. For local drivers, "Do Not Enter" signs are going up.

Officials on Tuesday unveiled the plan for the Games, which expands on an earlier version mainly by making it even more restrictive for motorists.

About 750,000 people are expected to clog the city each day during the peak of the Games.

The plan, drafted by city and state authorities along with Olympic organizers, seeks to keep private cars out of the teeming central city, where most Olympic events will be held.

Olympics officials will have the run of the road. "Cars have to be the last resort of transportation," said Louis Arcangelis, deputy chief of the Atlanta police.

During the Games, dozens of streets and freeway ramps will be closed part of the day or all day. Lanes will be closed on other streets or will be restricted to buses or authorized vehicles, such as those carrying athletes and VIPs.

Beachtree Street through the heart of downtown will be converted to a pedestrian mall. An initial version of the plan had a machine, the city's most famous thoroughfare, open to cars.

Courtland Street, another open downtown road, will be restricted to people who live or work in the area and who have parking spots. The ar-



In Atlanta City Hall Tuesday, Mayor Bill Campbell spoke on plans to handle Olympic traffic next summer.

cars around the Olympic Stadium and other large arenas will be closed to cars.

There will be no on-street parking downtown, and police said they will be aggressive about towing illegally parked vehicles.

Most restrictions will be in effect from 7:30 a.m. until midnight, although some streets will be closed around the clock.

Spectators are being encouraged to get downtown by mass transit, then to walk among venues.

Downtown businesses have been asked to rearrange their hours so that employees arrive before 7:30 a.m. and deliveries are made during off-

hours. Signs, barricades and swarms of police officers, aided by an advanced computer traffic network,

will attempt to maintain the flow. Despite barricades at some freeway exits, motorists can find ways to get into downtown. But they're likely to regret it if they don't have a parking place.

"They'll end up outside of it (downtown) very quickly because of the limited ways they can go," said police Capt. John Woodard, who helped draw up the plan.



Atlanta 1996

Warren could be league's best running back

KIRKLAND, Wash. (AP) — Eugene Robinson remembers his first impression of Chris Warren.

"I said to somebody, 'Look at that dude catching punts with one hand,'" recalled Robinson, an 11-year veteran free safety for the Seattle Seahawks.

"I need both my hands to catch a punt and here was this dude catching the ball with one hand. And sometimes behind his back, too."

Six years later, Warren is a three-time Bowl running back with four consecutive 1,000-yard seasons for Seattle. The Seahawks think he's every bit as good as Detroit's Barry Sanders and Emmitt Smith of Dallas.

"I wouldn't trade him for anybody," said offensive coordinator Bob Bratkowski. "Chris stacks up with the best in the league."

Warren had a career year last season when he led the AFC with 1,545 rushing yards. He's having an even better year now, according to running back coach Clarence Shelmon.

"I think his overall game has gotten better," Shelmon said.

Warren is the main reason the Seahawks (8-7) have bounced back to win six of seven games and position themselves to make the playoffs for the first time since 1988.

The Seahawks can earn a wild-card berth Sunday if they win in Kansas City (12-3) and if San Diego, Miami or Indianapolis loses.

Warren, 27, has rushed for 1,339 yards and a club-record 15 touchdowns this season. He was at his best Sunday night in the Kingdome.

Against Oakland, when he ran for three touchdowns and had his team record eighth 100-yard rushing game.

On his first two touchdown runs, he was vintage Warren, using his power to score from 15 and 14 yards out in the opening quarter. The Raiders were no match for him.

In the third quarter, he used his speed to score his third touchdown on a 35-yard run. He started to the left, reversed himself and then ran past the startled Raiders into the end zone.

"You talk about acceleration," said head coach Dennis Erickson. "When he came back and accelerated up the field, he had some guys who can run chasing him."

"Without Chris, we'd be struggling right now," said Joe Friesz, who replaced the injured Kirk Mirer as quarterback against the Raiders.

The largest Kingdome crowd of the season — 59,428 — filed out talking about Warren's latest running exploits.

So did Seahawks players and coaches.

Because the Seahawks-Raiders game was on national television, the nation's pro football fans got a long look at Warren, too.

"We were just determined to win this game," Warren said. "It was a big game for us. We want to earn respect, and there's no better time to do it than on prime time."

Officially, Warren is a linebacker-sized 6-foot-2, 226-pounder. On game days, dressed in his pads, he's probably closer to 240 pounds.

"I compare him to a young, fast Marcus Allen," fullback Steve Smith said.

Robinson, himself a two-time Pro Bowler, can only imagine what it's like to have to tackle Warren.

"He kind of reminds me of Eric Dickerson the way he runs," Robinson said. "But he's much more powerful than Dickerson was. Chris will hurt you."

And Warren will play hurt, too. On Dec. 1, 1994, he was a passenger in a car driven by teammate Lamar Smith, also a running back. The car hit a utility pole in an accident that left teammate Mike Frier paralyzed.

Warren fractured two ribs. Three days later, wearing a black cast to protect his ribs, he carried the ball 23 times against Indianapolis.

Warren has played the last four weeks on two sore ankles, Shelmon said.

"Chris has a lot of mental toughness," he said.

Because Warren finished his college football career at Little Ferry (N.J.) after playing his first two seasons at Virginia, he was overlooked



Seattle Seahawk Chris Warren leaves the field after scoring a touchdown Sunday against the Oakland Raiders in Seattle. The Seahawks say their running star stacks up with Barry Sanders of Detroit and Dallas' Emmitt Smith.

in the 1990 NFL draft. The Seahawks drafted him in the fourth round.

Used primarily as a punt and kick-off returner in his first two seasons under then-coach Ken Kneip, Warren became Seattle's starting running back under Tom Flores.

Detroit stadium project stalled by opponents

DETROIT (AP) — A lawsuit filed by the Tiger Stadium Fan Club has stalled the city and team attempts to secure financing for the project and could delay its completion.

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has set aside a deadline for its own share of the project. The city has postponed selling \$40 million in bonds and the Tigers attempt to get \$140 million in financing has been hastened.

The suit filed against the state and Gov. John Engler claims that he illegally circumvented the state constitution by granting the funds to the city without legislative approval.

Fan club member Bill Dow said the suit was meant to resolve a public-policy issue and not meant to delay the project.

But in addition to the suit, the fan club has launched a petition drive in an attempt to get a referendum on the ballot asking the public to approve the city's spending of \$40 million on the stadium.

Holmgren steals Pittsburgh's crowd noise tactic

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Their teams don't play until Sunday, yet Green Bay Packers coach Mike Holmgren already is copying from Pittsburgh Steelers coach Bill Cowher's playbook.

Does Cowher mind? Apparently not.

Cowher, who has received NFL letters of reprimand for pleading with Steelers fans to be vocal at important games, became a victim of coaching one-upmanship when Holmgren employed the same psychological play.

With the Packers (10-5) in position to clinch the NFC Central title by ending the Steelers' eight-game winning streak, Holmgren all but climbed into a pulpit to exhort Green Bay's fans to be noisy and potentially disruptive.

"I want Lambeau Field to be rockin' and rollin' like it never has before," Holmgren said. "I want it to be electric. As soon as we hit the field, I want them going."

After learning of Holmgren's remarks, Cowher made plans to pipe amplified crowd noise into the Steelers' weatherproof practice bubble Wednesday. He used the same tactic two weeks ago before the Steelers beat the Raiders 29-10 in a hostile Oakland Coliseum.

loud crowd can become just another crowd." Cowher said Tuesday. "We don't want to give them a reason to get excited, and that's our mission for going up there. (The crowd) is part of the element, part of having the home field advantage. That's why it's tough for teams to come in here and win."

It's also why the Steelers (11-4), who clinched their division three weeks ago and a first-round playoff bid last week, still have some incentive for what probably will be their toughest road game this season.

