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# READY FOR EMERGENCIES

## Magic Valley's ER gears up for shutdown at T.F. clinic

By Sandy Miller  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - In an emergency, every moment counts.

So it's important to know when an illness or injury warrants a fast trip to the emergency room or simply a visit to the doctor's office.

There are some symptoms that should send people directly to a hospital emergency room, including chest pain, breathing difficulties, neurological symptoms such as severe headache and paralysis, severe bleeding and open fractures. People should not hesitate to dial 911 when experiencing those symptoms, said Magic Valley Regional Medical Center emergency room doctor Kevin Kraal.

On Tuesday, the emergency room at the Twin Falls Clinic and Hospital will close, and patients in Twin Falls needing emergency care should go to Magic Valley Regional's emergency room at 650 Addison Ave. W. Other emergency rooms in the Magic Valley include St. Benedict's Family Medical Center in Jerome, Gooding County Memorial Hospital in Gooding, Cassia Burley Medical Center in Burley, Minidoka Memorial Hospital in Rupert and St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center in Ketchum.

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center is in the midst of a \$16.1 million purchase of the clinic's inpatient and outpatient services, along with the building, equipment, supplies and inventory.

Whether Magic Valley Regional's emergency room will get even busier remains to be seen. In an effort to ease crowding in the emergency room, the Hospital Board recently approved a 12,700-square-foot emergency room expansion.

For now, the people who work in the emergency room, like Marlene Rodgers, a registered nurse and the emergency room's clinical director, will make do with the space they have.

Rodgers said it's hard to predict just how many more patients will be seen there.  
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Dr. Kevin Kraal examines Lorraine Devey for an irregular heartbeat in the emergency room of Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. With the hospital acquiring the Twin Falls Clinic and Hospital, there will be only one emergency room in Twin Falls starting Tuesday.  
BRUCE SHELTON/The Times-News

# Tensions rise on Pakistan, India line

## U.S. keeps eye on border between two nuclear rivals

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON - Bush administration officials watched warily Tuesday as nuclear-armed rivals India and Pakistan moved more combat troops and missiles closer to their shared border and escalated their war of words.

But U.S. officials said the crisis might be defused in coming days because Pakistan appears to have launched a crackdown against several Islamic militant groups that India blames for the attempted suicide bombing of its Parliament in New Delhi two weeks ago.

That attack, which left 14 people dead, led to the latest flare-up of tensions. On Tuesday, U.S. officials confirmed reports from the region that India has shifted short-range missiles, fighter jets and fresh troops closer to Pakistan in recent days and has urged Indian citizens in some border areas to evacuate.

Pakistan also has reinforced military emplacements on its eastern border, U.S. officials said, and has moved medium-range missile batteries to five areas along the so-called Line of Control, which separates the two neighbors in the disputed Himalayan region of Kashmir.

U.S. officials fear the crisis could detract from the U.S.-led search for Osama bin Laden and his al-Qaida allies in Afghanistan and western Pakistan - or worse, spin out of control and lead to a shooting war or nuclear exchange.

A senior U.S. official who is monitoring fresh intelligence reports from the area said Tuesday that war did not appear imminent.

"I think we would see a lot more going on if major hostilities were about to break out," he said.

The official, who asked not to be identified as a matter of policy, said the latest mobilization of troops and equipment is "ratcheting up the situation" and has led  
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# A sad Christmas in Bethlehem

## Security, signs of violence greet visitors to holy site

The Associated Press

BETHLEHEM, West Bank - Few foreign pilgrims braved the journey to the town of Jesus' birth this Christmas Day. For those who did, a gauntlet of army checkpoints and battle-scarred buildings were reminders that peace is still a thing of prayers.

"The town's Palestinian Christians celebrated mostly alone Tuesday, without even their leader, as Israel prevented Yasser Arafat from making his annual pilgrimage.

"There is something black on our hearts," said Luna Ijha, a 28-year-old local resident.  
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An Israeli police officer stops a peace activist from traveling to Jerusalem to protest travel bans that prevent Arabs from visiting Bethlehem.  
AP photo

# Unexploded ordnance will bring more death to Afghans

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - In war, there are smart bombs, dumb bombs and duds - ones that land with a thud, then lay silently until picked up by a curious child or disturbed by a farmer's hoe.

The war has been winding down in Afghanistan in recent weeks, but a new generation of unexploded ordnance will be its deadly legacy, killing and maiming civilians in a nation where amputees already are a common sight.

The nearly three months of U.S.-led coalition strikes have only compounded the job of clear-

## Still searching, hospital in need - D6

ing unexploded remnants of two decades of conflict.

The Pentagon has not disclosed the number of bombs raining down on Afghanistan, but experts on unexploded ordnance estimate that besides the array of dumb bombs and bunker-busters, coalition forces have dropped 600 cluster bombs.

About the size of a garbage can, each cluster bomb contains 202  
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# One Trade Center survivor's e-mail touches hundreds across the world

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - After barely escaping from the 87th floor of the World Trade Center's north tower on Sept. 11, Adam Mayblum posted his heart in an e-mail sent to family and friends.

Less than 24 hours after he wrote his account of fleeing the burning tower and sent it to about 25 people, Mayblum received nearly 100 replies - most from people he had never met.

And it kept building.  
"Since then, more than 1,000

**His message . . .**  
Adam Mayblum's e-mail can be found at <http://www.wfnr.org> under the "In Depth" section of U.S. news.

strangers from around the world have responded to his harrowing story, which was so detailed that it described the smell of the smoke on the 87th floor and the conversations he had with people who never made it out.

"You don't know me," one woman wrote. "My son-in-law forwarded your story to me and I'm not sure who sent it to him

but the thing is I felt it necessary to let you know how happy you made me. The fact that you survived . . . helped to lift the terrible weight from my heart. We live in L.A. and when you were coming down the stairs we were watching the towers collapse with such a feeling of helplessness and despair."

Mayblum said he spent several hours writing his 2,100 word e-mail entitled "THE PRICE WE PAID" as he sat at his suburban New Rochelle home on Sept. 12, still stunned from the experience. He knew it would help

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Adam Mayblum looks from his offices on the 87th floor of the north tower of the World Trade Center from where he watched the beginnings of the attacks on Sept. 11.  
AP photo

# FORECAST FOR MAGIC VALLEY

### IDAHO ALMANAC

**Idaho Extroms Yesterday:**  
 High: 32°  
 Low: 21°  
 Stanley

**Twin Falls through 6 p.m. yesterday:**  
 Temperature: 21/13°  
 High/Low: 35/18°  
 Normal high/low: 34/21°  
 Record high/low: 51 in 1664

**Precipitation:**  
 24 hours ending 6 p.m. year: trace  
 Month to date: 1.25"  
 Normal month to date: 0.81"  
 Water year to date (Oct. 1): 2.95"  
 Normal year to date (Oct. 1): 2.68"

**Humidity:**  
 Yesterday at noon: 96%

**Barometric Pressure:**  
 Yesterday at 9 a.m.: 30.40 in.

**Pollen yesterday in Twin Falls:**  
 Grass: N.A. Weeds: N.A.  
 Trees: N.A. Mold: N.A.  
 Sources: Asthma and Allergy of Idaho

**Shows today's weather:**  
 Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

**All maps, forecasts and data provided by AccuWeather, Inc. #2001**

## FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR TWIN FALLS

TODAY	TONIGHT	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
☁ Clouds and fog, then some sunshining.	☁ Partly to mostly cloudy.	☀ Morning fog and clouds, then sun.	☁ Mostly cloudy with patchy fog.	☁ Mostly cloudy with patchy fog.	☀ Cloudy to partly sunny.
▲ 32°	▼ 18°	▲ 32° ▼ 18°	▲ 36° ▼ 24°	▲ 32° ▼ 16°	▲ 32° ▼ 16°

### REGIONAL WEATHER

**Southern Idaho:** Fog and areas of low clouds this morning, then some sunshine will return to many places this afternoon. Highs from the teens in the east to the mid-30s in the west.

**Boise:** Low clouds and patchy fog this morning, then there might be some sunshining this afternoon. High 34. Partly to mostly cloudy tonight with areas of fog late.

**Northern Nevada:** A low spots will start this morning with low clouds and fog; otherwise, partly sunny today. Highs from the 20s through the 40s. Partly cloudy tonight with patchy fog.

**Northern Utah:** Low clouds and fog this morning, then there might be a little sunshine at times this afternoon. Highs generally in the 20s and 30s. Mostly cloudy tonight with areas of fog.

**Northern Idaho:** Low clouds and areas of fog this morning, then parts of the region will break into sunshine this afternoon. Highs 20-36. Partly to mostly cloudy tonight with areas of fog.

## CANADIAN CITIES

City	Today	Thu.
	H	L
Calgary	30 to 35	24 to 30
Edmonton	28 to 34	22 to 28
Kelowna	26 to 31	18 to 25
Victoria	37 to 41	19 to 24
Winnipeg	12 to 18	12 to 18

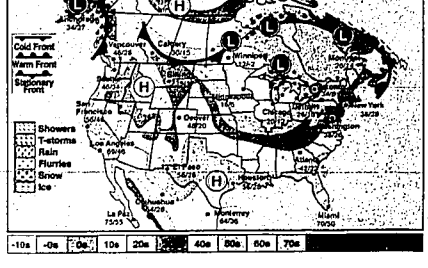
## REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today		Thu.	
	H	L	H	L
Boise	34	20	38	22
Bannock Ferry	29	20	30	22
Butte	28	12	34	17
Coeur d'Alene	32	20	30	22
Idaho Falls	37	18	34	18
Logansport	44	36	36	30
Malad	33	20	38	25
Mesa	28	16	36	28
Mt. Home	35	13	31	19

## NATIONAL EXTREMES

High 81° in Fort Lauderdale, FL. Low -27° in West Yellowstone, MT.

## NATIONAL WEATHER



## SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today: 6:06 a.m.  
 Sunset tonight: 5:11 p.m.  
 Moonrise today: 2:37 p.m.  
 Moonset tonight: 4:01 a.m.

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Dec 30 Jan 5 Jan 13 Jan 21

## UV-INDEX TODAY

City	Today	Thu.
Atlanta	4	4
Baltimore	4	4
Boston	3	3
Chicago	2	2
Denver	3	3
Houston	4	4
Los Angeles	4	4
London	1	1
Madrid	4	4
Moscow	1	1
Paris	2	2
Rio de Janeiro	7	7
Rome	4	4
Seoul	3	3
Sydney	4	4
Tokyo	4	4
Washington	3	3
Zurich	2	2

## NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today		Thu.	
	H	L	H	L
Atlanta	42	22	42	30
Baltimore	38	20	42	30
Birmingham	39	17	41	32
Chicago	29	12	24	14
Cleveland	24	13	22	18
Denver	48	20	34	22
Detroit	20	16	26	16
Los Angeles	68	48	67	48
London	17	8	19	8
Madrid	55	26	57	34
Moscow	1	1	1	1
Paris	42	22	42	30
Rio de Janeiro	70	58	68	48
Rome	55	26	57	34
Seoul	35	21	31	19
Sydney	48	28	48	38
Tokyo	44	29	42	35
Washington	37	20	41	32
Zurich	29	18	28	20

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# Comunidad

## Vote will cost taxpayers

**The Washington Post**

WASHINGTON - Shortly before leaving town last week, lawmakers approved the lease of four new Boeing 737 airplanes to transport congressional and administration officials, a move that will cost taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars more than if the government bought the planes.

Supporters of the measure, which was inserted without debate into the annual defense spending bill, said the planes will fill a critical need. The four aircraft that the military makes available for domestic and international trips by the vice presi-

## Bethlehem

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Christian, as she stood in a nearly empty church after morning Mass next to the fourth-century, fortress-like stone and wood Church of the Nativity.

In the small grotto beneath the floor, a handful of pilgrims who did arrive gathered to sing hymns and carols, crouching on the ancient stone floor to touch a silver star that marks the spot where Christians believe Jesus was born.

There were few Christmas decorations lighting Manger square overnight. Crowds quickly vanished after the midnight Mass, and early the next morning the square turned into a parking lot as local residents, many of them

## More on Christmas - B5, D6

Muslims, milled about, conducting business as usual.

"In spite of the tanks, the closure and the bombardment that your town Bethlehem has faced, I say to you all Merry Christmas and wish you a happy new year," Latin Patriarch Michel Sabbah told congregants at the morning service, referring to Israeli military actions during the 15 months of violence.

For Palestinians here, the holiday brought little cheer.

Relatives in other West Bank towns couldn't travel to Bethlehem because of Israeli-imposed travel restrictions that have lasted throughout most of the 15 months of violence.

## E-mail

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but his thoughts into words, but he also wanted to let loved ones know he was safe.

"We were moving down very slowly in Staircase A. Very slowly. No panic. At least not overt panic. My legs could not stop shaking. My heart was pounding. Some nervous jokes and laughter," wrote Mayblum, 36, an employee of May Davis Group, a private investment firm.

"His cell phone worked, so he spoke with his parents and sister-in-law. He couldn't reach his wife, who had taken their infant for a checkup. He never heard the second plane hit the other tower.

"Around the 44th floor, he began to see firefighters, police officers and other rescuers coming up the stairs. Mayblum told them about a friend who had stayed behind on the 87th floor, and a heavyset man who was resting on the 53rd.

## ER

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be coming through the hospital's emergency room doors. But the patient load has climbed steadily over the years. Rodgers said while the average emergency room sees a 3 percent to 4 percent increase in patient volume from year to year, Magic Valley Regional has experienced 15 percent to 25 percent increases.

In October 1999, 1,376 patients were treated in the emergency room. In October 2000, 1,628 patients came through the ER's doors. That's a 15.5 percent increase.

Winter is probably a good time to be making the changes. Emergency rooms are usually busier in the summer, Rodgers said.

"People are usually more physical in the summer," Rodgers said. "Kids are out of school, and they're making more of a winter/skiing. People are jet skiing and water skiing, and tourists are coming through.

People who work in hospital emergency rooms are used to dealing with the unexpected. That's just one of the reasons Rodgers said she enjoys coming into work everyday - that and working with a team of people dedicated to saving lives.

"I love it," she said. "There are certain types of personalities who are attracted to this type of work. They're very efficient, knowledgeable and they're team players."

Meanwhile, people with minor illnesses and injuries will still be able to go to the clinic. The clinic, located at 660 Shoshone St. E., will be renamed Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Downtown Campus. The physicians clinic will be open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. seven days a week.

The physicians clinic will continue to provide physicals, laboratory services, flu shots, X-rays, wellness checkups and routine medical care. People with symptoms they normally would go to their doctor's offices for, including

## Border

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believe both countries are moving their reinforcements at a sufficiently slow pace to create time for ongoing diplomatic efforts to successfully defuse the crisis, he added. "If they continue preparations at this rate, it could go on for another week or two," he said.

The border buildup began after a squad of suicide bombers tried to storm India's Parliament in New Delhi on Dec. 13.

The five attackers and nine on their own outside the Parliament building.

## Bombs

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mini-bombers designed to pierce light-armored vehicles, start fires and send shrapnel flying in all directions. Some are duds.

"If you're a child in a country like this where there are no toys around, you're going to throw rocks at one of these if it goes BANG!" said Paul Heslop, an expert on unexploded ordnance.

When the bombing ends, several thousand unexploded cluster bomblets alone will be left behind.

Dud rates are hard to pinpoint, but if the experience during NATO's 78-day bombing campaign in Kosovo is any indication, 5 percent of the bomblets will fail to explode when they land. That means the nation will be seeded with 6,000 unexploded cluster bomblets at the end of the war.

That doesn't count any other kinds of duds, nor does it include the ordnance still littering the ground from earlier battles.

Before the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, the U.N. Mine Action Program in Afghanistan estimated that leftover ordnance still contaminated nearly 300 square miles - an area roughly four times the size of the District of Columbia. Last year, 1,114 people were killed or injured by mines or unexploded ordnance, according

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### Got an emergency?

You should go to a hospital emergency room if you are experiencing any of the following symptoms:

- You are having trouble breathing.
- You are suffering uncontrolled bleeding.
- You are experiencing chest pain or other symptoms of a heart attack.
- You are experiencing neurological symptoms such as severe headache or paralysis.
- You have any doubt as to which location to go.

Go to: Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

**Emergency Rooms:**

- Magic Valley Regional Medical Center - 650 Addison Ave. W., Twin Falls - 737-2113
- St. Benedicta Family Medical Center - 709 N. Lincoln, Jerome - 254-2921
- Gooding County Memorial Hospital - 1120 Mort. St., Gooding - 634-4433
- Cassia Regional Medical Center - 1501 Memorial Ave., Burley - 678-4444
- Minidoka Memorial Hospital - 1224 Eighth St., Rupert - 436-0481
- Life's Wood River Medical Center - 100 Hospital Dr., Ketchikan - 727-8800

**You can go to a physician clinic for anything you could be treated in a doctor's office for, including minor cuts or a broken arm.**

**Physicians clinics in Twin Falls:**

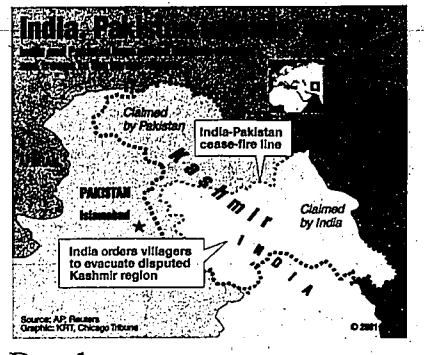
- Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Downtown Campus, 650 Addison Ave. W., Twin Falls - 733-2113
- 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. seven days a week.
- Physicians Clinic at Magic Valley Regional - 650 Addison Ave. W. - 733-2113
- 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday.
- Physicians Immediate Care Center - 260 Falls Ave. Suite C - 736-7422 - 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. seven days a week.

minor cuts or a broken arm, can still be treated at the clinic or at other physicians' clinics in their neighborhoods.

"All the usual services offered in the doctors' offices will continue to be offered at the clinic," said Dr. Rick Sandison.

Sandison said patients won't notice too many changes at the clinic.

"We plan to be in the same physical location for a long period of time," Sandison said.



NATION

# Officials investigate shoe bomb suspect



A passenger walks barefoot for her shoes to be checked with an X-ray machine at a gate before boarding a plane at Frankfurt International Airport, Germany, on Tuesday. Security measures were tightened at all German airports after a passenger tried to ignite an explosive in his shoes on an American Airlines flight from Paris to Miami Dec. 23.

BOSTON (AP) — The man who allegedly tried to blow up a jetliner with explosives hidden in his shoes was under suicide watch Tuesday, and British officials said they believe he was born in England.

The suspect, identified as Richard C. Reid, remained under the suicide watch at the Plymouth County House of Correction pending a psychological examination, said Chief Deputy Timothy Bane of the U.S. Marshal's office.

Authorities said they were still trying to determine his motive, saying the material hidden in his shoes could have caused a "major disaster" had he set it off during a trans-Atlantic flight.

A report Tuesday in France's La Provence newspaper, citing police and intelligence sources, said Reid had belonged to an Islamic movement called Tablig but left because he said it was "not radical enough" for him.

French investigators had no information about that report, said a French police official who spoke on condition of anonymity. FBI Special Agent Charles Prouty in Boston said the agency was investigating whether Reid had links to Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida and hadn't ruled anything out. But a government official in Washington, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Monday that investigators had nothing to link Reid to the terror network.

Richard C. Reid is the name listed on a British passport issued Dec. 7 by the British embassy in Belgium, but after his arrest Saturday French officials initially said they thought he was from Sri Lanka and named Tariq Raja. U.S. investigators said they



Richard C. Reid Under suicide watch

thought his mother was Jamaican. Officials said he also went by the name Abdel Rahim.

But on Tuesday, Sri Lanka's Ministry of Foreign Affairs said the man was not a Sri Lankan national and French border police said they believed he was British.

George Fergusson, consul general for the British Consulate in Boston, said Tuesday that Reid's British passport appeared to be valid.

"We have no reason to believe it is not legitimate," he said. "His passport says he was born in the United Kingdom, in England," he said. A more specific birthplace was not available.

Reid apparently was known to police in Britain for petty theft, a French police official said Tuesday. In London, however, investigators would not comment on whether he had any record.

# NASA mission could help find planets with life

Knight Ridder News Service

SAN JOSE, Calif. — NASA has approved—the first mission designed to detect Earth-like planets around other stars — and not just one at a time, but by the hundreds.

The mission is called Kepler, after a 17th-century German astronomer who made key discoveries about planetary orbits. It's the brainchild of an astronomer at NASA/Ames Research Center in Mountain View, Calif., who worked for 17 years to get it approved.

Scheduled for launch in 2006, the spacecraft will stare continually at the same 100,000 stars for four years, looking for subtle signs that planets are going around them.

Any time a planet crosses the face of its star, as seen from Earth, the star's light will dim ever so slightly. The amount of the dimming reveals how big the planet is; and the frequency of dimming tells how long it takes to complete an orbit.

From these measurements, scientists should be able to tell which planets are small, rocky

and just far enough from their suns to contain surface water — the basic prerequisites for life.

"The question is, 'How many small worlds are out there?'" said Seth Shostak, a senior astronomer at the SETI Institute in Mountain View who is not directly involved in the mission. SETI stands for the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence.

With Kepler, Shostak said, "you expect to find literally hundreds of planets. Mind, if you don't find them, that's interesting, too, because it tells you that planets are rare."

William Borucki, an astronomer at NASA/Ames, came up with the idea for Kepler and doggedly pursued it for 17 years. His proposal was rejected three times by NASA headquarters, it has been approved now as a relatively low-cost Discovery mission, with a maximum cost of \$299 million.

Christopher Chyba, a planetary scientist at the SETI Institute, said the approval of the mission "is a tremendous step forward" that will allow people to do the first statistical surveys of planets outside our solar system.

# Members of Congress pass third pay raise in four years

WASHINGTON (AP) — The hour was late, the issue radioactive. Under cover of darkness, members of Congress let their third pay increase in four years go through. Come January, their pay will jump \$4,900 a year to \$150,000.

Defenders say the raise is well-deserved — too small, if anything. Critics call it excessive, not to mention ill-timed during recession and war. But on one thing, many on both sides agree: The way the raise came about stinks.

Under a complex system approved in 1989, many congressional pay raises are automatic unless Congress acts to block them — a debate that often plays out in the dead of night.

"It looks bad. It smells bad. It hurts Congress in the eyes of the public," said Paul Light, a Brookings Institution expert on government who nonetheless thinks the raise is warranted. "They are terrified of pay increases. They always have been."

Not scared enough to suit Gary Ruskin, director of the nonprofit Congressional Accountability Project, one of a number of watchdog groups that opposes the raise. "He points to the steady upward march of congressional pay in recent years, from \$98,400 in 1990 to \$150,000 come January."

As for the coming raise, he says: "This is an effort by some of the most greedy people on planet Earth to stuff more taxpayers' money into their own wallets. The bipartisan greed caucus is alive and well."

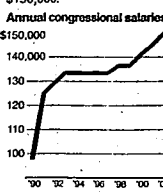
Although statistics are hard to come by, pay-raise defenders say that legislators are paid considerably less than those who do equivalent work for private companies, yet lawmakers have many extra expenses, such as maintaining homes in both Washington and their districts.

Light called the system "the worst of all possible worlds." The whole idea behind tying congressional pay to that of others in government was to give legislators some political cover to raise their own salaries, he said.

Critics insist it's wrong to compare legislators' pay with their counterparts in business. "The purpose of the private

## Congress gets a raise

Starting in January, members of Congress will have a pay raise. It is their third raise in four years, increasing annual salaries to \$150,000.



SOURCE: Congressional Research Service

sector is to earn money for shareholders," said Ruskin. "The purpose of the public sector is to do the public's will."

# Study bolsters evidence linking multiple sclerosis to mono virus

CHICAGO (AP) — A common virus may increase the risk of developing multiple sclerosis, new research suggests, bolstering evidence linking the nerve disorder with the Epstein-Barr germ.

Harvard University researchers found that women whose blood contained significant levels of antibodies to the Epstein-Barr virus were four times more likely to develop mul-

iple sclerosis than women without high levels.

The virus, a member of the herpes family, is best known as a cause of mononucleosis — the so-called "kissing disease." It also has been linked to other ailments, including some other nerve disorders and cancers, and is so common that by some estimates it has infected as many as 95 percent of U.S. adults by age 40.

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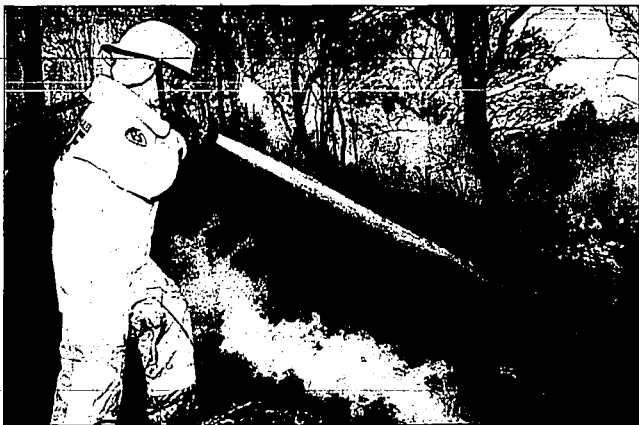
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Firefighter Max Jarvis battles a brush fire near Dapto, 37 miles south of Sydney, Australia, Tuesday. Dozens of forest fires have broken out throughout the state of New South Wales, threatening homes and lives Christmas Day.

## Australia battles raging wildfires

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) - Some 75 bush fires raged across Australia's most populous state Tuesday, destroying houses, cutting major highways and isolating towns.

Brown haze blanketed much of New South Wales on the fifth day since the first wildfires broke out. A strong smell of smoke drifted in the central business district of Sydney, Australia's biggest city, which was ringed by fires.

Hundreds of people had fled their homes, and thousands more were alerted to be ready to evacuate as 5,000 firefighters tried to contain blazes across the state.

By late evening, no fatalities had been reported. But a fire brigade officer was injured when

a roof collapsed on him and dozens of others suffered minor injuries.

Fueled by dry conditions and high summer temperatures, many of the fires remained out of control as strong winds fanned the flames.

"They will probably have spot fires caused by the winds that will jump the containment lines and we'll have new fires as well, there's no doubt about that," said John Winter, a spokesman for the Rural Fire Service.

Another spokesman, Cameron Wade, said the fires so far were not as widespread as devastating outbreaks in 1994 that killed four people, but were spreading rapidly.

"In 1994, there were 284 fires going at any one time," Wade said. "This is only about 75, but actually the weather conditions and their speed (of movement) is unprecedented."

Motorists were advised not to travel west from Sydney. At least a dozen homes were destroyed on the city's western outskirts and hundreds more were threatened.

The National Parks and Wildlife Service evacuated more than 3,000 people from the Royal National Park in Sydney's south.

Fire crews were unable to save homes in the south coast village of Huskisson, though homeowners and holidaymakers were safely evacuated.

## Japan checks to see if crew scuttled ship

TOKYO (AP) - Japanese officials were investigating whether crew members aboard a suspected North Korean spy ship may have blown up their vessel on purpose to avoid capture, a coast guard spokesman said Monday.

"There are many possibilities, but that's one we are checking into," said coast guard spokesman, Nobuhito Murakami.

While it was unclear whether the boat was sunk by gunfire or scuttled by its crew, coast guard official Tadashi Kurogi told reporters Monday that a sailor looking through a night-vision lens saw a bright flash aboard the boat about two minutes before it sank, according to Murakami.

Murakami quoted Kurogi as saying an explosion may have ripped a hole in the ship's hull, eventually sinking the vessel.

The ship sank late Saturday night, ending a six-hour chase

that culminated in a fire fight between Japanese patrol boats and the unidentified vessel. Two bodies from its estimated 15 crew members were recovered. Kyodo News Agency said Tuesday that autopsies had been conducted but have failed to determine the exact cause of death. Three Japanese sailors were also slightly injured in the shootout.

Releasing night-vision video

footage that depicted the unidentified ship apparently firing a rocket at Japanese gunboats, Coast Guard officials said one Japanese ship was struck by gunfire more than 100 times during the encounter.

