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## Council debates bid policy, awards contract for waterfront master plan

by Paul Olson

The award of a waterfront master plan contract triggered an old argument for the Manistique City Council Monday night. The discussion, which centered around the city's bidding policies, did not stop council from giving the contract to STS Consultants of Marquette, although that firm was not the low bidder for the job.

The issue arose when council was asked to ratify a recommendation from a committee of Downtown Development Authority members, which said STS was the best firm to complete the engineering study and master plan.

The company was one of three to bid on the project, with a price not to exceed \$44,750.

Proposals were also received from Timberland Engineering of Gladstone, which bid \$43,784, and U.P. Engineers and Architects, which bid \$48,706.

The project is part of the city's ongoing efforts to improve the entire waterfront, including the boardwalk, marina and docking facilities, the west side boat launch and adjacent areas.

The master plan will be funded with grant that was recently received from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Waterways program, which is providing up to \$25,000 in state funds, with an equal match from the Manistique DDA.

Specifications for the planning work were developed by STS and the project put out for bids last month. But the original deadline only allowed one week for companies to respond. In addition, the city failed to advertise the request for proposals in the Pioneer-Tribune, the local paper of record, as required. Because of that, council agreed to re-advertise the project with a new bid deadline of Dec. 6.

In a memo to City Manager Sheila Aldrich, DDA committee member Rick Demers said all three proposals met the criteria and all three companies

had "the knowledge and experience to perform the work." However, the panel recommended STS based on the strength of their proposal and "their past efforts in helping us develop our waterfront."

Over the past year or so, the company has provided a number of waterfront planning services to the city, some of them at no cost.

Among other things, STS drew up the successful application for the Waterways program grant.

They also developed engineering plans and a grant application to the Great Lakes Fishery Trust for three handicapped-accessible fishing piers on the west side of the river. That \$384,700 grant was recently received, and will be matched with \$40,000 from the DDA.

At the same time, the company is working on a separate feasibility study for a proposed museum, educational and interpretive center, which could also be built on the east side of the river.

In addition, STS assisted in applying for a Coastal Management grant to fund a full-scale plan for the interpretive center. However, officials recently learned that grant - and a separate Coastal Management grant that would have funded geographic information system mapping of the city - were turned down.

When it came time to approve the DDA recommendation Monday, council member Dan Evonich expressed concern about rejecting Timberland's low bid.

He referred to the recent Range Street project, in which council had accepted the lowest construction bid, which came from a Wisconsin firm called Mussen Brothers. While the company was unknown to local officials at the time, Evonich said, they had been advised by Coleman Engineering that they had to take the lowest bid or risk being sued.

City Attorney John Filoramo said that requirement was not spelled out in the city charter, which says council can reject any or all bids "if deemed advisable."

Council member Chris Rantzen agreed, noting that council often accepted a higher bid for one reason or another.

"We have the right to accept or reject any or all bids," she told Evonich. "You're saying we're locked into taking the low bid, no matter what, but as long as I've been here that hasn't been true."

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The playgroups for the youngest children at Emerald Elementary School have already seen many happy hours of activity since the school opened last month. On Tuesday, Manistique Area Schools officials received the federal grant money to pay for the facilities. Officials from USDA Rural Development and representatives of three federal lawmakers were in town to present the district with \$95,200 in USDA grant funds previously awarded for the pre-kindergarten and kindergarten playgroups. The event was part of a two-day Upper Peninsula visit by Rural Development, which also included check presentations to Tri-Star Ambulance, Bark River Township and Calumet Township.

Above: Gene DeRossett, state director for Rural Development (standing, left), discusses the agency's mission with MAS Elementary Principal Jason Lookwood, pre-kindergarten teacher Christi Ryan, School Board President Steve Latterman, Director of Grants, Special Education and Curriculum Kathy McDonough, and School Board Vice President Ingmar Levin.

Below: DeRossett presents the ceremonial check. From left: Latterman, Levin, Lookwood, Ryan, McDonough, DeRossett, Amy Berglund from U.S. Sen. Carl Levin's office, Rural Development Specialist Ann Young from Gladstone, Sue McCarthy from the office of U.S. Rep. Bart Stupak, and Sheri Davie of U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow's U.P. office. (Pioneer-Tribune photos)



## U.P. officials learn about Hatch Act

Videoconference provides background information, lets residents question OSC

by Paul Olson

One year after it first made news in Schoolcraft County, local officials in Manistique and several other Upper Peninsula communities had a chance to discuss the federal Hatch Act with the lawyers who enforce it. In a Tuesday afternoon videoconference, attorneys from the U.S. Office of Special Counsel (OSC) discussed the law, how it works, and what it means for those who might be seeking office in 2008.

Enacted in 1939, the law was originally designed to prevent federal government employees from running for office or engaging in other partisan political activities. It was extended a year later to also cover those who work for state or local government. The law is interpreted to include those whose principal employment is connected, in whole or part, with federal loans and grants.

The act first came to light in Schoolcraft County in December 2006, when then County Commissioner Dan McKinney abruptly resigned from office, announcing that he was under investigation for a Hatch Act violation.

At the time, McKinney was employed as a counselor for Hiawatha Behavioral Health, an agency that receives federal

funding, meaning he had run for the County Board in violation of the law.

McKinney later resigned from HBH and was appointed to the position of Schoolcraft County Clerk.

The Hatch Act also affected a local resident who was elected to the County Board in November 2006, preventing her from ever taking office.

Susan Phillips, an employee of Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital, contacted the Special Counsel's office several days after winning her board seat, asking for a determination on her status under the law. Although she was set to take office on Jan. 1, she declined to take her seat at that time, since the OSC investigation was still underway.

Several weeks later, the attorneys were still trying to decide if her hospital position put Phillips in violation of the law. However, they had determined that she was in violation through her connection with an outside agency, Schoolcraft Health Access, which is funded by a federal grant.

While she received no income from her position as chairman, she was reimbursed for expenses, including mileage.

If Phillips took office, the OSC said, it would be considered an "aggravating factor" in the case, leading to possible prosecution and the loss of her job.

Faced with that choice, Phillips opted to resign from the County Board.

Also feeling the impact of the law was temporary County Commissioner Jean Barber, who was first appointed in 2006 to fill a vacancy on the board. She later had her appointment extended to fill Phillips' open seat.

Barber said she would have liked to run for the board in this year's special county election but could not. She is employed by the Menominee-Delta-Schoolcraft Community Agency, another organization covered by the law.

Several township officials have also run into problems with the Hatch Act.

After reporting herself to the OSC, Thompson Township Clerk Laurie Jasmin was notified that her job as manager of

the Schoolcraft County Economic Development Corporation, an agency that administers federal housing grant funds passed through the state, placed her in conflict with the law. While she did not have to resign her township position, Jasmin will be unable to run for re-election in 2008.

More recently, longtime Doyle Township Supervisor Connie Frenette learned that she is under investigation by the OSC. The outcome of the case is still pending, but Frenette, who is employed by the Manistique Senior Citizens Center and the Schoolcraft County Commission on Aging, may also be prevented from running again next year.

Tuesday's videoconference was arranged by U.S. Rep. Bart Stupak, whose office has fielded numerous queries and complaints about the Hatch Act - many of them from Schoolcraft County residents.

Stupak asked the three lawyers who make up the OSC's Hatch Act Unit to meet with Upper Peninsula residents and review the law, explain who it covers and how it is applied. The goal was to provide general information about the act and perhaps help potential candidates decide if they are eligible to run.

Stupak did not attend the session but had several staffers on hand, including his Deputy

Chief of Staff Stacy Welling and Legislative Aide Josephine Eckert.

The videoconference link allowed participation from residents in Baraga, Marquette, Escanaba and Manistique.

Nine people attended the local broadcast site at Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital, including coordinator Dixie Anderson, chair of the county's Democratic Party, McKinney, Phillips, Jasmin, Frenette, Jon Schuster, and two commissioners from Luce County.

In their presentation, the OSC officials presented a detailed explanation of the Hatch Act and many of the law's finer points.

They stressed that it only applies to candidates in partisan elections - elections where at least one person running represents a political party. Locally, that includes county and township races, not elections for boards of education or the Manistique City Council, where candidates are considered non-partisan and are not elected by party.

For government employees, the Hatch Act only applies to those working for the executive branch, not the legislative or judicial branches, which are exempt under the law.

The act also provides some other exemptions, including one that allows people em-



Among those attending Tuesday's Hatch Act videoconference at Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital were (from left) Doyle Township Supervisor Connie Frenette, Schoolcraft County Democratic Party Chair Dixie Anderson, Susan Phillips, and two Luce County commissioners. (Pioneer-Tribune photo)

## Home damaged by fire

There were no injuries, but a home on Manistique's east side received major damage in a fire early Sunday morning. The home, at 330 Walnut Street, was the residence of Manistique Area Schools Superintendent John Chandler and his family.

