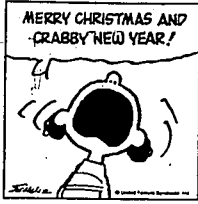


## MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!



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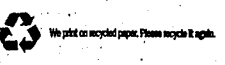
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# Auger Falls condemnation in works

## Project developer also asks for more time

By William Brock  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - The man who wants to wring electricity from the Snake River at Auger Falls has vowed to condemn public land in the riverbed to build a dam.

"This condemnation action will commence within the next 30 days," Steve Hamsen, president of Copeneration Inc., said in a request the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission received Dec. 16.

"Copeneration is saying something now that they haven't said before - that they want to condemn the land," said Laird Lucas, Boise-based attorney with the Land and Water Fund of the Rockies. "The question now is, 'What price do you put on one of the last free-flowing sections of the Middle Snake River?'"

The condemnation action will kick off sometime next month when a legal action is filed in either state or federal court, said attorney Kim Trout, whose Boise firm repre-

**Auger Falls facts**

If built, the Auger Falls hydroelectric project would:

- 1. A submerged dam across the Snake River has been there since construction of the Perrine Dam.
- 2. A 1.6-mile canal discharging up to 2.5 million gallons from the river every second.
- 3. A 42.5-foot-tall powerhouse near the mouth of Rock Creek.

sents Hamsen. In addition to his pledge to condemn land for a dam, Hamsen urged FERC to jump into his court fight against the state of Idaho. FERC is the federal agency that regulates hydroelectric development. On Feb. 13, Idaho's top elected state leaders unanimously denied Hamsen's request for an easement to build a dam on state-owned land in the riverbed. Please see AUGER, Page A2

## Hamsen rips Idaho attorney general

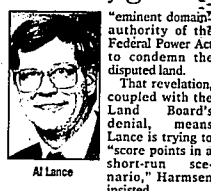
By William Brock  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - As the fight over Auger Falls inches toward land condemnation, Salt Lake City hydroelectric developer Steve Hamsen is accusing Idaho Attorney General Al Lance of being the bad guy.

"Al Lance is the one driving us down the path toward condemnation," Hamsen said. "I'm afraid he's grossly misled," Lance countered.

In February, Lance and other members of the Idaho Land Board unanimously sided with Hamsen's request for an easement to build a dam on state-owned land in the bed of the Snake River, less than three miles downstream of the Perrine Bridge.

Later, Lance's office noted the Land Board's decision did nothing to prevent Hamsen from using the



"They're saying, 'These (developers) can get what they want anyway, so here's a way for us to be brave,'" Hamsen said. "I was merely stating fact, not inviting anybody," he said. "If they think the state is going to lay down and not contest a condemnation pro-

# It's all relative

By H.R. Weibel  
Times-News correspondent

**JEROME** - Music, music, music are the buzzwords around David Capps' Jerome home, whenever relatives come to visit.

A tiny boy jangles a tambourine as the group sets up to play music, setting the stage for the twang of guitars and the beat of drums blended with keyboards and synthesizers. The musicians are all related, prompting the group name "Relativity."

The father, David, arranges the contemporary Christmas music he has been arranging since he was a boy.

Each Christmas season the musicians present recitals for family gatherings in the Capps' home.

"It is a tradition, when all the relatives get together," said mother Charlene Capps. "This year we were asked so many times to go to the Jerome schools, so we decided to play outside the family circle."

This is the first Christmas season the group has taken its act outside the family. The family has been playing together for about four years.

David and Charlene play synthesizers. Son Austin, 16, commands the lead guitar; Robert, 14, is the drummer and plays the chimes and

bells. Son John, 18, is an expert keyboarder, while Alex, 5, shakes the tambourine.

Group members say Alex is the showoff. "Most of our music is instrumental. Alex does sing one song - but only because he insists," said his mother.

Nephew John Bartholomew, 17, plays the bass guitar and another nephew Andrew Glassett, 17, plays violin. Another nephew, Braden Poulsen handles the sound and lights. Fifteen-year-old Margie Glassett, a niece, joins guest Connie Higley as singer.

"Connie is the only one who is not really related, but she might as well be. She's one of the family," Charlene Capps said.

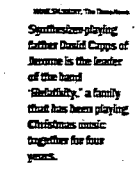
David Capps' sisters, Jo Glassett and Kirby Bartholomew, made holiday vests for the group. Grandmothers Mary Capps, Beth Poulsen and Norma Bartholomew cheer from the audience as they seldom miss a concert.

Gardens of tinied adorn the instruments, while Christmas trees and poinsettia plants decorate the stage.

David and Charlene Capps say they were inspired by Carson Wong, who directed the Jerome High School music program when they attended.

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When it comes to music, it's a family matter of note for the Capps clan from Jerome



Synthesizer playing father David Capps of Jerome is the leader of the band "Relativity," a family that has been playing Christmas music together for four years.

# Christmas brings hope, cheer around world

## Families dispatch notes to lighten Peruvian captivity

The Associated Press

**LIMA, Peru** - Relatives and friends dropped off notes Tuesday for VIP hostages preparing to spend Christmas with their Peruvian guerrilla captives.

The Red Cross said it would deliver the messages to the sealed Japanese ambassador's residence along with a holiday dinner.

"Everything we said was to give him strength, to let him know we're thinking of him, and that we miss him and hope to see him soon," said Ana Maria Momote, wife of agriculture minister Rodolfo Momote.

As she walked away, her son put his arm around her and kissed her on the forehead.

Along with dinner, the Red Cross also planned to deliver 200 communion wafers and a carafe of wine to the Rev. Juan Julio Wicht, a hostage who declined to leave Sunday in order to minister to those kept behind, spokesman Steven Anderson said.

Wicht, who celebrated Mass on Sunday on the stairway between the two floors where hostages are held, was to do so again at midnight Christmas Eve, said the Rev. Dietrich Dullberg of nearby San Felipe Church.

After his own midnight Mass, Dullberg



Spot. Edward Churchill of Fairbanks, Alaska, carries Christmas gifts for his fellow soldiers at one of the United States bases near Tula in Russia. They are part of the NATO mission there.

planned to lead parishioners and hostages' relatives on the short walk to the diplomatic compound. "There will be a 15-minute prayer for 15 minutes," Dullberg said.

About 140 hostages remained at the diplomatic compound seven days after leftist Tupac Katari rebels stormed the compound during a gala annual reception. Rebels have freed about 430 others during the past week. Authorities have cut off water, electricity and phone service.

President Alberto Fujimori called South Korea President Kim Young-sam Tuesday to discuss the situation. The South Korean ambassador was taken hostage, then freed, and a South Korean man working for a Japanese company was still inside the compound.

"We are doing our best to resolve the

crisis without shedding blood," Fujimori was quoted as saying by Kim's office. "We hope for an early, peaceful resolution."

## Pope offers world blessings at mass

VATICAN CITY - Stressing the universal joy of Christmas, Pope John Paul II reached out to non-believers during a midnight Mass that began a scaled-down holiday schedule for the pontiff.

"I send everyone a cordial greeting and I pray that this source of joy issuing forth in human history with the birth of the son of God will be plentiful for all, so that each person may draw from it and quench his thirst," he added.

The pontiff also mentioned the humble surroundings depicted in the biblical story of Jesus' birth in a manger and how word of the event was spread by an angel.

"The angel says: 'Be not afraid, rejoice'" the pope told worshippers. "The birth of a human being is always a source



Christians follow a banner bearing a religious scene of Mary the Mother of Jesus through Hanger Square in Bethlehem Tuesday. Thousands of pilgrims come to Jesus' birth place annually.

of great rejoicing." Arrangements were made to broadcast the Mass on television and radio to more than 52 countries around the world.

By not celebrating the Christmas Day Mass in the basilica, the pontiff will have several hours more rest before his annual "Urbi et Orbi" (To the City and the World) message from St. Peter's Square.

Last year, the ailing pope missed the Christmas Day Mass and cut short the

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WEATHER

IDaho Weather
Wednesday, Dec. 25
AccuWeather® Forecast for daytime conditions and high temperatures
Map showing weather conditions for various Idaho locations like Lewiston, Boise, Idaho Falls, and Pocatello.

FORECAST

Magic Valley
Occasional snow today mixed with or becoming rain by afternoon. Total snowfall 2 to 4 inches.

Extended regional forecast
Today areas of valley fog and haze otherwise cloudy with a chance of valley rain and snow and mountain snow.

Camas Prairie, Wood River Valley
Snow today heavy at times. Gusty winds near the Montana border with blowing and drifting.

Treasure Valley
Occasional rain today mixed with snow in the morning. Highs in the mid 40s. Southwest wind 10 to 20 mph.

Sawtooth Mountains
Snow today heavy at times. Gusty winds near the Montana border with blowing and drifting.

Eastern Idaho
Snow today possibly heavy at times. Accumulations of 2 to 5 inches. Windy with areas of blowing and drifting snow.

North Idaho
Snow and sleet today or rain likely below 2000 feet. Total storm snowfall 3 to 6 inches.

Northem Nevada
Mostly cloudy today with a slight chance of snow showers late extreme north otherwise partly cloudy.

Northem Utah
Cloudy with a chance of rain possibly mixed with snow. South winds 10-20 mph.

ACROSS THE NATION

Snow piles up around Great Lakes, New England turns balmy
The Associated Press
Warmer air spread into New England on Tuesday as rain and thunderstorms stretched from Maine to Alabama.

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Table with columns: Day, Max, Min, Precip. Rows for various days of the week and weather statistics.

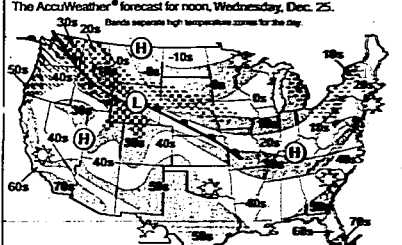
Twin Falls

Table with columns: Day, Max, Min, Precip. Rows for various days of the week and weather statistics for Twin Falls.

SKYWATCH

Sunset today 5:10 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 8:07 a.m.
Lunar phase: Full, Dec. 24; last quarter, Jan. 1.

NATIONAL Weather



TEMPERATURES

Table of high and low temperatures for various US cities. Columns: City, High, Low.

FRONTS: COLD WARM STATIONARY
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HIGHS & LOWS

Idaho: High, not available. Low, 18 degrees at Salmon.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Time to the National Weather Service radio band at VHF-FM 162.4 or 162.55 MHz or call 423-4423.

ROAD INFORMATION

For current road conditions, call these numbers: Boise, 375-8025; Shoshone, 885-2525; Pocatello, 233-6274.

Education secretary weighs in against 'Black English'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Treating black students who say "He bin" instead of "He has been" like foreign language students is no way to raise academic standards in American classrooms.

a second language, Riley on Tuesday reiterated the Clinton administration's policy: Ebonics is a non-standard form of English and not a foreign language.

voted to recognize black English as a legitimate language. It also voted to create a program to train teachers to understand it so they can teach students standard English.

Convicted King assassin, Ray, near death

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — James Earl Ray, convicted assassin of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., lay in a coma Tuesday as civil rights leaders held out hope for a deatbed confession.

ing not smoking, said his brother Jerry Ray.

and civil rights leaders said they hoped that before he dies, he tells everything he knows about the assassination.

Family

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his classes.

his enthusiasm and confidence. When near-perfect rhythm, he taps out the beat with his little tennis shoes as his curly light brown hair bounces around.

of his surprise.

Christmas

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holiday message because of a wave of fever and nausea.

degrees, Clinton sneed off under cloudy, drizzly skies, with his brother-in-law, Tony Rodham, at the Army Navy Country Club in suburban Arlington, Va.

daughter, Chelsea, perform for the fourth year in the Washington Ballet's annual production of "The Nutcracker."

Auger

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The unusual action of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (IPUC) in usurping FERC's authority, wrote Hansen.

project before July 25 — or see his federal hydropower license expire.

I understand Idahoans and Idaho's leaders to want.

Clinton dashes all day, all way

WASHINGTON — Instead of dashing through the snow, President Clinton dodged raindrops Tuesday to play time holes of golf before making one last trip to the mall for a final round of Christmas shopping.

At the mall, Eysaun Teklin, a 38-year-old Ethiopian immigrant, gave the president one of two rhythm-and-blues compact music disks he had bought.

In a videotaped Christmas message to the nation, Clinton wished a happy holiday to "all the people around us."

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Lance

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ceeding, they are badly misled.

ROAD CONDITIONS

BOISE (AP) — The Idaho Department of Transportation reported hazardous driving conditions throughout the state late Tuesday morning.

snow floor, drifts, Arco-Idaho Falls, broken snow floor, low visibility, heavy drifts, Idaho Falls-Ashburn, icy snow floor, snowing, Healdsburg-Mountz line, icy snow floor, snowing, drifts.

NATION

# Santa with wings takes to skies, making Christmas bright for tots

NEW CASTLE, N.H. (AP) — It was the week before Christmas in 1925 and William Wincapaw was lost in a snowstorm off the Maine coast, running low on both fuel and hope.

Desperately the cargo pilot circled his float plane above the gale-lashed waters of Penobscot Bay and glimpsed a light blinking through the snow; the Dyer Head Lighthouse.

His location established, Wincapaw set his course, following the beacons of six more lighthouses home, finally running out of fuel on the runway.

A few days later, he loaded his plane with seven wooden boxes stuffed with gifts and supplies and retraced his flight, dropping the packages on the lawns of the lighthouse keepers who had saved his life.

Each Christmas since, those who tend the isolated lights on the islands and headlands along the rugged coast from Maine to Rhode Island have been visited by a succession of flying Santas.

George Morgan of Hull, Mass., is the latest to carry on the tradition for Wincapaw, now dead.

"When you climb out of a helicopter and 25 young faces are there to greet you because you're probably the only Santa they're going to see, that when the son comes to life for me," said Morgan, 63, a retired nursing home administrator who took over the role in the early 1980s.

Nowadays, most lighthouses are automated and lighthouse keepers have all but disappeared. The presents go largely to the children of the Coast Guardsmen who maintain the beacons.

Seven youngsters were on



Flying Santa George Morgan leaves his helicopter 'sleigh' Monday at the New Castle, N.H., Coast Guard station. Its one of 27 stops he'll make this week in 5 states from Maine to Rhode Island. The tradition was started in 1925.

hand last week as Morgan flew into the New Castle Coast Guard station, which maintains three lighthouses in Portsmouth Harbor along the Maine-New Hampshire line.

Sitting in the station's cramped dining area overlooking the rocky coast, the youngsters peered out the windows and tugged at their parents as Santa was delayed by overcast skies.

"He's been waiting all year for this," said Nicole Vennard of Lebanon, Maine, nodding toward her 3-year-old son, Matthew.

"Santa doesn't come in a sleigh as far as he's concerned. He tells everybody Santa came in a helicopter because that's all he's ever seen."

When Morgan arrived, Matthew's 2-year-old sister,

Andrea, sat on his lap throughout the 20-minute visit. Each child got a toy, and the Coast Guardsmen got snacks, magazines, a pound of coffee, a pound of tea and a Bible — the same items Wincapaw packed nearly 70 years ago.

"We keep as close to the old tradition as we can," Morgan said. "That's the way it should be."

By the mid-1930s, Wincapaw was visiting 117 New England lighthouses, from West Quoddy Head Light in the Bay of Fundy to Watch Hill, R.I. That number dwindled to about a dozen by 1964 as manned lighthouses were replaced with automated lights and navigation aids.

Morgan has expanded the list again. He estimates he will pass out 500 gifts at 27 lighthouses in five states this Christmas.

## Ex-ethics chair suggests more investigation

State News Service

WASHINGTON — Sen. Richard Bryan, D-Nev., the former chairman of the Senate ethics committee who investigated Bob Packwood, says the House ethics committee should release all documents relating to Newt Gingrich's case before deciding on a punishment for the House Speaker.

"There should be no plea bargain," Bryan said. "Before any decision on a punishment, one ought to have all of the facts and findings of the committee. There should be a full disclosure of evidence and what the findings are."

He added: "What I see is a strategy to plea bargain as quickly as possible, before we know what the other charges are. That was the Packwood lawyers' strategy."

Gingrich conceded he provided false information to the House ethics committee about a college course he taught that was financed using tax-deductible contributions.

## Bogart stamp may be next in line

WASHINGTON (AP) — Humphrey Bogart, star of such epics as African Queen and the Maltese Falcon, may be honored on a postage stamp next year.

Linn's Stamp News, a weekly newspaper for collectors, reports in its Dec. 30 edition that Bogart has been chosen as the 1997 subject for the Legends of Hollywood stamp series.

Postal Service spokesman Barry Ziehl said the post office is accepting all speculation on next year's Hollywood stamp, but is confirming none.

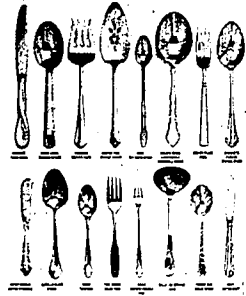
James Dean was the 1996 movie stamp subject. Marilyn Monroe was honored in 1995.

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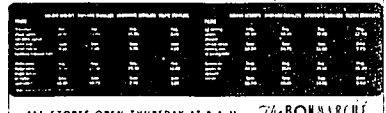
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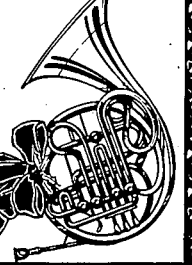
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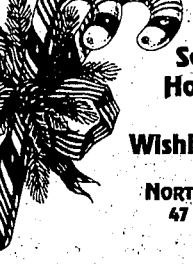
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## EDITORIAL

### The true Christmas story, as told by St. Luke

As is the editorial board's Christmas custom, we are surrendering our usual space to a guest writer. St. Luke, Merry Christmas to all.

Stephen Hartgen  
Clark Washburn  
Steve Crump  
John Thompson

Now it came to pass in those days, that a decree went forth from Caesar Augustus that a census of the whole world should be taken. This first census took place while Cyrenus was governor of Syria. And all were going, each to his own town, to register. And Joseph also went from Galilee out of the town of Nazareth into Judea to the town of David, which is called Bethlehem — because he was of the house and family of David — to register together with Mary his espoused wife, who was with child. And it came to pass while they were there, that the days for her to be delivered were fulfilled. And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them at the inn.