"We fired shots in legitimate self-defense, and I think we took appropriate actions," said regional Japan Coast Guard operations chief Tetsuo Yokoyama.

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## Russian journalist receives four-year term for treason

VLADIVOSTOK, Russia (AP) - A military journalist who reported on alleged environmental abuses by the Russian navy was convicted of espionage and sentenced Tuesday to four years in a maximum-security prison for treason.

A military court in Vladivostok found Grigory Pasko guilty of illegally attending a secret meeting of Russian Pacific Fleet commanders in 1997 and possessing notes he made at the meeting, where officers discussed the results of naval maneuvers.

Pasko had initially been accused of divulging state secrets on the combat-readiness of Russia's Pacific Fleet to Japanese media.

He says he has been prosecuted in retribution for his reports of abuses by the navy, including claims it dumped radioactive waste into the Sea of Japan.

The 20 months Pasko spent in custody pending an earlier trial will count as time served, so Pasko must spend 28 months in prison, Judge Dmitry Kvushnikov said.

He dismissed four of the five counts of Pasko's indictment, saying they were unsubstantiated.

Pasko, who was also stripped of his military rank, was placed under arrest in the courtroom in Vladivostok immediately after the sentencing.

Defense lawyer Anatoly Pyskhin called the verdict unjust and said the defense would consult with Pasko on whether to appeal. Appeals can be made to the Military Collegium of the Russian Supreme Court within seven days of the verdict.

U.S. Consul General James Shoemaker, who was present to observe what he called "a case for human rights," said the decision was "a bit unexpected."

In his first trial, Pasko was acquitted in 1999 of treason but found guilty on lesser charges of abuse of office. He appealed the verdict, seeking a full acquittal, and prosecutors also appealed. Russia's Supreme Court sent the case back to trial in Vladivostok with a different judge.

## Israeli soldier, two gunmen die in clash along border with Jordan

JERUSALEM (AP) - An Israeli soldier and two gunmen died Tuesday in a clash on farm land leased to Israel by Jordan. The bloodshed on a usually peaceful border was the worst incident on a dreary Christmas in the Holy Land that saw more confrontations than celebrations.

Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat spent the day in his West Bank headquarters in Ramallah,

trapped by a travel ban imposed by Israel to pressure him to arrest the assassins of an Israeli Cabinet minister.

Elsewhere, a top Palestinian official said discussions were continuing with Israel on stepping 15 months of fighting, and Israel said it would lift a closure on the West Bank town of Jericho. But Israeli troops entered another town and arrested seven Palestinians.

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# Places around the world offer wide array of ways to beat hangover

SINGAPORE (AP)—In Singapore, they say herbal soup laced with ginseng can help cure a hangover. In outer Mongolia, men recovering from a big night are known to drain a glass of tomato juice containing a pickled sheep's eye.

The consequences of too much holiday cheer are universal: killer headaches, churning stomachs, dry throats and furry tongues. The remedies vary widely, however.

Some are purely practical, like drinking lots of water to combat the leading cause of hangovers—dehydration. Others

are inexplicably bizarre.

Guy Nicholls, 39, a copywriter from Wiltshire, England, says rubbing half a lemon under each armpit is a surefire antidote. The lemons must be rubbed clockwise in the Northern Hemisphere and counterclockwise in the Southern, he says.

According to Web site www.hungover.net, the lemon cure originated in Puerto Rico, where lemons are rubbed (in any direction) under the "drinking arm."

"I can't explain why that could possibly work," Dr. Fred Freitag, of the

Chicago-based Diamond-Headache Clinic, told The Associated Press.

In Haiti, some stick 13 black-headed pins in the cork of the bottle that gave them the hangover, the Web site says.

Does another beer or bloody mary in the morning help a raging hangover? Experts say no, it only prolongs the agony, but the "hair of the dog" theory is as universal as the hangover.

The phrase, incidentally, stems from ancient British folk treatments for dog bites, which held that a hair taken from the offending dog and placed on the

wound would help to heal it.

Coffee may wake you up, but it also prolongs the pain. Like alcohol, coffee is a diuretic, which flushes fluids from the body.

Honey on toast is a better idea. Honey is rich in fructose, which hastens the metabolism, Freitag said.

"Going to a sauna and sweating out a hangover definitely works for me," says Michael Welch, a 33-year-old filmmaker living in Los Angeles. "You just have to deal with a lot of really hairy, sweaty guys."

The Finns may have invented the

sauna, but many prefer a pickled herring and a cold beer to treat their "krapula," which, like the English word "crapulence," means hangover.

The Norwegian word is "tømmermenn," or "lumberjacks." In Spain, it's "resaca," meaning undertow.

Many cultures rely on food to soak up those alcohol-induced toxins.

"After I drink a lot, the next morning I need a stretcher," says Attila Moma, a student from Naples. "There is nothing to do except sleep and eat white foods because your stomach is still upset."

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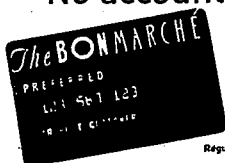
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## EDITORIAL

# Capitol security ruckus: Much ado about nothing

Like a bad cold that lingers too long, Idaho's Statehouse security issue has become an irritating winter complaint among Boise critics. The nippers could realize the security issue doesn't resonate with Idahoans as much as their constant whining does.

Ever since Gov. Dirk Kempthorne put up the first barricade and posted the first security guard at the state Capitol, his opponents and critics have hurled accusations at him like slush-packed snowballs. Springing from a sincere desire to protect citizens after witnessing the horrors of Sept. 11, Kempthorne's security moves are dismissed as a total overreaction by his opponents, many of whom would do anything to see his popularity crumble.

*It may be political conflagration in our state capital, but the Statehouse security issue doesn't stoke the fires of debate outside Boise.*

These critics complain that Kempthorne wanted additional security years ago and is exploiting the times to get what he wants. They fume that the governor's measures exceed most other states. They humong limited-access to "the people's house," as if thousands of citizens were being turned away at the Capitol door.

As a result, the news reporting on the issue has been excessive. Yet the high volume of criticism is shortsighted. Now the debate has become a chance for Boise media to question Kempthorne's character, and to imply he is a coward and a liar for failing to tell all about security threats. Was he supposed to lay it all out? Let's get real.

To most people outside the great state of Ada, the Fort Kempthorne

flap is much ado about nothing. It may be political conflagration in our state capital, but it doesn't stoke the fires of debate outside Boise.

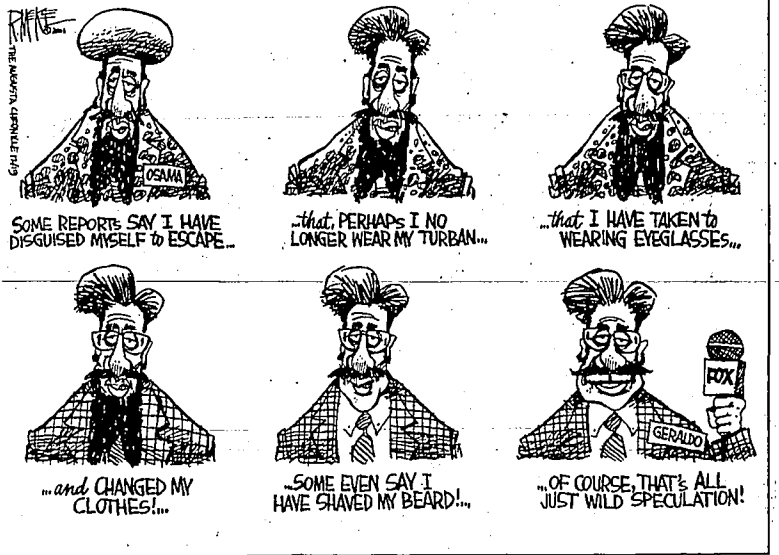
This newspaper endorsed Kempthorne for governor in the last election. He mostly has done a good if not perfect job as Idaho's chief executive. If these attacks keep him from running next year, it would be another example of why many good people avoid the blood sport of politics. It's interesting to note that among the governor's critics is Democrat Robert Huntley, whom Kempthorne soundly defeated in 1998.

What would these critics say about Kempthorne if a terrorist attack hit an unsecured Capitol? The furor undoubtedly would be even greater.

In interviews, the governor expresses his concern and makes a solid case for more security. It's too bad that he hasn't made this case sufficiently to the public. The administration should explain their reasons for heightened security as openly as possible to all Idahoans.

The measures won't last forever, and Kempthorne already has proved he knows when less security is merited - by reducing use of state troopers and guardsmen at the Capitol, and by opening Jefferson Street.

As much as some in Ada County want to keep griping, the fuss doesn't diminish Kempthorne's standing as much as they would like. And the more they harp on security, the less most Idahoans are going to listen to the whining of partisans and the media.



# Great presidents inspire their nation

ROBERT E. HUNTER

**A**s a nation, we understand what we are against in the war on terrorism, but we have not yet decided what we are for in the future we would like to see emerge from the current conflict. President Bush should present to the nation a compelling vision for the United States and the world so that in his words - "out of this evil act will come good."

The United States' great 20th century was provided precedent. Woodrow Wilson crafted the Fourteen Points. Franklin Roosevelt enunciated the Four Freedoms (of speech and religion, from want and fear), he joined Winston Churchill in proclaiming the Atlantic Charter, and he launched the United Nations. In June 1963, John Kennedy reached out to the Soviet Union with a vision beyond the Cold War: "not merely peace for Americans but peace for all men and women - not merely peace in our time but peace for all time." And six months before the opening of the Berlin Wall, George H.W. Bush foresaw a "Europe whole and free."

Each of these presidential initiatives was based on three solid ideas: that out of conflict rocking the nation and the world, a better measure must be created for ordering relations among states and peoples, devoted to, among other goals, reducing the causes of war; that this vision must temper power; and that there must be sustained U.S. leadership and engagement abroad.

Today, the outlines of a postwar vision are taking shape in two emerging demands of prosecuting the war on terrorism. They are rapidly requiring decisions that will set U.S. grand strategy for the next decade and beyond.

First, the three-part conflict in Afghanistan - against Osama bin Laden, al-Qaida and the Taliban - is posing the question whether we will again lose interest once the threat is reduced, or whether, with our European partners, we will embark on a major venture to transform the Middle East and, in the process, reduce the conditions that breed support for terrorism. This would mean a comprehensive effort to deal with weapons of mass destruction; to provide ideas and resources for economic, political and social development; to prosecute peace without letup between Israel and the Palestinians; and in general to nurture the region, finally, to join the modern world.

Second, and equally compelling, is the need for the United States to provide other states with reasons to stand with us in the next phase of the war on terrorism. Few share our analysis of the nature and severity of the threat or, more particularly, what to do about it. Yet we have seen an awareness that a United States attacked and hurting but feeling unsupported from abroad could become a United States less willing to continue its commitments. Allied support for U.S. actions in Afghanistan is thus not just a shared sense of outrage but a self-interested understanding that the United States must avenge the killings of Sept. 11 and revalidate its credibility as a great power.

But beyond Afghanistan, we are far less likely to command uncritical support. To bolster support for the long-term struggle against terrorism and even worse threats, such as weapons of mass

destruction, it is not enough to convince others that they, too, can be targeted. We also must convince them that what we do and stand for merit cooperation and support.

This is the paradox of the United States' unparalleled position: Without a common threat like that from the Soviet Union, we have to find ways of translating our immense power into lasting influence. This means both being a leader worthy of being followed and creating institutions, attitudes, processes and practices that will benefit us because they also benefit others.

To succeed, we must move beyond yesterday's efforts to isolate or insulate ourselves, beyond a misplaced sense of American exceptionalism and be ready to join with others in seeking answers to the world's great problems.

President Bush should tell the nation how and why Sept. 11 finally closed the book on the Cold War and its aftermath, while opening up untold opportunities. He should declare an unflinching U.S. commitment to peace, development and reform in the Middle East. He should reaffirm U.S. leadership in codifying hard-won achievements in reducing risks of conflict. He should place the advance of democracy firmly on the global agenda. He should explore what new may become possible with Russia. He should propose ways for the world to capitalize on the benefits of globalization and minimize its drawbacks. And he should call for a new strategic partnership with the European Union.

By seizing this moment, President Bush can lead the nation and the world toward the great possibilities of the new century.

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## Governor must stop lying to us

The pit's about to hit the fan, Pit 9 plutonium that is. As reported by *The Times-News* Dec. 14 the Department of Energy is refusing to dig up the buried plutonium.

The DOE calmly states that the buried waste is not covered by the "Get the Waste Out" deal.

The DOE would like up to 14 years to think about just covering the waste with more dirt.

While the governor does his trusty fist-shaking routine, he is quite aware that he is lied to the people of Idaho. Kempthorne knows that any penalty he assesses will simply come from the shortchanged cleanup fund itself. Kempthorne also knows that, in 1997, the DOE decided to leave all the buried plutonium in Idaho, in their Record of Decision for the New Mexico dump.

The state had meekly protested that decision but now refuses to challenge it in court.

That is because the state knows those are the terms of the deal, despite their lying to Idaho about getting the waste out.

It is still possible to stop this insanity, but first the governor must stop lying to Idahoans.

This guy gave them a permit to open a new plutonium dump over our water. Do you understand this? Look past the smile.

As the song goes, "You've been hit by a smooth criminal."

While the governor continues using our taxes to promote himself as the friendly "Buy Idaho" guy, too bad he has already "sold Idaho" as a nuclear sacrifice zone.

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## Ad exploits nation's tragedy

After Chenoweth-Hage and David Ripley, the dynamic duo of duplicity, asserted that Planned Parenthood is the best organization to help set the record straight.

Margaret Sanger was born in 1883. As a young woman, she took nurse's training and, for a number of years, worked as a

nurse among the poor in New York City. Her experiences with the poor, undereducated women of that time made her realize how badly they needed the ability to space the birth of their children at sensible intervals instead of resorting to the increasing practice of trying to abort the fetal tissue of an unwanted pregnancy by using very dangerous methods.

It was then she started to give them birth-control information by writing and circulating pamphlets. In 1916, she founded and became president of the American Birth Control League.

After women received the right to vote in 1920 and with the rapid increase in the number of young people (including females) receiving a high school education, common sense prevailed and the idea of planned parenthood was well received across the nation. The Planned Parenthood Federation of America was chartered in 1952 as a lawful organiza-

tion. Therefore, family planning has always been about birth control, not abortion, and has undoubtedly prevented countless millions of unwanted pregnancies since its inception 85 years ago.

If "pro-life" people are so compassionate about the unborn child, how come they would deem this same child expendable if it were born into poverty? The political ideology of far-right radicals opposes most democratic social programs intended to provide all children with the necessities of life - especially public education.

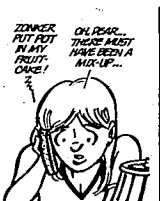
It looks like they want to return to the pre-natalism philosophy of their forebears, namely, if you can keep them ignorant and frightened, thus under control, you can exploit the "hell" out of them for slave labor, cannon fodder, personal greed, etc.  
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## Year-end thoughts turn to Sept. 11

As we come to the end of a year like no other we have seen, a year none of us expected to endure, there is an understandable longing for things to return to normal.



DAVID S. BRODER

Last week, for a moment, I thought we had a definitive sign that the crisis was over—at least in parts of the journalistic world. Fox News sent out an e-mail reporting the results of its latest poll: Most Americans, Rupert Murdoch's network disclosed, still believe that Jon-Bennet's parents did it.

If what purports to be a news organization is back to asking people devoid of knowledge about matters devoid of importance, then maybe the shock wave of Sept. 11 truly has subsided.

But, of course, it has not. Another, more serious news venue, NBC's "Meet the Press," spent all of its pre-Christmas Sunday morning hour exploring the moral and emotional aftereffects of the terrorist attacks with three reflective Americans: First Lady Laura Bush, Washington Cardinal Theodore McCarrick and New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani.

Giuliani had just been named Time magazine's "Person of the Year," but he wisely pointed to his city's police, firefighters and rescue workers as the real heroes of the World Trade Center disaster. He and the archbishop and Mrs. Bush all spoke eloquently of the strength they had drawn from meeting with the families of those who gave their lives trying to save others there and at the Pentagon and on the hijacked plane that crashed in Pennsylvania—and from those whose military kin are seeking to root out the terrorists in Afghanistan and other lands.

This was a difficult Christmas for all those with personal losses. But for the country as a whole, sympathy must be mixed with pride. What we have seen from the American people these past 15 weeks has been a demonstration

of strength and purpose and generosity of spirit worthy of a great nation. The people have set the standard, and many of our leaders have risen to the occasion.

Giuliani is the most notable example. The crisis, aggressive mayor, embroiled in a messy marital situation, was transformed by the tragedy, which called out a combination of sympathy and steadiness he had not previously shown. He lived up to the example his constituents were displaying.

Instead of pointing fingers at those who might be faulted for the catastrophic failure of national intelligence agencies, Americans declared that they had found renewed reason to trust the government—and each other—to respect and defend that country is on the right track.

If Osama bin Laden believed he could break the spirit of this free country by a murderous assault within its borders, he made a terrible miscalculation. It has simply forged a stronger sense of unity and the resolve to defend democracy.

The public will have strengthened our leaders. President Bush has been converted from the hesitant partisan he seemed to many before Sept. 11 into a broadly accepted symbol of national unity and a reliable wartime commander in chief, whose judgment is reinforced by an exceptionally strong national security team.

Congress has changed—and improved, as well. But even in a divided government, with micro-

scopic differences in the party balance in House and Senate, examples can be found of people working through their differences to enact useful legislation, not just on terrorism issues but on such fundamentals as election reform and education policy.

Those examples are important because there are challenges that cannot wait for the war on terrorism to end. With the war, the recession and scheduled tax cuts dissipating the promised surpluses, the budget next year will be the most difficult in almost a decade. The health care system is once again spinning out of control. The tensions between security measures and the protection of civil liberties are increasing.

All of this will test the judgment and temperament of our leaders. Fortunately, the people are showing the way.

David Broder is a columnist for the Washington Post.

## LETTER

### Share archeological finds

If I am enjoying the beautiful land that Idaho has to offer and happen to stumble upon an arrowhead or say maybe a spearhead 3 inches wide and 14 inches long, I should just leave it lay? My family used to go out for a day and do nothing but look for arrowheads. What a super, great, fantastic memory. Thanks, Dad.

So why is it wrong to retrieve these works of art and share with your friends or anyone else for that reason? It is against the law now to disturb or remove anything because—just because? It isn't like the state is running tours or saving sacred ground. I can understand it if it's an area where Indians have "spiritual" heritage

or any other reason not to disturb that certain area.

More than likely, no one will ever see things found and removed from remote areas such as the ones to be seen at the museum close to Hollister. If someone finds something to share with other people to me is way cool. In other words, if the dude finds some neat stuff and wants to share his findings, why should he be punished?

Have any of you Idahoans ever picked up, maybe just a piece of flint, or commonly known as "obsidian"? I think I'll take my son out and look for cow pies? I'll bet that someday some "astronomer" will say "no touchy." Please do not take the cow dung

because I say so? Excuse me, but that's ill-egale? I thought that was a sick bird. Oh, and by the way, don't even think about touching, let alone taking, a geode, or better known as thunder eggs. Also, don't even think about lava rock.

OK, I've got to come clean. Not too long ago, I found a rock that fits right into my hand. I am almost sure it was used for grinding grain. When I held it in my hand, it molds around my fingers. It makes the hair on the back of my head stand on end. Maybe some woman in the spirit world is looking all over hell for her tool. I don't think I'll take it back. I think the area is possessed.

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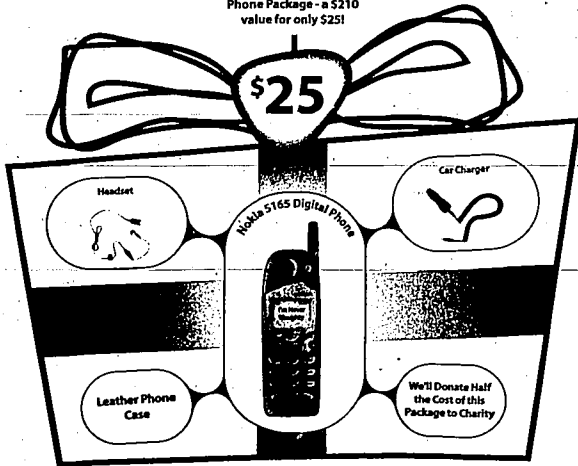
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YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Twin Falls Canal Company will be held on **Tuesday, the 8th day of January, 2002.** The meeting will be called to order by the Directors at 9:00 a.m. in the **Fine Arts Auditorium at the College of Southern Idaho** in Twin Falls.

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

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

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

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

Dated this 16th day of November 2001.

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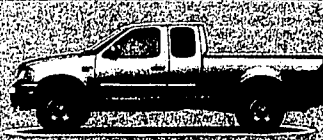


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## AROUND THE VALLEY

### Crash near Wendell claims Jerome man

**WENDELL** - A 26-year-old Jerome man died at the scene of a two-vehicle crash Tuesday near Wendell.

Francisco Munoz was not wearing a seat belt when the 1989 Buick Century he was driving collided with a 1990 Ford pickup being driven by Bob Scarrow, 43, from Jerome at the intersection of 2400 East and 3300 South at about 9:51 p.m., according to the Idaho State Police. Munoz was thrown from his car during the crash, according to the ISP.

Munoz was driving south on 2400 East, when he ran a stop sign and his car hit Scarrow's truck, according to the ISP.

Scarrow was taken to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls, where he was treated and released, a hospital spokeswoman said.

His passengers - Kyle Scarrow, 10, and Kinsey Scarrow, 16 - were both listed in serious condition Tuesday at St. Alphonse Regional Medical Center in Boise, according to the hospital.

Nobody in the Scarrow vehicle was apparently wearing a seatbelt, according to the ISP.

### Idaho puts state park passports on sale

**HAGERMAN** - The 2002 Idaho state park "annual passports" are on sale now at Malad Gorge State Park. Annual park passports allow any vehicle displaying a passport decal entry into all Idaho state parks for one calendar year without having to pay a daily entrance fee.

The annual passports will be sold for a reduced price of \$25 until Feb. 1. For those who have more than one vehicle registered in their names, second vehicle passports will cost \$5 each. The second vehicle must be registered under the same name that purchased the original passport. Passports must be adhered to the vehicle on the left-hand corner of the vehicle's windshield.

Passports can be purchased by contacting a state park employee or through the mail. To purchase a passport through the mail, send the name and address of purchaser, vehicle license number that the passport will be adhered to, who the vehicle is registered to, a check for the amount of purchase and a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Malad Gorge State Park, 1074 E. 2350 S., Hagerman, 83332.

For more information on the passport sale, call 837-4505.

### Developers will draw up plans for golf course

**HAILEY** - Developers for the proposed Quigley Canyon Golf Course hope to draw up architectural plans within the next few weeks to take a proposal before the city of Hailey in late January or early February.

A just-completed avalanche survey of the canyon looked favorable, said Keith Perry, president of the Blaine County Recreation District. But developers have to be designing the course and condominium development slightly since they ended up selling a different piece of land for the new high school development than they had planned.

### Idaho provides list of transportation projects

**TWIN FALLS** - The Idaho Transportation Department has identified about \$1 billion in transportation-related projects programmed for construction through 2006 and those in preliminary development.

The list of projects, known as the 2002-2006 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program, is now available to the public to view, an ITD news release said.

The ITD board of directors approved the STIP at its September meeting, the ITD said. To obtain a copy of the draft STIP, people may contact the Division of Transportation Planning at P.O. Box 7129, Boise, 83707-1129, or by telephone at (208) 334-8209.

The ITD district offices in Coeur d'Alene, Lewiston, Boise, Shoshone, Pocatello and Rigby also have copies available.

### Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Average
Upper Snake River	93 %
Salmon Falls Creek	149 %
Oakley Basin	194 %
Big and Little Wood	122 %
Malheur Falls	102 %

# Back from the brink

## Family attributes recovery to prayer

By Loretta Burkhardt  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - The power of prayer is getting all the credit for a Twin Falls teen-ager's "miraculous" recovery from injuries he sustained in an automobile accident more than two weeks ago.

The accident occurred when Chris Melni, 16, was returning home from a Christian youth conference with a group of his friends. Barbara Miciak, the group's leader and driver of the Subaru Outback in which Melni was a passenger, lost control of the vehicle on Interstate 84 near King Hill when a deer darted into the freeway.

According to an accident report, when the animal was struck, the car flipped, and Melni, whose seatbelt was either not fastened or came loose on impact, was ejected.

The 6-foot-3 Melni landed on his back, then slid to a stop in the slow lane of traffic. The car was still remarkably intact when it came to rest about 100 yards from where it had left the road. And while the driver and the three other passengers hung suspended from their seatbelts, prayer for a missing friend had already begun.

The group was returning from Illinoia, where they had spent almost a week worshipping with about 24,000 other young people. And when prayer requests were made from a cell phone at the crash scene, prayer chains began to form throughout the state and beyond, said Mark Melni, Christopher's father.

"That's about when the miracles began to happen," Mark Melni said.

He said an oncoming motorist - the only person who witnessed the accident - was able to stop in time to keep other drivers from running over what appeared to be a "lifeless" body. Also, a nurse was among the next three people to stop at the scene and stayed with Christopher until a Life Flight helicopter arrived from Saint Alphonse Regional Medical Center in Boise.

It was midnight when Mark Melni received word of the accident. While en route, he was given no hope for his son's survival. To make matters worse, the boy's mother, Mary, was also



Just two weeks ago, Chris Melni's family was told that he might die from injuries sustained in a car accident. Not only has he recovered, but he has resumed shooting hoops in the family's front yard.

in a hospital in Twin Falls. She had undergone major surgery just 24 hours prior to the accident.

The boy's mother needed to be told - a task Mark Melni would delegate to his father-in-law. And how do you tell a mother that her son is dying?

"Just like I've been trained to do," said retired law enforcement officer Robert Gother. "I told her that her son had been involved in an extremely serious accident and had sustained serious injuries, and when we receive more information (about Christopher's condition) I'd be

giving it to her."

That said, he helped to obtain an immediate release from the hospital for his daughter and transported her to Boise.

Although a comatose Melni had lived through emergency brain surgery to relieve the pressure caused by nine different hemorrhages, when Mark Melni arrived at the hospital, the prognosis had not changed.

"The doctor let me know that if he lived, there could be brain damage, and it was doubtful that he would ever walk again," the father said. Young Melni had suffered a broken back one year

prior in a football game.

Nevertheless, as he was holding his son's hand in the intensive care unit, "something that throws all logic out the window" happened.

"From one moment to the next, everything changed, and it's hard to put into words," he said. "I had been praying and was just standing there when everything in the room changed."

"I'm not a testimonial type of person, but I know that God entered that room. It wasn't just a feeling - it was something tangible." Please see MELNI, Page B3

## Countdown to torch's arrival in TF begins today

By Robert Mayer  
Times-News Writer

**TWIN FALLS** - Today marks exactly 30 days until the Olympic torch passes through Twin Falls on its way to Salt Lake City for the 2002 Olympic Winter Games.

To celebrate the countdown to Jan. 26, city officials, torchbearers and members of the community light a custom-made 5-foot flame at noon today, at the northeast corner of Blue Lakes Boulevard North and Pole Line Road.

The butane-fueled "Twin Falls Countdown Flame" is meant to burn continuously for the entire month.

"Everything is coming together just as we had planned it," said Randy Hansen, owner of a local Chevrolet dealership who is spearheading today's symbolic lighting. "I think it's going to be the biggest event we've ever had."

As one of the smallest cities on the Olympic torch route across the country, Twin Falls is planning to make it a giant-sized event, said Mayor Elaine Steele.

"This is a once-in-a-lifetime thing," she said.

Some estimate it may bring as many as 100,000 visitors to Twin Falls. Thirty-nine Magic Valley residents have been chosen to carry the flame through the city's streets, although the exact route won't be revealed until later for security reasons, Steele said.

