

Twin Falls, Idaho/90th

Good morning

Today's forecast:

Fog and low clouds through tonight. Highs in the middle-20s. Lows near 15 degrees. Light winds.

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Con caught with goods

An ex-convict did a little last-minute jewelry shopping on Christmas Eve with a gun in his hand, Twin Falls police said.

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U.S. combat units enter Bosnia

Los Angeles Times

YEPNICA, Bosnia-Herzegovina — In a symbolic show of force, the United States deployed combat forces in the Bosnian countryside for the first time Tuesday, marking a military milestone in the Balkans peacekeeping mission.

After crossing the Sava river by raft, a military convoy of 19 heavily armed vehicles, including six Bradley Fighting Vehi-

cles, drove through the still-contested Posavina Corridor, an area along a key strategic supply route, which military experts say could be a hot spot for peacekeepers in the American sector of Bosnia.

As the convoy moved slowly through the countryside, passing mine fields, bombed houses and primitive bunkers, American soldiers called out greetings to solemn Serb civilians and uniformed soldiers. At the end of the day, the six

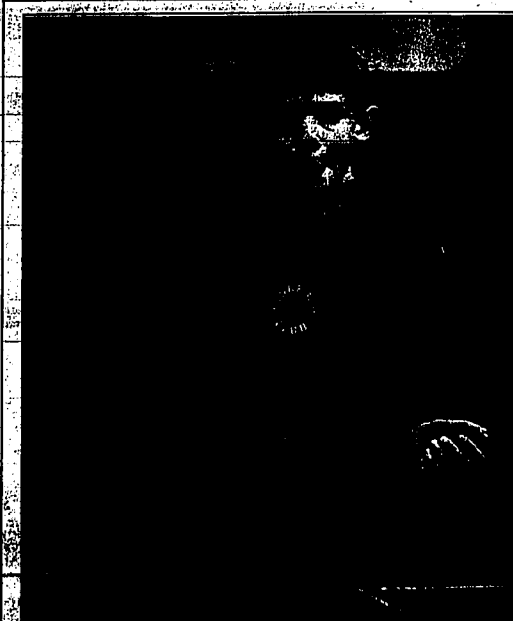
Bradleys and 24 soldiers remained in the Posavina Corridor, at a checkpoint delineated by rolls of barbed wire and the Bradleys' gun barrels.

"It's good military action and, of course, there's symbolism attached to everything in the Balkans," said Lt. Gen. Michael J. Wiley, who oversees the Allied Rapid Reaction Corps, before the convoy set out. The Americans crossed the swift-flowing Sava River, a natural boundary divid-

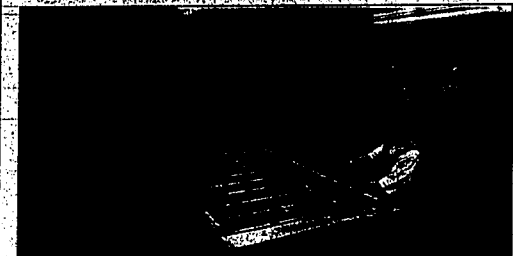
ing Croatia from Bosnia, on a raft pushed by two high-powered boats. Arriving at the southern banks of the river under a driving rain, Humvees and troop transporters lumbered through deep mud, reaching the narrow road south, which leads to Tuzla, where about 1,500 paratroopers are stationed.

The endeavor was intended as a symbolic and strategic show of force, meant to

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Nine-year-old Amy Anderson focuses up the intensity throughout a game of Ping-Pong at the Boys and Girls Club of Magic Valley.



Eight-year-old Amy Anderson and 8-year-old Debbie Wickland play a fast-paced game of football in the new center.

Boys, Girls Club opens in new home in Twin Falls

By Julie M. McKinnon Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — After spending more than a year in a cramped clubhouse, members of the Boys and Girls Club of Magic Valley got a belated Christmas present Tuesday: a new home.

With board and table games, bits of everything for crafts, a gym with balls and other equipment, and a library with books and a computer, club members will while away their Christmas break this week in an Old Town warehouse renovated just for them.

And as soon as bus-ing, staffing and other details are worked out, the new clubhouse will permanently open, maybe next month.

"The thing I like about the new club is all the games and the inside gym and everything," said 11-year-old Brian Layton while playing bumper pool Tuesday afternoon, with 9-year-old Jon Bowyer.

Said 8-year-old Kylan Dennis: "It's cool because it's bigger than the other one, and there's more games to play."

The Boys and Girls Club opened August 1994 in a small Harry Barry Park clubhouse.

The membership roster quickly filled up, and the 70 or so children on the club's list have been waiting for the bigger and fully staffed clubhouse to open.

Those children will be able to visit the new clubhouse for five hours Friday to sing songs, play games, make crafts and see how club programs work.

"The big purpose of Friday is just to let the kids know 'We haven't forgotten you,'" said Amy Jackson, assistant programs director.

The club's board of directors is starting a campaign to raise funds and pledges of

\$500,000 in three years. Donations can be made to help pay children's membership fees, finish the new clubhouse or to set up an endowment fund for club expenses.

The club needs funds to hire more staff for all the new clubhouse's rooms, said Director Karlan Toolson.

"We want to make sure the kids are going to be safe," she said.

Some members said they're looking forward to having more members — and more playmates. "You can have friends, more friends than you can get by just going to school," said 11-year-old Amy Anderson.

In the new clubhouse, members also will be able to work on computers or with a staff member on homework and — once that is done — play computer games, Toolson said.

"I think their school work is really important," she said "while showing off the club's library." "This is going to be the most important — one of the most important — rooms."

A computer and a VCR recently were donated to the new clubhouse, which also has a slew of donated games, books and other supplies to keep young members busy.

"The kids have really been hoping and wishing for a pool table," said Jackson, adding the club also needs videotaped movies, chairs and anything else people can spare. "They're making do with what they have."

And, she added, they're having a ball. Brian and Jon said the only drawback to the new clubhouse compared to the old is that there isn't an outside park to play in.

Jackson said a playground should be built sometime next year. The city already has donated swings and other equipment, she said.

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'You can have ... more friends than ... by just going to school.'

—Amy Anderson, 11

Volunteer plows sidewalks on bridge while officials quibble

The Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. — When a blizzard of red tape and excuses left pedestrians knee-deep in snow on Memorial Bridge, Richard Sorcinelli did what three governments couldn't accomplish.

He plowed the sidewalk.

As local and state officials quibbled last week over who was responsible for clearing a month's snow from the walkway, Sorcinelli took pity on the people who cross the bridge to and from downtown. He got on his plow-equipped all-terrain ve-

hicle and did what had to be done.

"He took over where we failed," said Patrick Hourihan, chairman of West Springfield's Board of Selectmen. "I don't know him, but I would like to shake his hand."

Sorcinelli, a painting and wallpapering

contractor, said scores of grateful walkers and drivers have jammed his answering machine with messages of thanks and praise.

"He's got my thanks, for sure," said Michael Weltz, walking across the 1,456-foot bridge Tuesday.

Lawmakers seek answers on N-waste

By Karen Toolson Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Gov. Phil Batt's nuclear-waste agreement will undergo scrutiny from his fellow Republicans after the Idaho Legislature convenes next month.

Lawmakers will conduct public hearings on Batt's agreement to accept 1,133 shipments of nuclear waste into Idaho, said Sen. Larry Noh, R-Kimberly, chairman of the Senate Resources and Environment Committee.

The legislators — possibly in a joint House-Senate committee — would quiz state, Navy and Department of Energy officials on their interpretations of the waste agreement. They would also decide whether the governor should be able to appoint the head of the state's nuclear waste



oversight program without legislative confirmation.

The hearings are not intended to either criticize or bolster Batt, Noh said.

"It's a very complex and lengthy agreement," Noh said. "In that detail and complexity, there is always room for agreement and disagreements."

One of the questions he would like answered is how much and what kind of foreign nuclear waste would be allowed into

Idaho under Batt's pact.

Noh would like to use the comments at a public hearing as a public record to hold public officials to their agreement.

House Speaker Mike Simpson, R-Blackfoot, suggested the hearings, Noh said.

Simpson did not return phone calls on Tuesday. Neither Batt nor his spokeswoman could be reached for comment.

News of the hearings pleased Brian Goller, director of the Snake River Alliance, a group that has fought nuclear waste shipments into Idaho.

The current head of the state oversight program — Bob Ferguson — is too cozy



Batt



Noh

with workers at the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory, who are getting paid to store and clean up nuclear waste, he said.

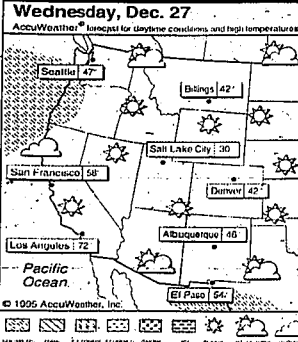
"It's a little bit like having the fox guard the hen house," he said. "I don't mean to malign Bob Ferguson, but I just don't feel he's the right person to handle it."

Ferguson worked for INEL from 1959 to 1971, said Alan White, spokesman for the oversight program. He remained involved in the nuclear-power industry and in the last five years served as a consultant for INEL and the Department of Energy.

Appointed by Batt, Ferguson reports. Please see ANSWERS/A2

Weather

REGIONAL Weather



Idaho forecasts

Magic Valley
Fog and low clouds today and tonight. Fog locally dense during the morning. Highs in the 20s. Light winds. Lows 15 to 20. Thursday fog and low clouds. Fog locally dense during the morning. Highs 20 to 30. The ultraviolet index forecast is 1, a minimal exposure level.

Extended regional forecast
Friday through Sunday areas of valley lower clouds and fog. Otherwise variable clouds. Lows in the teens east and 15 to 25 west. Highs in the mid-20s to the mid-30s.

Wood River Valley
Patchy morning valley fog and low clouds otherwise mostly sunny today and Thursday. Highs in the mid-20s. Lows near or below zero tonight.

Treasure Valley
Fog and low clouds today and tonight. Fog locally dense during the morning. Highs 20 to 25. Thursday fog and low clouds. Fog locally dense during the morning. Isolated snow showers. Highs in the mid-20s.

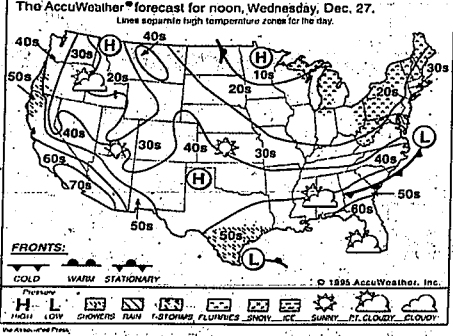
Northern Nevada
Patchy morning fog with increasing clouds west today. Increasing high clouds east. Highs in the mid-30s to mid-40s. Tonight partly cloudy east. Lows 0-10 east and in the mid-teens to mid-20s west. Thursday mostly cloudy with a slight chance of showers. Snow level 4,500-5,000 feet. Partly cloudy west in the afternoon.

Northern Utah
Low clouds and fog today and tonight. A few snow flurries. Periods of hazy afternoon sunshine. Highs near 30. Lows 20-25. Thursday morning low clouds and fog. Some breaking in the low clouds during the afternoon. Highs 30-35. The ultraviolet index forecast is 1, a minimal exposure level.

Idaho weather summary
High pressure at the surface and aloft continued to dominate conditions over the Gem State Tuesday. Low clouds, fog and occasional light snow persisted into the early afternoon in the southwestern valley. A weak Pacific disturbance was expected to move through the Panhandle last night bringing mostly cloudy skies and a slight chance of snow showers. Fog was expected to form again this morning with an increase in clouds later in the day ahead of the next system. There were no reports of measurable precipitation from any reporting station in Idaho Tuesday.

In the Magic Valley, the dense fog froze on trees, lawns and streets, and at times covered the ground like light snow. Skies cleared for a time during the afternoon but fog returned in the early evening shortly after sunset.

NATIONAL Weather



Temperature extremes
Idaho: High, 36 degrees at Pocatello. Low, 1 degree below zero at Fairfield. National: High, 76 at Santa Ana, Calif. Low, 20 below at West Yellowstone, Mont.

National temperatures

City	Max	Min	Pop
Albuquerque	41	16	...
Atlanta	41	24	...
Boston	38	29	...
Chicago	43	29	...
Dallas	63	29	...
Denver	48	28	...
Des Moines	46	29	...
Detroit	25	18	04
Honolulu	86	71	...
Houston	63	53	...
Indianapolis	27	3	02
Kansas City	44	22	...
Las Vegas	43	22	...
Los Angeles	79	48	...
Memphis	41	24	...
Miami Beach	73	58	...
Minneapolis	23	18	02
New Orleans	30	21	01
New York	37	28	...
Oklahoma City	59	24	...
Omaha	46	38	...
Phoenix	69	48	...
Pittsburgh	22	16	02
Portland, Me.	31	21	02
Portland, Ore.	43	28	...
Reno	42	13	...
St. Louis	41	30	...
Salt Lake City	31	25	...
San Francisco	63	48	...
Seattle	44	29	...
Spokane	25	10	...
Washington	34	27	...

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Idaho	Max	Min	Pcp
Boise	22	19	tr.
Burley	34	14	...
Fairfield	33	-1	...
Gooding	26	12	...
Hagerman	m	m	...
Idaho Falls	31	16	...
Jorome	31	16	...
Lewiston	29	26	...
Malad	29	19	...
Mila	23	9	...
McCall	m	6	...
Pocatello	36	8	...
Salmon	16	3	...
Stamley	m	m	...
Sun Valley	29	6	...

Skywatch

Sunset today 5:11 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 8:07 a.m.
Lunar phase: First quarter, Dec. 28; full, Jan. 5; last quarter, Jan. 13; new, Jan. 2.
Visible planets: Morning, none.
Evening: Mars, Mercury, Saturn, Venus.

French journal claims 2 pilots faced mock executions, torture

PARIS (AP) — Contradicting government statements, a newspaper reported Wednesday two French pilots shot down over Bosnia in August were tortured by their Serb captors and forced to endure mock executions.

Citing a military debriefing report, the respected weekly Le Canard Enchaîné said in its Wednesday edition that the Serb military commander, himself threatened with torture and death.

The newspaper, known for both its satire and investigative journalism, didn't indicate how it obtained the secret report. French authorities have prohibited the men from discussing their ordeal.

The Defense Ministry refused to confirm or deny the report, a spokesman said Tuesday night on condition of anonymity.

Capt. Frederic Chiffot and his co-

pilot, Lt. Jose Souvignat, were captured when their Mirage 2000 was shot down over Serb-held territory in eastern Bosnia during a NATO bombing mission Aug. 30. They were held for 3 1/2 months before their release two weeks ago.

In an apparent attempt to avoid angering the Serbs just as Western forces were to move into Bosnia to enforce a peace accord, French officials claimed the two men had been well treated.

But Le Canard Enchaîné reported that the men said in the debriefing report that they came under machine-gun fire as soon as their parachutes approached the ground. Then Serb soldiers beat and kicked them, abuse that broke Chiffot's nose. They had each suffered a broken leg after ejection.

Later at a hospital, a stretcher bearer deliberately struck Chiffot in

his broken nose; he lost consciousness several times, the newspaper said.

Gen. Rako Mladic, the Serb military commander, told each prisoner separately that unless they revealed details of their mission, they would be forced to witness their comrade's torture and killing, the report said.

In prison, guards kicked them in their injured legs and they were subjected to humiliations in which they were strangled, the newspaper reported.

Before even being treated for their broken legs and other injuries, Mladic paraded them through a hospital to see civilians injured and mutilated by NATO raids. Lt. Gen. Bernard Janvier said Mladic was present and decided on their fate throughout their ordeal, the report said.

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Combat

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demonstrate that U.S. troops stationed in tent cities in nearby Zupanja are poised and ready for action. Before the end of this month, military officials plan to install a pontoon bridge over the Sava River, which will serve as a gateway allowing American forces into Bosnia.

The bridge installation has become more complicated as the river has risen almost 10 feet in the past week, forcing military officials to revise their plans.

Once the bridge is complete, U.S. forces will speed up their deployment, flowing south into Bosnia. In the weeks ahead, military officials hope to use Zupanja as a staging area to deploy most of the 20,000 U.S. troops slated for the peacekeeping mission in Bosnia.

As the convoy reached Lepnica,

the site of a former Serb checkpoint 200 yards from the line of demarcation, Lt. Col. Greg Stone, Squadron Commander of the 1st Squadron, First Cavalry Regiment directed troops to halt so he could chat with uneasy-looking Serb soldiers.

"This is a small step," Stone told one of the Serb soldiers, Sgt. Lt. Marinko Srdan, as he explained that the Bradley and the personnel to operate them, will remain, even though Stone and most of his entourage will depart. "This is the start. The American presence will grow over the next days and weeks."

Srdan seemed startled by the American soldiers who encircled him. But as his colonel explained his intentions, Srdan recovered his composure. "We've been waiting for you to come so we can go home," he said.

As the officers chatted, other soldiers also attempted to communicate. When asked how far his M16 rifle could shoot, Spc. Joe Duch told a scraggly looking Serb counterpart that the weapon could fire on an object 800 meters away. Later, he conceded its true range was actually 460 meters.

"Hey, I'm a friendly guy but I've got some nerve," the San Antonio, Texas, native explained.

As the convoy continued past the newly established checkpoint, Duch called out the window of his Humvee, greeting Bosnian Serb civilians in their language, which he has recently been studying.

"How are you?" Duch yelled to one lone man standing in a field.

"I'm fine. I have a tank," the man responded, gesturing to a tank parked behind him.

From Minnesota to Maine, scattered snow drifts down

The Associated Press

Light snow was scattered from the upper Midwest to New England Tuesday, while rain showers touched parts of southern Texas.

Lake-effect qualls brought a few inches of snow along the shores of the lower Great Lakes in northeastern Ohio; northwestern Pennsylvania and western New York state.

Light snow and freezing drizzle fell on parts of northeastern Minnesota and western Wisconsin during the morning, making roads slippery.

Snow advisories were posted for parts of Michigan, with 3 to 6 inches possible.

And Upper Michigan had its coldest weather so far this season, with lows of 15 below zero at Pellston said 13 below at Sault Ste. Marie.

"There's nobody outside," said Kristina Robin in Pellston. "Overnight, light snow fell over northern Maine, on top of overnight accumulations of up to 6 inches at Presque Isle

and Easton. Caribou got 4 inches overnight.

In the Southwest, a few rain showers were scattered across southern Texas overnight, and showers also were possible from Texas westward into Arizona as moist air flowed in from northern Mexico.

Elsewhere, light showers were possible along the northern Pacific Coast.

The nation's lowest wind chill, the rating based on temperature and wind speed, was 34 below zero at Ely, Nev.

For information call

The invention of satellites advanced the science of weather forecasting more than anything else. Weather satellites located 22,000 feet above our heads, scan the globe every 30 minutes, taking snapshots of clouds. The brightest areas indicate the coldest clouds, which are also the highest. These usually indicate storms and precipitation is usually found beneath them. Differing shades of gray are signs of clouds at different levels.

CPR efforts wrong half the time

CHICAGO (AP) — Bystanders who attempted CPR on cardiac arrest victims got it wrong more than half the time, reducing patients' already slim chances of survival, a study found.

Improperly administered cardiopulmonary resuscitation "does not seem to be any better than no CPR," said Dr. John Gallagher of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York City.

The study was published in Wednesday's issue of The Journal of the American Medical Association.

Gallagher looked at 2,071 cases of cardiac arrest in New York City over six months and found that 662 of the patients were given CPR by a bystander. He found that in 357 cases the CPR wasn't done properly, and these patients' rates for survival were

one-third that of people given proper CPR.

The chances of surviving cardiac arrest are generally slim but very greatly depending on such factors as available hospitals and the traffic encountered by ambulances.

CPR buys the patient time until paramedics can get there with a defibrillator, which delivers an electrical shock to restart the heart.

Dr. John A. Paroskas, a professor at the University of Massachusetts School of Medicine in Worcester, Mass., said the study points out a need for everyone to learn how to administer CPR.

"You're just giving the victim the best shot," Paroskas said. "If you learn how to do it correctly, you're giving them the best shot possible."

Answers

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retly to the governor. That's a director from 1994, when oversight directors reported to the Department of Health and Welfare.

The reporting system worries Goller, who said that the oversight program director and the governor could cover up accidents without a middle agency involved.

Ferguson could not be reached for comment on Tuesday, but White voiced his displeasure.

"Bob's response to that is he knows the people, he knows the program, and he knows a lot about

what's going on out there," White said. "Having worked there, he knows what's going on better than an outsider because he knows where the skeletons are hidden."

Ferguson has stepped away from potential conflicts of interest, White said.

The chief overseer would also be willing to go through a legislative confirmation session, White said.

Local representatives Tim Ridinger, R-Shoshone, and Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchikan, welcomed news of the hearings.

"It gives people a chance to voice

Idaho road report

BOISE (AP) — The Idaho Department of Transportation reported icy highways in northern Idaho, and fog all along Interstate 84 in southern Idaho on Tuesday.

Road conditions:
U.S. 95 — Rigby-Whitebird Hill, dry; Whitebird Hill, icy spots; Grangeville-Lewiston, icy spots; Lewiston-Moscow, icy spots; Weiser-New Meadows, icy spots, fog.
Interstate 90 — Fourth of July Canyon, icy spots; Lookout Pass, icy spots.
U.S. 12 — Lewiston-Kooskia, icy

spots; Kooskia-Lowell, icy spots, fog; Lowell-Lolo Pass, icy spots.
Interstate 84 — Oregon line-Boise area: Boise-Mountain Home, dry, wet; Mountain Home-Utah line, dry, fog.
Idaho 55 — Horseshoe Bend-New Meadows, icy spots, fog.
Idaho 21 — Boise-Idaho City, dry, icy spots; Boise-Sly-Banner Summit, icy spots, broken snow, dry.
U.S. 20 — Mountain Home-Fairfield, dry, fog; Fairfield-Carey, dry, fog.
U.S. 26 — Idaho Falls-Wyoming line, dry; Blackfoot-Aroo, dry.

Idaho 51 — Dry, wet, fog.
U.S. 93 — Nevada line-Salmon, dry.
Lost Trail Pass, icy spots, snowing, drifs.
Idaho 75 — Shoshone-Ketchikan, dry.
Galena Summit, broken snow, snow, fog.
Interstate 86 — Dry, fog.
Interstate 15 — Utah line-Pocatello, dry; Malad Pass, dry; Pocatello-Idaho Falls, dry; Idaho Falls-Dubois, dry; Montida Pass, dry.
U.S. 30 — McCammon-Soda Springs, dry; Soda Springs-Monpelier, dry; Monpelier-Wyoming line, dry.
U.S. 91 — Dry.

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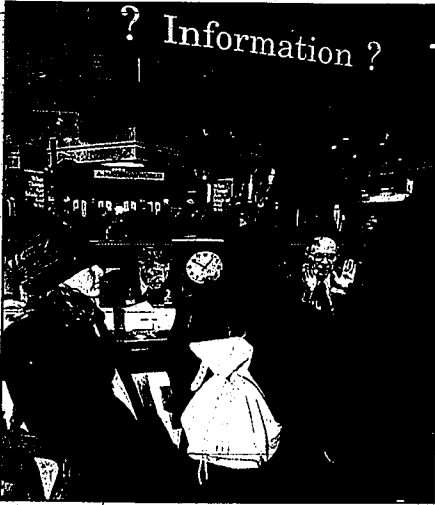
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Above, information staff at the National Museum of American History answer questions Tuesday in Washington. At right, a couple look over an event schedule at the museum, which reopened this week, even though much of the federal government is closed due to the budget-talks deadlock.



Tourists navigate partial shutdown

WASHINGTON (AP) — The National Gallery of Art, temporary home to a once-in-a-lifetime exhibit of Johannes Vermeer paintings, said Tuesday it is tapping a private fund to open its doors during the budget crisis that caused its shutdown.

The gallery is the second major facility to get a temporary reprieve from the shutdown of government departments and agencies left without appropriations from Congress.

The Wednesday reopening gives tourists a place to go. The Smithsonian's Museum of American History also found enough money to operate this week.

"We are able to open just one exhibition," said Deborah Ziska, a spokeswoman for the National Gallery. "We are able to open the Vermeer exhibition, which is a very rare event in the annals of art history. It may never happen again in a lifetime."

Shutdowns due to budget statements — one in November, last six days — rarely are fun for anyone. For Arthur K. Wheelock Jr., curator of northern baroque paintings at the National Gallery of Art,

this one could have been tragic. Wheelock, a life-long student of Johannes Vermeer works, traveled for nearly a decade cajoling owners of Vermeer works to lend them to the exhibition. He managed to gather 21 of the 35 paintings the 17th Century Dutch master created, the largest museum collection ever.

"It almost felt like giving birth and having somebody take the baby away from you," he told The Washington Post.

The museum is using money contributed privately to its Fund for the International Exchange of Art, which supports future international exhibitions.

Earl A. Powell III, director of the National Gallery, said only the Vermeer exhibit, two shops and the museum cafe will be open through Jan. 3, with the exception of New Year's Day. It has to close Feb. 11 to travel to its only other destination, The Hague.

"Given the uncertainty of when the furlough will end, we decided to do what we could to make this one-in-a-lifetime event accessible to people from all over the world who have been waiting to see it," Powell said.

While it was open, the exhibit attracted an average of 4,100 people a day, Ziska said. People who come to the museum will be issued same-day passes; those who have dated tickets also will gain admission.

More than 100,000 people had seen the exhibit by the time the doors were shut last Saturday. More than 30,000 ticket holders have been disappointed since.

While much of tourist Washington is shuttered, there still are things to do.

You can visit the Einstein Planetarium, shop or see movies in the Air and Space Museum even though the museum itself is closed.

The American history museum is the only one of the Smithsonian Institution's 16 facilities open, including the National Zoo. Another always-booked institution, the United States Holocaust Museum also is shuttered.

Not only the Vermeer show has suffered. The National Gallery has its first comprehensive Winslow Homer retrospective in a quarter century.

Savvy visitors, however, can make up for some of the void.

The Library of Congress is open with an exhibit of more than 200 rare books.

And so is the National Archives, which recently mounted a wonderful exhibition, "American Originals," which places Richard Nixon's resignation letter in the shadow of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

The National Building Museum, one of the capital's most magnificent buildings, is open. So are privately funded art galleries such as the Phillips Collection, the Corcoran and the National Museum of Women in the Arts.

Dieting vs. exercise: Trimming flab wins

CHICAGO (AP) — The best exercise for your heart is pushing yourself away from the table, a new study suggests.

Dosing weight by itself works better than aerobic exercise by itself in reducing the risk of heart disease, a study of fit men found.

The message, though, is to do both, researchers say. "We feel that exercise is beneficial, but particularly if you're overweight, you need to exercise in conjunction with weight loss," said the lead researcher, Dr. Leslie J. Katzel of the University of Maryland School of Medicine.

Katzel and his colleagues studied 111 men, ages 46 to 80, who were sedentary and obese — that is, 20 percent to 60 percent overweight — but were otherwise healthy.

The men were divided into groups: one pursued weight loss without exercise; the second exercised without trying to lose weight; and the third neither exercised nor dieted.

After nine months, the weight-loss group had dropped an average of 20 pounds, while members of the exercise group had improved their fitness by 16 percent, measured by how much oxygen their bodies consumed when they exercised.

Researchers were surprised to find that weight loss clearly produced more benefits than exercise alone.

Levels of "good" cholesterol improved 13 percent in the weight-loss group vs. virtually no change in the exercise group.

Blood pressure dropped 9 percent in the weight-loss group, compared with a 2 percent drop among exercisers.

Blood sugar, a yardstick for diabetes, dropped 9 percent among the weight-loss group, vs. no change among exercisers.

"Based on these results, we feel that if you're overweight, you really need to lose weight to decrease your chances of developing heart disease," Katznel said.

The findings were published in Wednesday's issue of The Journal of the American Medical Association.

The results are expected to be the same among women, who are being studied separately, Katznel said.

Weight loss is probably more beneficial because fat deposits in the abdomen are believed to be particularly harmful, affecting blood sugar and metabolism, Katznel said.

Weight loss helps get rid of that fat. Past research has found that leaner people seem to benefit more from exercise than obese people. That suggests that fat around the midsection blunts the benefits of exercise, Katznel said.

The exercisers worked on bicycles and treadmills, with supervision, three times a week for 45 minutes a time, Katznel said. At first, they worked at 50 percent to 60 percent of their maximum heart rate, but by the end were up to about 75 percent of maximum — "pretty hard," he said.

An expert not involved in the study said he is not sure exercise got an adequate chance. Middle-age and older men may take a long time to respond to exercise, said Dr. William R. Hazzard, chairman of internal medicine at Wake Forest University's Bowman Gray School of Medicine in Winston-Salem, N.C.

LaRouche files for Delaware vote

DOVER, Del. (AP) — Perennial candidate Lyndon LaRouche filed for Delaware's Feb. 24 Democratic presidential primary Tuesday, and party leaders plan to draft an 85-year-old former governor to oppose him.

Elections commissioner Tom Cook confirmed that LaRouche filed before Wednesday's deadline.

He is the only candidate in the primary. President Clinton has said he would forgo the Delaware vote because of New Hampshire officials' objections to Delaware scheduling its primary less than a week after New Hampshire's.

State Democratic officials have

said they would draft former two-term governor Elbert Carvel, 85, to run in hopes of keeping LaRouche from gaining delegates to the Democratic National Convention next summer. Reached at his home Tuesday, Carvel said he is ready to run. "From what I understand I'm running as a favorite son," Carvel said. "Apparently we're going to have a primary. I expect to win."

He said that if Clinton is the Democratic nominee across the nation, he would surrender his delegates to the president. Carvel served as governor from 1949 to 1953 and from 1958 to 1964.

Officials in New Hampshire —

which traditionally holds the first primary in the nation — have complained that Delaware's presidential primary, its first-ever, would take away from New Hampshire's Feb. 20 primary.

New Hampshire threatened to boycott any candidate in either party who filed in Delaware. The threat has largely worked, with both Clinton and Republican frontrunner Sen. Robert Dole ignoring Delaware.

The only major Republican candidates who have filed to run in Delaware so far are Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, and businessman Steve Forbes.

Perot party gains state slot

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — Ross Perot's Reform Party earned its own column on the North Dakota ballot Tuesday, making the state the second to list it as a major political party.

Al Jaeger, North Dakota's secretary of state, said the Reform Party had submitted the 7,000 petition signatures required to gain a listing as a separate party.

The Reform Party has already qualified for the California ballot, and hopes to get on the ballot in Maine, Arkansas, South Carolina and Utah by mid-January.

Its most visible figure is Perot, a Texas billionaire who staged an independent run for president in 1992.

His platform includes demands for a balanced budget, campaign finance reform and congressional term limits.

The North Dakota slot came a week after the Reform Party suffered a setback in Ohio, where it failed to qualify as a major political party.

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Economy leads list of concerns for U.S. voters

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrats enter the 1996 election year viewed as the party best suited to address the top three issues Americans cite as the key to winning their votes, according to an Associated Press poll.

Jobs and the economy topped the list. Education and health care came next, followed by crime and taxes, the poll found.

With the presidential campaign year at hand, the AP poll showed Democrats with an early edge, 42 percent to 35 percent, when respondents were asked which party they trusted to lead the country for the next four years.

Democrats had a similar 40 percent to 34 percent advantage over Republicans when respondents were asked which party would do a better job on the issue that mattered most to them.

Issues and parties aside, a clear majority of Americans — 55 percent — believe their household financial situation will stay about the same in 1996. Thirty-five percent were more optimistic, predicting their financial situation would improve, while 9 percent expected to worsen off.

Economic anxiety was clearest among middle-aged Americans: 39 percent of respondents between the ages of 45-54 cited the economy and jobs as the most important issue.

Overall, 26 percent identified jobs and the economy as most important in shaping their 1996 political thinking, while 18 percent cited education and 16 percent picked health care.

Responsents who were concerned about these issues said Democrats could do a better job handling them. The Democratic edge was modest on the economy, 37 percent to 31 percent, but lopsided on health care and education.

Fifty percent of voters picking education as their top issue said Democrats were best suited, while

27 percent chose Republicans. Among those who picked health care as their top issue, 58 percent said Democrats could do a better job, while just 13 percent chose Republicans.

"I don't like Republicans," said Rose Bowers, a 36-year-old Pittsburgh optician. "It goes back to the jobs issue."

Scott Merrill, a 29-year-old New Hampshire cab driver, said he was worried "about the elderly and health care and who's going to take care of them, especially if the Republicans should get what they want."

Such comments in AP interviews with voters and data in the separate poll of 1,043 adult Americans offered a glimpse at the political fallout of the budget impasse between President Clinton and Republican congressional leaders. The telephone survey was taken Dec. 15-19 by ICR Survey Research Group, a division of AUS Consultants, and has a margin of error of 3 percentage points for the national sample, slightly higher for the subgroups.

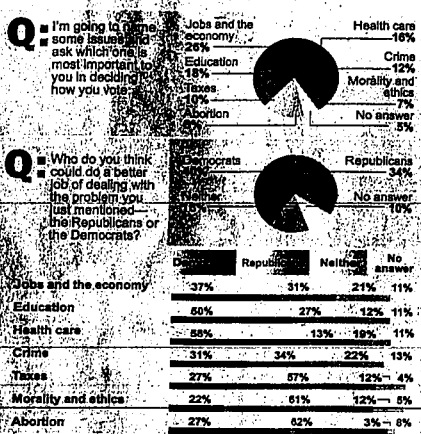
Medicare spending has been a big issue in the budget fight, and the poll shows clear evidence of the political fallout: 30 percent of those 65 and over picked health care as the No. 1 issue — nearly twice the overall figure. Respondents in this age group also sided with Democrats by a 46 percent to 31 percent margin when asked which party they trusted to lead the country for the next four years.

The news wasn't all bad for Republicans, however.