And there were shepherds in the same district living in the fields and keeping a watch over their flock by night. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood by them and the glory of God shone round about them, and they feared exceedingly.

And the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all the people; for today in the town of David a savior has been born to you, who is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign to you: You will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger."

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men of good will."

And it came to pass, when the angels had departed from them into heaven, that the shepherds were saying to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us."

So they went with haste and they found Mary and Joseph and the baby, lying in a manger. And when they had seen, they understood what had been told them concerning this child.

And all who heard marveled at the things told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept in mind all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all that they had heard and seen, even as it was spoken to them.

— Luke 2:1-20



### Newt's ethics lapse vs. DNC donor scandal

Just weeks after the conclusion of a presidential campaign in which the public was told by Democrats and the big media that character and ethics didn't matter come a demand by some Democrats that the Speaker of the House step down. Rep. Newt Gingrich has admitted that he failed to seek proper legal advice over the propriety of using tax-deductible charitable contributions to finance a college course he taught. He also said he conveyed "inaccurate, incomplete and unreliable statements" to the House ethics committee.

Gingrich's main opponent, Rep. David Bonior, Michigan Democrat, immediately and predictably, called for Gingrich to step aside. Bonior has attempted to smear Gingrich since he assumed the Speaker's chair, filing scores of charges with the ethics committee, none of which stuck until now.

Gingrich was right to issue a statement of repentance. But whatever mistakes he may have made in the matter of the college course fall in comparison to the Orient express of ethically suspect campaign contributions and the use of labor union money used to underwrite a massive anti-Gingrich campaign that failed to produce a Democrat majority.



Should Gingrich be re-elected as Speaker? Absolutely, if the ethics committee finds he did not knowingly and willingly violate tax law. But the real objective of liberal Democrats isn't ethical purity. It is power. Liberals correctly see Gingrich as the intellectual engine driving Republican attempts to rejuvenate a bloated, sickly government.

Just how dangerous Gingrich is to the government superstructure Democrats have built during the last half century can be seen in a brilliant speech the Speaker delivered to a Heritage Foundation audience in Washington, Dec. 3.

Three areas, he said, demand the attention of the American people and its elected leaders: the information age, the world arena and the renewal of American civilization, which he called "the most important proposition of our generation." He cited a "30-year effort by the left to create amnesia in this country."

He said we have to learn again what it means to be an American. "And if our schools don't teach it, and our cities don't believe it and our media and our TV shows don't show it, how do you expect them to behave like Americans?"

This is dangerous stuff to liberals for whom "the government," not "the people" is paramount. Too bad that Gingrich has given them some material, but from what has been revealed so far, it is not enough to deny him reelection as Speaker unless Democrats want to apply the same standard to President Clinton and also call on him to step aside.

Cal Thomas is a Los Angeles Times columnist.

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## LETTERS

### Poisonous Christmas packages

While I was attending December's two-day meeting of the Idaho Environmental Central's Advisory Panel in Idaho Falls, the State Department of Health presented a very important study on brain cancer in Idaho. They announced they had found a "statistically significant" elevated number of cases of brain tumors in the six counties surrounding the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory. Their study did not look for the many possible causes, and they are going to follow up next with case histories of those who unfortunately suffered.

As a member of the INEL Health Effects Panel, I requested soil and sewer testing for radionuclides in Moreland, Idaho. Three years ago, Clinton McKear of Moreland had asked me to help. It was told money for the CDC budget had been slashed from a total of \$20 million down to \$14 million. No money would be available for testing water or testing the leaky filters that were reported to trap the radioactive, cancer-causing particles that escape the buildings and incinerator at the INEL. Compare this budget priority with the fact that INEL spent \$52 million to white wash the Environmental Impact Study that claimed everything at INEL is "safe." This \$52 million study should have been spent honestly and scientifically, revealing the real environmental impact of incinerating and releasing these cancer-causing plutonium particles, silly me.

And just in time for Christmas, the Department of Energy announced Idaho's gift could be weapons-grade plutonium, all ours to disseminate and dispose. Weapons-grade plutonium, the gift that keeps on giving.

The DOE is sure that "Pats Bart's agreement straight on track." Opposing Gov. Bart came out against doing the dirty work and looks ready to fight. Good for him, although I would have preferred clearing up this issue before the deal, but, silly me.

So Ellen McDermott, you asked a fair question in your Dec. 3 letter telling me to "shut up." Ellen, the reason I continue is because these are deadly, preventable problems. I don't think you're smart, but Lockheed has been lying to you. When given clear and truthful information, which has not happened yet, people will do the right thing.

PETER RICHARDS  
Twin Falls

### 'Tis the season for kindness

As a season, Christmas can appear maudlin, bordering on selfish at times. When this happens, we lose sight of the basic goodness of the season and people in general.

Last Saturday, Iris Reynolds was in the parking lot of the Magic Valley Mall and found a plastic sack lying on the ground in the snow. Inside were several pieces of jewelry. "I'm sure Iris didn't hesitate in what to do, most of us are very honest people."

Iris could have kept the jewelry for herself, figuring that whoever lost it would never know what happened. But Iris is an honest soul, and her decision was to return it to the store whose name was on the outside of the sack so they could get the merchandise to the owners. The true spirit of this season is goodness and kindness and honesty; let us celebrate Christmas this way!

JOHN BENSEN  
Twin Falls

### Sincerely from a 3-year-old

A good friend recently told me about a conversation that she had with her two young children. She told them that she needed to know what they would like for Christmas so that she and Santa would not get them the same things. Her 3-year-old son simply replied, "All I want is you, Mommy."

Now that is Christmas!  
Happy holidays.  
KALINE HILLMAN  
Kimberly

### Public myths, private charity

In a more perfect world, it would be easy to swallow the theory that even as we increase spending for weapons, we can shrink government, largely through bettering the social welfare system, and that private-sector charity will step into the breach and do the job better. Wise giving by millions of generosity-crazed individual Americans would be substituted for the leech-like government to create a cheaper, more caring and more efficient safety net for poor children, the maimed, the sick, the blind, the disadvantaged, the abused and the merely unlucky.

It is a perfectly noble edifice of an idea resting on a sawdust foundation. To begin with, last year private giving amounted to just 2 percent of the gross domestic product, well below peaks reached in the 1960s and '70s, despite the huge growth of the millionaire and billionaire classes since 1980.

Very little of this total comes from those who can most afford it. About 5 percent comes from corporations while 7 percent comes from large wealthy people who croak and bequeath their money and 7 percent comes from foundations. More than 80 percent comes from individuals, the bulk of it in relatively small amounts. And besides, where do we imagine private charities get most of their money from? Gifts provide only 18.4 percent of the revenues of non-profit charities in the United States while government provides 31.3 percent.

Last year, total charitable giving exceeded \$143 billion, a nice hunk of change even if it equals only about 5 percent of federal and state outlays on social programs. But wait.

The huge preponderance of this money — \$63 billion — flowed to religion. Some of this went for good works among the hea-

then, the wretched but the bulk of it went to build and maintain centers of worship, pay clergy, and to maintain the costly competition between sects.

Even all the legitimately given money that goes to face and fraudulent charities such as the Foundation for New Era Philanthropy, the high-class Philadelphia boiler shop that fooled some of the most sophisticated philanthropists in the nation and recently went bust owing \$200 million to hundreds of non-profit charities.

And it is difficult to count as charitable the tax-exempt money that goes to excessive executive salaries, lush expense accounts, huge overhead and top-heavy fund-raising costs of the non-profit institutions that give the austere and honest charities a bad name.

So if we account for all this waste, fraud, abuse, self-indulgence, elitism, duplicity and publicity lust, the amount of private giving available for the relief of human want and suffering may be as little as \$10 billion to \$20 billion a year, a relatively insignificant resource in a \$7 trillion economy.

I suppose I can rightly be accused of ranting intemperately, of giving a bad name to the good charities who do the work of the angels on the shoestring of good intentions and who deserve more government and private funds than they're getting. But nothing can equal the damage done to their good name from within the private giving system by those who trade in the coin of government by playing cruel games with tax-exempt money.

Robert Reno is a Neuday columnist.

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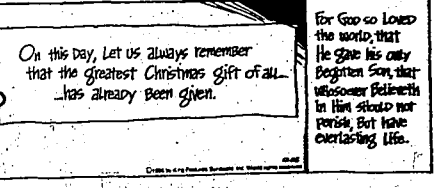
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A lone Christmas tree near Hayden, Idaho, glows in the softening winter light on Monday, leading all to a little tranquility during this hectic time of year.

New snows in Utah trigger avalanches

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — New snow has delighted Utah's ski resorts but increased the avalanche danger.

Beaver Mountain ski resort in Logan Canyon received 52 inches of new snow, while in the Ogden area Powder Mountain and Nordic Valley, received 48 inches and 38 inches, respectively.

The big accumulations, along with winds in the 20 to 30 mph range that gusts into the 40s, helped set off numerous avalanches in the western mountains, including two serious ones around Powder Mountain.

The first, at 12:37 p.m. Monday, caught a resort ski patroller, who escaped unharmed. Another slide at 12:21 p.m. closed the road to Powder Mountain for seven hours, a highway patrol dispatcher said.

"Snow conditions took a turn for the worse (Monday) because of brisk westerly winds and cold temperatures," said Utah Avalanche Forecast Center forecaster Carol Gilbert. The danger of human-triggered avalanches is high today on steep north- to northeast-facing slopes.

Treman took the brunt of the storm with 24 inches, while Mendoc received 18, Logan 12 and North Logan 10. Ten inches also fell at Bear Lake and Randolph, while Liberty received 22.

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**FOOD & HOME**

**Martha Stewart viewers flip for festive seasons**

By Kathy Bocella  
Knight-Ridder News Service

PHILADELPHIA — To look at Malley Layton's Victorian home, with its crackle-painted shutters and eucalyptus-leaf sprays, it's hard to believe that just a year ago she had never heard of Martha Stewart.

"I just started watching her and got this unusually extreme fascination with her," the 27-year-old commodities trader said, ruminating on why she tapes every one of the Perfect One's television shows and catalogs their contents on index cards for quick reference.

Or why she spent an afternoon recently re-creating Stewart's gingerbread house, a project that requires more assembly than a model of a masted schooner.

"It was absolutely perfect," gushed Layton, who lives in Kennett Square, Pa., near Philadelphia.

In a world in which most people don't have time to wait in line for take-out, piercing hundreds of cranberries with toothpicks and sticking them into Styrofoam to make toppings is a priority. But Martha fans seem to have none of the constraints of daily life, especially around the holidays, when many will be drilling whole pecans, roughly 200 of them, stringing them on florist wire and attaching them to metal wreaths.

"Martha does really great trees. She ties the theme into the entire room," said Debra Alinger, 30, a Philadelphia-area interior designer whose own decorations, from the gold bows on the Christmas tree to the sugar-glazed fruit centerpiece to the wrapping paper made with a carved-potato stamp, were a month-long endeavor.

Inspired by Stewart's creative spirit, her loyal subjects have been known to cook entire practice dinners or play hockey from work the week before a big holiday. Chuck Becker and Dayna O'Leary of Medford Lakes, N.J., spent 16 hours cooking their Martha Thanksgiving dinner, which included a Cajun turkey (they also made a honey-roasted bird), roasted garlic and sage stuffing, potato souffle, and chocolate-chip pecan pie—for five.

There seems to be no end to Martha madness.

Her ever-expanding lifestyle empire includes 16 titles; Martha Stewart is being one of the fastest-growing magazines, with two million subscribers; television shows that air up to three times a day; holiday specials; and her new Martha By Mail, a catalog of "kits" enabling the craft-impaired to make such memorable gifts as Araucana chicken egg soaps.

Haves Russock was so inspired by Stewart's "Handmade Christmas" book last year that he made caramels, hard candies and cinnamon buns, which he put in festive molds and pans for gifts.

"That's really what the holidays are about, doing things for other people," said Russock, a manager at Fante's Cookware in South Philadelphia. "The thing I didn't think of was it was going to take me a week of standing in my kitchen and run me just as much money as if I just went out and bought something."

True Martha fans understand. And they are everywhere, but the best place to find them is on the Web.

The Unofficial Martha Stewart home page is a treasure trove of Martha tidbits, including bio information, forthcoming events, a readers' exchange, TV and radio appearances, recent articles and critiques, and why-I-worship (or hate) Martha essays.

The page is owned by Leslie Saeta and Shari Zerobnick, unabashed Martha addicts from South Pasadena and Denver, respectively.

"She shows people of my generation that we can still work and have a home and just make it nice," said the college administrator, 32, who stenciled table linens for Thanksgiving and made her own herb-infused oils and vinegars for Hanukkah.

The women get tons of e-mail from Martha fans who lost a recipe or missed a crucial step in a project on her show.

With complete sets of her books, magazines and television shows, they usually can find the answer.

"We had e-mail messages for recipes right up until midnight the night before Thanksgiving," said Saeta, with most requesting Turkey 101, guaranteed to produce "a lacquered brown, glistening turkey that you can be proud of."

Of course, Martha fans realize that few people have the unlimited time, resources and help as

Martha, and that striving to be like her is self-defeating. Though they chop, simmer and glue themselves into a frenzy, unless they have a kitchen staff of 20 and a supermarket that carries sennapods (a potpourri ingredient), their creations aren't going to be nearly as spectacular as Martha's.

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A girl hit in the head by a stone is comforted by a friend during protests Tuesday in Belgrade. Protesters for and against Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic clashed in the country's capital.

## Shots fired during Belgrade protests

**BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP)** — A gunman in a crowd of pro-government supporters fired on opponents of Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic Tuesday during street clashes in which demonstrators hurled mud and sticks at each other and police clubbed protesters.

One man was shot in the head, according to doctors who said his wound was not life-threatening. A witness, Zlatko Mihajlovic, told The Associated Press a woman also was wounded. No information about her was available. Witnesses said police detained the gunman.

Elsewhere in the city, two opposition demonstrators were stabbed and wounded, witnesses said. There were no details. Though the violence appeared to be ebbing by early evening, the clashes dramatically escalated tensions in what had been more than four weeks of relatively peaceful demonstrations against Milosevic and his annulment of Nov. 17 local elections won by the opposition.

Milosevic, in a speech to his supporters, accused opposition leaders of being foreign lackeys intent on destroying Serbia. "Strong Serbia is not at the liking of some powers abroad, and that's why they are trying to break it up," he said. "We, of course, won't let it happen."

In Washington, Deputy Secretary of State Strobe Talbott said Milosevic and his government would be held responsible for any "violent actions" by their supporters. "The Serbian authorities have flagrantly and provocatively chosen to heighten tensions by bringing thousands of

people into Belgrade to confront the peaceful demonstrations by the opposition," Talbot said in a statement.

The gunfire came earlier today when witnesses said anti-Milosevic activists cornered a smaller group of Milosevic supporters on Belgrade's main Knez Mihajlova street. Radio Index said at least two shots were fired. Several people were injured in the ensuing melee.

Hundreds of helmeted riot police intervened and separated the demonstrators. After appeals from their leaders, most opposition protesters moved away.

Police also tried to keep opposition crowds away from tens of thousands of Milosevic supporters rallying on Terazije Square — only 500 yards away from Republic Square, where the opposition was gathering today for a 35th straight day of protests against Milosevic.

The opposition demonstrators shouted, "Fascists, fascists!" at the police. In one clash, thousands of unarmed opposition protesters charged a police cordon. Police counter-charged and beat the demonstrators with clubs, sending at least two to the ground.

Riot police beat at least four news photographers, including three working for the AP. Other photographers were injured in clashes, though none were hurt seriously.

Police lobbed tear gas at anti-Milosevic demonstrators in Republic Square. An estimated 300,000 people — the largest pro-democracy demonstration so far — converged under chilly sleet and temperatures in the low 40s.

## Israeli, Palestinian leaders at deadlock over troops

**GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP)** — A meeting between Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat ended Tuesday without a deal on a troop pullback in Hebron, the last West Bank city under Israeli control.

Both men left the meeting smiling. They did not speak to reporters.

President Clinton's Middle East envoy, Dennis Ross, called the meeting "extremely productive" and said it had moved the two sides closer to an agreement. But "we don't have an agreement yet," he said.

Ross said negotiators would meet again Wednesday morning, and Arafat and Netanyahu would "try to get together again soon."

A Palestinian negotiator, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Arafat twice became so angry with Netanyahu

while discussing joint security patrols in Hebron that he almost walked out, but Ross stopped him.

Nevertheless, Palestinians described the overall atmosphere as good, and even called the relationship between Netanyahu and Arafat "warm."

Arafat spokesman Marwan Kanafani said after the meeting that the gap between the two sides was "narrowing, but it still exists."

After intensive mediation by Ross, who arrived in the region over the weekend, negotiators had predicted that a deal could be reached by today.

A deal on Hebron would be the first major development in the peace process since Netanyahu took office.

Israel was to have pulled out of Hebron in March, but postponed it after a series of suicide bombings in Israel.

## Russia puts monkeys in space

**MOSCOW (AP)** — A Russian spacecraft carrying two monkeys bristling with electrodes and monitors blasted off from an Arctic cosmodrome Tuesday on a two-week space trip.

The Bion-11 project, sponsored by the United States, Russia and France, is to study the effects of weightlessness.

It has angered animal rights activists in the West, who question the need for animal research after so many years of human space flight.

Atop the booster is a capsule holding two male macaques, Lapik, 4, and Mulk, 3, and an assortment of nerves, snails, flies, bugs, seeds and bacteria.