The Olympic torch - now in New York - will enter its Idaho phase Jan. 25 in Boise, stop in Twin Falls, and then progress onto Pocatello and Idaho Falls before arriving in Salt Lake City's Olympic Stadium Feb. 8. The last time the torch made its way through Twin Falls was during the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles.

## Agency helps families get on their feet

By Nate Johnson  
Times-News writer

**BURLEY** - The Community Action Agency has bought two houses in Mini-Cassia to be used as part of the agency's transitional housing program for homeless families with children.

One house is located in Burley and the other in Rupert.

"These transitional homes are designed to help families 'get back on their feet,'" said Jim Fields, the agency's housing development director.

Participating families may stay for up to two years while the parents work to improve their financial positions.

The two Mini-Cassia houses need refrigerators, the carpets need cleaning, and the houses must receive approval from an Idaho housing inspector before anyone can occupy the units.

The housing program has already proven itself in Twin Falls and Jerome counties.

The agency helps families reach a point where they can make payments on their own houses. If the family needs food as it is getting started, or coats, or blankets that they can call Fields for assistance.

The agency may also help with gas money, medical emergencies, or things as simple as repairing a flat tire. Community Action Agency Case Manger Beckey Smith regularly meets with families to plan ways to achieve personal goals and balance finances.

"I ask them what their goals are and then go from there," Smith said.

Because Community Action Agency provides services besides the housing program, it already had the systems in place to give this multilateral assistance, Fields said.

In many cases, the families are ready to move out of their transitional houses before the two years are up. One family needed

# Sun Valley film stands the test of time

## Movie shows at Sun Valley Lodge and Inn every day

By Pat Murphy  
Times-News correspondent

**SUN VALLEY** - If the Guinness Book of World Records had such a category, the world's longest-running, most frequently shown Hollywood movie by a long shot would surely be "Sun Valley Serenade," the 1941 film that helped catapult the Idaho ski resort to international celebrity.

For at least the past 25 years, the film has been an entertainment staple at the Sun Valley Lodge and Inn, although the film is now 60 years old and its stars have long since passed on.

Promptly at 5 p.m. at least 200 days a year, the film is shown at the theater-sized Opera House on the grounds of the Sun Valley resort. That's some 5,000 showings.

And for the past 12 years, says hotel manager Dick Anderson, the movie has been broadcast on Channel 55 of the resort's in-house closed-circuit TV system - 16 times each day, 365 days a year.



That's an estimated 73,000 TV airings in just over a decade. Anderson, who joined the Sun Valley resort as beverage manager 25 years ago, says "Sun Valley Serenade" and one of the movie's songs, "It Happened in Sun Valley," have had a "huge" influence in the resort achieving

worldwide recognition. The 86-minute film, nominated for three Oscars - best cinematography, best musical score, best song ("Chattanooga Choo Choo") - today at the resort attracts audiences that first saw it when they were children.

"People love it," Anderson said. "But we're worried we're losing some of our audience" because of death. The plot is strictly pre-World War II, Hollywood romantic comedy. Dimple-cheeked Norwegian skating star Sonja Henie, playing

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MAGIC VALLEY

# Northwest demand for natural gas grows

**KENNEWICK, Wash. (AP)** — The demand for natural gas has grown by more than 150 percent in less than 20 years in the Northwest.

And with nine new natural-gas-fired power plants either recently completed or under construction, analysts are starting to look at the long-term availability of affordable supply and the timely addition of pipeline capacity.

"These are legitimate concerns," said Dick Watson of the four-state Northwest Power Planning Council, which will study natural gas in an 18-month review of the region's electricity systems.

Natural gas for home heat became popular in the 1980s, and consumption continued to increase in the 1990s with the start-up of new gas-fired power plants in places such as Hermiston, Ore., Rathdrum, Idaho and Vancouver, Wash.

The majority of new power generation under construction in the region now is also gas-fired because the plants are relatively inexpensive to build, considered more environmentally friendly than nuclear or coal power and require on-investment are more certain.

But the building boom has added pressure to identify new sources of natural gas to fuel the plants, along with meeting demands of residential and business customers.

The number of wells being

**Analysts evaluate industry's future in region**

drilled annually in the rich gas fields of Alberta and British Columbia has more than doubled since 1995, but the deposits tend to be smaller, than earlier developments.

"You have to run faster and faster to stay in place," said Arne Olson, who edited a recent study of the regional natural gas industry done by the Washington Office of Trade and Economic Development's energy policy division.

Most agree there's plenty of gas available — both in Canada and the Rocky Mountains, but the cost will rise because more wells must be drilled to get the same amount of gas.

Alternative sources are uncertain. Constructing pipelines to new sources in Alaska and northern Canada, where weather could increase wear and tear on drilling rigs, can be very expensive.

Coal-bed methane could be another source for gas but likely would be expensive and could present environmental problems. Deep-water drilling in the Gulf of Mexico also could face environmental limitations.

Importing liquefied natural gas from Australia or the Middle East is problematic because one-quarter of it would evaporate in transit.

"There's a bunch of concerns we don't understand really well," said Mike Warwick, a Portland-based energy consultant for the U.S. Department of Energy's Pacific Northwest National Laboratory in Richland.

"All of those things look like they're pushing the price up."

Natural gas customers can expect increasing competition for supply in the coming years.

"The low prices we experienced a couple years ago are not likely to reappear," said John Jones, director of the Northwest Gas Association, which represents regional gas utilities.

Power plants are major consumers. A 1,300-megawatt project proposed for Wallula, now in the permit approval process, would by itself be able to burn 13 percent of the gas consumed in 1999 in the states of Washington,

Oregon and Idaho combined.

Last year's opening of the Alliance Pipeline, which greatly improved the Midwest's access to well fields in western Canada, also introduced competition for the source of two-thirds of the Northwest's gas.

Transmission systems operated by Northwest Pipeline, which draws on Canadian and Rocky Mountain supplies, and PG&E Gas Transmission Northwest, which carries gas from eastern British Columbia through Eastern Washington en route to California, are running at capacity.

Incremental expansions are planned for each, but not enough to serve all of the plants receiving permits. Though costly, pipelines can be expanded with relative ease, either by adding compressor stations or laying new pipe parallel to existing ones.

From beginning to end, expansion projects can take up to three years.

Industry analysts seem confident pipelines will be sufficiently expanded to satisfy demands for more gas.

Still, the state study warns that if new gas fields and pipelines aren't developed in a timely manner, "the industry may experience price spikes leading to temporary economic dislocation, long-term upward pressure on gas prices, or both."

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— excerpt from industry study

## WIPEOUT



Scott Selby, 7, of Boise, lands hard Tuesday after trying out his new snowboard, a Christmas present from Santa.

## SERVICES

**Yvonne Diane Kindall of Jerome, service at noon today, at Farnsworth Mortuary Chapel, 1343 S. Lincoln. Jerome; burial will follow at the Jerome Cemetery.**

**Opal J. Boile of Heyburn, viewing for family and friends will be held from 6-8 p.m. today at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel; graveside service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Roosevelt Cemetery in Roosevelt, Utah.**

**Nay Granville Lakness of Twin Falls, graveside service at 2 p.m. Thursday at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls; friends may call from 4-8 p.m. today at White Mortuary.**

**George Wilbur Babcock of Gooding, service at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Gooding First Christian Church; burial will follow at Elmwood Cemetery; viewing will be held from 1-7 p.m. today at Demaray's Gooding Chapel.**

**Mary Armstrong Johnson of Orem, Utah, and formerly of Butte, service at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Sharon 3rd Ward building, 445 S. 700 E., Orem, Utah; viewing will be held from 6-8:30 p.m. today at the Sundberg/Olpin**

**Mortuary, 495 S. State St., Orem, or one hour before the funeral Thursday at the chapel; memorial service at 1 p.m. Friday at the Bull 1st Ward building on East Main Street; burial at the Bull Chapel.**

**Rodney Lee Arterburn of Hagerman, service at 10 a.m. Thursday at the Hagerman LDS Church; burial will follow at the Hagerman Cemetery.**

**Andrew Blaine Gerard of Twin Falls, service at 10 a.m. Thursday at the Twin Falls First Ward LDS Church, 847 Eastland; friends may call one hour before the service; burial will follow at 3 p.m. at the Grove City Cemetery in Haddockfoot (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, Twin Falls).**

**Robin Marie Henderson Hale of Heyburn, service at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel; burial will follow; friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel.**

**William S. Cline of Eden, memorial service at 2 p.m. Friday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home.**

**Lutie R. Reynolds of Twin Falls, service at 10 a.m. Friday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls; burial will follow at a later time at Sunset Memorial Park.**

**Holly Hernandez of Burley, service at 11 a.m. Friday at the Pella LDS 1st Ward Chapel; friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel.**

**Elsie G. Ruberry of Glens Ferry, service at 1:30 p.m. Friday at the Veterans of Foreign Wars' Hall in Glens Ferry; burial will follow at Glenn Rest Cemetery in Glens Ferry (Summers Funeral Home, McMurry Chapel, Mountain Home).**

**Glen Panko of Burley, a gathering in his memory will be held from 6-8 p.m. Friday at Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel.**

**Dorothy M. Alexander of Shoshone, memorial service at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Episcopal Church in Shoshone.**

**Ray Anker Anderson of Twin Falls, memorial service at 2 p.m. Saturday at First Presbyterian Church in Twin Falls (White Mortuary, Twin Falls).**

## Kempthorne appoints replacement senator

**BOISE (AP)** — Gov. Dirk Kempthorne has named Rexburg accountant Brent Hill to replace Republican Sen. Bob Lee in the Idaho Senate.

Hill, 52, is President and Chief Executive Officer of Rudd & Company, a certified accounting firm with offices in Idaho, Montana and Wyoming. He was the first choice of local Republicans who submitted three names to fill the District 27 seat.

"Brent will bring a sharp business mind and fiscal expertise to the State Senate," Kempthorne said in a prepared statement. "He's demonstrated leadership in Madison County, and has a good working relationship with local elected officials, law agencies schools and institutions."

Lee resigned in late November due to ongoing chemotherapy treatment. He was serving his fourth term.

Hill has served as Chairman of the Madison County Coordinating Committee, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Family Crisis Center, Chairman of the Utah State University School of Accountancy Advisory Board. He attended Ricks College and Utah State.

The other nominees for the position were Gary Ball and Jerry Jeppson.

## California man dies snowmobiling

**COEUR D'ALENE (AP)** — A 58-year-old California man died Sunday while snowmobiling in northeast Kootenai County.

Officials say a heart attack apparently caused the death of Roy E. Peters of Marysville, Calif. The man was reported to have a history of heart problems.

Peters was one of a group of snowmobile riders on an outing in the Panhandle National Forest. When he was discovered missing, the group backtracked a short distance and found Peters lying in the trail.

Kootenai County Sheriff's deputies and a Medstar helicopter arrived at the scene and determined Peters was dead, according to a Sheriff's Department statement.

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## DEATH NOTICES

**Reta Holtman**  
MALTA — Reta Oman Holtman, 85-year-old Malta resident, died Tuesday (Christmas morning), Dec. 25, 2001, at the South Davis Community Hospital in Bountiful, Utah.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 29, 2001, at the Malta First and Second Ward Chapel of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, with Bishop Devan W. Tolman officiating. Interment will follow at Valley Vu Cemetery.

Friends may call at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 East 16th Street, Burley, on Friday, from 6 until 8 p.m., and at the church on Saturday, from 10 until 10:45 a.m.

A complete obituary will appear in Thursday's edition of *The Times-News*.

**Arthur Chatburn**  
TWIN FALLS — Arthur Chatburn, 92, of Twin Falls died Monday, Dec. 24 at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

Funeral arrangement will be announced by White Mortuary.

**Walter F. Bowman**  
TWIN FALLS — Walter F. Bowman, 41, of Twin Falls died Monday, Dec. 24 at his home. Funeral arrangements will be announced by White Mortuary.

**Iris Good**  
JEROME — Iris Good, 95, of Jerome died Tuesday, Dec. 25 at St. Benedict's Care Center in Jerome. Funeral arrangements will be announced by White Mortuary.

**Jon D. Hansen**  
TWIN FALLS — Jon D. Hansen, 48, of Twin Falls died Monday, Dec. 24, 2001 at the L.D.S. Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Services are pending and will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls.

**Helen A. Fallis**  
TWIN FALLS — Helen A. Fallis,

95, of Twin Falls died Monday, Dec. 24, 2001 at Bridgeview Estates in Twin Falls.

Services are pending and will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls.

**Kathleen Elizabeth Day**  
GOODING — Kathleen Elizabeth Day, 89, a resident of Gooding, died Monday, Dec. 24, 2001 at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Funeral arrangements are pending and will be announced by Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

**Francisco Basilio Munoz**  
JEROME — Francisco Basilio Munoz, 26, a resident of Jerome, died Monday, Dec. 24, 2001 in rural Gooding County of injuries from an auto accident.

Funeral arrangements are pending and will be announced by Demaray Funeral Service, Gooding.

## Police give winter driving instruction

**COEUR D'ALENE (AP)** — The first ever winter driving class offered by the Idaho State Police drew a roomful of people.

The class hung on Trooper Mark Todd's every word, as he explained the pitfalls of snow-bound driving.

He said driving safely in the winter is about being attentive, defensive and mindful.

"It seems like driving isn't a special thing anymore," Todd said. "We wake up, turn the car on and go on autopilot."

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**TWIN FALLS**

**Ann and Kennedy Davis**

J.D. and Tammy Davis would like to announce the birth and death of their twin girls on Wednesday, December 19, 2001.

Ann and Kennedy Davis were life but not enter this world with life but with a lot of love. They were only with us for 24 weeks but our lives are forever touched.

No services are scheduled at this time. Arrangements are under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls.

# Rupert beet hauling wraps up early

By Shari Chaney  
Times-News writer

**RUPERT** – Sugar beets have already been hauled away from a new beet dump in Rupert which was initially thought to pose a potential problem because it required trucks to pass through a school zone and residential area. Amalgamated Sugar Co. Agricultural District Manager John Schorr said many of the beets from the dump near 700 N. Meridian were hauled during the school's Thanksgiving break. The rest were taken out the weekend of Dec. 15 and 16.

Earlier in the year, the Minidoka County School District and city of Rupert had sought restrictions on hauling from the

## Potential conflict with school zone, residential area never materializes

beet dump because beet trucks would have had to travel through a school zone and residential area. Amalgamated officials agreed to haul beets during the Christmas holidays when school would not be in session, to ease those concerns.

However, Schorr said, sugar company officials wanted to get the beets hauled out as quickly as possible.

Rupert Police Chief Ken Fedders said he did not know of any problems or complaints with the beet hauling.

"I haven't heard of any,"

Fedders said.

The restricted hauling worked out OK, Schorr said, but other years it may not work so well. The company is looking for other routes to and from the beet dump but needs the support of the highway district to find an alternative route.

This particular dump is a new beet dump this year, created because it was closer to many growers, which saves on hauling costs, Schorr said.

The company did schedule larger amounts of beets to come out than it would have if restrictions had not

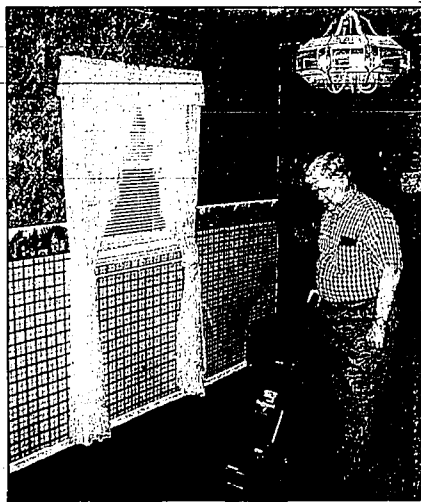
been in place, Schorr said.

"We put in extra effort," Schorr said.

The restrictions did not allow the beet pile to be stripped, which allows air to flow better around the beets. With the long, warm fall, Schorr said, it was a challenge to keep the beets cool. Stripping would have helped.

Alternate routes have not been settled on yet, but Amalgamated is working with the city of Rupert and the Minidoka County Highway District to come up with better solutions, Schorr said.

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Jim Fields, housing director for the Community Action Agency, cleans up a house in Burley. A homeless family will move into the house early next year through the agency's transitional housing program.

# Time runs short for historic Lewiston mansion

## Demolition looms despite objections

**LEWISTON (AP)** – The historic Hurlbut Mansion is scheduled to be demolished Wednesday, despite objections from the state historic society and city residents.

"Nobody came with any papers," Bud Wenstrom, head of the wrecking crew, said.

Without notice to do otherwise, the crew will begin demolition the morning after Christmas, he said.

The turn-of-the-century building features Corinthian columns on the porch and oak interiors. It was the site of a children's home for 50 years.

The demolition project is being

paid for by a \$47,000 federal grant, Dorlan Hergeshimer, the director of Lewis-Clark Early Childhood Program, said.

The program leases the mansion and three other buildings on the property.

Hergeshimer could not be reached to comment on developments since Friday, when the Idaho State Historical Society learned of the plan to level the building.

The state agency has not been consulted but it should have been, Don Watts, historical

preservation planner, said.

According to the National Historical Preservation Act of 1966, any federal agency that is funding activities near historical sites must review the impact of the activity before awarding the money, Watts said.

"It'd certainly be an adverse effect," he said. "It appears to me that something fell through the cracks at the federal level."

The building is not listed as historic, but does not have to be on the list, only eligible for the list to qualify as a historic

site, Watts said.

"This is something that definitely should have gone through our office before the grant was issued," Watts said.

The state historical society does not approve or reject grants, but consults with agencies on alternatives to destroying the properties.

Watts attempted to contact Health and Human Services in Seattle – the agency funding the project – on Friday and Monday but had not been called back. With the holidays, he said is not optimistic that he will hear from the agency soon.

## Housing

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only six months to get their finances turned around, Fields said. Rent payments equal 30 percent of the family's income.

It helps that the program selects families who are willing to do their part.

"We try to find families where the parents are really trying. It's not just a free house," Fields said.

food are the only real necessities, sometimes it's the little things that matter for a family.

"There are some things we've gotten to enjoy that aren't a big deal, but for us are huge things," Tom Hooper said. Those include the extra money for his daughters to take clogging lessons.

Seeing his 3-year-old daughter dance at the Festival of Trees and watching his son play high school football are important to Tom Hooper.

## A family gets help

Hard luck can affect even the most hard-working family. Tom and Tasha Hooper moved to Idaho from Fullerton, Calif., when Tasha Hooper received a job offer in the Magic Valley.

"It was time to go," Tom Hooper said. With drive-by shootings and a bomb threat at the local school on Adolf Hitler's birthday, the Hoopers were ready to get out of Fullerton. When they got to the Magic Valley, they couldn't find an affordable place to live, the family car broke down and, with Tasha Hooper training for her job, they ran out of money. The Hoopers then found themselves at the Valley House homeless shelter.

"It's just awesome," he said.

The Community Action Agency uses money from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Idaho Housing and Finance and a private grant to buy the homes.

Together, the housing program has used the grants and loans to purchase six houses, a duplex and three apartments.

Fields thought it was important to have the families in scattered locations rather than making a new version of the large urban housing "projects." The houses are in good neighborhoods, and all are clean, comfortable and sturdy.

# Farm workers get upgrade to housing complex

**HAMMETT (AP)** – Rosario Cortes is not dreaming of high-tech gadgets for Christmas. All she wants is a new vinyl floor in her apartment.

The floor she has is so worn that the concrete shows through in her family's living room, hallways and bedrooms.

"It's hard to make it look nice," she said through an interpreter. "I clean it all the time, but it doesn't look good."

The Cortes family lives at Comunidad Juan Mayoral, a housing complex for farm workers in Blaine County.

With help from the Idaho Migrant Council, Idaho Power

and the federal government, the apartments there are being renovated – for the first time ever – winterized.

And Cortes will get her new floor, even if it is a bit late for Christmas.

The economy in this area would take a big hit if these people weren't here," Sam Byrd, the migrant council's interim director, said. "People have the idea that migrant workers come here, do their work and move on. The reality is that they come and stay because there's opportunity here. They deserve a decent place to live."

Some migrant families do

move on when the season ends, but many, like the Corteses, are choosing to stay. Byrd said as many as half of the estimated 25,000 to 30,000 migrant laborers who work the fields of Idaho now stay in the state all year.

"People have their kids in school and don't want to disrupt their lives by leaving the area," Byrd said.

With an average annual income of \$10,000, few migrant workers can afford to buy homes. Along with the apartments at Hammett, the Migrant Council has built two more complexes at Blackfoot, Dubois, Heyburn, American Falls and two in Twin

Falls. Local organizations provide housing in Caldwell, Nampa and Wilder.

"That's not nearly enough to fill the need," Byrd said.

The work is being done with a \$230,000 federal grant, \$65,000 from the El-Ade Community Action Agency and \$10,000 in winterization funds from Idaho Power Co.

All the apartments will be finished by spring. The Corteses' apartment should be finished in January.

"I found was going to buy me a rug for Christmas, but I told her I don't need it anymore," she said. "I'm getting a new floor."

# Two Ogden women spend Christmas at Ground Zero

**OGDEN, Utah (AP)** – Two local Red Cross volunteers, Kathy Allen and Catherine Clarke, are spending their Christmas helping others about a block from ground zero.

Clarke, 48, is in the middle of her second tour as a volunteer in New York City while Allen is beginning her first national disaster assignment, having arrived in the city two days before Christmas.

"I said goodbye to my 3-year-old grandson at the airport Sunday," Allen said. "That was a bit hard. But walking to the subway Monday, I imagined what

these people went through on Sept. 11 and an glad I came. I hope I can help."

Allen will be working with reporters and reports during her stay in New York City.

"I felt I needed to be here and give part of myself. My family understands I need to do this and they support me," Allen said.

"We'll have Christmas together when I return."

Clarke works at Service Center No. 1 in Chinatown, helping to feed families of victims who lost their lives Sept. 11.

"A whole generation of Cantonese were lost. They oper-

ated a farmer's market underneath the World Trade Center," Clarke said. "We feed grandparents who don't speak English, who come with their grandchildren who do. The parents are gone."

The number of outside volunteers in the area has shrunk with the onset of the holidays. As others head out for a breather, volunteers like Clarke and Allen headed in.

"I had never done anything like this before. Before 9-11, I worked on a disaster team for house fires in Ogden," Clarke said. She signed up for the national team

shortly after Sept. 11.

On Christmas, a day off for the volunteers, Clarke hopes to visit the World Trade Center for the first time.

"They found more bodies today. The digging will continue on Christmas," Clarke said.

Clarke will return to Ogden Jan. 24 to prepare to work as a Red Cross volunteer at the Winter Olympic Games. Once the games are over, she wants to return to New York City.

"Everyone has been so absolutely nice and wonderful," Clarke said. "People are sorry it happened, but some good has come out of it."

## Driving while on the phone issue comes before Legislature

**SALT LAKE CITY (AP)** – Legislators are again being asked to prohibit drivers from allowing themselves to be distracted by using hand-held cell phones or by other activities.

Republican Reps. Kory Holdaway of Taylorsville and Chad E. Bennett of Murray have proposed separate bills that place cell-phone conversations on a list of distractions that could result in a fine for drivers.

"This is something we can live with and something that is necessary," said Holdaway, an educator.

"The climate of the Legislature is interesting and

whether or not I'm able to get it through or not is going to be a question. But I've got my fingers crossed."

Holdaway's HB67, Penalty for Distracted Driving, would address driving while using a hand-held phone, computer or fax machine just as his HB182 did last year. HB182 was defeated in the House by a 38-33 vote.

This year's version has been expanded to also apply to combing hair, applying lipstick, shaving, eating, drinking, smoking, changing clothes and watching TV while driving.

## Expert warns against private firm's ambulance service

**COEUR D'ALENE (AP)** – A national expert on ambulance services says Kootenai County faces several pitfalls if it goes forward with a private company.

Officials are continuing negotiations with American Medical Response, a national firm with offices in Spokane, with only a few days left before 31 laid-off paramedics and Emergency Medical Technicians leave their jobs.

Commissioner Ron Rankin on Monday said "the county will make a decision later this week."

John Sinclair, who speaks to national conferences held on

Emergency Medical Service issues, heard about Kootenai County's problems through e-mail postings.

"It's quite frankly sad," Sinclair, the deputy chief of Central Pierce County Fire and Rescue near Tacoma, said. "You're trying to have an EMS system in a community that the community couldn't support. Where do you go from here?"

Rankin said he thinks it is pretty simple, do not give more money to a system that failed.

"The fire districts had total and absolute control ... and they bombed out," Rankin said.

## Melni

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– and I know it was God, and that's when I knew that Christopher would be OK. I'm still in awe when I think about it," Mark Melni said.

That same morning when the head nurse told the neurosurgeon that Christopher was responding to voices, he assured her that the responses were involuntary. But while standing at the foot of his patient's bed, the doctor asked how he was doing, to which Christopher responded with a "very definite thumbs-up," Mark Melni said.

At that point, he was given a 50-50 chance at life.

Nevertheless, within seven hours of the crash, the swelling in his head was gone, and only two small hemorrhages were detected.

The Life Flight pilot had to see for himself and visited Christopher during his recovery.

There were no broken bones, and within a week, Christopher walked into the hospital room where Miciak was recovering.

When she saw him, she cried. Miciak has since been released from the hospital as well.

According to his father, a week after he arrived home he had lost some weight, but there are no visible scars.

And now, what Mark Melni thought would be the worst Christmas season of his life has turned out to be the best.

And what does the young Melni have to say about the whole ordeal?

"First, I really can't say that I remember anything about the accident, but if I could warn anyone about anything it would be to always wear your seat belt and leave it on," Melni said.

And how does the future look for the sophomore who attends the Twin Falls Christian Academy?

"Well, I know I won't be playing any more football, but I'm fine with that."

Times-News correspondent Loreta Burkhardt can be reached at Twin Falls at 734-3990.

## Movie

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A wartime refugee, breaks up the romance between John Payne, being as a piano player in the real life Miller Orchestra, and actress Lynn Bari, playing a band singer. Comic relief is provided by Milton Berle, who hit his stride generations later as a pioneer in television.

Ironically, not much of the film was actually produced in Sun Valley, although the stars visited the area. Actors performed on Hollywood sound stages where skating rinks and interior sets resembling snow-covered Sun Valley were created, according to Chris Millsbaugh, chief archivist at the Ketchum Community Library's Idaho history section.

Several Sun Valley skiers, however, doubled for the stars. Skier Gretchen Frazier, an Olympic gold medalist and for whom the lodge's Gretchen's restaurant is named, posed as Henie in a ski scene, for example.

"Sun Valley Serenade" created an immediate and impressive following. According to Wendolyn Spruce, Hottel's large book "Sun Valley: An Extraordinary History," the Shah of Iran booked a Sun Valley ski vacation for his family and royal entourage after seeing the film.

Also after seeing the film, Swedish national ski celebrity, Leif Odmark traveled to Sun Valley – and ended up working as a ski teacher for 22 years at the

resort.

Archivist Millsbaugh points out that a trailer film, "I Met Him in Paris" (1937), starring Claudette Colbert, was mostly filmed in Sun Valley. In fact, one of the Hollywood-designed sets, built north of Ketchum near Baker Creek served as an architect's office in Spokane, with only a few days left before 31 laid-off paramedics and Emergency Medical Technicians leave their jobs.

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gave a lot of the credit for the resort's reputation to the movie "Hannagan, a premiere publicist of the '30s and '40s who lured reigning movie stars of those days to visit and vacation in Sun Valley.

Pictures of them skiing, hunting and hiking flooded the western newspapers and magazines, which generously identified the setting as Sun Valley. This publicity in turn lured other celebrities. Over the years, the parade of celebrities in sports, entertainment, business and politics provided the Sun Valley Lodge with a bonanza of publicity photos that now serve as a gallery of history along the resort's lobby halls.

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# Final defendant in Nevada horse shooting will plead guilty

RENO, Nev. (AP) - A third man charged in the slaughter of dozens of wild horses near Reno will plead guilty to a single gross misdemeanor, his attorney said Monday.