The GOP ran even with Democrats on the question of which party was best suited to deal with crime, an issue that 12 percent of respondents said was most important. And Republicans had a lopsided edge among the 10 percent who said taxes was the top issue; they picked Republicans by a 57

Associated Press Poll

Election '96: The Issues



Source: AP national telephone poll of 1,013 adults taken Dec. 15-19 by ICR Survey Research Group of Media, Pa., part of AUS Consultants. Margin of sampling error is plus or minus 3 percentage points. Some may not total 100 percent because of rounding.

percent to 27 percent margin. Abortion and ethics and morality were cited by a combined 13 percent, and Republicans had big advantages on these.

As Congress engaged in its traditional year-end rush to pass legislation — this one complicated by the budget impasse — respondents gave mixed grades to Republicans for delivering on promises to balance the budget, cut taxes, reform welfare and dramatically shift power from Washington to the states.

Thirty-nine percent said Republicans have not gone far enough, 35 percent said Republicans have gone too far and 16 percent said they had done it just right.

The poll data suggest a possible silver lining for the GOP: Since 4 in 10 Americans believe Republicans

What voters say

The Associated Press

"There's too much government regulation nowadays. I vote Republican because they tend to favor less federal controls."
— Peter Marchesi, 34, mortgage broker, Boston.

"The Republicans I'm a little scared of. They seem to be big business oriented."
— Nicholas Miller, 30, shoe shiner and student, Portland, Ore.

"This is not the time to be cutting taxes. I believe we do need to balance the budget but not if it means crippling the poor and the needy."
— Marion Pierce, 57, high school librarian, Gilmanston, N.H.

"I am so disenchanted with the government right now that it makes it difficult for me to be interested in politics."
— Martha Bombal, 43, auto broker, Flint, Mich.

"You can trust them as far as you can throw them — which ain't far. Their promises aren't always kept."
— Ron Schott, a 33-year-old Pittsburgh cobbler.

"I believe both parties could do more. I feel they should be able to work together and compromise."
— Beth Paxson, 35, Portland, Ore.

"I don't believe them. Balance the budget? Balance the budget? I mean you know it's not going to happen."
— Brenda Trombly, 35, restaurant manager, Concord, N.H.

have not gone far enough, they could gain if they deliver on promises heading into the election year. Just Friday, Congress voted final passage of a GOP welfare measure, but Clinton has vowed to veto it.

"The Republicans haven't gone far enough with their promises" said Peter Marchesi, a 34-year-old mortgage broker in Boston. "But I think if we elect a Republican president in '96 the party will be more able to come through."

Democrats and Republicans are loyal — by overwhelming margins — to their party when asked who is

best suited to handle a particular issue, or who they trust to lead the country.

But critical independent voters appear to be up for grabs.

Asked which party was best suited to address their top concern, 30 percent of independents picked Democrats, 28 percent Republicans. Twenty-nine percent said neither party, and 14 percent weren't sure. "I think we need some real choices so I'm keeping my eyes open for a third party," said Sheri Kelly, a 27-year-old computer saleswoman in Lakewood, Colo.

Boy shoots at truck to get toys

FORT HANCOCK, Texas (AP) — A 13-year-old boy trying to get toys for Christmas fired rifle shots at a truck on the interstate, critically wounding a motorist in another vehicle, police said Tuesday.

The boy, whose identity was withheld because of his age, was charged with juvenile deadly conduct, punishable by up to life in prison, police said.

He held one of his little brothers that he was going to try to get a truck (filled) with Nintendos, so everybody would have some toys

for Christmas," said Hudspeth County Sheriff Aracido Ramirez. The boy fired three shots from his family's .22-caliber rifle at a tractor-trailer rig eastbound on I-10, about 60 miles southeast of El Paso near the U.S.-Mexico border, at about 5 p.m. Monday, officials said.

The youth apparently was trying to shoot out the truck's tires, hoping it would overturn and spill a cargo of toys, officials said.

"I guess he thinks every truck had toys," he said of the boy.

Ramirez said he didn't know what the truck was hauling. The driver apparently was unaware of the shots and kept going, investigators said.

One of the shots struck Albert Tarango in the head, Ramirez said. Tarango, who had been driving just behind the big truck was in critical condition Tuesday at El Paso's Thomson Hospital, the sheriff said. Tarango's wife, whose name was not immediately available, brought their pickup under control, Ramirez said.

Clinton and the prime minister are expected to reaffirm the importance of the U.S.-Japan security alliance. That alliance has been under stress since September, when three U.S. servicemen allegedly raped a schoolgirl in Okinawa, the southern island where about two-thirds of the 47,000 U.S. troops in Japan are based.

Clinton plans Japan trip for April

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton will travel to Tokyo in April to meet with Japan's leaders in an effort to improve strained relations with the United States.

Clinton had canceled such a trip in November because of the federal budget crisis. The rescheduled trip by the president and Hillary Rodham Clinton is set for April 17-18, the White House said Tuesday.

After Tokyo, the president plans a Moscow trip and talks with Russian President Boris Yeltsin April 19-20 before returning home.

Clinton had to cancel his visit to the city of Osaka for a November summit of Asia-Pacific leaders because of the budget crisis in the United States. He also had planned a state visit to Tokyo.

The White House said Clinton and the first lady will make a formal call on Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko. Clinton also will hold bilateral talks with Prime Minister Tomichi Murayama and members of his cabinet.

"They are looking forward to the visit not only as an opportunity to fortify the vital partnership and

alliance between the United States and Japan, but also as an occasion to renew and strengthen the deep friendship between our two peoples," the White House said in a statement released Tuesday.

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testimony will be taken outside of court. If Manning's timetable holds true, the deposition would happen during the heart of the Legislative session and possibly close to the Feb. 27 presidential primary.

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Old ICC may head into sunset

WASHINGTON (AP) — If no presidential reprieve arrives, the government's oldest regulatory agency is going out of business — more than a century after it was created to mollify consumer complaints that have a familiar ring today.

Congress established the Interstate Commerce Commission in 1887, in part to appease train riders angry because railroads often charged more for short trips than for longer journeys.

The commission eventually prohibited charging less for a long-distance trip than for a ticket on any shorter segment of that trip.

Most Americans long ago abandoned the rails for automobiles and airplanes, where they continue to complain about baffling ticket prices.

The ICC grew to considerable power by the middle of this century, but its activities dwindled in the modern era of deregulation.

The commission will cease to exist as of Jan. 1 unless President Clinton vetoes a bill passed by Congress last week.

Will the world look different without it?

"No," says Ken Siegel, deputy general counsel for the American Trucking Association. "A lot of what's going on is just codifying what has been

happening over 14 years," he said.

"For railroads, we expect that life after the ICC will be very similar to life under the ICC," said Ed Harper, president of the Association of American Railroads.

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"Well, we'll be spending \$35 million less per year," and there will be a lot fewer regulations stifling surface transportation, said Rep. Bud Shuster, R-Pa., chairman of the House Transportation Committee.

Shuster expects the commission's demise to result in lower prices for users of rail, bus and truck services as freedom from regulation prompts increased competition.

The ICC no longer regulates rates and licensing, for example, and its other powers will be transferred to the Justice Department and Department

of Transportation.

Siegel said it is ironic that the ICC, "the grand father" of the Department of Transportation, saw many of its duties taken over by that agency. "Now the rest is falling," he said.

The main remaining functions of the ICC focus on approving mergers and making sure truckers and other carriers have the proper licenses, insurance and the like.

The Department of Transportation will be in charge of licensing and will approve, or disapprove, railroad mergers. Truck mergers will be referred to the Justice Department, which also reviews many other business mergers under federal antitrust laws.

While the demise of the ICC isn't in doubt, the process is still in question.

President Clinton has backed phasing out the ICC but promised to veto an earlier version of the bill Congress passed.

He objected to a provision reducing the job protection of railroad workers affected by mergers. Administration officials were also critical of provisions setting up a three-member Surface Transportation Board within the Department of Transportation to carry out remaining duties.

Physician dumped after criticizing HMO

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) — A doctor says he was dropped by a health maintenance organization for violating his loyalty oath by criticizing the HMO on "Donahue" and at an industry conference.

US Healthcare disputed that, saying Dr. David Himmelstein was dropped because of cutbacks unrelated to his criticism.

Himmelstein complained last month at a health-care conference in New York, and again on "Donahue" Nov. 28, that HMOs boost their profits by discouraging doctors from referring patients to expensive specialists.

On Dec. 1, he received a letter notifying him that the HMO was dropping him as a primary-care physician.

"What this says to doctors is that you can't actually tell people about their health care or you might not be able to practice medicine," the Harvard Medical School professor said Tuesday.

While denying Himmelstein was punished for his criticism, the Blue Bell, Pa., HMO defended a clause in its contract with doctors barring them from making statements that might undermine their patients' confidence.

Himmelstein's patients who belong to US Healthcare have until Feb. 26 to find another doctor. He said he doesn't know how many are affected.

The doctor complained that under HMOs, financial considerations affect medical decisions.

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Editorial

Holidays inspire generosity — but let's not let it end

Who says there's no good news? This time of year, we're awash in it. Here's a partial review, gleaned from the past few days' papers:

• In Salt Lake City, cash and gifts are falling like a holiday snowfall on the family of Javier Tellez-Juarez, a Cassia County farmworker who lost three limbs in a farming accident.

• Adult volunteers are forming bonds with troubled youngsters in a Twin Falls County program called TEAM — Teens Encouraged by Adult Mentors.

• A front-page story on Christmas Day told how Rockie and Barbara Egner of Filer — at an age when most people are enjoying grandparenthood and thinking about retirement — recently adopted a pair of children who needed a loving home.

• The Salvation Army and a Twin Falls restaurant sponsored a festive Christmas dinner for Eastern European refugees.

• Another pre-Christmas dinner celebrated the opening of a Heyburn soup kitchen.

• Twin Falls police officers distributed food, toys and even bicycles to needy families.

• In Dietrich, the Miller family raised money to buy smoke-alarm batteries for every home in town. The Millers hope to protect others from injury, and loss, such as the Millers suffered in a fire more than a decade ago.

Of course, these are merely a few examples that showed up in the paper. Hundreds of other people have performed similar acts of kindness lately — often in carefully guarded secrecy.

The stories we do hear about are a welcome change of pace from the carnage and gloom that so often dominate human affairs. If the holidays accomplish nothing else for humanity, they remind us all to accentuate the positive — for at least a few days a year.

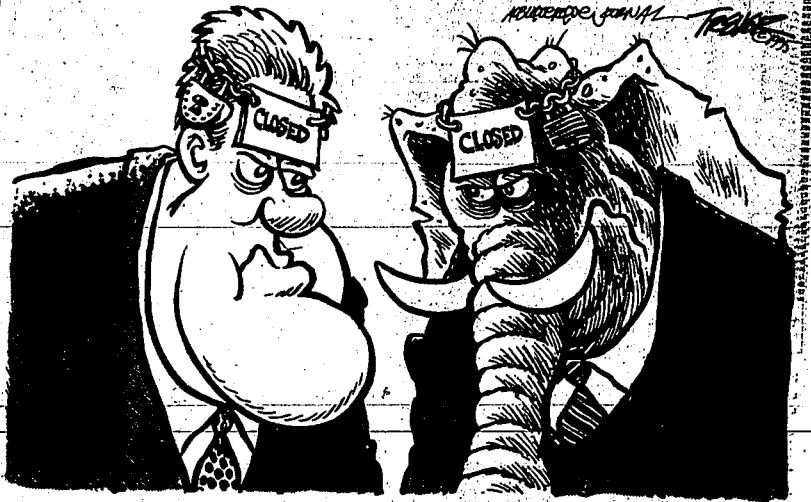
But while we revel in the warmth and inspiration of these holiday tales, we should remember that human needs continue year-round. Problems such as hunger, loneliness, desperation and the confusion of adolescence don't return to the attic with the Christmas ornaments when the season ends.

Neither should our compassion and generosity.

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SPEAKING OF SHUTDOWNS...

U.S. students: Better than ever

On Nov. 2, a front-page story appeared in The Washington Post claiming that American students had "received a dismal report card in American history," according to an Education Department survey of their knowledge of that subject. For some, the news was disturbing.

For me, it brought to mind another such study conducted among recent high school graduates, which came to the following disturbing conclusions about the state of their education:

A large majority of them displayed practically no knowledge of elementary aspects of American history. They could not identify such names as Abraham Lincoln, Thomas Jefferson, Andrew Jackson or Theodore Roosevelt.

Most of the students did not have the faintest idea of what this country looks like on a map. St. Louis was placed on the Pacific Ocean, on Lake Huron, Lake Erie, the Atlantic Ocean, Ohio River, St. Lawrence River and almost every place else.

Scandalous! The New York Times, which commissioned the study through the History Department of Columbia University, thought so. It headlined the results in large letters on the front page, right next to the other major headline of the day: "Patton Attacks at El Guetter," on April 4, 1943.

Gerald W. Bracey

This is by no means to say that because we were historically ignorant then, it's okay to be historically ignorant now. But when studies have been conducted to determine what students know "now," (however "now" is defined) compared with what they knew "then" (however "then" is defined), the studies typically show that students know more now.

This result is not surprising, at least to me. I have researched the data on American education over the past century and have concluded that they show a record of almost continuous improvement (the decade from 1965 to 1975 appearing to be the sole exception). In a century, we have gone from a 3 percent high school graduation rate to an 83 percent rate. Achievement has climbed to record levels.

Scores on many commercial achievement tests are at all-time highs.

Scores on seven of the nine trends in the National Assessment of Educational Progress in reading, mathematics and science are at all-time highs.

The proportion of students scoring above 650 on the SAT mathematics test (on

the old scale) is at an all-time high.

• The number of students taking Advanced Placement tests has soared from 98,000 in 1978 to 448,000 in 1994.

• American students had the second-highest average score among 31 nations in an international comparison of reading.

A refrain from a song in the 1960 musical "Bye Bye Birdie" has adults lamenting, "Why can't they be like we were, perfect in every way?" Oh, what's the matter with kids today? Adults concerned about the apparent ignorance of children should remember that as adults, they've had many more years to learn stuff than the kids have, and that when they were kids themselves they probably didn't know nearly as much as they think they did.

Gilbert Grosvenor, president of the National Geographic Society, once held a press conference to give American students another "dismal report card," this one in geography. Grosvenor declared that his assessment had located another "lost generation." "They don't know where they are," he said.

A reporter asked him to name the states that adjoin Texas. He could not.

Gerald W. Bracey is a research psychologist.

Letters

Farmers not in unique situation

Ms. Trella Fullmer's comments in the Dec. 16 Times-News article concerning workers' compensation coverage for farm workers are slightly inconsistent with any economic theory I'm aware of, they fly in the face of reason, and she flatly insults farm workers.

Ms. Fullmer states that farmer "can't just raise our prices by a few cents to compensate for workers' compensation benefits. Other businesses who can adjust their prices don't have a problem, but farming is unique. We operate on supply and demand only." With the exception of regulated monopolies, I'm unaware of any American business that doesn't operate in a market economy on the basis of supply and demand. The vast majority of those businesses must compete without the benefit of the government subsidies farmers enjoy, and they pay worker's compensation insurance premiums which are part of the cost of the goods/services they sell. The only "unique" thing I can see about farmers in this situation is the fact that they don't have to bear the cost of an insurance the rest of us must, by law, pay.

She goes on to say that farm workers have "used the system" in the past to fraudulently collect worker's compensation. I would venture a guess that fraud is unique to farm workers. We all know a few people who "use the system," but most workers are simply looking for a safe workplace and a fair shake when accidents occur.

I am a Magic Valley native who left the area for many years but returned to the community. I am proud of our agricultural heritage and have the utmost respect for farmers. I know and understand how valuable farm workers are to the economic viability of the valley. And I believe it is a travesty that the agricultural industry is exempt from the statutory requirement to protect their workers with insurance against accidents.

We all pay for the worker's compensation insurance that is not provided for the American farm worker. We pay through Medicaid and indigent programs to heal and rehabilitate injured workers, we pay through welfare systems to help support those who cannot return to work, and we pay sociologically for those who are not able to lead healthy, happy lives in support of their families.

I, for one, believe the true economic and sociological costs are much too high. Why? Because farmers are "unique," according to Ms. Fullmer. How ridiculous.

VESTA MAUGHAN
Twin Falls

Initiative would reform hunting

I would like to respond to the recent letters regarding the Black Bear Initiative. The Black Bear Initiative would accomplish three things.

First, it would eliminate the spring black bear hunt, which is when the sow comes out of hibernation and often has cubs with her. Many hunters cannot tell the difference between a sow and a bear. Also, the absence of cubs doesn't mean it is a bear, as she often does not have her cubs with her.

Second, it would eliminate the use of baiting stations, which is when hunters build a platform in a tree and litter the ground with donuts, dead deer parts, etc., then shoot the bear when it comes to eat. Thirdly, it would eliminate the use of hounds, which get the scent of the bear and chase it until it is exhausted and climbs a tree, then the hunter merely goes to the bottom of the tree and shoots the bear at point-blank range. We do not feel that these are fair hunting practices.

This is merely an attempt to reform black bear hunting in Idaho, not eliminate it. There are many of us in Idaho who would like to see bear hunting be more like deer and elk hunting. After all, you can't hunt deer and elk in the spring when they have their young with them. You also can't use salt licks and alfalfa to bait deer and elk.

This measure would still allow a fall season on bears. This is an issue of at least giving the bear a fair chance. Idaho Sportsmen for Fair Hunting's group of hunters, supports this initiative and have had many members sign this initiative, including many bear hunters who feel that the spring hunt, use of bait and hounds for hunting bear is unsportsmanlike.

Did you know that Idaho is the only state in the contiguous United States that permits all three of these unsportsmanlike hunting practices? Of the 27 states that allow bear hunting, only six permit spring hunting, only 10 permit baiting, and 19 permit hound hunting. It is time Idaho made bear hunting more sportsmanlike!

We need 42,000 Idaho registered voters' signatures to get this measure on the ballot. If you are interested in signing this initiative, please contact me at: HC 67, Box 680, Clayton, ID 83227, or phone (208) 838-2437.

Thank you for your signature!
KATHY RICHMOND
Clayton

Letters

English is language of America

Just a few comments on this English language deal in Jerome:

First of all, is this not already America? Is English the American language? I thought so. Is it also the land of the free? What about freedom of speech, or is that narrowed only to opinions?

And one last thing to Mr. Paul Williams, the California businessman (retired): I read your comment about ballots being printed in five languages and that it cost too much. I can only see your point in the "costing too much" because ballots are usually to vote. As far as I know, you have to be a United States citizen to vote and you have to be able to speak English to be a U.S. citizen! What a waste of ballots! Interesting?

What about bilingual teachers?
MICHELLE CHAVEZ
Buhl

Article a low blow to Rickards

How low can you go?

To think that you would influence a man's business just because he doesn't have an updated piece of paper — a renewed license. You must have looked very hard for this information: Your staff's agenda is clear. Your power is great. Your influential power is dangerous.

The Rotary's Four Way Test Rule No. 2 is: "Is it fair to all concerned?" "Bzzz." This doesn't apply to "journalist." You didn't print any other doctors' past errors and omissions in the paper that day. I'm sure that he is not the only one that has ever made that error. Please tell us your purpose for this trivial information other than to de-

stroy his credibility.

If you believe that he was trying to get out of paying his fee, why don't you say so. Obviously he has been taking continuing education on his subject, so it's not as if he is neglecting his skill. More than I can say for your staff. For if they are listening to the American public, including the local readership, I think that you would find that this type of prejudicial reporting is useless garbage. Only damaging to the way we feel about the press in general.

Would your staff print about itself? Expired driver's license? Past due bill? Parking ticket? Running red lights? Late child-support payment?

Whether you agree or disagree with Peter Rickards' political belief, this small fractional omission on his part hardly calls for front-page attention.

Had Dr. Rickards been a regular advertiser in your "tabloid," more than likely you wouldn't have said a thing. As you approach the new year, I believe I can speak for a majority of the people. I hope that you would re-evaluate how you report the news on its local citizens.

KEVIN BRADSHAW
Twin Falls

Non-citizens get special 'rights'

I was born and raised in Jerome, close to 40 years ago, moved to southern California for 17 years and returned to make Jerome my home this year. Things have really changed — some good, some not so good.

Living in California can make a person somewhat bitter toward the special privileges that are given to people from other

countries, especially Mexico. My friend is a high school teacher in California and was ordered by the school system to learn Spanish or not have a job. It seems the parents of these children didn't want them to learn English and lose their native tongue, but they wanted to be in the United States because of all the things that are given to them. Teachers cannot even ask a child if they are American citizens; it violates their rights.

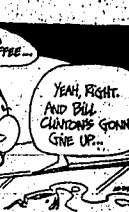
As we all know, California has created more problems for itself than it has solved. Proposition 182 was passed by the voters who are sick and tired of the abuse, but as we all know, the special-interest groups stepped in and started screaming about their "rights." If Idaho starts making concessions like California, what makes anyone think it won't end up with the same mess?

I don't blame anyone for wanting to better themselves and move to a great land that will give them a fresh new start. But when our national budget is in trouble, Mother Freedom is in tears and our sons are in Bosnia protecting others, why do we bend English and lose the people from other countries? Name one country that changes its language or protects the rights of non-citizens like the United States does?

The United States has always opened its arms to everyone from all corners of the world. That's the beauty of the thing! So, why would we want to continue to change things to make it more and more like the countries they fled from? As the saying goes: "When in Rome ..."

DEBBIE GUTKNECHT
Jerome

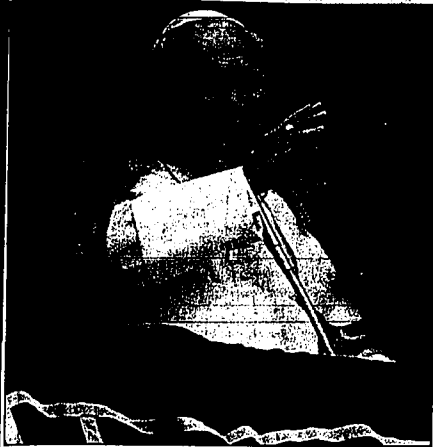
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By Bruce Tinsley

World



Pope John Paul II blesses faithful from the window of his apartment overlooking St. Peter's Square Tuesday, a day after illness forced him to cut short his Christmas greetings.

Pope offers late holiday greetings

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Appearing weakened and tired, Pope John Paul II rose from his sickbed Tuesday to offer belated Christmas greetings after spending the holiday battling fever and nausea.

Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro insisted the flu-like symptoms had "almost completely disappeared," but the 75-year-old pontiff planned two full days of rest. He is taking flu medication. Illness kept him from celebrating Christmas Mass in St. Peter's Basilica. The pope managed to finish delivering his Christmas message from the windows of the papal apartment before a wave of nausea forced him to cut short his tradition of offering holiday greetings in dozens of languages.

On Tuesday, he offered a shortened list: six languages, including English, rather than the 34 planned for Christmas. His voice sometimes wavering and lacking force, the pope left out any mention of his health or the abrupt break in his Christmas address — the first time he failed to finish a major holiday speech.

It was in strong contrast to recent appearances by the pope, who had appeared to regain some of his vitality and stamina after a long recovery from hip replacement surgery last year.

"Thank you for your presence yesterday and today," the pope said in Italian as he closed the 12-minute speech on the feast day of St. Stephen, an early Christian martyr. "Thank you very much."

He said "Arrivederci," then left the window of his residence overlooking St. Peter's Square.

The crowd of about 5,000 people in the rain-washed square responded with loud applause and cheers for the pope, who wore a red cape over white robes. He did not give the broad smiles or waves that have become a trademark of his public addresses.

The pope kept his main remarks to the religious significance of the day. He recalled the martyrdom of St. Stephen, a 1st century evangelist who was condemned for blasphemy against Judaism and stoned to death outside Jerusalem. His death led to more converts to Christianity.

"Under the care of his saint are those, even today, who offer to the world testimony of suffering for their faith and their love of Christ," the pope said.

Navarro said the pope celebrated a Mass in his private chapel before giving the address. Navarro speculated that a demanding holiday schedule may have taken a toll on the pontiff, who had only 3 1/2 hours sleep on Christmas morning following midnight Mass in the overcast basilica.

The pope's next scheduled public appearance is a Mass in Rome on New Year's Eve.

The general audience, held each Wednesday, was not planned for this week because the pope normally takes several days vacation after Christmas, Vatican officials said.

The pope's next overseas trip is a week-long visit to Central America and Venezuela in February.

3rd massacre hits African province

IZINGOLWENI, South Africa (AP) — Three massacres in less than two weeks in this southeastern corner of South Africa illustrate that while much of the country embraces reform, KwaZulu-Natal province remains mired in the bloody past.

In all, 32 people have been killed in attacks that began Dec. 15 in Izingolweni, a remote, mountainous region, 37 1/2 miles south of Johannesburg.

In the worst and most recent attack, about 1,000 men and women armed with assault rifles, shotguns and spears slaughtered 14 people Monday.

On Dec. 15, 10 people died when a gang of killers attacked two houses. Four days later, eight women and children died in attacks on two houses 25 miles to the south.

Elsewhere in KwaZulu-Natal, police said 10 people died Tuesday when fighting broke out between

two tribal factions near Bergville, about 180 miles south of Johannesburg. Police said the fighting did not appear to be politically motivated.

Police have linked all the Izingolweni killings to the rivalry between the African National Congress and its main black rival, the Zulu nationalist Inkatha Freedom Party.

But the Izingolweni representative of the Network of Independent Monitors, a peace group, said Tuesday he saw a "third-force element" — language that suggests police and government officials long accused of fomenting violence to destabilize black communities may have been involved in the attack.

"It's made out to be ANC and Inkatha people fighting each other. But it's not always what it seems," Sylvan Chetty said in a telephone interview.

Floods Kill 47 in South Africa

PIETERMARITZBURG, South Africa (AP) — Floods have killed 47 people in the eastern province of Natal, police said Tuesday as they searched for more than 100 others missing along the main swollen river. Police Superintendent Henry Budhram said soldiers and police are still searching for bodies in communities around Pietermaritzburg, about 200 miles west of Johannesburg, where the main tributary of the Orange River was starting to subside.

100 people are missing," he said. Budhram said about 50 families were taking shelter at a local police station and in community halls today. A police helicopter and boats had rescued people from rooftops Monday. "We have to be very careful to maintain training to overcome the danger," Budhram said. The rain had stopped this morning and the Umsinduzi River was starting to subside.

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World



An Israeli soldier gives a Palestinian boy a white carnation as he drives out of an army base in the West Bank town of Halhul Tuesday.

Palestinians take over villages around Hebron

DAHARIYA, West Bank (AP) — Its troop pullback in the West Bank entering the final phase, Israel turned dozens of villages over to the Palestinian Authority Tuesday in a smooth transfer of power.

Departing Israeli troops received hot drinks and mementos of peace in return.

By week's end, nearly all Arab residents of the West Bank and Gaza will be under Yasser Arafat's control, ahead of planned elections next month that will bring the Palestinians within reach of their decades-long quest for self-determination.

In Dahariya, south of Hebron, delighted residents served coffee to the departing Israeli troops and gave them olive branches, belying the bitterness many feel after 28 years of Israeli occupation.

PLO police later arrived in buses, waving Kalashnikov rifles, Palestinian flags and pictures of Arafat. To the cheers of dancing villagers, they raised the once-banned Palestinian flag at the former Israeli military headquarters in Dahariya.

Inside, Mohammed Hassan, 35, stood outside a small room where he was interrogated for 11 days in 1988.

"I never dreamed that one day

Palestinians would be in control," said Hassan, who spent a total of 18 months in Israeli jails from 1988 to 1990 for belonging to Arafat's outlawed Fatah movement. "Now we can feel safe and secure."

North of Hebron, in the village of Halhul, two soldiers in a jeep gave white-and-red carnations to Palestinians waiting outside the base being evacuated. After the Israelis left it was a free-for-all, with villagers grabbing everything from barbed wire to old lamps.

In all, Israel pulled out of 10 villages where it had troops stationed and handed over another 50 smaller villages near Hebron and Ramallah where the army had no permanent presence, said Shlomo Dror, spokesman of Israel's outgoing West Bank military government.

As part of the Israel-PLO autonomy accords, the PLO already controls six West Bank cities as well as most of the Gaza Strip, which it took over in May 1994.

On Tuesday, the Israeli army banned Israelis from the West Bank town of Ramallah, a step taken before previous withdrawals.

Housing Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer said the town of 30,000 would be transferred to PLO control on Wednesday.

In the eighth and last town, Hebron, troops are to redeploy by the end of March. Soldiers will leave most of the city but stay in downtown areas to protect 450 Jewish settlers living there.

In the urban areas, where about 400,000 of the West Bank's 1.2 million Arab residents live, Palestinian police are in full control. The cities make up about 7 percent of the West Bank, a territory roughly the size of Delaware.

Tuesday's pullback virtually completes Israel's departure from more than 400 West Bank villages in the rural region is defined as "Area B," where Palestinians run their day-to-day lives, including security. Area B covers almost a third of the West Bank.

Israeli troops, however, retain the authority to return to the villages in emergencies, such as chasing a Palestinian suspected of anti-Israeli violence. But Israel's army chief, Lt. Gen. Amnon Shahak, said Tuesday that it would be harder now for Israeli troops to chase Palestinian militants.

"We are likely to encounter great difficulty when we try to arrest suspects," Shahak told Parliament's Defense and Foreign Affairs Committee.

White House walks tightrope on NAFTA provision delays

By Paul Blustein
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — For two years, since the North American Free Trade Agreement went into effect, the Clinton administration has proclaimed that free U.S.-Mexico trade is an unqualified success.

But in recent weeks, administration officials have begun sidestepping key NAFTA provisions to avert some of the painful consequences of falling trade barriers in politically key states such as California, Texas and Florida. The White House is heading into the 1996 election feeling vulnerable on NAFTA, which has failed to produce the hoped-for boom in U.S. exports because Mexico is stuck in a deep recession.

The clearest illustration of the administration's new tack came last week when U.S. Trade Representative Mickey Kantor and Transportation Secretary Federico F. Pena, citing highway-safety concerns, announced an indefinite delay in a NAFTA provision that would have allowed Mexican trucks to start traveling freely throughout Southwestern border states in a few weeks. And Kantor also has helped Florida tomato growers by tightening restrictions on Mexican tomato imports.

According to a number of trade experts, the actions show how eager the administration is to reduce NAFTA's unpleasant political fallout — even by circumventing rules of an accord President Clinton championed.

These experts say the moves could eventually hurt America's overall economic interests — by inducing Mexico or other trading partners to drag their feet, too. NAFTA involves a 15-year process of liberalization, with many phased-in provisions that gradually eliminate obstacles at the border — most of them on the Mexican side.

"If we violate agreements even in minor ways, we give our trading partners excuses to do the same," said Greg Masel, a trade specialist at the Economic Trade Institute, a Washington think tank. "I don't mean to dismiss the argument (about the safety of Mexican trucks) on its merits, but you know, we had those arguments about NAFTA when going on."

One of the more respected calculations by UCLA professor Raul Hinojosa, shows that American jobs



Pena Kantor

something similar, not going forward with something they agreed to, we'd be irate, so can we expect them to go forward with everything they agreed to?"

Kantor, who served as Clinton's campaign chairman in 1992, said he is motivated purely by public-spirited considerations in his dealings on the trucking issue, and other disagreements with Mexico.

"This has nothing to do with politics," he said in a telephone interview. "The larger your trading relationship, the more trade disputes you have. That is natural and normal."

But Kantor and other Clinton administration officials are worried that NAFTA could emerge as a political liability in 1996.

Last winter's peso crisis sent the Mexican economy reeling, causing U.S. exports to Mexico to fall by nearly 10 percent this year and turning the U.S. trade surplus with Mexico into a deficit. Some highly publicized job losses have occurred, notably at Fruit of the Loom Inc., whose chairman, William F. Farley, had supported NAFTA as a potential spur to exports; two months ago the company announced it would lay off about 3,200 workers at eight plants in the Southeastern United States.

While economists generally agree that NAFTA is a potential source of these problems — the peso crisis and Mexican economic slump would have occurred anyway, they say — Clinton's predictions that NAFTA would quickly add 200,000 net new U.S. jobs has proven exceedingly optimistic. Kantor and other administration officials often say that "tremendous job growth" can be attributed to NAFTA, but that assertion is based on figures that include exports to Canada, also a NAFTA member.

One of the more respected calculations by UCLA professor Raul Hinojosa, shows that American jobs

Analysis

lost this year because of U.S.-Mexico trade — about 150,000 — roughly canceled out the jobs gained in 1994 — about 170,000.

Not that Ross Perot's forecast of American factory jobs disappearing in a "giant sucking sound" has proven correct. On the contrary, about 300,000 more Americans are employed in manufacturing today than in January 1994, when NAFTA took effect.

But White House officials are worried nonetheless. "People hear the trade figures, (with Mexico) are worse, and you can say it's not because of NAFTA, but that's when you lose people," Clinton has advised.

Another White House aide bemoans how effectively Republican presidential candidate Pat Buchanan has been zinging NAFTA since he took office, but he is sure he'll be going to be toud through the next few months.

Economists and trade lawyers say the administration's actions will likely increase protectionist pressure in Mexico when the time comes to lower other trade barriers under the NAFTA timetable. For example, NAFTA includes a provision to be phased over a number of years, requiring Mexico to ease local-content and other restrictions on its auto market.

"If there's just a short delay (in cross-border trucking), fine," Hinojosa said. "But if it becomes a permanent restriction of one important element of the treaty, then there's going to be calls on both the Mexican and U.S. side saying, 'If you change this element of the treaty, why not change other elements?'"

The tomato dispute touches the same issue. Out of consideration for agricultural interests, NAFTA phases in free trade for many crops slowly, and for now, only a certain quota of Mexican tomatoes can enter the United States without being subject to a high tariff.

When Florida growers complained this year they were being hurt by a jump in Mexican tomato imports, Kantor proposed a change in the quota worked, measuring the number of Mexican tomatoes entering the United States every week instead of twice a year as initially planned.

North Korea finally frees 5 fishermen

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Five South Korean fishermen seized by North Korea seven months ago were freed Tuesday in an apparent attempt to improve relations.