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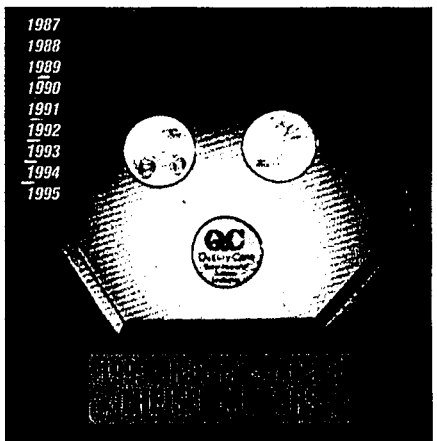
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## AROUND THE VALLEY

### Lamonts bankruptcy OK'd, closes Saturday

TWIN FALLS—A bankruptcy plan that included the closing of the Twin Falls Lamonts store has been officially approved. The Kirkland, Wash.-based business announced a majority of creditors and other participants will vote in favor of the company's reorganization plan. The Twin Falls store will close for good Saturday.

The chain of 38 clothing stores announced in October its intention to close the 20,000 square-foot Twin Falls operation and three others as part of its bankruptcy reorganization.

The local store is still open with a going out of business sale that began last month. Altogether, 35 to 40 people will be put out of work when Lamonts closes.

The store opened in the Magic Valley Mall in February 1992 and small management staff Lamonts did well locally.

However, company officials said the four stores were targeted for closure because of their flat sales, small sizes and a competitive market.

Lamonts continues to operate stores in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho Falls, Lewiston, Moscow and Pocatello and four other Northwest stores.

The company also reported an investment banker has been hired to explore reorganization opportunities, including opening new stores and improving existing ones.

### Investigation: Hansen house fire ruled accidental

HANSEN—An investigation continues into a house fire in Hansen Monday, but the fire was ruled accidental.

The fire at 603 Calico St., broke out at about 4:25 p.m. When firefighters arrived, they found smoke coming out of both ends of the house and flames coming from the attic.

Residents had gotten out of the house by the time firefighters arrived, and no one was hurt, said Hansen assistant fire chief Alvin Johnson.

Firefighters were on the scene until about 9 p.m., stamping out hot spots, Johnson said. Two Rock Creek Fire District workers assisted the Hansen firefighters.

Damage to the house was estimated at \$55,000 to \$40,000. Part of the roof and ceiling was lost, Johnson said.

### Twin Falls landfill closed on Christmas, New Years Day

TWIN FALLS—The Twin Falls County landfill and transfer station will be closed Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

The trash facilities will reopen at 8 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 26 and on Jan. 2.

### Stanley Basin wolves find new home in north Idaho

WINCHESTER—The Sawtooth wolf pack has been moved from an enclosure in the Stanley Basin to another facility in north-central Idaho.

It is part of a wolf display being developed by the Nez Perce Tribe and the Boise State Wolf Education and Research Center.

The two groups say they hope to have it officially open to the public by next August.

The pack's 11 members are kept inside a 20-acre space surrounded by two mile chain-link fences.

People already are visiting the spot to watch the wolves.

"We had 25 to 40 people here most Saturdays," said Keith Mandall, center manager. He would like to communicate more with the locals to answer questions about the wolves' impact and behavior.

Sam Valley-Hamaker (Jim) Danchers, who founded the pack six years ago in the Sawtooths, is scheduled to appear on a show about the center opening. The Discovery television channel is slated to broadcast it in April.

Dancher and his wife, Jamie, brought the wolves to the center last August. They are now on ABC, "Coast to Coast," signed the agreement. The wolves responded warmly to Danchers, licking their faces and rubbing up against them.

### Buhl council to consider subdivision ordinances

BUHL—The reworking of subdivision and development zoning ordinances and the proposed zoning map for the city of Buhl will be the subject of a public hearing Jan. 13.

The Buhl City Council will hear comments starting at 7 p.m. in council chambers, 203 Broadway Ave. N.

City officials encourage residents to attend because they will see the proposed zoning changes and how they affect the zoning classification of their property.

Written comments will be accepted until 5 p.m. Jan. 13.

Copies of the ordinances and proposed zoning map are available for review at the city clerk's office between 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., 203 Broadway Ave. N.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

# Elderly woman falls, files lawsuit Twin Falls couple sues store over automatic door, ice

**The Times-News**  
**TWIN FALLS**—An 81-year-old woman is suing a large department store claiming its automatic doors were anything but inviting when she fell.

Wayne and Opal Scoggins, a Twin Falls County couple, filed a lawsuit Dec. 18 in 5th District Court against ShopKo Stores Inc.

In the lawsuit, Opal Scoggins claims she was entering the store at the Magic Valley Mall April 11 when the automatic doors began to close on her without warning. The woman, who uses a cane, said she became frightened, attempted to avoid being struck by the doors and then fell.

Scoggins injured her arm and continues to suffer physical and mental pain,

according to the lawsuit. The couple claims the store was negligent in failing to properly maintain or provide effective service to the doorway, constituting a dangerous condition and exposing users to the risk of bodily injury.

They also claim the store failed to properly maintain the premises in a reasonably safe condition.

The store was not familiar with the lawsuit and had no comment, said Sheree Olson, ShopKo director of public relations in Green Bay, Wis.

The couple demands a jury trial. They are seeking an unspecified amount of damages for medical expenses, pain, disability, disfigurement, emotional and mental suffering, and loss of comfort and conjugal relations.

## 12 teens deliver cheer to needy single mom

**By Lori Steffenski  
Times-News writer**

ACEQUIA—For 12 teen-agers who've been down on their luck in the past, helping a single mother give her two children a merry Christmas is all they wanted this holiday.

Memories of waking up on Christmas morning with no presents under the tree, no food on the table and no father at home made the decision to help an easy one.

"Everybody here feels for them since a lot of us have been there ourselves," said Josh, a 15-year-old living in a lodge at the Idaho Youth Ranch, a rehabilitation center for juvenile offenders.

Since October, the boys have been doing odd jobs in the community and around the ranch to raise money for the mother. In all, the teen-agers raised almost \$300 for the woman and her two children.

Tuesday, on Christmas Eve, they did their best to help her. They bought the food, gifts and other items they bought with the money.

"It gave us a chance to work together as a group and I think it has helped bring us closer together," said Ty, 15. "We all wanted to do it and worked hard to get it done."

The idea came from the boys, who all wanted to give something back to the community in return for some of their shortcomings.

The boys left the food and gifts on the mother's doorstep without so much as a note. Receiving thanks for their efforts wasn't part of the plan, they said.

"We did this for her, not ourselves," said Isaac, 15. "It was about putting other people's needs before our wants."

Administrators at the ranch work



A group of teen-agers from the Idaho Youth Ranch spent Friday night shopping for clothing and toys for a single mother in need this Christmas. The boys have done volunteer work since October to raise money to help the woman and her two children have a memorable Christmas.

from the start to help troubled teens develop respect for others, but it isn't always easy.

"It takes a lot of cooperation from them that they aren't used to," said Mark Andreason, a team leader at the ranch who works with the boys. "A big part of our program is based on increasing their feeling of worthiness, and when they start helping others like this, it makes it that much harder for them to

commit crimes against them later."

Andreason said most teen-agers who come to the ranch are sent there by a judge. Most are repeat offenders who have committed serious crimes; some come from outside Idaho.

During their stay, they live in a lodge with 11 other teen-agers and attend school at the ranch. Most stay for about a year.

A big part of counselor Tony Rice's job is getting the teen-agers to work cooperatively together, which is why he wants to see more of what he witnessed this Christmas.

"I can't say enough about what those 12 boys did for that woman," Rice said. "They put a lot of free time and sweat into earning that money and it was a positive experience for everyone."

## Twin Falls burglary suspect held in jail

**By Kent McClary  
Times-News writer**

TWIN FALLS—A court hearing is pending for a male burglary suspect who police say took women's clothes and was wearing women's underwear when caught.

Colvin Lewis Dwight, 29, listed as living at 502 Filer Ave., Twin Falls, is being held in Twin Falls County jail on charges of burglary, against \$100,000 bond. He is charged with burglarizing two homes Friday night, and police said he tried to escape the Twin Falls police station.

Twin Falls police reports say they were called to a house in the 500 block of Harrison Street about 7:15 p.m. Friday when the residents awoke home to find their home had been burglarized. The residents reported that guns, CD players and cameras had been taken, along with clothing, lingerie and make-up.

Police followed footprints left in fresh snow by the suspect, but lost the trail at a street.

About 9 p.m., Southern Idaho Regional Communications Center dispatchers took a call from a young girl at a house in the 500 block of Park Street, who said a man wearing dark clothes and a dark ski mask was at her house.

Police found a back door to the house open and shoeprints in the backyard. The prints, similar to those found at Harrison Street, led to the rear fence, and into the yards of homes on James Street, the report said.

At about the same time, police got a report that the victims of the first break-in had spotted a suspect on Park Street and were chasing him. One victim said she had seen a man in the backyard of a neighboring house, throwing clothes over the fence, the report said.

The suspect was chased down and detained by Jason Johnson, a victim of

the first burglary, and Tom Blair, a neighbor. Johnson told police he pulled a pair of his girlfriend's underwear from the suspect's pocket.

Police say Dwight first gave them a false name. At the police department, officers found that Dwight was wearing a bra and pantyhose, the report said.

"Placed in a booking room, Dwight removed a ceiling tile and crawled up and out of the room in an attempt to escape, the report said. Police say Dwight crawled over above the fingerprint room, but the ceiling gave way, and he fell to the floor.

After being treated at the hospital, Dwight was booked into jail.

Police say the majority of the clothing taken was women's clothing. Officers said they recovered most of the stolen goods.

Dwight is scheduled for a preliminary hearing Jan. 3.

## Jerome plans vote on ambulance service

**By Heidi Thomas Rhale  
Times-News correspondent**

JEROME—Jerome County commissioners will vote Monday on an ambulance company's request to provide non-emergency ambulance transports in the county.

Unistar, a Jerome ambulance company, has requested a non-emergency ambulance transport for Santa Benedict's Family Medical Center.

The issue will be on the commissioners' calendar at 10 a.m. Monday, allowing all interested parties to be pre-

sent for the vote.

The Unistar request has caused confusion within the commission itself. Commissioner Roy Prescott last week said the commission had voted to give Unistar the contract. Commissioner Harriet Weixel said no such vote had occurred.

In other county business Monday:

Commissioners held a final hearing on the Jerome County Joint Agency Comprehensive Plan, a document written by a variety of local agencies.

The plan cost \$12,568 in

any needed revisions. The plan could be revised every six months, Brown said.

Commissioners reviewed a map of land south of the city of Jerome, which the city recently annexed.

Discussion centered on the annexation agreement between the county and city, the county's permission for the annexation, developing city-county oversight of the area, and establishing a committee to settle differences between the county and city.

"People living in the annexed land were county

## Christmas cheer spread in Wendell

**By Steve Koshler  
Times-News correspondent**

WENDELL—Like jolly Santas, Wendell area residents Monday wrapped, packed and delivered food and gifts for local needy families.

In the halls and cafeteria of Wendell High School, children held babies while girls, mothers and grandmothers wrapped presents.

Boys, fathers and grandfathers moved boxes of canned food, fresh oranges and carrots, 25- to 100-pound sacks of potatoes and onions, crates of milk, and cases of frozen turkeys while men and women divided up the goods for each family.

"We have never had this many people help," said Rebecca Astmead. "It was a wonderful effort this year."

"I felt like one of Santa's elves," said a tired but happy Ethel German. "It was wonderful."

Astmead and German organized the annual charity event known as Wendell Christmas Baskets.

The helpers include people from all of the town's churches. One church youth group provided toys they had picked out in a shopping trip to Twin Falls.

More than 90 children received presents. Some lucky youngsters received bikes and sleds.

The event was a case of many hands making light work. They had four hours—including time for hugs, snacks and laughs—the group had sorted and delivered thousands of items to 54 needy families.

"People were so generous," Astmead said.

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## SERVICES

Lloyd Everett (Woody) Woodhouse, of Boise and formerly of Jerome and Hazelton, memorial service, 1 p.m. Thursday, Jerome LDS Stake Center.

E. Bradley (B.J.) Sanders, of Burley, 11 a.m. Friday, Pella LDS Ward Chapel, 400 S. 160 W. of Burley. Friends may call from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St., Burley, and 10 to 10:45 a.m. on Friday at the church.

C.J. "Charlie" Boss, of the Hollister area, 2 p.m. Friday, Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls. Friends may call from 3 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral chapel.

Cletiece LaClara Marsh, of Hagerman, 2 p.m. Friday, Hagerman United Methodist Church. Family and friends may call from 1 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Demary's Gooding Chapel.

May Evelyn Peck Thompson, of Albion, 2 p.m. Friday, Albion LDS Ward Chapel. Close personal family and friends may call from 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Burley LDS 3rd and 7th Ward Chapel, 2200 Oakley Ave., and one hour before the funeral on Friday at the church, (Payne Mortuary in Burley).

Cathy Gretzschel, of Twin Falls, graveside service, 2 p.m. Friday, Twin Falls Cemetery. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday, White Mortuary, Twin Falls.

Marion O. Smith Langley, of New Plymouth and formerly of Twin Falls, 11 a.m. Saturday, First United Methodist Church, Payette Road, 1 p.m. Monday, Spencer Memorial Park, Twin Falls. A memorial for family and friends will follow at the First Baptist Church, Twin Falls. Friends may call from 3 to 7 p.m. Friday at the Shepherd-Jensen Memorial Chapel, Payette.

## DEATH NOTICES

**Fern G. Winty**  
82, of Hagerman, died Tuesday, Dec. 24, 1993, at St. Luke's Regional Medical Center in Boise. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Demary's Gooding Chapel.

**Velma Glenn**  
KIMBERLY - Velma Glenn, 90, of Kimberly, died Tuesday, Dec. 24, 1993, in Twin Falls. Services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Kimberly 2nd Ward LDS Chapel, 222 Birch St. S. in Kimberly, with Bishop Clifford Bradshaw conducting. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at White Mortuary's Kimberly Chapel. A complete obituary will appear at a later date.

**Urbana Lund**  
BUDLEY - Urbana Lund, 78-year-old Burley resident was found dead Monday, Dec. 23,

## HOSPITALS

### CASSIA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

**Admitted**  
Ida Anderson, Nolan Jeffs and Verma Price, all of Burley; Manuel Luna and Deanna Newzett, both of Oakley; Victoria Lopez of Burley; Barbara Montgomery of Burley; and Anthony Rapara of Watsonville, Calif.

**Released**  
Chariece Sull of Heyburn.

**Births**  
A baby was born to Nicholas and Visenta Lopez of Rupert; and Robin and Deanna Newzett of Heyburn.

### MEMORIAL HEALTH SERVICES

**Admitted**  
Edna Rossmore, Kenneth Durston, Chelysne Swenson, Sandra Gomer, Leatrice Komer and Merton Kenny Smith, all of Rupert; and Andy Kelly of Burley.

**Released**  
Wade Hansen, Zora Madsen and Chelysne Swenson, all of Rupert; and Edna Durston of Burley.

# Bat suspected of infecting Missoula man who died of rabies

MISSOULA (AP) — A Missoula County man who died of rabies last week probably was infected by a bat, health officials say. That conclusion is based on tests conducted by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, tying the man's virus to the type found in bats.

The victim, whose name has not been released, did not exhibit classic symptoms of rabies, said Dr. George Kiss, who took care of him before he died on Thursday. The man did not have the characteristic, violent throat spasms that get worse when the rabies patient sees water or tries to drink it, Kiss said at a news conference Monday. The man asked for water and drank it, Kiss said. "It was only because of a lot of clinical history-taking and going back through books ... that made me think of the diagnosis," he said.

The man could not remember being bitten or scratched by the common carriers of rabies — bats, skunks, dogs, cats and raccoons. But there were bats around his property, Kiss said. He may have been infected months before symptoms appeared. The fatality is only the fourth confirmed rabies death in the United States this year, and the first on record in Montana, said Dr. Todd Damrow, the state epidemiologist. The death does not indicate the general public is at risk of getting rabies, said Greg Oliver, a health educator for Missoula County.

However, he is reminding people to avoid contact with wild animals that can carry rabies, and to make sure pets are vaccinated against the disease. Of 162 bats tested for rabies in Montana in 1993-94, 121 were positive. Twenty-six of those were positive, but results of tests on dogs and cats were negative. The only known cases of human-to-human transmission of rabies have occurred in corneal transplants. In those cases, infected eye tissue from a donor whose disease was undiagnosed was implanted in another person. As a precaution, relatives of the Missoula man and health workers who cared for him have been offered rabies vaccine.

# Boaters think out-of-staters get free ride

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — An abundance of Washington license plates at Idaho boat ramps during the summer has some local boaters grumbling. It's been two years since Idaho stopped making Washington licenses buy \$5 permits to play on Idaho waters. But even though a change in licensing rules has reduced the number of dollars for northern Idaho, some Panhandle residents believe too many Washington boaters are getting a free ride.

"The occasional users should pay to get a permit and pay their fair share," said Sandy Emerson, chairman of the Kootenai County Waterways Committee. In 1994, Idaho eliminated the requirement that non-residents purchase permits to use their boats in Idaho. "When the law first went into effect, most members of the Kootenai County Waterways Committee felt it would be detrimental to our fisheries," said Red Halpern, a committee member. Despite state Parks and Recreation Department assurances to the contrary, Halpern complains about the law, which also raised in-state boat license fees — was an improvement, however, Kootenai County has come out ahead.

The county lost about \$15,000 with the elimination of more than 3,000 permits, but it gained more than \$80,000 in one year. Much of the increase came from the higher license fees, but a portion was due to more Washington boaters licensing their boats in Idaho, state boating program coordinator Mark Brand said. The state reported that in 1995, more than 5,000 boats licensed in Kootenai County belonged to Washington residents. Statewide, the number of Washington residents licensing their boats in Idaho increased by 4,000 when the law changed, Brand said.

"The non-residents are paying because they're buying registrations now," he said. "You don't know it when they're out there because they have an Idaho decal." As the lakes become more crowded and facilities and services are stretched thin, Kootenai County boaters are feeling the crunch. The sheriff's marine division is getting more and more calls, and often can only respond to the highest priority ones, Sgt. Dan Soums said. "With the demands we have, I don't think our financial resources are sufficient to adequately patrol the lakes, but I do

think the marine division has done an outstanding job with the funds that they have," Halpern said. Many Washington boaters have discovered over the years that if they boat more in Idaho than in Washington, it is cheaper to license their boat in Idaho. U.S. Coast Guard crews allow boaters to license their boats in the state of their primary use. A \$16,000 boat over 16 feet long would cost about \$67 to license in Washington and about \$22 in Idaho.