The decision by Darian Brock follows plea agreements reached last week with two co-defendants, Scott Brendle and Anthony Merlino, and brings the 3-year-old case near conclusion.

"Mr. Brock is going to be pleading to a single gross misdemeanor count regarding the killing and/or maiming of an animal," attorney Marc Picker told The Associated Press.

The gross misdemeanor carries a maximum penalty of one year in jail and a \$2,000 fine.

"This accurately reflects his involvement, which we believe is limited to holding a search light and allowing Mr. Brendle to shoot a horse," Picker said.

Merlino has agreed to plead guilty to a misdemeanor, his attorney, Scott Freeman, said last week.

Deputy District Attorney Sharon Claassen said Brendle was also prepared to plead guilty to a gross misdemeanor. Brendle's attorney, John Ohlson, could not be reached for comment.

A court date for the three to officially enter their pleas was not immediately set.

Picker said it would likely take place on or before Jan. 7 - the date they had been scheduled to stand trial after more than two years of legal wrangling, a rare change of venue and an appeal to the Nevada Supreme Court.

Brock and Brendle also received the equivalent of dishonorable discharges from the Marines after their arrests.

The mass slaughter of 33 mustangs in the hills east of Reno sparked international outrage at Christmastime 1998.

Merlino, 23, a Reno construction worker, admitted he shot one injured horse to put it out of its misery but insisted he played no role in the massacre.

The three were arrested in February 1999 and originally accused of killing more than 30 mustangs just south of Interstate 80 on the outskirts of Sparks, Nev., on Dec. 27, 1998.

The three former high school buddies from Reno admitted they were in the canyon shooting guns that day, but said most of the horses had already been slaughtered when they came upon them.

First Judicial District Judge Michael Griffin had dismissed all but one charge against each young man involving one horse, but the county appealed to the state Supreme Court and won the right

to reinstate charges for seven additional horses.

Late last week, Claassen indicated plans to reinstate those charges against Brock, a decorated former Marine sharpshooter who told police he fired a high-powered rifle into a herd of horses but didn't believe he hit any.

Picker said that under the plea agreement, his client will only be charged with a single count.

"I understand she has a somewhat different position on the number of horses Mr. Brock is responsible for," Picker said of the prosecutor, "but I believe this is the appropriate resolution."

## Oregon suspects escapee in assault

SALEM, Ore. (AP) - A convicted rapist and kidnapper who escaped from an Oregon state prison is suspected of assaulting a woman and forcing her to drive him to a state park, authorities said.

Leighton Bates, 41, apparently escaped from the medium-security Oregon State Correctional Institute on Monday by hiding in a delivery truck, said Gerald Long, a corrections department spokesman.

Bates then hid in the laundry room of an apartment complex and took a woman hostage, said Salem police Sgt. Jim Miller.

Miller said Bates forced the woman, who was in her mid-40s, back to her apartment and stayed overnight. The woman's son, in his 20s, was also held hostage, Miller said.

Bates said the woman was assaulted. He declined to give further details.

Police believe Bates armed himself with two kitchen knives and dressed in the son's clothing before having the woman drive him to Silver Falls State Park, about 20 miles east of Salem. He left her at about 8 a.m. "We don't need this jerk running around in the woods," Miller said.

Police were warning campers in the park and several residents who live nearby, and said Bates may have called someone to meet him.

Bates was serving time for charges including rape, kidnapping and robbery. The earliest he could have been released was December 2007. He was convicted after he posed in April as a stranded motorist and kidnapped and raped a Eugene teen.



Leighton Bates

## A LABOR OF LOVE



Molly Stuart of Random Acts of Kindness works at her office in downtown Denver.

## Advocates promote kindness as healthy habit

DENVER (AP) - Molly Stuart's Christmas wish list is longer than most, even though it lacks the usual electronic gadgets, jewelry or other gifts.

Stuart is president of the Random Acts of Kindness Foundation, and her goal is to make kindness habit forming.

"We're a clearinghouse for kindness. We are grassroots, and don't initiate projects. We provide support materials, all free," she said.

The philosophy of practicing "random acts of kindness and senseless acts of beauty" was coined two decades ago by Ann Herbert, an activist writer in the San Francisco area, as an antidote for the random acts of violence that had become so common.

Later it was popularized in a book by Conari Press, and once was a popular car bumper sticker.

Stuart's foundation has a staff of seven and a budget of \$1 million donated by an anonymous philanthropist. It moved to Colorado from Berkeley, Calif., in February 2000.

"Every day, 100 people call us thinking they can change the world. Some call because they want to feel like they are part of something greater. They enter the world of do-gooding through us and then they find something they have a passion for like helping animal shelters," Stuart said.

She knows the odds are against success, saying, "I don't expect in

my lifetime to see kindness spread around the world." Her organization, working from a downtown office building, provides support for groups in 135 other countries.

"About 20,000 people are in active consultation with us. Schools are our primary users," she said. Thirty-five thousand teachers have gotten guides or other help for 800,000 students.

Bonnie Cazolao of Cortland, N.Y., coordinates staff development for two school districts. "I read in 1997 that they had a teachers' guide that was free so I sent for it," she said.

In the latest project, teachers were given donated Lifesavers to

hand out to each child observed committing a kind act or who described something kind done for them, she said.

"I love the people there. They have been very kind to me," Cazolao said.

The Rev. Debbie Taylor, a chaplain at Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City, Mo., also has worked with the foundation. "Kindness is the only thing I can think of that is going to get us up out of our cynicism," said the non-denominational minister.

The late psychiatrist Dr. Karl Menninger was among the first to document the health benefits derived from helping others. "Love cures people - both the ones who give it and the ones who receive it," Menninger said.

*"Everyday, 100 people call us thinking they can change the world."*

- Molly Stuart.

## Smog covers SLC valley

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - No one sang about dreaming of a smoggy Christmas, but that's what northern Utah valleys are starting to have during the season's first prolonged temperature inversion.

Wasatch Front residents can expect gunk to start accumulating in the air this week, said Dave Sanders of the National Weather Service.

"We've gone several years with no bad inversions," Sanders said Monday. "People may be shocked."

A huge high-pressure area hangs over most of the West and Sanders expects it to persist until at least the end of the week.

An inversion occurs when warmer air aloft traps cold air in the valleys - along with pollutants from automobiles, wood stoves and industry.

"It's a very strong inversion," Sanders said. "Absent any precipitation, it will get gradually worse."

Sanders said a weak front, expected to arrive Wednesday, might could usher in some cloudiness but it won't be strong enough to stir the inversion.

"Even with what we expect to break through, the valleys will stay stagnant," he said.

"Valley areas are not expected to see any snow until the end of the week, although the mountains may see a dusting on Friday."

Nighttime temperatures Sunday were well below zero in some locations, but no records were broken.

Logan hit 14 below, Randolph was at 12 below, Bear Lake 10 below, Bryce Canyon 9 below, Vernal 2 below and Green River was minus 4.

## Police seek missing parents, sister of two dead children

WALDPORT, Ore. (AP) - Police were seeking the whereabouts of the parents and young sister of two children whose bodies were found in a coastal inlet.

The boy and girl whose bodies were discovered in Alsea Bay last week, recently moved to Oregon with their parents and a younger sister, who are all missing, the authorities said Monday.

Five-year-old Zachary Michael Longo was found last Wednesday, floating in the bay. His sister, 3-year-old Sadie Ann Longo, was found three days later by divers searching for clues into the boy's death. Their deaths have been ruled homicides.

The children moved to the coastal city of Newport from Ypsilanti, Mich., about three months ago with their parents, Christian Michael Longo, 27, and Mary Jane Longo, 35, and a 2-year-old sister, Madison.

Lincoln County District Attorney Bernice Barnett said she did not know why the family moved here, nor what has become of them.

"We just don't know," Barnett said.

Police have said the parents might be the culprits and they might be additional victims.

Neighbors back in Michigan described the Longos as avid boaters who were religious.

"She was a stay-at-home mom," said Nicole Chiverton of Ann Arbor, who lived across the street from the Longos until February or March. "I'd see her and the kids in the morning riding their bikes up and down the street."



From left, Laurie Larson, Rana Morow and Sharon Pellis leave a memorial service for Zachary Longo and Sadie Ann Longo Monday in Walport, Ore.

Another neighbor, Lewis Ulinder, said: "If there was somebody to suspect, it wouldn't be those people."

Police said the Longos had no record of child abuse, Christian Longo is currently on probation for forgery and passing bad checks.

Residents planned a prayer service Monday to remember the children. A steady stream of cars stopped at a bridge close to where the children were found; many people left teddy bears, balloons, and cards. Residents also planned a candlelight memorial

for Christmas night.

"Something like this that happens in a small town is personal to everyone," said Gary Besette of nearby Tidewater. "The more I think about it, the more I want to cry."

Family members declined to talk about the couple and their children. Mary Jane Longo's sister Sally, who lives in Ann Arbor, said Oregon investigators asked them not to talk to the media.

"We don't want to do anything to hurt the investigation," she told the (Salem) Statesman Journal Monday night.

Police in a Portland suburb reported Monday that they found a van last week that the family had been driving. It was abandoned in front of car dealership. Moreover, it was listed as a stolen vehicle nearly two years ago by the police department in Sylvania, Ohio.

Police are still looking for another car that belongs to the family, a dark green Dodge Durango with a Michigan license plate.

An autopsy of the boy's body, found in a small coastal inlet that feeds Alsea Bay, revealed no obvi-

ous signs of trauma. An autopsy of the girl's body was conducted Sunday, but authorities did not divulge the cause of death.

Police believe the girl died at about the same time as the boy; her body appeared to have been in the water since Wednesday.

Police had been focusing on a white Mitsubishi Eclipse with California license plates that was parked for hours near Walport. Neighbors had reported seeing the car parked in an out-of-the-way private drive on the day the boy's body drifted to shore.

The male driver at first seemed asleep behind the wheel, then got out and stood by the car. Witnesses said the man seemed to look down a forested canyon beside the road, said Lt. Ed Stallard of the Lincoln County sheriff's office.

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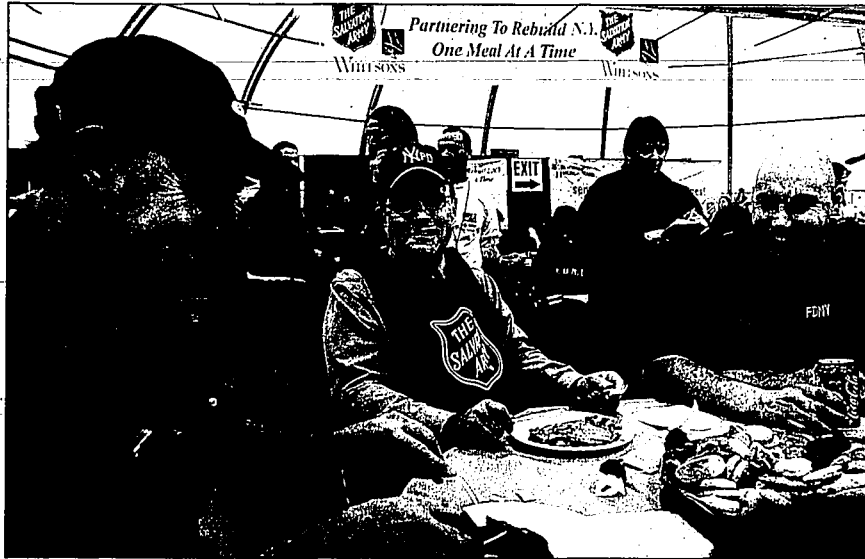
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Pope John-Paul II delivers his traditional blessing, 'Urbi et Orbi' (Latin for 'to the city and to the world'), at St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican Tuesday. Calling young people the hope of humanity, the pope dedicated much of his Christmas message to children, and prayed that religion never be an excuse for intolerance and violence.



Britain's Capt. Harry Scrope, 27, eats a freeze-dried ration meal as Christmas Day dinner Tuesday on the Antarctic Peninsula. Sixteen members of the British Army Antarctic Expedition are spending three months on the Peninsula.



New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, center, eats with firefighters Bob Antonelli, left, and Thomas Goncalves Tuesday during a Christmas dinner served by the Salvation Army for workers at the World Trade Center Ground Zero in New York.

# A look at Christmas 2001

A U.S. special forces soldier adjusts a Christmas tree decoration at the military base in Mazar-E-Sharif, northern Afghanistan, Tuesday.



A man sells Santa Claus hats on Bondi Beach in Sydney, Australia, Tuesday. Every year hundreds of international backpackers swarm to Bondi Beach for the annual Christmas Day surf... celebrations.

A volunteer helps George Goshagian with a coat he received at the New York City Rescue Mission during the 13th annual New York Cares coat drive Tuesday. The holiday coat drive, which last year distributed 85,000 coats, will continue through New Year's Day.



Tim and Nancy Smith, along with their children, Christopher, 4, and Charlotte, 7, listen to pastor Dale R. Cockrum's holiday message during Christmas Eve candlelight services Monday at the First United Methodist Church in Olympia, Wash.





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Section C

## Quick Cooking in Twin Falls

Magazine publishes local woman's recipes

By Dixie Thomas Reale  
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - A Twin falls woman has been rather successful in getting recipes placed in national magazines.

Catherine Allan just had her second recipe published in Quick Cooking. She also had a recipe published in Taste of Home several years ago. Both Quick Cooking and Taste of Home are published by Reiman Publications in Wisconsin.

Quick Cooking is for people who don't have a lot of time at the end of busy day and want to put dinner on the table fast. The magazine has 3 million subscribers.

Allan said she has subscribed to Taste of Home for years and, when Quick Cooking came out in 1998, she subscribed to it, too. Both magazines are reader-written.

Allan said Quick Cooking put out a call for microwave-cooked recipes.

"I submitted one of my favorites and they took it," she said. "I also had a spiced cider recipe in Quick Cooking about a year ago and a breakfast burrito recipe accepted and published several years ago."

Allan's recipe for Hot Tortellini Salad is featured in the November/December 2001 issue of Quick Cooking, in stores now.

Allan and her husband, Dr. Scott Allan, an ophthalmologist, have six children - five boys and one girl. One son is on a mission in Russia, and another son is in college at Brigham Young University. The rest of the Allan children still live at home.

The Allans are from Utah. They went to school in Minnesota and have lived in the Twin Falls area for about 11 years.

Allan said her mom taught her to cook, and she enjoys puttering around the kitchen. In addition to cooking, she volunteers at the schools her children attend. She also enjoys scrapbooking, sewing and music.

She sings in the Magic Valley Choral and has accompanied the City Park Children's Choir for several years.

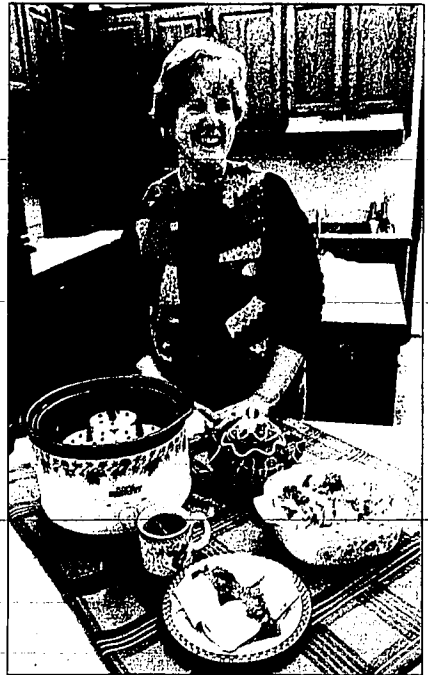
The editors of Quick Cooking wrote, "Once you've cooked the tortellini, the rest of this salad is



a breeze to finish in the microwave. Sour Cream provides the mild coating over this memo-

orable medley of pasta, ham and broccoli shared by Catherine Allan of Twin Falls, Idaho." The

recipe was tested in an 850-watt microwave by the magazine's staff.



BRUCE SHELDON/The Times-News

Left, Catherine Allan's spiced cider recipe has been featured in an issue of Quick Cooking magazine. Above, Allan contributed recipes to the magazine in 1993, 2000 and 2001.

**HOT TORTELLINI SALAD**  
Serves 6 to 8  
1 package (9 ounces) refrigerated cheese tortellini  
2 cups fresh broccoli florets  
4 to 5 green onions, sliced  
2 tablespoons butter or margarine  
6 ounces fully cooked ham, julienned  
1/2 cup sour cream  
1 teaspoon dried basil  
Cook tortellini according to package directions. Meanwhile, in a two-quart microwave-safe bowl, combine the broccoli, onions and butter. Cover and microwave on high for 2 1/2 minutes; stir. Cook 2 1/2 minutes longer or until bro-

ccoli is tender. Drain tortellini. Stir tortellini, ham, sour cream and basil into broccoli mixture. Cover and microwave on high for 1 to 2 minutes or until heated through. Let stand for 2 minutes before serving.

"I first tasted a steaming mug of this comforting beverage on a frigid evening," Catherine Allan said. "It's still a family favorite on a wintry day." The recipe was published in Quick Cooking magazine's November/December 2000 issue. Plan ahead. A slow cooker is used, so this takes a while to cook.

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HAYSTACKS - 10, of Ketchum surrounded her graham cracker house with haystacks made of shredded wheat, an M&M road and a garden featuring green and red Trix watermelon, Trix oranges, grapes and strawberries.

## Sun Valley Inn hosts gingerbread shindig

Food Network tapes 10th annual decorating party

By Karen Bosalck  
Times-News correspondent

SUN VALLEY - Plates full of graham crackers, cut up into the equivalent of graham cracker 2-by-4s, greeted 800 would-be gingerbread house builders as they ran into the Limelight Room of the Sun Valley Inn.

So did bowls full of nuts and bolts and chimneys and decorative rock in the form of raisins, Trix cereal, frosted shredded

wheat, cinnamon red hots, M&Ms and licorice sticks. Oh, and the globes of marshmallow creme plaster to hold it all together.

It's been that way for 10 years. But this year there was something new at the Sun Valley/Ketchum, Chamber of Commerce's annual Gingerbread Decorating Party: a video camera man from the Food Network chronicling every swash of marshmallow splayed across a graham cracker, every M&M fastidiously laid in the walkway of the tiny homes.

Producer Graham Clarke stood off in the background eating it all up as his cameraman, Please see GINGERBREAD, Page C2

## Restoring Hillwood's Japanese Garden

By Adrian Higgins  
The Washington Post

Regular visitors to Hillwood Museum and Gardens in Washington know one of the largest landscape features - the old Japanese-style garden - as a gloomy hillside of overgrown trees and ponds of algae. Look again.

After eight months of work, a completely restored garden is nearing completion. With ponds and rock waterfall now in place, workers in recent days have reinstalled plants, rebuilt pathways and are preparing to fill the ponds and put in two large wooden bridges. Clean and open to the sky, the garden hasn't been seen like this since Marjorie Merriweather Post asked landscape architect Shogo Myaida to build the original in the late 1950s.

The 25-acre property opened as a museum in 1977, four years after the death of the Post cereal heiress.

Famous for its brick mansion, art collections and gardens, the estate closed in 1997 for a three-year restoration that included the opening of a visitor center and the rebuilding of the French parterre garden. The restoration of the Japanese-style garden was delayed until after last year's reopening.

Now visitors to Hillwood will be able to view the garden from the lawn above it. The public will be able to go into the garden next March, when an official opening is planned to coincide with next spring's Cherry Blossom Festival. Perhaps a few in the chateau's social circle still remember summer evenings amid cat-tail lanterns and spouting fish fountains, but for most visitors,



Antonio Ortega and Rob Page are at the top of the Japanese Garden at Hillwood Museum and Gardens in Washington, while Denis Gray and Gary Baker, with a high-tech surveying instrument, stand in front of the main lower pond.

this promises to be an entirely new experience. "For us, it's just one more piece of the puzzle, one more challenge to bring back the estate to its condition when Mrs. Post lived here," said Frederick

Fisher, Hillwood's executive director. Myaida was renowned as a maker of Japanese gardens in postwar America, but his system of water containment was primitive by today's standards. A small

upper pond and main lower pond were contained by thick but unreinforced concrete. Stones that formed the waterfall were stuck on to the bare hillside with great dollops of mortar and sealed with clay.

Over the years as cracks and leaks grew, the pools developed an insatiable thirst. Pumps failed, water stagnated and algae grew. In an effort to fix the recirculation system, workers installed thick plastic pipes on the bottom of the main pond and then tried to hide them by dyeing the water black.

Meanwhile, some trees outgrew the scale so important to Japanese landscape composition: red cedars, Japanese maple seedlings and other interlopers arrived. The once-careful composition of water, rock and plant was gone. And "with all the water going in to the hillside, the engineers feared it might make some kind of slide pipes on the bottom of the main pond and then tried to hide them by dyeing the water black."

After existing stones and movable plants were lifted and stored, workers demolished the thick concrete pond beds and stone mortar. They then built an entirely new infrastructure for the water garden, including the upper pond shell, the chute for the waterfall and the main, lower pond basin.

Perhaps the restoration's most impressive aspect was Hillwood's insistence that stones be returned precisely as first laid - not within a few inches, but as close as practicably possible to where Myaida had placed them.

"Every stone had to be treated like a museum piece," said Rob Page, project manager for Zea Associates.

FOOD & HOME

# A stroll through the garden can guide you to corrective pruning

Walk the garden. In this serene time of the gardening year, spend some time just walking around, looking. See what grows which way and how. Do you like the direction of growth on that shrub? How about the little tree you planted a couple of years ago? Now that the leaves are gone, it's easy to examine plant structure and form, and maybe do a little corrective pruning.



GREEN THUMBPRINTS  
Cathy Walworth

mended planting lavender and garlic. I have a friend in Utah who can't keep hens and chicks because deer devour them during the winter. What plants would help during the winter time? The ones you mentioned bloom early and late spring or early and late fall.

Thanks for all the wonderful information in your gardening column. I'll pass this one on to my friend, hoping it will help her.

—DEER FRIEND

**DEAR FRIEND:** Thanks for writing. When the snow piles up deeper than deer can paw through to browse, they get pretty hungry. That's when they move into home landscapes.

The short answer to your friend's dilemma is: A 6-foot fence. There is a new deer fence that is advertised as almost invisible, so it doesn't ruin the homeowner's view, but it's high and tough enough to keep deer out.

No plant is really safe when wildlife are hungry unless plants are kept out of reach with a fence.

I assume you want to pass along a list of low-growing plants to your friend. Here is a list of low-growing plants deer are least likely to include in their salad bar: Junipers, yarrow, Jupiter's beard, ajuga, rockcress, sweet woodruff, Japanese spurge, armeria, astilbe, campanula poscharskyana (Serbian bell-flower), snow-in-summer, bleeding heart, foxglove, California poppy, gaillardia, daylily, camulata, oregano, papaver, phlox subulata, gloriosa daisy,

scabiosa, lamb's ears and sweet violet.

Remember that no list of "deer-proof" plants is either complete or iron clad. When deer are hungry, they need to eat. The list changes with conditions.

**TIP OF THE WEEK:** Does your gardening/landscaping/yardwork take you far afield? It's hard to know exactly which tools to take with you when you might be puttering along your foundation plantings and eventually wind up 'round back where you're hoping to put in that water garden. Instead of running back and

forth to the storage shed/basement/garage for the tools you may need on any given excursion, why not use a gift bag? No need to invest in anything fancy — in fact, you may be able to find one at a yard sale or used sporting equipment store. These bags are well adapted for toting tall stuff — not clubs, in this case, but rakes and hoses — as well as offering pockets for hand tools, small bags of fertilizer, scissors, and so on.

What's bugging your garden? Write to Cathy in care of this newspaper or e-mail her at: [cwtwo@pmt.org](mailto:cwtwo@pmt.org)

## Hard-hitting McGwire purchases land near alma mater

By Ruth Ryan  
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — Mark McGwire has purchased some land in a master-planned community in Irvine, where he plans to build a home for his retirement from baseball. Orange County sources not involved in the deal said.

The star hitter, who went to the University of Southern California in the early '80s, has long had a retreat in Southern California. McGwire is said to have bought two lots in the first phase of the Irvine Co.'s Shady Canyon. Custom-home sites there average 27,000 square feet in size. Selling prices range from \$550,000 to \$2.5 million each, sources said. The development also will include a couple dozen smaller

### Hot property

homes. McGwire's lots are on a bluff with golf-course views. His home is expected to be one of about 400 to be built in the 1,000-acre-plus community in the San Joaquin Hills.

McGwire, 38, announced his retirement on Nov. 11.

### Sitcom star buys home in Hancock Park for \$1.6M

"Will & Grace" star Sean Hayes, who plays Will's friend Jack on the NBC comedy series, has purchased a Hancock Park home. The asking price was about \$1.6 million. The Country English-style house has three bedrooms and a maid's quarters

in slightly more than 4,000 square feet. Built in 1930, the two-story house also has an elevator, two fireplaces, a pool and a spa.

The actor, 31, has performed stand-up comedy in Chicago and L.A. and was a member of the improv group Second City. He starred in his first movie, "Billy's Hollywood Screen Kiss," in 1998. He supported himself at Illinois State University as a classical pianist and musician in a pop band.

In August, Hayes was in the news after he was driving in the mid-Wilshire area, noticed a gunshot victim in the street and pulled over to help. Hayes called 911 on his cell phone, alerted neighbors and pressed his shirt against the wound to stop the bleeding.

### Sly puts Beverly Hills home on market for \$16.95M

Sylvester Stallone has put the Beverly Hills-area home he bought in September back on the market, this time at \$16.95 million, \$50,000 more than the asking price when he purchased it. The four-bedroom, 15,000-square-foot home, which he bought for \$16 million, is next door to his seven-bedroom, 20,000-square-foot residence. He bought the second house, he said at the time, for his visiting relatives. Stallone was out of town on business last week and unavailable to comment on why he decided to re-list the house, his spokesman said.

The actor has owned the property next door, where he lives, since 1998, when he bought it for about \$10 million.

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**HOT CIDER WITH ORANGE TWISTS**  
Makes 2 1/2 quarts  
2 cups apple cider  
1 cup pineapple juice  
1 cup orange juice  
1 tablespoon brown sugar  
1 tablespoon lemon juice  
18 teaspoon salt  
8 whole cloves  
4 unpeeled fresh orange slices (1/4-inch thick)  
4 cinnamon sticks (3 inches)  
Additional orange slices and cinnamon sticks  
In a slow cooker, combine the first six ingredients. Push two

cloves through each orange slice. Push a cinnamon stick through the center of each orange slice; add to the cider mixture. Cover and cook on low for 2 to 4 hours or until heated through. Discard oranges, cloves and cinnamon sticks. Stir cider before serving. Use additional oranges and cinnamon sticks for garnish.

"I discovered this recipe at a workshop on holiday breakfasts offered at our church," recalled Catherine Allan. "It was a big hit. It works really well when you're cooking for a crowd. I like to serve salsa or hot sauce with

them." The recipe appeared in the October/November 1993 issue of Taste of Home magazine.

**BREAKFAST BURRITO**  
Serves 12  
1 bag (16 ounces) frozen south-ern-style hashbrowns  
12 eggs  
1 large onion  
1 green pepper, chopped  
1/2 pound bulk pork sausage, browned and drained  
12 flour tortillas (10-inch), warmed  
1/2 cup (2 ounces) shredded cheddar cheese  
Salsa (optional)  
In a large skillet, try hash-

browns according to package directions; remove and set aside. In a large bowl, beat eggs; add onion and green pepper. Pour into the same skillet; cook and stir until eggs are set. Remove from heat. Add hash-browns and sausage; mix gently. Place about 3/4 cup of filling on each tortilla and top with about 1/4 cup cheese. Roll up and place on a greased baking sheet. Bake at 350 for 15 to 20 minutes or until heated through. Serve with salsa, if desired.