According to Manistique Public Safety Director Ken Golat, they received the call at 6:44 a.m. Sunday and responded to find the west rear porch of the home fully engulfed in flames. All the occupants were out of the house, and officers extinguished the blaze within 20 minutes.

Golat said the fire caused major damage to the porch and moderate damage to the kitchen and living rooms. The rest of the house suffered major smoke damage.

It was determined that the blaze started with a fire in the fireplace. The masonry firebox failed, and that allowed heat and flame to ignite the adjacent rear porch wall.

The family - John Chandler, his wife, Beth, and their seven children - had been renting the house since July. The house is owned by former Manistique residents Bruce and Elynn Plackowski, who now live in downstate Alma.

## Monday is deadline to register for Michigan's upcoming primary vote

Next Monday, Dec. 17 is the last day to register to vote in Michigan's new presidential primary election on Jan. 15.

To register, people must be U.S. residents and at least 18 years old by election day. They must also be residents of Michigan and the city or township in which they register.

Local voters may register at their city or township clerk's office, the county clerk's office at the Schoolcraft County Courthouse, or the Secretary of State branch office on River Street in Manistique.

A mail-in form is available on the Department of State Web site at [www.michigan.gov/sos](http://www.michigan.gov/sos).

When they arrive at the polls on Jan. 15, voters will be asked which party's primary they want to vote in, and they will receive a ballot for that party.

While there are issues on the ballot in Schoolcraft County, some communities around the state may be deciding other issues on that day, since the primary replaces Michigan's regular February election for this year only.

Those who want to vote for a special issue but not cast a primary vote can ask for a ballot that does not include presidential candidates.

People requesting an absentee ballot must check a box on the application stating which party's ballot they would like to receive.

Michigan Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land is also reminding voters of the state's new ID requirements that went into effect earlier this year.

Voters will be asked to present a Michigan driver's license or state personal identification card. However, people who do not have photo ID will then still vote after signing an affidavit.

Those who don't have a Michigan driver's license or identification card can show one of several other types of ID, including a license or identification card from another state, a federal or state-issued photo ID, a U.S. passport, a military ID card, a tribal ID card with photo or a valid student photo ID from a high school, college or university.

For more information about the primary, visit the Secretary of State's Web site or contact the County Clerk's office at 341-3618.

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### Fish Report

By Ret. Sgt. John Walker

Well, have you ever seen anything like the weather we have had for muzzle loading season this year? There were hunters using snowshoes because it was easier than breaking through the crust with 18 inches of snow. There were also a lot of hunters that had to change their hunting plans because they could not get into where they wanted to hunt. In other cases the deer were really on the move with all the snow.

In all the years I have hit the woods, I can't recall a muzzle loading season like this. There were dozens of hunters parking on the main plowed road and walking back to an area to hunt. If you were hunting an area where the deer migrate heading for their winter areas you saw some runways a foot wide and right down to the dirt. I guess this is what makes life so interesting when nature sends something along that wipes out the best plans a man can devise.

You would not believe how heavy the snowmachines are hitting the trails already. It makes one wonder if they have them all tuned up sitting in the garage just waiting for a good snow. With the depth of the snow along with the crust, 4-wheelers are having a hard time so snowmobiles are even being used by some muzzle loading hunters.

Of course I will take the weather we had any day compared to the ice storms that have hit the states south of us in the last few days. Snow up here is a fact of life, but ice storms when everything is covered with a sheet of ice are a whole different matter.

I can just see it now where OSHA will keep Santa from landing on the roof if it is snow covered and slippery. Not that they (The Federal Government) would care about Santa, but it could prove disastrous to the reindeer.

We all know in this day and age reindeer have more "rights" than Santa does.

The one thing I would want you about is that it is still early in the winter season, so be careful out on the ice anywhere. I hear there are already those doing some ice fishing. Needless to say the weather has been cold enough to make ice, but you can never really trust the conditions this early in the season.

With the type snow we have with the crust on it I have already observed a couple of guys out on snowshoes with their beagles. I did not think there were any rabbit hunters left with some beagles to run. The rabbit crop is supposed to

be on the up side so I guess if you have some dogs you may well take them out.

With the deer really on the move there have been a good number of car-deer accidents. In my travels I have observed cases in a couple of cases feeding on the dead deer on the side of the road. I don't care how often you see an eagle; there is just something about them as they rise off the ground and land in the top of a tall tree. What a huge, magnificent bird when you see them up close and can really judge their wing span. It is another one of those sightings that no matter how often you see an eagle you just marvel at them each time you watch them.

Well, I fired off my muzzle loader and cleaned, wiped it down along with my other guns, to put them away for another year. This is the one sure sign that Christmas is right around the corner when hunting seasons are winding down and you are putting all your hunting gear away for another year.

All in all it was a pretty good fall hunting time. In fact, when you get my age you may as well enjoy every one that comes along because we can never tell when it may prove to be our last one. It is amazing how many people I have run into throughout the years both working and enjoying the woods that have either passed away or are physically no longer able to get out in the woods. So I made up my mind to try and enjoy each hunting season that I am able to get out in the woods, watch the wildlife, and just grill something with WiFie out at camp.

In closing let me just suggest something with the crazy weather we have observed both up here and around the country. I should first of all admit that WiFie makes me do it.

I have in the back of my vehicle a Rubbermaid container that has some survival items in it. Will I ever need them, I sure hope not, but it is kind of like having life jackets in a boat.

Let me list a few things I have in this container. There are a couple of packs of these hand-body warmer packs along with one of those Buddy Heaters that runs on a small propane tank. There are snowmobile boots for WiFie and me along with some warm winter clothes and mittens. All this and a warm blanket for just in case something should happen and we should ever need it.

Like I say it is just a suggestion for those that live up here during the winter.

### Ag Department receives easement for open land on the Keweenaw Peninsula

The Michigan Department of Agriculture recently accepted its 20th donated conservation easement on a 41-acre open space parcel in the Keweenaw Peninsula. The easement permanently preserves open space or farmland for the continued use of the land in its current condition while restricting development of the land.

"This 20th donated conservation easement is a milestone for the department," said MDA Director Don Koivisto. "Preserving Michigan's prime farmland and open spaces through conservation easements ensures growth to our

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It may be closed for the season, but the Seal Choix Point Lighthouse and Museum is always a busy place around the Christmas holidays. On Dec. 1 and 2, the Gulliver Historical Society hosted its annual "Christmas from the Past" event, with tours, refreshments, gift shop sales and more, including the traditional visit from Santa Claus, who arrived with great fanfare and met with many excited children. Following Christmas from the Past, the Historical Society welcomed still more young visitors as they provided tours for 4th and 5th grade students from the Manistiquie and Big Bay de Noc schools. (Submitted photos)

### First estimates indicate deer harvest down

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources last week released its preliminary estimates for the 2007 firearm deer season. The early figures indicate that 249,000 deer were harvested statewide, marking a decrease of about five percent from last year, when 261,000 deer were taken.

The DNR estimates that 63 percent of this year's harvest was comprised of antlered deer, 37 percent antlerless.

The state's record firearm season harvest was in 1998, when an estimated 351,000 deer were taken statewide.

Region	2006 Final Estimates			2007 Preliminary Estimates		
	Bucks	Antlerless	Total	Bucks	Antlerless	Total
Upper Peninsula	27,000	7,000	34,000	28,000	8,000	36,000
Northern Lower Peninsula	61,000	22,000	83,000	54,000	24,000	78,000
Southern Lower Peninsula	80,000	64,000	144,000	75,000	60,000	135,000
<b>Statewide Total</b>	<b>168,000</b>	<b>93,000</b>	<b>261,000</b>	<b>157,000</b>	<b>92,000</b>	<b>249,000</b>

\*Final 2007 figures will be available in July. Source: Michigan Department of Natural Resources

of license buyers, the number of licenses sold, and the number of deer voluntarily brought in to DNR check stations around the state.

Final harvest figures, to be announced in July, will be based on a mail survey of more than 50,000 of this year's hunters.

Information from hunters who participated in the DNR's online deer harvest survey will also be included.

Rod Clute, DNR big-game specialist, said "2006 statewide hunter success rates appear to be similar to those in 2006, but the number of hunters was down."

Clute said the winter of 2006-2007 was the third consecutive mild winter in the state, causing deer to enter the spring in "excellent condition."

"Hunters reported seeing more deer than last year in almost every location," Clute said.

Acting Wildlife Division Chief Doug Reeves said the statewide deer population is

estimated to be larger than it was in 2006.

"This year, the noticeable reduction in hunter's success is related to factors other than the number of deer or deer license sales," Reeves stated.

Historically, hunting success is highest during the first three days of the firearm season.

The DNR described the conditions during that time as "normal mid-November weather," but noted that windy conditions prevailed the first two days, likely limiting deer movement. Snow accumulation was spotty across the northern part of the state, but was not deep enough to affect hunters' mobility.

Approximately 60 percent of Michigan's annual deer harvest occurs during the firearm season. The archery season contributes about 25 percent, and the special antlerless seasons about five percent.