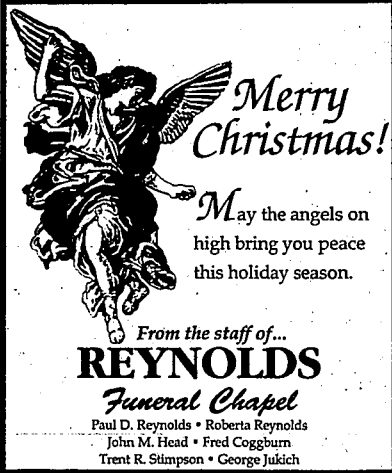


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# Extra trees used to improve riverbanks

FUCIALELLI (AP) — Unsold Christmas trees are being put to work to restore some of southeastern Idaho's eroding banks. The Forest and Streamers this week helped Idaho Fish and Game Department workers store about 700 trees for use next summer.

Thirty Experience-Based Career Education Program students from Highland and Fucialelli high schools piled the trees into trucks and moved them to a storage area. Next summer, they will build environmentally benign erosion barriers called revegetation in places such as the Blackfoot and Footprint rivers, and Marsh Creek. Fish and Game biologists and Natural Resource Conservation Service ecologists say overgrazing and irrigation flow fluctuations have cut into the streambanks. "Weaving groups of trees together with wire and forming them to vulnerable banks reduces the river's speed, fisheries biologist Jim Mendel said. In time, sloughing of earth off the banks and stream sediments build up among the decomposing revegetations. Workers then re-establish plants there which send roots into the banks.



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### TWIN FALLS

#### Esther Teresa Boles

Esther Teresa Boles, 91, of Twin Falls, departed Monday, Dec. 23, 1993, at St. Benedict's Long Term Care Unit in Jerome, for a reunion she has long awaited. Her husband of 53 years, Oren, and their son, Eyr, have been waiting for her since 1977 and 1976, respectively. Also at the reunion will be her parents, Horacio and Estia Agape; with sister, Nevada (Emery) Smith; and brothers, Vance (Dorothy), Robert (Thelma) and Albert (June).

Ted Boles lived in Twin Falls for 18 years after being widowed. Her apartment was a gathering place for the Boles-Agape clan. Always, you were made to feel at home there, and usually led a sumptuous meal. Ted's rose garden was his special pride, with long-stemmed beauties rivaling any from a florist.

Her humor was legendary, even at 91. A doctor, trying to decide if she was mentally alert at that advanced age, asked her to date. Ted replied "Dec. 25, 1904." He, thinking she was disoriented, said, "why that is Christmas!" Ted replied, "Don't you know an angel who you saw once?"

Ted Boles was born at Warm Springs Ranch in Clover Valley, Nev. She was raised in Wells and on the Agape Ranch in Star Valley near here. After high school, she attended "Normal" School at the University of Nevada, to become a teacher. Her teaching lasted only one year. A cowboy from Colorado convinced Ted marriage was preferable to a career.

She and Oren ranched in Clover Valley, before moving to the Ohnell Home Ranch north of Wells, which they bought about 1930. In 1952, they bought the holdings near Contact, Nev., where Ted and Oren

### TWIN FALLS

#### Esther Teresa Boles

lived at the Virginia Ranch until his death. Their grandson, Steve Steve and his children, and his mother, Maria Grisold now own those ranches. When younger, Ted loved to walk with them and check the goats and horses. She was always delighted when either grandson came by to discuss cattle prices and other ranching talk. Both Oren and Ted were avid horse fans. They raised and raced many winners. From 1945 until 1977, they wintered in Phoenix, Ariz., and seldom missed a day at the races. It was a practice Ted continued with her surviving brother, Lester Agape and his wife, Dorothy.

Other survivors include a daughter, Nevada (Jay) Stride of Jerome; and another grandson, Dwayne (Jay) Stride of Carey. Three great-grandchildren, Eyla Boles (Rick) Kaufman, Nina Boles (John) Hofffield, and Tami Stride (Steve) Hofffield, also survive.

### HEYBURN

#### Roy Spurgeon

Roy E. Spurgeon, 67-year-old Heyburn resident, died Monday, Dec. 23, 1993, at his home in

Heyburn. He was born Sept. 8, 1926, in Slatkoff, Ohio, the son of Ed and Martha Heston Spurgeon. He moved with his family from Chicago to Heyburn, Idaho, when he was six months old. He later moved to Hollister in 1943, to Jerome. In 1948, he moved to Idaho, where he also engaged in farming. In 1951, he enlisted in the U.S. Army where he served in radio communications in the 16th Field Artillery Division until his discharge in 1954, because he had contracted malaria. He returned to Jerome where he had a shop to do all kinds of machine work. He married Emma Loretta Jackson Steer on April 12, 1952, in Elko, Nev. She preceded him in death on April 15, 1988. He is survived by: Christine (Christina) Spurgeon in Burley for nine years. They had played with the Old Time Fiddlers and the Happy Holly's Band where he had contracted malaria. Survivors include four daughters and two sons-in-law, Loretta and Norman Bailey of Rupert, Marie (Margaret) of Twin Falls, Lois and Jack Thompson of Heyburn, and Shirley Clements of Rigby; a brother, Elmo Spurgeon of Washington; a sister, Wilhelmina Spurgeon, Larsson of Washington; a niece, Carol (Sandra) of California; 16 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by his parents and one sister.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 23, 1993, at the Payne Memorial Chapel, 221 W. Main St. in Burley, with the Rev. Keith Hise officiating. Burial will be at the Sunset Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday and one hour before the funeral on Saturday at Payne Mortuary.

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# Albion hosts district Legion convention

By Mary Lynne Bristol  
Times-News correspondent

ALBION — The Albion American Legion post 124 and its auxiliary last week hosted the 1996 5th District and Auxiliary Fall Convention.

About 60 people attended the event held in the Albion Senior Citizens Center.

Post Commander Darrell Hatfield and Elaine Mahoney were in charge of registration. A potato bar prepared by the Albion Auxiliary members under the direction of Marcella Mahoney and Christine Petersen was served.

Following the meal, the meeting was held with the District Commander Rick Hiesley from Twin Falls presiding. District Chaplain Keith Amende from Albion led the prayer.

Department Commander Tom Moore from Boise introduced officers and chairmen who were wearing caps printed with "Tom's Team." They were National Executive Committeeman Don Gunderson from Albion, Alternate National Committeeman Leroy Lebsack from Paul, Adjutant Mel Napier from Boise, Area C Vice

commander Kenneth Hawley from Pocatello, Convention Chairman Mike Schow from Pocatello, Assistant sergeant-at-arms Joe Leick from Boise, and Historian Gene Bergman from Nampa.

Moore then called Rep. Jim Kempton, R-Albion, a member of the Albion Post, to commend him for his help to the American Legion as a legislator, particularly with the veteran's license plate bill.

In his message, Moore told about the Veterans Memorial Christmas Candle Program. Each legion and auxiliary member would get a small candle in the mail, to be sent to the national convention with a donation.

"All candles received are to be melted to create one big candle to be lit on the steps of the nation's Capitol on Christmas Eve in remembrance of veterans."

He also talked about the GI Health and Flag Protection legislation and noted that he has met with Gov. Phil Batt regarding veterans' health and welfare issues. His fund-raising raffle was explained and a national representative gave more details about the benefits for veterans and their families.

During separate meetings, unit

presidents and post commanders gave reports. Department officers and chairmen also gave brief messages.

Moore encouraged members to get their community service into the Congressional Record. Joyce Black extended a greeting from the national president and reported on the state office.

Department President Shirley Galbreath from Kellogg introduced the following and chairmen: Vice-president Lynn Masters, Mountain Home; Finance Committee member Neta McClain, Eden; Leadership Chairman Helen Dombrowski, Twin Falls; Pocatello Veterans Home Deputy Joan Potts; National Executive Committeeman Joyce Black, Boise; past president Norma Brown, Filer; and Legislative Chairman Charlotte Moore.

Galbreath also introduced Fifth District President Mary Amende from Albion and Fourth District President Zandra Smith from Jerome. The nine district presidents serve as second vice-presidents. Past presidents introduced were Lois Morgan, Mountain Home, Neta McClain, and Norma Brown, who is also a past national president.

Albion Post Commander

Darrell Hatfield thanked everyone for coming before introducing post officers: Vice-commander Neil Twitchell, Adjutant Don Gunderson, Chaplain Keith Amende, and Service Officer Jim Kell.

He expressed appreciation to the auxiliary for the lunch and told about the unveiling of the addition to the Cassia County Veterans Memorial.

Albion Auxiliary President Shirley Clark introduced unit members, vice president Marcella Mahoney, Historian Elaine Mahoney, Chaplain Della Danner, sergeant-at-arms Christine Petersen, Juliene Cotte, Rena Hofman, and Mary Amende. She presented a Cassia World War II commemorative t-shirt to Keith Amende for his help in setting up for the convention.

Fifth District President Mary Amende was introduced next. She then introduced the district officers in attendance: Jeannette Lloyd, Elba; Martha Hergenreder, Heyburn; Ester Kraus, Rupert; Neta McClain, Twin Falls; and Veera Roberts, Eden.

Election of new officers will be held during the spring convention, April 12 in Eden.

# Sheriff doubts mother's explanation of lost child

SALMON (AP) — Lemhi County Sheriff Brett Barsalou says he has doubts about a woman who claims her 18-month-old daughter slipped off a bridge into the icy Salmon River.

The search for the missing toddler has turned into a possible homicide investigation.

Search and rescue teams continue searching the river south of town as investigators focus on the 36-year-old mother.

Barsalou said divers at a recreation site hope to recover the youngster's body.

"The big hurdle, of course, is the absence of the child. Locating this child's body, if it is in fact dead, is the main fact to clarify this case."

Barsalou said the woman arrived in town Dec. 20 with her children to visit relatives. Some time on Sunday, the mother and her youngest child went for a ride and a walk and only the

mother returned. "Her initial comments to family members were that the child had slipped off a bridge while they were walking across the bridge and she was unable to retrieve her. I find inconsistent with that narrative," he said.

He said family members have been cooperative. The mother, he said, has had a medical condition that made it hard to get

— Brett Barsalou,  
Lemhi County Sheriff

information from her. Barsalou would not confirm reports she attempted suicide shortly after the baby's disappearance.

The initial search focused on the Shoup Bridge south of town, because that is where the mother first said the toddler fell in.

Harsh weather has made the hunt difficult. Barsalou said slush ice is in the main stream and the surface ice has built up to eight feet from shore. Water temperatures are right at 32 degrees.

# Officer takes retired, faithful partner home for good

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Not many police officers get to keep their partners when they retire.

So West Valley Police officer Bill Froehlich feels pretty lucky that after 23 years of five years. Cora, retires within the next few months, he will still see her every day.

Cora, a 9-year-old German shepherd, has served five years as a West Valley K9 and about two years prior to that in police departments elsewhere. Through the years, she has sniffed out hundreds of drug stashes, led dozens of fugitive searches and deftly helped control unruly crowds.

"And despite her age, Cora's eagerness to work is as intense today as it was when she began training seven years ago. But after being diagnosed recently with arthritis in her left hip and back, Froehlich, her handler, knew it was time for retirement."

"She'll live for several more years. I want her to spend the rest of her time with me," Froehlich said.

Froehlich hopes to formally retire Cora in a special ceremony before the City Council and the other three K9 units in the department. Then, he will pay \$1 to the department and adopt Cora into his own home.

But the change is not likely to be easy for the dog or the handler.

"She's used to getting in that truck every day and going to work," he said. "It's the body that goes out in the dog before the mind because they always have a drive to work."

It also helps that Cora is an Alpha female, meaning that she is one of the few German shepherds with the aggressiveness and abilities necessary to do K9 work.

About one out of every 100 males have those abilities, Froehlich said. With females, the ratio becomes one per thousand.



9-year-old German shepherd Cora, a rare female police dog, will soon retire from duty in West Valley City, Utah. Her partner, police officer Bill Froehlich, gets to keep her at home after she retires.

Despite being the only female K9 in the state, Cora has consistently proven to be one of the best. Before retiring, she will receive the highest level of K9 certification. And last year she placed 3rd in a regional competition in Las Vegas that included K9s from Los Angeles and San Diego.

"It takes a lot of work and dedication to make you a dog better," Froehlich said.

At a recent K9 demonstration at Kennedy Junior High School, Cora drew well-deserved applause from the assembled

students as they watched her retrieve drugs from unlikely from BI places.

"Cora's favorite lunch is behinds — she loves to bite people in the butt or the leg," Froehlich said, drawing laughs from his audience. But she will only do it if she is told to do so, he said. Once the aggression work is done, she becomes her usual docile self, eager to please. "They are like light switches — once you turn them off, they're off."

The hardest part for Froehlich will be getting used to a new dog.

# Farmer lets couple live in empty barn

CALDWELL (AP) — A spider-infested barn in a field of chest-high weeds would not seem like a home to most people, but Jim and Linda Davis are thankful for every comfy inch of it.

The Davises are a homeless couple who have been evicted from one makeshift shelter after another. Their current home, on the edge of Interstate 84 near town, is in a 10-acre field owned by Pete Echevarria of Nampa.

"We've never met him, but I don't know what we'd have done without him," Linda Davis said. "This was the only place around. It's a lot better than sleeping in an alley."

Echevarria's property lacks access. Calling himself the most frustrated property owner in Idaho, he hung up a sign offering for camping for the homeless after 27 years of losing battles over a road he needs to get to the property.

The Davises accepted Echevarria's offer and moved into his lease barn a month ago. The room where they live once was the manager's office at a horse-racing track, abandoned in the 1960s.

Police and fire officials have ordered the Davises not to use the office fireplace, the only source of heat. Wind blows through the doorway, a broken window and cracks in the roof. Rain pours through the roof, soaking clothes and bedding.

"When it rains, everything stays wet for two days," Linda said. "We're getting too old for this."

She is 49, her husband is 48. Both were families by former marines. Jim, a Vietnam veteran,

has heart trouble, problems with his back and legs and has been diagnosed as a manic-depressive. Linda has emphysema.

Both have multiple spider bites, including a brown recluse bite which left a dime-sized hole in one of Linda's fingers. They sleep on an old mattress, covered by a thin blanket and a light sleeping bag. They shower and eat breakfast at "Sally's," the Salvation Army. Other meals are whatever they can find, often by foraging in trash.

"Albertson's and M&W have good dumpsters," Jim Davis said. "Albertson's has the best grub, but they'll call the cops if they catch you."

The cold wakes them up

# Ambulance

Continued from B1 residents and are now city residents and will have a 40 percent rise in taxes and no additional services," Prescott said. "Many people have expressed to the commissioners that they had concerns that were not heard by the city in the annexation process."

"The commercial development area needs to be annexed into the city but unfortunately the private residents in between commercial developments got gobbled up, too," Commissioner John Toolson said.

The city water line goes as far as Spears Manufacturing, 267 S. Lincoln, while the sewer goes as far as Hankers Mini Mart, 3079 S. Lincoln, Brown said. When a septic tank fails or breaks down, the homeowner is required to hook

into the city lines. • Commissioners added revised definitions to the Jerome County zoning ordinance, dealing with livestock and waste water.

The new terms are impoundment, a temporary structure with sloping sides used to hold waste water to control runoff; and waste lagoon, an open impoundment with earthen or concrete embankments to contain runoff and store livestock waste.

"The definitions were needed because prior to the refined definitions the county was labeling everything a lagoon," Brown said. "Lagoons refer to animal waste, what is washed out of the barn. The impoundment is a holding pond for runoff."

Impoundments are normally

# Legislation could ease some drivers' license regulations

POCATELLO (AP) — Legislators next month will consider a proposal that would change the way some drivers' licenses are revoked and reissued.

The proposed legislation would give a break to drivers who commit less serious infractions while coming down harder on drivers who stray further from the law.

"We're fixing a problem of somebody getting caught in a system that they can't get out of," said Marie Bishop, a highway safety manager for the Idaho

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According to the plans, a sprinkler system is needed, but the city cannot deliver the 8,000 gallons of water a minute the system needs in a case of a fire.

Commissioners said they could not grant a variance from the fire code.

Brittan was directed to send a letter to the plant outlining what will be needed to meet the county fire code.

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# Letters keep coming to 'North Pole'

**SANTA (AP)** — The Christmas season is easily the busiest time of year for Santa's only postmaster.

Bill Rogers sees a surge of mail starting the day after Thanksgiving that only postmasters in North Pole, Alaska, or Christmas, Ind., could relate to.

The Santa post office, 11 miles southeast of St. Maries, uses a special postmark bearing a Santa caricature that has become a favorite over the years with Christmas memorabilia collectors and Santa fans.

Santa postmark seekers send a letter to Rogers with a self-addressed stamped envelope enclosed so he will return the letter with the special holiday postmark. Some collectors even request to have their cards postmarked on a specific day, such as Christmas Eve or Christmas Day, Rogers said.

Enough people have caught on to the trick to keep Rogers busy. About 5,000 extra letters

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— Bill Rogers, lone employee of the Santa, Idaho, Post Office

come to the office between the day after Thanksgiving and New Year's Eve — quite a load for a post office that receives about 550 pieces of mail per day.

Rogers, the lone employee at the Santa post office, doesn't pout or cry when the letters come to town.

"It keeps the post office here," actually," Rogers said of the office that serves only 132 mail customers. "They haven't even made a sound like they're going to try to close it."

He said there were rumblings of closing the Santa post office in the late-1960s, but a barrage of letters to Congress kept it open. A post office was first established in Santa in 1887.

Special postmarks are not the only holiday souvenirs solicited from the post office. Rogers acts as a spokesman for Santa by answering letters from children.

This year, Santa has 70 letters to write, including 30 responses to a second-grade class in Osburn. Rogers hand writes all responses from Santa with some help from his version of Mrs. Claus, his wife Terry Rogers.