A Steelers' victory and a Kansas City Chiefs (12-3) loss at home to Seattle gives Pittsburgh home-field advantage throughout the AFC playoffs. The Steelers also owned the home-field edge in 1992 and 1994, but didn't make it to the Super Bowl either season.

"I think we'll bring it up emotionally," Cowher said. "Anytime you step on the field this time of year, there's a lot at stake. You don't like losing, regardless of the crowd or the noise. We've got to go up to Green Bay and find a way to win."

Even if Cowher's more immediate concern is finding 11 healthy bodies to play on offense, injuries to their top three running backs have at

Grace stays in Chicago; Cone stays in limbo

NEW YORK (AP) — Mark Grace finally decided Tuesday to return to the Chicago Cubs, but David Cone still didn't choose between the Baltimore Orioles and New York Yankees.

Beck, who was eligible for salary arbitration, agreed to a \$6 million, two-year contract with the San Francisco Giants. And Jody Reed returned to San Diego for a \$1.4 million, two-year deal.

As of early evening, no new players had accepted salary arbitration offers. Eleven players had until midnight EST to accept or reject the offers: Erik Hanson of Boston; Jim Allinger; Chuck Finley and Dave Shaller of the New York Yankees; Kenny Rogers of Texas; Roberto Alomar of Toronto; Dwight Smith of Atlanta; Ron Gant of Cincinnati; Andre Dawson of Florida; and Tom Henke of St. Louis.

Players who reject the offers may continue to negotiate with their old clubs through Jan. 8. Rick Honeycutt accepted the Yankees' offer on Tuesday, but he's expected to be traded to the St. Louis Cardinals.

Grace, also facing the midnight deadline, agreed to a \$9.05 million, two-year contract with the Cubs. Chicago has an option for 1998 that could make the deal worth \$14 million over three years. But Grace, who had a \$4.05 million base salary this year, has the right to terminate the contract after the 1996 season.

Cone's agent, Steve Fehr, talked with both Orioles general manager Pat Gillick and Yankees general manager Bob Watson on Tuesday, but didn't make a decision.

"At this point, I think David is really just pondering which way he wants to go," Gillick said.

New York Mets pitcher Doug Henry got \$750,000. Boston designated hitter Reggie Jefferson got \$570,000. Seattle infielder Rich Amaral got \$400,000. Mariners' infielder Doug Strange got \$330,000. Detroit pitcher John Doherty got \$400,000. California infielder Damon Esley got \$305,000.

Brent Mayne from the Kansas City Royals for minor league outfielder Al Shirley.

California said it would not offer contracts to right-handed pitcher Shawn Exter, Mike Archer, Shawn Exter, Mike Archer and Rich Meeks as of Thursday.

Reed will get \$750,000 next season and \$600,000 in 1997. The option is at \$600,000 with a \$50,000 buyout. He committed only four errors in 1995 and finished with a .994 fielding percentage, tied for best among NL second basemen with Cincinnati's Brent Boone.

Beck, who set a major league record by converting 41 consecutive save chances, gets \$3 million in each of the next two seasons, up from \$2,742,500 salary in 1995.

Following the deal, the Giants said they wouldn't try to re-sign left-handers Terry Mulholland and Trevor Wilson.

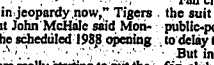
There was certainly some competition from other teams for all of these players' services and it's tremendously gratifying that we could reach new agreements and provide some important continuity for our fans," Giants general manager Bob Quinn said.

Beck was eligible for salary arbitration. One day before the deadline for clubs to offer contracts to unsigned players on their roster, six other arbitration-eligible players agreed to one-year deals.

Olympic traffic

Atlanta's traffic plan for the Olympics:

- Most downtown streets and key highway exits will be closed to individual cars from 7:30 a.m. to midnight during the Games, July 19-Aug. 4, 1996.
- Downtown businesses are encouraged to arrange deliveries during off-hours and to offer flexible schedules for workers.
- Spectators will be ferried to Olympic events on city buses and trains, and a fleet of about 2,000 buses loaned from other cities. Transit fare is included with Olympic tickets.
- Olympic officials and VIPs will have passes that allow them unimpeded travel in cars.
- No special lanes for taxis or bicycles.



AP/Ed De Gassari

Detroit does defense

Lions' 6-game winning streak triggered by defense digging in

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) — The Detroit Lions' offense is high-octane stuff, all right, having regained the No. 1 spot in the NFL again this week.

Yet, the team's turnaround really took hold with the defense. It all started in a 27-24 victory over Tampa Bay, triggering the current six-game winning streak.

"We were lucky to win that game," said linebacker Chris Spielman, the heart and soul of the defense. "The Bucs ran up and down the field on us that day. We knew something had to be done."

"The Bucs gained 411 yards on the Lions that day, 190 of them on the ground. Spielman and some of the other veterans felt they were better than that. But they felt their hands were tied. They went to coach Wayne Fontes.

"Really, it could have been done a lot sooner," safety Willie Clay said. "It was so simple."

The problem was an ego thing, a turf-war among two of Fontes' assistants.

When he decided to scrap the old 3-4 defense, Fontes hired John Teerlinck from the Minnesota Vikings to install the aggressive 4-3 defensive scheme. Teerlinck was given the title of assistant head coach for defense.

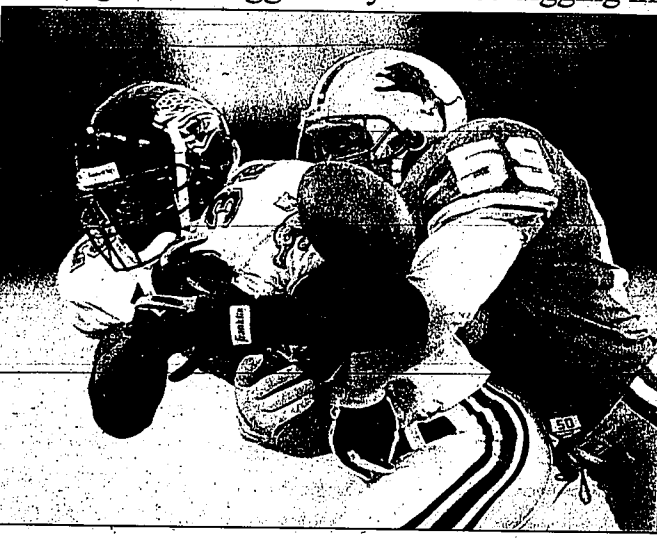
But Fontes kept his old Michigan State teammate and buddy Herb Patena on board as defensive coordinator. It was bad chemistry from the start.

"I don't think coach Teerlinck had the input he wanted," Clay said.

The Lions had practiced all week using an eight-man front for Tampa Bay because they wanted to force Trent Diller to pass. Yet when the game started, Patena called for a 4-2 nickel package. As a result, the Bucs ran for 125 yards on their first 15 carries.

Fontes, a former defensive coordinator, told Patena to stick with the game plan. Things improved and the Lions hung on for the win. But the players wanted to make sure it didn't happen again.

Seeds of rebellion were on the wind.



Detroit Lions' Mike Johnson breaks up a pass to Jacksonville Jaguars' Vaughn Dunbar that is then intercepted by Detroit's Ryan McNeil in the second quarter Sunday.

"It was the worst win you can ever imagine," Spielman said. "They were running through us like we didn't exist."

Fontes, however, is a marvelous fence-mender. When the players asked for a meeting, he readily agreed. They talked. He listened. The players wanted to play more aggressively up front. Fontes agreed.

As a result, the Lions held the Chicago Bears to just 80 yards on 28 carries the following week.

"The key to it was stopping the run," Clay said. "Once you can't do that, the other team can make your

defense stay out there all day."

The defense certainly isn't overpowering. Not even close. The Lions rank 24th overall in total defense. That's about the best you can hope for when you're allowing an average of 21.7 points per game. Detroit ranks 16th against the rush and 25th against the pass.

But those numbers are based upon 15 games. In the five games since the squeaker over Tampa Bay, the Lions have held opponents an average of 78.6 yards rushing. They also have recorded 14 takeaways and 14 sacks in those five games.