The total deer harvest from all 2007 seasons is expected to

be below the 2006 final figure of 450,000 deer.

Archery season continues through Jan. 1. Muzzleloading season runs through Dec. 16 in the U.P. and Dec. 23 in the two zones of the Lower Peninsula.

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**Garland Lilies**

By Tom Earle-Biggs

Once again I am forced to admit failure. For the second year in a row, none of my amaryllis (Hippeastrum) bulbs are going to be in bloom for Christmas.

I suspect the bulbs of behavior somewhat contrary to the typical growth behavior they are supposed to display.

Back in early autumn, the leaves were supposed to begin to turn yellow. At that point, I should have begun to withhold water, thereby inducing them into a dormant state. Once dormant, there should have been a six to eight week waiting period while the plant rested.

After their rest, the plants should have begun to show signs of new growth, at which point I could report them and begin watering once again.

The whole dormancy to bloom cycle can take anywhere from 12 to 16 weeks.

My problem stems from the fact the amaryllis leaves have never shown the slightest inclination of turning yellow. Thinking perhaps that the bulbs

needed a little extra inducement to go dormant, I began to withhold water. This seemed to have worked to some degree. Half of the plants have finally gone dormant, however the other half still retain large floppy green leaves.

I am sure if I continue to withhold the water, the bulbs that still have green leaves will enter into dormancy in a couple of weeks. The fact remains however, none of my amaryllis will be in bloom for Christmas.

Instead, I am sure sometime early next spring, probably around Easter time, I will be rewarded with beautiful large blooms.

Normally I wouldn't have a problem with this except for the fact the blooms will not fit into the typical Easter color scheme. Had these amaryllis been white or pink all would be well, but I do believe all of these bulbs will be sporting flowers of the bright red Christmas variety.

This is the second year in a row I have failed to get the amaryllis to bloom. What particularly irks me about this whole affair is that last year my boss (the one who killed the poinsettias) was able to have his amaryllis in bloom for the second year in a row right at Christmas time. This despite the fact the bulbs had been planted too deeply and then over watered.

I have come to the conclusion I'm simply trying too hard. The secret to success with these flowers probably lies less in diligence and more to benign neglect.

You may reach me via email at [teb@qcharter.net](mailto:teb@qcharter.net).



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EDITORIAL

Hatch Act

It was a year ago this month that it all started, that three little words entered the vocabulary of Schoolcraft County residents and started wreaking havoc on the local political landscape.

Those words, of course, were "the Hatch Act." Twelve months later, almost to the day, the furor has died down but the impact of that particular federal law is still being felt.

Tuesday's regional videoconference with the federal Office of Special Counsel, arranged by Rep. Bart Stupak, was designed to prevent potential problems, to serve as an informational forum and help people understand the Hatch Act a little better, in short, explaining just what the law is all about.

In that one specific way, the conference was probably a success. The three officials from the OSC - "the Hatch Act Unit," as they called themselves - did a good job explaining what the law is and how it is applied. They gave a solid overview, including the types of jobs covered by the act, what sorts of factors they analyze when asked for a ruling, and other points.

Not surprisingly, specific questions were harder for the lawyers to answer. They simply were not in a position to address queries that began, "Can a person doing such-and-such a job run for such-and-such an office?" unless it was to say, in effect, "well, it depends." Each Hatch Act case is individual and highly fact-dependent, requiring research and investigation.

The lawyers were also unable to address the question of why the Hatch Act exists, except to give a sort of generic answer about what Congress intended when the law was enacted nearly 69 years ago. Nor could they answer why some positions are exempt and others are not. That, too, is understandable.

And make no mistake, they do enforce it. They enforce it mercilessly.

For a layman attending Tuesday's meeting, an average citizen who's little more than an interested bystander with no aspi-

ration for office and no political axe to grind, that was the overriding message from the OSC. There is little leeway in the letter of the law and even less in the Special Counsel's interpretation and enforcement of the law.

You may think your case is special. You may think your Hatch Act conflict is marginal, maybe even non-existent. You may think your job could be or should be or might be exempt. But what you think doesn't matter. What your colleagues at work or your political supporters think doesn't matter. What your community wants doesn't matter.

As far as the OSC is concerned, there are no grays or maybes in the Hatch Act. Everything is black and white and drop-dead certain.

The whispered comments at Tuesday's local videoconference confirmed that others were getting the same impression. Regarding the sweeping scope of the law, someone murmured, "The longer they talk, the fewer candidates we have." And about the slim chances of surviving a Hatch Act investigation, another said, "Once they start looking at you, you don't stand a chance. You're dead."

What does all of this mean for Schoolcraft County and countless other small communities, those places where finding any candidates at all is difficult and finding well-qualified ones nearly impossible? What does it mean when you take an already near-shore talent pool and pull the plug to drain the lake further still?

When it was first enacted, the Hatch Act did a good job of addressing a genuine concern in American politics. Even now, several decades later, it still plays an important role. But many believe it has also created some real problems, especially in places like this, small towns and sparsely populated counties.

If you agree, your course of action is clear. The solution does not lie with local boards, state officials or the lawyers of the OSC. It lies in the halls of the U.S. Congress.

If the Hatch Act and its implications concern you, tell your federal lawmakers. Ask them to work for change. Push them for an amendment to the law that would create an exemption for candidates in smaller communities. Tell them why the Hatch Act is a problem in places like Schoolcraft County. Tell them you're tired of seeing qualified people prevented from serving. Tell them you want the problem fixed.

Don't blame the D.C. lawyers for doing their jobs. Plain and simple: The Hatch Act was created by legislators. If the law has since become a problem, it's the legislators who will have to fix it.

A Way Forward on Illegal Immigration

By Alan Hurwitz

Immigration has certainly been a hot button issue: Between the parties, and even among each party's leading candidates.

The Republicans step over each other to establish who can be meanest to the undocumented. Rudy Giuliani and Mitt Romney almost came to blows in their interchange about sanctuary cities and sanctuary missions. Their discussion gave me a strong need for sanctuary from them.

The Democratic candidates have also expressed different positions on issues like drivers' licenses - among each other, and Hillary Clinton with herself. Their conversation on immigration mirrors the one on national security - bravely seeking that pushy balance between the warrior pose they believe wins elections and the rationality that keeps our country going.

In the last debate Rudy missed an opportunity. After pointing out the "holier than thou" Mitt actually had undocumented workers in his own house (the "sanctuary mansion"), Mitt asked if a person could realistically be checking the papers of all the people from a hired company. Brilliant.

I wanted Rudy to raise the possibility of asking potential contractors about their employment policies. Anyone feeling that strongly might make not employing undocumented a criterion for contractor selection. Too bad! Speaking of Mitt's integrity, it was a relief to hear that he wouldn't try to impose Mormonism on the country - only more general fundamentalist Christian beliefs. When?

This issue has generated considerably more heat than light. Perhaps agreement on some basic principles might open a way to progress. Here's a try.

1) The status quo is unacceptable. This is no way of doing business for a great power, or really any responsible country.

2) We need to be in control of our borders. If we can't effectively decide who can enter our country, why bother to have an immigration laws at all? A society based on law should not send mixed messages regarding the importance of its laws.

3) We cannot, practically and morally, deport 12 million foreigners, even over time. Even making this a goal would create havoc for law enforcement and businesses all over our country.

4) It is unnecessary to provide basic humanitarian assistance for all those living in our country, including undocumented residents. One rationale for helping the poor is of course that people are

entitled to some benefit from their society's bounty. This is also for the benefit of the society itself, in the interest of safety and order, and the society's moral identity. At least the second point applies, regardless of legal status of the helpes.

5) It is useful for a society to keep track of the people within its borders. Any policies that assist should be considered, balanced against other factors.

And last but not least: 6) We must all acknowledge shared responsibility of many citizens and government itself in the creation of the current unacceptable situation. Law enforcement, politicians and certainly many business and loyal Americans all have turned a near-blind eye to this issue for many years.

The amnesty under President Carter was designed to start over on this issue, but the tacit acceptance continues to this day, and history repeats. It seems unfair to blame only the desperate people who cross our porous borders in search of better work, their lawbreaker status notwithstanding. Poor and marginalized people aren't focused on the particulars of formal legal systems. They discover from their informal networks what is possible, among their limited options. Furthermore, they come from a country in which laws are a more relative matter in any case, though not as different from our own country as some would have us believe. Just ask Rush Limbaugh's drug attorney.

Other serious risks aside, it's hard to imagine informal networks warning potential entrants about the perils of enforcement. The things that likely await them include employers all over the country willing to hire, relatives living in legal limbo for many years without getting and the only penalty for getting caught being that you're brought back to try again.

Sen. John McCain and others have made valiant attempts to combine securing the border and finding a practical and humane resolution for those affected. But this doesn't satisfy the meanness-at-all-costs contingent. The mantra seems that people cannot absolutely, positively, under any circumstances be rewarded for "bad behavior" - not Almadine, not Chavez, not Jose Puelano from Hermosillo.