The release of the men, captured after their boat strayed into North Korean waters on May 30, could set the stage for the impoverished North to seek more rice aid from the rival South.

Dressed in suits and carrying identical dark gray suitcases, the men looked healthy as they crossed the demarcation line that separates the two Koreas after shaking hands with North Korean military officials and waving farewell.

"Thank you! We cannot forget your hospitality," one shouted.

The cremated remains of three colleagues were handed over to South Korean Red Cross representatives who wore white masks.

After quick medical checks, the

survivors were reunited with weeping relatives at a South Korean government building outside the border village of Panmunjom.

Other families waited at a makeshift altar, clutching the cloth-wrapped urns containing the ashes. Traditional offerings to the dead had been laid out.

One crewman was shot dead and another died when flames engulfed the fishing ship after a North Korean gunship fired on it for straying into North Korean territory, a former captive, Kim Bi-gon, said. A third man died of illness, he said.

Kim said the crew members were forced to denounce South Korea in

radio programs in the North, but added: "It's true that we intruded deep and attempted to fire and were fired upon."

South Korea welcomed the release, although Unification Ministry spokesman Kim Kyong-woong said it was unrelated to recent rice shipments.

The South Korean news agency Yonhap, quoting an unidentified government official, reported that South Korea and Japan would hold talks on rice aid with the United States next month.

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Around the valley

Narcotics investigators join Twin Falls sheriff

TWIN FALLS — Two narcotics investigators are now working for the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department through the help of a federal grant.

Gordon Halverson, formerly an officer for the Idaho Department of Probation and Parole in Twin Falls, and Larry John, formerly of California, began work earlier this month, said Twin Falls County Sheriff Wayne Tousey.

An \$82,425 federal grant will help the county pay for the detectives' salaries, as well as supply money for undercover drug buys and equipment, Tousey said. The grant will diminish over the next several years, then the county will pick up the full tab, he said.

Except for the Idaho Bureau of Narcotics, which operates a bureau in Twin Falls, Twin Falls County has had no full-time drug detectives since the Tri-County Drug Task Force disbanded. The detectives will make \$22,500 annually.

Sun Valley society will honor 3 legends of winter sports

SUN VALLEY — Three Wood River Valley winter sports legends will be honored Thursday night by the Ketchum-Sun Valley Historical Society.

Leif Odmark, Bill Butterfield and Herman Märleich will be the guests of honor at a gathering at the Sun Valley Open House at 5 p.m. After their remarks, the audience will be transported by shuttle bus to the Heritage and Ski Museum in Ketchum to view the "Early Skiing and Skiing" exhibit to open that night.

Odmark, an Olympic skier in his native Sweden, came to the United States to play hockey in Chicago, where he heard about Sun Valley. After 22 years as a ski instructor, he founded the Sun Valley Nordic Ski School and Touring Center in 1970, which he directed for the next 18 years.

Butterfield worked for 38 years as a ski instructor at Sun Valley until his retirement in 1986. He also served as head pro at the Sun Valley Golf Course for 35 years.

Märleich has been responsible for figure-skating operations at Sun Valley since 1963, and raised the money and directed construction of the resort's indoor skating arena in 1974. The public is invited.

Jerome County needs 6 new zoning commission members

JEROME — County Commissioners are taking applications to fill six positions on the county Planning and Zoning Commission. Terms of six P & Z members will expire Jan. 1.

One term will expire for a District 1 position, three will be open in District 2 and one in District 3. To qualify, applicants must live in the Jerome County district they will represent.

Anyone interested in the non-paying jobs can contact the county commissioner in the courthouse or by calling 324-3811.

The P&Z commission usually meets the last Monday evening of each month.

Low-income Housing Tax Credits deadline is Jan. 15

TWIN FALLS — Rental-housing developers have until Jan. 15 to submit competitive applications for 1996 Low-income Housing Tax Credits totaling \$778,938.

For-profit and nonprofit organizations willing to designate 20 percent of the units in their housing developments for lower-income households on a restricted basis are eligible for tax credits.

The Idaho Housing Authority reserved about \$1.7 million in tax credits for affordable rental housing in Idaho this year.

For more information, call 331-4880. Hearing-impaired people may call 1-800-545-1833 extension 400.

Times-News seeking names of locals deployed to Bosnia

TWIN FALLS — Among the thousands of U.S. troops who are going to Bosnia in the multinational peacekeeping force are Magic Valley residents or their loved ones.

The Times-News is compiling a list of names of locals who are deployed to the Balkans. If you know someone with local roots who has been deployed, please call 733-0911, ext. 224.

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Recall effort misses petition deadline

The Associated Press

BOISE — Tuesday was the deadline for Twin Falls politician Peter Rickards to file petitions seeking to recall Gov. Phil Batt. The state election office said it didn't hear from Rickards, so presumably the recall effort has failed.

In October, Rickards, who has announced for the GOP nomination in Idaho's 2nd Congressional District against

Republican Rep. Michael Crapo, filed the paperwork to start a recall election against Batt over an agreement the governor signed with the federal government that will allow 1,133 shipments of radioactive nuclear waste into the state over the next 40 years.

But Rickards had to get 20 percent of the state's registered voters to sign, about 125,000. In an interview last week, Rickards acknowledged he likely wasn't going to make it.

Rickards hasn't disclosed how many signatures he has collected. If he started another drive, he would have to start over.

Batt was asked to comment Tuesday on the recall deadline, but declined. He said as far as he was concerned, Rickards was using the recall effort only to generate publicity for his congressional campaign and he didn't want to help that effort.

In an interview with a Boise television station Tuesday afternoon, Rickards said he

plans to start a new recall petition drive starting Feb. 14, if he gets enough financial support.

He's looking for about \$10,000. Rickards said he wants people to contribute 1 cent for each load of nuclear waste Batt will allow into the state, \$11.33 each.

"Our theme will be, 'Who do you love most: your children, your water or Lockheed-Martin and the nuclear industry?'" he said.

There's carp in their mist



Cold temperatures create a misty scene near the College of Southern Idaho as water from the college's geothermal heating system is released into the Perrine Coulee in Twin Falls. Ryan Woodland, left, and Tom Oler of Twin Falls brave the cold to catch some carp on Tuesday.

Court upholds Heyburn molester's prison sentences

By Jennifer Bunch Times-News writer

RUPERT — A Heyburn child molester's three life-term prison sentences have been upheld by the Idaho Court of Appeals.

The court denied an appeal by Paul Joseph Pugsley, 36. Pugsley was sentenced by 5th District Judge R. Barry Wood in April 1994 to life in prison without parole for sexually assaulting two girls. He was convicted of three counts of lewd conduct and was sentenced to life in prison for each count.

In a separate trial, Pugsley was convicted of raping a teenage girl in 1989 and was sentenced to 10 to 20 years in prison.

In a unanimous decision written earlier this month by Judge Darrel Perry, the appellate court determined that Pugsley's rights were not violated in the judicial process. Pugsley had claimed that he was subjected to double jeopardy (being tried twice for the same crime), the he was represented by ineffective counsel, and that

his sentences amounted to cruel and unusual punishment.

The court discounted Pugsley's claims. In evaluating whether Pugsley's sentences were excessive, Perry quoted statements made by Judge Wood during Pugsley's sentencing.

The first three felony-level crimes committed by Pugsley, which occurred when he was a juvenile and thus were not felony convictions, were crimes against property, Wood said. The last three adult convictions were violent crimes against people, not including the most recent sex convictions, Wood said.

"... the defendant's conduct and the nature of the crimes being committed is escalating and getting stronger and more violent," Wood said.

In the court's decision, Perry stated that Wood handed down Pugsley's sentences to protect society — a goal of sentencing. Wood concluded that there was risk that Pugsley would commit another crime if he were not imprisoned, Perry wrote.

Grinch steals 3 golden rings

By Liz Wright Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — An ex-convict told police he just wanted to get something for his father and girlfriend when he robbed a Twin Falls jewelry shop at gunpoint on Christmas Eve.

But the last-minute holiday shopping-and-crime spree ended when an officer tackled 38-year-old Wayne Frank Kuc on Main Avenue and Sixth Street North, according to an affidavit written by Sgt. Jim Massey of the Twin Falls Police Department.

Tuesday, Kuc, alias "Cook," appeared in court on charges of felony armed robbery, felony possession of a firearm and "enhanced" charges of committing a crime with a gun, according to court minutes.

Kuc, of Twin Falls, has a history of crime in Nevada stretching back to 1979, according to the affidavit. He was convicted twice of robbery in Carson City; he was arrested twice on suspicion of armed robbery in Carson City and Winnemucca; he also was arrested in Reno on suspicion of attempted murder, the affidavit said.

More recent charges filed against Kuc include parole violation, "ex-felon in pos-

session of a firearm" and attempt to possess a firearm, the affidavit said.

Sunday at about 3 p.m., Kuc was browsing through Samac's Jewelers on 148 Main Avenue, inquiring about three gold rings, when he pointed a revolver at the shop owners, Hope and Michael Samac, both 67, according to a witness statement written by Hope Samac.

Kuc grabbed the rings and told the couple he would "blow their (expletive) heads off" if they followed him out the door, according to the statements of Hope and Michael Samac.

Hope Samac called police after Kuc ran off; minutes later, Sgt. Massey chased Kuc across the parking lot of IGA Anderson's Super Center and ordered him at gunpoint to stop, Massey's affidavit said.

Ignoring Massey's shouts, Kuc ran to Sixth Street and Main Avenue, where Massey wrestled him to the ground and handcuffed him, the affidavit said.

Police seized \$670 worth of jewelry from Kuc — a man's ring, a wedding band and a woman's ring, according to a police report. One ring was on his finger, and two were in his pocket.

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Community bustles to fill Burley couple's loss

Jason Braschuk and Roberta Duncan were victims of a suspected arson fire earlier this month

By Jennifer Bunch Times-News writer

BURLEY — A suspected arson fire destroyed most of a Burley couple's possessions, but generosity from community members and businesses has replaced most of the loss. Jason Braschuk, 19, and Roberta Duncan, 22, salvaged only baby books and birth certificates when their mobile home burned Dec. 15.

"The next day we got almost everything back," Braschuk said.

Braschuk and Duncan moved to Burley in April from Sacramento, Calif. If their home had burned there, they would not have received the support they have been given in Burley, they said. They say they didn't have insurance to cover the fire.

They have two children, Chelsea, nine months, and Sara, 2. They have found a new place to live.

Tuesday the Burley Fire Fighters Association presented the couple with \$250 in donations from the local association and the Idaho Firefighter Burn-Out Fund. Firefighters also gave the couple furniture.

"There isn't a good time to have a fire, but Christmas is the worst time of all," said Jerry Schroeder, a Burley firefighter.

The local association, which has four members, hopes to



At the Burley Fire Department Tuesday, Jason Braschuk, Roberta Duncan and daughter Sara, 2, receive a load of furniture and \$250 from state and local firefighters' associations.

be able to provide similar donations together with the state group more often, Schroeder said. It is the first time furniture has donated by the firefighter groups locally, he said. Police arrested Michael Dean Slow, 28, of Fort Hall, at

"There isn't a good time to have a fire, but Christmas is the worst time of all."

— Burley firefighter Jerry Schroeder

the scene of the fire Dec. 14. Slow has been charged with two counts of arson in connection with the mobile home fire, as well as another fire the same day at the corner 13th Street and Occidental Avenue.

At both homes, police allege that Slow was seeking personal property he had left in Burley before moving from the area.

Braschuk said he had been storing some of Slow's belongings underneath the mobile home, as a favor for a friend. But the mobile home was burned before Braschuk had a chance to give him his property back, he said.

"If he would have waited, the stuff we did have was under the trailer," Duncan said. Luckily, Braschuk and Duncan say, they had stored the children's Christmas gifts at Duncan's mother's home in Burley. They were planning to spend Christmas there, which they wound up doing out of necessity.

Salt Lake City police seek trio who robbed wedding party

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Police are searching for three men who crashed a wedding party gathered at a westside apartment early

Christmas morning, assaulting one resident and robbing four others at a gunpoint.

A 27-year-old man answered a knock at the door about 12:25 a.m. and was greeted by a man who was holding a knife and wearing a ski mask, said police Lt. Phil Kille.

Death notices

Thomas M. Spackman, of Fairfield, 10 a.m. today, Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

Felix Luzzar, of Gooding, Mass of Christian Burial, 10:30 a.m. today, St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church, Gooding, (Demaray's Gooding Chapel).

Shirley L. Shoaff Yocum, of Grace Community, Myerstown, Pa., and formerly of Wendell, 11 a.m. today, First Baptist Church, 20 Linden Road in Lebanon, Pa. Viewing, 10 a.m. until time of the service at the church, (Robland Funeral Home Inc. in Lebanon).

Milton T. Jones, of Malad, noon today, Benson-Horsely Funeral Home, 132 W. 300 N. in Malad, Viewing, one hour before the service at the funeral home.

Mabel Busby, of Twin Falls, 2 p.m.

today, Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Donald Ray Hicks, of Buhl, memorial service, 2 p.m. today, Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

Max Casias Jr., of Rupert, 10 a.m. Thursday, Hansen Mortuary Burial in Gooding.

Chapel, 321 E. Main St. in Burley, Viewing, 6 to 8 p.m. today at the mortuary, (Hansen Mortuary/Rupert Chapel).

Jane Schubert McGee, formerly of Gooding, memorial service, 11 a.m. Jan. 9 at the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding.

Services

Leslie R. Nelson RUPERT — Leslie R. Nelson, 82, of Rupert, died Tuesday, Dec. 26, 1995, at the Minidoka Memorial Extended Care Center.

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

Monte L. (LeRoy) Dryden BURLEY — Monte L. LeRoy

Dryden, 64, of Burley, died Tuesday, Dec. 26, 1995, at the Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley.

The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Payne Memorial Chapel, 221 W. Main St. in Burley, with the Rev. Laurie Hart officiating. Burial will follow at the Rupert Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday and one hour before the funeral on Saturday at the funeral chapel.

Hospitals

CASSIA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

Admitted Khody Gerhardt of Burley; Stephen Hoskins of

McBurn; Leanna Mishko of Declo; and George Bailey of Bakersfield, Calif.

Released

Taylor Loveland and Jacob Wiseman, both of Burley;

Emilie McDonald of Paul; Michelle Pickett of Hail; Klara Spaziano of Rupert; and Robert Payne of Sandy, Utah.

A baby was born to Mr. and Mrs. Arlin McDonald of Paul.

Obituaries

For obituary rate information, call 733-0931, extension 278



Roselma Messman, retired Laguna Beach, Calif., teacher, residing in Twin Falls since 1989, died Tuesday, Dec. 26, 1995, at the Blue Lakes Living Center in Twin Falls. She was 88.

Roselma "Rosie" was born Feb. 24, 1907, in Kentland, Ind., the only daughter of Edward A. and Mildred Hatch Messman. She grew up in Sheldon, Ill. For her own academic studies in nutrition and for her first teaching assignments; Roselma was associated with Columbia College and National College of Education, both in Chicago, Ill., in 1933. She moved to San Clemente, Calif., to begin 20 years of teaching home economics in the Laguna Beach schools. She moved to Twin Falls in 1959 and had been a resident at the Blue Lakes Living Center since 1993.

Miss Messman was preceded in death by two brothers, E. Messman, longtime obstetrician and gynecologist in Twin Falls, and a nephew, Tom Messman. She is survived by two nephews, Lynn (June) Messman and Mac (Valerie) Messman, both of Twin Falls; and a niece, Martha (Winifred) Bernhard of Ohio.

A memorial service will take place at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 29, 1995, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

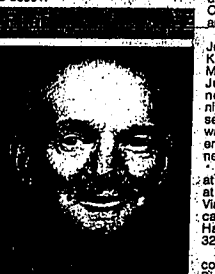
Grace Hemenger

Grace Hemenger, 86, of Twin Falls, died Tuesday, Dec. 26, 1995, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 29, 1995, at White Mortuary in Twin Falls with the Rev. LeRoy Arrous officiating. Burial will follow at the Filer/Old Cemetery. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at White Mortuary and the family will greet friends from 8 to 8 p.m.

The family suggests memorial contributions may be made to the Filer City Library, 219 Main, Filer, ID 83328, or the Filer/Old Cemetery Church, Highway 30, Filer, ID 83328.

made to: People For Pets Humane Society, P.O. Box 1163, Twin Falls, ID 83301.



Dixon H. Davis Jr.

Dixon H. Davis Jr., 80, of Filer, died Monday, Dec. 25, 1995, at his home of natural causes.

He was born May 24, 1915, in Filer, the son of Dixon H. and Nora J. McBride Davis. He family settled in the Filer and Buhl area in 1908, and he grew up and attended schools there. On March 24, 1951, he married Ruth V. Wardell Filer. Dixon worked for Bean Growers Warehouse in Filer for many years and then worked for Amalgamated Mercury in the South Pacific. He was a member of the Filer Masonic Lodge No. 45 A.F. and A.M., and Filer Chapter No. 40 Order of the Eastern Star.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth Davis of Filer; six children, Valdi (Alex) Balles and Troy Mitchell, all of Filer; Don Davis of Rexville, Ruth Ann Danny, of Quaila of Oskdale, Calif.; and Dixie (Truman) Dennis and Judith (Dean) Tucker, both of Twin Falls; 15 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; one brother, William R. Davis of Omaha, Neb.; and three sisters: Ethel Tucker of Twin Falls; Edith Benz of Yakima, Wash.; and Vivian Dunlop of Empire, Calif. He was preceded in death by his parents, one daughter (one grandson).

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 29, 1995, at White Mortuary in Twin Falls with the Rev. LeRoy Arrous officiating. Burial will follow at the Filer/Old Cemetery. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at White Mortuary and the family will greet friends from 8 to 8 p.m.

The family suggests memorial contributions may be made to the Filer City Library, 219 Main, Filer, ID 83328, or the Filer/Old Cemetery Church, Highway 30, Filer, ID 83328.

Henry Klamm

Henry Klamm, 80, of Paul, died Monday, Dec. 25, 1995, at the Burley Care Center.

Henry was born May 27, 1915, in Mason City, Iowa, to Conrad and

Charlotte (Eckler) Klamm. He moved to Paul as a child with his family and attended school in Minidoka County. He farmed in the Paul area and always enjoyed working.

He is survived by two brothers, John Klamm of Paul and Konrad Klamm of Fresno, Calif.; two sisters, Molly Davis of Rupert and Martha Juelling of Tacoma, Wash.; a nephew, Don Klamm of Paul; a niece, Karen Klamm of Paul; and several nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, one sister and a nephew.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 28, 1995, at the Paul Cemetery, with Pastor Frank officiating. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel, 322 E. Main St.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to the Paul Pine Chapel (Paul Cemetery). Arrangements are under the direction of the Hansen Mortuary/Rupert Chapel.

Bruce J. Bingham

Bruce Jay Bingham, 48, of Rupert, died of cancer, Tuesday, Dec. 26, 1995, at the Minidoka Memorial Hospital in Burley.

He was born Jan. 22, 1947, in Blackfoot, the son of LaVerle and Mary Butler Bingham. He went to school in Rupert and graduated from Minico High School and Brigham Young University. He married Toni Smith of Burley on Jan. 12, 1978, in Idaho Falls, LDS Temple. Bruce had always been very active in the church. He served an LDS Mission to New Zealand and held many leadership callings including being a member of the Seventies.

He spent all of his life in the Rupert area. He farmed and was involved in many agriculture-related organizations, including the Farm Bureau where he held a position in the State Board. Bruce loved his family. He especially loved watching his kids perform in their music and sporting events. He was a big supporter of Minico High School sports.

Bruce is survived by his wife, Toni of Rupert; and eight kids, Robyn, Williams, Amanda, Adam, Terri, Hannah, Hayley and Boon. He is also survived by his parents, LaVerle and Mary Bingham; four brothers, William, Bingham; of Rupert; Raymond; Bingham of Sandy, Utah; and Kerry Bingham and Boyd Bingham, both of Rupert; two sisters, Marilyn Bingham of Murray, Utah, and Kathleen Whitlock of Rupert; and his grandmothers, Edna Pearl Bingham of Blackfoot and Marie Bingham of Blackfoot.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, Lorin Bingham; and maternal grandmothers, Wilmae Amundson, Adam, Terri, Hannah, Hayley and Boon. He is also survived by his parents, LaVerle and Mary Bingham; four brothers, William, Bingham; of Rupert; Raymond; Bingham of Sandy, Utah; and Kerry Bingham and Boyd Bingham, both of Rupert; two sisters, Marilyn Bingham of Murray, Utah, and Kathleen Whitlock of Rupert; and his grandmothers, Edna Pearl Bingham of Blackfoot and Marie Bingham of Blackfoot.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 29, 1995, at the Rupert West LDS Chapel, 100 W. 125 S., with Bishop Michael Berg of the Rupert 5th Ward officiating.

Burial will follow at the Rupert Cemetery. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday and one hour before the funeral on Friday at the church.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Hansen Mortuary/Rupert Chapel.

For the birds



Judy Arnold feeds the ducks Christmas Day in Murray City Park, Utah. Once it turns cold, Arnold visits the park every day, just before dark, with a sack of grain and often some bread to help sustain the birds through the winter.

Abandoned boy from Colorado; court questions facts of letter

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A 13-year-old boy abandoned at a bus station before his Christmas birthday was born in Colorado and had visited Utah before, authorities say.

At a hearing Tuesday, 3rd District Juvenile Judge Frederic Ogdone awarded the Department of Family Services temporary custody of the teen, and he was placed in a group home.

The youth, who has not been identified and attended the hearing, walked into a Salt Lake County youth services office Dec. 20 and gave workers a letter, apparently written by his stepmother and signed by her and the boy's natural father. The note said they could no longer care for him.

His story resulted in an outpouring of offers to help from residents across the county.

But Randy Ripplinger, spokesman for the Utah Department of Human Services, said the shy, relative boy told authorities he is upset about the publicity and attention his case is getting.

"Our point is that this is a very heart-wrenching story," Ripplinger said. "But we have dozens of other equally tender stories."

The state is looking for possible

foster homes and continuing to search for any relatives of the boy. Ripplinger said the boy told the judge that his family had lived in Utah, Colorado, California, New York and Montana.

The boy, who is redheaded and wore a baseball cap and ski coat, entered the hearing playing a Nintendo Game Boy.

He told the judge he did not know how his parents made a living and doesn't know of any other family members, Ripplinger said. The letter he gave state workers said the boy's father was dying from AIDS.

But 3rd District Court officials have some concerns about the authenticity and accuracy of the letter, said Cathy Hansen, lead deputy clerk for the 3rd District Juvenile Court.

"Right now, the case has presented more questions than answers," she said.

Ripplinger said state officials have no reason to doubt the letter, but also have "no way of verifying anything." The boy carried a birth certificate, indicating he was born Dec. 25, 1982, in Denver. He told social workers he is a "fizzhead baby," born on Christmas Day during a winter storm in one of the Mountain states.

He wore clean clothes and was carrying a bed roll, backpack and duffel bag.

He also told state workers that his parents were planning to drive the family to Mexico, which is why he needed his birth certificate.

The letter said the boy's mother died shortly after his birth and advised state workers not to waste their time looking for his father and stepmother because they were leaving the country.

Ripplinger said reports that the boy had wandered the city for six days may not be true. He said a woman, presumably the boy's stepmother, called county youth services Dec. 14 and said she could not take care of the boy and was going to about town at a bus station.

Police searched the station that day, but didn't find him.

The youth told the judge that his family left Denver Dec. 18. When they arrived in Salt Lake, his parents dropped him off at the bus station and said they would be back in a couple of hours.

Ripplinger said the boy then called state youth services before he went to the county office. The judge scheduled a Jan. 16 hearing to review the case.

Spokane neighborhood dispute kills 1

SPOKANE (AP) — A 19-year-old woman was shot to death and two young men wounded at a house party early Tuesday, police said.

Adrian A. Price, 48, who lived in the house next door to where the party was held, was being held without bail in the Spokane County jail for investigation of second-degree murder, police spokesman Dick Cotnam said.

Police found the body of the woman in the front yard of Price's

northeast Spokane home at about 1:45 a.m. Cotnam said. Her identity was being withheld until relatives could be contacted.

Two men who had been at the party also were hit by shotgun pellets, Cotnam said. One man, age 21, was treated at a hospital and the other, age 19, refused medical treatment at the scene. Their names were not released.

About a dozen young people were at the party when a dispute arose,

leading to a confrontation outside Price's home.

Investigators were unsure what led to the dispute. But officers had responded to several recent calls about loud music and noise at the house where the party was held, police said.

Police said it was the 23rd homicide of the year in Spokane.

The city's previous record year for homicides was 1983, when there were 19.

Utah man killed when bomb he's working on explodes

FRUIT HEIGHTS, Utah (AP) — A 38-year-old Fruit Heights man was killed Tuesday while working on an illegal pyrotechnic device in his trailer home.

Davis County sheriff's Sgt. Bud Cox said the bomb was a projectile-type device that operated somewhat like a shotgun.

Scott Anderson was killed when the device went off about 8:12 a.m. at the Al's Apple Acres trailer court. There were no other injuries.

But the explosion caused a small fire within Anderson's home. It was extinguished by Kayville firefighters.

Cox said the device exploded while sheriff's deputies were responding to a civil disturbance call.

Anderson's estranged wife who lives next door called authorities about 8 a.m. when she noticed the awning on her trailer home had been damaged. She said she heard a noise the night before at about 3 a.m. and believed her husband was responsible.

Pain may be eliminated for millions

(SPECIAL) — A new drug has been approved that is exciting researchers in the treatment of pain. The material has been formulated into a new product known as "Arthur's Tears" and is being called a "Medical Miracle" by some, in the treatment of debilitating conditions such as arthritis, bursitis, rheumatism, painful muscle rechar, joint aches, simple backache, bruises and more. Although the mechanism of action is unclear, experiments indicate that Arthur's Tears relieves pain by first selectively attracting and then destroying the messenger chemical which causes pain-sensations in the brain, thus eliminating the pain at the affected area. Arthur's Tears is an odorless, greaseless, non-staining cream and is available immediately without a prescription and is guaranteed to work.

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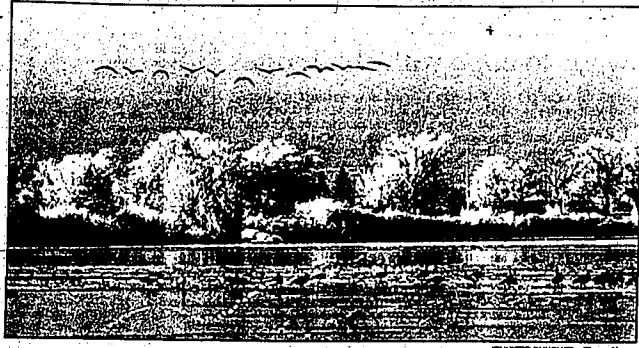
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Reynolds Funeral Chapel. 100 W. 125 S. Phone: 733-4900.

Frosty frolic



A thick evening fog left Burley with a winter scene of frosted trees and geese frolicking on an icy Snake River.

Jerome short on income in 1995

By H.R. Weixel
Times-News correspondent

JEROME — City coffers were hit for operating expenses when costs exceeded the income at the end of fiscal year 1995 on Sept. 30.

According to an audit report presented to the City Council Dec. 19 by Laurie Harberd, with Smith, Cook & Co. of Jerome, the city was short \$44,100 in governmental funds and \$286,591 in proprietary funds—such as irrigation, sanitation, water or waste-water treatment.

To pay the shortages, cash balances on hand Oct. 1, 1994 were used.

"This is something we have to work on. I like to keep 10 percent of the budget for a carry-over each year for proprietary funds and enough to carry us for three to four months in the general-fund balance," said Jeffrey Bishop, city administrator. "We can do one of three things. Increase revenue by increasing rates, cut expenditures or hope manna falls from heaven," he said.

An increase in water and sanitation rates was recommended by a study group, "but the council

doesn't want to do that," Bishop said.

"Otherwise things are going along fine. Something every city needs to work on is the cash reserve for short- and long-term needs for capital facility improvements," said Harberd.

"We can do one of three things. Increase revenue by increasing rates, cut expenditures or hope manna falls from heaven."

— City Administrator Jeffrey Bishop

She Complimented City Clerk Kathy Miller for her efficiency and cooperation in the audit.

In other business, the council declared an emergency and suspended the rules by approving an ordinance placing a 120-day moratorium on allowing single and double-wide manufactured, mobile or modular homes in commercial zones.

Unanimously approved a drug-free workplace policy for all city employees required to operate vehicles with a commercial driver's

license. "We intend to propose we extend this citywide, but there are lot of issues we need to decide on," said Bishop.

Approved re-appointment of Janet Dubcek to a five-year term on the Library Board.

Unanimously voted to install street lights at the west end of Avenues J and K. Teenagers had been "hanging out" in a field at the end of the avenues, according to Chief of Police Jim Dahl.

Approved purchasing two 1993 reconditioned patrol cars, costing \$22,990. "I like to have each man have his own car; maintenance is a lot better that way," Dahl said. With the two additional vehicles, the police department will have 12 cars for 14 employees, he said.

Hear a report by Dahl that a \$64,392 grant had been approved to pay a three-year salary of a patrolman. A similar grant had been received last year. "After three years the city would have to pick up the costs, but I'm confident that there will be enough annexation and building by that time, so the city should be able to pick them up," Dahl said.

Salt Lake visitors bureau compiles list of the year's strange questions

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — "Are Mormons American citizens?"

The question topped the Salt Lake Convention and Visitors Bureau's list of strange questions asked by tourists this year.

"Most of our strange questions over the years have had to do with the Mormons, Temple Square and our liquor laws," said Jeri Cartwright, bureau communications director.

Cartwright, who gleaned the bureau's 5th annual list of "Top 10 Strange Visitor Questions" from visitor center volunteers, said strange questions are not unique to Utah.

In Alaska, a bureau official was asked, "When do they turn on the northern lights." In Arizona, a tourist inquired, "When does the Grand Canyon open?"

Over the years, those staffing

Utah's visitors centers have been asked if the "white stuff" on the mountains was salt, if Bryce Canyon was carved by hand, where to go to hear the Jazz play and where to find some Mormon food.

This year's list includes:

- "We need to catch a plane. Where is the Delta Center?"
- "Why do you have a trophy on top of the Temple?"
- An out-of-state caller inquired, "How much beer can I bring into Utah?" To which the volunteer replied, "How much can you carry?"
- A young visitor to the State Supreme Court in the Capitol asked, "Where's O.J.?"
- Another visitor to the Capitol: "Do these steps go up or down?"
- After listening to a bureau volunteer describe the features of the Great Salt Lake, another visitor

asked, "How do the blind shrimp find their way into the Great Salt Lake?"

After listening to dozens of Methodist visitors asking about special activities during the United Youth Methodist Conference, a couple not affiliated with the group asked, "What do we get for being Lutherans?"

Cartwright said the annual list of strange questions isn't intended as a put-down of visitors. "We love it when people ask questions."

The bureau's 68 volunteers also enjoy helping the out-of-towners, she added. During the past year, they have glued a visitor's worn shoe back together, located a lost Cadillac, repaired a broken camera and even served as baby sitters for two pet hermit crabs while their owners toured the city.

Youth charged with murdering sister

NAMPA (AP) — Daniel Hurley, 17, will face a preliminary hearing in Caldwell next week on a charge that he murdered his sister on Christmas Eve.

Canyon County Prosecutor David Young said Tuesday Hurley will be prosecuted as an adult on a charge of first-degree murder. He made his first court appearance Tuesday afternoon.

Angie Hurley, 21, was shot from outside her bedroom at a Middleton home about 4 a.m. Christmas Eve as she slept. Police later recovered a 12-gauge shotgun from another residence.

Young said Canyon County Public Defender Van Bishop was appointed to represent Hurley. He

will be held in the Canyon County Jail without bond.

A preliminary hearing was scheduled for next Tuesday at 9 a.m. before 3rd District Magistrate Judge A. Marvin Cherin.

Investigators said Angie Hurley lived with her mother in Middleton and the brother lived with his father in another residence in Middleton.

James Hurley said his son dropped out of high school, but wanted to go back. He said family members don't know why he would have killed his sister.

He said his son was trying to straighten out his life.

"He had messed with some drugs. He really tried to get back into Middleton High School this year,

but they wouldn't let him in. It seemed like that was a bad turning point for him," Hurley said.

Court records said Daniel Hurley was on probation for possession of marijuana.

James Hurley said his daughter also was getting her life together. She recently attended a drug rehabilitation program and took on a second job to pay for a new pickup truck.

"Angie was kind of a late bloomer," he said. "She had just bought herself a new pickup and took a second job and was doing great."

Young said a sentence enhancement charge was added because a firearm was used in the slaying.

2 arrested in Burley after Christmas Eve break-in

THE TIMES-NEWS

BURLEY — Cassia County sheriff's deputies arrested two men on Christmas Eve just before midnight after a break-in at Radio Shack on Overland Avenue.

Kory Loveland, 19, of Burley, and Steven Joseph Rendon, 18, of Rupert, were arraigned Tuesday in 5th District Magistrate Court in Cassia County.

Each has been charged by the Cassia County prosecutor's office with burglary, a felony, according to

the criminal complaints filed against them. Rendon has been charged with the added offense of carrying a firearm, a .22-caliber derringer, at the crime scene.

According to an affidavit filed by the prosecutor's office, Rendon and Loveland admitted breaking into the store.

Preliminary hearing dates in Magistrate Court for each suspect are pending. Rendon was being held Tuesday in the Mini-Cassia Criminal Justice Center on \$30,000 bond. Loveland was being held on a

\$10,000 bond in connection with the burglary, as well as on other bonds totaling nearly \$900 in connection with failing to appear in court and failing to pay on other misdemeanor charges.

Deputies used Quenn, Cassia County's patrol dog, to track Rendon, who fled Radio Shack when police responded to the store's alarm, a Cassia County Sheriff's Department report said.

Loveland was found hiding inside the store between copy machines, the report said.

Rings

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Lt. Dennis Chambers of the Twin Falls Police Department said he didn't know whether the gun was loaded, but there were no police reports indicating any bullets had been confiscated.