## Gingerbread

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Dan Dvorak, pushed the buttons. "This is an awesome event — talk about getting into the Christmas spirit. Any time you see smiling faces on children, it's a winner," Clarke said. The Food Network — reputed to be the fastest-growing cable network with its lineup of Emeril and Mario Esposito — spent 36 hours in Sun Valley this weekend as part of a project filming food at winter resorts in the Rocky Mountains. "I would be a yummy assignment until you realize that Clarke and Dvorak have been at six resorts in six days. Still, Clarke has relished his visit to Sun Valley, where he filmed shots of gingerbread houses in the window of the Knob Hill Inn at sunrise, night life on Main Street and cross-country skiers on the corduroy-groomed trails that circle the Sun Valley Golf Course. In between, he tasted from the highlights of Sun Valley's food fare — from bar food to five-star

dining — at the Sun Valley Lodge, Felix's, the Blue Room, River Run Lodge and the Red Elephant.

"I was fascinated by the story of Sun Valley — how it started out as America's first destination ski resort and now, almost 70 years later, is still on the top tier," he said.

The Sun Valley segment will focus on how Union Pacific Railroad brought Hollywood stars to Sun Valley by train, setting the stage for an elegance that still pervades the resort.

To underscore Sun Valley's history, the chef at the Sun Valley Lodge replicated a menu from 1936 — the year Sun Valley opened — adding 21st century touches.

"The food in '36 was a lot heartier. It's probably healthier now with lighter sauces and all," Clarke said.

The big difference between Sun Valley and the other resorts, which included Park City, Deer Valley, Sundance, Vail and Beaver Creek, is that Sun Valley has way more snow

than any of the other resorts — at least, at this point in time, said Clarke, noting the 80-plus inches that currently sit atop Baldy.

Oh, and only Sun Valley has the gingerbread party, pointed out Carol Waller, executive director of the Sun Valley/Ketchum Chamber of Commerce.

The party, now in its 10th year, was the brainchild of state Rep. Wendy Jaquet, who started it in her kitchen. It's grown so big that Atkinson's Market, Nabisco and other food vendors now chip in graham crackers and other building materials.

And parents take time off from work to join their kids in constructing sweet-tasting Taj Mahals, castles, carpents and yurts.

"It's fun — like stacking playing cards," said Magaly Estrada, 22, of Sun Valley, as she stacked her graham crackers into a pyramid.

Clarke said the piece on Sun Valley and its gingerbread decorating sidebar is expected to air on the Food Network next fall.

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# Lighten up winter meals with lima beans

Family Festivals

Winter months conjure up thoughts of building snowmen, throwing logs on the fire and enjoying hearty, cold-weather cuisine. But while our favorite wintertime dishes can soothe and warm us on the chilliest of days, they also can be high in fat and calories, wreaking havoc on our waistlines. Fortunately, this winter's falling temperatures don't mean you have to put these favorite foods on ice. You can have your stew (and soup and salad and stir-fry) and eat it, too - with lima beans.

Large white lima beans are available dry-packaged or pre-cooked in cans as butter beans. Baby lima beans are white in color and are not the same as green lima beans that are sold frozen and canned. Baby lima beans are available dry-packaged. When preparing dry-packaged beans, save time by cooking the entire package and freeze the remaining beans for future use.

**LIMA AND CHICKEN STIR-FRY**

- Serves 4  
 2 teaspoons vegetable oil  
 8 ounces boneless chicken breast, cut into strips  
 1 bunch green onions and tops, sliced  
 1 red bell pepper, sliced  
 2/3 teaspoons minced fresh or 1/2 to 3/4 teaspoon ground ginger-root  
 1 teaspoon minced garlic  
 3 cups thinly sliced Chinese cabbage  
 2 cups fresh or canned, drained bean sprouts  
 1 can (15 ounces) butter beans or 1 1/2 cups cooked, dry-packaged large, white lima beans, rinsed and drained  
 3/4 cup vegetable broth, chicken broth or water  
 1/2 tablespoons reduced-sodium soy sauce  
 2 teaspoons cornstarch  
 2 cups cooked rice, warm  
 Heat oil in large skillet over medium-high heat until hot. Add chicken and stir-fry until browned, 2 to 3 minutes. Add green onions, bell pepper, ginger-root and garlic; stir-fry 1 minute. Stir in Chinese cabbage, bean sprouts and butter beans; stir-fry until cabbage is slightly wilted, about 3 minutes. Stir in combine broth, soy sauce and cornstarch; heat to boiling. Serve over rice.

**BUTTER BEANS CREOLE WITH CORNBREAD**

- Serves 8  
 1 onion, thinly sliced  
 1 green bell pepper, thinly sliced  
 1 rib celery, thinly sliced  
 1 small jalapeno chile, chopped  
 1 teaspoon chopped garlic  
 1 teaspoon dried thyme leaves  
 1 tablespoon vegetable oil  
 1 tablespoon flour



Try, clockwise from top: Butter Beans Creole With Cornbread, Lima and Chicken Stir Fry, Barley Bean Salad and Southwest Succotash Soup.

Photo courtesy of Caldwell Dry Bean Advisory Board

- 1 can (28 ounces) diced tomatoes, undrained  
 2 cans (15 ounces each) butter beans or 3 cups cooked, dry-packaged large white lima beans, rinsed and drained  
 1/2 to 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce  
 1/4 to 1/2 teaspoon hot pepper sauce  
 1/2 teaspoon salt  
 Cornbread (recipe follows)  
 Sauté onion, bell pepper, celery, jalapeño, garlic and thyme in oil in large saucepan until tender, about 8 minutes. Sprinkle with flour and cook until lightly browned, about 3 minutes. Stir in tomatoes. Butter beans, Worcestershire sauce, hot pepper sauce and salt. Heat to boiling; reduce heat and simmer until thickened, about 5 minutes. Serve over squares of cornbread.

- Cornbread:**  
 Serves 8  
 1 package (10 ounces) cornbread mix  
 Ingredients called for in package directions  
 Prepare cornbread mix according to package directions.

**SOUTHWEST SUCCOTASH SOUP**

- Serves 4  
 1/2 cup dry-packaged baby lima beans (Yields 1 1/2 cups cooked baby lima beans)  
 Water  
 1/2 cup chopped onion  
 1/2 cup chopped red bell pepper  
 1 large jalapeno chile, chopped  
 1 teaspoon chopped garlic  
 1/2 teaspoon chili powder  
 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin  
 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme leaves

- 1 tablespoon flour  
 2 tablespoons four  
 2 cups fat-free milk  
 1 cup frozen whole-kernel corn  
 1/2 teaspoon salt  
 Place beans in a large pot and add 3 cups of water. Heat to boiling and boil for an additional 2 to 3 minutes. Remove beans from heat, cover and let stand for 1 hour. Drain beans and discard soak water. Add water to cover beans by 1-inch. Heat to boiling. Reduce heat and simmer covered until beans are tender, about 45 minutes. Drain beans. Sauté onion, bell pepper, jalapeño, garlic, chili powder, cumin and thyme in butter in medium saucepan until tender, about 5 minutes. Stir in flour; cook 1 minute. Stir in milk and heat to boiling; stir until thickened; about 2 minutes. Stir in beans and remaining ingredients; heat to boiling. Reduce heat and simmer 5 minutes.

**BARLEY BEAN SALAD**

- Serves 6 to 8  
 1/2 cup dry-packaged baby lima beans (Yields 1 1/2 cups cooked baby lima beans)  
 3/4 cup quick-cooking barley  
 1 cup sliced carrots  
 1/2 cup sliced radishes  
 1/2 cup chopped red onion  
 1/4 cup chopped parsley  
 Vinaigrette Dressing (recipe follows)  
 Place beans in a large pot and add 3 cups of water. Heat to boiling and boil for an additional 2 to 3 minutes. Remove beans from heat, cover and let stand for 1 hour. Drain beans and discard soak water. Add water to cover



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## Serve a lighter breakfast casserole

By Elaine Magee  
Knight Ridder News Service

**QUESTION:** My mom always made a sausage casserole for us when company came. Everyone really enjoys it, but it is a bit too greasy for my liking. I would like to take over the tradition of making this dish but only if I can have the Recipe Doctor take a look at it first.

**ANSWER:** I could just smell the sausage cooking while I was reading through this recipe. I know why your mom used to make it for company. You assemble this dish the night before, let it sit in the refrigerator overnight, then just slide it in the oven when you wake up.

Almost every breakfast food group is represented in this recipe: sausage, eggs, milk, bread and cheese. The only thing missing is some fresh fruit and a cup of coffee. Instead of a pound of ground pork sausage, I use a 50-percent-less-fat sausage and used less of it: 12 ounces of Jimmy Dean Light Pork Sausage. To give the dish more flavor, I sprinkle some poultry seasoning over the sausage toward the end of cooking. Instead of 8 ounces of shredded mild cheddar cheese, I use 8 ounces of reduced-fat sharp cheddar cheese (the sharp gives it more flavor).

The original recipe also calls for 4 eggs, so I cut this back to 2 eggs and add 4 egg whites (or 1/2 cup of egg substitute) to make up the difference. I replace the whole milk with low-fat milk, and I cut sourdough bread into cubes instead of regular white bread.

Serve this dish with some fresh fruit to help cut down the percent calories from fat for the meal.

**BREAKFAST SAUSAGE CASSEROLE**

- Serves 6-8  
 12 ounces Jimmy Dean Light (50-percent-less-fat) sausage  
 1 teaspoon poultry seasoning  
 4 1/2 cups sourdough bread cubes (toasts about 6 large slices and cut them into 3/4-inch squares - other types of bread can be used, too)  
 8 ounces shredded reduced-fat sharp cheddar cheese  
 1 teaspoon mustard powder  
 1/2 teaspoon salt (optional)  
 2 large eggs  
 4 egg whites or 1/2 cup egg substitute  
 2 cups low-fat milk  
 Crumble sausage into a medium nonstick skillet. Cook over medium heat until nicely brown, breaking up into bits with spatula

as it cooks. Sprinkle with poultry seasoning. Coat a 9-by-13-inch baking dish with canola cooking spray and set aside. Add sausage to large bowl along with toasted bread squares, cheese, mustard powder, salt if desired. Add eggs and egg whites (or egg substitute) and milk to mixing bowl, and beat on medium-low speed until smooth and completely blended. Drizzle egg-milk mixture over the sausage and bread mixture, and stir to blend. Pour into the prepared baking dish, spread top evenly, cover with foil, and chill in the refrigerator for 8 hours or overnight. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Bake, covered in foil, for 45 minutes. Uncover the foil, and reduce the temperature to 325 degrees. Bake for about 20 minutes more (or until set).

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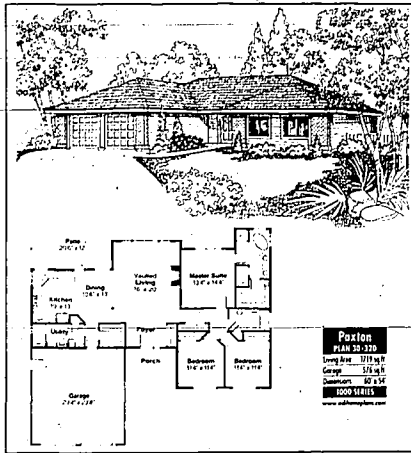
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# Paxton facade and front porch design add to visual appeal

Lap siding interspersed with wide swaths of brick veneer combine to give the Paxton a handsome front facade. The recessed front porch adds to the visual appeal. This home is equally well-suited to the needs of families with small children or empty nesters seeking to downsize their living space and still offer sleeping accommodations to overnight guests. It could easily be adapted for wheelchair accessibility.

Entering, you step into a wide foyer brightened by a tall, slender sidelight. A coat closet hides behind accordion doors to the right. In the living room, which is open to and directly ahead of the foyer, more light washes in through a wall of windows crowned by a gracefully arched transom. The gas fireplace serves as a warm and inviting focal point on chilly evenings or dark days.

A change in ceiling height, going from vaulted to flat, marks the boundary between the living room and kitchen/dining area. This area, too, is awash in natural light. Windows and a glass door offer views and patio access, and in the kitchen, more windows front the corner sink. Potted plants thrive in this sunny, fre-



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quently moist environment. Laundry appliances and a large walk-in pantry are nearby. The

utility room is surprisingly large, outfitted with a deep sink and a counter for folding clothes. A

small water closet hides behind a pocket door at the rear.

Bedrooms cluster together in the right wing, where a large storage closet lines the hallway. The Paxton's master suite boasts a walk-in closet and private bathroom with a spa tub, shower, and dual vanity. The other two bedrooms share a bathroom.

For a review plan, including scaled floor plans, elevations, section and artist's conception, send \$25 to Associated Designs, 1100 Jacobs Drive, Department W, Eugene, OR 97402. Please specify the Paxton 30-320 and include a return address when ordering. A catalog featuring more than 350 home plans is available for \$15.

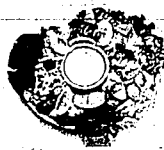
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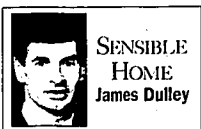
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Most fiberglass windows are made by a pultrusion process which is different than the way boat hulls and Corvette bodies are produced. Long glass fibers are coated with a resin. They are pulled through a hot die with the shape of the window frame profile. The heat cures the resin to form a strong frame member.

This thermosetting resin cures chemically, so it will no longer melt or weaken substantially from high heat. In contrast, vinyl is a thermoplastic material that loses strength when heated. This

is why dark frame colors, which get hot in the summer sun, are acceptable with fiberglass.

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Try Kung Pao Pork, pictured at bottom, with a traditional Chinese meal.

# Chinese New Year

**Family Features**

We've all come to realize that spending time with family and friends provides life's most precious moments. At this time of the year, finding a reason to come together can be as simple as celebrating a holiday. Why not choose one that's recognized by millions around the world? Chinese New Year, which is based on the lunar calendar, will be observed this year on Feb. 12.

With a theme like Chinese New Year, you can have fun with the table setting and decor. The Chinese purchase red envelopes, in which they put lucky money to give to children. Purchase envelopes or make some with red construction paper for party favors. Regular dinner plates are fine for this feast. Just set chopsticks at every place. Decorate the table with narcissus, a popular flower for Chinese New Year. Arrange a mound of oranges on a platter. Scatter bowls of fortune cookies, which can double as dessert, along with ice cream or fruit sorbet.

spoon oil in same pan; add onion, bell pepper and garlic; stir-fry 2 minutes. Stir in pork and stir-fry sauce mixture. Cook, stirring, until sauce boils and all pieces are coated with sauce. Stir in peanuts; serve immediately. Makes 6 servings.

- KUNG PAO PORK**
- 1 pound boneless pork loin, cut into 1/2-inch cubes.
  - 2 tablespoons plus 1/4 cup bottled stir-fry sauce, divided
  - 1/4 teaspoon cornstarch
  - 1 tablespoon dry sherry
  - 3 tablespoons vegetable oil, divided
  - 6 whole dried red chiles
  - 1 large onion, cut into 1/2-inch squares
  - 1 large red or green bell pepper, cut into 1/2-inch squares
  - 2 cloves garlic, minced
  - 1/2 cup unsalted roasted peanuts
- Coat pork with mixture of 2 tablespoons stir-fry sauce and cornstarch. Combine remaining 1/4 cup stir-fry sauce and sherry. Heat 2 tablespoons oil in hot wok or large skillet over high heat. Add chiles, breaking 2 peppers in half. Stir-fry 20 seconds, or until chiles turn black. Add pork and stir-fry 3 minutes; remove. Heat remaining 1 table-

# Getting good windows pays off with lower energy costs

By Ken Srelnikoff  
The Orlando Sentinel

**QUESTION:** Every time I read about the importance of good windows in a home, I get scared away by the high cost. Do the economics make better windows worthwhile?

**ANSWER:** While windows obviously pay dividends in terms of reduced energy usage and improved home comfort, the question of economics is an important one. Yes, you will pay more for better windows and for good shading systems. Let's talk about economics.

The higher purchase cost of good windows will be offset by the money you save every month on your utility bills. Windows last for many years, and payback times are usually just a few years. According to Ross McCluney, a nationally known expert on windows at the Florida Solar Energy Center,

**Home energy Q&A**

payback times for windows are reasonable to begin with, and often get much shorter in cases where discounts, subsidies and other financial incentives are available from utilities, window manufacturers and other sources.

McCluney explains that the cost-savings goes beyond this. Better windows and shades can make it possible to install a smaller air conditioner in the home, lowering this item's cost, to purchase and to operate.

He adds, though, that dollars are not the only determinant of whether or not a window is a good investment.

The benefits of better visual and thermal comfort, aesthetic design, acoustic isolation and natural daylight may be even more important to you than the cost. An investment in good win-

days today is also a hedge against energy price inflation in the future.

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Leftovers can still be used after holidays

I really enjoy the holidays! Santa was good to everyone at my house. My grandchildren came for a four-day visit. My 7-year-old granddaughter and I spent several afternoons baking in the kitchen.

I've been teaching her to cook for several years now, and it's starting to show. She can manage hash browns, scrambled eggs and toast all by herself. With a good deal of direction and help, she can make cookies and bread. We stuffed the turkey together. She knows how to make mashed potatoes. I have to supervise the mixer, and I even showed her how to make cranberry sauce with whole cranberries.

But I'm glad the holidays are nearly over. I'm tired of candy, cookies and fancy holiday foods. I want to sit down to an ordinary meal with no decorations whatsoever. Give me a bologna sandwich, a salad and a bowl of soup and I'll be happy. How about you?

In case you have leftover turkey that you need to use up, try this.

- CHICKEN OR TURKEY PIE**  
Serves 8  
2 pounds cooked chicken or turkey meat, cut into 1-inch cubes  
1/4 pound cooked ham, cut into 1-inch cubes  
Salt to taste  
1 teaspoon allspice  
1 teaspoon peppercorns  
3 bay leaves  
3 medium carrots, sliced  
3 celery stalks, chopped  
3 medium onions, chopped  
4 hard-boiled eggs, sliced  
1/4 cup butter or margarine  
1/4 cup flour  
1/3 cup sherry (can substitute fruit juice)  
2 tablespoons lemon juice  
1/4 teaspoon mace  
1/4 teaspoon pepper  
Salt, as desired  
2 egg yolks  
1 package pie crust mix  
1 egg, beaten

Boil vegetables in only enough water to cover them with the salt to taste, allspice, peppercorns and bay leaves. Add the chicken and ham. In another pan, melt the butter, stir in the flour, sherry, lemon juice, mace, 2 cups of liquid from the vegetable/chicken mixture, salt as desired and popovers. Cover and stir until thickened. Add the beaten egg yolks and stir into the sauce. Add to the vegetable mixture and mix all together. Heat over medium heat till thickened, but do not boil. Prepare the pie crust mix according to label directions. Roll it out and line a 14-by-10-inch rectangular baking dish. Pour chicken/ham mixture into the crust. Arrange the hard-cooked egg slices around top. With the remaining pie crust, make a top crust for the pie or cut out decorative shapes with a cookie cutter and arrange over the top of the filling. Brush the crust with beaten egg. Bake at 375 degrees for 40 to 45 minutes or until crust is golden.

If the thought of another serving of turkey is too much for you, get away from it completely.

- TUNA CHINESE NOODLE SALAD**  
Serves 8  
2 (7-ounce) cans tuna  
2/3 cup diced celery  
1/4 cup chopped green pepper  
1/4 cup chopped pimiento  
1/4 cup minced onion  
1 teaspoon salt  
Dash of pepper  
1/4 cup lemon juice  
1/2 cup Chinese chow mein noodles  
8 ounces cottage cheese (optional)  
Drain tuna, reserving the liquid. In a medium bowl combine the tuna, cucumber, green pepper, pimiento, onion, salt and pepper. Refrigerate along with the reserved liquid. About 15 minutes before serving, combine 2 tablespoons reserved tuna liquid with lemon juice. Pour over tuna mixture. Add Chinese noodles and reserved liquid. Serve alongside a dollop of cottage cheese on a bed of lettuce or use as stuffing in large tomatoes which have had their cores removed. Place the tomatoes on a dollop of cottage cheese.

- SOUR CREAM SLAW**  
Serves 8  
1 large head crisp green cabbage  
2 tablespoons minced onion  
2 teaspoons minced onion  
2/3 cup diced celery  
2/3 cup sliced green pepper  
2/3 cup coarsely grated carrots  
1/2 cup sliced radishes  
1 cup sour cream  
1/2 teaspoon granulated sugar  
3 teaspoons tarragon vinegar  
Canned pineapple chunks  
Stuffed olives  
Large black olives  
Remove several large shapely leaves from the cabbage head and refrigerate. Shred enough cabbage to make 6 cups. In a large bowl, combine the shredded cabbage, 2 tablespoons minced onion, celery, green pepper, carrots and



VALLEY COOKING  
Dixie Thomas Reale

radishes. Refrigerate. In a small bowl combine sour cream, 2 teaspoons minced onion, sugar, salt and vinegar. Cover and refrigerate.

Just before serving, pour the sour cream dressing over the vegetable mixture. Toss lightly until the vegetables are lightly coated. Line a large salad bowl with the large cabbage leaves. Heap the slaw in the center. Garnish with the pineapple chunks and stuffed olives.

Dixie Thomas Reale welcomes comments on recipes. Her address is 503 W. Eighth, Jerome, Idaho 83338.

Delicious pork tenderloin done in minutes

By Linda Gassenheimer  
The Miami Herald

- PORK TENDERLOIN IN PORT WINE**  
3/4 pound pork tenderloin  
1 teaspoon olive oil  
Salt and freshly ground pepper  
1/2 cup port wine  
1/2 cup fat-free, low-salt chicken broth  
2 tablespoons ketchup  
1 teaspoon chopped fresh thyme

Preheat oven to 180 degrees. Remove fat from pork and cut crosswise into 1 1/4-inch slices. Heat olive oil in a nonstick skillet on medium-high. Brown medallions 2 1/2 minutes per side. Salt and pepper cooked sides. Transfer to an oven-proof platter and let it finish cooking in oven. Meanwhile, add port to skillet and bring to boil, scraping up the brown bits as wine boils for about 1 minute. Add chicken broth and ketchup; cook about 2 minutes.

Sprinkle with thyme. Remove pork from oven and divide between 2 plates. Spoon sauce on top.

**Skillet potatoes:** Place 3/4 pound peeled yellow potato slices (1/4-inch thick) in a single layer in a large nonstick skillet. Add 2 teaspoons olive oil and 1/2 cup water. Bring to a boil and cover; simmer 5 minutes. Uncover and cook, turning slices until browned on both sides, about 1 minute. Season with salt and pepper.

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## Durable screens help prevent leaf clutter in your gutter

**QUESTION:** We want to replace or fix our rain gutters after another autumn of digging out leaves to prevent the gutters from clogging. We want something that will keep the leaves out and eliminate cleaning. What are the options?

**ANSWER:** Several high-tech gutter systems are available, some of which promise in their advertisements to eliminate cleaning. However, I have been able to keep my gutters clean with add-on screens in an area of many large trees that shed leaves, twigs, needles and seeds. It's important to keep gutters clean, of course, because clogged or defective gutters are a leading cause of wet basements, rotted roof trim, and other problems.

The trick to getting good results with screens is to pick durable models that will stay in place despite wind, ice and heavy leaf falls. Avoid plastic gutter screens or flimsy metal screen sold in rolls.

Most of my gutters are covered with sturdy wire-mesh screens that are sold in three-foot sections. These screens have fasteners that clip to the front of aluminum gutters and serve as hinges in case the screens need to be lifted for occasional cleaning or maintenance. I have fastened similar screens to vinyl gutters by remov-



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Gene Austin

ing the clips, bending a small flange along one edge, and driving sheet-metal screws through the flange into the front of the gutters.

Some screens are attached by slipping the rear edge under the shingles behind the gutter and snapping the front edge to the front of the gutter.

Several types of durable screens are made by Amerimax (1-800-347-2586, www.amerimax.com). Two types of gutter screens, one with a fine-mesh lining for those who have problems with small debris such as pine or spruce needles, are sold by Improvements (1-800-642-2112, www.improvementscatalog.com).

High-tech gutter systems are sold under such brand names as Gutter Helmet (1-888-443-5638, www.gutterhelmet.com), LeafGuard (1-800-532-3482, www.leafguard.com), and Rainmaker (1-800-942-3004 or www.rainhandler.com). Gutter Helmet and LeafGuard

use an unperforated cover over the gutter. The cover has a round front edge that directs water into the gutter, through a slot, by surface tension. Rainmaker eliminates conventional gutters and uses a series of slotted louvers to disperse rain.

I have seen demonstrations of several of these gutters and they appear to work as advertised, but I would like to hear from readers who have used any of these systems for several seasons and can give a better appraisal of their performance.

**QUESTION:** We have a small scratch in a glass window on our front door. Is there some way to remove the scratch, or must we replace the glass?

**ANSWER:** You might be able to remove the scratch by rubbing it with a soft cotton cloth moistened with Brasso, a brass polish sold at some supermarkets and hardware stores. Don't expect quick results — an hour or more of rubbing might be needed to eliminate the scratch.

**QUESTION:** We recently moved into an older house with a skylight in the bathroom. We want to replace the skylight. What is the best type for a bath?

**ANSWER:** A ventilating skylight is definitely best for a bathroom — or any room, for that matter. I'd pick a glass skylight, not plastic, and make sure it is the insulated type (with two layers of glass) to help reduce condensation on the skylight during cool weather. You will probably still need a bathroom ventilating fan, which should exhaust through the roof or a wall, to remove excess moisture.

**QUESTION:** We plan to paint the walls of several rooms in our house. How much paint do we buy? **ANSWER:** A gallon of paint typically covers about 400 square feet of smooth surface (one coat), or a space 10 feet by 40 feet. You can calculate the amount of paint needed for the walls of any room by multiplying the height of the ceiling (usually eight feet) by the length of each wall, and subtracting the area of windows, doors, and so forth. If more than a gallon is needed, mix all the paint in one container to ensure a uniform color.

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## Creamy pasta sauce only tastes fattening

By Susan Selasky  
Detroit Free Press

Creamy white pasta sauces are often made with heavy whipping cream for that rich, velvety texture and flavor. But along with that rich taste comes loads of fat. Substituting half-and-half works well in most sauces, but for today's Shrimp with Angel Hair Pasta and Cream Sauce we tried canned evaporated milk. The results were fantastic.

This dish is super easy and involves one pot, one bowl and a quick-cooking pasta. The shrimp and vegetables are cooked along with the pasta, making cleanup a breeze.

All the sauce ingredients are mixed in a serving bowl, then the pasta, shrimp and vegetables are tossed with it. Top with shaved or shredded Parmesan cheese, and you have a rich-tasting dinner in minutes. Beware: The sauce has a strong garlic flavor because raw garlic is added to it. Adjust to suit your taste. Likewise, experiment with other quick-cooking vegetables, such as sugar snap peas and red and green peppers.

- 4 to 6 tablespoons Dijon mustard
- Freshly ground black pepper to taste
- 1/4 cup half-and-half or fat-free evaporated milk
- 8 ounces angel hair pasta
- 2 cups broccoli florets
- 2 cups zucchini, sliced into 1/2-inch rounds
- 1 pound large fresh shrimp, peeled and deveined or already-cooked frozen shrimp, thawed
- 2 teaspoons extra-virgin olive oil, optional
- 1/4 cup shredded or grated Parmesan cheese
- Bring a large pot of water to a boil.

In a large serving bowl, whisk together the garlic, Dijon mustard and pepper. Whisk in the half-and-half or evaporated milk. Set aside. When the water comes to a boil, add the pasta. Return to a boil and add the broccoli and zucchini and cook for 1 to 2 more minutes. If using fresh shrimp, add it to the pasta pot and cook 2 more minutes or until the shrimp are pink and cooked through. Drain the mixture into a colander, making sure the pasta drains well. Pour the pasta mixture into a large serving bowl and toss with the sauce. Drizzle the olive oil over the noodles and sprinkle with the Parmesan. Serve immediately with crusty bread and a salad. Makes 4 servings.

For a complete meal, serve this dish with a leafy green salad and crusty bread.