This seems more Medieval than post-enlightenment realpolitik, but even the most fire-and-brimstone among us should be able to recognize that responsibility for the current mess is widely shared - perhaps last of all by the undocumented themselves, who now bear the brunt of the re-

percussions. If these principles can be agreed upon by a critical political mass, moving forward might be possible.

Alan Hurwitz has consulted with private, government and nonprofit organizations in 36 countries, and brings his knowledge of interpersonal, group and systems dynamics to his writing on political and social issues. In addition to his columns, he has published several scholarly articles over non-profit organizations in 36 countries.

WEEKLY WEATHER RECAP. The following weather information starts Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2007. Table with columns: DAY, HIGH, LOW, PRECIP. Rows: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday.

A Look Back at the Pioneer-Tribune Archives

40 Years Ago December 14, 1967

One of the latest shipping seasons in years should be recorded at Port Inland this week as the last cargoes of stone for the year are loaded. John McCain, vice president and general manager of the Inland Lime and Stone Co., said Wednesday that one more boat was definitely scheduled for loading late this week, and there was the possibility of still another boat even later. The Detroit Edition is due at Port Inland at midnight Thursday to take on what could be the last load of the season, but it is possible that an inland vessel might still be scheduled to load several days after the Detroit Edition clears. Last year the last boat cleared the harbor on Dec. 10. The latest date for the last shipment in recent years was Dec. 16, recorded in 1963.

Prospects are suddenly bleak for any release of federal funds to finance the proposed Senior Citizens low-income housing center planned for Manistique. City Manager Robert Noe said he had first received requests from officials of the House and Home Administration in Chicago to get the per-unit cost of the proposed 36-unit structure from \$16,503 to \$15,000, and then Thursday received word that the department is cutting all programs, and that no new units are being approved now. Almost five years in the planning, the proposed center to have been located south of U.S. 20 opposite the State Police post, and the city has already made arrangements to donate the site for the project.

Another election seeking millage for operating purposes will be held in the Manistique Area Schools district next Feb. 16, the board of education decided. The amount of millage to be requested was not determined at Tuesday's meeting, but will be set later. The third annual "Festival of Lessons and Carols" will be presented this Sunday at 3 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, under the sponsorship of the Manistique Ministerial Association. In previous years the event has been presented at St. Francis de Sales Church and Zion Lutheran Church. The program will be broadcast live by WTQJ radio and rebroadcast on Christmas Day at 1:05 p.m.

30 Years Ago December 15, 1977

By recently completing an Environmental Protection Agency approved wastewater treatment plant, the Manistique Pulp and Paper Company has taken a big step in insuring environmental sound industrial and commercial development for Manistique. In the past, raw sewage has been discharged into the river, evidence of this phenomenon still exists, with all the sawdust that has collected on nearby Lake Michigan beaches. It was disregard for environmental side-effects of pollution that caused Manistique to be regarded as a problem area. In 1975, however, due to a partnership of local, state, regional and federal efforts to improve Manistique's water quality, the community has been deleted from the list. There is no pollution favoritism when it comes to city snow removal operations. The City Council was asked to consider the boys' basketball games against Iron Mountain and the regular county board meeting, Manistique Area Schools closed because of snow at 12:45 p.m., but will not have to make up the time later because a full half-day was completed. It is a scene that is etched into the hearts and minds of Emerald fans and players everywhere. A scenario where the varsity girls' drive for a state title came to a screeching halt. With the score tied at 59 and 19 ticks left on the clock, the Emeralds had the ball at half-court after a timeout. But Angie LaVigne, who had heroically brought the Emeralds back in the game, had her inbounds pass picked off. The Twins Barge called timeout, set up a play of their own, and got a shot off with six seconds remaining. It was no good, but 6'0" Char Osterling was there to put it back in and the Emeralds' dreams were shattered. In one bleak moment, one shot, one basket, it was over. It didn't seem fair.

20 Years Ago December 17, 1987

Winter may have been a little late in coming to Manistique, but Mother Nature made up for her tardiness by dumping 10 inches of snow on the city Tuesday. Cancellations because of snow and the boys' basketball games against Iron Mountain and the regular county board meeting, Manistique Area Schools closed because of snow at 12:45 p.m., but will not have to make up the time later because a full half-day was completed. It is a scene that is etched into the hearts and minds of Emerald fans and players everywhere. A scenario where the varsity girls' drive for a state title came to a screeching halt. With the score tied at 59 and 19 ticks left on the clock, the Emeralds had the ball at half-court after a timeout. But Angie LaVigne, who had heroically brought the Emeralds back in the game, had her inbounds pass picked off. The Twins Barge called timeout, set up a play of their own, and got a shot off with six seconds remaining. It was no good, but 6'0" Char Osterling was there to put it back in and the Emeralds' dreams were shattered. In one bleak moment, one shot, one basket, it was over. It didn't seem fair.

10 Years Ago December 18, 1997

With a supportive crowd of about 35 in attendance, Schoolcraft County Commissioner Leland "Storky" Lauson addressed various issues and his record on the county board during a town hall meeting in Manistique Township Dec. 10. The meeting, sponsored by the Committee to Retain Lauson group, was set to allow audience members and a media panel to ask questions of Lauson as he faces a reelection. Although Phillip Villeneuve, chairman of the Schoolcraft County Citizens for Better Government did not attend the meeting, he did give reporter a series of questions regarding the four reasons the group believes Lauson should be recalled. Villeneuve said he was personally invited to the meeting by Dixie Klugstad, who organized the event. Upon the advice of his son, he decided not to attend because "there was nothing for our group to give the gift of life." A rapidly growing Michigan financial corporation has announced plans to expand its operations into other states. First Manistique Corporation, holding company for North County Bank and Trust, is in the process of chartering banking operations in Arizona. The bank will be called North County Southwest. Initially two facilities are planned in the Phoenix metropolitan area. Mike Henrichsen, chairman of the corporation board, announced the appointment of Richard B. Demers as president and chief executive officer of the Arizona operations. It was a busy week for the Grover's Statewide Midget hockey team, which traveled to Esquabama and Neenah for three games. Manistique opened its week with a 5-2 loss at Escanaba December 9, then won its first two games of the year on Saturday, beating Neenah 5-2 and 7-6.

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Wendy's: Your Slogan is What?

By D.F. Krause

This past Friday night, the Krause family decided to take in a hockey game. I don't really understand hockey. I'm still trying to figure out how you can have an off-sides penalty when there's no line of scrimmage.

But 7-year-old T.F. Krause loves the sport for some reason, so Mrs. Krause and I took him to see our local team play an opponent that I think was called the Crunch, or maybe the Smash.

At any rate, since hockey is boring, I started looking at the ads along the boards and, after doing a double take, confirmed that I was indeed looking at an ad that said the following: "Wendy's. That's right!" "That's right. That's what it said. 'That's right.'"

Wendy's is an interesting operation. As this column has discussed previously, when you pull up to the drive-through window, they don't ask you what you want. They ask, "How are you?" Thus far I've resisted the urge to tell them what my business (assuming I actually have business, and don't just want to know), but some day when I'm bored, one never knows.

But when it comes to advertising taglines, who came up with "That's right?" I've had some exposure to the advertising business. I know that a tagline is supposed to grab the attention of the audience while saying something compelling about the product or brand. Brevity can be king. "Just do it" speaks in an advertisement that made Nike millions. "It's in the game" proclaims EA Sports to be the center of the action.

Advertising creative types like to try to come up with the next famous, award-winning brand positioning. Sometimes they are a little too clever for their own good. I can imagine how this creative session went. "We need something bold!" "Right! Like the grizzle they re-use in the chili! Something daring!"

"That's right!" "That's it!" "What's it?" "That's right!" "What's that?" "That's right!" "That's what I'm asking you!" "Don't you see? It's bold! It's the answer you want to every question you could possibly ask!" "I'm still waiting for the answer!" "If we make 'That's right' the tagline, we'll be declaring to the world that the most correct answer you can possibly have for any question is Wendy's!" "You want to make 'That's right' the tagline?" "That's right!" "What? No! That's wrong! That's not a tagline! It's an affirmation!" "Isn't that what a tagline should be?" Mr. Italics wins the debate and gets to present the idea to

the client, who is skeptical at first, but Mr. Italics can be persistent, and by the end of the presentation he has convinced Wendy's executives that "That's right" will persuade hungry burger-seekers and bored hockey patrons everywhere to buy the square patties that were juicy 20 years ago, which is why they no longer use the tagline "Hot and Juicy" in case you hadn't noticed.

It occurred to me that you could actually use the tagline "That's right" for absolutely anything. Paper bags. Hot dog buns. Disposable douches. "Summe's Eve Disposable Douches. That's right!" You could use it for anything at all. And I guess it's occurred to the folks at Wendy's as well, which is why

they have actually trademarked the phrase "That's right!" That's right. You can't say it anymore. It's their intellectual property. Oops. I'm in trouble now. D.F. Krause is a former business journalist who has owned his own small business for more than a six years, handling clients in a wide variety of industries, including banking, real estate, logistics, manufacturing and others. Lacking patience for much of the jargon used in the business community, he established the "Phrases That Must Be Destroyed" list in his last newsroom, with "Synergistic Alignment" ranking as the all-time most objectionable phrase. He loves capitalism but thinks capitalism has a tendency to act weird.