Tuesday, Magistrate Charles Brumbaugh appointed a public defender to represent Kue and set bail at \$250,000, according to court minutes.

Blaze displaces courthouse workers

DAVENPORT, Wash. (AP) — Lincoln County courthouse workers are having to make do in temporary quarters because of the fire that damaged the turn-of-the-century building.

On Tuesday, the county treasurer was working at the kitchen table of her home across the street from the two-story, brick courthouse, while the auditor and the assessor were doing paperwork at a vacant downtown store.

Until the courthouse can be either

rebuilt or extensively remodeled, the county's Superior Court and District Court employees will work in three mobile buildings, being set up in a parking lot near the sheriff's department.

Officials have said it probably will be a year before courthouse workers have permanent quarters.

The Thursday fire destroyed much of the second floor, which contained the Superior Court clerk's office and commissioners' offices.

Bumper crop of wisdom



Author Carol Gardner poses in Portland, Ore., with her book 'Bumper Sticker Wisdom' and a collection of bumper logic on her car. Gardner spent two years trolling the country for stickers and the drivers who ferry them around.

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Idaho

After first year in office, Fox gets mixed marks

LEWISTON (AP) — Idaho Schools Superintendent Anne Fox is getting mixed marks for her first year in office.

There's disagreement whether she has strayed from her conservative agenda, and criticism that she has not been an advocate for superintendents and teachers.

But Fox contends her early troubles were blown out of proportion and that she has remained true to her promises. And most observers agree she has landed on her feet after a disastrous first quarter and seems to be hitting her stride.

House Appropriations Committee Chairman Kathleen Gunsey of Boise, who worked with Fox early in the year, says the superintendent has mellowed.

Senate Education Committee Chairman Gary Schroeder of Moscow, an outspoken critic of Fox during her first month in office, says Fox's team appears to be jelling.

"I think she got off to a very, very rocky start and some of that was her own fault and lack of political prowess," says state Board of Education member Jerry Hess of Nampa. "But now that she has her feet on the ground she's carving out some new channels that may prove fruitful. I do think she's moderated and I think it's good."

After a tough start, Fox has largely

Schools superintendent has found ways to cope with challenges

LEWISTON (AP) — Her first 23 days in office were the toughest of state Schools Superintendent Anne Fox's life.

She was crafting a budget, learning the names of legislators, superintendents and 112 school districts. She was hiring and firing Idaho Department of Education employees, and through it all, praying.

"They were the worst days I've ever been through and the most challenging. I never thought I couldn't do it, but I can honestly tell you I don't think I ever prayed any harder for help."

Aid came soon after that, Fox says.

"We had over 400 phone calls and I couldn't handle the help that came because I prayed to God and then they all showed up."

Fox, 53, has since toughened up, and says she



Fox

now is "feeling strong as an ox" after finally adapting to life in Boise.

"I feel like I'm doing great. I feel like I have more energy than I have in my life."

But it has not been easy. Fox's friends and extended family are in Coeur d'Alene and her office affords little time for the leisure activities she enjoys, such as dancing, swimming and horseback riding.

"I would say its 99-percent work in Boise," says Fox, "and there is no time that people don't recognize me here, so there's no anonymity."

"That's hard to adjust to because to grocery shop, even if I go at 12 at night, everybody wants to talk to me. I finally just gave up and decided I'd do grocery shopping when I want to talk."

During the summer she bicycled 10 miles every day to relieve stress. Now she walks the underground tunnel in Boise's Capitol Mall at noon and chews gum — tenaciously. Friends tease that her, noisy habit tells them it's her from across the parking lot.

Fox's plans for the holidays included sailing in San Diego with her 27-year-old daughter, Stephanie, then visiting the Children's Village, two homes for needy children in Coeur d'Alene that she helped establish in 1984.

"They are lonely," Fox says. "They say they miss their Annie."

stayed out of the limelight. But her critics maintain not much has changed.

"She has just learned to go underground," says state Sen. Marguerite McLaughlin, D-Orfino. "She still goes ahead and does things that the board says it doesn't want, such as building plans, and spends money that should be spent on children on foolish things like that."

Earlier this month, the board and Fox clashed again over her move to develop generic architectural plans

for schools. And Moscow School District Superintendent Jack Hill says teachers resent not being more involved with changes that could affect their classrooms.

"How can a state superintendent of public instruction ignore teachers and expect to be a leader in public education?" he asks.

But Idaho Education Association President Monica Beaudoin of Boise says Fox is more liberal than she thought.

"I really think she is different than

what the campaign portrayed her. She really has an open mind to all of education," Beaudoin says. "That hard-line conservative bloc I don't believe is really her standard role. The real person I think is more on the liberal side."

For her part, Fox maintains she has always been open-minded, but was painted by the media and the Idaho Education Association as an unyielding ultraconservative with antiquated ideas.

"The union started a major cam-

"She is just a person who had a vision for how things should be and that vision didn't include the pettiness and negativism that has been published about her," says Jack Kaufman of Boise, a University of Idaho education professor and former Fox confidant.

Gunsey said she has noticed that after an early period of personnel turnover, many of Fox's top assistants now also worked for her predecessor, Jerry Evans.

"I think I certainly give her an A for effort to try to get some credibility in the department," Gunsey said. "I still haven't seen a lot of accomplishments, but I realize she thinks I am just as bad as I think she is. We just don't agree, but who am I to criticize?"

Schroeder recently had dinner with Fox and her top assistants.

"We all understand it was a tumultuous first year. I think she has taken actions to correct the problems, whether it's by firing or not," Schroeder said. "We are going to have disagreements, but we are hoping to handle them in a mature and professional manner."

Her relationship with the Board of Education is still unclear at times. Fox maintains it is unclear who does what, "so you are always going to have the board trying to hold more control over me as a public official."

Briefly

3 teen-agers bound over in slaying
RIGBY — Three Rigby teen-agers were bound over to 7th District Court on first-degree murder and robbery charges for the Nov. 10 slaying of an Idaho Falls woman at her rural convenience store.

Jefferson County Prosecutor Robin Dunn said Tuesday that all three are expected to be arraigned in mid-January. They were returned to custody at separate eastern Idaho county jails without bond after last Friday's preliminary hearing before Jefferson County Magistrate Michael Kennedy.

Christopher Thomas Shanahan, 15; Benjamin "B.J." Jenkins, 15; and Thomas Paul Lundquist, 16, are charged as adults. Shanahan also charged with using a deadly weapon for allegedly shooting a 41-year-old Fidelia Tomchak in the back of the head with a .22-caliber rifle while she was stocking shelves at the Grant Merc about six miles west of Rigby.

Jenkins and Lundquist are charged with murder because the robbery they allegedly planned led to a death, authorities said.

The Rigby High School students allegedly took about \$200 from the store, some cigarettes and 25 gallons of gasoline, then drove to Las Vegas, Nev. They were head back in the direction of Idaho when they were stopped in Utah.

State steps in to help town's sewer
HARVARD — Sewage backed up into a couple of Harvard homes during the Christmas week-end after a sewer pump failed and there were no HooDoo Water and Sewer District Board members to respond.

Latah County Deputy Prosecutor Doug Whitney said board members Larry Higuera, Lyvonne Anderson and Jeaneane Anest resigned during last week's meeting. All three were facing a recall effort.

Gov. Phil Batt responded to a Latah County Commission request on Tuesday by appointing temporary board members to fill in until a Feb. 6 election in the district, which serves the north-central Idaho community of about 60.

Meanwhile, Paul Caldwell, environmental director for the North Central District Health Department, said his office was working with the state Division of Environmental Quality to prevent Harvard's sewer problem from becoming a public health emergency.

Health department state crews set up emergency sewer pumps to stabilize the town's sewer system, but they will only last a few days.

Nampa not excited about photos
NAMPA — A Nampa newspaper's survey indicates Canyon County residents aren't much interested in paying \$1,000 to have their picture taken with House Speaker Newt Gingrich.

Gingrich plans a fund-raising appearance in Boise Jan. 10 with Idaho Congressman Helen Chenoweth. It's a \$100 per plate affair and anyone willing to pay \$1,000 can get their picture taken with the House speaker.

The Idaho Press-Tribune surveyed more than a dozen readers and found only one willing to pay.

"I'd pay it ... if I had it, or a couple of thousand if I had it," said John Thomas of Nampa.

Nampa's Marjorie Windsor said, "Gingrich would have to pay me a million bucks to come within a block of him — that's what I think of him."

Bob Fuller of Nampa said he wouldn't pay anything. "The right party, the wrong man," he said.

Herb Mason of Caldwell said that kind of money should be used for the needy instead of for politicians.

"It's darn foolish. If they've got the money to donate, why don't they take that list of kids who need winter coats and use it for that?" he said.

Company offers festival donation
SANDPOINT — Coldwater Creek has announced it will match community donations up to \$75,000 to the financially strapped Festival at Sandpoint until June 1.

But Dennis Pence, the owner of the international musical director Gunter Schuller stays on board. Schuller already has promised he will.

David Slaughter, the festival's new president, said the grant was an important part of getting the organization off to a positive start in 1996.

Coldwater Creek's Chief Financial Officer Don Robson said it is a simple show of confidence in the festival.

"We really think the festival is good for the community overall. It's added to the variety of community here. We hope the challenge grant is well-received."

The organization behind the festival is about \$90,000 in debt and has been looking for ways to get back on its feet after a disastrous 1994 season.

Money is still owed to two major creditors —

including Schuller — and the festival has yet to hire an executive director since Connie Berghan left last month.

Parents want son's name cleared
SODA SPRINGS — Ron and Sue Lowe of Soda Springs are relieved that their son was acquitted of first-degree murder recently.

But Ron Lowe said family members would not rest until doctors and lawyers admit that charges should never have been filed against Ryan Chad Lowe for the July 2 death of 64-month-old Brady Tanner in Montpelier.

Lowe, 19, was accused of inflicting a fatal head wound on Brady, the son of his girlfriend, Macie Jacobs. But defense attorneys argued that a head wound Brady received on June 12 eventually led to his death.

Lowe's father said his son did nothing wrong and the family feels violated, ashamed and embarrassed by the murder charges and two-week trial that resulted in Ryan's acquittal.

But while frustrated that his son was charged, Ron Lowe praised defense attorney Ardee Helm of Montpelier.

"He spent many sleepless nights and faced numerous personal sacrifices to find the evidence that finally freed our son from the clutches of the Lewiston Police Department's law enforcement system," the elder Lowe said.

Ryan Lowe was denied a polygraph test that could have eliminated him as a suspect, his father said.

Family wonders about girl's heart
LEWISTON — Carol Wise of Lewiston is grateful for her granddaughter's improving health this holiday season, but wonders whether the Persian Gulf War caused her heart problems.

"It's been a miracle," Wise said, explaining the recovery of 2-year-old Talisha Davis.

In September, she was waiting for a second heart after her first transplant failed. But before Thanksgiving, her name was removed from the donor list when her first heart recovered.

Her improved health enabled her to leave the Children's Hospital at Seattle long enough to spend Christmas at her grandparents' house in Lewiston.

Parents Chris and Camille Painter Davis live in Forest, Idaho. But the community is too far removed from hospitals for Talisha in case of an emergency.

Attorney general clears Latah sheriff's packets

MOSCOW (AP) — The attorney general's office has decided Latah County Sheriff Joe Overstreet didn't violate campaign laws when he sent out information packets last month at county expense.

In a letter responding to a question from the Latah County Commission, a deputy attorney general said it appears the material Overstreet mailed was not political.

Commissioner Shirley Greene was disappointed.

"It is my opinion that the printing and mailing of the material enclosed with your letter is not an unlawful use of public property. It could be argued that this material is merely providing the citizens with information about what goes on at the sheriff's office from the sheriff's point of view," wrote Deputy Attorney General William von Tegen.

Just before Thanksgiving, commissioner asked an opinion on Overstreet's material, which included a cover letter and two articles

about the sheriff's salaries and budgetary philosophies.

"In an attempt to get out the true story as to operation of your Sheriff's Office, I am writing a monthly series entitled, 'The Point of the Badge,' his cover letter said.

The articles explain Overstreet's reasons for salary changes he made when he first took office. It criticizes the County Commission for failing to give him the money he needed to give raises to all his employees.

Overstreet also explained how he handles expenses in his office.

"Clearly, if this 'newsletter' stated 're-lect Sheriff Overstreet' or was being used as a platform to argue campaign issues, this would be an improper use of public resources," Von Tegen's letter said.

According to Lt. Tom Idol, Overstreet is not speaking with anyone and would respond to questions in writing. The sheriff could not be reached for comment.

Boise-area seniors leery of new HMO

BOISE (AP) — The state's largest insurer and its largest hospital are joining forces to offer a Medicare health maintenance organization to 42,000 Boise-area senior citizens by mid-1996.

Blue Cross of Idaho and St. Luke's Regional Medical Center have launched a for-profit joint venture.

Such organizations typically are designed to reduce the cost of medical treatment, steering patients into

a limited network of hospitals and medical professionals.

Currently, no such Medicare systems are operating around Boise.

"We see a need for this type of coverage within the Treasure Valley," said Andrus, spokeswoman for Blue Cross, partner in Health Ventures Corp.

Many Boise-area seniors have said they are fearful of health organizations, unsure if they want to trade in their tried-and-true stan-

dard coverage.

Andrus said much of that hinges on fear of the unknown.

"Once people are enrolled in these programs, the satisfaction level is very high," she said.

Seniors still are leery of the approach.

"With your own personal physician, you can build up confidence that person knows your medical history," said Boise senior Antonio Ochoa, a minority affairs spokesman

for the American Association of Retired Persons. "You like to establish a personal relationship."

Most Boise residents, including seniors, still get their health care the old-fashioned way: paying separately for each medical service.

But Andrus cited research conducted last summer which showed seniors enrolled in Medicare health organizations nationwide were as satisfied as their counterparts with traditional coverage.

Chiropractors give to children's fund

BOISE (AP) — Gov. Phil Batt says it's getting harder for government to come up with all the money needed to provide social services.

He said Tuesday that's why it is important for private groups and organizations to help.

The governor received a check for \$8,498 from 11 Boise-area chiropractors and their patients for the Idaho Children's Trust Fund.

The trust fund works to prevent child abuse and neglect. It gets most of its funding, \$43,000, through a checkoff box on state income tax forms.

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Briefly

USU game out of city upsets businesses

LOGAN, Utah — Some local businesses are unhappy with Utah State University's new tradition of holding one basketball game a year in the Delta Center in Salt Lake City.

"They say the game draws business away from Cache Valley during the busiest shopping season of the year."

But Utah State athletics department spokesman John Lewandowski said the university has more than compensated for the out-of-town game.

Lewandowski said the athletics department is not about to abandon the annual game in the Delta Center, which this year was on Dec. 16 and drew 12,000 people.

Lewandowski said there are two main reasons for the Aggies' decision last year to hold an annual game in Salt Lake City. The school wants to bring the team to the fans, and also bring the team to the state's major media. "We're trying to get to our fan base on the Wasatch Front," Lewandowski said. "We have people who have difficulty driving up for a game."

Sporting News: Murdoch most powerful sports person

ST. LOUIS — Rupert Murdoch, whose Fox network has become a leading player in sports television, heads the 100 most powerful people in sports as chosen by The Sporting News.

Murdoch, 64, also topped last year's list, becoming the first person to do so in consecutive years. The St. Louis-based weekly announced the names of those on the "TSN 100" Wednesday.

"It is clear that Rupert Murdoch is transforming the way sports are seen around the globe," said John Rawlings, editor of The Sporting News. "In the space of just two years, Murdoch has built a Fox Sports programming arsenal that includes the National Football League and Major League Baseball, the National Hockey League, boxing and the perennially high-ratings sport of figure skating."

Others in the top 10 included, in order: Dick Ebersol, president of NBC Sports; Phil Knight, Nike chairman and chief executive officer; John Malone, president and CEO of TeleCommunications Inc.; Mark McCormack, chairman and CEO of International Sports Group; Michael Eisner, Disney chairman and CEO; Juan Antonio Sanz, International Olympic Committee president; Ted Turner, president and chairman of cable network TBS and soon-to-be vice chairman of Time Warner; David Stern, commissioner of the National Basketball Association; and Steve Bornstein, ESPN president and CEO.

Bob Gain's wife charged in wounding of ex-Brown

CLEVELAND — The wife of former Cleveland Browns defensive tackle Bob Gain was charged Tuesday with shooting him during an argument.

Gain, 66, remained in critical condition Tuesday at MetroHealth Medical Center, spokeswoman Sue Kalas said. Gain was wounded in the chest Friday at his suburban Cleveland home.

His wife, Mary Gain, 66, was charged with felonious assault. She waived a preliminary court hearing, meaning the case will go directly to a Lake County grand jury.

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Ripken's Streak

Baltimore shortstop breaking Lou Gehrig's record considered top sports story of the year by Associated Press sports writers



The Associated Press

In a year when baseball needed all the healing it could get, Cal Ripken provided plenty simply by doing what he has always done.

He went out and played. Every day. Every game.

And in early September, he reached one of the sport's most cherished records, playing in his 21,300th consecutive game, matching the mark set by Lou Gehrig. To mark the occasion, he hit a home run.

The next night, Ripken was back again for the record-breaker, No. 2,131. And he hit a home run that night, too.

When the record was official, recorded on a huge banner on the B&O Warehouse that sits just outside Baltimore's Camden Yards, the fans interrupted the game with a 22-minute standing ovation, a tribute to what the Orioles ironman shortstop had accomplished.

"I'd like to think that outpouring was for the game, not me," Ripken said.

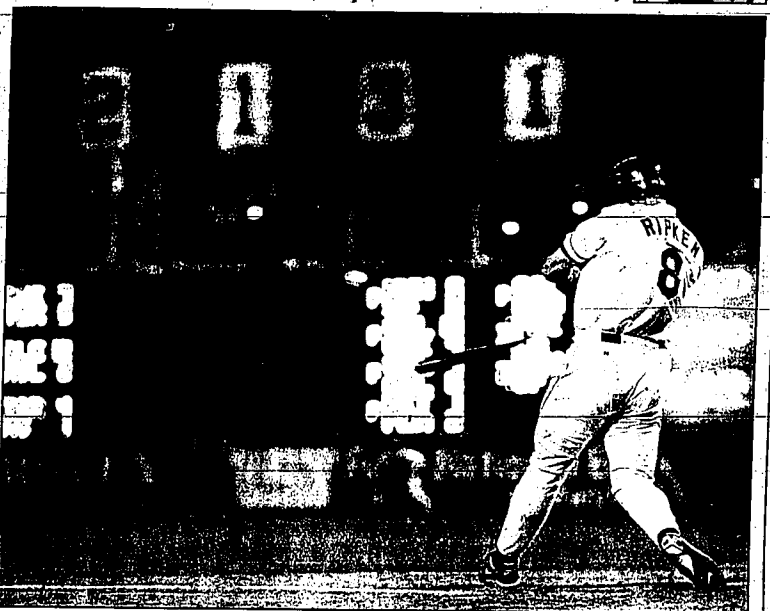
And then he went out and played again, and again, pushing the record by season's end to 2,153 games. He is the probable starter at shortstop for the Orioles on Opening Day, 1996.

Ripken's relentless pursuit of Gehrig's record was voted Associated Press Story of the Year on Tuesday, receiving 155 of 252 first-place votes cast by sports editors, broadcasters and writers. The Ripken story finished with 2,221 points, almost a full thousand points ahead of the death of Mickey Mantle, which was second with 1,280.

Third place went to Michael Jordan's return to pro basketball after his baseball adventure (1,213), followed by Northwest's sudden football success and Rose Bowl bid (1,024). NFL franchise moves, including the midseason announcement that the Cleveland Browns would relocate in Baltimore next season, finished fifth (1,019).

The top five were followed by the end of the baseball strike (986), San Francisco's fifth Super Bowl championship (642), the Cleveland Indians' season (604), Greg Maddux's fourth straight Cy Young Award (521) and the return to tennis of Monica Seles (505).

The two labor-related baseball stories



Baltimore's Cal Ripken breaks his bat hitting a single against the California Angels Sept. 6, 1995, in Baltimore. He broke Lou Gehrig's record of 2,130 consecutive games as the Orioles beat the Angels, 4-2.

the end of the strike and the use of replacement players in spring training — received a combined 1,432 points, enough for second place if they were combined.

In the NFL, franchise moves received 14 first-place votes while the 49ers' Super Bowl victory got none.

The top basketball story was Jordan's

return at No. 3, but the next highest was UCLA's NCAA tournament championship at No. 15, followed by the Houston Rockets' second straight NBA title at No. 16.

The top hockey story was the return of Mario Lemieux to the Pittsburgh Penguins at No. 19.

In boxing, Mike Tyson's release from prison finished No. 14. The top golfer finisher was Ben Crenshaw's victory at the Masters at No. 17. Ernie's return to auto racing from near-fatal injuries was No. 20. The top horse racing story was Cigar's undefeated streak, which finished No. 23.

Jazz trip Blazers; Bulls lose

The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Karl Malone scored 47 points and Utah lost a 16-0 second-quarter run to take the lead for good in defeating Portland.

Jeff Hornacek scored 19 points and Antoine Carr added 14, including 10 in the decisive second quarter when Utah turned a seven-point deficit into an 11-point halftime lead. The closest Portland got after that was 112-104 with one minute left.

Pro basketball

John Stockton scored 13 points in 26 minutes. Adam Keefe grabbed nine rebounds as Utah beat the Blazers for the sixth straight time at home.

Portland took a 29-20 lead on a driving layup by James Robinson with 11:45 left in the first half. The Jazz scored the next seven points, including a 3-pointer by Stockton, to close to 29-27.

Pacer 103, Bulls 97

INDIANAPOLIS — The Chicago Bulls came up one victory short of the longest winning streak in franchise history, losing to Indiana 103-97 Tuesday night for their first defeat in 14 games.

The Pacers, who stretched their home winning to seven games, held off a Chicago charge in the fourth quarter when Scottie Pippen scored 15 of his 26 points.

The Bulls, who fell behind by as many as 24 in the first half, cut their deficit to 97-94 on a driving layup by Pippen. Mark Jackson responded with a 3-pointer to give Indiana a 100-94 edge with 34.8 seconds remaining, and the Bulls never drew closer than five points again.

Rik Smid led the Pacers with 26 points. Miller scored 20 and Jackson finished with 13 points and 10 assists.

Michael Jordan matched his average of 30 points but shot just 11-of-28 from the field.

Rockets 100, Grizzlies 84

HOUSTON — Hakeem Olajuwon scored 18 points as Houston ended a two-game losing



Portland's Cliff Robinson takes a shot over Utah's Felton Spencer Tuesday in Salt Lake City.

ing skid with a victory over Vancouver. Mario Elice, starting in place of injured guard Clyde Drexler, added 16 points for Houston, which appeared on its way to a rout early in the game but failed to put Vancouver away until the final two minutes.

Heat 96, Nets 93

MIAMI — Billy Owens, in his first night back after missing 10 games with a shoulder bruise, scored a career-high 31 points to lead Miami over New Jersey.

Miami won for only the second time in nine games, both victories coming against Please see NBA/B6

Rhodes' effort with Eagles earns him coaching honors

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Philadelphia Eagles made Ray Rhodes' first season as an NFL coach something special, taking him to the playoffs and 1995 Coach of the Year honors.

Rhodes, defensive coordinator for the Super Bowl champion 49ers last year, was hired after Philadelphia owner Jeff Lurie was turned down by Jimmy Johnson and former Eagles coach Dick Vermeil. But it worked out well, because Rhodes took a disjointed team that lost its final seven games in 1994 and turned it into a 10-6 playoff squad.

"I named Rhodes 24 votes from a nationwide panel of sports writers and broadcasters in balloting by The Associated Press. He edged Don Capers of Carolina and Marty Schottenheimer of Kansas City, who had 21 pieces. "I'm not a guy who's big on personal achievements — anybody who knows me knows that," Rhodes said Tuesday. "Really, this award is a reflection on this organization for making the commitment to get this thing pointed in the right direction."

Rhodes, 45, displayed an aptitude at keep-



Rhodes

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ing this year's team focused. "What you have to do is rally the troops as quick as you can," he said. "If you've noticed, every time we've lost, our players have been able to bounce back the next week and get it back."

The Eagles did just that. After an opening loss at home to Tampa Bay, they won at Arizona. Following two more defeats, home to San Diego and at Oak-

land, they responded with four straight victories. A loss at Dallas was followed by three more wins, and after a distressing defeat at Seattle, the Eagles beat the Cowboys. "He's shown a lot of confidence in us and a lot of faith in himself," receiver Fred Barnett said. "He's shown he can handle the job."

Cardinals end Ryan tenure

The Associated Press

TEMPE, Ariz. — The "winner in town" left as a loser.

Arizona Cardinals coach Buddy Ryan, whose team wrapped up a miserable 4-12 season with a 37-13 loss to the Dallas Cowboys on Monday night, was fired Tuesday by owner Bill Bidwill.

Bidwill said he hadn't thought about dismissing Ryan until he watched the Cardinals come out flat against their NFC East rival, Ryan, also the general manager, had two years remaining on his contract.

"Last night I started to think what the solution to this situation might be, and this morning I came to the conclusion that this is the way we should go," Bidwill said.

He said wins and losses, not declining attendance or the daily Ryan-bashing on talk shows, were behind his decision. The Cardinals lost seven of their last eight games.

Ryan, 61, a brash and abrasive Korean War veteran who brought a military ethic to his coaching, was 12-20 in two seasons



Ryan

with the Cardinals. His style — marked by his claiming, "You've got a winner in town, when he arrived in 1994 — alienated some people but endeared him to most of his players."

Reached at home, Ryan declined to comment on his ouster, a move that prompted fullback Larry Centers to say he would leave if he could and would like to be traded.

"I'm a Buddy man, and I didn't want to see him go," said Centers, whose 12 catches against the Cowboys gave him an NFL season record for catches by a running back (10). "He's an honest guy, a guy who treats players fair, a guy who tells it to you like it is and not somebody who's going to sugar-coat things."

Red Wings edge Blues, 3-2, hand coach record

Nose strip makers smell \$\$\$

DETROIT (AP) — Detroit coach Scotty Bowman-led the NHL record for most games coached and his Red Wings overcame an early two-goal deficit to beat the St. Louis Blues 3-2 Tuesday night.

The game was Bowman's 1,606th as an NHL coach, tying him with Al Arbour atop the career list for games coached. Bowman, already the NHL's career leader in coaching victories, will break the game record Friday night at Dinos.

Dino Ciccarelli scored the winner at 12:48 of the third period, scoring off a goalmouth scramble in front of the Blues' Grant Fuhr.

The victory was Detroit's 11th straight at home, and improved the Red Wings' record at Joe Louis Arena to 13-1-1, the best home mark in the league. The Red Wings have won seven straight and 20 of 22.

Rangers 6, Senators 4
NEW YORK — New York extended its home un-

Pro hockey

beaton streak to 17 games as two goals each by Pat Verbeck and Mark Messier led the Rangers. Sergei Nemchov scored the game winner with just over 13 minutes to play after the Senators earned a two-goal deficit. Messier added an empty net goal with a minute left as the Rangers improved to 14-0-3 during the streak. Ottawa was the last team to defeat New York at Madison Square Garden, on Oct. 22.

The home unbeaten streak is the longest current streak in the NHL and the fifth-longest in franchise history. The team record is 24 set in 1971-72. The Red Wings has played seven of its last eight on the road and is 14-7-0 during that span.

Penguins 6, Sabres 3

PITTSBURGH — Mario Lemieux and Jaromir Jagr each scored his 30th goal, and Pittsburgh forced the 10-0 shutout of the Minnesota North Stars in his NHL debut for Buffalo.

Jagr had three assists in his 21st multiple-point game this season, and Lemieux added an assist, giving the duo four goals in all but one of his 30 games this season.

Biron, Buffalo's second first-round choice in last season's draft, was lifted after one period when he allowed four goals on 16 shots.

He returned for the third period and stopped all eight shots he faced.

The Sabres are 0-8-1 in Pittsburgh since Jan. 23, 1992.

Capitals 4, Canadiens 0

LANDOVER, Md. — Jim Carey stopped 20 shots in his sixth career shutout and Peter Bondra had two goals in Washington.

Joe Juneau and Steve Konowalchuk also scored for the Capitals, who broke the game open with three goals in a 2:21 span of the third period.

Carey made seven third-period saves to preserve his second shutout of the season. Washington took command with two straight power-play goals in the league's top-rated penalty-killing unit on the road.

Islanders 3, Bruins 3, OT

UNIONDALE, N.Y. — Ray Bourque's goal with 3:40 left in regulation rallied Boston from a three-goal, third-period deficit to gain a 3-3 tie.

Bourque intercepted clearing attempt by Derek King and fired a wrist shot from 45 feet away. The puck seemed to kick an Islanders player's stick and go through the pads of Tommy Soderstrom for Bourque's 13th career goal.

The Bruins are 9-1-4 in their last 14 games against the Islanders. New York put together its first three-game unbeaten streak (1-0-2) since January.

Blackhawks 5, Stars 3

CHICAGO — Murray Croen deflected Eric Daze's long shot past Darryl Wakulak, snapping the tie with 3:59 to play Tuesday night as the Chicago Blackhawks rallied for a 5-3 victory over the Dallas Stars.

Left Hackett, who earned his first career shutout in a 2-0 victory at Dallas on Saturday, made 34 saves to run his personal-best winning streak to six games.

Knight-Rider News Service

It all started in October 1994, when Herschel Walker got a stuffy nose.

Walker, then with the Philadelphia Eagles, went to team trainer Otto Davis and asked for a cold remedy.

Davis threw him a pack of funny-looking adhesive strips he had received in the mail the day before.

"Stick one of these on your nose, and see what happens," Davis suggested.

On Oct. 30, Walker wore the Breathe Right nose strip and scored two touchdowns in a 31-29 victory over Washington.

A photo of Walker's nose, with an accompanying story about the nasal dilator, ran the next day in the Philadelphia Inquirer.

The story made its way to the San Francisco 49ers' bulletin board. Jerry Rice noticed it, and asked trainer Lindsey McLean if he had received free samples. Indeed, he had. CNS.

Rice wore the Breathe Right strips every day for the next week, and by the end of the season he had used 28 strips — a marketing move that paid off.

Rice wore the wing-tipped bandage across his schnoz on Monday Night Football's "Monday Night Football" game. The Wall Street Journal featured Breathe Right in its popular Hearst on the Street column the same week.

Within days, the folks at CNS were smelling success.

Sales climbed the last six weeks of 1994 to \$12 million. By the end of the first quarter of 1995, Rush Limbaugh was raving about the strip on the airwaves and CNS was bringing in \$7.5 million.

Analysts expect \$60 million in sales by the end of the year, and upwards of \$100 million in 1996.

Their share price went from a 52-week low of \$2.68 last fall to a split-adjusted high of \$2.60 Monday. Detroit Lions defensive lineman Robert Porcher bought CNS stock during training camp. Red Wings forward Dino Ciccarelli and trainer John Wharton invested in early 1995.

A November report and a Drug Administration are expected to boost sales.

The FDA, which had already upheld CNS's claim that the strip reduces nasal air resistance by 31 percent, last month gave CNS permission to market the product as a remedy for snoring.

With roughly 40 million snorers in this country alone, the small Minnesota company could be making a lot of money.

And to think the idea of the nose strip came from Bruce Johnson, a landscaper aggravated by allergies.

He stuffed things up his nose for years in an effort to get a good night's sleep. In 1987, he came up with the strip, and got CNS, a manufacturer of sleep-disorder devices, to sign on as partners.

NBA

Continued from B5 the Nets. The victory kept Miami from falling to 5-00 for the first time under first-year coach Pat Riley.

Hawks 94, Clippers 88 ATLANTA — Steve Smith scored six of his 22 points in the final 3:22 when Atlanta edged Los Angeles 94-88.

Los Angeles' Michael Miller fouled fourth-period defender Terry Deere in 8-33 on a layup with 3:46 left. The Hawks missed inside to give Stacey Augmon the lead, and Smith, who connected on seven of 10 shots, drilled a 3-pointer to make it 88-83 with 2:34 left.

Pistons 100, Warriors 90 AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Otis Thorpe had 26 points and 11 rebounds to lead Detroit over Golden State. The Pistons won for the fourth time in five games, the moved within one game of .500 at 13-14.

Golden State rookie Joe Smith left the game with 3:58 left in the third after losing his balance on a rebound and landing hard on his right hip. He will be unavailable, but the team said he should be available Wednesday night at Washington.

Raptors 93, Bucks 87 HAMILTON — Rookie Damon Stoudamire scored 21 points and added 11 assists, helping Toronto end its three-game losing streak.

Nuggets 114, Mavericks 102 DENVER — DIMEVILLE scored a season-high 27 points, including 6-of-7 from the free-throw line, to help Denver shoot Dallas its sixth straight loss. The methodical Nuggets built a 12-point halftime lead, extended it to 16 at the quarter and allowed the Mavericks three quarters of lead before the Nuggets closed closer than nine points in the final period.

Michael Abdul-Rauf added 21 points, Bryant Stith 17, and Fred Roese and Antonio McDyess 15 for Denver. Dikembe Mutombo had 11 points, 11 rebounds and five of the Nuggets' 11 blocked shots.

The Mavericks, losing for the 17th time in the last 19 games, again failed to catch coach Dick Motta's 900th career victory.

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Nebraska, Florida undefeated despite new lines

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — Nebraska's offensive line and Florida's defense front were the big question marks entering the season. That's no longer the case.

The two lines have become rock solid just in time for next week's Fiesta Bowl game for the national championship. Nebraska center Aaron Graham was not surprised by how good the Cornhuskers' line turned out to be.

"I always believed that our line could be as good or better. I saw areas that last year," Graham said. "Some areas that are a better pass-protecting unit. You can just credit recruiting and our program."

Nebraska lost four of five starters from last year's line that won the school's third, national rushing title in four years at 340 yards per game. Outland Trophy winner Zach Wiegert, Brendan Stai and Rob Zatecky were gone to the NFL, as was three-year letterman Joel Wilks.