**SHRIMP WITH ANGEL HAIR PASTA AND CREAM SAUCE**

- 2 large cloves garlic, peeled, finely minced or crushed

By Liz Atwood  
The Baltimore Sun

## Food notes

**Beef Tips:** The National Cattlemen's Beef Association offers these suggestions for selecting and preparing a beef roast: Meat should be a bright cherry-red color, firm to the touch and cold. Plan on about 6 ounces of cooked beef per person for holiday gatherings and about 3 ounces per person for

everyday meals. **Crab Dish Winner:** The winner of this year's Phillips Seafood Crab Recipe contest is Kari Beims of Baltimore. Beims, an amateur cook, captured the \$1,000 prize with her recipe for Phillips Chesapeake Quesadillas. You can see her recipe at www.phillipsfoods.com

## Women offer tips on cooking for crowds

By Sylvia Rector  
Detroit Free Press

### The hungry masses call

Preparing three meals a day for a household of company can exhaust even the most cheerful host.

Lin Donahue of Northville, Mich., had to stop and count before she could say how many people were coming for Christmas dinner.

"Usually I have, let's see ... two, four, six, eight, 10, 12. Probably 12 or 13," she concluded.

The lineup ranges from her children and their spouses to her sister's husband's daughter and her nephew's wife's mother.

Some of the out-of-towners stay at her house, but she doesn't feel obliged to cook for the whole people wake up.

"They have a clean bed and a clean house and food in the house, but they're on their own cooking it for breakfast," says Donahue, a training coordinator at Plante & Moran, an accounting and consulting firm in Southfield, Mich. "My objective is to make them feel at home and feel comfortable and for everybody to have a good time."

Beryl Ament's approach represents the compromise position: She loves to cook, but over the years she has figured out how to stay out of the kitchen when her family gathers at their Grosse Pointe Park, Mich., home. When her five grown children — three of whom live in Washington, D.C. — their spouses and five very young grandchildren visit, Ament wants to be with them.

"The kids want to show you something they just did, or someone wants to show you some photographs," explained Ament, who works in admissions at Wayne State University. "You do not want to say, 'I don't have time for you now because I'm cooking dinner.'"

So she plans and works ahead — and relies on "lots and lots of soups." Made ahead and refrigerated, they're ready in minutes for guests arriving from out of town at odd hours. Served from the stove so people can help themselves when it's convenient for them, she says. And if plans

change, soup can be reheated for dinner.

### SCALLOPED POTATOES

- Butter for baking dish
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 1 1/4 cups fresh bread crumbs
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons dried thyme or 2 tablespoons fresh
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 1 1/2 to 2 teaspoons freshly ground black pepper
- 4 pounds russet or other baking potato, peeled, sliced 1/8-inch thick
- 1 large onion, peeled, sliced thinly and divided into half-rings
- 3 cups fat-free, reduced-sodium chicken broth
- 1 1/2 cups half-and-half or milk
- 1/4 cup Dijon mustard

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Butter a 13-by-9-inch baking dish; set aside. In a small skillet, melt the butter. Stir in the bread crumbs and saute until just golden. Remove from skillet and reserve. In a small bowl, mix together the flour, thyme, salt and pepper. To the baking dish, layer one-third of the potatoes, add one-third of the seasoned flour and top with one-half of the onions. Repeat, then top with the remaining potatoes and seasoned flour. In a medium bowl, whisk together the chicken broth, half-and-half and mustard. Pour the mixture evenly over the potatoes.

en, figure two pieces per serving, except for the breast. Vegetables and casseroles: As a side dish, allow 1/2 cup cooked vegetables per person. For vegetable casseroles that are rich in cheese or cream, plan on about 3/4 cup per serving. If it's your only vegetable dish, you may want to increase the serving size to 1 cup.

**Soup and salad:** For a luncheon serving of soup, figure 2 cups per person. For a first-course serving, figure 1 cup. One medium head of green leaf lettuce will make 6 salads; that's about 1 1/4 cups top greens per serving. Most bag lunches weigh 10 ounces; figure 3 ounces per serving.

Bake 25 minutes then scatter the bread crumbs over the potatoes. Continue baking 50-60 minutes longer until the potatoes are crusty and medium brown on top with a tender, creamy center. The liquid should be mostly absorbed but the potatoes still moist. Remove from the oven and serve warm. Makes about 16 servings.

—Adapted from "American Home Cooking" by Cheryl Alters Jamison and Bill Jamison

### SLOW-COOKER BARBECUE BEEF SANDWICHES

- 5 tablespoons dark brown sugar, divided
- 3/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 2 (1-pound each) flank steaks
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 1 can (12 ounces) tomato paste
- 3 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
- 3 tablespoons molasses
- 2 tablespoons cider vinegar
- 1 tablespoon favorite chili powder
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon dry mustard
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 10 (2 1/2 ounces each) submarine rolls, halved
- Red onion slices, optional
- Dill pickle slices, optional
- In a small bowl, combine 1 tablespoon brown sugar and the black pepper; rub over both

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## MORNING LINE

### SPORTSQUOTE

“Every day has been hell. It hasn't been fun.”

— *Tim Floyd, who resigned his position as coach of the Chicago Bulls Monday*

### IN BRIEF

#### Nielsen takes No. 2 at Christmas Run

TWIN FALLS — Former College of Southern Idaho distance runner Mike Nielsen placed second at the 15th annual Christmas Run on Saturday. Nielsen's time of 13 minutes 34 seconds was just two seconds behind race winner Tom Shanahan.

Art Brown of Twin Falls also finished second overall in the 2.5 mile walk, completing the course in 28:27. Over 850 athletes competed in the event.

#### Magic Mountain offers free CC ski rentals

HAGERMAN — Magic Mountain Ski Resort will be offering free cross-country ski rentals and lessons on Jan. 12 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The free rental will include skis, poles and boots.

The resort is located on Rock Creek road south of Hansen. For more information contact Jack Yarbrough at 837-4505.

#### Nets coach upset about punishment

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Nets president Rod Thorn says the suspension of second-year forward Kenyon Martin for a flagrant foul on Karl Malone is unjustified.

Thorn, former executive of the National Basketball Association, said the decision to fine and suspend Martin was made because the league didn't want it to appear that the Nets or Thorn were receiving preferential treatment.

Stu Jackson, who succeeded Thorn as the NBA's vice president for basketball operations, announced Monday that Martin would be suspended for one game and fined \$7,500 for a foul he delivered to Malone in Utah's 104-90 win on Sunday. Martin was ejected from the game after officials called a "flagrant two" foul.

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Gray Squad quarterback Demell Kennedy (7) of Alabama State tries to leap over a tackler in the first half Tuesday.

# Blue eases past Gray, 28-10

The Associated Press

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — It took Penn State half a season to come together. Nittany Lions running backs Eddie Drummond and Omar Easy needed just a week to mesh with their all-star team.

Drummond and Easy both had short touchdown runs, lifting the Blue to a 28-10 victory in the Blue-Gray All-Star Classic on Tuesday.

"This is a bowl game for me right here," said Easy, voted the Blue's outstanding offensive player. "It was fun. We meshed as a team from all over the country

## Penn State seniors steal the show

and came together for a win today."

The Penn State players were relegated to the all-star game after the team lost its first four games before a strong finish and came up a win short of bowl eligibility.

It was a long day for the offense, with the Gray squad committing five turnovers and none of the quarterback's reaching 100 yards passing.

After Penn State's runners put the Blue in charge, Algie

Atkinson of Kansas returned a fumbled punt 11 yards for a touchdown with 4:10 remaining to seal the game. It was an appropriate way to decide a game dominated by the defenses from the outset.

"We jelled as the week went on, almost as if we had been a team for a while here," said Northwestern linebacker Kevin Bentley, the Blue's MVP with 16 tackles and an interception. "We just wanted to get a victory and that's what we got."

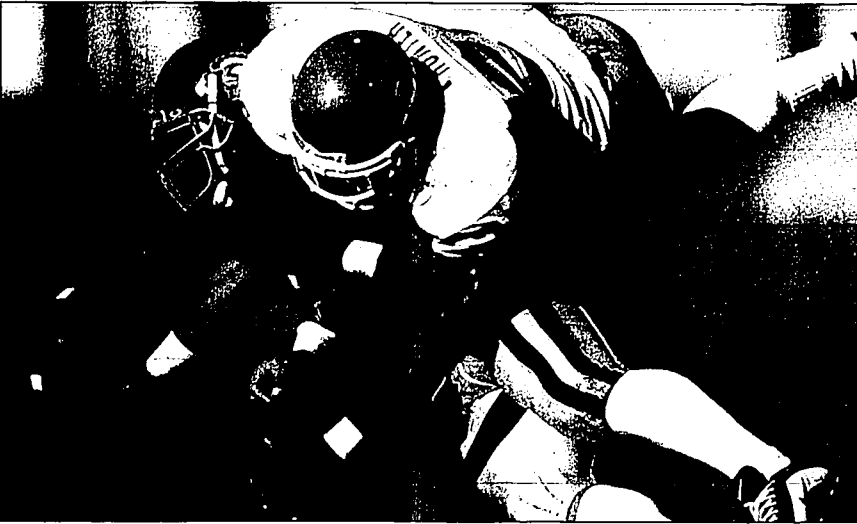
The Gray managed just one first down in its first three fourth-quarter possessions before Atkinson's score. The Gray's opening drive of the final quarter ended with Tyrce Foreman losing a fumble on a fourth-and-2 run from the Gray 42. The Blue's David Hills then missed a 30-yard field goal.

Mississippi State defensive back Shawn Byrdson was MVP for the Gray, showing he could make the switch from safety to cornerback. He deflected seven passes and intercepted an only.

Of the four quarterbacks, only

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## HIGH ROLLERS



Southern California's Troy Pelamalu breaks up a pass play to Utah's Dameon Hunter, top, in the second quarter of the Las Vegas Bowl on Tuesday. Utah won 20-6.

# Utes run over Trojans in Vegas bowl

The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — With a methodical rushing attack and an overwhelming defensive effort, Utah won the Las Vegas Bowl exactly the way Ron McBride always hoped his team would play this season.

Adam Tate rushed for 103 yards and a touchdown, and Utah's defense limited USC to 1 yard rushing as the Utes cleaned up in Las Vegas for the second time in three years, beating the Trojans 10-6 Tuesday.

McBride, soaked from a Gatorade dousing, led the cheers and the school fight song after the Utes controlled the ball over the final 5:43 with a poise they didn't show while blowing fourth-quarter leads over Brigham Young and Air Force in their final two regular-season games.

"We were under a lot of criticism for the Air Force and BYU games, but adversity is what I like," McBride said. "I was determined that we were going to come down here and win this game. We needed this. We played with the ultimate determination today."

The Utes (8-4) won with their defense, which embarrassed USC's strong offense. The Trojans (6-6), who had their four-

game winning streak snapped, finished with 151 total yards.

After scoring its only touchdown on the first possession of the second half, USC didn't get across the Utah 40 for the rest of the day as linebacker Sheldon Deckart and the Utes' defense, missing two starters, still dominated.

"We let them come right at us, and we stopped them," Deckart said. "It was a big part of our game plan to make big plays, and then keep making big plays."

Southern California, which entered the game hoping to build for a run at the Pacific-10 title next season, instead found nearly its every move thwarted by a Utah game plan that seemed to anticipate every trick in coach Pete Carroll's store.

The Trojans didn't manage to accumulate positive rushing yardage until midway through the fourth quarter. Carson Palmer, who was 15-of-26 for 150 yards, missed open receivers and saw other passes dropped.

"I don't think they thought we were comparable to them," McBride said. "They didn't think we were in the same league. They were destroying teams in the last five weeks of the season ... but it's a funny game."

Despite going scoreless in the

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Utah coach Ron McBride is carried off the field by his players after their 10-6 win over Southern California, Tuesday in the Las Vegas Bowl in Las Vegas.

# Lakers defeat 76ers despite marquee injuries

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Even with Shaquille O'Neal watching from the bench and Kobe Bryant often misfiring, the Los Angeles Lakers had enough to overcome the Philadelphia 76ers in a rematch of June's NBA Finals.

Samaki Walker had a season-high 18 points and 10 rebounds, and Bryant scored eight points in the fourth quarter Tuesday night as the Lakers rallied from a 13-point deficit to beat the 76ers 88-82.

Bryant, who made only 2-of-14 shots in the first three quarters, went 4-for-5 in the final period, including a pair of difficult back-to-back jumpers that put

the Lakers ahead 83-77 with 31.6 seconds left.

Apparently hampered to some degree by a pulled muscle in his right rib cage, Bryant finished with 12 points on 6-for-19 shooting, 11 rebounds and nine assists.

Reserves played a major role for the Lakers in the fourth quarter, with four assists.

O'Neal, hampered by soreness in his right big toe for several weeks, was placed on the injured list before the game.

However, George made a free throw with 13.6 seconds left, and two more after a turnover by Iverson.

Iverson had 31 points, eight during a 12-0 run that gave Philadelphia a 73-60 lead with 9.5 minutes remaining. But the Lakers outscored the 76ers 28-9 after that.

Iverson also had eight rebounds and four assists.

O'Neal, hampered by soreness in his right big toe for several weeks, was placed on the injured list before the game.



Los Angeles' Kobe Bryant, right, looks to pass as he is pressured by Philadelphia's Eric Snow, front left, and Matt Harpring Tuesday in Los Angeles.

# Her fire still burns brightly

Torch's oldest carrier, 102, gets ready to run

The Associated Press

XENIA, Ohio — Sarah McClelland is training hard for her role in the Winter Games of the Olympics. At 102, she will be the oldest torchbearer for the Olympic flame as it makes its way to Salt Lake City.

"Because of what this all means, I am a little nervous," she told the Dayton Daily News. "They tell me I'm an inspiration, but I want to make sure I do it just right."



Sarah McClelland But she says nothing will keep her from taking her turn with the torch.

"They had me walk all around the hallways this morning," she said recently. "They told me it added up to one-tenth of a mile. Tomorrow, I've got to get up to two-tenths. That's what I'm going to need to do to take my turn carrying the Olympic torch."

On Jan. 3, McClelland will carry the torch when it passes through Moraine on its 65-day, 13,500-mile trek.

"I'll have one hand on the torch and one on the walker. I don't know how I'm going to wave," she said. "I want people to know I appreciate them being there."

McClelland was chosen to join the relay's 11,500 participants after being nominated by Jessi McClelland, her 22-year-old great-granddaughter.

Jessi said she had to try repeatedly to get sponsors to accept her nomination.

"I kept getting it sent back," Jessi said. "You could only send 100 words, and mine was long. How do you put 102 years into 100 words?"

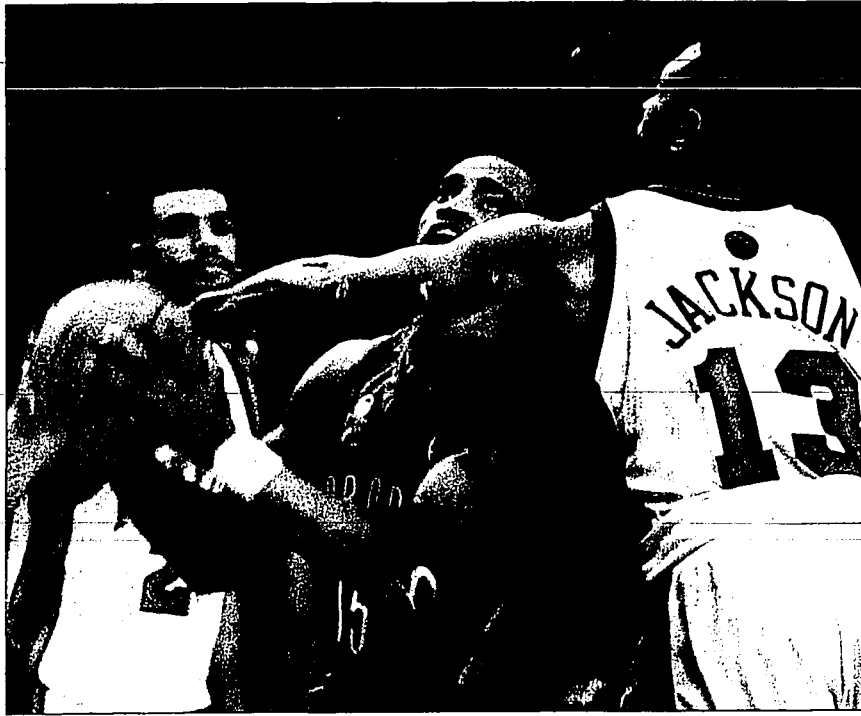
Since McClelland knew nothing of her great-granddaughter's nomination, she thought the acceptance letter that arrived at her house was an advertisement and almost threw it away.

Her daughter-in-law, Mary Lou McClelland, saved the day.

"I almost pitched it, but then Mary Lou saw it and she jumped up and down," McClelland said.



SPORTS



Toronto's Vince Carter, center, is fouled by New York's Mark Jackson during the fourth quarter Tuesday at Madison Square Garden in New York. The Knicks won 102-94.

# Knicks flex defensive muscles

NEW YORK (AP) - They drew charging fouls, came up with steals at crucial moments and forced a key 24-second violation. The New York Knicks got back to doing what they used to do best - making critical defensive stops - and avoided their first five-game home losing streak since 1986 by holding off the Toronto Raptors 102-94 Tuesday night.

"It's not that we haven't played defense in spurts. If you break it down by quarters we've had some good spurts, but for this game we were pretty consistent for 48 minutes," said Knicks coach Don Chaney, who improved to 3-6 since taking over for Jeff Van Gundy.

Allan Houston scored a season-

## New York stymies Carter, Raptors

high 34 points, including a three-point play with 3:05 left that ended Toronto's final rally.

New York, which was without Marcus Camby (sore toe), shot 6-for-8 from 3-point range and opened a 20-point lead in the first quarter, then held off the Raptors after they pulled within one point twice in the fourth.

"We had a nice cushion to play with, and that was the difference in the game," said Latrell Sprewell, who added 21 points and helped hold Vince Carter to two points in the first half and 15 overall - more than 11 below his average.

Travis Knight played a season-

high 26 minutes and grabbed 11 rebounds, and Otthella Harrington scored 16 points starting in place of Camby.

New York looked lax on defense while losing six of seven games, but the effort on this night was much more intense.

"Every time I drove to the basket there was a man there," Carter said. "They did play defense tremendously and with high intensity. We didn't match it."

"The Knicks drew several charges - one of their defensive hallmarks the past few seasons - and came up with steals two times in the fourth when the

Raptors pulled within two.

Toronto got within one point twice after that, but Harrington scored to restore a three-point lead, and Houston converted his three-point play the next time. The Raptors got no closer than four the rest of the way.

Morris Peterson scored 22 points to lead the Raptors, who had their three-game winning streak snapped. Alvin Williams added 18.

"We kept talking to each other, reinforcing the idea that we're going to win a game, we're going to win a close game," Houston said. "This is just one game, so we haven't done anything except set a positive tone for ourselves across the locker room."

# Bulls search for answers after Floyd resigns

DEERFIELD, Ill. (AP) - On paper, the Chicago Bulls job sounds like a good one.

With six NBA titles in the 1990s, the team has an impressive history few others can match. OK, so things haven't gone so well since that guy named Jordan left, but it's not like taking over, say, the Clippers.

The team is stocked with young talent and the Bulls have one of the best practice facilities in the league. Chicago is a sports town, and Bulls fans are a forgiving bunch willing to wait out the rebuilding process.



Tim Floyd

It all sounds fine, right? Wrong. While the Bulls' gig might not sound bad on paper, in reality, it's a mess.

When Tim Floyd resigned Monday, he walked away from a team that is 49-190 over the last three-plus years and has little hope of getting better any time soon.

"In the case of me stepping away," Floyd said, "I think it's going to provide hope for a lot of people that maybe this next coach could be the guy who can help the Bulls go to where they ultimately need to be, and that's back to the championship level."

But who would want this job? Assistant Bill Berry will be the interim coach, beginning with tonight's game in Memphis, but general manager Jerry Krause made it clear he's looking for someone else to be the permanent replacement.

The top free agents, the kind

who quickly could turn a team around, have already showed they're not coming to the Bulls' rescue. Grant Hill didn't even consider Chicago. Remember Eddie Jones and Tracy McGrady? They flirted with the Bulls and then went where they could win.

Those young players? They're really, really young. General manager Jerry Krause seemed to have a cornerstone in place when he took Elton Brand with the No. 1 pick in 1999. Not only was Brand a solid player, but he was an even better person, the kind around which you build a franchise.

# SPORTS IN BRIEF

## Former Cowboys defensive end Martin dies

GRAPEVINE, Texas - Former Dallas Cowboys defensive end Harvey Martin, once a Super Bowl MVP, died of pancreatic cancer. He was 51.



Harvey Martin

Baylor Health Care Center spokesman Maureen Porter said Martin died at 8:24 Monday night at Baylor Medical Center in Grapevine.

The four-time Pro Bowler starred for the Cowboys in the 1970s and highlighted his 11-year career by being the co-MVP of the 1978 Super Bowl with teammate Randy White. Martin is the first Super Bowl MVP to die.

Martin underwent major surgery about a year ago and his condition worsened recently. Porter said Martin's family planned to issue a statement by today.

Martin was one of the Cowboys' most popular players in the 1970s and early '80s, setting team records with 114 career sacks and 20 in 1977. That season he was the Associated Press' NFL defensive player of the year.

He led the Cowboys in sacks seven times, and former Dallas coach Tom Landry called Martin the team's best-ever pass-rushing defensive end.

"He'll be remembered as one of the great Cowboys of the golden years," former Cowboys president and general manager Tex Schramm told The Associated Press Tuesday night. "He was a great player, one of the first in the group of the first great pass rushers. He accomplished more than was anticipated of him."

## Georgia Tech denies hiring Chan Galley

ATLANTA - Georgia Tech said Tuesday it still is negotiating to hire Miami Dolphins offensive coordinator Chan Galley as the Yellow Jackets' football coach.



Chan Galley

Athletic director Dave Braine said a new coach won't be introduced until after Georgia Tech, under interim coach Mac McWhorter, plays Stanford in the inaugural Seattle Bowl on Thursday.

ESPN said Tuesday that Galley, the former Dallas Cowboys head coach, already accepted the job.

"We've told the kids we're not going to do anything until after the game," Braine said Tuesday.

Braine declined to say if an announcement was expected then, but said, "We're coming home right after the game."

The Telegraph in Macon cited unidentified sources close to Tech's athletic department in Tuesday's editions that Galley was close to a deal to succeed George O'Leary.

The Miami Herald said in Tuesday's newspaper that Georgia Tech administrators were impressed with Galley during a recent interview and decided to offer him the job, even though Galley insisted on finishing his second season with the Dolphins.

The Dolphins, fighting for an NFL playoff spot, will be in Atlanta on Sunday to play the Falcons.

## Japan baseball sets new salary record

TOKYO - Hideki Matsui became the highest-paid player in Japanese baseball history, signing a one-year, \$4.7 million contract Tuesday.

Matsui, an outfielder for the Yomiuri Giants, surpassed the mark set by Ichiro Suzuki, now with the Seattle Mariners and the American League MVP this season. Suzuki earned \$4 million with the Orix BlueWave in 2000.

In the major leagues, Alex Rodriguez of the Texas Rangers is the salary leader with a \$252 million contract for 10 years.

Matsui led the Central League this season with a .333 average and had 36 homers and 104 RBIs. He reportedly turned down a five-year deal.

Matsui will be eligible for free agency after the 2002 season and might pursue a career in the major leagues.

"I'll think about that when the time comes," said Matsui, when asked if he intends to follow the path of such Japanese stars as Suzuki and Tsuyoshi Shinjo.

## Miami suspends backup wide receiver

MIAMI - Backup receiver Ethnic Sands of Miami was suspended for an undisclosed violation of team rules and will miss the national championship game Jan. 3 in the Rose Bowl against Nebraska.

Sands won't make the trip, two sources close to the team said Tuesday, speaking on the condition they not be identified. The top-ranked Hurricanes (11-0) are to begin practice in California today.

The sources said the suspension was unrelated to Sands' arrest Sept. 22 on charges of disorderly intoxication and resisting arrest without violence, both misdemeanors. The junior entered a deferred prosecution program, meaning the charges could eventually be dropped.

Athletic director Paul Dee and coach Larry Coker didn't return phone messages.

In Sands' absence, the Hurricanes will be missing two key offensive players. Starting fullback Najeh Davenport underwent surgery Friday to repair a broken foot.

Compiled from wire reports



Tampa Bay Buccaneers running back Warrick Dunn (28) gets a hug from teammate Keyshawn Johnson after running for a second quarter touchdown against the New Orleans Saints Sunday. Dunn has been helping needy families buy homes since his rookie season in the NFL.

# HOMES FOR THE HOLIDAYS

## Tampa Bay running back's program changes lives

BATON ROUGE (AP) - Bernadette Parker is making the gumbo. Her brother will fry the turkey. There will be plenty of food, from breaded stuffing to sweet potato pie.

This is the third Christmas in a row Parker will spend in her own house and the third she will say a special prayer for Tampa Bay Buccaneers running back Warrick Dunn, who helped her and her six kids move from homelessness to home ownership.

"You know what Warrick did for me?" Parker asked. "It wasn't just that he helped me get this house and the things in it. He made it so I could basically live my life without fear and struggle being an everyday part of it."

Parker, 38, is one of 23 single mothers and their 83 children or dependents who have furnished homes thanks to Dunn.

Parker was already getting a house through Habitat for Humanity. She had put down \$175 and paid the "sweat equity" required, helping to build not only her house but half a dozen others for the program. But Dunn added \$4,000 to her down payment and

worked with merchants to stock the cupboard and buy furnishings.

"It had everything from toothpaste in the bathroom to food in the freezer," Parker said. "We would have had the house, but it would have been pretty bare for a long time."

Just a few years ago, Parker was a longshot to become a homeowner. After her husband left her and their children, she lived with relatives, and then in a shelter.

Her brother and some others eventually helped her rent a house. It was in bad repair, there was no hot water, the plumbing leaked, but at \$238 a month, she could swing it on a couple of minimum-wage jobs. She sold her wedding ring and her sewing machine to pay bills, barely scraping by.

Now Parker, a custodian at LSU, pays \$235 a month on the mortgage on her four bedroom house with it's big yard and neat walk.

"I think the main thing Warrick's program has done is help people bootstrap themselves," said Al Genster of the Baton Rouge Office of Community Development, which helps admin-

ister the program. "People call me all the time and ask how they can get a free house. The program doesn't work that way. It helps people that are already pulling themselves up."

Dunn said the idea for the program occurred to him when he was battling around thoughts on how he could help people most.

"I wanted to change people's lives," Dunn said. "Not just for a day or a week, but for their whole lives."

Dunn started the program in 1997, his rookie year in the NFL. With the help of the donations on four houses in Tampa, Fla. In 1998, he extended it to his hometown of Baton Rouge.

Dunn isn't sure how long he'll maintain the program. He has no staff running it or foundation funding it. He just gets the list of recommendations, make his pick and pays the money, which has now increased to \$5,000.

"I don't have any plans, I've done it all on the fly," Dunn said. "When I started, nobody believed it would have lasted five years. It's so wonderful to see the people when they walk into those houses."

# Bowden looks to end Seminoles' slide

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Florida State is not playing for a national championship. Still, hard to believe, isn't it?

The proof is in the bowl lineup, where the once-dominant Seminoles are far removed from the Bowl Championship Series and much closer to home, preparing to play Virginia Tech in the Gator Bowl on Jan. 1.

"Like everything," coach Bobby Bowden said, "nothing lasts forever."

For 14 years, though, Florida State had itself a pretty nice dynasty. The Seminoles played in five national-title-deciding games, won two of them, never finished below fifth in the final poll and produced two Heisman trophy winners.

Since joining the Atlantic Coast Conference in 1992, the Seminoles won or shared every league crown until finishing 7-4 this season, with ACC losses to North Carolina and North Carolina State. The other losses were against in-state rivals Miami and Florida.

On Jan. 1, the Seminoles play the Hokies for the first time since the teams met on a much bigger stage — in the Sugar Bowl with the '99 national title on the line.