"We decided we had to keep it simple," Spielman said. "We just asked them to put in the best plan and we'd execute it the best we could."

Saturday, the Lions (9-6) travel to Tampa to finish the regular season against the Bucs (7-8). Detroit has already clinched a playoff berth. But a victory over the Bucs, coupled with a loss by Green Bay, would give the Lions the NFC Central title and probably a home game in the first round.

"See, anything can happen when everybody is on the same page," Spielman said.

Violating blackouts

will cost bars money

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — Larry Braddell admitted showing a blacked out Buffalo Bills game at the Pepper Mill Restaurant to 20 people, half of whom were relatives.

Now, like 18 other tavern owners in the Buffalo area, Braddell is paying heavily to settle a lawsuit from the NFL.

"It hurt," said Braddell, who wouldn't say exactly how much cash he handed over to the league. "They don't give you a very good payment schedule."

Braddell won't get much sympathy from the league, which says it's being ripped off by pirated telecasts. NFL and Bills officials say they have succeeded in efforts make it tougher to see blacked out games without buying a ticket to Rich Stadium.

"We just want the establishments, the clubs, the bars — everybody — to adhere to the law," Buffalo owner Ralph Wilson said Tuesday.

When an NFL game does not sell out, the league bans it from being broadcast within a 75-mile radius of the home team's stadium.

To show a blacked out game in a public place is a violation of federal communications and copyright laws.

Most of the bars that have been sued are charged with breaking the blackout rule, although some have been accused of violating the terms of their NFL Sunday Ticket package that allows them to receive games via satellite.

Pro-Bills bars have been the focal point of the NFL's anti-piracy campaign this season.

Sixty-two taverns and restaurants

in the Buffalo, Rochester and southern Ontario areas have been sued for \$200,000 each and a dozen more soon will be.

Litigation against 18 others in the Tampa, Fla. area is expected before the end of the week, NFL attorney Neil Roman said.

Nineteen taverns have settled with the league and promised not to show any more blacked out games. Some bars have paid the NFL as little as a couple of thousand dollars but others have forked over more than \$9,000, Roman said.

"The league will lose more money on legal fees than it will make in settlements, but the NFL is going ahead with the lawsuits because it wants fans at the stadium rather than turning football into a studio sport, Roman said.

"It has a definite impact on attendance," Wilson said.

"Why wouldn't it? When people can go to establishments and watch these games in comfort and have a few beers? Come on."

Braddell and other tavern owners disagree vehemently and claim the NFL is just picking on small businesses.

"So if we make an extra \$300 or \$400 on one of those games, what's the big deal?" said Lewis Grandinetti, the owner of Legends, a neighborhood bar in the suburban community of Kenmore.

"Who are we hurting? It has nothing to do with ticket sales. That's a lot of baloney."

Grandinetti blamed tickets priced between \$26 and \$41 for the Bills selling out only two games, against Carolina and Miami, this season.



Italy's ski star Alberto Tomba competes in the men's World Cup slalom ski race Tuesday in Madonna di Campiglio, Italy.

Tomba gives self gift

of World Cup victory

MADONNA DI CAMPIGLIO, Italy (AP) — Alberto Tomba celebrated his 29th birthday on Tuesday by winning a World Cup slalom for his first victory of the season.

The defending World Cup champion had two third-place finishes as his previous best this season.

Cheered by thousands of fans, Tomba produced an explosive second run worthy of his nickname of La Bomba (The Bomb).

"It was the perfect place and the perfect day. I gave myself a birthday present. But it was not an easy victory," said Tomba, whose form had been questioned following a difficult season start.

The best-time Olympic champion threw a crystal trophy from the podium after a giant slalom race Sunday, slightly injuring freelance photographer Aldo Martinuzzi.

Martinuzzi, who had taken nude photos of skier this summer, filed a suit claiming Tomba intentionally hit him. The skier said he was trying

to toss the trophy to his sister.

A member of the paramilitary Carabinieri, Tomba risks suspension from the elite corps if an investigation concludes he was at fault.

"My morale was really low before this race. I was upset by the incident. I really had to go all out, also because I'm not yet in my best form," Tomba said.

He refused to apologize. "I will do it if I ever meet the photographer privately," he said.

Only three days after the first run, behind Slovenian Jure Kosir and World Cup leader Lasse Kjus, Tomba clocked the fastest second run to set an unbeatable aggregate time of one minute, 34.62 seconds.

N Yves Diniel of France had his best podium performance ever by finishing second, though he was 1.55 seconds behind Tomba.

Konrad Lodstadter of Italy was third, giving the Italian team its best showing in a World Cup slalom since Park City, Utah, in 1991.

CART announces rival race to Indy 500

Imagine the best golfers in the world staging their own tournament on the same course as the Masters. Or the top thoroughbreds galloping to the wire in an event other than the Kentucky Derby on the first Saturday in May.

"Sounds ludicrous, right? But that's just what will happen in IndyCar racing when the top drivers start their engines in direct competition with that most sacred of institutions, the race that gave the entire sport its name — the Indianapolis 500.

Championship Auto Racing Teams, at odds with Tony George's proposal to reserve most of the spots in the 500 for the regulars of his rival series, the Indy Racing League, said it will boycott Indianapolis and hold its own race on the very same day, May 26.

"This is not a decision we're necessarily happy with because it is a major move and we had hoped it wouldn't get to this stage," 1986 Indy 500 winner Tony Stewart said Tuesday after a testing session in Sebring, Fla. "But the reality is we had to make it, so it's onward and upward."

While Jim Nabors sings "Back Home in Indiana" for the expected 400,000 fans and a mostly anonymous field of drivers at Indianapolis, the cream of American-based, open-wheel racing — including Al Unser Jr., Emerson Fittipaldi and Michael Andretti — will be revving up their high-powered machines for the I-500 at Michigan International Speedway.

"I'm disappointed that we're not running at Indianapolis," said Unser, whose family has been combined to win nine Indy 500s, including his victories in 1992 and '94. "But I stand firm with IndyCar's decision not to run there under the circumstances."

CART, which approved the rival race at a meeting Monday in Chicago, felt that George declared war with his plan to reserve 25 of the 33 starting spots in the 500 for teams that compete in his personal baby, the IRL.

"Now this has been turned into a completely competitive environment," said CART spokesman Adam Saal. "We're confident that the Midwest location will offer people a logical alternative. It's just as easy to drive to Michigan from Ohio as it is to Indiana."

George, president of Indianapolis Motor Speedway, was not invited to a statement released Tuesday.

"CART owners and competitors are not locked out of either the Indianapolis 500 or the Indy Racing League," he said. "All have been invited to participate. Our intent is that the IRL could co-exist with CART's current series of races."

"Whether by its own rules or scheduling conflicts, CART has cre-

Indianapolis unsure what competing Memorial Day race will mean

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — A competing IndyCar all of the hospitality industry in Indianapolis if the 500 was not to happen.

Most observers and businesses are taking a wait-and-see attitude and putting their best faces forward in the face of potential competitors.

"There's something about the roar of the engine of that track that will keep people coming back to Indy," said Judy Casselman, an Indianapolis native who works at the Best Western Waterford Plaza Hotel near the speedway. "We're all on standby, kind of waiting to see what happens."

She and others say the tradition of the race, first held in 1911, won't die easily.

"To say we're not concerned is an understatement," she said. "But I think it would take quite a lot to eliminate (the race). I don't think competition is really going to affect history."

Said Roland Dorson, executive vice president of the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce:

"When you're the heavyweight champion of the world, the challenger has to knock you out to claim the crown. The challenger is going to have to dislodge this enormous event that has worldwide recognition ... The challenger has a tougher road than the (Indy 500)."

But while Dorson doesn't think people who spend race weekend in Indianapolis would head to a "track in the middle of a cornfield" for the U.S. 500, many marquee drivers have their followings.