Letters to the Editor newsroom@pioneertribune.com

Dear Editor:

On my write-up of the "Lost Woman of Shoopae Lake" Pioneer-Tribune, Nov. 22, 2007, I failed to write where Mrs. Allen told me was the exact spot that the Wilsons were found.

This is the answer: When I asked Susan (Cook) Allen where the Wilson people were found, she said, "Right where the Shoopae Creek leaves the lake, on the north side of the Creek." That's where the two bodies were found, and the apron that was tied to the small tree by the Creek flagged there for many years, is the way she put it.

Del Sheppard Manistique To the Editor: Unless seriously ill (and well-insured) avoid Schoolcraft Hospital. I foolishly didn't, and their tactics may bankrupt us. During a routine annual breast exam, they discovered a small lump. Terrified, I let them talk me into a \$600 diagnostic mammogram and ultrasound. Both tests came back normal, and I

breathed easier. But two weeks later I got a letter urging that I also have the lump biopsied. It was astounded to learn that a biopsy costs almost \$5,000, but I was too frightened to refuse. They assured me they would use a local anesthetic, so I pictured an office procedure, my husband comfortingly with me. Only on the day of the biopsy did they tell me that besides the local I would be knocked out with sedatives in an IV. The lump was just under my skin - they wouldn't be opening my abdomen or even cutting into muscle. Nevertheless, they escalated what could easily have been a simple office procedure into a costly surgical exercise. Worst of all, my husband was not allowed to be with me.

In full-page ads, Schoolcraft Hospital claims it is here to serve us. It doesn't. It serves itself. Expensively. Caroline Staples Gernsack Letter to the Editor: This is the season - On my way to church last Sunday [Dec. 2,

I got stuck in my driveway. My neighbor Tracy Berg tried helping Jake push the car out, but it was pretty well buried. Along came a truck that obviously was out plowing people's driveways and pulled over to see if they could help. Not only did they help trying to push me free (which still wasn't working!) but took the time to pull my car out with a tow rope. All that seemed required was a "thank you," so to Midwest Sound and Security's Ryan and Erick, THANK YOU. You gave a good example of the giving spirit of the season.

Nancy Shampline Manistique Letter to the Editor: We just received our Nov. 29 edition of the Pioneer Tribune. I saw the article on the front page that the city will permit the Nativity display to be put up in the Triangle Park. It's sad to see Manistique cav-

ing in to the far Left Wing. When the Left Wing tells us that we must padlock our churches what do you intend on doing? Don't say that won't happen, because some of them already have said that the crosses should be removed from the church steeples.

David A. Eriksen Lake Mary, Fla. Dear Editor, In behalf of the U.P. Regional Blood Center I would like to thank Phyllis Barge and the Amity Group for hosting a blood drive in the month of November. As a result of their efforts we collected an outstanding 47 pints of blood. I would also like to thank all of the community members who took the time to give the "gift of life." Thank you, Sallie Corwin Blood Drive Coordinator U.P. Regional Blood Center Marquette

MMA announces names of latest cash drawing winners

Winners in last week's Manistique Merchants Association Christmas Cash drawing were: \$50 LeBlanc (mBank), Mary Pawley (State Savings Bank). \$25 Melissa Beck (Mercado Imports), Howard Smith (Curran Chevrolet), Betty Harding (Flower Cottage), Rita Peterson (Pattin Health Mart).

REMEMBER... All letters to the editor must include your name and phone number.

Obituaries

Raymond Hall

Raymond Hall, age 80, of Manistique, Mich., died Friday, Dec. 7, 2007, at Schoolcraft Medical Care Facility in Manistique.

He was born Aug. 12, 1927, in Toledo, Ohio, the son of Franklin and Florence (Navau) Hall and attended school there.

During World War II, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served in the Pacific Theatre. Following discharge he re-enlisted in the U.S. Marines and served for two additional years.

On Nov. 17, 1956, he married the former Helen R. Rieckhoff at the First United Methodist Church in Manistique. They lived and worked in Chicago, Ill., for many years. While living in Chicago, Raymond was employed at a tool and die company and later as a truck driver for a linen supply company. They moved to Manistique in 1990.

Ray was a former member of the Manistique Moose Lodge and the Manistique Eagles Club. He enjoyed embroidery and cross stitch.

Survivors include: his wife, Helen Hall of Manistique; son, Douglas (Carol) Hall of Manistique; three sisters, Agnes Lewandowski, Thelma (Keith) Werner and Violet (Bill) Kennedy, all of Toledo, along with nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Ralph and Robert; and two sisters, Lucille and Mary.

A memorial service was held Monday, Dec. 10, at Messier-Brouillette Funeral Home with Reverend Don Bedwell officiating.

Memorial donations may be directed to the First United Methodist Church of Manistique.

Online condolences may be expressed at [www.mbfuneral.com](http://www.mbfuneral.com).

Tips given for healthy holiday celebrations

It's that time of year again, the time when holiday parties and family gatherings present a special challenge for eating healthy - especially for those trying to prevent or control diabetes.

Experts say the key is to include a variety of wholesome food selections at holiday gatherings.

The diabetic education department at Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital is teaming up with the National Diabetes Education Program and the U.P. Diabetes Outreach Network to provide a number of tips that can help people stay healthy while enjoying the holidays:

- Have a snack before leaving home. This will reduce the risk of overeating at the party.
- Go to the party with a plan. Check out the buffet first, and then decide what and how much you will eat.
- Bring a dish. Contribute your favorite healthy dish to the holiday buffet.
- Savor every bite. Eating slowly reduces the tendency to overeat.
- Drink water.
- Trim the fat from the meat.

43rd annual festival to be held on Sunday

The 43rd annual Festival of Lessons and Carols will take place this Sunday, Dec. 16, at 3 p.m., at St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church.

Everyone in the community is invited to attend the festival, an ecumenical worship service sponsored by the Manistique Ministerial Association. It features Scripture readings, Christmas carols and special music provided by a choir made up of members from

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Shown Fri.-Thurs 7 p.m.

**Fred Claus**  
RATED PG  
Running time: 115 minutes

Fred Claus has lived his entire life in his brother's very large shadow. Fred tried, but could hardly live up to the example set by the younger Nicholas, who was just a perfect, well-behaved saint. True to form, Nicholas grew up to be the model of giving, while Fred became the polar opposite: a fast-talking repo man who's run out of luck and money. Over Mrs. Claus' objections, Nicholas agrees to help his...

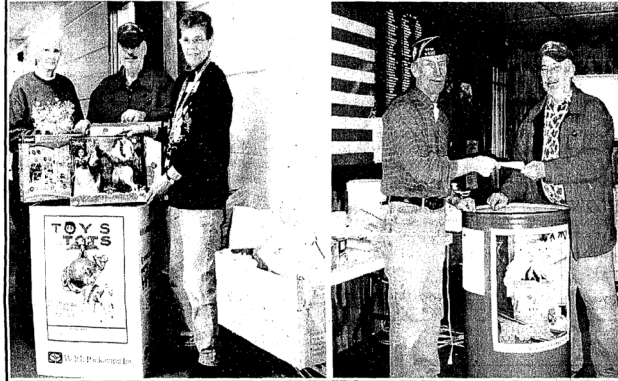
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Making the holidays brighter...

Above: Members of the Schoolcraft County Christmas Committee have been hard at work at the Hiawatha Community Center, preparing for the annual distribution of gifts, clothing and food vouchers to local families in need. The group says it's been a very successful year, with 289 families receiving assistance - thanks to the generosity of local residents, businesses and organizations. Some members of the committee are seen above during a busy day of packing toys, prior to Thursday's distribution. The complete committee includes: lead volunteer Jean Anthony, Ernie Karvelis, Margaret Cain, Becky Vaughn, Len Fieber, Martha Fieber, John Kleis, Joanne Kleis, Don't Nelson, Cindy Jenerou, Tom Jenerou, Ray Nelson, Fritz Nelson, Pam Shields, John Shields, Barb Boyer, Tony Boyer, Irene Ketcik, Dick Ketcik, Lynn Miller, Jen Lennox, Ellen Derber, Pete Derber.

Below left: Christmas Committee members Irene Ketcik (left) and Jean Anthony receive a load of donated toys from Craig Gogola of the Marine Corps Reserve's Toys for Tots program. The program gets financial support from Manistique Charities and other donors, as well as community members who drop off toys at several collection spots. Below right: Gogola receives a \$50 contribution to Toys for Tots from George Fish, commander of VFW Post 4420. (Pioneer-Tribune photos)



Tickets still available for Saturday's 'Christmas Schooner' performances

People looking to buy tickets for this weekend's performances of "The Christmas Schooner" can purchase them in advance or at the door. The musical, performed by students from Gwinn area schools, will take the stage at Manistique High School's Frederickson Auditorium this Saturday, Dec. 15, with a matinee at 2 p.m. and an evening performance at 7 p.m.