The letter volume has dropped since the U.S. Postal Service started handling most of the mail sent to Santa Claus. However, letters addressed "Santa Claus, Santa, Idaho, 83866" still end up in Rogers' office.

"It's a tradition that carried over," said Rogers, who has been Santa's postmaster since 1973. "I'm the third postmaster who's done this."

## Batt plays at airport, cheers travelers

**BOISE (AP)** — No marquee ball-hooded the jazzy entertainment at Boise Municipal Airport Monday.

But there was definitely a headliner playing the lower lobby near the escalators — Gov. Phil Batt.

Wearing a Santa hat and blowing cool sounds on his clarinet, Batt dropped by to play with the Christmas sounds of The Jazz Angels.

Batt played a breezy adaptation of "Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas," and a hot bit of

"Deck the Halls" as people hurried to and from airplanes.

"This is a good idea," said Renee Farley, just in on a flight from Reno and holding her granddaughter, Reilly Coyle, 2. "It's so festive."

Batt put aside the State of the State speech he has been working on to coax a few notes from his licorice stick. "I'll work late tonight to make up for it," he said. "I like to play and help out with a little Christmas spirit."

The Jazz Angels celebrated their first anniversary as a Boise musical group playing the same airport gig that brought them together. And they do it mostly for fun. "We're not making a lot of bread," said Bill Liles, who plays bass for the quartet. A lot of the payment comes in smiles. "It's nice to see the people's faces as they come down the escalator," said Fred Reich, who plays the drums when he's not selling futures.

## Survey: Record number of fall redds

**BOISE (AP)** — Biologists conducting an aerial survey for signs of fall chinook salmon spawning in the Snake River below Hells Canyon Dam found a record 71 redds through early December.

Idaho Power Co. and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service credited more fish, good weather and clear water for the record aerial count of redds, or aquatic nesting sites, for the endangered salmon. Last year biologists located just 41 redds from the air during the same October-through-early December period.

A team of Idaho Power and the Fish and Wildlife Service biologists have conducted aerial and ground surveys for fall chinook since 1951.

## Batt names Morfitt to 3rd District Magistrate Court

**BOISE (AP)** — Canyon County Magistrate James C. Morfitt has been appointed to a newly created district judgeship in the 3rd Judicial District.

Gov. Phil Batt, who announced the appointment Monday, called Morfitt "well-suited for the job. I know he will work hard and will be a credit to the Idaho judiciary."

Morfitt has been a magistrate in Caldwell since 1989. A graduate of the University of Idaho College of Law and the National Law Center at George Washington University, he has been a Canyon County prosecutor, an attorney in private practice and a judge advocate general in the U.S. Army.

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## MORNING LINE

### SPORTSQUOTE



I understand that Andrew Golota's handlers are toying with the idea of calling him 'Sweet Chariot.' Just because he's always swingin' low.



—In a letter to Mike Lupica of the New York Daily News

### IN BRIEF

#### Jordan, Hill tally most votes for All-Star game

NEW YORK — Chicago's Michael Jordan and Detroit's Grant Hill, who have dominated the fan voting for the NBA All-Star game in recent years, are running 1-2 in balloting for this season's Eastern Conference team.

Jordan, who has led all players in votes received seven times since 1987, has received a league-leading 111,525 votes as guard for the East. Hill, who received the most votes in the NBA the past two years, leads Eastern Conference forwards with 103,889 votes.

Patrick Ewing of New York leads all Eastern Conference centers with 56,601 votes.

The All-Star game will be played at Cleveland Feb. 9.

#### Reds owner falsified sales reports, newspaper reports

CINCINNATI — Cincinnati Reds owner Marge Schott could be in hot water to meet — and this time, it has nothing to do with baseball.

The Cincinnati Enquirer reported Tuesday that Schott ordered employees of his Chevrolet-Geo dealership to fabricate car sales, allowing the business to meet sales quotas and to prevent General Motors from taking her franchise.

Schott has two car dealerships in Cincinnati that are among her several business holdings. She has been partner-owner of the Reds since 1981 and the newspaper said Schott hid some of the cars at her Indian Hill estate in suburban Cincinnati and sold them later at auctions or as "used" cars.

The Enquirer said GM filed a document on Dec. 4 with the State of Ohio Motor Vehicle Dealers Board alleging that Schott falsified 57 retail sales last year. The newspaper said Schott hid some of the cars at her Indian Hill estate in suburban Cincinnati and sold them later at auctions or as "used" cars.

There was no answer Tuesday afternoon at Schott's home. Employees who answered the telephones at her dealerships said she was not there.

The Reds offices and GM headquarters in Detroit both were closed on Tuesday for the Christmas holiday.

#### U.S. opens against Jamaica in World Cup qualifying

NEW YORK — The U.S. national soccer team will open its final World Cup qualifying on March 2 at Jamaica.

The American team, which made the round of 16 in the 1994 World Cup staged in the United States, is grouped with Jamaica, Mexico, Canada, Costa Rica and El Salvador in the qualifying round featuring teams from North and Central America and the Caribbean.

The top three teams advance to the 1998 World Cup in France. Each team plays five opponents in a home-and-home series, with the qualifying round ending in November.

No sites have been selected for the five U.S. games. Possible venues are the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, Calif.; Stanford Stadium in Palo Alto, Calif.; Giants Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J.; and Foxboro (Mass.) Stadium.

Compiled from wire reports

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# Olympian, humanitarian, hero

## Diver McCormick makes her mark out of the pool with underprivileged kids

By Danielle Kennedy  
Times-News correspondent

BOISE — Winning an Olympic gold medal is a tough act to follow, but Pat McCormick is accustomed to meeting challenges.

After where does one go after reaching the mountain top? What happens to the athlete who has scaled the peak of her sport before age 30?

McCormick, four-time diving gold medalist and founder of Pat's Champ, has never been one to sit around reflecting nostalgically on the past.

In fact, it is the work McCormick has done after winning her final Olympic award in 1956 that earned her a spot in the World Sports Humanitarian Hall of Fame in Nampa earlier this year. "As much as standing on that platform and receiving those gold medals made me feel proud of myself and my country, this honor is the ultimate thrill because it serves a purpose beyond myself," McCormick said.

She joined fellow Olympians, Kenyan distance runner Kip Keino and American skater Bonnie Blair, as the 1996 inductees. Hall organizers chose the annual class of inductees through a rigorous set of criteria focusing on the athletes' contributions to their communities.

Her travels have often brought McCormick to Idaho, where she has built friendships with the same care and compassion that have driven her to help disadvantaged kids in her home of Southern California.

McCormick, who took her four golds in springboard diving in 1952 and 1956 — the only diver other than Greg Louganis to accomplish back-to-back diving golds — began working at Wing Lang Elementary School in La Puente, Calif., in 1984.

"A tough district full of high-risk kids," McCormick recalled during a recent interview. "They had F aver-

ages. Minority kids who came from highly disadvantaged families. Nobody knew what to do with them."

McCormick started visiting their classrooms twice a month and speaking a language that was completely foreign to them.

"I told them they had to have a dream. These were kids who were taught to go out and swipe stuff," McCormick said.

She stuck to her commitment of working with the kids twice a month, bringing along notable athletes like Olympic decathlete Rafer Johnson and Paul Gonzales, the Hispanic gold medal boxer who fought his way out of the ghetto and gang life.

Attendance in her class went from poor to standing room only. As they bonded, Pat took her "champs" to black-tie dinners at the Los Angeles Athletic Club to give short speeches or to the El Toro Marine Base to watch her nephew fly F-18 fighter jets.

Those field trips turned into life-changing experiences for many of the youngsters in McCormick's class. She was getting her message across: "There is a big world out there, and you can turn your dreams into reality."

Almost immediately, grades shot up. Kids stayed in school.

"I made a commitment to them," McCormick said. "Nobody else had ever done that."

Next, she negotiated a deal with her champs, promising to raise scholarship money for college, trade schools, etc. More than 40 of her former students have graduated from high school and now attend some type of higher institutions of learning.

McCormick also taps into the Congressional Medal Awards program that President Jimmy Carter originally adopted from Prince Phillip.



Pat McCormick



Courtesy photo

Pat McCormick won four gold medals in the Olympics.

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# Idaho high school students discuss sportsmanship

The Associated Press

NAMPA — What constitutes good sportsmanship?

Respecting your opponent, shaking hands after a game and helping a player up after he or she falls.

So said a group of students from the 10 high schools that form the Southern Idaho Conference.

Seven students from each school, including Nampa, Caldwell and Shoshone met at Capital High School recently for the SIC Interscholastic meeting.

The Southern Idaho Conference Interlock meeting brings students together from the 10 member high

schools to talk about sportsmanship. The high schools are Caldwell, Nampa, Skyview, Mountain Home, Borah, Boise, Capital, Eagle, Meridian and Centennial. "It helps us set an example for other students," Nampa High student Sara Wilhelmson said.

Administrators select different kids for each meeting and try to get a representation of the student body at large — athletes, cheerleaders, band members and fans.

The meetings also give students a chance to meet their counterparts from the other high schools who they normally only see as rivals, Capital High School Principal Ron Arnold said.

"Given the fact that around the country there are so many examples of crowds getting out of control, we don't want that to happen in our league," Arnold said.

Students heard from the tennis coach at Boise State University, Greg Patton, who told them sports are competitive but should also be dignified.

Then students broke into groups that included one student from each high school. They answered questions on the definition of sportsmanship and how they, other students and administrators could promote better sportsmanship.

"So what constitutes bad sportsmanship?"

Taunting your opponents, taking cheap shots and throwing things on the field.

And what should students do to calm disruptive fans? Because kids are kids, some of the answers weren't too constructive. Sedate them with tranquilizer guns or give them a big hug were solutions discussed at one table.

Arnold said officials want students to go back to their high schools and set an example for others to ensure the SIC remains a tough but fair conference.

"Basically what it's really all about is we're proud of this league," Arnold said. "It's a strong league, and it's recognized around the state as such."

# Raiders fire head coach following turbulent season

The Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Mike White was fired as coach of the Oakland Raiders Tuesday, becoming the fifth NFL coach to lose his job in five days.

The Raiders never got above .500 this season after losing four of their first five games. They finished 7-9 in a season marked by agonizingly close losses and repeated mistakes.

White was 15-17 overall and didn't make the playoffs in his two seasons; the Raiders were 8-2 in 1995, then lost the final six games.

"Mike White will not be retained as head coach of the Oakland Raiders," the Raiders said in a statement. "He was notified that he was being relieved of his duties this morning."

White had lobbied for his retention Monday, saying it would be best for the team's stability.

White joined Dan Reeves of the Giants, June Jones of Atlanta, Rick Brooks of St. Louis and Rich Kotite of the New York Jets as NFL coaches now out of work. During the season, Dave Shula was fired by Cincinnati and Jim Mora resigned in New Orleans.

Detroit's Wayne Fontes is expected to be released by the Lions, meaning more than one-quarter of the coaches in the league would have lost their jobs since the start of the season.

The team said White's assistant coaches will meet with management in the next weeks to discuss their future. One of those assistants, Joe Bugel, is considered a candidate for some of the current NFL coaching openings — including the one now in



Mike White had a 15-17 record in his two years with Oakland.

Oakland.

Another possibility is Minnesota's Dennis Green, who has expressed an interest in the job should he leave the Vikings. White, 60, spent five seasons as an assistant coach before replacing Art Shell. He was their 10th head coach, fourth in the last decade.

# A tale of 2 quarterbacks: Van Raaphorst and Plummer

Los Angeles Times

Before there was "Jake the Snake" at Arizona State there was "Van the Man."

Before that, it was Frank "Fill in the Blank" Kush.

This, essentially, is the history of Arizona State football.

Three men. Three eras. Three defining moments.

Kush, who coached 22 seasons, from 1958 to 1979, put the school on the map, on the hot seat after allegedly slapping punter Kevin Rudgedy, then on NCAA probation.

Kush's crowning moment was the 1975 Fiesta Bowl, when he capped a 12-0 season and No. 2 national ranking with a 17-14 victory over Nebraska at Sun Devil Stadium.

Moment No. 2 belongs to Jeff Van



Jake Plummer

Raaphorst, the quarterback who led Arizona State to its first Rose Bowl appearance, Jan. 1, 1987, a 22-15 victory over Michigan. Van Raaphorst's most valuable-player performance raised him to near sainthood.

And now this year, Moment No. 3, courtesy of quarterback Jake Plummer, the Heisman runner-up who played his high school football at Boise's Capital High. This may actually turn out to be a two-parter, if Plummer can lead Arizona State to

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# Look for high scores in Aloha Bowl today

The Associated Press

HONOLULU — One team prefers moving the ball on the ground, the other through the air. That's the matchup for Wednesday's Aloha Bowl between Navy and California.

"Contrasting styles, yet productive," Cal coach Steve Mariucci said. "Makes for an interesting game."

Navy (8-3), with Chris McCoy and Omar Nelson combining for more than 2,000 yards and 25 touchdowns during the regular season, has been successful running the spread option.

After injuries decimated its

ground game, California (6-5) found happiness in the passing of Pat Barnes, who several Pac-10 Conference and school records.

Statistically, Navy finished fifth nationally in rushing with 283.6 yards per game, while Barnes was eighth in passing efficiency with a 159.1 rating. California finished third in total offense (310.5 yards per game).

It points to a high-scoring game, since Navy averaged 31.8 points per game and the Bears 31.3.

But, with all of the pre-game hype

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SPORTS

# Capers wins coaching award in runaway

NEW YORK (AP) — Dom Capers, who led the Carolina Panthers to the NFC West title in just their second season, was easily voted the NFL Coach of the Year by The Associated Press on Tuesday.

Capers received 67 votes and Denver's Mike Shanahan was a distant second with 22 in balloting by a national panel of 93 sports writers conducted by the AP.

New England's Bill Parcells, with four votes, was the only other coach named on any ballots. Last year's winner was Ray Rhodes of Philadelphia.

"I derive a lot of satisfaction from being a member of a team," said Capers, the defensive coordinator in Pittsburgh before joining the expansion Panthers in 1995.

"We've had all the time on our team about the importance of collective effort and how that's the only way you accomplish anything in this business.

"If there's any individual attention or award, I certainly attribute that to starting right with our owner, Mr. Richardson. From front office, Mike McCormack, Bill Polian, certainly the coaching staff, because I think we have one of the best staffs; and the players."

"We have a group of quality players who suggested athletes of the year. You can pick from among them or choose your own."



Caroline coach Dom Capers celebrates his first win as a coach last year against the New York Jets. His team won the NFC West title in only its second year.

are a pleasure to work with. They set a high standard and they have a great work ethic.

## Choose your favorite athlete

- The Times-News and The Associated Press  
Who was the best athlete in the world in 1996? How about in the Magic Valley?  
Each year, The Associated Press picks a male and female athlete of the year. We want to see how the AP's picks match up with readers of The Times-News. Send your top three picks for male and female, to:  
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- We will publish the results Dec. 31.  
Following is the AP's list of suggested athletes of the year. You can pick from among them or choose your own.
- Troy Aikman, football
  - Tim Lincecum, baseball
  - Donovan Bailey, track and field
  - Jeff Bennett, basketball
  - Greg Maddux, baseball
  - Mike Smith, basketball
  - Andre Bledsoe, basketball
  - Greg Kinnear, golf
  - Tony Stewart, auto racing
  - Jeff Johnson, basketball
  - Matt Damon, auto racing
  - Miki Sato, auto racing
  - J. Michael Hayes, basketball
  - Allen Iverson, pro basketball
  - Mike Hammer, basketball
  - Michael Johnson, track and field
  - Michael Van Gerwen, snooker
  - Terry Labonte, auto racing
  - Tim Lincecum, baseball
  - Carl Lewis, track and field
  - Jeff Blom, basketball
  - Eddie Murray, baseball
  - Sandra Freeman, pro basketball
  - Andy Garcia, baseball
  - Dana Frazier, basketball
  - Patrick Roy, hockey.
  - Joe Sakic, pro hockey
  - Steve Nouri, tennis
  - Michael Schumacher, auto racing
  - Glenn Davis, basketball
  - Bruce Smith, football
  - John Gruden, football
  - Jesse Thayer, track and field
  - Tiger Woods, golf
  - Tiger Woods, golf
  - Dennis Wierwille, college football
  - Matt Damon, golf
  - Dominique Dawes, gymnastics
  - John Kistner, golf
  - Tanya Edwards, basketball
  - Charles Johnson, basketball
  - Scott Graf, tennis
  - Lisa Ferri, soccer
  - Perry Henning, swimming
  - Martina Navratilova, tennis
  - Jackie Joyner Kersee, track and field
  - John Kistner, golf
  - Lisa Ferri, soccer
  - Michelle Kwan, figure skating
  - Matt Damon, golf
  - Jeremy Brown, baseball
  - Dominique Moceanu, gymnastics
  - Lisa Ferri, soccer
  - Det Robinson, softball
  - Alicia Keys, R&B
  - Emani Swannell, swimming
  - Annika Sorenstam, golf
  - Eric Liddell, soccer
  - Karl Gustaf, gymnastics
  - Andrew Gencarelli, basketball
  - Glenn Thomas, track and field
  - Amy Van Dyken, swimming
  - Kerrie Webb, golf.

They've done everything that we've asked them to do. They understand that in the NFL, nobody gives you anything. You have to go out and earn everything."

The Panthers (12-4) earned a playoff berth earlier than any expansion team in league history. That came after a 7-9 first season that was the best ever.

Capers' defensive schemes, which made the Steelers so stingy in recent years, have been transferred superbly to Carolina. Three Panthers linemen — Kevin Greene, Sam Mills and Lamar Lathon — were named starters in the Pro Bowl, and Greene and Mills made the All-Pro Team.

Mills has known Capers since 1984, when Mills was a linebacker with the Philadelphia Stars and Capers was the USFL team's defensive backs coach.

"Even then, you could tell he was more than just a defensive backs coach," Mills said. "He was special. The way he carried himself, the way he prepared his players — all that set him apart."

"Dom has done a good job of focusing this team and keeping this team ready, and because of that, our record is what it is."

Capers' diligence and disciplinary ways impress and rub off on his players.