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Other details, including plans to televise the new event nationally, will be revealed in early January.

"We can only say we are disappointed by the action because of its negative impact on automobile racing in North America," said Tony George, president of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. "CART's action could diminish the opportunities for some drivers and teams to compete in the greatest motorsports event in the world, the Indianapolis 500."

Doug Boles, a spokesman for Mayor Stephen Goldsmith, said Tuesday that the city is leaving the racing to George.

"Tony's probably not going to do something that hurts his business," he said. "Clearly, we would like all the IndyCar teams to be here, and that includes the CART franchise holders and the IRL teams. It's the Super Bowl of motorsports and clearly having all those teams here makes it that."

— Doug Boles, spokesman for Indianapolis Mayor Stephen Goldsmith

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positions, perhaps the most treasured in all of racing, were determined by the fastest four-lap times around the 2.5-mile track — no ifs, ands or buts. Last year, defending champion Unser and his teammate, two-time Indy winner Emerson Fittipaldi, missed the 500 when their cars couldn't get up to speed during the month of May.

Unser and Fittipaldi won't race at Indy in 1996, either. They will be at the 2.5-mile oval in Brooklyn, Mich., which is owned by their car owner, Roger Penske, and already is host to

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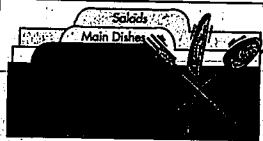
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Food & Home

The sojourn to Santa

Know a good cook?

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



Not too late for holiday recipes

By Denise Turner
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - So many readers have responded to our request for Christmas recipes that we might have to share some of them after Christmas - just in time for next year's baking?
Here's all we had room for this week.

This plum pudding recipe's from Coreta Walters of Twin Falls.

PLUM OR SUET PUDDING

- 1 cup brown sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup milk
- 2 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 teaspoon cloves
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup chopped suet
- 1/4 cup orange juice
- 1 teaspoon soda
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon mace
- 2 cups raisins
- 1 cup dates or figs
- 1/2 cup citron

Put into mold and steam for two hours. Serve with hard sauce.
*Note: Can use fruit mix instead of so many raisins.

The recipe for marshmallow candies is from Joan Eliza Beckley of Eden.

MARSHMALLOWS

Soften 1 envelope gelatin in 1/3 cup cold water. Place over boiling water and stir until gelatin is dissolved.
Add 1/2 cup sugar and stir until dissolved. Remove from heat.
Pour 2/3 cup light corn syrup into large bowl of electric mixer. Add 1 teaspoon vanilla and the gelatin and sugar mixture. Beat on highest speed of electric mixer until mixture becomes thick and of soft marshmallow consistency, about 15 minutes.
While mixture is beating, thoroughly cover bottom of pan (about 7-by-10-by-1 1/2 inches) with mixture of equal parts powdered sugar and cornstarch. Pour in the marshmallows. Let cool about 1 hour.
Cut in squares with a sharp knife moistened in cold water. Roll squares in additional sugar mixture.
Use as is or variations: Roll in toasted coconut or dip in melted chocolate with or without nuts. (Add a small amount of paraffin in chocolate.)

The recipe for Buttermilk Candy is from Helen Swainston of Jerome.

BUTTERMILK CANDY

Dissolve 1 teaspoon soda in 1 cup buttermilk. Let stand 5 minutes. (Use large kettle.) Add 2 cups white sugar, 1/2 teaspoon cornstarch, 1 cube margarine. Boil until firm ball stage (230 degrees). Remove from heat and add 1 teaspoon vanilla; let stand for 10 minutes. Add 1/2 cup chopped nuts and beat well. Pour into buttered pan.

Requests
Ellen Robbins of Rupert is looking for a unique fudge recipe. She says it was published about 50 years ago in the Kansas City Star, under the now-politically-incorrect name of Little Black Sambo's Brown Sugar Fudge. Robbins says the fudge tasted like See's brown sugar fudge. She's hoping someone has the recipe, or a similar recipe. If anyone does, please send it in.

We're also looking for some low-fat recipes for New Year.

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

Sweeten up Christmas festivities with variety of delicious cookies

What better way to start spirits glowing than by baking cookies?
Santa's Chip Cookies substitute red and green candy-covered chocolate pieces nestled in a mouth-watering brown sugar dough for the usual chips, and Oatmeal Fruit Delights are a favorite cinnamon-scented oatmeal cookies decorated with cutouts or red and green candied pineapple.

Claus Capers are sugar cookies rolled off then decorated to resemble the Jolly Old Man's bag and boots.

If peppermint is added to part of the easy-to-make dough and sprinkled with green sugar crystals before baking, Peppermint Crescents are the result.

SANTA'S CHIP COOKIES

- 1 1/4 cups firmly packed light brown sugar
- 1/2 cup Butter Flavor Crisco Stick or 1/2 cup Butter Flavor Crisco all-vegetable shortening
- 2 tablespoons milk
- 1 tablespoon vanilla
- 1 egg
- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 cup red and green colored candy-coated chocolate pieces
- 1 cup coarsely chopped pecans (optional)*

1. Heat oven to 375 degrees. Place sheets of foil on countertop for cooling cookies.
2. Combine brown sugar, shortening, milk and vanilla in large bowl. Beat at medium speed of electric mixer until well blended.
3. Beat egg into creamed mixture.



Holiday cookies are a tradition at Christmas time.

4. Drop by rounded measuring table-spoonfuls of dough 3 inches apart onto ungreased baking sheet.
 5. Bake one baking sheet at a time at 375 degrees for 8 to 10 minutes for chewy cookies or 11 to 13 minutes for crisp cookies.
- Do not overbake. Cool 2 minutes on baking sheet.
Remove cookies to foil to cool completely.

*If nuts are omitted, add an additional 1/4 cup colored candy-coated chocolate pieces.
Makes about 3 dozen cookies.

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Good game dishes start before kitchen preparation

By Dixie Thomas Rostle
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - Gourmet game - that's how to describe Bill Cook's culinary style. A Twin Falls resident since age 1, Cook has hunted all his life. As a child, he went hunting with his father.

Cook graduated from the University of Idaho, where he learned to cook in the men's dorm. In college, he and his friends would go hunting, then cook up what they killed. Cook would often call home to get recipes from Mom.

Today, he's in the bean business. He has a delicious black bean soup recipe he said he would like to share someday.

Cook prepares probably half of the meals at his home. He and wife Pegan have three boys and one girl.

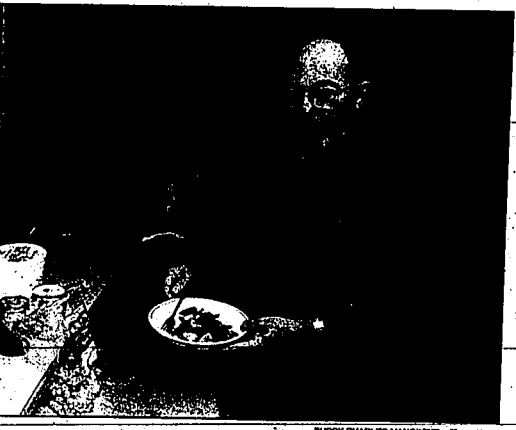
Cook says the secret to good game dishes is how well you take care of the game animal once it has been killed. With proper care, it is hard to mess up a piece of meat, he contends.

With the hunting season winding down, Cook offers the following game recipes to try on the birds and large game animals lurking in freezers across the Magic Valley. Cook points out that game meat is very healthy and very low in fat.

DOVE STUFFED WITH WILD RICE

Mildred and the late Bob Soran gave Cook this recipe.