Five freshmen and four new starters this season. Nebraska's running game averaged 399 yards and won national rushing title. Tailback Alham Green set a school rushing record for freshmen with 1,086 yards, but he won't start against the Gators.

Phillips to start for 'Huskers

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — Lawrence Phillips, the troubled running back, who has not started for No. 1 Nebraska in more than three months, will start against No. 2 Florida in the Fiesta Bowl for the national championship.

Nebraska coach Tom Osborne said Tuesday that Phillips simply played better than freshman Alham Green in two recent scrimmages and the regular-season finale against Oklahoma.

"It looks like he's earned his chance to start," Osborne said after practice.

Phillips, a junior from West Covina, Calif., has not started since Sept. 9 at Michigan State when he ran for 266 yards and four touchdowns. The next morning, he climbed into a Lincoln apartment and beat former girlfriend Kate McEwen, a 20-year-old Nebraska basketball player.

Phillips initially was dismissed by Osborne, who later changed the penalty to a six-game suspension. Phillips played backup to Green in the final three games, but was the leading rusher with 73 yards against the Sooners.

Phillips finished the season with 547 yards and nine touchdowns on 71 carries, an average of 17.7 per rush. But the assault finished any hopes he had at winning the Heisman Trophy. Phillips said he may leave for the NFL after this season if he is projected as a first-round pick.

Running backs coach Frank Solich said Phillips was back to top form.

"I don't want to make it sound like any of our backs are error-prone," because they're not," Solich said. "But Lawrence played very well against Oklahoma and he got everything he could out of plays."

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Tackle Chris Dishman said the starting tailback makes no difference to the linemen. He said the line has focused on its own performance, not off-field problems.

"Every offensive line has its image and we have ours," Dishman said. "You can't live up to someone else's image."

"It was a motivation for us to come out and keep proving that we were good," said 300-pound sophomore tackle Eric Anderson.

"It started last spring, when we took every snap together.

There were plenty of questions for Florida coach Steve Spurrier about his defensive line after end Kevin Carter and tackles Ellis

Johnson and Henry McGillion were chosen in the first six rounds of the draft.

Defensive end Mark Campbell was the only returning starter from a line that had helped the Gators rank fifth against the run at 85 yards per game. It is not nearly as strong this year, allowing 130 to rank 25th.

Injuries haven't helped, with five players missing various games. Campbell had arthroscopic knee surgery this month, but is expected to start against Nebraska with end Johnnie Carich and tackles David Barnard and Ed Chester. Florida allows 315 yards and 17 points per game.

"I think they are underrated," Nebraska quarterback Tommie Frazier said of the Gators. "They have a very aggressive defense, with 10 or 11 guys always around the ball. They can stop a team when they have to."

Osborne said he wouldn't guess how Florida will fare against Nebraska's option attack. "They've seen it before, against Northern Illinois, Kentucky and a little against Arkansas this year," Osborne said. "But you can't tell how they did because some of those numbers came after Florida's starters were out of the game."

Texas Tech linebacker poised for Air Force's option attack

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Texas Tech has the antidote to Air Force's powerful ground game — great linebacking.

Zach Thomas, the only three-time captain in Texas Tech history, is the anchor in the middle. He was the second-leading tackler in the Southwest Conference this season with 131, and he has made 53% of his 390 career tackles for loss.

And he knows his teammates. Thomas and weak side linebacker Shawn Banks, another senior, have played together since they were sophomores. In fact, Banks' 41 consecutive starts (32 as a linebacker) is a record for the Red Raiders.

On the strong side, it's Robert Johnson, a junior who had four interceptions and three fumble recoveries this season. The Red Raiders (8-3) will need all the defense they can muster against the option attack of Air Force (8-4) Wednesday night in the Copper Bowl.

Each unranked team will get a \$750,000 in the 7-year-old bowl, which is sponsored by Weiser Lock.

The Falcons traditionally rank high in NCAA rushing statistics — Beata Morgan this year became the third Air Force quarterback in 11 seasons to rush for 1,000 yards and pass for 1,000 in a season, a feat accomplished by just five players during other schools.

Barry Chambers, a tackle in Tech's 4-3 defense, said the Red Raiders have been practicing to stop the keep-or-pitch game of Air Force.

"There's a real threat from the quarterback running," Chambers said. "Our tackles and ends are getting used to the option."

Thomas said he welcomes the chance to atone for what he considers a poor year, even though Tech almost upset Penn State in the State College, Pa., in the season opener, lost to Baylor by two points, and upset Texas A & M 14-7 when Thomas returned an interception 23 yards for a touchdown in the final minute.



Texas Tech linebacker Zach Thomas takes a break from practice Saturday in Tucson, Ariz. Texas Tech meets Air Force today in the Copper Bowl.

It's the 48-7 loss to Texas that Thomas has in mind. "I want to remember my last game with a big win," Thomas said. "I do just want to play. Before the bowl games the last couple of years, we had really rough practices. This year we are putting things together and working on our game plan and having a good time."

The only other school that made an offer was Oklahoma State. "They all said I was too small. I wanted to make a difference and prove them wrong," said Thomas, now grown an inch and 20 pounds, to a playing weight of 235.

Jayhawks coach latest evidence Kansas is hard to leave behind

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Kansas must be a wonderful place. Its coaches seem to keep accepting bigger-paying jobs elsewhere and then, to everybody's embarrassment, abruptly decide to stay.

Larry Brown did it to UCLA. Now Glen Mason has done it to Georgia.

The difference is, people expected such shenanigans from Brown, the job-hopping basketball coach who led the Jayhawks to the 1988 NCAA championship and then privately accepted and publicly rejected UCLA's offer in one confusing day.

For Mason, though, it is wildly out of character. From 1987, when Kansas hired him to rebuild its down-and-out football program, until about two weeks ago, Mason was a picture of stability.

Always stressing loyalty and goal-oriented perseverance, he endured the bad times and patiently built the Jayhawks brick-by-brick into a solid enough program to be the Colorado State coach for a season in the Big Eight and whip UCLA 51-30 in the Aloha Bowl.

That was supposed to be his last game as Kansas coach, because on Dec. 18, three days after saying, "We've been busy recruiting and heads off because I am coming back next year to Kansas," he took a late flight to Georgia and announced he was accepting the Bulldogs' head job.

But one week later, just before his team went out and defeat the Bruins on Christmas Day, he delivered to his players an even bigger surprise: He was leaving at all. Mason had approached surprised school officials and received per-



Glen Mason Leaves Bulldogs barking

mission to return. So what happened? Rumors began circulating almost at once, mostly centering on his personal situation. Mason was declining interview requests Tuesday as the Jayhawks boarded a trip to Kansas. They were scheduled to arrive in Lawrence well past midnight.

"I'm not doing interviews," Mason said. "I've had so many requests that my head is spinning."

Welcomed back with open arms by his once-spurned Kansas bosses, Mason has made only veiled comments about doing what's best for his family when asked to explain his sudden reversal. He has always chosen to keep his personal life as private as possible, although a bitter

divorce from wife Sally earlier this year had become public.

"I'm not normally a guy who waffles on my decisions, but in the week since I've taken the job, I became convinced that it was in the best interests of my family and for my personality (to stay)," said Mason, 45.

"This is not usually my style. I apologize to (Georgia athletic director) Vince Dooley."

Mason's team-aged son and daughter stayed with him this fall while Sally maintained her own residence near the Lawrence campus. He had said he would not take the Georgia job if his children didn't agree to it.

The pay hike Kansas offered before he accepted Georgia's offer was still on the table, although it will still not match the reported \$500,000 a year Georgia reportedly had committed to, so money is an unlikely factor.

The staff, which included head-coaching candidates Pat Ruel and Mike Hankwitz, will reportedly remain intact.

At least the Jayhawks won't now have to put up with the awkward experience of looking for a new head coach at the height of recruiting season. Mason, despite his personal embarrassment, will be able to take full recruiting advantage of his bow victory and the school's first 10-win season in modern history.

Georgia coach Donnan eyes 1st priority: Hit the recruiting trail

ATHENS, Ga. (AP) — Calling himself a southern boy who has "no problem eating grass," Jim Donnan was introduced as Georgia's new football coach in eight days on Tuesday.

Donnan said he didn't know what had happened to make Glen Mason of Kansas change his mind one week after agreeing to replace fired Ray Goff as Georgia's coach.

"I only know that the right man's here now," Donnan said. "I knew Glen Mason was a friend of mine, but I didn't know he was this good a friend."

Mason, who led Kansas to a 51-30 victory over UCLA in the Aloha Bowl on Christmas day, notified athletic director Vince Dooley before the game that he had changed his mind for personal reasons and would remain at Kansas.

There were published reports in Atlanta that Mason changed his mind because of a recent divorce decision. Absentely, not. We didn't talk about anything.

Dooley said he had grappled with his decision to take Mason over Donnan the first time around and immediately put in a call to Donnan as soon as his conversation ended with Mason on Monday.

Donnan, 50, has been one of the most successful coaches on the Division I-AA level for the last six years, leading Marshall to a 64-21 record. His team won the national championship and this year's team lost the championship game to Montana.



Jim Donnan, shown here in early December as Marshall University coach, was given a six-year, \$130,000-a-year deal to coach the Georgia Bulldogs.

"I believe in fate," Donnan said. "I bought my son a bulldog five months ago. We named him Reggie. We'll probably change the name now."

Dooley said Donnan was given a contract similar to the one Mason was given a week ago — a six-year

deal at \$130,000 a year. The total package, with television, radio and other outside interests, is believed to be worth about \$500,000 a year.

Donnan said his immediate task is to begin recruiting and to assemble a staff. He said he'll consider his present coaches at Marshall as well as Goff's assistants at Georgia. He said he won't try to meet his new team until after Georgia finishes its seventh season under Goff against Virginia in the Peach Bowl on Saturday.

Iowa coach prepares for Sun Bowl, says he didn't know about assault

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — Two members of Iowa coach Hayden Fry's staff knew of Marcus "Tex" Montgomery's altercation with his former girlfriend but didn't think it was that big a deal, Fry said Tuesday.

"They had knowledge of it. They had no reason to be excited about it. The young lady actually came to the athletic department and shared the knowledge with them," Fry said. "I didn't know about it until I picked up the paper that morning and there it was."

Montgomery, 25, a reserve linebacker, was suspended from the team last week. Records in Johnson County show Montgomery was arrested by university security officers on Dec. 4 after allegedly punching the woman several times, dragging her down a flight of stairs and kicking her several times.

Montgomery has denied assaulting the woman, who has recanted her story. Her name has not been released. The Johnson County Attorney's office decided to drop the assault charge last Friday but it still investigates and may prosecute.

Fry, speaking to reporters for the first time about the incident, didn't identify the two coaches. But he said the woman told them what had happened.

"The young lady, as I understand it, came over voluntarily and talked to two of the coaches and said

... that Tex didn't do all those things," Fry said. "They didn't think anything would ever happen because there wasn't anything to it, according to her."

Fry said Montgomery didn't tell him anything "because they'd been talking together a long time and they thought it was just another girlfriend-boyfriend spat that takes place. "Then when all this came out, it caught everybody by surprise."

The last continuing Hawkeyes arrived Tuesday in El Paso for Iowa's Sun Bowl game Friday against No. 20 Washington, but Montgomery wasn't among them.

"As long as there's a possibility that something could happen to Tex, I'm not going to let him come down," the coach said.

Fry was asked whether Montgomery deserves to be with his teammates considering there are no formal charges against him.

"I can't get tied up in all that junk, trying to get ready for a bowl game," he said. "I feel extremely sorry for the young lady and for Tex and the university and all the publicity. Obviously, you don't want that type of publicity."

probably wouldn't play against the Huskers. "No, we haven't given it any thought at all. Heck, he's got a broken hand he's got to have operated on. He wasn't going to play in the ball game unless coach (Bill) Brasher just wanted to run him in for a token appearance because it's his last year," Fry said.

Despite the Montgomery situation, Fry was in an upbeat mood Tuesday, perhaps because his sixth-place Big Ten team is only a six-point underdog against Washington, the co-Pac 10 champion.

"I'm very, very surprised, I couldn't believe we weren't 17, 20 points underdogs based on what they accomplished this year and based on where we finished," he said. "These bookies, they know something I don't know, but I'm all for it."

To fire up Iowa for the game, Fry joked he should do what Kansas coach Glen Mason did — announce he was leaving and then change his mind on the day of the bowl game. After Mason's change of heart on Christmas Day, the Jayhawks defeated UCLA 51-30 in the Aloha Bowl.

"The only thing I can say is maybe I should resign and then say I'm going to be with the Hawks on the day of the game. I think when he changed his mind on game day, the Kansas team really came out fired up."

Lions rip through 2nd half

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) — Lomas Brown remembers that he was skeptical.

His Detroit teammates wanted a meeting with Lions offensive coordinator Tom Moore. Brown agreed a meeting was necessary. He just wasn't sure it would do any good. The Lions were 0-3 at the time, getting ready to host the San Francisco 49ers in a Monday night game. That meant their chances of going 0-4 were very, very good.

But something happened at that meeting. The players convinced Moore and coach Wayne Fontes to simplify the offense, to make better use of the talent on the team. "Tom listened," said Brown, an All-Pro offensive tackle. "A lot of coaches will act like they are listening to you, but won't do anything. Tom made the change. It was good for the players. We like to feel like we have some input."

The players convinced the coaches to stop trying to run Barry Sanders so much, to use three wide receivers, and to stick to one offensive plan.

In essence, it was the old Vince Lombardi philosophy. Teams know Lombardi's Packers were going to pull their guards and run sweeps. But they did it so well, few could stop it.

"You like to have a balanced attack," center Kevin Glover said. "Before, it was mostly the run. Now it's mainly the pass. But that freed up the run."

The results were dramatic. The Lions defeated the 49ers that week. True, they dropped to 3-6 before the turnaround run took hold. But everything really started with that meeting between players and coaches.

"The meeting was very instrumental," wide receiver Herman Moore said. "We went to three wide receivers. But we also began playing better as a team, too. You can't underestimate that."

Fontes estimates that up to 35 percent of the offense was taken out. Those plays were discarded, never used again.

"We wanted to get our best personnel on the field," Fontes said. "We went to three wide receivers and that allowed us to get Johnnie Morton on the field."

Morton, a talented second-year player out of Southern Cal, had been lobbying hard for more action. He got it. Morton caught 44 passes, eight for touchdowns.

The Lions also began throwing more to the dazzling Sanders out of the backfield. Sanders finished with a career-high 48 catches.

As a result, the Lions (10-6) won their last seven regular-season games. They will take the No. 1 offense in the NFL into Philadelphia on Saturday for their 4-p.m. first-round playoff game against the Eagles (9-6).

Along the way: • Herman Moore set an NFL record with 123 catches and set a club record with 1,686 receiving yards. He also came within one touchdown of Cloyce Box's club record of 15 in 1952.

• Brett Perriman had 108 catches for 1,488 yards. Together, he and Herman Moore set an NFL record with 231 catches by two receivers on the same team.

• Sanders, perhaps the niftiest running back in the NFL, rushed for 1,500 yards and scored 12 touchdowns. That was his best since 1991 when he had 17 touchdowns.

• Scott Mitchell passed for 4,338 yards and 32 touchdowns, both club records. He also tossed 12 interceptions, not terrible for a quarterback playing his first full season as a starter.

"We all felt more comfortable after the meeting," Mitchell said. "The changes took advantage of the talents on this team. It freed up Barry."

Giants toss fans throwing snowballs



An unidentified fan throws a snowball during the San Diego Chargers-New York Giants game Saturday at Giants Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J. The team is offering a \$1,000 reward to anyone who provides a seat location or the identity of the man.

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — A few unmythical New York Giants fans don't have a snowball's chance of getting their season tickets back next year.

The Giants announced Tuesday that 75 season ticket subscriptions will be canceled because of a snowball barrage.

Saturday at the Giants-Chargers game that left 15 injured and nearly resulted in the first forfeit in NFL history.

Fifteen people were arrested and 175 were ejected from the stadium, including a retired police chief.

"People pay good money to come to Giants Stadium to enjoy a football game," Giants owner Wellington Mara said in a statement released by the team. "They do not pay to subject themselves to possible physical harm or verbal abuse."

The New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority, which operates the stadium, compiled a list of 75 ticket locations from which fans were ejected and gave it to the Giants. Those season ticket holders will have their tickets canceled.

Robert Mulcahy, the sports authority's chief executive, said the list was compiled by taking tickets from those ejected. Most of those ejected were not season ticket holders but had received them from season ticket holders, he said.

"The Giants are taking the position that the season ticket holder is responsible for whoever uses the ticket, and we agree," Mulcahy said.

Some families have had season tickets for decades and there is the potential that they will fight to keep their tickets.

"We'll worry about that later," Giants spokesman Pat Hanlon said. "The most important thing from our standpoint is we're telling 99.9 percent of our fans that we are more interested in their welfare as opposed to the 0.1 percent that come and see fit to disrupt the day for everyone else."

The Giants and the sports authority are also offering a \$1,000 reward to anyone who provides the seat location or the identity of a man photographed by The Associated Press throwing a snowball at the game. The picture appeared in many newspapers on Sunday.

The team and sports authority also plan to review photographs, videotape and clips of clip art used to identify others who throw snowballs, the team said.

Mulcahy said the incident was disturbing because most of the people ejected held responsible jobs. In one instance, security guards ejected a teacher and then had to go back to his seat location, to tell his wife and two daughters he had been told to leave.

"Tickets to a ballgame are not a license for people to act any way they feel," Mulcahy said. "It's gone to be stopped. We have people who are supposed to be leaders in society or ones enforcing the law, and they are the ones doing this kind of stuff."

Mulcahy said fans have a right to enjoy games and there will be changes in how the sports authority protects those rights.

Fans who tried to bring alcohol into the stadium in recent years had the alcohol confiscated. In the future, those fans will also lose their tickets to games, Mulcahy said, noting that policy was in effect Sunday and 200 people were denied entrance to the Jets-Saints game.

No alcohol was served at the Jets-Saints game and Mulcahy said he would consider doing that again at any game where snow is in the stands.

Mulcahy said it was impossible to remove all the snow from the stadium in time for the game. Some 10 inches fell Tuesday and Wednesday. Extra crews went to work after the Giants game and most of the snow was gone Sunday.

There's no place like home for Kansas City Chiefs

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Before anybody but Kansas City represents the AFC in the next Super Bowl, somebody will have to overcome the biggest home-field advantage in the NFL today.

Not only did the Chiefs have the league's only 8-0 home record this season, they own the league's best home mark the past four years.

"Any time we're in this stadium, magic happens," said center Tim Grunhard. "When Arrowhead's densely packed, red-clad horde of about 79,000 reaches maximum volume, players don't feel their feet hit the ground. Enemy linemen can hardly hear

themselves think, let alone hear their quarterback call signals. Opposing coaches have to adjust game plans.

"I can't say I've ever known a team to have a stronger advantage at home," said president and general manager Carl Peterson. "Everybody in the NFL realizes now this is the loudest venue in the league."

The Chiefs' league-best 13-3 regular-season campaign ensured that every playoff game they're in will unfold in Arrowhead, where their 27-5 record before 32 faithful sellouts is the best in the NFL since 1992.

In playoff games during the Marty Schotzheim era, they're 2-0 at home, 1-3 on the

road. Can their first Super Bowl appearance since 1970 be far away and there is the potential that they will fight to keep their tickets.

"I like our odds in the playoffs playing at home," said defensive back Mark Collins. "When we play at home, we're tough to beat. Very tough."

Guard Dave Scott said, "The noise can be amazing. It gets so loud, you can't feel your feet hit the ground. You can feel contact, but you can't hear contact."

"This is a special place," said Peterson. "The No. 1 thing is the size, but it's also the enthusiasm of 79,000 people. When they put their jugs together, it is deafening."

In one game two years ago, the disoriented Raiders into committing seven off-sides penalties.

After the Chiefs held Seattle to 89 total yards in a 26-9 win in the regular-season finale last week, Seahawks' quarterback John Elway paid homage to Arrowhead's full-throated faithful.

"The crowd was so loud that we went with a silent cadence off of the center almost from the beginning," he said. "The Chiefs knew that and were getting a better jump off of the ball than our offense."

"Having the playoffs in KC is a distinct advantage for them."

Cowboys take 'new attitude' into playoffs

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Smiles. There were actually a few of them at previously joyless Valley Ranch on Tuesday after the Dallas Cowboys had achieved a goal set in training camp.

After two uneasy weeks, the Cowboys have a division title and homefield advantage throughout the NFC playoffs.

"We have a new attitude, a new feeling," said wide receiver Kevin Williams, who caught two touchdown passes in a 37-13 victory Monday night over the Arizona Cardinals. "This was a win we could celebrate."

The clutch win gave Dallas a 12-4 record and took the home field advantage away from the defending Super Bowl champion San Francisco 49ers, who beat the Cowboys

during the regular season. "The Cowboys lost to the 49ers, twice to Washington and to Philadelphia during a regular season that quarterback Troy Aikman said had "no joy. It wasn't a lot of fun."

"We set a high standard and haven't played up to our capability," Aikman said. "We still aren't consistent, but we can be happy about this."

"I'm very pleased with this season. It's been what we've been wanting since last January. We had to fight through 16 games. But we got there."

Aikman got through the regular season with injuries to both legs and currently is nursing a bad back. "The back gives me problems," said Aikman, who will undergo treatment all week. "I've been fight-

ing through it, too." Williams said everything is different now. "I'm happy, the team's happy," he said.

Dallas coach Barry Switzer said some critics of the Cowboys forgot it was a 16-game season. "I guess what you do is wait until the season is over and add it up and we're 12-4," Switzer said. "Stuff does happen, and so it's not over until it's over. I think the hard part is definitely over."

The Cowboys lost 38-28 to San Francisco in the NFC championship game last January. They were defeated 38-20 by the 49ers in November.

Good news kept breaking out for the Cowboys. Traiter Kevin O'Neill said tight end Jay Novacek

was progressing so fast from his knee surgery he could be ready for the divisional playoffs on either Jan. 6 or Jan. 7.

"I think it's about 60-40 in favor of him having a chance to play," O'Neill said.

Switzer said middle linebacker Robert Jones and defensive tackle Russell Maryland, who missed the last part of the season with injuries, should be ready to go.

"I think they'll both be back," Switzer said. "The rest will really help us."

The only controversy with the Cowboys right now is where the football from Emmitt Smith's NFL record-breaking 25th touchdown of the season will go. Equipment manager Mike McCord said it labeled and put in a box for right now.



Emmitt Smith and Michael Irvin celebrate Monday in Tempe, Ariz.

Niners' Rice, Young aren't the league's only stars

By Dave Goldberg The Associated Press

Jerry Rice set an NFL record with 1,848 receiving yards, but does anyone realize that Isaac Bruce's 1,781 were the second-most ever?

And Bruce didn't even make the Pro Bowl product of take your choice, too many great wide receivers in the NFC, silly Pro Bowl voting system, or both of the above.

At this time of year, people look ahead to the playoffs. They can also look back to a season that provided the NFL with a new complement of stars to go with Rice, Emmitt Smith, Steve Young, Dan Marino, Reggie White, Bruce Smith, et al.

There was the Green Bay connection — Brett Favre, Robert Brooks, Mark Chmura and Bryce Paup. Yes, Paup plays in Buffalo (he must like snow), but he emerged to lead the league in sacks only after his escape from Green Bay.

There was Neil O'Donnell, who went from being a quarterback the Steelers took

team for which he played, the St. Louis Rams, who started like the 49ers and ended like the Cardinals, who used to play in St. Louis (4-0, then 3-9).

He was the ONLY receiver on the Rams anyone feared, unlike Rice (John Taylor and later J.J. Stokes), Herman Moore (Brett Perriman and Johnnie Morton), Michael Irvin (Kevin Williams) and Chris Carter (Jake Reed). The second-leading receiver on the Rams was Troy Doytson, a tight end, with 47 catches and the runnerup to Bruce among wide receivers was Brian Kilditch, with 36 receptions.

But that's not to overlook the Green Bay guys (plus, of course, Paup). Favre emerged as the NFL's premier quarterback, shooting past Young, Marino et al. Favre threw for 4,413 yards; 38 touchdowns passes, third-most in NFL history; and had just 13 interceptions, tied for the fewest since he became a regular and nearly half the 24 he had two years ago.

Two reasons: Brooks and Chmura, who helped Favre lead the Packers to their first NFC Central title since 1972.

Brooks took over where Sterling Sharpe left off, catching 102 passes for three yards. Chmura caught 54 passes for 12.6 average, high for a tight end in this era when short passes often pass for a running game. In fact, Chmura's emergence made it irrelevant that Keith Jackson finally decided to show up when he discovered the Packers might win something.

The Best Packer? Paup, who isn't. In Green Bay, he was strictly a pass rusher, best known nationally, perhaps, for the 1991 hit on Randall Cunningham's knee that put him out for a season. As he did with Reggie White in Green Bay, in Buffalo Paup was able to take advantage of the presence of Bruce Smith to register a league-best 17½ sacks.

But playing like a defensive end in a 4-3, he also managed to play well against the run, something that didn't do much in Green Bay. The parallel: Pittsburgh's Kevin Greene, who became a more complete player when he left the Rams for the Steelers.

There also was an impressive crop of rookies.

The slot position players — wide receiver Joey Galloway of Seattle and running backs like Terrell Davis of Denver, Curtis Martin of New England and Rashawn Salaam of Chicago — were able to use those skills to step right in.

Others may emerge in the next year or two, like cornerback Craig Newton of the Packers and Tyrone Polk of Carolina, who were quieter but perhaps more efficient than Orlando Thomas of Minnesota. He led the league with nine interceptions, but was beaten for as many touchdowns or more.

And others may improve, like Hugh Douglas of the Jets, primarily a pass rusher who will learn to play the run.

Finally, look for some of the offensive linemen who began learning this year (Korey Stringer of the Vikings, Scott Cragg and Rob Croteau of the Giants; Blake Brockmeyster of the Panthers and Tony Boselli and Brian DeMarco of the Jaguars) to have a bigger impact in 1996.

Look at his figures — 119 receptions, nine 100-yard receiving games — and look at the

Money

TV industry's plan could cost you plenty

Knight-Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — TV stations aren't advertising this, but their owners have a plan that could cost you more than \$200 billion.

First, they want to phase out their current transmission system and replace it with a more efficient, computer-style digital system. The move, which they hope will help build audiences, has a stunning side effect: It will make obsolete every television now operating in America, including about 9 million bought this holiday season.

Replacing today's 220 million outmoded analog TV sets with digital sets to receive the new signal will cost viewers \$187 billion, according to the National Association of Broadcasters, an industry lobby based in Washington.

In addition, because stations can't send digital and analog signals over the same channel, broadcasters want use of a second

Want to weigh in with your comment?

Knight-Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — Here's how you can have a say in broadcast TV's future: • Write to Reed E. Hundt, Chairman, Federal Communications Commission, 1919 M St. NW, Washington, D.C. 20554-0001.

• Send questions and comments to the FCC via its Internet address: fccinfo@fcc.gov.

• Write your senators c/o The Capitol,

Washington, D.C. 20510, or representatives c/o The Capitol, Washington, D.C. 20515.

Chairman Hundt is particularly keen for comment. "By and large, the public is not represented by the lawyers and lobbyists in Washington," he told the New Yorker magazine earlier this year. "The few public advocates are overwhelmed financially... But we've got to be able to stand up to business on certain occasions and say.... It's about the public interest."

channel free for at least 15 years. This proposed channel gift to broadcasters comes just as their airwave rivals in the cellular telephone and pager industry have paid more than \$3 billion for new channels at government auctions.

Were new TV channels to be auctioned, too, their sale might generate \$100 billion for the U.S. Treasury, according to the Federal Communications Commission, which oversees broadcasting.

That's not the same as money in your

poCKET, but \$100 billion amounts to a contribution of \$383 a piece for every American that could be used for budget-balancing, Medicare, tax relief, or other government purposes.

Neither auctions of airwave channels nor picture upgrades are pie-in-the-sky ideas. President Clinton's latest budget-balancing plan calls for \$13 billion to be wrung somehow from TV band-auctions in the next seven years.

The Senate, which banned such auctions in a measure written with the industry's help in 1993, this fall ordered the FCC to reconsider the idea.

At the same time, ABC, NBC, and CBS are pressing the FCC to require several hours of air time daily of digital movement, high-definition television (HDTV) to promote the digital transition. Fox and the Public Broadcasting System want to Please see TVC2

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Briefly in business

Blue chips give market a post-holiday boost

NEW YORK — Blue chip stocks got a boost from traditional year-end buying Tuesday and the stock market rose, but not everyone got the benefits of the Santa Claus effect.

Technology shares were mixed. Retailers headed downward as sales figures from the mostly depressing Christmas season filtered in.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 12.29 points to close at 5,110.26. Advancing issues outnumbered declines by about 9 to 8 on the New York Stock Exchange. Big Board volume totaled a light 217.03 million shares as of 4 p.m., down from Friday's 289.61 million.

Citigroup mulls leaving city, corporate atmosphere behind

NEW YORK — Citicorp, the nation's largest financial institution with a name and history etched into New York, is considering moving its headquarters out of the Big Apple after 183 years.

Chairman John Reed believes the city has too much of a corporate atmosphere and big-money mentality for a global consumer bank, spokesman Jack Morris said.

Compiled from wire reports

Inside

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Businessman rolls dice on Lottery Channel

The Associated Press

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — The goal of the Lottery Channel is to be the CNN of legal gambling. At the moment, though, the fledgling station is closer to "Wayne's World."

Consider these highlights from the channel's promotional videotape:

- An interview with the technician who installed the set's lighting. He remarked, in perfect deadpan, "Of course, people get a little upset at us if we happen to complete the installation and a week later something per chance happens to fall out of the sky, so to speak."
- An interview with the men who constructed the news set. They discussed the challenges of getting the set up five nights of stairs.
- An analysis of instant-win ticket scratching techniques:

Interviewer: "We are here with Ray and John, and the question I have for John is, 'How do you scratch?'"

John: "I scratch until I win."

Interviewer: "And how about you, Ray? How do you scratch?"

Ray (stifling a giggle): "I scratch as fast as I can."

If Cincinnati businessman Roger Ach has his way, employees of the 2-month-old channel someday will look back on those "highlights" and laugh in the same way ESPN officials chuckle about their network's humble beginnings airing refrigeration advertising spots.

Ach, an investment banker, is financing the Lottery Channel. He envisions a nationwide cable channel with round-the-clock programming featuring play-at-home lottery games, drawings from different states, fea-



Associate producer Monique Smith and production manager Ray Jefferson edit a show for the Lottery Channel in Providence, R.I.

tures on jackpot winners, and other gambling news and entertainment.

In a nation that boasts channels devoted to weather and golf, and where an estimated 90 million people play lotteries every week, Ach has no doubt there is an audience for the Lottery Channel.

Ach said he already has spent more than \$1 million and expects to spend "somewhat part eight figures" to take the channel to a national satellite feed, something he hopes to accomplish in the next year.

For now, though, the channel's staff of five scrambles to put together a daily hour of

advertisement-free programming that is repeated four times on a Providence UHF station, WFXT Channel 23.

"We're using it as an introduction to see what works, what doesn't work," associate producer Monique Smith said. "It's a great place for creativity."

Markets

Dow-Jones

Stock	Price	% Chg
NYSE	5,110.26	+0.24
NASDAQ	2,200.00	+0.18
Dow Jones	7,880.00	+0.12

Most actives

Symbol	Price	% Chg
IBM	103.50	+0.15
Microsoft	54.00	+0.20
Apple	42.00	+0.10
Oracle	58.00	+0.18
Novartis	52.00	+0.12

Beans

Bean	Price	% Chg
Black	12.00	+0.10
Brown	11.50	+0.08
White	11.00	+0.05

Grains

Grain	Price	% Chg
Wheat	2.50	+0.02
Corn	1.80	+0.01
Soybean	3.20	+0.03

Local interest

Company	Price	% Chg
América	20.00	+0.50
Bank One	18.00	+0.25
First Security	15.00	+0.10
Western	12.00	+0.05

Closing futures

Futures	Price	% Chg
S&P 500	5,110.26	+0.24
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Oil	18.50	+0.10

Metals

Commodity	Price	% Chg
Copper	0.95	+0.01
Gold	370.00	+0.05
Silver	5.80	+0.02

Sugar

Sugar	Price	% Chg
White	32.00	+0.05
Yellow	31.00	+0.04

Livestock

Livestock	Price	% Chg
Cattle	1.20	+0.01
Hog	0.80	+0.01
Poultry	0.50	+0.01

Potatoes/onions

Produce	Price	% Chg
Potato	0.15	+0.01
Onion	0.12	+0.01

Fossil fuels

Fossil Fuel	Price	% Chg
Crude Oil	20.50	+0.10
Natural Gas	0.80	+0.05

Stock listings

Company	Price	% Chg
Alcoa	35.00	+0.15
Boeing	55.00	+0.20
General Electric	40.00	+0.10
IBM	103.50	+0.15
Microsoft	54.00	+0.20
Apple	42.00	+0.10
Oracle	58.00	+0.18
Novartis	52.00	+0.12
Amgen	65.00	+0.15
Biogen	45.00	+0.10
Celgene	35.00	+0.08
Genentech	48.00	+0.12
Immunex	30.00	+0.05
Johnson & Johnson	38.00	+0.08
Merck	42.00	+0.10
Pfizer	28.00	+0.05
Schering-Plough	32.00	+0.08
Schering	25.00	+0.05
Wampole	22.00	+0.05
Wyeth	18.00	+0.05

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AT&T	28.00	+0.10
Bank of America	25.00	+0.08
Bell	32.00	+0.12
Boeing	55.00	+0.20
British Petroleum	15.00	+0.05
Chrysler	22.00	+0.08
Comcast	18.00	+0.05
Digital	35.00	+0.10
Eastman	20.00	+0.05
Enron	15.00	+0.05
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Money

TV

Continued from C1 digital, but want more flexibility when it comes to airing HDTV. Under any of these options, today's television sets would be rendered obsolete.