## Scoring

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on the offenses, the defenses shouldn't be overlooked.

"We've had several practices to prepare for that offense because in a normal game week, it would be a real pain to get ready for it," Mariucci said.

"Normally, you will have 11 people chasing the ball. Well, you can't do that now. Everything you've taught, you have to undo because you have to have somebody on the fullback, somebody on the quarterback, somebody on the pickman. You have to be disciplined because if somebody misses his responsibility, it goes down the field."

"It's weird because you're not always going after the ball," Cal defensive end Andy Jacobs said. "You're just going after your man."

Navy coach Charlie Weatherbie is equally concerned about Barnes and having his team contend with a bigger opponent. "We've got to control the ball. We have to limit Cal's offensive possessions."



Pat McCormack works with his son to develop their intellectual and athletic skills.

## McCormack

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"Many people don't realize that this program is available in schools all over the country to give children a chance," McCormack said.

As part of the program, students are required to perform community service, attain high academic goals, participate in fitness expeditions and other events.

"It takes about seven months, which helps them understand the rewards of delayed gratification," McCormack said. At the Boise banquet where

McCormack was inducted into the Hammett Hall of Fame, Los Angeles Times sportswriter Jim Murray wrote a tribute to her efforts.

"McCormack transferred her gold-medal performance to the rest of life when she dove of that other pool, the pool of disadvantage all around her."

Some of Pat's Champs, like Edgar — her first graduate whose mother overheard and whose sister was shot in a drive-by shooting — smiled with love and pride as their hero again walked to the victory stand for yet another gold-medal performance.

## Quarterbacks

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## Vandals edge St. Martin's

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## SCORES AND STATS

### BASKETBALL

#### NBA standings

Atlantic	Central	Eastern	Pac. Div.	Southwest	Western
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#### FOOTBALL

##### NFL final standings

AFC	NFC
Pittsburgh	San Francisco
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### AP All-Pro Team

- AP All-Pro Team  
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DE — Scott Lister-Jones, Cleveland  
CB — Jason Elam, Denver  
S — Mike Montgomery, Pittsburgh  
K — Jeff Paus, Denver  
P — Steve Grogan, Oakland

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Colts at Redskins	NBC	12 p.m.
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Game	Time
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# NCAA faces risky future, as athletes feel exploited

By Steve Wilestin  
The Associated Press

A sports version of the Free Speech Movement that swept college campuses in the 1960s may be looming, threatening to alter the powerful NCAA radically as athletes demand more rights, fewer restrictions and a bigger share of hundreds of millions of dollars in revenues.

Grievous by athletes about exploitation are flashing through the Internet, which could provide a national forum for athletes to air their grievances, band together and plan protests.

Lawsuits, such as the one initiated by Northwestern's Darnell Aury to gain the right to work as an actor, could chip away at the NCAA's control of athletes' lives.

And nothing would be so dramatic, shake up the NCAA so much, and change the system so quickly as a boycott or symbolic demonstration at the major bowl games or Final Four, where the greatest money is at stake.

"I'd love to see 48 athletes sit out a Final Four," said Dick DeVenzio, a former Duke guard who has been trying to mobilize athletes into action against the NCAA. "I'd love to see Arizona State and Ohio State get together and say, 'Here's a big Rose Bowl. They're making all this money, and we're not going to do this until they kick in something for us.' I think it would be wonderful to see that, but it's so hard for athletes to get organized."

As the NCAA acts more like a big business, the nature of college sports is fundamentally shifting. Top coaches' incomes have soared into the millions, Nike's swooshes have become part of uniforms, and events have adopted the names of rental car agencies, pizza chains, soft drinks and insurance companies.

Of the NCAA's \$254 million budget for this school year, \$19 million comes from CBS, \$16 million from the Division I men's basketball tournament, and \$14 million from royalties. The rest comes from the 80 other championships among the various divisions, plus sales, investments, dues, fees, a youth fund, and the NCAA Foundation.

The budget doesn't include the hundreds of millions that flow into college sports directly to the schools, conferences and bowls from football, alumni donations, season ticket sales, and individual endorsement, sponsorship, television and radio deals.

"Our competitors are the NFL and the NBA and Major League Baseball and others," said Jim Host, CEO of Host Communication in Lexington, Ky., which runs the NFL. "In the sale of corporate partnerships for all its championships."

This year's budget shows \$8.6 million in corporate-partner revenue, \$1.5 million more than last year. "The whole corporate marketing industry is growing dramatically," Host said. "There was not even such a thing as licensing of hats and T-shirts in the college business until '82. There was not a corporate sponsor in college sports before 1985. We sold the very first one, which was a pen, in 1981, and since then a lot of things have happened in the college business."

Today there are 45 official NCAA licensees, including Nike, which lavishes \$40 million a year on its college partners. That shift toward a professionalism on the institutional level is accelerating under the control of the college presidents, who are largely fund-raisers committed to dollars and the protection of billions of dollars in facilities.



Southern Cal's John Robinson celebrates his team's Rose Bowl win Jan. 3. Robinson earned extra money endorsing products but four of his players received one-game suspensions for trading in extra shoes for other gear.

"The so-called presidential reform movement, which is about 10 years old, has been all form and no substance," said Walter Byers, former NCAA executive director. "Presidential control has merely led to increased commercialization and a clear commitment by the presidents to achieve as much money in the marketplace as they possibly can."

Even current NCAA executive director Cedric Dempsey warned that the association has been living in the past and faces risks in the future if it doesn't change. "I am not convinced that we fully recognize and respond to the real world of today's student-athletes," Dempsey said at this year's NCAA convention. "And it is not fair to today's student-athletes for us to cling to a vision of intercollegiate athletics as it existed when we were in school."

Everyone in the system has been sharing in the surging bounty except the athletes. "I believe that players should be paid," Wisconsin defensive end Bryan Jaworski said in an Internet discussion on ESPN2 SportsZone on the question of whether college athletes are exploited. Scholarships don't cover the full cost of going to school, he said, and athletes suffer from rules prohibiting them from working.

"The reason that an athlete receives a scholarship is for reimbursement for their time given to their university. Well, it was calculated here at Wisconsin that an athlete on scholarship earns \$1.35 an hour for the 20 hours a week of mandatory workouts. The last time I checked, the minimum wage was more than \$1.35 an hour. And that doesn't even count the amount of volunteer time athletes put into lifting and other activities that are necessary to be at a competitive physical level."

One of the problems with the NCAA rules, sports agent Leigh Steinberg said, is that they are biased against players from troubled or impoverished backgrounds, who are forced into lower standards of living on campus than their peers.

"In some cases those athletes are sending part of the scholarship check home," Steinberg said. "The reality is that \$200 or \$300 a month would make a major difference in most players' lives. The concept of amateurism is being carried over in an unrealistic way. Amateurism was not supposed to mean campus poverty. It's supposed to mean that this is not treated as a full-time job."

"I had a player — I don't want to embarrass him — who told me that at the end of the month, when the scholarship check would run out, they'd eat cold cereal, and that was their dinner. I've had athletes tell me all the time that they'd cook into the dorm at the end of the month just to grab a meal."

When athletes need money and see vast sums dancing all around them, Steinberg said, they look to alumni and agents for help.

"The athletes feel no moral-ethical compulsion against it because they're giving their all for the university and not being compensated fairly," he said. "So they feel that they're the victims."

Though athletes benefit from a "time" education, the fact is they work in their sports to earn their money, risk injury in every game and practice, can lose their scholarships at the discretion of coaches, and too often don't even graduate.

Athletes see a double standard in rules that punish them but allow their coaches

to hawk everything from burgers and sneakers to cars, clubs and cars.

It's OK for Southern Cal football coach John Robinson, who earned about \$200,000 in salary, to endorse products in game programs each week, but four of his players got one-game suspensions for trading in extra shoes for other gear.

At the end of a TV commercial for Burger King, coach Ed Hebert of Granddaddy facetiously asks his players when they're eating for lunch today. NCAA rules prohibit Robinson or Burger King from treating these players like the Whopper King getting paid to pitch.

"Clearly, a zero-penalty mentality exists in the campus hierarchy," said Byers, who advocated an extension of college sports, strengthening the system and treating athletes like the students in this recent book, "Campus Commercialism — Exploiting College Athletics."

"The rules are adopted, interpreted, applied and enforced for the benefit of the coaches, not the ones who are exploiting the benefits, the leagues, of millions upon millions of dollars that cascade from this commercial enterprise. In the present monetary situation, they are more inclined to change the rules, and they will."

The NCAA assessed fines with more than 500 pages of rules, many so convoluted that Byers and others feel it should simply be thrown out.

"The NCAA has tried to pile rule upon rule, and it's not working," Byers said. "The problem of unequal enforcement penalties — it's exacerbated by still more rules and interpretations."

Coaches get sanctioned by the rules as much as the students, meaning the risk of losing their jobs over any kind of infraction. Jim Hankin, who coached UCLA in the Final Four title two years ago, lost nearly \$200,000 in income when he was fined this season because he had about a couple more players driving with him and recognized that NCAA rules allow.

"There are so many rules that are not even written in the book," Hankin said. "Otherwise I mentioned to my coach-mentor, 'These are in the book.' Well, he'd say, 'It's not in the book.' So to keep on top of it is virtually impossible."

"A coach is living his life on eggshells all the time. In case one rule gets caught in suspension, everything else, what I thought was something small."

The only coaches to the pass of dozens of the best college basketball players and high school juniors last spring is against the NCAA, to make money by refusing to work while cracking down on them in other ways, especially for taking money from agents.

After Darnell Aury sued the NCAA for the right to work as an actor in protest of his major in theater, an administrative review panel granted him a waiver of a rule that prohibited athletes from appearing in commercial films. He could have been suspended or stripped of his remaining two seasons of eligibility if he had appeared in the movie and the NCAA's rule had been applied in court.

The NCAA council recently said that, in reaction to the Aury case, it would relax rules barring athletes from appearing in such as commercial advertising agencies and media appearances. Though that

does not give athletes carte blanche to follow the footsteps of their coaches and get paid to promote the shoes they wear.

The NCAA acknowledged that athletic games and scholarships generally fall \$2000 to \$2500 a year short of the cost of campus life, including reasonable amounts for food, entertainment, laundry, clothes and travel.

But instead of giving that money to the students, either in extra scholarships or through stipends, the NCAA is expected to approve a half-step to equity at its convention in Nashville next month. Students in good standing after their freshman year would be allowed to work and earn enough to make up the shortfall in their projected costs.

The council that voted on that tiny breakthrough rejected a more generous proposal that would allow athletes to earn extra money that could be put into a trust fund for them, enabling them to compete in school even after being drafted by a professional team. It was a last program that would let athletes borrow against future earnings.

The idea of actually paying athletes is so overwhelmingly opposed by the presidents, athletic directors, and coaches that it wasn't even given serious discussion.

Married president William E. Krizan, who chaired that committee on agents and amateurism, said it supported a major effort to warn athletes about the consequences of making money from agents and will urge "much more severe sanctions" for violators. Those penalties would include permanent ineligibility for a student athlete who had illegal contact with an agent. Krizan said the committee also would urge more money from agents and will urge "much more severe sanctions" for violators. Those penalties would include permanent ineligibility for a student athlete who had illegal contact with an agent. Krizan said the committee also would urge more money from agents and will urge "much more severe sanctions" for violators. Those penalties would include permanent ineligibility for a student athlete who had illegal contact with an agent.

"The NCAA council, meanwhile, rejected the committee's strong recommendation that not allow schools to make money off the licenses of numbers of one athlete, who can't even get a free sample of their own jerseys, much less a portion of profits. The issue is one that is of concern to me," said Krizan, disappointed in that rejection. "It certainly seems counterintuitive that we're willing to make money on the names and images of these kids, but they don't receive the benefit of this money."

Nike, which used to pay coaches directly and now settles all-sided deals to produce its products, would like to see athletes get a larger portion of the millions they are generating.

Steve Miller, Nike's director of college marketing, said the rule book is so complicated that the money for the Nike, one of the co-authors of the NCAA's Knight Commission Report, to head an office near the association's headquarters in Kansas. Miller tries to interpret the rules, keep the company in compliance and act as a lobbyist.

But all the rules, Miller said, haven't prevented the most flagrant abuses, like gambling, and have made it only more difficult for athletes to live on equal terms with other students.

"The NCAA needs to fundamentally change its position as it relates to what athletes' rights are and what they can and cannot do," said Miller, a father of athletes and a former athletic director at Kansas State. "We've created a mess for ourselves. If I'd row the whole boat out and start again, and make the rules the same for athletes and students."

"Either athletics is part of the academic institution or it's not. And if it's not, then I would want to get rid of it, have children go the way that Europeans have gone quite nicely for centuries."

## Question remains: Can Holtz do NFL?

Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — During his 13-game stint with the New York Jets, Lou Holtz showed ample evidence that his heart — and mind — belonged at the college level.

Among his experiments that went awry: using the run-heavy veer offense, writing a team fight song and banning long hair.

Unaccustomed to such behavior, players would roll their eyes in response. They believed Holtz was out of his element dealing with players who bring home big paychecks. When he resigned from coaching the Jets in December, 1976, Holtz declared, "God didn't put me on this earth to coach pro football."

Few people then would quarrel. Twenty years later, after his resignation last month from Notre Dame, people still wonder: Can Holtz succeed in the NFL?

That will be the source of speculation quite a bit in the coming weeks because Holtz figures to get another long look from the pros. With as many as a dozen vacancies on the horizon, a big-name coach such as Holtz will attract attention.

The responses to the pro question from people who know him best — those who played and coached under him — are mixed. "The athletes' ego is much bigger here and they expect to have more say," said Bears defensive lineman Jim Flanagan,

who played for Holtz from 1990-93. "Knowing his style, I think it would be hard for him to adjust to that."

Harry Alvarez, Holtz assistant for three years before becoming Wisconsin's head coach in 1990, said Holtz could make the adjustments. "Lou is as fine a coach as I've ever been around," Alvarez said. "I think Lou will coach again. He's interested in the pros and he would go in this time with better vision and understanding. ("The NFL) is the one area where he did not succeed. I think that has stuck in his craw."

Holtz declined last week to talk about his plans. Reached at home in Orlando, Holtz said with characteristic sarcasm: "I have no future."

His immediate future, though, includes joining CBS Sports as a studio analyst for the network's bowl game coverage, but everything else Holtz has said indicates he wants to return to the sidelines.

On the day he resigned from Notre Dame, Holtz, who turns 60 in January, said, "I am a universal tester. It's something I enjoy and something that comes easy to me. I miss the relationship with the players already and (my departure) hasn't even started yet." Two weeks later, after the Irish's devastating overtime loss to Southern California, Holtz composed himself enough to say, "It's still great to have the thrill of competing."

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**The Times-News**

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**Barbeque**

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Do Ly shares his popular Almond Chicken recipe. **ALMOND CHICKEN** Makes 1 serving 1/2 pound chicken breast, boned and skinned, cut into thin strips. Marinate for 1 hour in a sauce made from the following: 1/2 teaspoon salt 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder

1/4 teaspoon sesame oil 1/4 teaspoon cooking wine After the breast has marinated, make a coating for the chicken breast as follows: 1 egg in 1 teaspoon cornstarch 3 teaspoons flour. Stir together and coat the chicken strips with this. Cook the chicken strips in 350-degree cooking oil. Set aside.

The sauce to go over the top is made of 1/2 teaspoon oyster sauce 1/2 teaspoon salt 1/2 teaspoon sugar 1 cup chicken broth Cook this all together until it is thickened. Add 2 teaspoons soy sauce for color. Pour the sauce over the chicken. Fry a handful of almonds in oil and sprinkle over the top of everything.

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Section D



## Pizza made from cookie dough

By Denise Turner  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - The Baltimore Sun recently printed a recipe for a cookie pizza which "seems like a baked crust cookie dough in a pizza pan with fruit and whipped topping."

### FRUIT PIZZA

- Pizza cookie dough:**  
2 cups sifted flour  
1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
2/3 cup butter or margarine  
1 cup sugar  
1 egg  
1 teaspoon vanilla
- Filling**  
1 8-ounce package cream cheese  
1/3 cup sugar  
1/2 teaspoon vanilla
- Toppings**  
1 pint strawberries, fresh or frozen, drained  
1 (about 10-ounce) can pineapple tidbits, drained  
1 small can mandarin oranges, drained  
1 kiwi fruit, peeled and sliced  
Heat oven to 375 degrees.

For the crust, sift together flour, baking powder and salt. Cream together butter and sugar. Add egg and vanilla and beat until light and fluffy. Gradually add dry ingredients. Spread dough onto a greased pizza pan. Bake at 375 degrees for 12 minutes. Cool.

For the filling, cream together cream cheese, sugar and vanilla. Spread this mix over baked crust. Arrange fruit on top and refrigerate for 2 hours. Serves about 12.

Note: A roll of sugar cookie dough - like Pillsbury - may be substituted for the cookie dough recipe. Or, some cooks use a variety of drained, peeled and sliced fruits, such as an 11-ounce can of mandarin oranges, 8 ounces of crushed pineapple, 2 kiwi fruits, peaches, strawberries or maraschino cherries. Other cooks use cantaloupe, blueberries, raspberries or blackberries.

Fruit preserves, such as orange marmalade or strawberry glaze, can be mixed with a small amount of water and drizzled on top. Refrigerate until ready to serve and, if topping with whipped cream, do so right before serving so crust doesn't get soggy.

Here's another recipe from the Baltimore Sun, for a sweet potato salad.

### SWEET POTATO SALAD

- 1 can (8-ounces) yams, drained and sliced  
1 can (8-ounces) pineapple chunks, drained  
1 cup mixed walnuts and dates, chopped  
2 cups chopped celery  
1 medium onion, chopped  
1 cup flaked toasted coconut  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
Salted greens
- Dressing:**  
3/4 cup sour cream  
3/4 cup mayonnaise  
1 teaspoon curry powder

In a large bowl, place first five ingredients. Add 3/4 cup coconut and salt. Do not mix. Add 1/2 of dressing and toss mixture gently. Top salad with reserved dressing and coconut. Serve on salad greens.