Clean and pluck the dove. Leave the legs on so it looks like a miniature duck. Keep the heart and liver, if desired. Put them back inside the body cavity after cleaning. Brown the bird in olive oil for about 10 to 15 minutes. Salt and pepper.
Make a stuffing of:
1 cup wild rice, cooked till it is soft. Mix it with:
1 cup chopped onion
1/2 cup celery
1/2 cup mushrooms
Stuff the bird with this dressing. Place



BUDDY CHARLES MANDRETT/The Times-News

Bill Cook says the best way to keep the 'gamey' taste out of your game is to be careful to not stress the animal before you shoot it, preserve it immediately after the kill and remove all the fat possible before cooking it.

bird in a cast iron Dutch oven. Pile the excess dressing over the top of the bird. Moisten or baste the bird and dressing occasionally with white wine. Cook at 350 degrees for 1 hour.

While the bird is cooking make a sauce of:
1/2 pound butter
1 small jar currant jelly
6 tablespoons worcestershire sauce

Cook's profile

gallon plastic containers filled with water, put the lid on and freeze. He says you can keep the birds frozen in water for up to a year.

Once the bird is cleaned and ready to cook, fillet the breasts and cut into 1/4-inch strips.
Make a mixture of crushed fresh garlic and olive oil. Put in blender. Spread this garlic and olive oil mixture in a pan and cook the breasts at a fairly high heat for about 30 seconds to 1 minute on each side. No longer. If you hang the bird it will be very tender and will not need much cooking time.

Cook likes to make up a large batch of the garlic and olive oil mixture and store it covered in the refrigerator for future use. He uses it for much of his game cooking.

VENISON AND ELK

Cook again cautions the hunter to keep the animal carcass immaculately clean while field-dressing it. Hang the meat for up to 4 to 6 days in a cool place, no longer. Cook then cuts the carcass and fried in the garlic and olive oil mixture. Cook the meat at a fairly high heat for 30 seconds to 1 minute only, no longer. Cook likes his venison and elk slightly rare.

Cook suggests the next time you stir fry your favorite vegetables in a wok, don't overcook the vegetables. Lay the game meat (chucker, pheasant, venison or elk) over the top of the vegetables and place in a warm 150-degree oven until serving time.

SAUTEED CHUCKER OR PHEASANT

Cook likes to hang his chuckers or pheasants for up to 6 days in a cool place before cooking them. Once the birds have been cleaned and aged, he likes to put them in a

Don't get boxed in when wrapping Christmas gifts

When I was attending Barnard College in the early '60s, I had a part-time job at Bamberger's in Newark, N.J., wrapping gifts at holiday time.

I learned how to classically wrap every size and shape box, to cut the paper so it was a bulky or

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I was kled, to fold the corners so they were d clean and to tie several types of formal bows.

The papers and the bows were unimpressive, but the techniques were so good that I still rely on them today. Since then, I've focused on wrapping as an art form, using all kinds of materials, ties and techniques.
There are good, inexpensive and clever

New columnist sports stellar past

Known for her simple, yet elegant style and her practical, hands-on approach to just about everything, Martha Stewart has been deemed a lifestyle authority. Her books, TV shows and magazine have made her a household name.

She's editor-in-chief of Martha Stewart Living magazine (circulation 1,000,000), creator and host of the "Martha Stewart Living" weekly half-hour TV show (two Daytime Emmy awards), author of 13 books (2 million copies sold), creator and host of four

cooking videos and regular contributor to NBC's "The Today Show." She also lectures throughout the country in support of charities like the Lupus Foundation, the March of Dimes and Paul Newman's Hole in the Wall Gang Camp.
Now she's decided to write a column for the New York Times Syndicate. In "Ask Martha," Martha Stewart will share secrets for more comfortable living. Beginning today, the column will run weekly in the Wednesday Food & Home section of The Times-News.



VICTOR BOCHAPLAN/New York Times Syndicate
Some of the best-wrapped boxes take their style from other cultures.

ways to make a gift as special on the outside as it is on the inside.
What to use? Brown craft paper, colorful tissue, brown-paper, sandwich bags, gingerbread dough, aluminum foil, rubber

stamps and even waxed paper.
Learn by observing or carefully studying masters in wrapping. The Japanese, for example, can wrap any size or shape
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Home & Garden

Nope, you still can't prune those rose bushes

It's nice that folks take an interest in their gardens. Local gardeners have been so interested in the fate of bushes that they've taken to buttonholing me at every holiday function.

One particularly glamorous event was just the other day. Dressed in grocery-slipping chic, I was elbow-deep in granges at the market. THE QUESTION came from somewhere in the apples: "When do I prune back my roses? I don't want to lose them."

Answer: Not now. By now, you can quick-draw pruners faster than Wyatt Earp. You feel ready. You've been ready for weeks. But the roses are not.

In fact, roses don't have to be pruned back in fall at all. UNLESS they're as tall as you and have enough leaves left on them to act as



Cathy Walworth
Green thumbprints

wind-grabbing parachutes. Even then, if you live in town, wind isn't much of a problem. The idea behind fall pruning is just to lessen the chance that the wind will grab the rose bush by the leaves and shake it loose from the ground.

BUT, any cutting on a rose bush before it's completely dormant and/or the temperatures keep spiking into the 50s and the bush is likely to send out tender, new growth? Not good. Hang those pruners back on the hook in the garage, pardon me. You seem to be a little confused.

Cutting or not cutting doesn't have much to do with whether or not the rose prunes winter hardy or not. Winter protection, or mulching, protects the bud union from up-and-down temperatures. That's the key to life and death in the rose garden.

Winter protection is to keep the rose COLD, not warm. That's why we've been hoping for perfect winter gardening weather: Daytime temperatures in the 20s. Maybe this year we just won't get winter as we know it. Maybe this is it. With a few ups and downs.

If someone could get the weather forecasters to "cross their hearts and hope to die" and say that there won't be any more 55-degree days before spring, we could say, "Mulch now."

The forecast for the rest of the

week looks mildly wintery, and a gardener could go ahead and cut off just the rose leaves and mulch over the graft. But not even Consulting Rosarians (CRs) can predict the weather. At this point, this CR is tempted to say that, if it makes you feel better, snip off the leaves. Just leave. In milder climates, this helps the rose go deeper into dormancy.

Our Old Garden-Roses-out-back are still quite green and supple. Their long, fountain-like canes might eventually be tied in bunches to keep them from whipping in the wind. The hybrid teas have a 50-50 mix of green and brown leaves, and I wouldn't feel too badly about removing their leaves. None of the canes will be cut back, though. I'm not going to do anything to my own roses till I see something that resembles an Idaho winter.

And no, I don't normally answer

questions from apples.

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A: If your utility bills seem excessively high as compared to similar houses in your area, even though you have made your house more efficient, first check the biggest energy user - the furnace.

Most older furnaces were sized too large for the houses initially. Now that your house is more efficient and loses less heat, the furnace output may be far too large and it may be time to get a new one.

An oversized furnace wastes a lot of energy. Since it is too large for your house, it does not have to run much except in the coldest weather. This results in high off-time losses when it is not running. It also cycles on and off more often creating more losses and fluctuating temperatures.

The most accurate method to check the size of your furnace is to have your furnace technician do a computerized heat loss analysis of your entire house. There often is a charge for this service.

A simple do-it-yourself off-time check can estimate if your furnace is too large. It is based on the severity of your climate and the outdoor temperature.

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heating degree days (HDD), a properly-sized furnace will run 44 minutes per hour when it's 30 degrees outdoors. In a more severe climate with 6,000 HDD, it should run only 34 minutes. A more severe climate requires a larger furnace to handle the coldest days.

The best types of energy audits use infrared thermography and blower door infiltration tests plus a detailed inspection by a technician.

The cost of an energy audit can be many hundreds of dollars for a "hi-tech" computerized analysis. There are "house doctors" that do

the energy-audit analysis and make many simple improvements the same day.

Infrared thermography uses a camera with heat sensitive film or special scanners. Hot areas appear red and cold areas appear blue. This is an excellent method for detecting voids in wall insulation. Pictures and scans from both inside, and outside are most effective.

A blower door test is used to determine the amount of air leakage into a house and where the air leakage is occurring. A large fan is positioned in a window or a door and it sucks air out of the house. This negative pressure draws outdoor air in any leaky areas so they are easier to detect.