"Does the audience want to go on this journey?" FCC Chairman Reed Hundt asked in a speech last month to the International Radio and Television Society. "Should we assume that they want the excitement of analog broadcasts?"

Almost no one else in Washington is asking those questions, because the industry-driven presumption is yes. And ultimately, the issue is not just media power in Washington; it's what's happening these days as well-connected industries seek new opportunities to exploit public property—whether it's expanded grazing, mineral or timber rights, wetland development rights—or additional free broadcast channels.

In the case of broadcasting, station owners received designated signal channels free under the 1934 Communications Act, basically to keep them from airing signals that interfered with one another. In return, they accepted a public-trust obligation to air local news, give politicians equal treatment and deliver some community-service programs.

Over the years, broadcasters effectively came to see the advantages they could sell them with confidence that broadcasting licenses would continue in effect. And, in the eyes of nearly everyone except station owners, they came to take their public-trust obligations as a mere formality.

"It's a national scandal," groused former FCC Chairman Henry Geller in a recent interview. He said, for example, that broadcasters have claimed to provide educational programming for children via their programs as "America's Funniest Home Videos," "Biker Mice from Mars" and "Yogi Bear."

And yet the broadcasters' main policy argument for continued free

airwave use is that they provide public-service programming and local news that somehow does the nation good. A second reason, but one quite far from policy, is shrinking network TV audiences are making it harder for stations to generate advertising revenue.

Part of the solution is the industry-government plan to switch from analog to digital transmission that's faster, crisper and richer in detail. Digital's superiority is a complicated matter, but it comes down to this: Analog broadcasting conveys sound and images by varying the height and length of the electronic waves your TV receives. Digital broadcasting conveys a computer-like transmission of 1s and 0s that can deliver to your TV a lot more information.

In demonstrations at least, high-definition TV pictures are of 35mm movie quality. The sound is as good as CDs. And, when HDTV is not being broadcast, digital transmission can be compressed so that station owners can broadcast multiple programs on a single channel. HDTV, quality—in the airwave space now taken up by a single analog broadcast.

To make the transition to digital, broadcasters want—and currently are getting—to get a megahertz of additional channel space free for the duration of the changeover. They have 6 megahertz for each station with their current licenses. Broadcasters want dual signal licenses for 15 years or more. The Clinton administration wants to take back the old analog channels after seven years and auction them off.

Until the switch is complete, viewers would see HDTV for major sporting and entertainment events, similar to what the broadcasters plan. The rest of the time, stations would be free to air current programming—plus all-news, all-sports, and home shopping channels, all of them potential new money-makers.

Whatever happens, viewers will need new TV sets to see the improved broadcasts. And note: Even promoters say it'll take a big digital set from only a few hundred to about \$1,500 more than current analog models, to see the difference in picture quality.

—There's a cheaper alternative, but it's a no-gainer in terms of picture quality. Viewers can buy converters from about \$200 and larger, improved digital images back into analog signals that today's equipment can air.

Until recently, there was no marketplace challenge to TV-broadcasters because no one else wanted their airwaves. That changed with the appearance of cellular phone, pager, cable TV, satellite TV and other telecommunications enterprises.

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"It's like writing a check to the economic powerhouses of the country. It's an outrageous grab," complained Janis Chauschinsky, president of Freedom Technology, a telecommunications consulting firm based in Washington.

TV viewers who will foot the digital transition's bill, of course, have a similar gripe. In Washington, viewers have been largely blindsided out when it comes to proposals about TV's future that reach about as deeply into America's living rooms as government ever gets.

When investing in mutuals, be demanding but not greedy

NEW YORK (AP)— Expect a lot from your mutual funds in 1996—but don't expect too much from the markets they invest in.



OF MUTUAL INTEREST

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If you encounter fees or rules you think are unjustified, by all means let the fund sponsor know of your displeasure—or consider voting with your feet by moving to another fund organization. There are plenty of good ones to choose among.

(though they are, by law, prominently disclosed in the prospectus.)

As you tackle your income tax return, consider how helpful your fund organization is in providing the reports and information you need.

For many fund investors, matters like these tend to be secondary to the prime question of performance. The reason they invest in mutual funds, after all, is to make money.

Thanks to soaring stock and bond markets, many funds delivered handsomely on that score in 1995. For most of the year, sharp gains in technology, finance and other sectors of the stock market enabled a good many activist fund managers to beat the market averages.

Looking to 1996, however, many financial advisers are cautioning people not to expect anything like a replay of '95.

Typical is Michael Lipper, president of the research firm Lipper Analytical Services Inc., who says that even if stock funds do manage another gain in 1996, foreign

funds may well have a better year than U.S. stock funds.

In the next year or two, he adds, "it would seem to me that we're due for an economic hiatus."

Barton Biggs, investment strategist at Morgan Stanley & Co., foresees "a more difficult year ahead." Adds Frederick Taylor, chief investment officer at U.S. Trust Corp., "Do not expect the dramatic returns of 1995 to be repeated in 1996."

Jon Fossil, chairman of Oppenheimer Management Corp., is on record with a forecast of a "correction" of 10 percent or more for the Dow Jones industrial average during the first half of the new year. By year-end 1996, he projects that stock prices will have recovered to a little above where they stand today.

If the market is flat or down, it's sensible to hope that a given fund manager might at least judiciously to minimize the damage, as quite a few did in the weak market of 1994. But in a flat or declining market, the net asset value of the average fund will inevitably follow a flat or declining path too.

If all this strikes you as pretty gloomy, there is a cheery way to look at it. The idea that 1996 will be much less rewarding than '95 for stock and bond investors is almost universally accepted on Wall Street.

And most experienced investors school themselves to distrust strong consensus whenever they appear.

Just about nobody predicted a big year for the markets in '95. So, to a contrarian, it's actually encouraging that nobody is looking for a big year in '96 either.

Stock listings

New York

Table of stock listings for New York, including columns for stock name, price, and volume. Includes sub-sections for NYSE, NASDAQ, and American.

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
Notice of Intent to prepare an environmental assessment, conduct site visit, solicit interventions, protests, and written scoping comments.
(December 1, 1995)
Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:
a. Type of Application: Minor License (less than 50kW)
b. Project No. 11060-001
c. Date filed: December 9, 1995
d. Applicant: J.M. Miller Enterprises, Inc.
e. Name of Project: Saitko Hydroelectric Project
f. Location: In the Kastalu drainage area about 0.5 miles from the confluence with the Snake River in Twin Falls County, Idaho, near the town of Filer, Idaho. Filed Pursuant to Federal Power Act, 16 USC §§ 791(a)(2)(B) and 791(a)(2)(C)
g. Applicant Contact: Donald W. Block, P.E., J.M. Enterprises, Inc., 800 Falls Ave., Twin Falls, ID 83301 (208) 733-2414

Tracy Ahrens, J.E. Engineers, Inc., 800 Falls Ave., Twin Falls, ID 83301 (208) 733-2414
f. FERC Contact: Ms. Deborah Frazier-Stutley (202) 295-2542
d. Deadline for filing protests, motions to intervene and written scoping comments: February 13, 1996.
k. Status of Environmental Analysis: The application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time—see attached paragraph D.
e. Intent to Prepare Environmental Assessment and Invitation for Written Scoping Comments: The Commission staff intends to prepare an Environmental Assessment in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act. In the EA, we will consider both site-specific and cumulative environmental impacts of the project and reasonable alternatives. The EA will include an economic, financial, and engineering analysis.
A draft EA will be issued and circulated for review by all interested parties. All comments filed on the draft EA will be analyzed by the staff and considered in a final EA. The staff's conclusions will then be presented for the consideration by the Commission in reaching its final licensing decision.
Scoping Meetings: The Commission held two scoping meetings. A scoping meeting oriented towards the public will be held on Wednesday, January 10, 1996, at 7:30 pm, at Filer High School, High Falls, Idaho. A scoping meeting oriented towards the agencies will be held on Thursday, January 11, 1996, at 8:00 am, at the Filer City Hall, Council Chambers, 300 Main Street, Filer, ID 83328.
Interested individuals, organizations, and agencies are invited to attend either or both meetings and submit comments on the scoping process that should be analyzed in the EA. To help focus discussions at the meetings, a scoping document containing subject areas to be addressed in the EA will be mailed to interested individuals on the Commission mailing list. Copies of the scoping document will also be available at the scoping meetings.
Site Visit: A site visit to the proposed Saitko Hydroelectric Project is planned for January 10, 1996, at 10:00 am, at 800 Falls Ave., Twin Falls, ID. If you plan to attend, please call (208) 733-2414 for directions and additional details.
Directives: At the scoping meetings, the staff will: (1) identify preliminary issues related to the proposed project; (2) identify issues that are not addressed in the EA; (3) identify reasonable alternatives

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Money

TV

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digital, but want more flexibility when it comes to airing HDTV. Under any of these options, too, a television set would be rendered obsolete.

"Does the audience want to go on this journey?" FCC Chairman Reed Hundt asked in a speech last month to the International Radio and Television Society. "We assume they will welcome the extinction of analog broadcast."

Almost no one else in Washington is asking those questions, because the industry-driven presumption is yes. And ultimately, the issue is not just media power in Washington; it's what's happening these days as well-connected industries seek new opportunities to exploit public property, whether it's expanded grazing, mineral or timber rights, or additional development rights, or additional free broadcast channels.

In the case of broadcasting, station owners received designated signal channels from the Federal Communications Act, basically to let them broadcast from air signals that interfered with one another. In return, they accepted a public-trust obligation to air local news, give political coverage and broadcast some community-service programs.

Over the years, broadcasters effectively came to own the airwaves; they could sell them with confidence that broadcasting licenses would continue in effect. And, in the eyes of nearly everyone except station owners, they came to take their public-service obligations lightly.

"It's a national scandal," groused former FCC Chairman Henry Geller in a recent interview. "The industry has complained to provide educational programming for children via such programs as 'America's Funniest Home Videos,' 'Blaker Mice from Mars' and 'Yogi Bear.'"

And yet the broadcasters' main policy argument for continued free

airwave use is that they provide public-service programming and local news. But someone does the nation good. A second policy, but one quite aside from policy, is that shrinking network TV audiences are making it harder for stations to generate advertising revenue.

Part of the solution is the industry's proposal to switch from analog to digital transmission that's faster, crisper and richer in detail. Digital's superiority is a complicated matter, but it comes down to this: Analog broadcasting conveys sound and images by varying the height and length of the electronic waves your TV receives. Digital broadcasting entails a computer-like transmission of 1s and 0s that can deliver to a faster TV a lot more information a foot.

In demonstrations at least, high-definition TV pictures are of 35mm-movie quality. The sound is as good as CDs. And, when HDTV is not broadcast, digital transmission can be compressed so that station owners can broadcast multiple programs — of conventional, not HDTV, quality — in the airwave space now taken up by a single analog broadcast channel.

To make the transition to digital broadcasters want, and currently are likely to get — 6 megahertz of additional channel space free for the duration of the changeover. They have 6 megahertz for each station along with their current licenses. Broadcasters want dual signal licenses for 15 years or more. The Clinton administration wants to take back the old analog channels after seven years and auction them off.

Until the switch is complete, viewers would see HDTV for major sporting and entertainment events, according to the broadcasters' plan. The rest of the time, stations would be free to air current programming such as "Sports Illustrated," and home shopping channels, all of them potential new money-makers.

Whatever happens, viewers will need new TV sets to see the improved broadcasts. And note: Even if you don't buy a big digital set, 35-inch or larger and costing about \$1,500 more than current analog models, to see the difference in picture quality.

There's a cheaper alternative, but it's a no-gainer in terms of picture quality. Viewers can buy converters for about \$200 and turn new, improved digital images back into analog signals that today's equipment can air.

Until recently, there was no marketplace challenge to TV broadcasters because no one else wanted their airwave space. That changed with the appearance of cellular phone, pager, cable TV, satellite TV and other telecommunications entrepreneurs who, since 1993, have had to buy airwave channels to make their forays.

And these competitors to broadcast TV understandably see red. "After paying \$3 billion (and climbing) for new spectrum, the wireless industry is watching in shock and dismay as the broadcasters seek... free new spectrum with which to, among other things, compete against those who paid for their spectrum," quipped Thomas Wheeler, president of the Washington-based Cellular Telecommunications Industry Association, in a recent letter to FCC Chairman Hundt.

"It's like writing a check to the economic powerhouse of the country. It's an outrageous grab," complained Janice Obuchowski, president of Freedom Technologies, a telecommunications consulting firm based in Washington.

Viewers who will face the digital transition's bill, of course, have a similar right to complain. But viewers have been largely blacked out when it comes to proposals about TV's future that reach about as deeply into America's living rooms as government ever gets.

When investing in mutuals, be demanding but not greedy

NEW YORK (AP) — Expect a lot from your mutual funds in 1996, but don't expect too much from the markets they invest in. That might serve as an operating philosophy for anyone trying to sort out the imponderables of a new year in the world of fund investing.



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Even more than ever before, you as a shareholder-customer in a booming business have every reason to expect top-quality service without paying exorbitant fees. Successful, and even more successful, fund organizations have made more than enough money in recent years to finance strong shareholder service, record-keeping and communications efforts. The prospect of continued high revenues and profits into the foreseeable future provides plenty of incentive for them to make that kind of investment.

Since mutual funds have prospered precisely by winning the approval of small investors, you have every right to expect good treatment even if you have only modest amounts to invest.

If you encounter fees or rules you think are unjustified, by all means let the fund sponsor know of your displeasure — or consider voting with your feet by moving to another fund organization. There are plenty of good ones to choose among.

In spare moments sometime soon, by all means take a closer look at the fees charged by your present fund, or funds. Management and operating fees are deducted periodically from the assets of a fund, and thus get paid over and over again without drawing any notice from the clientele

(though they are, by law, prominently disclosed in the prospectus).

As you tackle your income tax return, consider how helpful your fund organization is in providing the reports and information you need.

For many fund investors, matters like these tend to be secondary to the prime question of performance. The reason they invest in mutual funds, after all, is to make money.

Thanks to soaring stock and bond markets, many funds delivered handsomely on that score in 1995. For most of the year, sharp gains in technology, finance and other sectors of the stock market enabled a good many activist fund managers to beat the market average.

Looking to 1996, however, many financial advisers are cautioning people not to expect anything like a replay of '95.

Typical is Michael Lipper, president of the research firm Lipper Analytical Services Inc., who says that even if stock funds do manage another gain in 1996, foreign

funds may well have a better year than U.S. stock funds.

In the next year or two, he adds, "it would seem to me that we're due for an economic hesitation."

Barton Biggs, investment strategist at Morgan Stanley & Co., foresees "a more difficult year ahead." His client, Taylor Trust Corp., "Do not expect the dramatic returns of 1995 to be repeated in 1996."

Jon Fossel, chairman of Oppenheimer Management Corp., is on record with a forecast of a "correction" of 10 percent or more for the Dow Jones industrial average during the first half of the next year. By yearend 1996, he projects that stock prices will have recovered to a little above where they stood today.

If the market is flat or down, it's sensible to hope that a given fund manager might at least move adroitly to minimize the damage, to a contrarian, it's actually eyeing the market, the net asset value of the average fund will inevitably follow a flat or declining path too.

If all this strikes you as pretty gloomy, there is a cheerier way to look at it. The idea that 1996 will be much less rewarding than '95 for stock and bond investors is almost universally accepted on Wall Street.

And most experienced investors school themselves to distrust strong consensus whenever they appear.

Just about nobody predicted a big year for the markets in 1995. So, to a contrarian, it's actually encouraging that nobody is looking for a big year in '96 either.

Stock listings

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Those who played low lost the game. East's queen won, the suit was cleared and the game hinged on where the spade ace was. Unfortunately, West had the ace and the game went two down.

The few who played a thoughtful diamond king at trick one made the game. With the suit split 6-2, East could not unblock the suit without giving South a second club winner. And with no second block, South had to knock down the spade ace and make his game.

Sometimes, small differences in play result in huge rewards.

NORTH ♠ K 7 4 3
♥ Q 10 7 5
♦ K
♣ K 10 9 6

WEST ♠ A 6 4
♥ A 9 8 7 5 2
♦ J 7 3

EAST ♠ 8 7 3
♥ K 9 6 5 2
♦ Q 3
♣ A 5 2

SOUTH ♠ K J 10 5
♥ J 8
♦ J 10 6
♣ A Q 8 4

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: East

The bidding:

East 1♣ South 1♣ West Pass North Pass
Pass 1♦ Pass 1♥
Pass 3NT All pass

Opening lead: Diamond seven

BID WITH THE ACES

South holds: 12-27-B

♠ A 6 4
♥ 10
♦ A 9 8 7 5 2
♣ J 7 3

North

1NT

ANSWER: Two diamonds. Last chance to introduce the suit. It's likely to be your best trump suit.

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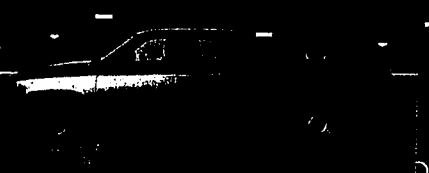
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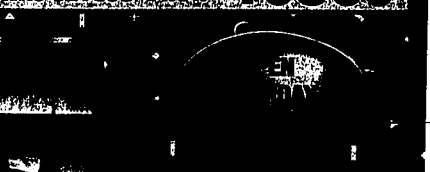
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Food & Home

And then there was beer

Magic Valley Brew Crew keeps the art of brewing alive

By Cathy Walworth
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — In the beginning, there was cereal. And bread. Then — before an ancient Babylonian knew it — where there was baking there was beer.

In *no time at all*, man figured out that if it went Snap! Crackle or Pop! a party was sure to follow. Beer has been brewed from cereal grains since Babylon, 6,000 years ago.

Beer got to be the beverage of choice before the days of coffee and tea. In the time it takes to down a cold one, Charles I of England imposed a tax on beer, thus recognizing beer's first by-product. The locals up and moved to America, where micro-breweries were invented.

"Once the micro-brew crew caught on, I tried different types and styles of beers and found that there's a lot more out there than in the stores," said Quay Marshall, a member of the Magic Valley Brew Crew.

Folks hereabouts have been brewing and swapping beer recipes for about a year, Marshall said. They get together about every four to six weeks at various members' homes for a beer sampling — like a wine tasting.

"Getting drunk isn't part of it. We swap recipes and tips," he added. "As a group we'll do a brew, and we're working on getting good enough to send bottles to national competition."

Every state has clubs, Marshall said, and many belong to the American Home Brewer's Association. Tastings are held regionally, and groups compete for ribbons.

"To win a ribbon is a high honor," Marshall said. "It means you've got the process down for that style."

Just about anybody who likes beer can get started brewing, according to Marshall. All you need is "a great big pot," barley malts, water and yeast.

There are a couple of stores that sell a little of the stuff in pre-packaged kits, which aren't really very good," Marshall said, so he orders his ingredients from catalogs. But the basic kits are a good way for a would-be brewer to get acquainted with the art.

"To become immersed in zymology, the science of fermentation, Marshall recommends a 2½-gallon pot — the bigger the better. Boil up some barley malts, cool it, pour the mixture into a glass carboy (a large glass or plastic bottle enclosed for protection in basketweave or in a wooden crate), throw in some yeast and let it ferment a while.

Depending on the style of beer one is attempting to create, Marshall lets his beer ferment anywhere from a week to a month or two.

Lager beer, or the stuff Americans know as beer, got its name from the German



Will Weeks, left, of Filer, and Quay Marshall, of Buhl, have been swapping beer recipes with members of the Magic Valley Brew Crew for about a year.

word for storehouse. Lager beer is slowly fermented at low temperatures, then stored in cold cellars for several months. During the cold storage period, lager beer clears and develops its sparkle as carbon dioxide forms.

Schenk beer is made to be drunk right away. Actually an ale, schenk beer is rapidly fermented at a comparatively high temperature. Bock beer, usually produced in the spring, has a somewhat higher alcoholic content than lager beer and is darkened with the addition of caramel.

"Zymurgy" is not only the last word in

the dictionary, but it's also the name of a magazine dedicated to the art of fermentation, Marshall said.

More advice can be found in "The Complete Joy of Home Brewing," which is, in Marshall's opinion, one of the best books to start with. There are a lot of books that contain recipes and how-to tips, and local bookstores have a variety, he said.

To get started causing zymotic reactions, call Marshall at 543-8723. He can send a free newsletter or let you know when and where the Brew Crew will meet next.

BUDDY CHARLES MANGIN/The Times-News

Tell us who's cooking

The Times-News
We're looking for a few good cooks. Each month, The Times-News features two Magic Valley cooks as section's profiles in the Food & Home cooking 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.



Get a jump on holiday baking

By Denise Turner
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — So many readers responded to our request for Christmas recipes that we decided to share a few of them after Christmas — just in time for next year's baking.

The white fudge recipe is from Joan Hite Barkley of Eden.

WHITE FUDGE
2 cups granulated sugar
¼ cup light cream
1/3 cup white corn syrup
2 tablespoons butter
½ teaspoon salt
2 teaspoons vanilla, rum or brandy flavoring
¼ cup candied cherries
1 cup coarsely chopped walnuts

1. Combine first five ingredients in saucepan; bring to a boil slowly, stirring until sugar dissolves. Boil without stirring, over medium heat, to 236 degrees on candy thermometer, or until a little mixture dropped in cold water forms a soft ball.

2. Remove from heat and let stand 15 minutes. Do not stir.

3. Add flavoring; Beat until mixture starts to lose its gloss (about 8 minutes).

4. Stir in the candied cherries and walnuts.

5. Quickly pour into greased shallow pan. Cool and cut into squares.

Million Dollar Fudge
2 giant plain Hershey chocolate bars
1 12-ounce package chocolate chips
1 jar marshmallow cream
1 cube butter or margarine
1 pound walnuts or pecans
1 teaspoon vanilla
¼ cup granulated sugar
1 tall can evaporated milk

Mix the following ingredients in a 6- to 8-quart container: Hershey bars (break into pieces), chocolate chips, vanilla, marshmallow cream, butter or margarine.

Mix the following ingredients in a 4- to 6-quart saucepan: 4½ cups granulated sugar and one tall can evaporated milk. Let sugar and milk come to a boil. After it starts to boil, cook for 6 minutes.

Pour mixture of sugar and evaporated milk over remaining ingredients and blend until smooth and creamy. After mixture is completely blended, add the chopped walnuts or pecans. Fold in walnuts or pecans, then drop balls of the mixture into greased pans.

Let stand from 4 to 6 hours, or until completely chilled.

Makes 6 pounds.

ALMOND COOKIES
1 ¼ cups granulated sugar
1 Crisco Stick or 1 cup Crisco all-vegetable shortening
3 eggs
¼ cup light corn syrup
2 teaspoons almond extract
1 teaspoon vanilla
3 cups all-purpose flour (plus 4 tablespoons divided)
½ teaspoon baking powder
¼ teaspoon baking soda
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Chinese New Year celebrates more than just new year

Most Chinese Americans celebrate the arrival of a new year several weeks after the annual Dec. 31 countdown to midnight on New Year's Eve.

The exact date of the Chinese New Year is determined by a lunisolar calendar of 12 months or 29 or 30 days, or 354 days (an extra month is inserted seven times every 19 years to reconcile with the earth's 365-day year. This holiday is observed some time between mid-January and mid-February. In 1996, the Year of the Rat will begin on Feb. 16.

As celebrated in United States cities with large Chinese populations (such as San Francisco, New York), the observance is generally limited to a day, while in China an entire month is set aside to commemorate the passing of the old year and the arrival of the new one. Outdoor parades with ceremonial dragons and fireworks mark the occasion.

On both sides of the Pacific, the house is the focus of the festivities. The doors of houses are thrown open to welcome anyone who can be considered kin. Relatives travel for miles to be with one another, and everyone contributes to the family feast.

Baking and pastries are part of Chinese culinary tradition and are part of New Year's revelry. Like many of these treats, Almond Cookies, soft, moist, almond-flavored sugar cookies, and Walnut Cookies, juicy, chewy, glazed cookies topped with a walnut half — are cut into round shape like a wheel to symbolize wholeness and continuity.

For a Chinese New Year party at home, the table can be decorated with bamboo mats, inexpensive paper parasols, and brilliant red and gold napkins. Rice bowls can hold a variety of condiments, and colorful chopsticks and stands

will add to the atmosphere. A Chinese restaurant can supply a bountiful main course, leaving time for baking delicious cookies full of Oriental flavors for dessert.

New Year's Moon Cakes — round tender, flaky pastries filled with succulent dates, coconut and orange marmalade — celebrate the roll of the lunar cycle in determining the number of days in a Chinese calendar month.

Besides being based on a lunisolar rhythm, the Chinese calendar names each year for one of 12 animals, beginning with the Year of the Rat and progressing through the ox, tiger, hare, dragon, snake, horse, sheep, monkey, fowl, dog and pig. This cycle of years is frequently used for astrological purposes, much the same way the twelve signs of the zodiac are used in the West to describe personality traits and to tell fortunes. A person's sign is determined by the year of birth rather than the date of birth.

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Almond Cookies, Walnut Cookies and New Year's Moon Cakes help celebrate the Chinese New Year with tasty treats.

Cookies, hors d'oeuvres go well with rich egg nog

Ask Martha
Martha Stewart

Q: What kinds of foods can I serve with rich eggnog? —Sophia V. Cahill, Fort Thomas, Ky.

A: I have a holiday open house almost every year, and one of the most popular tables at that party is the one devoted to a giant punch bowl filled with eggnog treat. This is indeed a rich and filling treat, but since it is holiday time, the other dishes I serve are not designed to "go with" the eggnog so much as to be appropriate to the season and to the festive table.

I have a cookie table where, on footed glass pedestals, I mound all my Christmas cookies — made from recipes that I've collected from my mother and the rest of my family. Other dessert treats include plum puddings and "croquebouche," tall pyramids of caramelized cream puffs.

I also serve tiny little split and filled with slivers of country ham and sweet mustard sauce, platters of delectatively cut crudites, tiny stuffed cabbage rolls, homemade gravlax (see recipe in box) on black bread, blini with red and black caviar and, if I'm in the mood, fresh, small oysters on the half shell.

"As you can tell, such a party is not for the diet-conscious guest. But you can also have lots of mineral water, fruit juices and hot mulled cider on hand.

Q: My yard is infested with deer. Do you have any suggestions for controlling this problem humanely? —C. Kelly, Denton, Conn.

A: One of the most serious problems we face as gardeners, especially in the northeastern United States, is the severe influx of deer roaming suburban neighborhoods.

I am surrounded by growing numbers of these beautiful but garden-unfriendly creatures, who are sorely tempted by tender, delicious vegetables as well as my perennials, tulips, shrubbery and fruit trees.

The only sure way to keep deer off one's property is to install a sturdy, 8-foot fence.

Please see MARTHAD/7

Recipe idea for holiday snack

GRAVLAX
This recipe is simple and the result is invariably delicious. It is imperative, however, that extremely fresh salmon be used, as well as fresh herbs.

Serves 16

1 8-pound boned salmon, cut into 2 fillets, skin on
¼ cup anise seed
1 cup sugar
¼ cup caraway seed
¼ cup freshly ground black pepper
¼ cup coarse kosher salt
3 large bunches of fresh dill, coriander or chervil
¼ cup vodka, aquavit or gin

1. Place the salmon fillets on a parchment-lined work surface. Remove any remaining bones from fillets. In a medium bowl, mix together spices, sugar and salt.

2. Place one of the fillets in a large glass or enamel pan. Cover the fillet with the spice mixture. Spread dill on top of the spices, then pour the vodka, gin or aquavit on top of dill. Place second fillet on top of the first, in the opposite direction (heads to tails).

3. Cover entire pan tightly with plastic wrap. Place a heavy object, such as a book or brick, into a smaller pan. Lay pan on top of fish and place both pans in refrigerator.

4. After 12 hours, remove the fish from the pan, unwrap the fish tightly with plastic wrap and turn over. Replace the weighted pan on top of the fish. Continue to refrigerate for 2½ to 3½ more days, turning fish over every 12 hours.

5. After four days, remove fish from refrigerator and unwrap on a parchment-lined baking sheet. Remove top fillet and scrap dill and spices from the surfaces of both fillets.

6. To serve, slice each fillet on the diagonal into thin pieces.

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Home & Garden

January can be a gardener's reverie

Read a seed catalog and dream. Immerse yourself in the four-color or glossy photographs of fantasy gardens.

Afghan snuggling is one of gardening's most important facets. Frosty January and February bring mountains of garden catalogs in the mail for the mist-eyed gardener to peruse, dog-ear and plan. Never mind last year's blackspot. Forget the seeds the birds ate.

Although backyard farmers know that seed catalogs write some of the best fiction in the English language, it doesn't matter when we're curled up beneath a warm Afghan, tea steaming on the side table, pencil in hand. Next year will be different.

Not enough to choose from? For the cost of one stamp (and a dollar), the Complete Guide to Gardening and Landscaping by Mail, from the Mailorder Association of Nurseries will send their catalog of catalogs.

MAN, the Mailorder Association, is a non-profit group that compiles a booklet of hundreds of nursery and seed catalogs. Some offer free samples and price lists. All pay annual dues, and are up on the latest in gardening and abide by the Association's code of ethics. There's a half-dozen coupons included with the directory that offer \$2 to \$10 off orders.

Sound advice is included in the MAN catalog:

1. Buy from a specialist.
2. Don't be misled by fantastic claims or promises of miracle growth or yields, or unbelievably low prices.
3. Read catalog descriptions carefully before buying to be sure

Cathy Walworth Green
Thumbprints

it will grow in your climate.
4. Remember to include complete return address on order blanks.
5. Keep records of phone orders.

6. If you don't want substitutes, say so.

7. Order early.

8. If you want a specific delivery date, say so.

9. Keep records of mail orders.

10. Never send cash.

11. Check for and understand guarantee policy.

12. Check the order, to make sure it's complete when it arrives.

13. Plant your new purchase as soon as possible. Notify the nursery immediately if something doesn't grow.

14. Contact the catalog company when you have questions. They want to keep you as a customer.

Advice from this gardener might be added to the list: Read the catalogs. Dream. Then check out what you can get locally.

Some of us can't deal with delayed gratification.

You can write to MAN at 8683 Dover-Fly Way, Laurel, MD 20723-1211 or call (301) 490-9400.

What's bugging your garden? Send your garden questions to Cathy Walworth, in care of The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303.

By Adrienne Cook
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Protecting and tending to outdoor plant containers is one of the therapeutic tasks of winter — beneficial to pot and daisiee alike.

Most ceramic or terra-cotta pots need protection now. Left outdoors, filled with moist soil, they are bound to crack with winter freezes.

The container might survive with small cracks, but once this damage happens it is difficult to repair. And although a cracked pot might survive for several years, even a subtle fissure compromises the integrity of the soil.

Newer to the market are containers of high-grade plastics that simulate terra cotta, wood or stone. I cannot vouch for how these perform if left filled with soil through the winter. I have had plastic pots crack on me, but they were flimsy.

Begin with. About the only type of container likely to survive the winter while filled is the good old half-whiskey barrel. It is cheap, attractive in a rustic way and pretty

much indestructible.

However, there is a strong argument for emptying soil from virtually all other containers — including concrete ones — that endure the winter elements. This is especially true if you use polymers, those water-absorbing amendments to the soil that provide precious moisture in summer but worsen the freeze-thaw hazards in winter.

In addition, there is the question of soil rejuvenation and amending, which should be done for containers just as it is for the garden. It is especially important to replace the soil in containers where tomatoes were afflicted with fungal diseases because the pathogens linger in the soil.

Containers should be cleaned out with a brush or rag and then sprayed with a mixture of one part bleach to nine parts water. An ordinary spray bottle works fine for this. Empty containers can be stored on a shelf where they can be easily retrieved in the spring.

All of these tasks are best accomplished now; container gardeners are the earliest birds in the growing season, because pots are easily moved about for maximum protection from late cold weather. The first container gardens will be sown

in early March, with crops such as peas and onions.

Most of the soil removed from the pots can be reused, although the soil from diseased tomatoes is fit only as mulch around trees or shrubs or on a perennial bed.

Dissease-free container soil should be piled in an area where you can add other materials and do some vigorous mixing.

I use a large garden cart as a mixing pile, combining two parts soil and one part compost. Then I blend in a mixture of organic fertilizers, including bone meal, dried blood and greensand. Alternatively, I use a pre-mixed fertilizer formulated at about 4-4-4, or equal amounts of phosphorus, nitrogen and potassium. All these ingredients are available at many garden centers or through garden-supply catalogs.

This good stuff is going back into the containers come spring and then needs lightening. I do this by adding perlite at a ratio of three parts soil to one part perlite, a soil-lightening material readily available at garden centers. It looks rather like crushed Styrofoam and it ensures good drainage in containers by preventing the soil from compacting. Poor drainage is one of the leading reasons for failure in con-

tainer-grown plants.

I mix all this together and then transfer the mixture (which should be damp but not wet) to large plastic bins and cardboard boxes. I cover them to keep ants out and to retain moisture, which is needed to foster the ongoing microbiological activity in the soil. It also is needed by any welcome earthworms that found their way in. Keep the containers stored in a sheltered area to keep rain from seeping into them.

The raton-like marshgrass lining in hanging wire baskets that held flowers also can be reused. Shake the soil from the basket and immerse the lining in a solution of bleach and water, then put it back into the basket to dry. Wire baskets lined with Spanish moss should be emptied and the moss added to the compost.

Take inventory of what you'll need to start up again in the spring: Buy new pots or hanging baskets now or early in the new year; don't wait for the spring rush. Add stock up on the basics, especially if you are expanding your container garden. Plenty of potting soil, compost, fertilizer, perlite and those indispensable water-absorbing polymers to give your container plants plenty of moisture in July and August.

Insulated garage door improves house's look

Q: Our old garage door looks terrible, is noisy and is hard to open. The garage is attached to our house. What is the best type of insulated garage door to get and what features should I look for?

A: Installing a new insulated garage door not only improves the appearance of your house, but it keeps your garage warmer. Some new garage doors have enclosed counterbalance springs and nylon hinges for super quiet operation.

Keeping attached garage warmth reduces heat loss through the common house walls. The increased comfort and energy savings is especially noticeable with garages built under the house. Road noise is also blocked.