The family-oriented show is inspired by the real-life story of the Rouse Simmons, the schooner that sailed from Thompson in 1912 with a load of Christmas trees bound for Chicago, only to sink in Lake Michigan. Tickets for Saturday's performances are \$8 for adults, \$5 for students and senior citizens. Advance tickets can be purchased at the Mustard Seed on South Cedar Street. The local performances of "The Christmas Schooner" are being sponsored by the Thompson Historical Advisory Committee, with support from the Schoolcraft County Community Foundation, plus a number of business and individual sponsors.

County concealed weapons board sets its next meeting

The Concealed Weapons Licensing Board for Schoolcraft County will meet Thursday, Dec. 20, at 10 a.m., in the office of the Schoolcraft County Courthouse.

Cappo funeral Mass to be broadcast on radio, TV, Internet

Priest praised for decades as church and community leader

The funeral Mass for Monsignor Louis Cappo is scheduled for this Friday, Dec. 14, at 11 a.m., at St. Peter Cathedral in Marquette. The Mass will be broadcast on Marquette radio station WZAM AM and on cable television in the Marquette area. Those outside the area can listen to the Mass on the Internet at [www.espn970.com](http://www.espn970.com).

Cappo, described as an Upper Peninsula community leader and "a giant in the Catholic Church," died Monday, Dec. 10, at the age of 87.

A priest for 61 years, he had served as rector of St. Peter Cathedral for the last 32 years. He was also well known as a driving force for economic development in the U.P.

"We are very saddened by the loss of such a dedicated priest, pastor and community leader," said Bishop Alexander K. Sample of the Marquette Diocese. "We are very grateful for his 61 years of dedicated service to Christ and the Church. I will personally miss him as a dear friend and as my first pastor when I was a newly-ordained priest in 1990."

Visitation will be held at St. Peter from 3 to 8 p.m. today (Thursday), with a rosary prayer service at 7:30 p.m. Visitation will also take place Friday from 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Cappo was born in 1919 in the Houghton County town of Baltic. He attended St. Lawrence College in Mount Cal-

vary, Wis., and St. Francis Seminary in Milwaukee, and received his bachelor's degree in theology in 1943.

He was ordained a priest of the Marquette Diocese in 1946.

In addition to many different parish assignments through the years, Cappo served as the executive director and later vicar of the Diocesan Department of Community Services and Family Life. The department included programs such as the campaign for human development, natural family planning, Indian apostolate, and community affairs, as well as the Catholic Social Services agency, which had five offices across the Upper Peninsula and is now called Catholic Charities of the U.P.

His lengthy list of community service activities included work with a number of organizations, ranging from the Michigan Tourist Council to an industrial development group in Gogebic County, the International Trade Commission, the U.S. Small Business Administration Advisory Council, the Houghton County Planning Commission, the United Way, the Michigan Employment Security Commission Advisory Board, the Volunteer Commission, Marquette General Hospital, the Lake Superior State University Board of Trustees, the National Ski Hall of Fame, the Lake Superior Jobs Coalition and many more.

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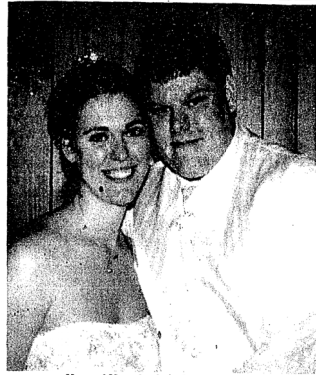
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Mr. and Mrs. Joshua James McLear

### McLear and Warr wed

Margaret Rose Warr and Joshua James McLear were united in marriage on Oct. 13, 2007, during a double-ring ceremony at the Lakeshore Lutheran Church in Spring Lake, Mich. The bride is the daughter of Sue Warr, and Joe and Margaret Warr, of Au Gres, Mich. She is a graduate of Au Gres-



Lois A. Corcoran

(Send your comments to corky@dmnet.us.)

## Christmas card conundrum

I blame John Horsley for the whole mess. The British artist designed the first Christmas card over a 160 years ago. True, it was a thoughtful gesture, but...

### WHAT WAS HE THINKING?

Surely he knew the tradition would snowball. That people's card lists would swell to include a few hundred folks. And that the ensuing stress could cause outbreaks of violence.

Okay, I exaggerate. But with the holiday season upon us, the Christmas card issue again rears its dreaded head. I want to keep in touch but, gosh, what a chore.

The last few holidays have literally seen me "exchange" cards - that is, sending only to those who mail one to me. This prevents what happened a few years ago, when a guy sent me back my own greeting. And it was lame the first time around.

Instead of boring boxed cards, some families opt for postcards with their portrait on them. We see the whole clan

smiling in each other's company for the first time all year. Nice image, but one that must be posted in advance. For authenticity's sake, this means wearing warm winter garb in July.

The John Max Company takes the picture concept a step further. It copies your mug onto cookies tucked into Christmas cards. Kind of a novel idea if you like cannibalism. Then you know EXACTLY what's eating you.

At the other end of the spectrum are those who buy cards preprinted with their names. Greeting card companies call them "personalized," but how personal ARE they when folks don't take time to sign them?

These are a favorite among firms, who message thanks to those who mail one to my business. And don't forget to

buy from us next year, hint-hint.

So that we don't forget HIM, our newspaper boy delivers his card ahead of time. Sometime wearing warm winter garb in early October.

Others push a more widespread agenda - like the political party that included a golden retriever on its card list. And the poor dog died five years before.

To avoid mistakes like that, card senders should revise their list each season. Weed out those people who lack a pulse and the ones you feel "lifty" about. That's what Diane Crowley suggests. She claims they'll be relieved "you had the courage to pare the list first."

But I may take Sally Jessy Raphael's advice and not send ANY card. Unless it's a joker.

## Ackley excels in academy program

On Dec. 8, Kaleb Ackley of Manistique graduated from the Michigan National Guard's Michigan Youth Challenge Academy, located in the southwest part of the state near Battle Creek. The son of Paul and Karen Ackley, he was one of 107 students to complete the intensive 22-week program in the latest academy class.

Ackley had a successful experience, serving as a permanent squad leader and a platoon leader and winning Cadet of the Week honors in week 11 of the program. With that award, he was recognized for "setting the example in academics, behavior and physical training." He was noted for holding a 4.0 grade point average - among the best in the company.

Ackley completed his time at the academy by winning the General's Award, given to the cadet with the best overall performance in all areas of Academy training. The award recognizes the self-discipline, determination and enthusiasm needed to be the top cadet.

Ackley also was a member of the academy color guard and the weight-training team. His future plans are to study auto mechanics at Bay de Noc Community College.



Kaleb Ackley

## Big Bay posts its elementary honor roll

Big Bay de Noc School recently released its elementary honor roll for the first marking period of the 2007-08 school year.

Achieving all A's in the fourth grade was Erin Kurth. Additional fourth grade honor students were James Casey, Ilana Cooper and Emily Hubble.

All A recipients in the first marking period for the fifth grade was Rebecca Johnson.

Also included on the fifth grade honor roll were Vanessa Damer, Nicholas Knudson, Brett LaLonde, Heather LaLonde, Mackenzie McPhee, Kaden Pelletier, Anthony Richard and Colton Richard.

Receiving all A's in the sixth grade were Isaac Cooper, Emily Kurth and Alex Rangue.

Other sixth grade honor students were Zach Beaudre, Cassidy Cayenberg, Cyndel Hawkins, Alexander Hubble, Makayla LaButte, Samantha Sundling, Elizabeth Thill and Chelsea Thompson.

## Syers graduates from basic training, ships out for Alaska base

On Nov. 30, U.S. Army Pvt. 2nd Class Charles Syers graduated basic training at Fort Benning, Ga., as a member of Company F, 2nd Battalion, 58th Infantry, 198th Infantry Brigade.

Syers has now been assigned to a Stryker brigade at Fort Wainwright, Alaska. Located near Fairbanks, the base is frequently described as the home of "America's Arctic Warriors."

Syers is a 2007 graduate of Manistique High School. He is the son of Michelle Syers and Charles Syers.



Pvt. Charles Syers

## Chamber picks winners

The Schoolcraft County Chamber of Commerce has announced the winners of its latest fund-raising raffle.

Keith Aldrich was the winner of the handmade Christmas quilt.

Kay Cousineau won the homemade tree skirt.

The original painting was won by Beverly Louis.

The prize drawing was held Monday afternoon, during the annual Christmas open house hosted by the chamber Ambassadors Club.

## Aldrich takes first in campaign contest

A design by Manistique High School student Kelly Aldrich was chosen as the winner in the 2007 Tobacco Prevention Campaign Naming and Logo Contest, sponsored by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan in partnership with the American Lung Association of Michigan and Tobacco Free Michigan.