Write for Update Bulletin No. 837 showing furnace sizing off-time and HDD charts for 100 cities;

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Home puts premium on space Amherst

Deeper than it is wide, the Amherst is a large contemporary home, narrow enough to fit on a 100-foot-wide lot.

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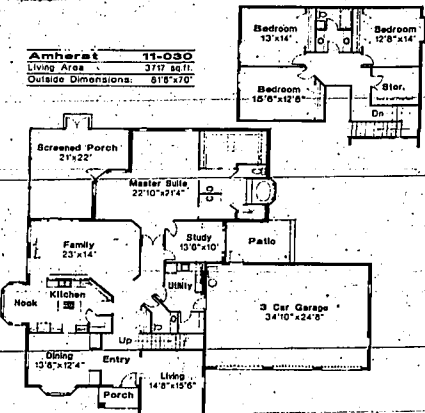
Two built-in hutch separate the richly windowed dining room from the entry hall. The living room is just as bright, illuminated by windows on two sides.

Windows wrap around three sides of a sunny nook that expands the large, well-equipped kitchen. Conveniences include a walk-in pantry, eating bar, built-in oven, microwave and dishwasher and a work island with cooktop. The huge utility room has counters, cabinets, a large storage closet (under the stairs) and space for a freezer. This room can also be entered from the three-car garage. Located next to the kitchen, the ample-sized family room provides access onto a wrap-around screened porch.

Luxury features in the master suite include a sitting bay which also leads out onto the screened porch and an extra-large walk-in closet. The bathroom has two basins, a spa tub brightened by glass blocks, and an oversized shower. The study, accessible from both the sleeping area and the outer hallway, could be used as a nursery.

Three bedrooms, a bathroom with dual lavatories and a large storage area are on the second floor of the Amherst.

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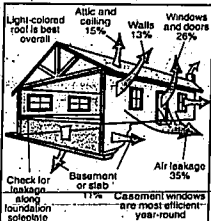
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A: If your attic is well insulated and properly ventilated, the air above the insulation stays cold. Since most bathroom vents use a metal duct, the duct also gets cold. This allows the moisture to condense and it runs down and drips out the grill.

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Try poinsettia alternatives

By Nancy Brachey
Knight-Ridder News Service

It's poinsettia season, but perhaps this year, you're thinking of something different.

Maybe you'd like a pink flower that better suits your colors. Or something totally different from what you've had before.

Great alternatives to the Christmas poinsettia abound in flower shops and garden centers this month.

Cineraria. This plant you probably know least, but it is generally available around Christmas time and into the new year.

It requires little care besides watering and should be considered a temporary decoration. In a cool environment, cineraria should flower for about six weeks. Then, like the poinsettia and cyclamen, it should be tossed out.

Because its flowers are shaped like daisies, cineraria may remind you of summer, and its colors include some vivid reds, blues and purples that are hard to find in cut flowers and house plants this time of year.

Cineraria also comes in pink, mauve and white. Keep the plant evenly moist and place it in a cool spot as possible to stretch its bloom life.

A maximum temperature of 65 degrees is about perfect for cineraria in the daytime with a drop to 45 to 50 degrees at night.

Chrysanthemum. Some people want a more sedate, more reserved Christmas plant than poinsettia. That's why the chrysanthemum, the star of autumn, rolls back in December. But this time it comes in snow white and other cheerful colors such as pink, yellow and bronze, gaily dressed in foil and ribbon.

Chrysanthemums rank among the easiest of plants to tend, just don't let them dry out. Once dry, they will wilt and deteriorate. A well-cared-for potted chrysanthemum should look good about three weeks, probably longer. The two things that really help are regular watering and regular application of a diluted house-plant fertilizer.

Cyclamen. This one will keep you in flowers until spring if you can meet its requirement of very cool temperatures: a night drop to between 40 and 50 degrees and a daytime temperature between 68 and 72 degrees. Like the chrysanthemum, it must be watered regularly and evenly and fertilized routinely. It will reward you with red, pink or white flowers through the darkest of winter days.

Christmas cactus. Christmas cactus, whose leaves look like a cactus and whose tubular flowers with small frills come in white as well as shades of pink and red, is a reliable bloomer, even if neglected through the summer.

Whether you have a new or old one, keep the flower buds from falling off by putting the cactus where the night temperature stays under 60 degrees (but above freezing). It's also essential to keep the soil evenly moist by neither overwatering nor underwatering.

Jerusalem cherry. Put this plant, with colorful red and orange fruit, in your sunniest window. To keep looking good, it needs about four hours of direct sunlight a day. Jerusalem cherry also requires a night-temperature-of-50-to-55 degrees and a daytime temperature of 68 to 72 degrees. Those requirements met, it should last for about two months. To try to keep it for another season, cut the plant back in spring and pinch the tips until mid-summer to encourage bushy growth.

Poinsettia. I can't miss a mention of the most popular Christmas plant. This native of Mexico is one of the major plant symbols of Christmas, and many people think it's essential as a Christmas tree. Poinsettias do best in a temperature of 72 degrees tops, preferably lower, and at least six hours of bright-daylight every day.

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Chrysanthemum should last about three weeks.

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houses and apartments with gingham, baskets and, as Christmas nears, garlands and gingerbread houses. The trend shows no signs of abating, says John Mack Carter, president of Hearst Magazine

Living, the most popular of its genre: "There's a longing for a return at least symbolically to quality, to people who can be trusted, concepts that can be believed, products that will prove to be of value."

Home & Garden



Make magic pillowcases

When my children were young, it was so hard to get them to go to bed on Christmas Eve. I promised visions of sugar plums and threatened no Santa, but to no avail. Then I heard about magic pillowcases.

I took my kids to a fabric store and had each of them pick out their favorite Christmas material. I made each of them a pillowcase from the fabric and told them how magic they were.

Tracy Dalin Valley crafts and stitches

They are magic because when you lay your head down, you instantly go to sleep. The pillowcases are made with Christmas magic, you see, so anything is possible.

Each Christmas Eve, the children are so excited about putting on the pillowcases that they actually look forward to bed time. They only use them on Christmas Eve, so it is a very special tradition in our house.

You can make your own magic pillowcases by using a plain colored storebought case and adding your own Christmas magic. Try using Christmas iron on transfers, or using fabric paint to embellish. Let the kids join in the fun, too. It is a great idea for grandparents to give as gifts. You will be surprised at just how fun and magical this tradition becomes. Even though I have teenagers now they still enjoy using the Magic Christmas pillowcases.

This idea would work for nightly bedtime, too. Put your child's favorite items on a pillowcase. Whether it is a cartoon character, the sport figure or treat, it will help the children feel special and safe at night. With any luck, it will make them sleepy, too.

So why not begin a magical holiday tradition at your home with magic pillowcases.

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

Be wise, avoid 'Boxomania' during holidays

Do you suffer from "Boxomania"? You do if, when making your holiday gift purchases, you ask the salesperson for a box when you have lots of perfectly good ones at home.

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object exquisitely. I think their secret is the fearlessness with which they approach the task and the ability to fold paper haphazardly, while at the same time making it appear as perfect as can be.

Boxes, long a mainstay of American wrapping techniques, are not at all basic to their way of concealing a gift. Using whatever amount of paper is needed, they create a soft package of great space and structure.

Sometimes a square of cloth, often as pretty as the contents, is used to wrap the gift. I always consider this kind of wrapping to be two gifts.

My daughter Alexis got me started on hand-painted papers. I think she got tired of packages wrapped in newspaper (my way of recycling) or plain brown paper.

She bought a large roll of brown,

craft paper and a dispenser and devised her own methods of striping, checkerboarding and splattering, using metallic paints, sponges, brushes and Jackson Pollack-like dripping.

For decorations she dipped dried bay leaves, pine cones, branches and evergreens in gold, silver and copper paints, then glue-gunned them onto the wrapped presents.