The basic types of garage doors are steel, wood and plastic or fiberglass. Each has its advantages. Lightweight steel and fiberglass doors are the easiest to install yourself for about a \$200 labor savings.

The best steel doors use a sandwich construction with foam insulation between the indoor and outdoor steel skins. The foam insulation value is as high as R-17. Foamed-in-place insulation is better than a glued-in piece.

Foam-in-place insulation is a door with a plastic thermal break. This keeps the indoor and outdoor steel skins from directly touching each other.

Hollow steel doors are least expensive. Although they look good initially, they don't last. Insulated steel doors are the next step up. These only have an outdoor steel skin. The rigid foam insulation is exposed indoors.

There are two basic types of wood garage doors — paintable hardboard panel/wood frame and stainable solid wood doors. Wood doors have an in-

Paintable hardboard panel doors are less expensive than solid wood doors, are more durable and require less maintenance. For the most elegant appearance; however, a stainable real redwood or cedar door can not be beat.

Insulated fiberglass or polyethylene plastic skin garage doors are attractive and very durable. These materials can most accurately simulate the real design of wood than formed steel skins can.

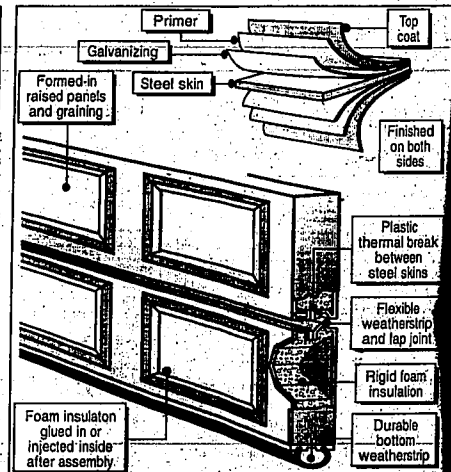
Fiberglass can be stained like wood. Some uninsulated fiberglass doors allow light to pass through to naturally light the garage without windows.

A well-sealing garage door is as important as a well-insulated one. Most steel and fiberglass doors use a lap joint between each section to seal air leakage. The best use a combination of a lap and a weatherstripping seal.

Write for Update Bulletin No. 785 showing a buyer's guide of 13 wood, steel and fiberglass/plastic insulated garage door manufacturers listing materials, insulation types and assembly methods, section and bottom seals and finishes. Please include \$2 and a business-size SASE.

Write to James Dulley, 6906 Royalgreen Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio 45244.

Q: I plan to install a rigid clear plastic storm window under my skylight. Should I caulk all around the steel



Steel sandwich door saves energy and opens quietly.

mounting strip that is attached to the opening — G.R. A: It is important to block most indoor air from getting between the skylight and the storm window. However, if some condensation does occur during cold weather, the moisture needs a path to escape.

'America's Master Gardener' isn't your everyday gardener

By Sue Chastin
Knight-Ridder News Service

Thirty years ago, he was an undercover cop in Detroit. His cover? That of a tree trimmer, landscaper and seed salesman. Then an injury forced him out of police work, and Jerry Baker became a gardener for real.

And not just any gardener. Baker, 64, styled himself "America's Master Gardener," and his accomplishments — 45 gardening books including two best-sellers, several PBS specials and a bimonthly newsletter with a circulation of more than 100,000 — substantiate the claim. So does his weekly call-in radio show, which is heard on more than 200 stations.

An affable, folksy type, Baker spends so much time with travel, interviews and writing that you'd think he'd have no time left for gardening himself. But no, both of his houses — in Troy, Mich., and Mount Dora, Fla. — feature large English gardens, bursting with perennials and equally spacious rock gardens, which he

then trying to digest the gum kills them.

But where "did" he come up with all these ideas? (And he has; as Baker himself would put it, "much, much, much more.")

Many of them, it turns out, came from his Grandma Putt, with whom he lived from ages 6 to 9 in a small town near Flint, Mich., after he was expelled from kindergarten for hyperactivity. But with a little trickster to plant (his first book was the 1970 best-seller "Talk to Your Plants") and introduced him to a host of practical treatments for plant ailments and gardening problems. "We didn't have that much money, so she used what she had," he explained.

Through his ten years, he worked for various landscapers and garden centers, picking up additional tips. And he spent four years in the Air Force as a gardener, before becoming a policeman.

These ideas are ones that everybody I've worked with has used," he said. "All my teachers were much older and wiser than I."

The suggestion that inspires the most skepticism, Baker acknowledges, has to be the "tree massage." Even though it's derived from what professionals do: scoring the bark to stimulate sap flow. "People just can't seem to understand that, even though it does work," he said with a touch of regret.

For all of Baker's natural remedies, tonics and suggestions, he is not one of those gardeners who fanatically avoids chemicals for fertilizing or insect and disease control. Pesticides and herbicides cause problems only when misused, he contends. "I'm all for natural ways until they fail, and then I turn to medicine. I would never say don't use chemicals — that's stupid."

He does, however, recommend using any chemical fertilizer or insecticide at half the recommended rate. "And if you add just a little bit of sugar it increases the efficiency," he added.

Baker, however, is not exactly your garden-variety garden expert. Many of his "gardening" tips range from the merely unusual to the downright bizarre.

A few:

• Smack your tree trunks with a rolled-up newspaper, from the ground to the lowest branch in fall and early spring to get the sap going.

• Use birth-control pills to produce prolific blooms on flowering houseplants.

• Use dry red wine on houseplants, beer on your lawn and whiskey on your roses; fertilize your green peppers with Classic Coke.

• Cut off match heads and sprinkle them in the vegetable garden before you till.

• Plant root crops in the dark of the moon and the plants that grow above the ground in moonlight.

• Use chewing tobacco juice to repel bugs and vermin from the vegetable garden, probably a warlock. I don't know," said Baker with a chuckle.

"I'm not a warlock," he added mildly.

There are specific reasons why each remedy works. The sulfur in the match heads, for example, releases elements locked in the soil and acts as an insect killer. It's the nicotine in tobacco juice that bugs dislike. As for the Juicy Fruit, the scent attracts the little tunnelers, and

Letters of thanks

Community of Shoshone deserves appreciation

I would like to sincerely thank the community of Shoshone for its wonderful support in our fund-raising efforts. Because of your love and generosity, six girls will have the experience of a lifetime — dancing in the Orange Bowl Halftime Show on Jan. 1.

The names are too numerous to list, but please know that we appreciate your outpouring of love and support. Several people make anonymous gifts and donations. Thank you for your selflessness. Some told us that we couldn't raise that much money in a town as small as Shoshone, but they didn't consider the size of your hearts.

On behalf of all the cheerleaders (Lana Brown, Anita King, Abby Roberts, Melissa Wallman, Catherine Smith and Tara Roberts), thank you.

TARA ROBERTS
Head Cheerleader
Shoshone High School
Shoshone

KMVT takes time to help student news project

We are writing this letter to let everyone know how kind and generous

KMVT was to my friends and I.

We chose five seventh-graders to form a group and make a news report about an Idaho issue of our choice. We had a correspondent, director, writer, camera operator and editor. We called KMVT and asked if they could teach us anything about our jobs. They gladly said yes. We went there at a appointed time, and they taught us a great deal about our jobs and TV. We had a great time! The people there were very friendly and helpful. After we were done, we got to go and watch the people do the news live.

KMVT is an excellent place to go and learn. We hope all of you realize how kind KMVT is. From all of us that you helped, thank-you, KMVT! You are greatly appreciated!

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MATT BARNES

RICHARD STOUT
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Twin Falls

Evening serenade brought joy to woman

I have never written to The Times-News before, but I'd like to let the people of Twin Falls know how thoughtful some people are.

My doorman rang the other night and a gentleman asked me to step outside so the street was a wagon full of children, and they sang carols — a very pleasant time for me. I had lost my husband a couple of months ago. I want to thank

the gentleman and children; it was really enjoyed by me and so beautifully done. These were made very evening special.

ELLEN REISS
Twin Falls

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Brick, glass offer visual appeal

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

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

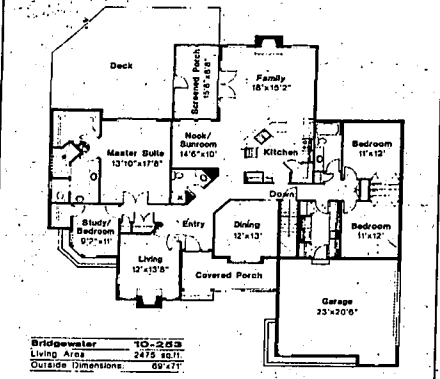
Family room and eating nook are richly illuminated. Four skylights bathe the nook in natural light, tall windows flank the fireplace, and more light washes in through French or atrium doors that access a screened porch.

While processing dishes at the kitchen sink, you can gaze across the long eating bar into any or all of the informal living environments. Appliances are built in and there's plenty of counter and storage space, including a large walk-in pantry. It's only a few steps to the basement stairs, a small bathroom with a shower, and an exceptionally large utility room. Access from the garage, this space is outfitted with two storage closets, a fold-down counter, overhead cabinets and a deep sink.

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

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Insulate floors over crawl spaces

Q. I own several buildings with unheated crawl spaces under them. They are very cold in winter. What can be done about this?

A. It sounds as if the floors are poorly insulated or not insulated at all. This allows heat to escape from the rooms over the crawl spaces and also allows cold air to penetrate from underneath, making the floors cold.

The simplest way to insulate an unheated crawl space is to install blanket-type fiberglass insulation between the joists supporting the floors over the space. R-19 insulation, about six inches thick, should be used. The insulation should have a vapor barrier or facing attached. When installing the blankets, put the vapor barrier on top, turned toward the heated area.

Hold the insulation in place with lengths of stiff wire, available from insulation suppliers. The wires are jammed between the joists under the insulation, and are held in place by friction.

If the crawl spaces have dirt bottoms, also cover these with a layer of thick plastic sheathing. Overlap the plastic sheets at seams and hold them in place with bricks or boards. The plastic will help keep moisture from penetrating into the living area.

Q. We moved into a house with a brick fireplace that has been painted white. We'd like to remove some but not all of the paint, so some bricks show through. Any ideas on how to do it?

A. Use a gel-type paint stripper on the bricks, preferably one of the new "safer" strippers available at many home centers and paint stores. A gel-type stripper such as Citristrip will cling to the vertical surface and give the chemicals plenty of time to soften the paint.



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Read the directions on the stripper container carefully and observe all cautions.

When the paint softens, scrape off with a wide spatula or paint scraper. This is messy work, so be sure and spread drop cloths or thick pads of old newspapers around the fireplace.

Since it is unlikely that one coat of stripper will remove all the paint, you can quit when you get the appearance you want, with just a few of the bricks showing through.

Q. We have an old marble table top that has some yellow stains. How do we remove them?

A. It's often difficult to remove stains from marble even when the cause of the stain is known, but here are a couple of things you can try:

Clean the surface by scrubbing with a natural-bristle or plastic-bristle brush (no wire brushes) dipped in a solution of mild cleaner, such as Ivory Liquid, and water.

If the stains remain, let the surface dry and try soaking one of the stains with a pad of poultice of white facial tissue dipped in hydrogen peroxide or household ammonia. These solutions will leach out some organic stains.

Use the pad in place for several hours, covering it with a piece of plastic or tin foil to reduce evaporation. If the stain fades, repeat until it disappears and follow the same procedure with the other stains. If peroxide or ammonia fails,

dry the top and try a poultice wetted with fingernail-polish remover (acetone). This will leach out some oil stains.

Professional marble cleaning and restoration services are also available in some areas. Check under "Marble" in the Yellow Pages.

Often-asked question: We want to put new asphalt shingles on our roof, since the old shingles are getting worn. Do we have to remove the old shingles before installing the new ones?

In general, new asphalt shingles can be installed over old ones but it is often not a good idea. Contact the building inspector in the municipality, to see if there is a limit on the number of layers of shingles permitted on a roof. Often, no more than two layers of shingles are allowed because the extra weight could cause problems with the roof structure.

If the old shingles are curled or uneven, it is best to remove them to insure a smooth, flat installation of new shingles. A disadvantage of removing old shingles is the extra cost for labor and/or disposal. Discarding old shingles also means more trash for landfills.

Some homeowners believe that leaving old shingles in place will help insulate the roof, but there is no significant insulating value in an extra layer of shingles. It is more important to switch to a light color of shingles, which will help reflect the sun's heat. Dark-colored shingles absorb heat.

Readers' questions and comments are welcome and should be sent to Gene Austin, the Philadelphia Inquirer, Box 8263, Philadelphia, Pa. 19101. Questions cannot be answered personally.

Couple replaces concrete with grass

By Marty Hair
Knight-Ridder News Service

GROSSE POINTE, Mich. — The gray concrete that once covered John Dohan's driveway is gone. In its place, grass springs up from a steel-reinforced grid that makes the driveway strong enough for car and truck traffic. The grass nearly obscures the grid; it looks like turf.

And that brings up something else distinctive about John Dohan's driveway: It has its own sprinkler system. The driveway is part of a house addition project John and Deborah Dohan began in 1990.

What started as a simple kitchen expansion ended up engulfing much of the house, which is set on a 60-foot-wide, 135-foot-deep lot in the city of Grosse Pointe.

The 1930 center-entrance colonial used to be all perimeter driveway and right angles; the boxy exterior, the straight path leading to the street and sidewalk, the rigid concrete driveway on the right lot line directly from the street back to the square garage.

The Dohans and their architect changed that. They reoriented the addition and garage, lining them up on a diagonal to create the illusion of more space.

The first floor now includes an eating and sitting area with an adjoining library that wraps around the back of the house, with a bank of French doors overlooking the yard.

On the second floor, the addition allowed for an expansion into a master bedroom, dressing room and bath, and a deck. A staircase leads up to the first floor and what was once an unfinished attic, now a study.

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All three floors reflect the new angle of the house and yard, extending the view and directing it away from the garage. The house was on the American Institute of Architects' local tour in 1993.

After the addition, John Dohan says, it was time to rethink the driveway and how to unite the old house and the new.

"A way of blurring the distinction on a new angle — in effect, turning the lot. The grass driveway masks the old lot line in favor of a diagonal walkway," says John Dohan, an attorney. He and his wife, a Detroit Public Schools teacher, have one child, Patrick, 5.

Without the concrete drive, no line of concrete separates the Dohan yard from their neighbors', making the space seem larger. A bluestone path follows the new angle from the front yard along the side of the house into the back.

Dohan learned from his architect, Joseph Giannovanni of New York, about how the grids were being installed in California for the appearance of grass but the strength of concrete. Commercial buildings nationwide use it for lawn areas that double as overflow parking or as fire lanes.

The Dohans and Giannovanni selected a product called Hastings Checker Block Pavers. Each 2-foot-square segment looks like a waffle. The old driveway was ripped up and the area excavated to 14 inches.

Porous webbed fabric blocks weeds under a layer of gravel. Sprinkler lines went in next and then the pavers, which are connected with underground channels for drainage.

Into the openings, Three C's Landscaping partner Clem Chagt shoveled a soil mixture, including a material similar to hard-baked cat litter that will keep the grass from getting waterlogged.

Chagt is experimenting with grass seed blends, mainly perennial types. In the last several weeks, the grass has engulfed the stone so the driveway looks like solid turf.

Chagt estimates the cost of the grass driveway at \$7 to \$8.50 a square foot installed. The area near the garage was done as a test last year, with the rest of the work completed this summer. A snow blower will be used to clear the snow in the winter.

Although he has seen similar products the around homes in other countries, Michigan State University turf expert Trey Rogers says it is rare to see its residential use in the United States.

"In Germany, I saw it in peoples' yards for a time. But we like concrete. I guess," says Rogers, an associate professor of crop and soil sciences.

Other, than one obvious drawback — with the new turf driveway, it takes longer for him to mow the yard — John Dohan says people seem to like the effect.

"At a time when we're hearing about the cutting down of rain forests and the thinning ozone layer, any kind of planting seems to be politically correct," Dohan says.

Cure those small-bathroom blues

By Jo Weme
Knight-Ridder News Service

If you are a homeowner, you can enlarge a bath by pushing out a wall or building an addition to your home.

If you are a condo dweller, it's not that simple. New condos usually have luxurious, spacious baths. Yet if your building is an older one, you may be stuck with a standard 5-by-7-foot master bath and an even smaller second bath or powder room.

Interior designer Brenda Frost has discovered several solutions to the small-bath blues. Two years ago she moved from a large home to a two-bedroom, 2½-bath condo in a 25-year-old building.

"A lot of people would like to have a bigger bath, but it's difficult in a condo," Frost said. "You can't always change everything in an existing condo bath, but there are some things you can do. For example, I made my master bath all white on purpose, to make it appear larger."

Frost has won two awards from the Interior Design Guild for projects done on a limited budget. Renovating the two baths and powder room cost Frost around \$10,000, including labor. Not included are accessories purchased at discount stores.

Here's what Frost did to improve and enlarge the master bath:

Removed a wall between the 5-by-7-foot bath and adjacent walk-in closet to create a bathroom measuring 7 by 10 feet.

Designed built-in storage along one wall of the master bedroom to replace the walk-in closet. The doors and drawers were mirrored to visually expand the space.

Replaced the 25-year-old toilets in the baths and powder room.

Replaced the old sink in the master bath with a new higher vanity "because I don't like to bend over to brush my teeth."

Removed the 25-year-old gray and white marble flooring because it was unable to match the floor in the new dressing area. She chose white ceramic tile for the floor, but kept the marble in the tub/shower area.

"Sometimes it's more practical to use some expensive materials, such as marble flooring, if there's not a great deal to remove," Frost said.

In the dressing area, white wood cabinets with raised panel doors were installed above and below a white-painted floor. This L-shaped configuration, floor-to-ceiling drawers and cupboards were built in and faced with mirror.

What little wall space remained was covered with white-on-white silk moiré wall covering that was a closeout.

"If you don't have much wall to cover, you can splurge on an elegant wallpaper," she said. Frost confessed she loves to seek out bargains, such as close-out tile and wallpaper.

In the guest bath, the designer installed wicker and dryer sack storage in a closet. There was enough space left over for a hamper and shelving for towels.

Choose a burgundy and black grained marble for the floor, the wall behind the toilet and as a frame for the shower compartment. The existing white mosaic tile on the shower floor was left as it because "mosaic tile is better for safety and the dark marble would have made the room too dark," Frost said.

Choose a textured vinyl white wall cover. "Anything with a pattern would have fought with the marble."

In the 4-by-4-foot powder room that had claustrophobic black walls, Frost:

Mirrored the walls to make the space appear larger.

Wallpapered the ceiling in a moiré stripe to make the room "a little dressier."

Installed a new cabinet with a sculptural sink counter.

Dressed up the cabinet by tying tassels on the handles.

More tips from Frost: If wallpapering a small bath, paper the ceiling for continuity.

"Don't use a directional pattern because it would be too difficult to install on a ceiling. If you do use a directional pattern on the walls, choose a coordinating pattern for the ceiling."

Acquire extra storage by installing a cabinet above the toilet.

If you dislike an existing wallpaper in a bath but don't want the chore of removing it, "just paint over it. I do it all the time."

If remodeling is out of the question, perk up a bath with colorful faucets, new towels and a throw rug.

Bring elegance into a bath by tying tassels on the handles of cabinets, hanging pictures on the walls and placing plants on a vanity.

Frost doesn't recommend carpet for bathrooms or dressing areas. "Carpet doesn't wear well in a wet area and I would have red lipstick and powder all over it," she said.

Curator offers inside look at White House

By Gary Krino
Orange County Register

Fly the poor Truman. When they moved into the White House in 1945, the place was more than remodel-of-the-month. It needed the remodel of the century.

Harry Truman saw his bathtub was sinking, and daughter Margaret said the chandeliers quivered when she walked across the room. Margaret also liked to tickle the ivory in a most serious manner. A leg of her piano had actually gone through the boards.

Those are the kinds of stories Rex W. Scouten tells about the White House, first as a Secret Service agent and currently as curator of the home's collection of fine and decorative arts.

Scouten recently spoke to the Orange County (Calif.) Chapter of the White House Society of Interior Designers. His presentation was dressed in a fascinating mix of historic and contemporary anecdotes of his years of service.

A sampling: When the White House was built beginning in 1792, it was the largest home in the country with 33 rooms. In 1800, John Adams moved in and became the first resident. Today the White House contains 132 rooms in 55,000 square feet.

of 1812, she set the table with food and drink, expecting her husband, James Madison, to be home from the front in time for dinner. Instead, the British showed up. A historic twist on "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner." Dolley and James skedaddled, and the British dined. The redcoat commanders instructed their troops not to pillage the place but said they could take little mementos to mark the occasion. After the souvenir binge, the troops were instructed to pile all the furnishings in the middle of each room, break out the windows and set the place afire. Nice guys.

Portraits of first ladies have not always hung in the White House. During a reception hosted by then-President Andrew Johnson, Julia Tyler, widow of President John Tyler, suggested that it might be appropriate to include first-lady portraits. A few days later, she showed up at the White House with a large portrait of herself. Who could say no?

White House furnishings and collections have not always been so sacred. During the first 150 years of the home, furnishings were routinely auctioned to raise funds to refurbish the house. That is not the case today. In 1961, Congress passed legislation that declared all White House property inalienable and permanent. No more auctions at the White House.

Swimming pools at the White House have come and gone. Gerald Ford had an outdoor lap pool installed and swam in all sorts of weather. Barbara Bush also swam laps — to the music of a Walkman.

More Barbara: She insisted that her portrait include Millie, her favorite puppy. The first lady opined that the pup might sit on her lap or pose at her feet. No way, said artist Herbert Abrams. Puppies are persnickety. To solve the canine question, Abrams included in the painting a small framed portrait of Millie on a table next to the first lady.

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Fireplace experts share best tips for a roaring fire

By Jennifer Okamoto
Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — Where there's fire, too often there's smoke — and frustration and a general lack of romance. So much for a quiet evening at home.

But building a fire doesn't have to be a hassle. Fireplace experts shared some of their best techniques in the quest for fire.

First, pay attention to the obvious. "You have to make sure the damper is open," a saying often more often than most people care to admit," says Greg Grinnan, owner of Ace Chimney Express, a chimney cleaning company. It also pays to have the chimney inspected and cleaned regularly to prevent chimney fires.

Next, take a piece of newspaper, light it, and hold it at the base of the chimney, Grinnan suggests. The heat from the paper will get the hot air moving up and out, and prevent a downdraft of cold air from filling the chimney.

"A lot of times a guy will be using his fireplace for years, no problem. But all of a sudden smoke will back up into the room," says Ralph Canaan, who owns the Hearthside Fireplace Shop. "What happens is a tree will grow up near the house and it will grow taller than the flue. And the wind will go over the tree, then right down the flue, rather than letting the air up."

That's about all you'll need newspaper for. Too much of it, or solely using fake logs such as Durafume, will line the chimney with soot, which is as flammable as gunpowder, experts say.

"Newspaper has a tendency to fly up the flue, and it might create a roaring fire than you want," says Ronnie Deane, a spokesman for the Dallas Fire Department. "Paper is thin, so it will break up easier and it could get past the spark arrest at the top of the chimney."

Instead, place a pile of kindling at the base of the firebox, using small branches, bits of wood, even pine cones. Lighting it may take a little coaxing; blowing on the flame or using one piece of newspaper as a torch to light several areas might help. If you have a gas starter



A fireplace can add a warm atmosphere to any home, but building the fire doesn't have to be difficult.

sure there is ample room between the logs to let air move up from the burning coals at the base to the chimney above. The fire needs oxygen to burn, and the more surface area it is exposed on a log, the better it will burn.

What if the fire smokes? Make sure the damper is open, then open windows to bring fresh air into the room. That air will feed the fire and "get the heat going up the chimney and draw the smoke out of the house," Canaan says.

To stop the fire takes some anticipation. "If you've got a fire going, and you want to go to bed at 11, you don't want to be building it up at 10," Canaan says. "You want to start backing away from it at 9."

If the blaze is still smoldering at bedtime, just put the fire screen in front of the fireplace, or close the glass doors if your fireplace has them, and let it naturally burn out. If you try to force it, by pouring water on it or breaking the wood up, you could end up with a mess.

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time."

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Oak and wood from fruit trees work well. Just put a couple of split logs onto the back and front of the grate, and pile more kindling in the middle.

Grinnan, the chimney sweep, says it doesn't matter what wood you choose, just as long as it's "dry." Dry wood is brown, with loose bark and cracks at the ends; it's easier to keep burning. "Wet" wood is newly cut, and tends to look yellow at the ends.

Grinnan also suggests adding two more medium-size logs to the fire, placing them perpendicular to the ones you just laid onto the grate, to form a "tick-tack-toe" shape. Whatever shape you choose, make

sure there is ample room between the logs to let air move up from the burning coals at the base to the chimney above. The fire needs oxygen to burn, and the more surface area it is exposed on a log, the better it will burn.

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Modern-day quilters redesign a traditional craft

By John Barry
Knight-Ridder News Service

MIAMI — From green quilts to AIDS quilts to civil disobedience quilts to divorce quilts to hurricane, flood and fire quilts, a Mithusale folk art has sprouted from the dusty roots of Americana into an expression of, if not feminism, then bolterously modern sisterhood — often as sharp as needles.

Most are unlikely. Among the most time-demanding and downright tedious of handicrafts, and one that thrives on the esprit de corps of group effort, quilting is drawing a crowd of devotees in an age when no one has time or knows the neighbors.

In fact, the American quilting population today rivals those of small countries: 15.5 million, supporting a \$1.5 billion industry.

Mostly they are not stereotypical gray-haired, body-fingered septagenarians. They cover the spectrum of age, occupation, income and marital status — including "many who have never quilted before in their lives," says Mickie Smith, owner of the Quilt Shop in Pembroke Pines, Fla.

Most are quilting for fun, for art, or to let off steam, rather than for profit. They describe quilting circles as "stitch and bitch" therapy.

"It becomes an obsession, and we squeeze it in," despite today's perpetual time crunch, says Pamela Pampe of South Dade County, Fla., quilt appraiser, teacher of quilt restoration and faithful member of three quilting circles that meet weekly. "It could be between 12 and 3 in the morning, or on a bench during a Little League baseball game, or waiting in a doctor's office."

Pampe adds, "To be fair, we're also all a little loosely wired."

It shows. Hope, wonder, joy, love, rage and grief — every extreme of human feeling — turn up in this art medium.

The expressionism has reached beyond mere cotton scraps, batting and thread to computer graphics, exotic textiles and dyes, even nuts and bolts.

"There are paints, photo-transfers; metallic threads, things closer to modern art than folk art," says Pampe.

Quilting by sewing machine now is acceptable, and even scissors have been rendered passe by high-speed rotary cutters. They call it "microwave quilting."

Traditional patterns — log cabins, double wedding rings — are still popular, but by no means define the craft.

"What's happened is, we've incorporated tradition, but turned it into our way of doing art," says quilter/artist Bonnie Askowitz of South Dade.

Anything goes — especially when it comes to "divorce quilts," typically known to include rather gruesome depictions of male road kill, plus a mutilated anatomical part or two.

A recent anti-violence work by South Florida quilting artist Jane Hardy Miller called "Civil Suicide" is riddled with bullet holes. One by Askowitz called "Honor Thy Daughter" is a feminist statement that includes a female form applied to the Constitution

and photocopied on cotton. A multimedia landscape quilt called "Bigly" by Jo Walters, a teacher at The Quilt Scene store in Miami, combines hand-dyed and commercial cottons with over-painted acrylics, machine-pieced and hand-quilted.

Quilts like those are representative of an art branching out in as many futuristic directions as the imagination can conjure — while still paying homage to the past. "Traditional, but with a few way-outers" is how Byrd Tribble describes the quilting circle she attends with Pampe and 13 others every Friday morning.

Many women quilters today link their reverence for roots — and re-creation of classic patterns on modern sewing machines — to an abiding sense of sisterhood.

It accounts for the mixed feelings of quilters about the current flood of \$39.95 quilts in department stores — largely the product of mainland China sewing sweatshops — that threaten to substantially devalue their own work.

"The Chinese women actually making them earn something like 10 cents an hour, and as a feminist, I can sympathize with them," says Askowitz. But she can't possibly compete with them. Even if she sold a quilt for \$200, it would barely translate to 10 cents an hour for her own labor and expenses. Homemade traditional quilts generally run from \$500 to \$1,000. Art quilts might run more.

Quilters drew the line on exploitation several years ago when the Smithsonian signed a contract with the American-Pacific Corp. for a line of Asian-made quilts carrying patterns from the museum's American collection to sell in Smithsonian gift shops.

But part of the quilting resurgence in America is due to that same infusion of cheaply made, imported clothing.

"Home sewers can no longer make clothes as cheaply as they can buy them in the stores," explains Lucy Mansfield, owner of The Quilt Scene. "So many of them have turned to quilting, where the motivation is art and pleasure instead of economics. And the fabric industry has turned to quilting (supplies) because that's where the action is now."

The result is lots of new fabrics. She usually stocks more than 1,000 bolts.

She has also led to the production of kits, cutters, templates and better sewing machines costing upward of \$3,000.

For the women of early rural America, quilting was a means of coping with isolation, says Tribble, a retired high school English teacher.

"Women are isolated today by their work, by the demands of their schedules," she says. "I think the opportunity for us to get together is part of the attraction of quilting."

And it always has been a means of self-expression — especially when women's self-expression was oppressed.

"Going back in our history, quilting was for many women their sense of being a person," says Mansfield. "It was their only way of expressing and releasing their sorrows."

Start new plants from scraps

By Adrienne Cook
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — To the gardener, kitchen scraps are associated with composting. Potato peelings, lemon halves, apple cores, leak ends and onion skins all are recycled through the compost bin back into a rich organic soil for seeds and seedlings in the spring.

However, this doesn't have to be the fate of many plant remnants: Some can be used to produce offspring of their own.

Think about baseball-size avocado pits, spring and serving up the beginnings of a new tree. Or how about forgotten potatoes, wrinkled with age but producing nubby shoots? Or sprouting onions, coaxed into life by the dry air of a winter home.

An accidental kitchen garden? Perhaps, but such unforeseen signs of nature at work can be turned into interesting experiments, enjoyable wintertime lessons for children or even practical garden projects.

Tops of carrots, turnips and pineapples, as well as potato eyes, all can be rooted. Leeks and cilantro, both often sold in supermarkets with roots still intact and fresh, can be re-rooted after tops are sliced off for use in soups and burgers. Ginger root can be sprouted into an elegant vining plant. Seeds from spent grapefruit, sliced oranges or even store-bought spices — coriander, dill and celery, for instance — can be sown for an indoor garden and put away after winter to thrive through spring.

One of the most popular "found" seeds is avocado. Easy to start and eager house plants, avocados can live for years and grow to five or six feet indoors. They are a fast fruit, but the plant itself is attractive with large glossy leaves, a bushy habit

and a very natural look not often seen in tender indoor plants.

Both the large green Florida and small dark California avocados will sprout readily, if the seed is ripe. As you use avocados over the winter, keep a lookout for a seed that has begun to split vertically or, even better, one that has a root sprout curling from the flat base of the seed.

Remove the dark covering from the seed if it comes off easily; otherwise, just leave it on. Holding the seed upright, insert four toothpicks horizontally like spokes on a wheel hub. The toothpicks should be positioned about two-thirds of the way up so that when the pit is placed in a glass or jar of water, its lower half is immersed and the top third rises above the rim of the glass.

It will take one to three weeks for the roots to begin growing into the water and the shoot to emerge from the top. When the shoot is six inches tall and sports a bushy leaf cluster, pinch back the center growth to encourage branching. Leave the avocado in its jar, making sure the water level remains consistently high, until the roots have filled the jar and there is substantial foliage. This will take two to three months. Then transplant your new tree into a large pot filled with potting soil mixed with one-third compost. Keep the tree outside when the weather is good. It will not tolerate frost but will flourish outdoors come spring.

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Appliances have convenience

By Gary Krino
Orange County Register

We all know those wonderfully exotic dishes professional chefs turn out. The ones that are set before us at restaurants, the ones we think we couldn't possibly re-create in our own kitchen.

I've got news for you, gang. Those chefs work in kitchens equipped with some of the same basics we find in our own kitchen setups. Now, that doesn't mean we're going to concoct the most divine Cinfouai a la Liqueur (that's Cherry Flan with Liqueur, in case you should happen to wonder) or Souffle au Chocolat (you should be able to figure that one out). Those little marvels take practice.

But manufacturers are coming up with plenty of kitchen-type stuff that gives us a jump start on getting it right, if not the first time, maybe the second or third. And much of it is

patterned after the same appliances and accessories that gourmet chefs use in their kitchens.

"The newest appliances have many built-in features that professionals have relied on for years," according to Chuck Mueller, product manager for major appliances for Amana Refrigeration, Inc.

Microwave ovens, for example, have become indispensable to both professionals and home cooks. Newer microwaves come with up to 1,000 watts that cook food faster. Others include a system that ensures even cooking without frequent turning and stirring.

"Convection ovens and microwave convection ovens are also gaining in popularity," Mueller said. They can cook large quantities evenly, saving time and energy."

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Mom says safety 1st, then Grandma can babysit

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been married for nine years, and I have always had a good relationship with my mother-in-law, "Ruth." We have two-year-old twin boys, and my husband's sister has a little girl who is 4. Ruth is a kind and loving grandmother who would never intentionally do anything to harm her grandchildren. The problem is that she has no common sense and is utterly lacking in basic safety knowledge.

When the twins were barely 3 months old, Ruth and I were shopping at a mall, and I asked her to watch them while I searched for something a couple of miles away. When I returned, the babies were sleeping in their stroller unattended, and Ruth was nowhere in sight.

We have recently moved much closer to my in-laws, and now the issue of baby-sitting comes up often. Abby, Ruth and her husband take many medications, none of which are locked up or even have safety caps; she leaves pot handles pointing out on the stove, knives on the edge of the counter, and cabinets at child-level crammed with poisonous household cleaners.