The contest was open to students in 13 Michigan counties that were awarded tobacco prevention campaign grants by Blue Cross Blue Shield and were participating in ALAM's Teens Against Tobacco Use (TATU) program.

As the winner of the contest, Aldrich received an iPod Nano MP3 player.

The 15-year-old MHS junior is the daughter of Rich and Beth Aldrich.

Aldrich's logo and campaign theme, "Fight the Light, Fight for Life - Stop Tobacco Use," were judged the best out of 10 entries.

Her original drawing depicts a figure toasting a cigarette lighter in front of a burst of flames. The design will now be featured on T-shirts that 400 TATU students statewide will receive this month.

According to Blue Cross Blue Shield, the campaign, aimed at reducing tobacco use by teens, is part of their tobacco prevention efforts.

Lynda Rossi, Blue Cross



Kelly Aldrich with her winning logo design. (Submitted photo)

vice president of public policy and social mission, says high school students are a key group to focus on in the fight to reduce the harmful effects of tobacco use, smoking and secondhand smoke.

The 2004 Michigan Youth Tobacco Survey showed that 80 children in the state try their first cigarette every day and another 50 become daily

smokers. It also showed that 17 percent of high school students are smokers.

"Encouraging teens to live tobacco-free is part of our comprehensive program to improve the health of all Michigan residents," Rossi says. "We want to do all we can to prevent youngsters from facing serious health conditions later on in life."

## AARP looks for volunteers to help with Tax-Aide program

AARP Michigan is looking for volunteers to serve as counselors in Escanaba, helping others during the 2007 tax season.

Each year, AARP's national Tax-Aide program relies on volunteers to provide free tax counseling and preparation services to millions of low- and middle-income taxpayers, with special attention to those 60 and older.

"You don't have to be a lawyer or accountant to help others through AARP Tax-Aide, just someone who wants to volunteer and who has fi-

nanacial aptitude," said Cal Strom, coordinator of the program in Michigan.

The volunteer tax counselors will help people in preparing their tax returns and answer tax-related questions from Feb. 1 through April 15 at sites throughout Escanaba, including senior and community centers, libraries and other locations.

AARP points to a survey of Tax-Aide volunteers that showed 96 percent were satisfied with their experience, and that most return year after year.

Volunteers receive training in cooperation with the IRS and the AARP Foundation, which administers the program.

Tax-Aide also assists with electronic filing and online counseling and provides counseling services to those unable to leave their homes.

For more information about becoming a volunteer for the Tax-Aide program, contact Strom by e-mail at calvinstrom@sbglab.net, call Karen Kafanaris at (866) 227-7448, or log on to www.aarp.org/money/taxaide.

## Birthing

LUND - Stephen and Pamela Lund of Gulliver, Mich., welcomed a baby girl, born Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2007, at 3:50 a.m. at Marquette General Hospital. Katelynn Perella Ann weighed 3 pounds, 8.3 ounces, and was 16.14 inches long at birth.

GOULD - Manistique residents Ann Castenson and Todd Gould are the parents of a baby boy born at Marquette General Hospital on Tuesday, Nov. 27, 2007. Iceland Allen weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces, and was 19 inches long.

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## Meeting set

The Delta County Senior Companion Program Policy Advisory Council will hold its next meeting Monday, Dec. 17, at 11 a.m., at the Community Action Agency office, located at 507 1st Avenue North in Escanaba.

For more information, contact Connie Maule or Noreen Corwin at (906) 786-7080.

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# Senior Center

Do you think we have enough snow? Unbelievable! Snow, ice and extreme cold can make driving treacherous. With this I will share some safety tips to make winter car travel safer.

Before winter arrives, have your car tuned up, check the level of antifreeze and make sure the battery is good, along with checking your tire tread or put on snow tires.

Keep emergency gear in your car. For every day trips: cell phone, flash light, jumper cables, sand or kitty litter (for traction), ice scraper, snow brush, small shovel, blankets and warming devices, such as flares, reflectors, etc.

For long car trips (if you are brave enough) keep food, water, extra blankets and required medication on hand.

If you must travel in bad weather, drive slowly. Let someone know what route you're taking and when you plan to arrive so they can alert authorities if you don't get there.

If your car stalls or gets stuck in snow, light two flares and place one at each end of the car, a safe distance away. Make sure snow is not blocked the exhaust pipe.

Then stay in your vehicle and open a window slightly to let in fresh air. Wrap yourself in blankets and run your vehicle's heater for a few minutes every hour to keep warm.

Christmas is fast approaching. Regardless of how you might feel about the war...we cannot forget those soldiers putting their well being on the line.

If you own or are able to get to a computer, go to [www.LetsSayThanks.com](http://www.LetsSayThanks.com).

This will allow you to pick out a thank you card and Xerox will print it and it will be sent to a soldier that is currently serving in Iraq. You can't pick out who gets it, but it will go to some member of the armed services. It is free and only takes a second.

I have to share one of the comments I read when going online. "There is nothing like getting mail from home. It's all yours to keep and take with you when you're on the move, send Specialist Tommy Brooks from the 2-130 Illinois Infantry Battalion serving a 12-month tour in Iraq."

For those of you who like the old fashioned writing of Christmas cards, when making out your Christmas cards this year, why not include one or more to the following: A Recovering American Soldier, c/o Walter Reed Army Hospital, 6900 Georgia Avenue NW, Washington, D.C. 20307-5001.

My favorite part of sharing, I have received some address of some local military to share with you. I know they will love to hear from anyone from their hometown. Here goes:

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The Senior Center sent packages out to each of the above, thanks to the many donations that we have received, including those that have given donations towards postage to make it possible.

While on the topic of Christmas I have to share some facts with you...

Did you know that there are 54,000 acres and 830 farms in commercial Christmas tree production in Michigan? Michigan ships about 3.2 million trees to over 35 states primarily east of the Rocky Mountains. Nationally there are approximately 35 million real Christmas trees sold each year.

Christmas trees are grown in every county in the state of Michigan. The top five counties for Christmas tree production are Wexford, Missaukee, Oceana, Montcalm and Kalamazoo. Michigan growers produce over eight different tree species for Christmas trees. This includes Scotch pine, Douglas-fir, Colorado Blue spruce, Fraser fir, white pine, balsam fir, white pine and concolor fir.

I have recently been asked what to do to avoid telemarketers. You can register by accessing the No-Call website at [www.michigan.gov/donotcall](http://www.michigan.gov/donotcall).

You can also register by phone by calling their toll free number: (888) 382-1222. Registration is absolutely free. Telemarketers will be required to avoid calling any phone numbers on the list.

Donations to cover the expenses of our military packages were received from Ray and Fritz Nelson, Audrey Newborn, and Mike and Diane Gray.

Mabel Patz dropped by giving the Center Christmas decorations and Evelyn Bryant gave a donation of medical equipment. Carl and Vj Sundling gave a donation of napkins. Rose Krall gave a miscellaneous donation.

Our Christmas Party preparations are going rather smoothly thanks to those wonderful volunteers that have

**HSSC sale and raffle Saturday**

The Humane Society of Schoolcraft County is reminding residents about their upcoming bake sale, which takes place this Saturday, Dec. 15, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Panama store on US-2 in Manistique. Baked goods and craft items will be available.

Also being held is a one-day raffle, with two seasonal Avon gifts as prizes.

Proceeds from the event will help support the HSSC and the operation of the Eva Burrell Animal Shelter.

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## By Connie Frenette

jumped right in. I received a telephone call from Community Home Medical asking if they could donate towards the party. We sincerely wish to thank them for the tray of goodies for our social hour.

Shortly after receiving that telephone call, I received another call from HOSA, which is student nursing, offering to bring a tray of goodies also. Wow! How fantastic is that?

Pamida Store has been absolutely wonderful to the Center. They not only donated a door prize, but also gave us poinsettias at cost. We wish to thank Jen for making this possible.

Many have seen the talent that Velda Wheatley has. She is going to share that talent by also donating to our Christmas Party. She has made gifts for our drawings at the party.

If you haven't signed up yet, take the time to do so. The party is Friday, Dec. 21 with the doors opening at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$9 per person.

Memorial donations have been received in memory of:

- Robert Thorell from Larry and Audrey Savoie and Doc and Peggy Beckman
- Tammy Hicks from Marge Warren
- Ernestine Barnas from the Thursday Craft Group

**DUPLICATE BRIDGE**  
Nov. 28: 1st-Joyce LaTulip and Cleo Kotchon, 2nd-Bibi Duquette and Eva Wendling, 3rd-Ann Willcock and Janice Redeker

**BRIDGE Dec. 3:** 1st-George Lovman, 2nd-Audrey Savoie, 3rd-Harriet Kuhr, 4th-Ann Willcock, 5th-Doris DeMars, CFC-Eva Wendling, Hostess Carol Hough served pecan bars, ham, cheese and crackers and candy.