### Requests

Phyllis Bragg of Twin Falls is looking for a recipe for peanut butter peanut brittle. Anyone have one? Send it along, and we'll print it.

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

## A holiday album of 'Good Things'

Local woman's idea impresses Martha Stewart

By H.R. Weibel  
Times-News correspondent

**JEROME** - A Jerome County resident has been selected as the local winner in Martha Stewart's "Good Things" holiday projects contest.

Janice Beal submitted her entry to the national contest through *The Times-News* and was chosen as the newspaper's champion. Beal's winning idea is to take photos of holiday decorations and keep an album of the projects for future reference.

*"I'm so excited about this, because Martha has meant so much to me all these years."*

- Janice Beal, winner in Martha Stewart's "Good Things" holiday contest

"I've been decorating in different ways all my life, it seems, so I think it's a good thing to keep an album," she said.

A peek inside one of Beal's photo albums shows birthday tables for children, with the menu and table decorated with denim. But if the Jerome hostess decorates for a ladies' party, she uses lots of lace.

Tablecloths, runners and napkins are often handmade, with serving dishes and place settings complementing the menu.

One idea Beal uses is to put live flowers on the bedside table for overnight guests. She grows sweet peas just for that purpose. In the bathroom, tiny bars of soap with cute pictures then welcome her guests and can be taken home as souvenirs of the visit.

Other photos in Beal's "Good Things" holiday album include decorations used for a niece's Christmas wedding shower.

For 1996 Christmas gifts, the decorator and crafter made large Christmas stockings from dish towel fabric. She made 48 of them for relatives and children. The stockings are stuffed with wooden kitchen utensils.

Beal has been an avid fan of Martha Stewart for "many, many years." She makes videotapes of Stewart's television shows, subscribes to Stewart's magazine and can usually expect to get Martha Stewart books for gifts.

"I'm so excited about this, because Martha has meant so much to me all these years," Beal said upon receiving notification of her winning entry.

For her prize, she will receive an autographed copy of the book "Great American Wreaths" from Martha Stewart.

National grand prize winner in the contest was Kathleen Gastin of Newark, Calif., who submitted a recipe for white-chocolate poinsettias as an edible decoration. National first prize went to Joan Lindermuth of Linglestown, Pa., for her cactus snowman. Tying for national second prize were Camille Rogers of Norcross, Ga., and Felice Janelle of Manchester, N.H. They submitted an idea for storing strings of Christmas lights on wheels normally used for garden hoses.



Janice Beal of Jerome keeps a photo album to record holiday decorations for future reference.

## Ease life's complications by organizing your days

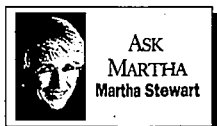
Life seems to become more and more complicated every day. For me, organization is the key to enjoying it all. The busy holiday season is coming to a close, and I like to use this time to plan the upcoming year.

There will always be surprises, but there are also things that we do or would like to do each year. I find that if I mark them on my calendar now, I look forward to all that's coming up in the next 12 months, making it easier for me to make time for everything I want to accomplish.

No household calendars are the same. Use these ideas as a guideline, and add other things that are unique to you and your family.

### As Soon As Possible

Take the Christmas tree to a local recycling center; to find one in your area, call the sanitation or environmental department. Or clip off the branches yourself, send them through a tree shredder and use as mulch.



ASK  
MARTHA  
Martha Stewart

Now is the time to think about changes you would like to make in your life this year. Have you been meaning to start a new exercise regime, change jobs or take a class? Start working on it now.

Think of other indoor projects you've been putting off, such as organizing receipts, cleaning out closets or transferring financial records to your computer. Try to start and finish them before the weather turns warm.

Decide on the major decorating or renovating projects that you would like to do this year. Establish budgets, set dates and start booking any necessary contractors.

Begin planning big vacations and weekend trips.

Write down birthday, anniversaries and other important dates in the calendar. I like to sort through the photos I've taken during the holidays and assemble little albums for birthdays.

Make doctor and dentist appointments for you and everyone in your family. Don't forget about your pets - make veterinary appointments, too.

### Winter

The coldest months of the year can be frustrating for dedicated gardeners, but there's still plenty to do. You can start seeds indoors or in a cold frame. Organize seed packets and order anything you're missing. Order new gardening tools. Touch up the paint on outdoor urns.

This is a good time to stock up on foods that make warming, hearty winter meals. Make and freeze chicken, beef and vegetable stock. With a supply of good-quality Italian canned tomatoes, arborio rice, couscous, lentils, split peas,

dried beans and different kinds of pasta, you'll be prepared for the cold nights.

Organize your tax documents early this year. You have to do it eventually, so why not get it out of the way?

Tackle indoor cleaning projects, and set up a schedule for the rest of the year. Wax the floors and the furniture, shampoo the carpets, clean curtains and blinds.

Do something special to celebrate Valentine's Day. Plan a romantic dinner for two. Help your children make homemade valentines for their classmates. Decorate heart-shaped cookies for your friends and colleagues.

### Spring

Get the house ready for warmer weather. Remove storm windows, turn off the furnace for the winter, turn on outside faucets. Retouch any peeling paint on the outside of the house or the porch. Clean the pool.

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## Try a custom barbeque for your seasonal feast

By Dixie Thomas Reale  
Times-News correspondent

### Dining out

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The namesake of the Mongolian House, the Mongolian barbecue originated with the nomadic people of ancient Mongolia. It was later introduced into China with the invasion of Genghis Khan in the 13th century.

Because the Mongolians carried all of their belongings, including their houses (called "yurts"), their cooking had to be practical and simple. It usually involved cooking thin slices of mutton or beef on a skewer.

The Chinese improved on this style of cooking with the addition of fresh vegetables and other meats.



Du Ly, owner of Mongolian House restaurant on Blue Lakes Boulevard, tends to a sizzling Mongolian barbecue.

The Mongolian House has improved this style of cooking even more, through the use of a grill made especially for Mongolian grilling and the addition of sauces and spices.

Mongolian barbecue contains very little fat or cholesterol. The customer selects his own meat ingredients from a wide variety of meats, vegetables and sauces. The customer concerned with weight or special health require-

ments can enjoy the meal guilt-free, since the customer chooses exactly what is grilled.

The food is cooked on the grill with water, not oil. The lineup for the barbecue choices includes zucchini, cabbage, peppers, celery, broccoli, yellow and green onions, noodles, carrots, bean sprouts, baby corn cobs, chestnuts, mushrooms, and snow peas, imitation crab, chicken, pork and beef. To this

basic selection the customer adds the spicy sauces made of spices and water oil and water, salt and water, Mongolian barbecue sauce, garlic, ginger, sesame, salad oil, chili, curry, oyster, sweet and sour, lemon and cooking wine and orange sauce.

The barbecue is priced for medium or large bowl - one time through, or all you can eat. All the meat and vegetables are fresh daily.

Owners Du and Nancy Ly are Chinese who were living in Vietnam. Each escaped by a different route in 1984. They did not know each other then.

Du Ly escaped by boat and spent seven days on the ocean before he got to Malaysia, where he was in a refugee camp for 2 1/2 years. Nancy Ly walked out of Vietnam to Cambodia, then to a refugee camp in Thailand where she stayed for a couple of years. They both went to the Philippine Islands in 1987, where they learned English and made arrangements to come to America. The Catholic Church sponsored them. After they got to the Magic Valley, they met, got acquainted, and married. They now have a 4-year-old son.

Du Ly cooked at the Mandarin House for seven years before he and his wife decided to buy the Mongolian House in 1995.

The Mongolian House offers many favorite Chinese dishes, including chow mein, sweet and sour pork or chicken and moo goo gai pan. There are also American dishes, such as steak, shrimp, scallops and fish.

The children's menu includes a small salad, fries, milk or soda and a choice of hamburger, cheeseburger, chicken, shrimp, fish or grilled cheese sandwich for \$2.95.

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FOOD & HOME

# Guilt-free holiday desserts from Better Homes & Gardens

'Tis the season for the battle of the bulge - especially when it comes time for dessert. Try some low-fat favorites for New Year's.

Thank to the brand new 11th edition of the "Better Homes and Gardens New Cook Book," these are luscious low-fat desserts to make that are splendid alternatives. The new edition contains six chapters filled with low-fat and no-fat versions of family favorites, like Cheesecake Supreme with Raspberry Sauce, Coconut Macaroons and Cocoa Meringues (all with only 1 gram total fat per serving); or Strawberry Daiquiri Sorbet and Chocolate Angel Food Cake (both with 0 grams of fat per serving).

Of the 1,200 recipes featured, one-third are highlighted as low-fat or no-fat for easy identification - from appetizers to main and side dishes to desserts. The book is available now in bookstores, major retail outlets and cooking stores nationwide.

**CHEESECAKE SUPREME**  
Check for doneness by gently shaking the pan rather than inserting a knife, which will make a crack. When the cheesecake is done, a 1-inch area in the center still will jiggle a little; this area will firm after cooling.  
1 3/4 cups finely crushed graham crackers

1/4 cup finely chopped walnuts  
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
1/2 cup butter, melted  
3 8-ounce packages cream cheese, softened

1 cup sugar  
2 tablespoons all-purpose flour  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
1/2 teaspoon finely shredded lemon peel (optional)  
2 eggs  
1/4 cup milk  
1/4 cup oil

For crust, combine crushed graham crackers, walnuts and cinnamon. Stir in melted butter. If desired, reserve 1/4 cup of the crumb mixture for topping. Press the remaining crumb mixture onto the bottom and about 2 inches up sides of an 8- or 9-inch springform pan. Set pan aside.

For filling, in a large mixing bowl beat cream cheese, sugar, flour, vanilla and if desired, lemon peel with an electric mixer till combined. Add eggs and egg yolk all at once, beating on low speed just till combined. Stir in milk.

Four filling into crust-lined pan. If desired, sprinkle with reserved crumbs. Place on a shallow baking pan in oven. Bake in a 375-degree oven for 45 to 50 minutes for the 8-inch pan, 35 to 40 minutes for the 9-inch pan or till center appears nearly set when shaken.

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Cool in pan on a wire rack for 15 minutes. Loosen the crust from sides of pan and cool 30 minutes more. Remove the sides of the pan; cool cheesecake completely. Cover and chill at least 4 hours before serving.

Makes 12 to 16 servings.  
**Low-Fat Cheesecake:** Prepare, except reduce crushed crackers to 1 1/2 cups and omit walnuts, cinnamon and butter. Sprinkle crackers on bottom and sides of a well-buttered 8- or 9-inch springform pan. Substitute three 8-ounce packages nonfat cream cheese for the regular cream cheese and 1/2 cup refrigerated or frozen egg product (thawed) for the eggs and egg yolk. Bake as directed. If desired, serve with fresh fruit, such as strawberries, blueberries and/or kiwifruit.

**Nutrition facts per serving:** Calories - 141; 1 g. total fat - 0 g. sat. fat cholesterol - 10 mg.

**COCONUT MACAROONS**  
2 egg whites  
1/2 teaspoon vanilla  
2/3 cup sugar  
1 1/2-ounce can flaked coconut (1 1/3 cups)

Lightly grease a cookie sheet; set aside. In a medium mixing bowl beat egg whites and vanilla with an electric mixer on high speed till soft peaks form (tips curl). Gradually add sugar, about 1 teaspoon at a time, beating till stiff peaks form (tips stand straight). Fold in coconut.

Drop mixture by rounded teaspoons 2 inches apart on the prepared cookie sheet. Bake in 325-degree oven about 20 minutes or till edges are lightly browned. Transfer cookies to a wire rack and let cool.

Makes about 30 cookies.  
**Nutrition facts per cookie:** Calories - 23; total fat - 1 g. (1 g. sat. fat); cholesterol - 0 mg; sodium - 4 mg.; carbohydrate - 6 g.; fiber - 0 g.; and protein - 0 g.

**CHOCOLATE CHIP MERINGUES**  
2 egg whites  
1/2 teaspoon vanilla  
1/8 teaspoon cream of tartar  
2/3 cup sugar  
2/3 cup miniature semisweet chocolate pieces  
2 ounces semisweet chocolate, melted (optional)

Lightly grease a cookie sheet; set aside. In a medium mixing bowl beat egg whites, vanilla and cream of tartar with electric mixer on high speed till soft peaks form (tips curl). Add the sugar, 1 tablespoon at a time, beating till stiff peaks form (tips stand straight). Fold in the chocolate pieces.

Drop mixture by rounded teaspoons 2 inches apart on the prepared cookie sheet. Bake in a 300-degree oven about 20 minutes or till firm and bottoms are very lightly browned.

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Do outdoor cleaning jobs. Wash all the windows, clean out the garage, wash the outside of the house.

Have the lawn reseeded if necessary, and set up a schedule for mowing it regularly. Start planting urns and working in the garden. Move the garden furniture outside.

Make the most of spring by having an Easter brunch or a "winter thaw" party when the weather finally starts to warm up.

### Summer

Plan your summer entertaining. Invite friends for weekend visits early on - everyone gets busy at this time of year.

Enjoy the garden. Pick flowers for arrangements and dry others to keep through the winter. Order bulbs now for fall planting. Go berry picking and make jars and jams of jam. Give each jar a pretty label and give them as gifts when you visit friends.

### Fall

Harvest tomatoes and corn for canning. Make and freeze large

batch of tomato sauce. Make pickles and relishes to enjoy through the winter; dry fresh herbs. Start a new compost pile with fallen leaves and garden debris.

Get a flu shot. Plant bulbs in the garden. A little later, plant amaryllis bulbs indoors for holiday blooms.

Winterize the house and garden. Order cottonwood and have the chimneys cleaned. Have the car serviced and the snow tires put on.

It's that time again. Update your holiday-card list. Start making wreaths and homemade gifts. Shop for any other gifts as early as possible to avoid the last-

minute rush.

Plan a holiday open house to share the joy of the season with your friends, neighbors, colleagues and family.

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42nd St., New York, N.Y. 10168. Questions may also be sent to Stewart by electronic mail. Her address is: mstewart@msi.com. Questions of general interest will be answered in this column; Martha Stewart regrets that unpublished letters cannot be answered individually.

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# Christmas 'angel' gives miracle to glad family

**DEAR ABBY:** I don't know whether this qualifies as an act of kindness or the work of an angel, but here it is.

One Christmas several years ago, my children and I were at my sister's in the country. After the festivities, the kids settled down to watch a movie while we cleaned up the kitchen.



**DEAR ABBY**  
Abigail VanBuren

"Sometime during the movie, my 8-year-old son, Tim, became bored and slipped outside without anyone noticing. It was one of the coldest winters on record, and Tim wanted to see the ice on the pond some distance from the house.

He slipped, fell through the ice and into the pond, which was about 15 feet deep. He managed to cling to a chunk of ice and scream for help, but he was too far from the house for any of us to hear.

A man driving on the two-lane

was an angel, but if he was a mortal, I am forced to believe in the universal goodness of humankind.

When I am feeling depressed, I remember that incident. There may be a great deal that's wrong with this country, but there's also a great deal that's right.

—REBECCA WURM, CLUTE, TEXAS

**DEAR REBECCA:** That was a Christmas miracle if ever I heard one, guardian angel and all.

**DEAR ABBY:** I hope you will permit me to respond to a recent letter you printed from a reader who complained of problems with blushing and embarrassment, asking what could be done about it.

I was surprised that the advice offered was essentially that nothing could be done for the problem. It sounded to me as though the writer was suffering from symptoms of social phobia, the most common form of anxiety disorder, affecting 14 percent of the population.

Blushing, sweating, trembling or heart palpitations are quite frequent physical signs of this disorder, which is characterized by fear of scrutiny or fear of humiliation/embarrassment in front of others. It can be a disabling and extremely distressing state, about which the medical profession has been largely ignorant.

I should like to point out that there are now several highly effective treatments for social phobia, including anti-depressant and anti-anxiety drugs. Also, non-medication behavioral treatments are effective. Sufferers from social phobia frequently

profit by attending a phobia support group, which exists in most communities.

—JONATHAN R.T. DAVIDSON, M.D., DIRECTOR, ANXIETY AND TRAUMATIC STRESS PROGRAM, DUKE UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER

**DEAR DR. DAVIDSON:** I'm sure that many readers will join me in thanking you for this information. This was news to me, and I'm certain it will be to many others.

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## The truth about the short blooming lives of plants

Ready to unwrap one more gift? For the holidays, I give you a lesson in the short life of a plant. The pretty little blooming plant Cousin Marty brought for Thanksgiving died already. It was supposed to. Read on for more stuff nobody ever told you before.

Growers and retailers know that those fetching blooms by the cash register won't last the month, but they don't tell. There's a list. Geraniums, Gloxinias, Hibiscuses, Easter lilies and Poinsettias are all on the short list. Growers never expect you to keep them alive for any length of time. You don't have to do penance because your primrose croaked. It wasn't your fault.

Some of the blooming gift plants we buy aren't expected to be much more than potted centerpieces, while others can last a long time (like, say, a couple or three months). Orchids, for example, are listed as "long-lived" on my list — with a few caveats. If you give your orchid medium light, moist, not soaked soil and warm temperatures and nurture it by removing fading flowers, it might rebloom.



**GREEN THUMBPRINTS**  
Cathy Walworth

**Potted mums? Forget it.** The ones you find in the supermarket are usually "florist mums" and are listed in the "discard" category. Of course, if you buy mums the right time of year and get "garden mums," you can plant them outside and mulch them in winter. The following year you'll have a glorious mound of garden color.

**Miniature roses? Hah!** Because they're tiny and cute, most people mistakenly keep them "protected" indoors. And kill them. That's why they're on the short list. If however, you plant them outside like their big sisters, they'll do fine. Otherwise, think of them as potential compost.

**Spring bulbs in a pot are a refreshing change of pace.** They're small, look terrific and then they wilt. They're on the "discard" list.

You can wait until they dry out and plant the bulbs outside in the fall. Lots of times they will sprout the following spring. Just to be safe, repot a pot of paper whites as a flash in the pan. Guilt be gone!

Jerusalem Cherry is listed in the "medium longevity" column, which means it hangs on a little longer than some of its fading friends. But even if you let it get dry between waterings and give it medium light and temperatures, growers recommend that you give it up: throw it away when it isn't pretty anymore.