When I purchased electrical outlet safety caps and cabinet latches for their home, Ruth was very offended. My husband, my sister-in-law and I have voiced our concerns about safety, but Ruth reminds us that she raised two children quite safely without the aid of "safety gadgets"; and that she loves her grandchildren and would never let anything happen to them.

My husband wants to give her a chance, claiming it's not fair to deny her the baby-sitting she loves to do. I'm worried sick. What should I do?

-S.O.S. (SLEEPLESS OVER SAFETY)

DEAR S.O.S.: Your children's safety should come first. The hazards you pointed out are serious, and Ruth needs to change her ways. Get together with your sister-in-law and make it a family project to educate Ruth on child safety. Check in your Yellow Pages under "Safety" for "First Aid Instruction," or call the local chapter of the Red Cross, YMCA or a community college. There are books and tapes you can buy from rent and safety professionals



Dear Abby
Abigail
VanBuren

who provide in-home instruction on infant CPR, basic first aid and child-proofing a home.

Until you are comfortable that her safety consciousness has been raised, allow Ruth to baby-sit the children in your home only, and visit hers when you will be able to keep a close watch on the children.

DEAR ABBY: I recently left my purse at a rest stop in Northern California. Several miles down the road, I noticed that it was missing. I went through miles of red tape to notify my bank by telephone about my missing credit cards and checkbook. I had no calling card with me, so I persuaded the operator to charge the call to my home number after she verified it by checking my answering machine.

When I returned home, a message was waiting for me on the answering machine. It was from the California Highway Patrol, telling me my purse had been turned in by a truck driver. They gave me his name and address, and I sent him a reward.

When I checked the contents of my purse, nothing was missing. The money, checkbook, traveler's checks and precious pictures were all there. My whole life was in that purse.

Please tell your vast audience that there are still a few honest people in this world, thank God!

- PAT LAMBERT,

PIONEER, CALIF.
DEAR PAT: Thank you for reaffirming what I've always known: Most people are honest. Unfortunately, you won't find them in the headlines — which are reserved for kidnappers, murderers and bank robbers.

Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Anger-Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

Plants can solve landscape problems

By Nancy Brachey
Knight-Ridder News Service

Do your plants serve? Or do they merely show up and look good?

The latter is fine for most of the landscape: annuals, perennials, vines and shrubs that give seasonal beauty through flowers, form or foliage. But there's hardly a homeowner who doesn't have a problem that could be fixed by the strategic placement of a plant.

Often choosing the plant is an easy job: ground covers for grass on dry slopes, a dense evergreen to block a view or create privacy, a shade tree to block the heat of summer-afternoon sun.

And often the choices produce surprises: low jumpiers that replace the grass turn out to have remarkable winter beauty, the summer shade tree possesses the best fall color in the neighborhood.

This is what plants do when chosen for more than the single reason

of beauty. They serve a purpose in the landscape, as do structures such as patios, decks, fences, arbors, trellises and even driveways. And even though I've seen some very artistic decks and gorgeous fences, plants offer the most variety and opportunity for combining personal expression with utility.

Before you make choices, you must assess your landscape and define the problems that could be solved by plants. Often, this is obvious: You need plants to block a back view, increase privacy or define a boundary.

Sometimes, it is a problem you may not recognize as having an alternative. This may include the areas where grass refuses to prosper despite your annual efforts at reseeding and general coddling, or an area where you'd like to redirect foot traffic.

Once you have assessed the problem, the choice of shrub,

ground cover or tree should be made with several important factors in mind.

These include the size of the affected space, the amount of sun or shade it gets; whether it is usually damp or well-drained and the effect the plant's placement would have on nearby land (for example, no fruit trees over the driveway or patio).

Whether you choose a shrub or a tree, you must know its mature size (both height and width), particularly if the plant will go close to the house. Otherwise you could wind up with tall shrubs rising above the windowsills instead of staying nicely low, or plants that sprawl when you want them to rise.

Less important, but still nice to know, is the rate of growth you can expect of a plant. Keep in mind, too, that for the first season, most shrubs and trees put out little growth above ground; they are

growing roots and becoming established in their new place.

The rate of growth is important when you're trying to install a hedge or screen or conceal the post of a mailbox or outdoor lamp. However, not all rapidly growing plants — notably the silver maple with its tendency to limb breakage, and the notoriously disease-prone red-tips — are good choices. Their problems outweigh their speed.

All of this is basic information that should be available when you buy a plant. If the plant doesn't have a tag describing these important basic characteristics, ask the staff where you are shopping.

Not all problems can be solved with plants. A muddy path where grass won't grow may need the hard surface provided by stepping stones; a fence may be necessary to keep a pet, who would scurry through the holly plants, on the property.

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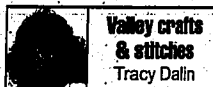
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Use holiday leftovers for sweet-smelling decorations

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All you will need is a candle of any size, color, or scent, cinnamon sticks, and ribbon or raffia. To begin, cut the cinnamon sticks approximately the same height as your candle. If you like, you can cut them a little shorter or a little taller, whichever you prefer. Experiment to achieve the look you want. You will need enough sticks to cover the entire diameter of the candle. Place cinnamon sticks around the candle and tie in place using wide ribbon and raffia. If you do not plan on burning the candle, you could hot glue the cinnamon sticks into place. Just remember, though, that this is



Valley crafts & stitches
Tracy Dalin

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Calvin and Hobbes By Bill Watterson

THE NEW ISSUE OF CHEWING TELLS HOW TO STAY IN TOP CHEWING CONDITION OVER THE WINTER!

WHAT'S SO HARD ABOUT THAT? YOU CAN CHEW GUM ALL YEAR.

WE SERIOUS CHEWERS NEED A LOT MORE THAN STRONG JAW MUSCLES, YOU KNOW! TO CHEW HOUR AFTER HOUR WE NEED A TOTAL CROSS-TRAINING FITNESS REGIME!

AS THE IDEA IS TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF THIS HOBBY YOU CAN ENDURE, IT'S REALLY MISERABLE WHEN YOU'RE GOOD AT IT.

B.C. By Johnny Hart

conduct

WHAT THE CONVICT DID WHEN THEY THREW THE BOOK AT HIM.

Garfield By Jim Davis

WHERE'S MY SPINNING BOW TIE?!

MY RUBBER CHICKEN HAVE YOU SEEN MY RUBBER CHICKEN AND MY AIR HORN?!

NEW YEAR'S EVE ALWAYS SEEMS TO SNEAK UP ON HIM.

DO WE HAVE A GOAT?!

Hi and Lois By Chance Browne

HI, HELEN! NEW CAT?

YES, AND BELIEVE IT OR NOT, IT'S FAUX-FUR.

POOR LITTLE FAUX.

The Wizard of Id By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart

I WONDER WHAT IT WOULD BE LIKE TO BE A HIGHWAYMAN.

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EXACTLY LIKE WHAT YOU DO NOW...

... ONLY YOU'D BE DOING IT ON HORSEBACK.

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THERE OUGHTA BE A LAW AGAINST PEOPLE WHO DON'T SHOVEL THEIR WALKS!!

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DON'T YOU EVER DREAM OF BREATHING THROUGH THAT GLASS CEILING AND BECOMING THE TOP DOG?!

NAH.

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DOCTOR ERNIE'S UPDATED PROVERBS

ALL THINGS COME TO HIM WHO... IS ON A MAILING LIST!

The Born Loser By Art Sansom & Chip

WHAT'S THAT NOISE COMING OUTSIDE?!

BRUTUS IS SHOVELING UNDER THE SNOW!

WITHOUT BEING ASKED TO?!

HE KNOWS I'M LEAVING TODAY!

For Better or For Worse By Lynn Johnston

ARE YOU OK?

WELL, GREAT NEWS THINGS ARE HAPPENING!

WHAT'S THAT MEAN?

WELL, I'M ALIVE! IT'S GREAT! I'M ALIVE! I'M ALIVE! I'M ALIVE!

CAN'T YOU JUST BE HAPPY ABOUT BEING ALIVE?!

WAR IT SOMETHING I DID? WAS I PLEASED TO TELL ME!

DON'T TELL ME THAT!!

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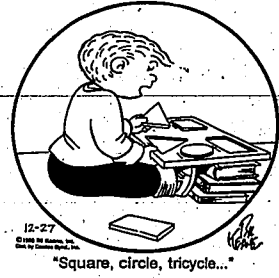
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HERE YOU GO, SOME FOR YOU AND SOME FOR YOU...

IT DIDN'T GET UP VERY GOOD THIS TIME.

Dennis the Menace By Hank Ketcham

THUNDER CAN HURT YOU JOEY, IT'S JUST GOD TELLING US TO ZUCK.



1-car deaths often are suicides

When somebody dies in a one-car crash, seasoned investigating officers almost always first consider suicide as the most likely reason, statistics suggest. One study goes so far as to surmise its the cause in three out of four such fatalities.

Q. What is "maniculation" as another word for "suicide"?

A. Back when you were keeping goldfish, did you ever have any that lived 14 years? Neither did I. But the longevity statisticians insist that's the average lifespan of the goldfish.

A. garter snake can give birth to 15 live babies at one time.

Q. What was that thing on the market during Prohibition called a "Wise Crack"?

A. Small block of grape concentrate labeled Riesling or Champagne or Bordeaux or another variety. It carried this warning: "Do not dissolve this in a gallon of water and let stand 21 days. If you do it will ferment and turn into wine. That would be illegal."

Keep your eye on the egg of the rain-

L.M. Boyd What's what?

bow snake. After it's laid, it more than doubles in size.

Q. I know what the "Oscar" and what the "Emmy" are. But what's an "Edgar"?

A. Best Mystery Novel of the Year Award. From the Mystery Writers of America. Allusion is to Edgar Allan Poe.

Q. Credit Helen Rowland with the line: "A foot and her money are soon courted."

A. The cardigan sweater is named after a man whose surname was Cardigan, right?

A. Close. After James T. Brudenell, Seventh Earl of Cardigan, somewhat condemned by recent historians for driving so many men to their deaths in the Crimean War's Charge of the Light Brigade.

Sydney Omarr Horoscope

IF DECEMBER 27 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You have luck for overcoming obstacles. When pressure is on, you respond as a champion. Aries. Librarians play significant roles in your life. You are history buff, especially where "U.S. is concerned." You can be headstrong, impulsive, romantic, your theme being, "What I did for love!" You're on precipice of more independent lifestyle. Spotlight on cooperative efforts, sale or purchase of property in 1996. June could involve marital status.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Darker areas receive benefit of greater light — accept invitation for fresh start in new direction. Confusion exists as result of new kid on block.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Your stamp of approval required. Focus on fiscal responsibility, percentages, accounting methods. Secret help arrives enabling you to set pace. Cancer native arranges for fresh start in new direction. Confusion exists as result of new kid on block.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You'll be accused of social climbing. Your response: "Call it what you will but I have my choice." Attractive Sagittarius helps select wardrobe.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Favorable moon aspect coincides with philosophy of the public communication. Opposition can be transformed into powerful ally. Leo involved.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Take note of Cancer message. Spotlight on publicizing, communication, keeping flirtation under control. Mysterious Pisces native talks all. "Your counsel sought in selecting correct colors."

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Check legal rights, permissions. Domestic adjustment involves when you live, marital status. Get your way via gentle prodding. Libran talks about nature, world population.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Answers found behind scenes. Positive potential, see relationship in light of current events. Separation may be necessary, but temporary. Spotlight on basic issues, employment, page, status, well-being.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Relationship may be too hot, not too cool down. Focus on organization, responsibility, awareness of time. Ornament shows signs of wear. Also highlights quality.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Decisive, rational, agree to intelligent, conviction but don't water down principles. Property dispute settled, you'll be happy with results.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Easdown's signs of open, contentment blends with elation: New people come into your life — finally you can choose happiness. Relative upward rise in status, well-being.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Name amount! You're asked to set price and pace. Important! People express faith, give you creative ideas. Unusual situation involves direction, motivation.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Series of unusual coincidences bring you closer to goal. Stress versatility, keep plans flexible.

Q. Significance of 53 Shrove Tuesday proceedings? A. Address 58 African antelope

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Yesterday's Puzzle solved:

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Food

Chinese

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of the egg, syrup, almond extract 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 with floured 3-inch round cutter. Transfer to ungreased baking sheet with large pancake turner. Place 2 inches apart on ungreased baking sheet. Roll out remaining dough.

6. Beat remaining egg. Brush on top of cookies with pastry brush. Top each cookie with a slivered almond.

7. Bake one baking sheet at a time at 375 degrees for 5 to 7 minutes. Do not overbake. Cool 2 minutes on baking sheet. Remove cookies to foil to cool completely.

Makes about 3 to 4 dozen cookies.

NEW YEAR'S MOON CAKES

Crust
2 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup Crisco Stick or 1/4 cup Crisco all-vegetable shortening
5 tablespoons cold water.

Filling
1/2 cup chopped dates
1/2 cup orange marmalade
1/2 cup coarsely chopped walnuts
1/4 cup sweetened flaked coconut

1/2 cup coarsely chopped raisins

Glaze
1 egg, lightly beaten
1 tablespoon milk

1. For crust, combine flour and salt in medium bowl. Cut in shortening using pastry blender (or two knives) until all flour is just blended in to form pea-sized chunks. Sprinkle with water, one tablespoon at a time. Toss lightly with fork until dough forms a ball. Press between hands to form two 5- to 6-inch "pancakes."

2. Flour "pancake" lightly on both sides. Roll between sheets of waxed paper (or plastic wrap) on dampened countertop to form 10-inch circle. Peel off top sheet of waxed paper. Repeat with second "pancake." Cut crust with floured round 4-inch cutter. Reroll dough scraps and cut with cutter.

3. Heat oven to 375 degrees. Place cooling rack on countertop for cooling pastries.

4. For filling, combine dates, marmalade, walnuts, coconut and raisins in medium bowl. Stir well.

5. Place 2 tablespoons of filling in the center of each disk. Gather up edges of dough to enclose filling. Pinch edges to seal. Form sealed pastry into a ball. Place pastry balls 2 inches apart on ungreased baking sheet with seamed side down. Or press balls seam-side down into muffin tins. Flatten ball slightly with palm of hand to form flat top. Combine egg and milk. Brush tops and sides of pastries with glaze.

6. Bake one baking sheet at a time at 375 degrees for 25 to 30 minutes, or until golden brown. Do not overbake. Cool 2 minutes on baking sheet. Remove pastries to cooling rack with spatula. Cool completely before serving.

Makes 12 pastries.

FRIED SESAME PASTRIES
2 1/2 cups Crisco Sticks or 2 1/2 cups

Crisco all-vegetable shortening, divided
1/4 cup granulated sugar
2 eggs
1 tablespoon light corn syrup
1 teaspoon grated lemon zest
2 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 cup sesame seeds

1. Combine 1/2 cup shortening and sugar in large bowl. Beat at medium speed of electric mixer until well blended. Add eggs, syrup and lemon zest. Beat until blended and fluffy.

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

3. Scrape dough out of bowl onto lightly floured counter. Knead 10 times. Form dough into thin roll 1 1/2 inches in diameter. Cut roll into 24 pieces. Roll pieces into balls.

4. Place sesame seeds on sheet of waxed paper or plastic wrap. Roll balls in sesame seeds.

5. Heat remaining 2 cups shortening to 350 degrees in large saucepan. Place layers of paper toweling on countertop to drain balls.

6. Add 8 balls to hot shortening. Fry for 2 to 3 minutes, or until pastries have puffed and turned brown. Remove pastries with slotted spoon. Drain on paper toweling. Repeat with remaining pastries. Cool 5 minutes on paper toweling. Serve warm.

Makes 2 dozen pastries.

or 1/4 cup Butter Flavor Crisco all-vegetable shortening

2 tablespoons milk
1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla
1 teaspoon walnut extract
1 egg
1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon baking soda
3/8 teaspoon walnuts

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

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

3. Combine flour, salt and baking soda. Mix into creamed mixture just until blended.

4. Drop by rounded-measuring tablepoons of dough 3 inches apart onto ungreased baking sheet. Press 1 walnut half into center of each cookie.

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.

Makes about 3 dozen cookies.

ALMOND CUSTARD CUPS

Crust
2 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup Crisco Stick or 1/4 cup Crisco all-vegetable shortening
5 tablespoons cold water

Filling
1 1/2 cups firmly packed light brown sugar
1/4 cup Butter Flavor Crisco Stick

1. For crust, combine flour and salt in medium bowl. Cut in shortening using pastry blender (or two knives) until all flour is just blended in to form pea-sized chunks. Sprinkle with water, one tablespoon at a time. Toss lightly with fork until dough forms a ball. Press between hands to form two 5- to 6-inch "pancakes."

2. Flour "pancake" lightly on both sides. Roll between sheets of waxed paper (or plastic wrap) on dampened countertop to form 10-inch circle. Peel off top sheet of waxed paper. Repeat with second "pancake." Cut crust with floured round 4-inch cutter. Reroll dough scraps and cut with cutter.

3. Heat oven to 375 degrees. Place cooling rack on countertop for cooling pastries.

4. For filling, combine dates, marmalade, walnuts, coconut and raisins in medium bowl. Stir well.

5. Place 2 tablespoons of filling in the center of each disk. Gather up edges of dough to enclose filling. Pinch edges to seal. Form sealed pastry into a ball. Place pastry balls 2 inches apart on ungreased baking sheet with seamed side down. Or press balls seam-side down into muffin tins. Flatten ball slightly with palm of hand to form flat top. Combine egg and milk. Brush tops and sides of pastries with glaze.

6. Bake one baking sheet at a time at 375 degrees for 25 to 30 minutes, or until golden brown. Do not overbake. Cool 2 minutes on baking sheet. Remove pastries to cooling rack with spatula. Cool completely before serving.

Makes 12 pastries.

1 package vanilla pudding (not instant), cooked according to package directions

1/2 teaspoon almond extract
1/4 cup finely chopped blanched almonds

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2. Heat oven to 425 degrees. Place sheets of foil on countertop to cool crusts.

3. Flour "pancake" lightly on both sides. Roll between sheets of waxed paper (or plastic wrap) on dampened countertop to form 10-inch circle. Peel off top sheet of waxed paper. Repeat with second "pancake."

4. Cut crust with floured 2-inch round cutter into circles. Reroll scraps to form remaining circles. Press circles into miniature muffin tins. Prick sides and bottom with fork to prevent shrinking.

5. Bake crusts at 425 degrees for 8 to 10 minutes or until lightly brown. Remove from oven. Cool 5 minutes in muffin tins. Transfer to foil to cool completely.

6. For filling, prepare pudding according to package directions. Stir in almond extract and almonds. Refrigerate until cold. Keep refrigerated until ready to use.

7. Fill baked cups with filling. Serve immediately.

Makes 2 dozen pastries.

Quick recipe for Pasta and Bacon-Bean Soup

Seattle Times

The following quick recipe is from "Lee Bailey's Dinner at Home."

PASTA AND BACON-BEAN SOUP
4 slices thick-cut bacon, cut into 1/2-inch pieces
2 teaspoons olive oil
1 small onion, peeled and finely chopped
1 medium carrot, peeled and finely chopped
2 medium stalks celery, finely chopped
1 large clove garlic, peeled and minced
1 (28-ounce) can crushed tomatoes
2 teaspoons tomato paste
1 teaspoon dried basil, crushed
1 teaspoon dried rosemary, crushed
2 (15-ounce) cans white beans, drained

1 cup small elbow macaroni
2 (1 1/4-ounce) cans chicken broth, plus enough water to equal 4 1/2 cups
1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper, or to taste

About 1 tablespoon grated Parmesan cheese per serving

1. In a large pan, fry the bacon until crisp. Remove from the pan and drain on paper towels. Pour off the fat.

2. Put the olive oil into the pan. Add the onion, carrot and celery. Cover the pan and cook over medium-low heat 5 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add the garlic and cook 1 minute.

3. Stir in the crushed tomatoes, tomato paste, basil and rosemary. Cook, stirring, 5 minutes.

4. Stir in the bacon, white beans, macaroni and chicken broth. Bring to a boil, reduce the heat to medium and cook, uncovered, 15 minutes. Stir often to prevent sticking.

5. Season with pepper and serve with Parmesan cheese.

Makes 6 servings

Martha

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high or higher fence. Since this can be very expensive, I have spent a long time researching alternatives to rigid fencing.

One idea is to use wire to create a homemade fence. I have successfully warded off a large herd of deer by running inexpensive baling wire through steel staples placed at 6-inch intervals from the ground up to a height of more than 8 feet. The staples are inserted in the trunks of trees bordering my property, and the wires are almost invisible in the woodland.

Deer come to a halt when they encounter the wire, and my gardens, shrubs and fruit trees are safe.

In a gardening magazine I discovered a fine plastic netting that is sold by the 100-foot roll. It comes in 8-foot widths and can be employed to posts or onto the trunks of trees. Like the baling wire, it's practically invisible in the landscape.

Another thing that works well (but is far from foolproof) is a large dog to act as guardian of the garden. Most deer will not venture into a garden that is well-patrolled by a resident dog or dogs. Unfortunately, in the winter, when hungry deer do a lot of damage, most dogs cannot

stay out all night keeping watch.

The most benign way to control the deer is to spray repellents on these plants you deem irreplaceable and, in the future, plant only things you know deer won't eat, such as mountain laurel and daffodils. You can fence off small vegetable and flower gardens to grow the things deer just won't leave alone.

You may also want to contact state conservation agents and game wardens to find out what precautions they advise to control the problem.

In communities where deer have no natural enemies and where hunting is not allowed, the coexistence of deer and gardens will continue to pose a huge problem. Hopefully, local officials will come up with a humane and sensible plan for wildlife reduction before more of us become discouraged gardeners.

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Food

Days after Christmas are a perfect time to reflect, look ahead

Congratulations! You survived the hustle and bustle of another Christmas season. You got all the shopping done.

You got the cards out before Christmas day. You enjoyed the holiday fellowship with family, friends and co-workers.

Relax! Take a deep breath. Pour yourself another cup of coffee or eggnog. Rummage through the Christmas cookie tins for a couple of cookies to nibble. Reflect a few moments on the joys of this Christmas.

Review the scenes you'll add to your memory album for Christmas '95.

Then, take a little time to look ahead to 1996. What do you want to do with your life next year? Set a few goals to enhance your life in the coming months.

Focus a few minutes on the love of your life and how you can strengthen your relationship.

Does the idea of a quiet New Year's Eve with your sweetheart sound inviting? Set about planning that romantic evening for two.

Plan to use your loveliest linens and your best china, silver and crystal for this little event. Set the table with candles and a centerpiece of fresh greens tied with soft ribbons.

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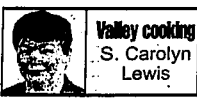
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CHICKEN WITH SOUR CREAM-MUSHROOM SAUCE
Serves 2
2 boneless, skinless chicken breast halves
1/2 cup chicken broth
Sauce:
1 cup sliced fresh mushrooms
1/2 cup nonfat sour cream
2 teaspoons flour
Dash of white pepper
1 teaspoon freshly grated lemon rind
Cooked linguini noodles
Rinse chicken and place in a small non-stick skillet. Pour broth over it and bring to a boil quickly. Reduce heat to low, cover and simmer 20 minutes until chicken is no longer pink inside.

Lift chicken from broth and keep warm on a platter while making sauce.
To make sauce, remove all but one tablespoon of broth from the skillet. Reserve the broth. Add mushrooms to the skillet. Cook and stir over medium heat until all liquid is gone. Add the remaining broth. Bring to a boil and then reduce heat to medium low.

Combine the sour cream, flour, pepper, and lemon rind in a small bowl, stirring until smooth. Add to the mushrooms in the skillet. Cook and stir about one minute until sauce is bubbly and thickened.
To serve, place chicken on a bed of linguini and cover with sauce.

HOLIDAY FRUIT SALAD



Valley cooking
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Serves 2
1 cup unpeeled red delicious apple cubes
1/2 cup sliced celery
10 seedless green grapes, halved
1 tablespoon dark raisins
1 tablespoon nonfat mayonnaise
1 tablespoon nonfat sour cream
Toss apples, celery, grapes and raisins in a bowl, mixing well. Combine mayonnaise and sour cream and pour over ingredients in bowl. Toss to mix well. Serve on a bed of red leaf lettuce.

CHEDDAR CAULIFLOWER
Serves 2
1 small package frozen cauliflower florets
1 tablespoon flour
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Light Turkey Tetrazzini recipe slashes fat

By Charlotte Balcomb Lane
Knight-Ridder News Service

If you find yourself with leftover holiday turkey, you may be tempted to turn it into a casserole. But beware: Most casseroles are loaded with fat, calories, cholesterol and sodium.

Central Florida reader Carolyn Mendenhall Henninger discovered that one of her favorite casserole recipes was full of unhealthy grease and salt when she asked for a lower-fat version of Turkey Tetrazzini. (Tetrazzini is said to have been named after a plump opera singer named Luisa Tetrazzini.) The original dish is made with cooked chicken or turkey and spaghetti, baked in a rich cream sauce and covered with a buttery topping of bread crumbs and Parmesan cheese. Henninger's recipe for Chicken or Turkey Tetrazzini contained 14 tablespoons of butter and delivered a whopping 19 grams of fat per serving. The 53-year-old educational secretary hoped to shave off some of that fat to help combat a recent weight gain.

The revised recipe for Light Turkey Tetrazzini is made without a speck of butter, margarine or oil. It contains a mere 3.5 grams of fat per serving, which is just 15 percent of the total calories. The new dish is lower in fat because the sauce isn't thickened with a butter-and-flour roux but with a paste of white wine and flour. The flour and wine is stirred into a mixture of chicken broth and evaporated skim milk, then cooked until the sauce thickens. In place of butter, the new

recipe gets flavor from additional herbs and seasonings. Henninger's new Turkey Tetrazzini recipe tastes just like the original, but it is significantly lower in fat, calories, cholesterol and sodium. The new version is lean enough now that Henninger has the option of a little "cheating" when she prepares it. She can add a few tablespoons of cold butter to the finished sauce or add a little melted butter to the topping. Each tablespoon of butter adds about 100 additional calories and 12 grams of fat to the recipe.

CAROLYN'S CHICKEN (OR TURKEY) TETRAZZINI
(Makes 12 servings)
nonstick cooking spray
1/2 cup butter or margarine
1/2 cup flour
2 1/2 cups milk
2 cups chicken broth
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup nonfat evaporated milk
1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
1/2 cup white wine
4 cups cooked chicken or turkey, cut into strips or bite-size cubes

12 ounces thin spaghetti, cooked according to package directions
6 tablespoons butter, melted
2 1/2 cups dry bread crumbs
2 1/2 cups grated Parmesan cheese
Heat oven to 350F. Spray a 9-by-13-inch baking pan or two 8-by-8-inch baking pans with nonstick cooking spray. Set aside.

Melt the 1/2 cup butter in a large saucepan. Whisk in the flour and combine it thoroughly with the butter and

cook for 1 minute. Add the milk, chicken broth, salt, paprika, nutmeg and wine and stir constantly until the liquid boils and the sauce thickens. (You can save time by heating the milk and broth ahead of time in a microwave oven.)
Stir in the chicken or turkey and the cooked thin spaghetti. Pour the mixture into the prepared pan.

In a separate dish, combine the ingredients for the topping. Sprinkle the topping over the chicken or turkey mixture. Bake for 25 to 40 minutes or until the mixture is bubbling.

(Nutritional information per serving: Calories, 352; protein, 23 grams; carbohydrate, 20 grams; fat, 19 grams (50 percent of calories from fat); cholesterol, 80.8 milligrams; sodium, 913 milligrams.)

LIGHT TURKEY TETRAZZINI
(Makes 12 servings)
nonstick cooking spray
2 (14.5-ounce) cans low-sodium, fat-free chicken broth (or 2 cups homemade broth, skimmed to remove fat)
2 (12-ounce) cans evaporated skim milk
1/2 cup water
1 teaspoon thyme leaves
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon paprika
1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
1/2 teaspoon white pepper
1/2 cup flour
1/2 cup white wine or dry vermouth
4 cups cooked turkey or chicken, cut into strips or bite-size cubes
12 ounces thin spaghetti, cooked

according to package directions
TOPPING
2 1/2 reduced-fat classic oval butter-flavored crackers (such as Townhouse)
1/2 cup non-fat grated cheese topping
Heat oven to 350F. Spray a 9-by-13-inch baking pan or two 8-by-8-inch baking pans with nonstick cooking spray. Set aside.

In a large kettle or saucepan, bring the chicken broth, evaporated skim milk, water, thyme leaves, salt, paprika, nutmeg and white pepper to a boil. Reduce heat to medium-low. In a separate dish, whisk together the flour and white wine. Stir just long enough to eliminate any lumps but do not stir until the mixture becomes gummy. Whisk the flour mixture into the broth and beat briskly to prevent lumps from forming. Return broth to a boil and cook until the sauce thickens. Simmer for 2 to 3 minutes. Stir in the cooked turkey or chicken and the cooked thin spaghetti. Four into prepared pans.

To make the topping, crush the crackers in a food processor or blender or place them in a heavy-duty plastic bag and crush them with a rolling pin. Stir in the nonfat grated cheese and sprinkle the mixture evenly over the turkey mixture. Bake for 35 to 40 minutes until mixture is bubbling.
(Nutritional information per serving: Calories, 220; protein, 22 grams; carbohydrate, 22.5 grams; fat, 3.5 grams (15 percent of calories from fat); cholesterol, 37 milligrams; sodium, 326 milligrams.)

Nothing 'sauer' about Kraut King's tradition

By Jane Snood
Knight-Ridder News Service

Jim Eremich's daughters call him the Kraut King. In October the Tallmadge, Ohio, man buys 1,500 pounds of cabbage and plasters a "Sauerkraut Festival" banner on the front of his garage. On New Year's day, he starts eating the half-ton of sauerkraut he has produced.

In his kitchen, Eremich makes pork with sauerkraut, sauerkraut-Reuben casserole and sauerkraut-bean soup. The sauerkraut he doesn't eat, he'll give away.

"I have a hard time keeping enough for myself," Eremich says. The kraut business began five years ago when he asked a few co-workers at United Parcel Service to help him make a batch. Eremich had watched his cousin make sauerkraut and wanted to give it a try.

The cousin grew up in Yugoslavia and taught Eremich to make sauerkraut the Old World way — with handmade wooden tampers to press the shredded cabbage into the brine, and old-fashioned wooden tongs shredders to cut the cabbage into slaw.

"You can get these electric slicers and stuff, but we still want to do things the old-fashioned way," Eremich says. Surrounded by 30-gallon crocks and wielding his tongs, Eremich talks about sauerkraut-making the way some men talk about golf. It isn't just a hobby — it's a passion.

The operation is set up in his garage. There are two slicers, a commercial sink for washing and quartering the cabbage, commercial scales for weighing the slaw and a work table for adding a precise amount of salt.

"Everything has to be exact — there's no guesswork," Eremich says. The sliced slaw is transferred to a bucket at a time to a 15- or 30-gallon crock. The men tamp the sauerkraut into the brine, a process that continues steadily all day.

"We usually like to take turns because it'll wear you out," Eremich says. Five people work constantly from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. to make about 600 pounds of kraut.

From its modest beginnings, Eremich's kraut-making has expanded to two weekends with two shifts of workers. His co-workers make one batch, and his family — two grown daughters, wife Judy, and assorted in-laws — make a second, and so on.

As with most private societies, rituals are involved. Everyone takes home a fair share of sauerkraut, but it takes two years of tamping, slicing and weighing to earn the honorary title of "krautmaster."

After the fall sessions, the cream-colored crocks are covered with maple discs weighted down with rocks. The sauerkraut ferments in Eremich's garage for two months before its debut on New Year's day.

The finished product tastes nothing like commercial sauerkraut. Because it is fermented instead of cooked, it is fresh-tasting and crisp, with none of the putrid, bitter notes of mass-produced sauerkraut.

To prolong the fresh taste, Eremich freezes the sauerkraut after fermentation instead of canning it. Even those who hate sauerkraut like Eremich's homemade version, and he can't resist making converts. He gives away about 400 pounds of sauerkraut each year to friends, friends of friends and people who work in stores where he shops. He ships sauerkraut to acquaintances across the country, and annually tote a kettle of sauerkraut-bean soup to a nearby supermarket for the clerks.

Here are Eremich's recipes for an outstanding sausage-Reuben casserole and for the sauerkraut-bean soup that knock your socks off," he says. Although the recipes taste best with fresh sauerkraut, they're good even with the commercial brands.

SAUSAGE-REUBEN CASSEROLE
(Serves six to eight)
2 cans (10k ounces each) condensed cream of mushroom soup
1 cup milk
1/2 cup chopped onion
1 tablespoon prepared mustard
2 pounds sauerkraut, rinsed and drained
8 ounces uncooked medium-width noodles

1 1/2 pounds Polish sausage, cut in 1/2-inch pieces
2 cups shredded Swiss cheese
1/2 cup whole-wheat bread crumbs
1 tablespoon melted butter
Combine soup, milk, onion and mustard in a medium bowl. Spread sauerkraut in a greased, 9-by-13-inch baking pan. Top with uncooked noodles. Spoon soup mixture over noodles. Cover with sausage and top with cheese.

Combine bread crumbs and butter in a small bowl. Sprinkle over cheese. Cover pan tightly with foil. Bake 350 degrees for 1 hour, or until noodles are tender.

1 1/2 pounds smoked sausage, sliced
3 cans (1 1/2 ounces each) red kidney beans
1/2 teaspoon minced garlic (3 to 4 cloves)
1/2 cup chopped fresh parsley
1/2 teaspoon fresh-ground black pepper

1 tablespoon sweet red paprika
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
12 ounces warm beer
2 pounds sauerkraut, rinsed and drained

1 cup diced red bell pepper
3 or 4 medium potatoes, peeled
In a large kettle, combine all ingredients except sauerkraut, bell pepper and potatoes. Bring to a boil, reduce heat and simmer 45 minutes. Slit off any fat from sausage.

Add sauerkraut, bell peppers and potatoes. Cook until potatoes are just soft enough to mash. Remove whole potatoes from pot and mash coarsely. Return to pot and cook 15 minutes longer, or until thick.

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