I create wrapping paper using faux-finish techniques. This year I made lots of wood-grained papers, using a small rubber roller-grainier that I found in the paint store.

By applying a thin layer of water-based acrylic paint to the surface of my paper (shiny paper and butcher's paper work wonderfully), wood grain is simulated by putting the roller through the paint.

The result is amazing. Marking, smacking, combing, dragging, rasing and mottling are

all painter's techniques that work well for wrapping papers: Use water-based paints if possible, and work in a well-ventilated room.

Rubber stamps, too, provide enormous possibilities for creating personal, unique papers and ribbons.

Any image (large - up to about 4 or 5 inches square) can be made into a stamp, and the array of stamp pad colors is huge. Stamps can be used singly or in combination on all types of paper tissues, metallic tissues and sheer rice papers and even on paper ribbons, fabric ribbons and packing tags.

For peculiarly shaped or oversized gifts, large rolls of inexpensive papers are usually best. At restaurant supply stores you can find butcher paper on 100-foot rolls; and in some places you can buy large rolls or extra-wide clear cellophane.

I like to wrap in cellophane, because sometimes when wrapping a

bicycle or a computer, the shape will give it away no matter how you wrap it. Cellophane, crispy and clear, is very festive. Use lots of it, bunch it generously and tie, with colorful ribbons.

Ribbons are a mainstay of my wrapping style. I collect ribbons wherever I go (I've found my best at tag sales and in flea markets). I scour old-fashioned sewing-notion/trimming stores, and once or twice I've found real treasures.

If you look, you'll find beautiful trimmings, too.

Questions should be addressed to Marsha Stewart, care of The New York Times Syndication Sales Corp., 122 E. 42nd St., New York, N.Y. 10168. Questions of general interest will be answered in this column. Marsha Stewart regrets that unpublished questions cannot be answered individually.

Cookies

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OATMEAL FRUIT DELIGHTS

1/2 cup Butter Flavored Crisco Stick or 1/2 cup Butter Flavored Crisco all-vegetable shortening

1/2 cups firmly packed light brown sugar

1 egg

1/2 cup milk

1/2 teaspoon vanilla

3 cups quick oats, uncooked

1 cup all-purpose flour

1/2 teaspoon baking soda

1/2 teaspoon salt

1/2 teaspoon cinnamon

1 cup coarsely chopped walnuts

1 package (4 ounces) red and green candied pineapple, thinly sliced

1 tube each green and red decorating gel

1. Heat oven to 375 degrees. Grease baking sheets with shortening. Place sheets of foil on countertop for cooling cookies.

2. Combine shortening, brown sugar, egg, milk and vanilla in large bowl. Beat at medium speed of electric mixer until well blended.

3. Combine oats, flour, baking soda, salt and cinnamon. Mix into creamed mixture at low speed until blended. Stir in nuts.

4. Drop by rounded measuring tablespoons of dough 2 inches apart onto prepared baking sheet.

5. Bake one baking sheet at a time at 375 degrees for 10 to 12 minutes, or until lightly browned. Do not overbake. Cool 2 minutes on baking sheet. Remove cookies to foil to cool completely.

6. Cut slices of pineapple into desired shapes with knife or small cookie cutters. Place dots of decorating gel on one side of shapes. Press gel sides of shapes onto cookies. Dry completely.

Makes about 24 dozen cookies.

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1/2-cup granulated sugar

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2 eggs

1/2 cup light corn syrup or regular pancake syrup

1 tablespoon vanilla

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1/2 teaspoon baking powder

1/2 teaspoon baking soda

1/2 teaspoon salt

Icing

1 cup confectioners' sugar

1 to 2 tablespoons milk

Food colorings

Decorations (your choice) - granulated sugar, colored sugar crystals, candies, chips, nuts, raisins, decorating gel

1. For cookies, combine sugar and shortening in large bowl. Beat at medium speed of electric mixer until well blended. Add eggs, syrup and vanilla. Beat until well blended and fluffy.

2. Combine 3 cups flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt. Add gradually to creamed mixture at low speed. Mix until well blended.

3. Divide dough into 4 quarters. Wrap each quarter of dough with plastic wrap. Refrigerate at least 1 hour. Keep refrigerated until ready to use.

4. Heat oven to 375 degrees. Place sheets of foil on countertop for cooling cookies.

5. Spread 1-tablespoon-of-flour on large sheet of waxed paper. Place one-quarter-of-dough-on-floured-paper. Flatten slightly with hands. Turn dough over and cover with another large sheet of waxed paper. Roll dough to 1/4-inch thickness. Remove top sheet of waxed paper. Cut out in shape of Santa's bag or boot with floured cutter or knife. Transfer to ungreased baking sheet with large pancake turner. Place 2 inches apart on ungreased baking sheet. Roll out remaining dough.

6. Bake one baking sheet at a time at 375 degrees for 5 to 9 minutes, depending on the size of your cookies (bake smaller, thinner cookies closer

to 5 minutes; larger cookies closer to 9 minutes). Do not overbake. Cool 2 minutes on baking sheet. Remove cookies to foil to cool completely.

7. For icing, combine confectioners' sugar and milk. Stir until smooth. Add additional confectioners' sugar if paste is too thin. Divide icing into small bowls, one for each color. Add food coloring - a few drops at a time, to achieve desired shades. Frost and decorate cooled cookies to resemble Santa's big boot.

Makes about 2 to 3 dozen cookies.

PEPPERMINT CRESCENTS

1/2 cup granulated sugar

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2 eggs

1/2 cup light corn syrup or regular pancake syrup

1 tablespoon vanilla

1 teaspoon peppermint extract

3 cups all-purpose flour

1/2 teaspoon baking powder

1/2 teaspoon baking soda

1/2 teaspoon salt

Green colored sugar crystals

1. Combine sugar and shortening in large bowl. Beat at medium speed of electric mixer until well blended. Add eggs, syrup, vanilla and peppermint extract. Beat until well blended and fluffy.

2. Combine flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt. Add gradually to creamed mixture at low speed. Mix until well blended.

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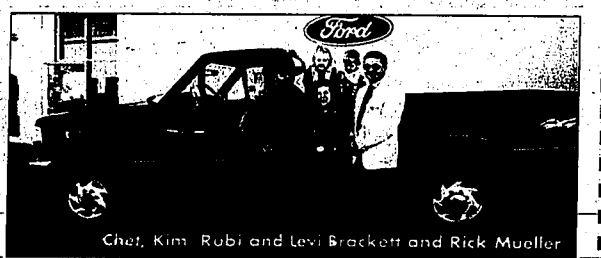
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Money

Fed lowers rate; expect more, analysts predict

WASHINGTON — The Federal Reserve Board lowered short-term interest rates by one-quarter of a percentage point Tuesday in an effort to jog a slow-moving economy and combat growing financial anxiety.

Stocks rally on Fed move

NEW YORK — Wall Street had investors delighted. The Dow Jones industrial average gained 34.68 points to 15,109.89, earning back a third of the losses it suffered Monday in a 101-point rout that was tied to faltering hopes of a Fed ease.

Technology companies, which had taken the biggest hits Monday in continued uncertainty over their prospects, bounced back Tuesday — and then some.

Since July, "inflation has been somewhat more favorable than anticipated, and this, along with an associated moderation in inflation expectations, warrants a modest easing in monetary conditions." Greenspan said in a three-paragraph statement.

Federal funds rate chart showing a decline from 7.50% in 1990 to 5.75% in 1995. Includes a table for Monday and Tuesday closing rates.

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Comics

Peanuts comic strip by Charles M. Schulz. Characters: Franklin, Linus, Sally, Charlie Brown. Dialogue about Franklin's role as principal.

Calvin and Hobbes comic strip by Bill Watterson. Characters: Calvin, Hobbes. Dialogue about a cold and the planet's axis.

B.C. comic strip by Johnny Hart. Characters: Dumb, Smoos. Dialogue about computers and keyboards.