Blooming plants die at your

house? It isn't you. Throw them in the compost and buy another one change your color scheme or fit your mood.

Merry Christmas.

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.

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The Oregon County Register

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- Do not allow a fire or log to smolder overnight.
- Use only a metal container to dispose of ashes.
- Use only well-seasoned hardwoods. Softwoods leave more creosote, and green wood causes smoke buildup.
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**Holly: It's not just for holidays anymore**

By Nancy Brachey  
Knight-Ridder News Service

They grow without fanfare all year, usually upstaged by their plant cousins with bolder flowers and a flashier style.

But come December, nothing competes with the hollies for sheer brilliance.

You can leave them alone outdoors in the garden, fashion them into a wreath for the front door, or decorate your tables and mantles with them; in December, the Christmas holly is a plant for the moment.

But unlike other plants, such as poinsettias and the white pine or Fraser fir Christmas tree, which are of temporary interest, the holly possesses virtues that make it worthy all year.

Need a barrier hedge? Burford Chinese holly is your plant. Looking for low-maintenance

shrubbery by the front steps? Japanese holly or dwarf yucca could be the answer. Want a loose, billowy screen? Try huster-leaf. In short, holly isn't just a Christmas plant.

And it doesn't always have shiny green leaves and bright red berries. Some hollies have black, dull red, orange, yellow and even blue berries.

Each species has many varieties, named and selected for such characteristics as variegation of leaf color, shape of the plant or the unusual shade or color of the berries. They are often so different you'd hardly guess they are hollies.

That's because the holly genus, *Ilex*, contains hundreds of species, but only a couple dozen are considered garden-worthy.

Some drop their leaves in the fall. Some hug the ground, still others grow 20 feet or taller. Some have leaves as small as a

finger nail; leaves of others are bigger than your hand.

Listing this diverse group of plants is the similarity of flowers and fruit. People scarcely notice the small flowers in early spring, but the red-bellied hollies give lots of notice from late autumn through the winter.

The fruit is, basically, unisex a drupe, but you'll rarely hear anyone outside a classroom call it that. Something about "red holly drupe" doesn't sound quite right. (A drupe is a fruit seed covered by a fleshy layer and a thin skin. A peach and a cherry are also drupes. Kind of boring, isn't it?)

The red-bellied hollies that interest us so much in December are not at all like the small hollies such as Japanese or dwarf yucca used widely along walks and among arbors.

Decorations usually belong to three red-berried kinds that are easiest to remember geographically: American, Chinese and English.

The American holly, *Ilex opaca*, makes a large evergreen tree. And it's one of such grace and style that it will stand out among a forest of oaks and pines. Many varieties of American holly will slowly reach 20 feet, and you'll need male and female plants to get berries.

The Chinese holly, *Ilex cornuta*, is a vigorous, large shrub or dense hedge. It is commonly used as a hedge plant. Once established, it is virtually impenetrable and will grow to about 10 feet tall or higher. The edges are prickly and the leaves glossy green. A variety of Chinese holly that is most popular is the Burford holly, whose leaves have fewer sharp spines.

**In winter, back up power source**

Q. We worry about power outages, especially since our heater will not operate without electricity. We've seen power generators advertised by some home centers. Are these practical for backup power for a home? —W. Schroeder



HOME IMPROVEMENT  
Q&A  
Gene Austin

A. Backup electrical power can be supplied to a home by a generator powered by gasoline or diesel fuel.

However, because most power outages in urban areas are relatively short, a backup generator might not be worth the cost unless there are unusual circumstances in the home, such as an older person who is ill. An auxiliary heater — such as a kerosene heater — flashlights, battery radio and some bottled drinking water will often suffice.

Any backup generator must be capable of supplying enough wattage or power to handle important needs during an emergency.

In general, a typical home can do well with a generator rated at 4,000 to 5,000 watts.

An oversize generator is best since many household electrical devices require more power to start than to operate. Some typical wattages of appliances and devices are: Refrigerator-freezer, 425 watts; oil burner, 260 watts; water pump, 335 watts; color television set, 300 watts. A few hundred watts will power several electric lights.

A mail-order source of generators with power outputs up to 15,000 watts is Northern, Burnsville, Minn. (phone 800-533-5545). A 4,400-watt Homelite generator sells for about \$415 at Northern. Call for a free catalog.

Q. We are planning to have a

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FOOD & HOME

# Simplicity movement targets money obsession

Los Angeles Times

Now here's a news flash from America:  
Last week, 42-year-old Kate Rhoad of Conroe, Texas — momentarily strapped for gift ideas — asked her 9-year-old son Travis whether there was anything he wanted or needed for Christmas.  
First, the kid went off and thought about it. When Travis came back a few hours later, Rhoad heard something that perhaps no other parent in the nation has heard — could even conceive of hearing — at this time of year.  
No, said Travis. He couldn't think of anything he wanted.  
So this year, Travis will be getting homemade coupons, each one redeemable for one of the things he prizes most — a round with M&M's on the board game of his choice. In other words, gift certificates for his mother's time.

Another flash: On the dizzy day after Thanksgiving, as crowds thronged West Lake Mall in Seattle, 25-year-old Alan Seid and a group of friends set up the most improbable of solicitations. They urged mall-goers to join them in observing "Buy Nothing Day."  
They invited them to come in their booth and cut up their credit cards.  
And six people did it! With gusto, according to Seid. Countless others made thumb-up gestures at the group muzzling the sciss...

Gerald Celente, author of "Trends 2000," calls simplicity — a rejection of mindless consumerism and a return to quieter, simpler lives — one of the really big trends for the new millennium. "Never before have I seen a social trend gain such momentum as this one," Celente gushes. "Something new is being born. This is not a flash in the pan."  
And yet...

This year, Americans are expected to spend \$500 billion — an amount equal to roughly three-quarters the gross domestic product of Canada — on Christmas presents, driving retail sales into the record books.  
Americans are in debt up to their eyeballs: The Federal Reserve reports consumer debt has reached \$1.178 trillion. The average U.S. household has run up a credit card bill of \$3,400, compared with \$1,600 a decade ago, according to Standard & Poor's.  
By the end of the year, a record 1.1 million Americans — roughly 1 in every 100 U.S. households — will have declared personal bankruptcy, according to government statisticians. Once a mark of shame and failure, declaring bankruptcy this year became almost as common as purchasing a new foreign car.

In the national debate over values, money appears to represent the final frontier. The hedge too far. The one that is getting away.  
To talk to Americans, it would seem both the source and the destroyer of many of our shared values. At its best, money can serve as a faithful handmaiden to many of our most cherished institutions: family, community, responsibility. At its worst, it is the dark force that separates many of us from the values we hold dear.  
"Money is a great servant, but it's a terrible master," says Rick Peterson, a 42-year-old financial planner in Alameda, Calif., who

## Many Americans express guilt about free-wheeling attitude toward spending

Los Angeles Times

Even as Americans indulge in a kind of binge, there is growing evidence they are feeling guilty and unfulfilled about their spending.  
According to a 1996 poll conducted by the Week's poll conducted by the Week's Family Fund, 91 percent of Americans agreed with the statement that "the buy-now, pay-later attitude causes many of us to consume more than we need." And while 89 percent agreed that "impulse and convenience is the dominant way," 82 percent acknowledged that "most of us buy and consume far more than we need. It's wasteful."  
Believing is one thing. Taking personal responsibility for these social problems — and changing one's own behavior accordingly — is quite another.

He embarked on a conscious effort to wean himself from overspending and to simplify his life.  
Before, according to Celente, roughly 1 in 20 buy-nothings — about 4 million people — have acted on that conviction, embracing a life that stresses frugality and rejects consumption for its own sake. These unorthodox individuals Rhoad and Seid, both of whom followed a nine-step program laid out in the movement's bible "Buy Nothing or Your Life." The 4-year-old guide to "transforming your relationship with money" has remained on the Business Week best-seller list all year long.  
Many believe a growing number of Americans, whether by conscious decision or financial necessity, will follow Rhoad and Seid in reevaluating the role of money and the things it buys in their lives.

Until then, the vast preponderance of Americans will continue to bemoan the nation's materialism. All the way up the mall.  
Celente predicts that the number of Americans embracing what he called the "voluntary simplicity movement" will quadruple — reaching 12 million — by the year 2000. But along with most social scientists who have tracked American consumer behavior, he has no concrete illustrations about what is causing this sudden surge of personal fiscal virtue. It is the result, he theorizes, of a number of factors: rising wages, greater job insecurity, imminent retirement, or a growing recognition on the part of many Americans of the chest-thumping, mouth-drooping ostentatiousness of the rich.  
He calls it "voluntary voluntary simplifying."

For many Americans like Rhoad, a sudden financial jolt is bringing a stark moment of clarity and an emphasis shift in their personal values and behavior.  
Do you remember the days, she asks rhetorically, when frugality was a virtue? When being middle class was considered an American virtue?

Well, she doesn't either. Her epiphany came at 2 a.m. on Sept. 15, 1993, as she was paying over her credit card bills and discovered she and her husband, Bruce, a chemical engineer, could no longer cover the required payments. "A lot of my perceived happiness was tied up in spending money. It made me feel good," she says.

The Week's poll asked respondents if, in the past five years, they had voluntarily taken steps to reduce their spending. In their own words, 29 percent said yes — a figure that prompts many pollsters to conclude that respondents sometimes lie, and many economists to laugh out loud.  
"I guarantee you, they don't just go in to their bosses and say: 'I'll take a pay cut,'" says Susan Stevens, president of Economic Analysis Associates, in Greenwich, Conn.  
"It never is voluntary. You just don't get that. If people were more values-oriented or virtuous,

why would they be bankrupt or up to their ears in debt?"

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His yr burhdyan an im out of classy pitchens of yae. Tim putz in the paper. But i want to tale u wat a guide brother yae wuz i member wen we lived on Hazelburg wif in Fallies. Oh wat timez we had! Oh wat fun! I remember wen yu wood eat All. Thee fude out from The dogs dish. Ied Mike him so mad That Hee wood bye Dear old Dad wen he came Home Late From The pchall an wuz gaff an Laff thin go bandage hem.  
An Then whin The Neighbor wuz gaff in Trouble an Him died That yue done it. I want ryte Tim Him an seed i then it wasnt my dum broths caus hi only Lykes yuz. An Then the dnt. Kill you like he seed he wood.  
Eye remember wen u went away to Collich More an Dad didn't think yue was smart enuf wanted to use These Tuton Money to start a wurm farm.  
But i that yu was smart enuf seed i Tole yu This secret. To My succes. I Tole yu to go too thed only git up in the work heard save yr monee cause thats what got me were I am today. An don forgit The uthr guide advise i giv u. Spend up strate Look smart an dont pick yr knees an mabudly aill no u come from Hazelville.  
An I want to Thanke fur knat bein jellus caus im Thee Oldest and smartest an got most off the Bropes Like Mike Miallus sed yue was Reel Lucky to have gpt these loox in the Family.  
I gotta stop now cause this add costs loozes munny. I aint got no dinero so i toll the Nice Ladies to send The bill to yue cause i new yu wooden mind. I want tale mabudly yur monee in case i tolld sumpin about u i shudnt.

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I KNEW IT... SANTA'S ACCUSTOMING FOR THE RED CROSS.

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GIFT?

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OOPS! WHAT ARE YOU STILL DOING HERE?!

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Sonny had laughable solo hit

Most people feel vaguely uneasy if they're not covered when they sleep, even on the warmest nights. Some scholars think this is genetic residue from antiquity when humans had no hair.

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Numerous insects hear with their hair.

When two drinking glasses stick one inside the other, don't try to force them apart. Set them upright in a bowl of hot water and pour cold water into the top one. There. See?

Q. Only the wild animals that eat meat are a danger to humans, right?

A. Hardly. Consider the elephant, the rhino, the hippo. Charging beasts with tusks and horns can be deadly, too!

WHAT'S WHAT? L.M. Boyd

Q. What was Sonny Bono's one big solo hit?

A. "Laugh At Me." In 1985.

Every soldier in the army of the ancient Persian conqueror King Cyrus was required each day to exercise just enough to break a sweat, no more. His troops were said to be the best physically conditioned of the era.

The vortex of a tornado expands, contracts, expands, contracts, almost rhythmically.

Q. Why do most men part their hair on the left?

A. Because most mothers are right-handed.

A breakfast quarrel at a woman's is far more likely to disrupt a home's on-the-job performance all day long than a man's. So pay those who study such matters.

HOROSCOPE Sydney Omarr

**IF DECEMBER 25 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY:** You are spiritual but can be down-to-earth when pressure is on - you respond to love. Pray for the good and pass the ammunition! Pisces, Virgo persons play fascinating roles in your life. You and, indeed, you have often your own most severe critic. You seek perfection and can come close to it. The first year offered both love and defeat - some claim you represent miracle of survival. August outstanding in 1997.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** People who tell you, "You've got it made," will mean it and, indeed, you have it made! Focus on universal appeal, spiritual glow of holiday. Denver removed, love will play role.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Those who claimed you could not make it back will be embarrassed. Focus on new start, creativity, style, being in charge of your own destiny. Leo, Aquarius persons in scenario.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Adhere to unorthodox method. Ultra-conservative relative is well-meaning but misinformed. Make this holiday happy by doing things your way. Money spent will be replaced quickly.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Ride winning streak. Elements of timing, luck are with you. Be aware, express confidence, impart style. Attend to festive social gathering. Gemini, Sagittarius persons pronounce you.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** What was destroyed will be replaced, better than ever. Secret arrangement with Cancer native lends spice, cleaves perception of religious holiday. Scorpio also plays role.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Focus continues on invitation lists, further holiday preparations. Written material of special importance - gain valuable hints on recipes, party suggestions. Sagittarius involved.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** People are drawn to you in mysterious way. Music involved, also your ability to interpret Christmas symbols in exciting, dramatic fashion. Marital status involved. Aries plays role.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** People who talked behind your back will do about-face. Compliments will be sincere. Show appreciation without being obnoxious. Concentrate on celebrating holiday spirit.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Get tired in order to - possess a revealing, showing once and for all that you respond to holiday spirit in loving way. News received concerning profitable enterprise. Capricorn involved.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Good cheer as usual, because you're naturally ebullient but never away from your heart. Added recognition due, invitation to travel should not be ignored. Libra plays role.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Get things in order - possess a revealing, cooperate with co-worker in purchase of gifts, making of reservations. Leo and another Aquarius will join in happy celebration. Express thanks.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Family member, during holiday celebration, makes startling announcement. Involves the unorthodox, maybe sale or purchase of home. Marriage also figures prominently. Aquarius featured.

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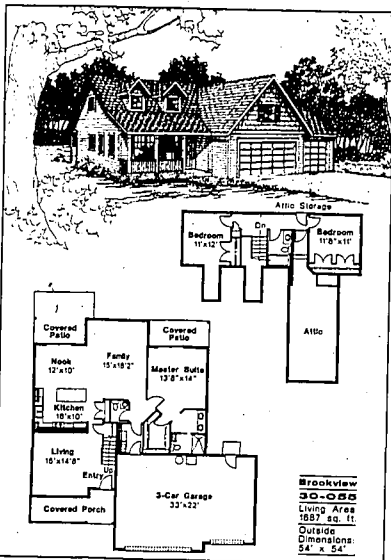
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BROOKVIEW



Cottage covered in charm

Gabled dormers and a covered porch give the Brookview a cozy, nostalgic country charm, but you'll never find a three-car garage in a traditional farmhouse. In fact, it's even unusual for a contemporary home this size — just under 1,900 square feet — to have such a large garage. If it's more garage than you want, the section on the right could be easily converted into a workshop, music practice room, art studio, exercise room, whatever.

Light spills into the entry and stairway through a high overhead dormer, and there's a coat closet tucked under the stairs. Kitchen, family room and nook run together. Windows fill most of the rear wall, and the sliders in the nook open onto a small, partially covered patio or deck. The kitchen is compact, but counter space is augmented by a large work island while a pantry expands storage capacity.

The Brookview's master suite has a two-section bathroom with double vanity, a large walk-in closet, and sliding glass doors that open onto a private covered patio.

Secondary bedrooms, a bathroom and a deep attic are upstairs. Each of the bedrooms are different. One bedroom is expanded by a dormer, but the other bedroom has a much larger closet.

For a review plan, including scaled floor plans, elevations, section and artist's conception, send \$15 to Associated Designs, 1100 Jacobs Dr., Eugene, Ore. 97402. Please specify the Brookview 30-055 and include a return address when ordering. A catalog featuring more than 170 home plans is available for \$12. For more information call (800) 634-0123.

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Seal doors to minimize winter drafts

**Q:** During the winter, I feel drafts near the back and side doors. The doors are still in good shape, but they have gotten leaky from years of use. What is the best type of weatherstripping to seal them? -S.C.



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**A:** You should be able to weatherstrip the doors for about \$25 in materials for an annual savings of up to \$100 in energy costs.

The selection of the proper type of weatherstripping depends on your door and how often it is opened. For a seldom-used door, adhesive-backed foam weatherstripping is inexpensive and simple to install. With heavy usage, however, its airtight seal will not hold up long.

If the mating surfaces between your door and door jamb are not too warped or worn, using a spring metal V-strip is effective and durable. Since it is mounted in the door jamb, it is fairly well protected from damage from little feet and hands.

V-strip is available in rolls. Nail the longer leg of the "V" to the door frame with the "V" pointing in the direction the door opens. Bend out the free leg a little to form the "V". When the door closes, the free leg springs against the door edge to block air leaks.

Roller tubular vinyl seals are also easy to install. Nail the backing strip on the bulb to the door jamb. The bulb should extend slightly past the edge of the door stop so it is compressed when the door is closed. One drawback to this type is that the bulb is exposed and susceptible to damage.

Interlocking metal strips are the best sealing type, but are difficult to install. One strip is mounted on the edge of the door and the mating strip is mounted

on the door jamb. It is also well protected from possible damage.

Write for Update Bulletin No. 410 showing a selector guide for door weatherstripping, diagrams and do-it-yourself instructions for installing the various types.

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