Darrell Mudra, who preceded Bowden at Florida State, said "there is nothing comparable" to what the Seminoles have



Florida State head coach Bobby Bowden looks over the Seminoles practice field Thursday in Tallahassee, Fla. Bowden and the Seminoles were holding their final practice before Christmas break in preparation to play Virginia Tech in the Gator Bowl Jan. 1, 2002 in Jacksonville, Fla.

achieved.

Noting that Bowden wasn't taking over an established program such as Penn State, Ohio State or Notre Dame when he arrived in 1976, Mudra said, "I don't think there has been another situation in the country where anyone had the done the kind of job that

Bobby Bowden has done."

From 1987, Bowden's Seminoles won 145 of 164 games, a feat Penn State coach Joe Paterno calls "phenomenal." Paterno said he doubts any school will ever match Florida State's 14-year run of 10 or more wins.

# SECOND CHANCE SCHOLARS

## Former college stars return to classroom

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Herman Benson saunters across the UCLA campus, books in arm. He is 6-foot-2 and 270 pounds, and it's no wonder professors often ask if he's on the football team.

"I tell them, yeah, I played," Benson says. "Twenty-six years ago."

The 46-year-old Benson looks as if he could line up at nose tackle for the Bruins right now. In fact, he is still on an athletic scholarship, albeit it long interrupted.

A former policeman and now a father of six, Benson is a UCLA senior. He is one of the oldest to benefit from a second-chance program by the NCAA that allows athletes to complete their education after they are no longer eligible for regular scholarship funds.

The degree-completion program spans a wide variety of athletes and universities. Nearly 1,500 students have benefited from the program that began in 1988.

Among them is Laura Allen, 25, a former Utah basketball player who used her financial aid to earn a teaching credential. She's now a middle school teacher and coach in Salt Lake City.

Jessica Jensen, 23, has finished her soccer and basketball days at Division II Northern Kentucky. She has used up her regular scholarship but returned to complete her degree so she can teach high school English.

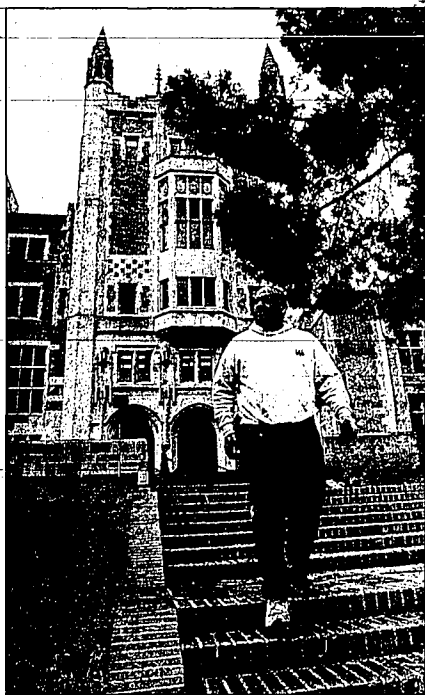
The program's alumni include 1972 Heisman Trophy winner Johnny Rodgers, star of two national championship teams at Nebraska.

Rogers left school before his senior year to play professionally. He was a success in the Canadian Football League for a few years but was a bust in the NFL. He returned to Nebraska after a 21-year break and earned degrees in broadcasting and advertising in 1997.

Benson, a history major with a minor in African-American studies, believes it's appropriate for former athletes to receive financial aid to complete their degrees.

"I think it's especially so, looking at how much revenue athletes bring to universities," he said.

Benson dropped out of UCLA in his junior year after coach Dick Vermeil, who recruited



Herman Benson Jr. walks down the steps of Kerckhoff Hall on the UCLA campus Friday in Los Angeles' Westwood district. The 46-year-old Benson is a 6-foot-2, 270-pounder who looks as if he still could line up at nose tackle for the Bruins as he did when he was a member of the UCLA football team 26 years ago. The former policeman, father of six and a UCLA senior is one of the oldest to benefit from a second-chance program by the NCAA that allows students-athletes to complete their educations after the 'athletes' no longer applies and they are no longer eligible for regular scholarships.

him, left and was replaced by Terry Donahue. Hampered by a back injury, Benson felt he got lost in the shuffle.

"I was young," he said. "Obviously, if I knew then what I knew now, I would have finished my education back then, regardless of what was going on with football."

Since the degree-completion program began 13 years ago, the NCAA has awarded nearly \$7.5 million in scholarships, said Marion Peavey, NCAA Foundation executive director.

Funds come primarily from

private donations, Peavey said. He thinks the 97 percent graduation rate is a testament to the program's success.

Benson, on track to graduate next year, also plans to wrap up some unfinished business when he gets his diploma. He feels he let down Vermeil, who now coaches the Kansas City Chiefs, and Carl Peterson, the Chiefs' general manager who was then a UCLA assistant.

"I want them to know that they did see something in me, after all these years," Benson said.

# Classic

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Alabama State's Darnell Kennedy (99 yards) and Idaho's John Welsh (91) approached 100 yards.

"The offense needs a little bit more time to get clicking than the defense, and I guess the all-star game showed that," said Kennedy, a Montgomery native.

Easy had a 2-yard score in the first quarter and Drummond added a 3-yard score late in the third quarter.

Todd DeLamielleure of Hofstra claimed the defensive honors for

the Blue with 10 tackles, one for a loss.

Foreman, of Virginia, rushed for 56 yards to earn offensive honors for the Gray. Nate Morrow of Vanderbilt (15 tackles) was voted the team's top defensive player.

The Blue's Welsh completed 8 of 19 passes, with one interception. David Neill of Nevada was 1-for-9 for 20 yards.

To the Gray's Kennedy, a Montgomery native, was 9-of-27 for 103 yards. Greg Zolman of Vanderbilt was 12-of-

23 for 67 yards.

Defensive players provided the biggest numbers. Bentley's interception set up the game's first touchdown.

Byrdsong also had a punt return for a touchdown negated by penalty before fumbling his final attempt at a return. He was still happy with the MVP trophy.

"That's sweet, man," Byrdsong said. "I haven't had an MVP trophy in a while. It's a good feeling. I don't know how I'm going to get back on the plane with it. I'm going to get it there somehow."

# Vegas

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second half, Utah converted two long third downs in the final 3:30 to run out the clock.

Tate and Dameron Hunter, who rushed for 94 yards to win Utah's MVP award, were two of the first players to hug McBride after the final snap.

Moved to Christmas Day to capitalize on a captive TV audience, the game was expected to draw a tiny crowd to Sam Boyd Stadium.

Instead, 30,984 locals and fans of both teams filled the stadium,

improbably setting a new attendance record for the 10-year-old bowl.

The fans and the television audience didn't see a telepic game, but the Utes didn't mind at all.

Utah scored its only touchdown on its second possession. Tate, the bigger back in the Utes' massive tailback tandem, bulleted in on a 3-yard run.

The Trojans played dismally while going scoreless in the first half. Thanks to an amazing series of sacks and tackles behind the

line by Deckart and the Utes' aggressive linebackers, USC had minus-53 yards rushing in the first half — and just 15 total yards.

"We didn't play the game we wanted to at all," said Carroll, who got a jarring end to his first season at USC.

"We seemed to find some rhythm eventually, but we didn't get into the game. They really pressured us a lot on first down. We were trying to throw the ball, but they were better at it than we were."

# SCORES AND STATS

## IN THE BLEACHERS By Steve Moore



"He said your shoe's untied, and you actually fell for that!"

### NFL Playoff Scenarios

For Week 18

**AFC EAST**  
New England has clinched berth.  
Miami clinched berth.  
Buffalo clinched berth.  
Pittsburgh clinched berth.  
Cincinnati clinched berth.

**AFC NORTH**  
Pittsburgh clinched berth.  
Cincinnati clinched berth.  
Cleveland clinched berth.  
Baltimore clinched berth.

**AFC SOUTH**  
Jacksonville clinched berth.  
Houston clinched berth.  
Indianapolis clinched berth.  
Tennessee clinched berth.

**AFC WEST**  
Denver clinched berth.  
San Diego clinched berth.  
Oakland clinched berth.  
Kansas City clinched berth.

**NFC EAST**  
Philadelphia clinched berth.  
Dallas clinched berth.  
New York clinched berth.  
Washington clinched berth.

**NFC NORTH**  
Chicago clinched berth.  
Detroit clinched berth.  
Minnesota clinched berth.  
Green Bay clinched berth.

**NFC SOUTH**  
Atlanta clinched berth.  
New Orleans clinched berth.  
Jacksonville clinched berth.  
Tennessee clinched berth.

**NFC WEST**  
Seattle clinched berth.  
San Francisco clinched berth.  
Arizona clinched berth.  
St. Louis clinched berth.

### 2001-02 Bowl Schedule

**ATTEMPT**  
Texas A&M (7-4) vs. Cornell (10-1), 12:30 p.m. (ESPN)

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## BASKETBALL

### National Basketball Association

**ATTEMPT**  
Miami Heat vs. Orlando Magic  
Boston Celtics vs. New York Knicks  
Los Angeles Lakers vs. San Antonio Spurs  
Phoenix Suns vs. Dallas Mavericks  
Houston Rockets vs. Memphis Grizzlies  
Portland Trail Blazers vs. Sacramento Kings  
Utah Jazz vs. Minnesota Timberwolves  
Golden State Warriors vs. New Orleans Hornets  
San Diego Clippers vs. Cleveland Cavaliers  
Milwaukee Bucks vs. Chicago Bulls  
Indiana Pacers vs. Detroit Pistons  
New Jersey Nets vs. Philadelphia 76ers  
Washington Wizards vs. Atlanta Hawks  
Charlotte Hornets vs. Miami Heat  
Orlando Magic vs. Boston Celtics  
New York Knicks vs. Los Angeles Lakers  
San Antonio Spurs vs. Phoenix Suns  
Dallas Mavericks vs. Houston Rockets  
Memphis Grizzlies vs. Portland Trail Blazers  
Sacramento Kings vs. Utah Jazz  
New Orleans Hornets vs. Golden State Warriors  
Cleveland Cavaliers vs. San Diego Clippers  
Chicago Bulls vs. Milwaukee Bucks  
Detroit Pistons vs. Indiana Pacers  
Philadelphia 76ers vs. New Jersey Nets  
Atlanta Hawks vs. Washington Wizards  
Miami Heat vs. Charlotte Hornets

## National Basketball Development League

**ATTEMPT**  
New York Knicks vs. Charlotte Hornets  
Orlando Magic vs. Miami Heat  
Washington Wizards vs. Philadelphia 76ers  
Atlanta Hawks vs. Detroit Pistons  
Indiana Pacers vs. Chicago Bulls  
Milwaukee Bucks vs. New Jersey Nets  
New York Knicks vs. Charlotte Hornets  
Orlando Magic vs. Miami Heat  
Washington Wizards vs. Philadelphia 76ers  
Atlanta Hawks vs. Detroit Pistons  
Indiana Pacers vs. Chicago Bulls  
Milwaukee Bucks vs. New Jersey Nets

## Artistic Basketball Association

**ATTEMPT**  
New York Knicks vs. Charlotte Hornets  
Orlando Magic vs. Miami Heat  
Washington Wizards vs. Philadelphia 76ers  
Atlanta Hawks vs. Detroit Pistons  
Indiana Pacers vs. Chicago Bulls  
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New York Knicks vs. Charlotte Hornets  
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Washington Wizards vs. Philadelphia 76ers  
Atlanta Hawks vs. Detroit Pistons  
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Milwaukee Bucks vs. New Jersey Nets

## NBA Boxes

**ATTEMPT**  
New York Knicks vs. Charlotte Hornets  
Orlando Magic vs. Miami Heat  
Washington Wizards vs. Philadelphia 76ers  
Atlanta Hawks vs. Detroit Pistons  
Indiana Pacers vs. Chicago Bulls  
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## ON THE AIR TELEVISION

**ATTEMPT**  
ESPN 11 a.m.  
ESPN2 noon  
ESPN 6 p.m.  
TNT 6 p.m.  
ESPN 7 p.m.

## HOCKEY

**ATTEMPT**  
New York Islanders vs. Philadelphia Flyers  
Boston Bruins vs. Pittsburgh Penguins  
Washington Capitals vs. New York Rangers  
Detroit Red Wings vs. St. Louis Blues  
Chicago Blackhawks vs. Dallas Stars  
San Jose Sharks vs. Phoenix Coyotes  
Dallas Stars vs. San Jose Sharks  
Phoenix Coyotes vs. Chicago Blackhawks  
St. Louis Blues vs. Detroit Red Wings  
New York Rangers vs. Washington Capitals  
Pittsburgh Penguins vs. Boston Bruins  
Philadelphia Flyers vs. New York Islanders

## SKIING

**ATTEMPT**  
New York Islanders vs. Philadelphia Flyers  
Boston Bruins vs. Pittsburgh Penguins  
Washington Capitals vs. New York Rangers  
Detroit Red Wings vs. St. Louis Blues  
Chicago Blackhawks vs. Dallas Stars  
San Jose Sharks vs. Phoenix Coyotes  
Dallas Stars vs. San Jose Sharks  
Phoenix Coyotes vs. Chicago Blackhawks  
St. Louis Blues vs. Detroit Red Wings  
New York Rangers vs. Washington Capitals  
Pittsburgh Penguins vs. Boston Bruins  
Philadelphia Flyers vs. New York Islanders

## TRANSACTIONS

COLLEGE  
MBA's Super Bowl...  
Flow Board for...  
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**BizFact**  
**Cost of labor**  
 Percent change in manufacturing labor costs for selected countries, 2000

-11.7%	Denmark
-15.4%	Germany
-11.7%	Sweden
7.2%	United Kingdom
-8.5%	United States

## BRIEFLY IN MONEY

### Avista decides to sell communications arm

LEWISTON, Idaho — When Avista Communications started providing local telephone service for businesses three years ago, business boomed for the company in the Lewiston-Clarkston Valley.

Now Avista Corp., the parent company, is struggling with an unpredictable electricity market and has decided to sell its telecommunications affiliate.

Avista Communications has several companies considering purchasing and continuing to operate, Hugh Imhof, spokesman for Avista Corp. in Spokane, said.

"They are good companies, and we think they'll maintain the same quality of service," he said.

The liquidation of Avista Communications is an indication of how tough both the telecommunications and utility businesses have become.

Individual segments of Avista Communications were profitable, such as the Lewiston-Clarkston area, Annette Miller, vice president of sales and marketing, said.

"They've generated cash flow and done really well in terms of the services they provided," Imhof said. "It hasn't been enough to make us even on the costs."

### Officials: Occupancy in hotels drops 7 percent

PARK CITY, Utah — Hotel occupancy in this resort town is down 7 percent from the Christmas period last year and tourism officials are happy it wasn't a lot worse.

It is a major improvement from just two months ago when business leaders were bracing for a decline of as much as 50 percent during the peak season.

That forecast was based on people's fear of traveling after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, the late snowfall and concerns about Olympic crowds.

"We're really pleased at how it has bounced back," Bill Malone, executive director of the Park City Visitors Bureau, said Monday. "This is much different than we predicted."

Richard and Amanda Peacock, a couple from Miami, were enjoying the good snow Monday, said they "chickened out" on a planned trip to Vail, Colo., in November, fearing another terrorist attack.

But they decided to go through with their long-planned trip to Park City for Christmas.

"We got tired of being scared," said Amanda Peacock. "We wanted to have some fun."

### Residential construction rises despite economy

SALT LAKE CITY — Despite the economic slowdown, residential construction in Utah reached an all-time high during the first nine months this year.

The value of new residential construction in the state amounted to \$1.82 billion, up \$136 million from the same period in 2000, according to the Utah Construction Report published by the Bureau of Economic and Business Research at the University of Utah.

Low interest rates — below 7 percent — remain the driving force behind the continued strength of residential construction, bureau director R. Thayne Robson said.

"That's been the case pretty much across the country," Robson said. "Demand for new residential units has been supported by low mortgage rates."

Only seven of the state's 29 counties recorded an increase in the number of new dwelling units through the end of September. The number of new dwelling units built in those counties rose an average of 35 percent compared with the same period last year.

Compiled from wire reports

# SECURITY VERSUS SALES

## Higher scrutiny at border hurts city's merchants

The Associated Press

EL PASO, Texas — People snatching up last-minute Christmas presents on bustling streets near the border on Monday weren't expected to make up for losses caused by tightened border security, merchants said.

"One hundred percent of our business here downtown depends on business from Juarez (in Mexico)," said Luz Venor, manager of Gran Mercado in El Paso, about seven blocks from a border crossing.

People were bumping elbows at the store, buying shiny toy trucks, motorcycles and colorful clothing, but it won't be enough to fill the gap, Venor said.

"I think this year it's 50 percent less than last year," she said.

She blamed the slowdown on long waits at the international bridges related to security checks that were instituted after the Sept. 11 attacks, as well as requirements for new laser-visa border cards.

Stores along the border in Southern California also blamed long border waits for slack sales.

At a Radio Shack in the border city of Calexico, store manager Cindy Bustamante said sales were down 20 percent since Sept. 11.

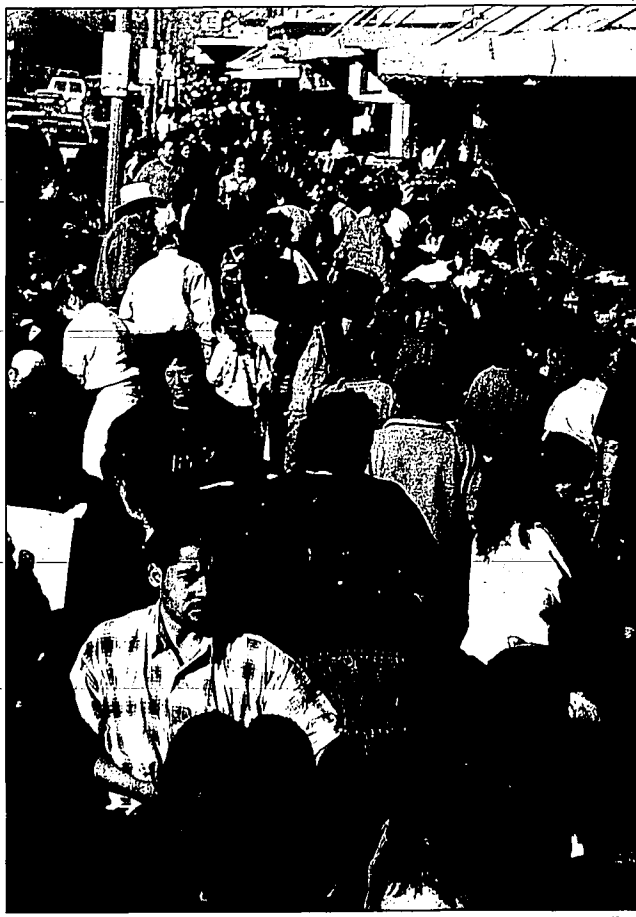
"People don't want to come because it takes two hours to cross," she said.

Alex Kory, the manager of Alexander's clothing store in Nogales, Ariz., estimates his business is down by about 20 percent compared to this time last year.

"I think it's because of a general economic downturn," he said. "We rely heavily on Mexico. If the American economy is down, so is the Mexican economy. We're interrelated."

Many Mexicans who walked over the border to shop used border identification cards that allowed them to enter the United States for up to 72 hours. The cards were replaced with

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Hundreds of shoppers from El Paso, Texas, and Juarez, Mexico, rush the downtown stores of El Paso Dec. 21 hoping to find a good deal on Christmas gifts. Last-minute purchases weren't expected to make up for losses from tightened border security and Congressional inaction on border security cards.

# Many find retirement is a long way off

By Gloria Irwin  
 Knight Ridder News Service

AKRON, Ohio — In 1998, he sold his machine shop and retired from Ohio to Florida.

He was only 50, and the children were grown and out of the house. He and his wife envisioned years of leisurely living. He invested \$350,000 from the sale of his business in the stock market, and started withdrawing \$1,500 a month to supplement his pension.

Life was good. Until the bottom dropped out.

Three years later, his \$350,000 investment has been whittled by a bear market to \$220,000. He can no longer afford to withdraw money from the account.

To make ends meet, he has gone back to work, taking a job as a manual laborer.

His retirement dream has evaporated — and he's not alone.

One Ohio businessman, 52, has seen his company profit-sharing account dwindle from \$330,000 in March 2000 to \$90,000. Gone are his expectations about investment returns and retirement lifestyles.

Some people are delaying retirement in hopes the market

will rebound, Hurst said. Others have put aside dreams of travel or a second home.

Yet many financial experts say they aren't giving any different advice now than before the bear market and the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11.

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## Risk-management process

Understand risks and develop strategies to control them before making an investment decision

### Identify risks

- Understand risks
- Review strategies to control risks
- Evaluate risk/reward trade-off
- Make decisions

### Some common risks

- Buying when prices are high
- Selling when prices are low
- Failing to set goals
- Failing to set plan to achieve goals
- Harboring unrealistic expectations
- Allowing emotions to drive decisions
- Not diversifying assets
- Confusing fluctuation with loss
- Starting too late in life

### Questions to ask

1. What's my potential return?
2. What's a reasonable holding period?
3. What's my time horizon?
4. What are the chances I'll need this money during the preferred holding period?
5. What's the realistic risk that I could lose the principal?
6. How vulnerable is this investment to interest rate changes?

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## Diversification keeps portfolio from crashing

Knight Ridder News Service

Putting money into bonds, cash, real estate or even natural resources can help keep an investment portfolio from crashing when stock prices tank.

For the past year, large-capitalization growth stocks have been pummeled, while many value stocks and bonds have risen. Anyone owning only a large-cap growth mutual fund probably has seen a significant decline, while someone who owns a variety of investments hasn't seen as much of a loss — and may even be ahead.

Although stocks should provide the best returns over a 20- to 30-year investing period, it still makes a lot of sense to spread out some of your money in other investments, financial experts say. For one thing, the stock market could continue to

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# Soft drink giants want exclusive rights to Utah schools

The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Utah's colleges or universities are experiencing their own cola wars as the soft drink giants vie to become the exclusive beverage on the campuses.

In return for the "pouring" rights, schools add some much needed money to their strained budgets.

Utah State University officials recently signed a 12-year con-

tract with Coca Cola, making the company the only drink provider on campus and at athletic events. The deal will bring more than \$6 million into student programs over the next decade and it represents a switch from Pepsi, which had had a five-year contract with the Logan School.

Most of Utah's universities and colleges have granted exclusive rights either to Coca Cola or Pepsi. The student market at both higher and public education

levels has become a major battlefield for the soft drink purveyors.

The companies are very competitive, said Jim Parker, director of purchasing at the University of Utah. "And it doesn't happen with any other food product."

The companies hope for a continuing clientele if students can be attracted to a particular soft drink through the school contracts, Parker said.

"If they can get people using

their products, they may have them (as customers) for life," he said.

The University of Utah signed a 10-year contract with Coca Cola in 1997, piggybacking on the fact that the soft drink company also is an Olympics sponsor. The school's Rice-Eccles Stadium will host the opening and closing ceremonies and the dormitories will be used for the athletes' village.

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# Food shares protect investors

Knight Ridder News Service

As investors review their battle-scarred portfolios of 2001, those who loaded up on shares of food companies probably feel like they received fewer lumps of coal in their stockings than other market players.

Food stocks as a group are practically flat year to date, compared with a 13 percent decline for the Standard & Poor's 500 index, a leading stock market indicator.

Given the safe nature of most food stocks — people have to eat, right? — their resilience in such turbulent economic times is not unprecedented.

There also were some star performers in the group, even excluding companies that were acquired in 2001.

Spicemaker McCormick & Co. is up 18.3 percent since the beginning of the year, General Mills, 16.1 percent, and Kellogg Co., 15.5 percent.

So with the economy still in the doldrums heading into 2002, should investors seeking safe havens gobble up food stocks again?

Not so fast, experts say. The industry still faces some ongoing challenges, namely sluggish volume growth of less than 3 percent combined with a lack of pricing power.

"We feel obliged to note that the rise and relative strength of food stocks have not been driven by industry or company fundamentals," said David Nelson, an industry analyst at Credit Suisse First Boston, noting that the industry has benefited as investors fled more volatile sectors such as technology.

To be sure, venerable companies such as Sara Lee Corp., Campbell Soup Co. and H. J. Heinz Co. have issued profit warnings this year.

On average, earnings across the food group are down 15 percent from a year ago, Nelson said.

The big trend to watch next year is whether Americans will prepare more meals at home, rather than dining in restaurants or ordering takeout.

An increase in home cooking became apparent earlier this year as the economy went into a tailspin and consumers became more frugal.

Based on first-quarter trends, the average consumer will have brought home 70 meals prepared at a restaurant in 2001, ranging from the drive-through trailer at McDonald's to Charlie Trotter's To Go, according to the latest market research from NPD Group. That's down from 72 meals in 2000.

While a dip of two meals may seem minor, it marks the first drop in takeout in more than a decade.

Consumers with more disposable income have been turning to restaurants for convenience and variety. Over the past 10 years, the food-service category has grown by more than 15 percent a year.

The shift away from takeout and restaurant dining accelerated in income by telling analysts spent more time at home watching the news. In turn, they sought out comfort foods like soup.

Campbell experienced a significant increase in shipments of soup following the terrorist attacks.

For the quarter ended Oct. 28, before the cold weather arrived, U.S. shipments of soup climbed 6 percent from a year ago, Campbell said.

But Campbell Chief Executive Doug Conant tempered his optimism by telling analysts during a conference call last month that "it is difficult to determine how shipments will trend going forward."

Other food manufacturers also are wondering whether the eat-at-home trend will hold up or fade away if the economy rebounds in the second half of 2002, as experts predict. For them, "now is a critical time to resonate with consumers," Nelson said.

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Retire

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"The rules of the game have been dusted-off," said Ed Kudrna, a certified financial planner with Financial Network Investment Corp. in Rocky River, Ohio.

Plan on living longer and, consequently, having to accumulate more assets.
Rethink what retirement means. It may not be the end of your workdays.

Your retirement is 20 to 25 years," Hurst said.
Even people in their 60s need to think long term, he said, and remain "reasonably growth oriented" in investments.

Investors seeing returns of 25 percent in the 1990s forgot that every portfolio has a standard deviation, or risk, that can shred an investment.

As a third of their portfolios, Hurst said, and they will be scrambling for the next two to three years to recoup those losses.

Ruggard said traditionally, investors mixed stocks, which historically averaged a 10 percent return, with bonds, which averaged 6 percent to 7 percent.

Portfolio

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stagnate for several years, they said. Spreading out your money in different assets should help smooth out the returns in your portfolio. It's called diversification.

Portfolio diversification results

Allocations of stocks, bonds and cash, and their returns, 1926 to 2000:

Table with 4 columns: Stock/bond allocation, Average return, Worst loss, Years with loss. Rows include 100% stock, 80/20, 60/40, 50/50, 40/60, 20/80, and 10/90 (10% cash).

Stocks returns based on S&P 500 Index; bonds on long-term U.S. corporate bonds; cash on U.S. Treasury bills.

The intent is to have balance, said Jack Brod, principal of asset management and trust services at mutual fund giant The Vanguard Group.

dump their beaten down stocks and jump into bonds. But they may end up making the classic investment blunder, buying high and selling low.

hotels, shopping centers and office buildings, have only a small correlation to the stock market, Lee said. In other words, when the stock market rises significantly, REITs may not rise as high or may lose value.

Indexing for inflation preserves the bonds purchasing power over their lifetime. "That's quite an attractive asset class over the long run," Chen said.

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the laser cards in October. The \$45 cost and the recession in Mexico kept some people from getting them.

just turned into a nightmare for business," he said.
Richard Velasco of El Paso, doing some last-minute shopping Friday, came to the downtown area to escape the crush of humanity at the shopping malls.

Investors have to know that there is a relationship between risk and return, Brod said.

The average REIT net yields about 7 percent, making REITs decent investments for tax-deferred accounts, Lee said.

Still, while stocks, bonds, commodities and other asset classes tend to go in different directions at a particular time, that's not always the case, he added.