Garfield comic strip by Jim Davis. Characters: Garfield, Odie. Dialogue about Christmas traditions and cookies.

Hi and Lois comic strip by Chance Browne. Characters: Hi, Lois. Dialogue about a rock band and playing guitar.

The Wizard of Id comic strip by Brant Parker & Johnny Hart. Characters: Wizard, Id. Dialogue about candidates for a bomb squad.

Hagar the Horrible comic strip by Chris Browne. Characters: Hagar, Mr. Dink. Dialogue about Christmas and stockings.

Beetle Bailey comic strip by Mort Walker. Characters: Beetle, Miss Buxley. Dialogue about reservations and safety.

Frank and Ernest comic strip by Bob Thaves. Characters: Frank, Ernest. Dialogue about life being unfair and suing somebody.

The Born Loser comic strip by Art Sansom & Chip. Characters: Born Loser, Little Drummer Boy. Dialogue about playing Christmas carols.

For Better or For Worse comic strip by Lynn Johnston. Characters: Elise, Alan. Dialogue about Christmas and reconciliation.

Blondie comic strip by Dean Young & Stan Drake. Characters: Blondie, Dag. Dialogue about buying a lot of family.

Pickles comic strip by Brian Crane. Characters: Pickles, Mom. Dialogue about inviting Mom to a Christmas party.

Dennis the Menace comic strip by Hank Ketcham. Characters: Dennis, Mr. Wilson. Dialogue about Dennis not being a good boy.

The Family Circus comic strip by Bill Keane. Characters: Mom, Dad, Billy, Dolly. Dialogue about Christmas lights.

Large section containing: 'Tight collars can affect vision' article, 'L.M. Boyd What's what?' column, 'Sydney Omarr Horoscope' column, and a crossword puzzle.

Lands' End employees weigh in with their favorite recipes

At this point, you're one of two things: the stressed-out, frizzy-haired, hand-cramped-check-writing frantic shopper or the relaxed, mall-ordered, maked-out credit-card shopper. But one thing is certain: You're remembering Christmas past.

When I was a little girl, my family always enjoyed good food during the holidays. Our problem was that we snacked and munched all day, instead of having formal meals.

Mom always had an assortment of nuts, fudge, cookies, pies, and fruit. A ham sat in the refrigerator, only to be sliced when someone felt like offsetting the sugar with some salt.

I tend toward that same overabundance of goodies, although this year it's usually from someone else. That is, pregnant thing has really kicked in. Mom's fudge and caramel recipes are too much work for me.

Fortunately, there is a solution. Most of you are familiar with Lands' End, a clothing catalog from Wisconsin. It started out as a small, family-oriented enterprise and has grown to a large, family-oriented enterprise.

Last year, they sent out packing material - left over from Christmas with homespun recipes printed on it. The recipes were gathered from "Returns to Customer Service" employees.

Last names aren't included, so it's a waste of time to give credit to anyone in particular. But one thing isn't a waste of time - these recipes.

Most of them are easy and down-to-earth. By that I mean there are no fancy, hard-to-find ingredients. They are the sort of goodies that might be part of any middle-American's holiday traditions.

If you're into counting calories, fat grams and pounds on the scale, don't try a single one of these recipes. They're too tempting to resist, and full of goal-breaking taste.

But you can switch me at them. My belly's getting big anyway, so I might as well enjoy myself!



Valley Cooking
Rebecca Tateoka

18 graham crackers, crushed
¼ cup powdered sugar
¼ cup butter
Mix well and place in a 9-by-13 pan.

2 packages (3¼ ounce) French vanilla instant pudding
2 packages (3¼ ounce) chocolate instant pudding
1 package (8¼ ounce) butter pecan instant pudding
5 cups vanilla ice cream
5 cups milk

Blend together one package vanilla pudding and two packages chocolate pudding with 3 cups milk and 3 cups ice cream. Pour into crust.
-Mix remaining vanilla and butter pecan pudding with 2 cups milk and 2 cups ice cream. Pour over chocolate layer. Garnish with graham cracker crumbs. Serve immediately or freeze, covered.

CHERRY TORTE
1 package crushed graham crackers
¼ cup butter
¼ cup sugar
1 8-ounce package cream cheese
1 teaspoon vanilla
2 eggs
½ cup sugar
Cherry pie filling
Whipped cream

-Mix cracker crumbs, butter and ¼ cup sugar. Spread in a 9-by-13 pan. Beat ½ cup sugar, cream cheese, vanilla and eggs until smooth. Spread over crumb mixture. Bake at 325 for 20 minutes. Cool, spread pie filling over cooled baked mixture and let stand in refrigerator for 24 hours. Spread whipped cream on top just before serving.

NORWEGIAN CHRISTMAS PUDDING
1 pound butter
2 cups water

6 tablespoons flour
1¼ cups flour
6 cups milk
¼ teaspoon salt
1 beaten egg
2 teaspoon sugar
Cinnamon

Melt butter and water; bring to a boil for 5 minutes. Add six tablespoons flour, stir in with a whisk. Wait a few minutes; remove the fat that comes out. (This is used later, so reserve.) Add 1¼ cups flour and stir again. Add milk which has been heated. Use electric mixer to keep it from getting lumpy. While beating, add salt, egg and sugar. Put in crockpot to keep warm with the skimmed fat poured over pudding. Mix sugar and cinnamon; sprinkle over top.

CRACKER JACK CARAMEL CORN
2 cups Spanish peanuts
2 sticks margarine
2 cups brown sugar
½ cup dark corn syrup
½ teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon baking powder
Popcorn, already popped
Fill large pan ½ full of popcorn. Add peanuts. In a heavy saucepan, make syrup out of margarine, sugar, syrup and salt. Boil 5 minutes; remove from heat and add soda. Pour over popcorn and stir. Put in oven at 250 for 1 hour, stirring occasionally. Cool and break up into smaller pieces.

SEVEN LAYER BARS
1 stick margarine

1 cup graham cracker crumbs
1 cup chocolate chips
1 cup coconut
1 cup butterscotch chips
1 cup nuts
1 can sweetened condensed milk
Melt margarine in 9-by-13 pan. Add graham cracker crumbs. Pat lightly to make crust. Sprinkle with chips, nuts and coconut. Pour can of milk over top. Bake at 350 for 20-30 minutes.

STRAWBERRY SLUSH
1 20-ounce package frozen, unsweetened strawberries, thawed
2 15-ounce cans crushed pineapple with juice
3 cups orange juice
1 liter lemon lime soda
Blend first 3 ingredients. Pour into

ice cube trays and freeze. Place frozen cubes in glasses. Add soda and stir. Let ice defrost in glasses for while, then serve.

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Dear Abby
Abigail VanBuren

We recently divorced, and I was granted Christmas and summer visitation with Jordan, who is now 6 years old. Last summer, while Jordan was visiting me, I remarried and included him in the wedding as the ring-bearer. My "ex" said if she had known I had this in mind, she never would have allowed Jordan to come. (Actually, that's why I never told her.)

Abby, should I have told her and risked not getting my son for the summer?

- EX-WIFE BLUES

DEAR E.W. BLUES: I see nothing wrong with children being in the wedding of their divorced parent. But I can understand your "ex" being ticked off when she learned you had made an "end run" in order to have

Jordan serve as ring-bearer. Although your wife told you that she would not have allowed Jordan to visit had she known your plans, when the court gave you visitation rights for Christmas and summer vacation, that canceled her right to decide when he could or could not visit you, so there was no need for subterfuge. Next time, be honest with her, and if you must, remind her that you have legal rights to have Jordan visit you.

WORTH QUOTING: "Have courage for the great sorrows of life and patience for the small ones; and when you have laboriously accomplished your daily task, go to sleep in peace. God is awake."

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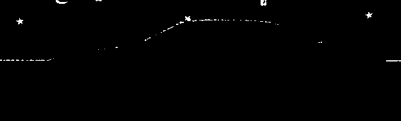
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