While Vanguard's Brod said not all investors probably should have many, if any, investments in such things as commodities or precious metals, others said they can make sense for some people.

On Friday, the U.S. Senate approved a measure extending the deadline for Mexicans to update their cards. However, it must still be approved by the House, which won't consider it until next year.

That may explain why last-minute business was good at the Target store in El Paso's Sunland Park Mall over the weekend.

Over the long term, diversifying helps guard against severe losses in a portfolio, Brod said.

Chen, an expert on asset allocation, said inflation-indexed bonds and Treasury securities should be considered an asset class separate from regular bonds.

By regularly rebalancing the portfolios, "we are forcing ourselves to sell high and buy low," Jenner said.

Jenner said his firm uses a disciplined rebalancing approach with clients' portfolios, tending to sell the assets whose value has risen and buying assets that have dropped in price.

Allowing the company to provide its products to all of the campus, including the Health Sciences complex, will bring about \$9 million to the university - the most lucrative of Utah schools' deals.

The money will be used for scholarships, upgrades for campus dining areas and student housing facilities, revamping the scoreboard and sound system in the Smith Spectrum, athletic scholarships and support for a women's volleyball team.

So where else can you invest your money? Options include bonds and bond funds. Real estate - either the actual property or something called a real estate investment trust.

Real estate can be a good way to diversify holdings, Notzbn said. Investors may not have to look far to find some.

While clients have different needs and risk tolerances, a typical portfolio might have 5 percent in commodities, 30 percent in REITs, less than 40 percent in bonds and the rest in stocks or stock funds, he said.

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MUTUAL FUNDS table listing various funds, their ticker symbols, and performance metrics. Includes columns for Name, S&P, and various performance indicators.



NATION



The 'Angel of Hope' stands in a small park in Altamont, N.Y., Dec. 14 with fresh flowers at its feet. The statue was placed there a year after two teens dies in a car crash near Altamont.

## Story inspires statues honoring dead children

ALTAMONT, N.Y. (AP) - While flowers are left at the feet of the angel - a statue cast in bronze with spread wings, tousled hair and the face of a girl.

The small statue - the "Angel of Hope" - was recently dedicated in a village park after Melissa Herzog and another teen died in a car crash.

"I see it every day on my way to work," said Melissa's mother, Elise. "I kind of stop and say hello to Missy, say a little prayer, touch her hand."

The statue in this Albany suburb is No. 26 in an army of angels cropping up in parks and cemeteries around the country, all showing the girl-angel gazing upward and arms outstretched as if lifting a load. The stories behind each statue is different - they're usually from parents of children who were stillborn, deathly ill or killed. They owe their genesis to a Christmas story.

The angels are real-life counterparts to a statue described in "The Christmas Box," a short story written by Richard Paul Evans, a former advertising executive from Salt Lake City. The story is a parable about a work-obsessed dad who learns to cherish time with his children one Christmas through an old woman named Mary, who lost her own daughter at a young age.

In the story, Mary pours out her grief at the foot of an angel statue.

Evans made 20 copies of his story to share with his family for Christmas 1992. He self-published it the next year, then sold the rights. Today, "The Christmas Box" has sold 8 million copies.

Mary's tale was inspired by a story Evans heard growing up of a woman grieving at the foot of a stone angel, although he was never able to find the statue. After facing parents at book sign-

ings asking where the statue was, he eventually commissioned one of his own.

The first angel statue was dedicated seven years ago in Salt Lake City. The idea of placing the same statue elsewhere gained momentum after an angel went to Oklahoma City to honor victims of the federal building bombing, said Lisa May, chief financial officer for Evans' company.

The 4-foot monuments, which cost about \$20,000, including the granite base and landscaping, can be found from San Jose, Calif., to Rutland, Vt. Evans' company places the order for the statues, but takes no profit.

The Altamont statue was inspired by Herzog, 17, and 19-year-old Corey Eflaw, who died in November 2000 after the car they were in struck a tree on a winding road.

Cina Greco, who had taught both victims in high school, worried about kids hanging out after dark at the tree, which had become an improvised shrine decorated with flowers and pictures. After sharing her worries with the Herzog and Eflaw families, they came up with the idea for an angel statue.

It was Greco who had left copies of "The Christmas Box" on the families' doorsteps just months before.

"This promotes togetherness," Greco said. "It's hooking up these people who had a tremendous loss with other people who had the same loss."

Dozens of people gathered for the angel's dedication Nov. 30. On a cold, wet night amid the ghostly glow of candles, Elise Herzog left a flower in the angel's arms and Corey's father, Douglas Eflaw, spoke to the crowd.

"I never got to say it to him before," Eflaw said. "Corey, I love you. And I always will."

### Pictures of Christmas - B5

Kellie Lee said. Christmas makes Maria Behr's family miss her even more. Behr, a trader at Cantor Fitzgerald, was among nearly 700 employees killed in the attack.

"Maria lived for this time of year," said her brother George, 38, of Hampden Township in Pennsylvania. "She was the one who sort of insisted on all the events in the family."

Behr and his wife volunteered to host the family Christmas celebration this year. "I think in losing her, one of the things we recognized is that she worked so hard at getting us together," he said. "We've come closer together."

## Christmas feels bittersweet in aftermath of Sept. 11

The Associated Press

It was a bittersweet Christmas for many still coming to terms with the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks as thousands mourned loved ones and more packed churches looking for answers.

"With the holidays, it's really hard," said Kellie Lee, whose husband Dan was killed when American Airlines Flight 11 slammed into the World Trade Center's north tower. "I know now he is not coming home and there is no one there for me."

Dan Lee, a carpenter for the Backstreet Boys' tour who spent much of the year on the road, was on his way back to be with Kellie when she gave birth.

The mother, who now lives in Erie, Pa., says she's trying to make the holidays a time of joy for Amanda, 3, and 3-month-old Allison, but struggles daily.

"I wake up and my heart hurts, but then I get one of Allison's quirky looks and I'll laugh,"

# Troops scour caves for bin Laden

The Washington Post

PESHAWAR, Pakistan - Thousands of Pakistani troops wearing all-white mountain fatigues have been clambering up and down the ragged border peaks southwest of here for more than a week to seal off isolated escape routes out of Afghanistan.

Just across the frontier, in the frigid ravines and ridges of eastern Afghanistan's Tora Bora region, U.S. commands and allied Afghan guerrillas still poke painstakingly through the caves and bunkers where fighters from the al-Qaida organization made their last stand. Since resonance was smothered there a week ago under U.S. bombs, they have been rummaging through the treacherous hills searching for stragglers and, most importantly,

for clues to the whereabouts of the vanished Osama bin Laden and his top lieutenants. Bin Laden, the Islamic radical whom the United States blames for the Sept. 11 attacks in New York and at the Pentagon, has become the main unfinished business of the Bush administration's war in Afghanistan. After 2 1/2 months of bombing and a man-hunt aided by the world's most advanced intelligence-gathering devices, the accused terrorist is still not in anybody's gunsight.

A small number of U.S. Special Forces troops are leading the search around Tora Bora, in the White Mountains about 35 miles southwest of Jalalabad. They are aided by untrained squads of Afghan guerrillas fielded by Mohammed Zaman Ghun Shereef and Hazrat Ali, the two military

commanders of the Eastern Shura, the coalition of militia groups that took control of Jalalabad and surrounding Nangarhar province when Taliban rule collapsed last month.

Zaman and Ali have been working hand-in-glove with U.S. forces since they swept into power behind a U.S. aerial barrage. Their search for bin Laden and his al-Qaida hierarchy also is spurred by Washington's promise of a \$25 million reward for the al-Qaida leader and lesser but still juicy premiums for the other senior members of his terrorist organization. Most of them, too, are still on the run, as far as anyone knows.

A list circulated in recent days by Ali's militia group in Jalalabad names nine Arabs - five Saudis and four Egyptians - as the al-Qaida members most

wanted by the United States.

According to an Afghan journalist in Jalalabad, Ali's guerrilla leaders say the list is far shorter than an earlier list provided by U.S. intelligence officers. This seems to indicate that interrogations of captured al-Qaida members in Pakistan and Afghanistan have provided information to help U.S. intelligence officers refine their understanding of who leads al-Qaida and who might still be on the run in Afghanistan or elsewhere.

Zaman told reporters Monday that almost all the caves around Tora Bora have been searched - with little result - and that there is no need for more U.S. troops to continue the search, possibly suggesting that, for him, the hunt for bin Laden around Tora Bora is nearing an end.

## Afghan hospital lacks heat, drugs, sutures

MAZAR-E-SHARIF, Afghanistan (AP) - Dr. Homayoun Darmangar shook his head Tuesday and sighed in despair.

Two minutes earlier, the chief orthopedic surgeon at Mazar-e-Sharif's general hospital had to make the difficult decision to amputate a boy's injured leg. It was a choice he never would have made if his destitute facility had the proper equipment and better-trained doctors.

"If there were instruments and there was the proficiency ... then our young patient would not lose a leg," he said.

The level of health care is dismal at the main hospital in Afghanistan's largest northern city.

Surgical tools are old and worn, and many are missing. The pharmacy cupboards are nearly bare. Doctors have been forced to jury-rig traction devices to fix broken bones.

Recovering patients who cannot afford firewood for the rusty heaters in their rooms have to brave the winter cold. There are no sheets for the beds or disinfectant to clean the floors.

Before surgery, doctors hand a shopping list to a patient's relatives, who buy the needed medicine and dressings from one of the pharmacies lining the street.

If a doctor needs an extra supply during surgery, he yells to a relative outside the operating room to go buy it quickly. New techniques and equipment are unheard of.

Darmangar said the situation is similar around the country, which has been ravaged by war for decades.

In Afghanistan, everything must be repaired, he said.

It is unclear how many people the hospital serves. At least 200,000 live in Mazar-e-Sharif, hundreds of thousands more in surrounding areas. The military hospital in town is better equipped, but it takes few civilians, Darmangar said.

Doctors at his hospital have not been paid their monthly \$20 salary in at least three months. Many make money by running private clinics in the afternoons.



A sick child lies on a hospital bed in a department for infectious children in a hospital in Mazar-e-Sharif, northern Afghanistan, Tuesday.

One junior doctor asked a visiting journalist for a job as a translator so he could afford medical books.

Though doctors perform emergency surgery for free, they ask patients, many of them impoverished, to pay first before doing other procedures.

There is no ambulance, so the 159 people injured in an explosion last week at the town bazaar had to take taxis to the hospital.

During emergency surgery on one victim, Darmangar was forced to tie off a torn artery with a piece of surgical glove because the hospital has no arterial clamp.

Doctors often have to wait in line for hours for the only working autoclave to disinfect surgical

instruments. Daily blackouts force them to use flashlights to complete operations because the backup generator takes about two hours to start up and often has no fuel.

Several aid organizations have given the hospital medicine and tools, but Darmangar worries that much of it is stolen.

Malik Alaouna, head of the local mission of Medecins Sans Frontieres (Doctors Without Borders), said there is decent access to primary health care in the city. But he deplores that hospital patients have to buy their medicine and dressings and pay for their doctors.

"People are speaking of \$200, \$300 for a Caesarean section, and

most people here cannot pay," he said.

Abdul Shakar had to take out a loan to come to the hospital from his village 90 miles away after he broke his leg in a car accident. It took him two days to rent a car and scrape together 1.25 million Afghanis (\$62) for his X-rays and care.

He needed an operation on his leg bone, but doctors did not have the proper equipment, so they created a traction device out of a metal splint weighted with bricks and bags of salt.

Darmangar is unsure if it is working, but Shakar is optimistic his leg will heal and he will one day be able to repay the loan. "God is kind," he said.

## Tribunals helped Peru fight terror

LIMA, Peru (AP) - When critics warn of the dangers of using secret U.S. military tribunals to try terrorism suspects, they could point to Zenaida Huertas.

Peru's secret trials in the early 1990s enjoyed wide public support as a key weapon in the fight against leftist insurgencies bloodying the country, but the success came at a price - the wrongful conviction of hundreds of innocent people like Huertas.

She was a 31-year-old divorced mother of four when a "faceless" military court in Peru convicted her of terrorism charges and sentenced her to 30 years in prison. "It was like a nightmare," she says of the 1993 trial at a naval prison.

"All that time, you feel crushed. You feel unprotected. You can't trust anything or anybody," says Huertas, now 39. "You are alone."

Her offense? She had notified police about a bulging bag that armed men wearing ski masks told her to keep at her home in the working-class Lima district of Comas.

When anti-terrorism agents found several guns in the bag, they took Huertas downtown for what they said would be a half hour of questioning. She didn't return home for seven years, after being freed by a government commission set up to review the secret courts' convictions.

For years the U.S. government criticized Peru's use of the military trials in its crackdown on the Shining Path, a Maoist rebel group that devastated the country during the 1980s and early 1990s with car bombings, sabotage and peasant massacres.

	Tribunal Defense Dept., working out details	Jury trial
Location:	Not on U.S. soil; could be held at sea or at U.S. military installation	U.S. soil
Attorney:	Could be military officers appointed to represent suspects; yet to be determined	Defendants' legal right to choose counsel
Jury:	None	Approved by defense attorney; jury instructions made; applies law
Administrator:	Commissioners are mainly military officers; apply law, weigh facts	Judge interprets law; preside jury on issues
Evidence:	Can be second-hand or hearsay; defendant can be denied access	Judge decides what is admissible; hearsay is possible; evidence can be excluded
Standard of proof:	Lower; not yet specified by Defense Dept.	Commissioner requires proof beyond reasonable doubt
Record of trial:	Can be limited to defendant's name, sentence; proceedings can be kept secret for years	Judge public; not determined by judge; subject to review on appeal; some parts kept secret
Conviction:	Can convict, give death penalty with two-thirds vote	Death penalty requires unanimous vote state courts
Appeal:	President or secretary of defense has final say	Defendant has right to appeal; review of verdict

**Why have tribunals**

National Security, told the Senate Judiciary Committee Jan. last month. Still, a majority of Americans support Bush's order, according to opinion polls. U.S. officials have made repeated assurances that the military courts will grant fair trials but say the magnitude of the terrorism threat facing the United States demands extraordinary measures.

In Peru, President Alberto Fujimori used the same argument when he established military anti-terrorism tribunals a few months after he seized dictatorial powers in April 1992 by suspending the constitution and dissolving Congress and the courts.





# COMICS

**Classico Peanuts** — By Charles M. Schulz

ALL RIGHT, WHO DID IT? COME ON! CONFESS!

I WANNA KNOW!

WHO INVENTED "THANK YOU" NOTES?!

**For Better or For Worse** — By Lynn Johnston

HERE WE ARE IN THE KITCHEN TOGETHER JUST LIKE OLD TIMES!

ARE YOU ENJOYING SCHOOL? HAVE YOU MADE SOME GOOD FRIENDS THIS YEAR?

ARE YOU HAPPY, ELIZABETH?

YEAH!

YEAH, I'M HAPPY! DON'T LOOK HAPPY WHAT MAKES YOU THINK I'M NOT HAPPY?

AAAAH!

**Dilbert** — By Scott Adams

I NEED YOUR APPROVAL FOR THIS EXPENSE. THE EQUIPMENT IS ALREADY HERE AND INSTALLED.

I LEFT OUT THE DESCRIPTION BECAUSE YOU WOULDN'T UNDERSTAND IT ANYWAY.

THERE'S A FINE LINE BETWEEN MANAGING AND BEING TOTALLY USELESS.

LUCKILY IT LOOKS THE SAME.

**Blondie** — By Dean Young & Stan Drake

WHAT DID BAGWOOD'S BOSS GIVE HIM FOR CHRISTMAS THIS YEAR?

A TOP-OF-THE-LINE FLY FISHING ROD.

I'LL BET HE CAN'T WAIT FOR WINTER TO BE OVER!

YOU'RE RIGHT, HE CAN'T!

**B.C.** — By Johnny Hart

I'D LIKE TO EXCHANGE THIS BOMBERNAK! IT HAS ENTIRELY TOO MUCH RANGE!

WHAT'S THE PROBLEM? IT OBVIOUSLY COMES BACK TO YOU, DOESN'T IT?

YES! BUT IT COMES BACK GOD!

**Pickles** — By Brian Crane

NELSON SURE IS ENJOYING THAT VIDEO GAME THING I GAVE HIM FOR CHRISTMAS.

I KNOW, I'M STILL UPSET WITH YOU ABOUT THAT, MOM.

WHY IS THAT?

I TOLD YOU I DIDN'T WANT YOU TO BUY ANYTHING EXPENSIVE FOR HIM!

I'M SORRY, DEAR, BUT GRAMMA'S MY NAME AND SPOILING MY GAME.

**Garfield** — By Jim Davis

HI, MOM?... IT'S JON

ABOUT THAT SWEATER YOU MADE GARFIELD FOR CHRISTMAS?...

YOU LEFT OUT A HOLE

HOW DO YOU LEAVE OUT A HOLE?!

**Dennis the Menace** — By Hank Ketcham

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**The Family Circus** — By Bil Keane

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**Hi and Lois** — By Chance Browne

ARE YOU RETURNING EVERYTHING I GAVE YOU FOR CHRISTMAS?

NO!

THESE BATTERIES ARE THE RIGHT SIZE!

**Rose Is Rose** — By Pat Brady

"ALL MR. WILSON GOT FOR CHRISTMAS WAS A BUNCH OF CLOTHES. HE MUST HAVE BEEN REALLY NAUGHTY."

"Something I asked for I didn't get. Does Santa have a customer service number?"

**The Wizard of Id** — By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart

THE KING IS LOOKING FOR A NEW FOOD TASTER

I WOULD DO IT, BUT I DON'T HAVE ANY EXPERIENCE

**Zits** — By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott

WERE YOU HAVE YOU WRITTEN YOUR CHRISTMAS THANK-YOU NOTES YET?

YES

I GOT DOWN AND LOOK CARE OF IT FIRST THING THIS MORNING

VERY FUNNY

I'VE NEVER BEEN A VERY CONVINCING LIAR.

FIRST THING THIS MORNING I'DIDE SHE AND HER MOTHER DIDN'T GET OUT OF BED UNTIL 11:00 AM

**Hagar the Horrible** — By Chris Browne

I CAN ALWAYS COUNT ON YOUR MOTHER TO GIVE ME SOMETHING FOR CHRISTMAS REALLY USE!

WHAT DID SHE GIVE YOU?

A BOTTLE OF AFTER-SHAVE LOTION

**Luann** — By Greg Evans

MILLIONS OF WORKERS IN IMPOVERISHED COUNTRIES MAKE CLOTHES AND ELECTRONICS. WANTING THESE THINGS IS GOOD BECAUSE I'M SUPPORTING POOR PEOPLE WHO DESPERATELY NEED HELP

OK! I FEEL LESS GUILTY NOW

Y'KNOW, YOU'RE THE ONE WHO DESPERATELY NEEDS HELP!

**Beetle Bailey** — By Mort Walker

TAKE YOUR REPORT AWAY! IT'S GARBAGE!

BUT YOU PASTED RED AND GREEN STARS ON IT

THAT'S FOR CHRISTMAS

**Strange Brew** — By John Deering

IS THERE A PROBLEM, OFFICER?

**Non Sequitur** — By Wiley

IT SEEMS LIKE YOU'VE GOT THE FEELING ABOUT THE ABSOLUTELY CLUELESS ABOUT THE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS! IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE THE DIVINE SPIRIT, BUT IF THAT'S NOT YOUR GIFT, YOU THE SPIRIT YOU WANT, THEN IT'S JUST ONE BIG-BOOM-BOOM!

YEAH, WAAAA!

WELL, GET USED TO IT. IT'S BEEN THAT WAY SINCE THE FIRST CHRISTMAS. IT'S ABSOLUTELY CLUELESS ABOUT THE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS! IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE THE DIVINE SPIRIT, BUT IF THAT'S NOT YOUR GIFT, YOU THE SPIRIT YOU WANT, THEN IT'S JUST ONE BIG-BOOM-BOOM!

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AL'S DINER

DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT, AL --- A VALUE-ADDED TAX WOULD NEVER APPLY TO YOU.

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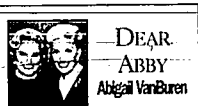
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ACROSS
1. Truffles
6. Pindar works
10. Metal fastener
14. Cuviera
15. Seedy bar
16. Chair part
17. Sits, sings, and
18. Opinion piece
20. Part of AES
22. Picata base
23. God of love
24. Emesio
25. Suviera
28. Double curve
27. Link's leader?
30. Instance of subterfuge
33. Easter event
35. Tolkien's trap
36. Find an empty spot
40. Eager
41. Combino
43. -Mongol
44. Bantling
45. Purse
46. Young man of
47. Inland
48. Weight
49. Reaching
50. Summer cooler
51. Cornstarch
52. Rite
53. Mino find
54. Picata colony
58. Pal?
60. Organize over
65. Squeegee or
67. Cook one's
68. Pesto
69. Barely there?
70. Computer
71. Table scraps
72. Tacos
73. Advantages of
74. Use in a bubble
DOWN
1. End
2. Fence the loc,
o.g.
3. Goller Davis
4. Purple haze
5. Highlands
6. Black sea port
7. Caper
8. Manjestic
9. TV
10. Spy Mata
11. Shape of
12. Fashion
58. Pals?
13. Pops' concerns
14. Squeegee or
15. appliance
21. Time for
25. One who
26. manages a
27. place to stay?
28. Fury
29. Press
30. Suit material
31. Anything ...
32. Matured
33. Paper Lion?
34. Sing
35. Foe's house?
36. Patella's place
37. Diners
38. Spit-lasting
39. Skys of 'Sai
40. Anything ...
41. Makes an avon
42. exchange
43. Country singer
44. Boss's house?
45. Young pig
46. Spohls
47. human?
48. Designer
49. Showdown (verb)
50. Glass cleaners
51. Bodices
52. A/C measure

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EGGS AWL GARNER
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12/26/01
NEW YORK - While the guys in "The Lord of the Rings" films were learning how to ride horses and fight with swords, Liv Tyler was learning how to speak Elvish.

Flower girl invitation causes dissension

DEAR-ABBY: My nephew is being married in a few months and has asked my 7-year-old daughter, "Shelley," to be the flower girl in his wedding. He is her godfather.



DEAR ABBY Abby VanBuren

I also have a 5-year-old daughter, "Ruthie." My wife thinks it is unfair that Ruthie wasn't asked to be in the wedding because "it's every little girl's dream" to be a flower girl. The truth is, Ruthie did not feel slighted in the least when she heard Shelley was asked. However, my wife, her mother, two sisters and the couple of her friends think it is wrong and mis-spirited for Ruthie not to be included.

DEAR BEWILDERED: Certainly not. Being a flower girl isn't "every little girl's dream" unless someone has planned the notion. Tell your wife and the meddling in-laws to stop interfering with your nephew's wedding plans. If your wife prefers to stay home with your 5-year-old, that's her choice.

dear heart surgery 24 hours a day... Every time I decide to give-up on him, he calls, apologizes, and promises to see me "soon." He also plays me lavish compliments. I really like him a lot, but the relationship is going nowhere. What must do to resolve the situation? I don't have the strength to say no.

these announcements from actual church bulletins. Get ready to chuckle!

DEAR LOIS: Although these were appeared in my column before, I'm sure many people would welcome a chuckle. Read on:

This argument has caused a great deal of strain between my wife and me. She has even stated that rather than attending the wedding, she may stay home with Ruthie. Abby, do you think I am being an insensitive father for not taking my nephew but he must ask BOTH girls to be flower girls?

DEAR ABBY: I have been dating my father's heart surgeon. He is extremely busy and calls less and less often as the weeks go by. He makes very little time to see me, although he claims he will make more time for me in the future. I know he has a lot of pressure, but I'm sure he doesn't

- Announcements
1. Don't let worry kill you. Let the church help.
2. This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Jenny Palmer to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.
3. The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind and may be seen in the fellowship hall all day Friday.
4. This afternoon, there will be a meeting in the south and north ends of the church. Children will be baptized at both ends.
5. Tonight's sermon will be "What is Hell?" Come early and hear our choir practice.

Christmas gifts cause talk, Aries

Hens stand while laying their eggs

IF DECEMBER 26TH IS YOUR BIRTHDAY ... your emotions are powerful; you don't do things halfway, and the intensity of falling in love, you are discriminating, but once you find the right person you are passionate. Capricorn, Cancer natives

One reason there are so many people in this country named Smith is Smith is his counter-part name in almost every European language. Kuznetsky in Russian, Kowalski in Poland, Kovacs in Czech. And when the Kuznetskys and Kowalskys and Kovacs immigrated, many of them promptly changed their names.



REVISITED L.M. Boyd

A. No difference, except A.B. is short for the Latin "Artum Baccalaureus," and B.A. is short for the English "Bachelor of Arts." But they mean the same. The plant of "goose" is "gooses" - when you're talking about that smoothing iron used by a tailor.

Horoscope Sydney Omar

"A hen stands up to lay an egg." "In clarity, there is no excess," said Sir Francis Bacon, who lived before phone solitators.

That word "marmalade" comes from the Greek "melimelon" meaning "sweet apples." Consider the most powerful industrial nation in the world: Only 1 percent of the households have electric refrigerators. Only 28 percent have either gas or electric stoves. Only 35 percent have telephones. Less than 50 percent of the people have the minimum adequate diet. And not one person has a television set. This was the United States just 80 years ago.

Liv Tyler learns Elvish for 'Lord of the Rings'

NEW YORK - While the guys in "The Lord of the Rings" films were learning how to ride horses and fight with swords, Liv Tyler was learning how to speak Elvish.

"I found up speaking a lot of Elvish in the film, a lot more than I would be sword fighting or horseback riding. (so) I would spend time with the dialect coach," the 24-year-old actress told reporters recently.

Boy's balloon reaches student half a world away

ST. PAUL (AP) - The world seems a little smaller to a 10-year-old boy after a helium-filled balloon he released found its way to a university student in the Czech Republic - some 4,500 miles away.

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Wednesday, Dec. 26, 2001

THE ACES ON BRIDGE Bobby Wolff

"The time to repair the roof is when the sun is shining."

—John F. Kennedy

Do you and your partner have firm agreements regarding action over high-level pre-empt? What is the meaning of four-no-trump directly over a pre-empt of four spades? Does the agreement hold over a pre-empt of four hearts? The time to reach these agreements is now. Waiting until the storm arrives invites disaster.

Most use four no-trump as a three-suit takeout over a four-spade opening. Over four hearts, four no-trump promises excellent, while a double promises excellent values and emphasizes spades.

Over East's four-spade opening, Carl Hultman, of Dallas, used the four-no-trump takeout with relative safety. When North bid the expected five clubs, Hultman retreated to five diamonds. By inference, this promised length in both red suits.

Hultman ruffed the second spade, drew trumps, and led dummy's heart queen. When East covered, Hultman won and conceded a heart, claiming 11 tricks.

In the replay, the bidding was identical up to South's correction to five diamonds. However, this West did not go quietly. He competed to five spades, hoping the penalty would not be severe.

It wasn't. East ruffed the second diamond and cashed his trump ace to fell South's king. A trump to dummy's jack allowed him to finesse against North's heart queen. Later, after ruffing a heart in dummy, East ran dummy's club jack, holding his losses to only one down.

Ah, the capriciousness of distributional deals! Since neither side can be sure of the outcome, experienced players tend to bid "once more," hoping to limit their downside risk.

NORTH 12 21 A
A 9 6
Q 9-8
Q J 4
J 9 8 4 2

WEST EAST
A 5 4 A Q 10 8 7 3 2
K 7 4 K J 5
9 6 2 K 7
J 10 6 5 3 A K 7

SOUTH
A K
A 10 6 3 2
A K 10 8 5 3
A

Vulnerable: Both
Declarer: West

The bidding:

West North East South
Pass Pass 4 4 4 NT
Pass 5 4 Pass 5 4

Opening lead: Spade four

BID WITH THE ACES

South holds:
A K
A 10 6 3 2
A K 10 8 5 3
A

South North
1 4
4 1
4 1

ANSWER: Two hearts. Use a reverse to describe a strong hand (forcing) with longer diamonds than hearts.

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