**BRIDGE Dec. 7:** 1st-Bill Bellville, 2nd-Audrey Savoie, 3rd-Ray Krall, 4th-Larry Savoie, 5th-Grace, 6th-Cleo Kotchon. Hostesses, Cleo Kotchon and Doris DeMars, served veggie pizza, ginger cookies, chocolate marshmallows bars.

**PINOCHLE Dec. 5:** 1st-Marie Sellman, 2nd-Don'a Nelson, 3rd-Carl Sundling, 4th-Nancy Casey

**CRIBBAGE Dec. 6:** 1st-Bill Robere, 2nd-Emma Hardy

**500 Dec. 7:** 1st-Don'a Nelson, 2nd-Marie Sellman, 3rd-Muriel Hamiel

Birthdays this week: on Dec. 15- Bonnie LaMuth; Dec. 16- Agnes MacKenzie and Esther Czarnik; and Dec. 19- Herb Bowers. Happy birthday wishes to all!



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**CRUST**  
1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour  
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1/2 cup butter, softened  
1/4 tsp salt

**TOPPING**  
1/4 cup light corn syrup  
1 cup butterscotch flavored baking chips  
2 T butter  
1 T water  
1/4 tsp salt  
1 1/2 cups cashew halves and pieces

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Combine all crust ingredients in large bowl. Beat at low speed, scraping bowl often, until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Press crumb mixture onto bottom of greased 9x13 baking pan. Bake for 10 minutes.

Meanwhile, place all topping ingredients except cashews in 2- quart saucepan. Cook over low heat, stirring constantly, until chips are melted and mixture is smooth. Stir in cashews until well coated.

Spread cashew mixture over hot, partially baked crust. Continue baking for 10 to 12 minutes or until golden brown. Cool completely. Cut into bars or triangles.



The group Unspeakable Joy will provide the entertainment at the annual Manistique Senior Citizens Center Christmas Party on Dec. 21. (Submitted photo)

## Family string band to play the tunes for Senior Center's party

The staff at the Manistique Senior Citizens Center is busy making final plans for the center's annual Christmas party, which takes place next Friday, Dec. 21, with appetizers served at 4 p.m. and dinner at 5 p.m.

The celebration will include a \$5 gift exchange. Anyone wanting to take part should bring a gift valued at \$5. Women should bring gifts for women, men for men. Gifts should be marked with your name.

Party entertainment will feature the bluegrass/gospel group Unspeakable Joy. The group includes 18-year-old Courtney Schroeder on mandolin, 16-year-old Cassie Schroeder on banjo, 16-year-old Sylvia Ensminger on fiddle, and the newest member, 14-year-old Lawrence Ensminger on bass.

Unspeakable Joy plays a variety of music, honoring the traditional roots of bluegrass and gospel while branching out into modern tunes and original compositions. Their performance at the party will include rousing instruments, toe-tapping gospel songs and Christmas favorites.

For more information on the party, stop by the Senior Center, located at 101 Main St. in Manistique, or call 341-5921.



Savannah Meadow, daughter of Joe and Jennifer Meadow, was one of many happy children who had a little one-on-one time with Santa Claus last Saturday, when he dropped by Elks Lodge 632 in Manistique. The big guy's visit, toys and refreshments for the crowd were sponsored by the Elks, Moose Lodge 1972 and Toys for Tots. (Submitted photo)

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8x8 crossword puzzle grid with numbers and some filled-in letters.

Hatch Act

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Giving specific examples, the lawyers said the Hatch Act even covers such positions as local police officers, if they work part of the time in a drug enforcement program paid for with federal dollars or do overtime patrols covered by "Click It Or Ticket" and other similar funds.

On the other hand, the law does not cover firefighters who may use equipment bought with a federal grant - though it might apply to the department supervisors who write the grants or administer the funding.

In addition to preventing covered employees from running for partisan office, the law also prevents them from engaging in certain related activities, including using their official authority to "interfere" with an election or to coerce political contributions.

Employees may join political parties, attend rallies and meetings, sign nominating petitions, campaign for or against candidates and referendums, make speeches and distribute literature.

During the question-and-answer portion of the conference, McKiney asked about the goal of the Hatch Act, specifically as it was applied in this case.

"What is the intent of the law?" he said. "By applying it to a mental health social worker, what is the law trying to prevent?"

In passing the Hatch Act, the attorneys said, Congress wanted to ensure that federal programs are administered in a "non-partisan fashion." That was extended to include not only actual conflicts but also the possible "appearance" of conflicts.

In general, they told the audience, it is difficult to draw a line between someone's job and their candidacy.

"When you're a candidate, you're a candidate 24/7," said one. "The law recognizes that it's very hard for people to separate their political life from their employment."

The lawyers declined to address specific Hatch Act cases, citing confidentiality issues and the difficulty of answering the particular legal issues involved in each person's situation.

Act violations should be handled on the local level, the lawyers said the OSC is the only agency that can investigate such cases. They must be reported to the Special Counsel's office, which will then open a file, gather the necessary information and make a determination.

Resolving a case may take anywhere from several weeks to several months, and the attorneys said it might take even longer to receive answers in 2008, given the number of local, state and federal elections taking place.

They noted that the Hatch Act only prevents people from running for office, not from holding office.

If it's determined that an elected official ran in violation of the law, the OSC cannot remove that person from office. At that point, they said, the only course of action would be prosecution and removal from their job.

Over the course of the past year, some local officials have complained that the Hatch Act prevents many qualified residents from seeking office, limiting the field of potential candidates - a field that is often quite small to begin with.

Anderson said Tuesday that there may be a legislative solution in the works, in the form of a Hatch Act amendment sponsored by Stupak.

She said the Menominee Democrat is working on a measure that would provide an exemption from the law for smaller communities - specifically, for counties with fewer than 100,000 residents.

Eckert also hinted at a possible Congressional initiative. "This meeting today is just the first step," she said. "We're looking into a number of other options - maybe legislative, maybe some other things."

Welling sounded a similar note. "Today we're here to see if we can shed some light on the act," she said. "But Congressman Stupak is very aware of how this affects your communities and your lives. This isn't the end of it. We will continue to work on this."

In the meantime, potential 2008 candidates needing more information about the Hatch Act or their eligibility for office should contact the OSC for a determination before running.

The contact address is: Hatch Act Unit, U.S. Office of Special Counsel, 1730 M Street N.W., Suite 218, Washington, D.C. 20036-4505.

The office can also be reached by phone at (800) 85-HATCH or by sending e-mail to: hatchact@osc.gov.



Karen Klaus, president of the Schoolcraft County chapter of the Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel (left) presents one of the quilts the group donated at its November meeting to the Alliance Against Violence and Abuse. Accepting the donation was Jodi Tallman of the local Alliance office. The quilts will assist those who seek safe refuge at the Alliance shelter in Delta County. The MARSF also gives back to the community in other ways, including making quilts each year for Bay Cliff Health Camp, contributing to OGC and the graduation parties for Manistique and Big Bay de Noc high schools, and donating to the scholarship foundation in each school district. To learn more about the school retirees' group and its activities, call Klaus at 644-2761. For information or assistance from the Alliance, call 341-0035 or (800) 682-1649. (Submitted photo)

Easement

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state's economy and helps make the Great Lakes a beautiful place to live and visit."

The conservation easement was donated by several families that collectively own the parcel, located near Grand Marais Harbor on the south shore of Lake Superior in the Keeweenaw.

The Agriculture Department has received donations of conservation easements since 1994, as well as purchasing the development rights of farmland parcels throughout the state under the Farmland and Open Space Preservation Program.

The department holds 86 conservation easements in 33 counties, which permanently protect more than 19,000 acres of land in Michigan.

Conservation easements may be donated to any qualified entity such as the state, a local government or a land conservancy.

The landowner can make a donation simply to preserve land that has been in the family

for years or to receive favorable local and federal tax advantages for making the donation.

Conservation easements can be considered as a charitable donation for purposes of federal taxes. Also, a new Michigan law provides for certain easement-protected land

to retain the taxable value of the property at pre-conservation easement levels.

For more information on donating conservation easements, go to www.michigan.gov/farmland or contact the Farmland and Open Space Preservation Office at (517) 373-3328.

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3x3 grid puzzle with numbers and some filled-in cells.

SUDOKU

Sudoku requires no arithmetic skills.

The object of the game is to fill all the blank squares with the correct numbers.

Each row of 9 numbers must include all digits 1 through 9 in any order.

Each column of 9 numbers must include all digits 1 through 9 in any order.

Each 3 by 3 subsection of the 9 by 9 square must include all digits 1 through 9.

Answers on Page 3B



Now that Hollywood has discovered penguins, I've started wearing underpants, just in case the Paparazzi show up!

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HOROSCOPES

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TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) An unexpected business development is in your favor. While this is a hectic time of year, you manage to balance everything quite nicely. This weekend, some much needed rest is in order.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A friend can be a great source of advice concerning a personal matter. Be sure to tend to last-minute holiday chores. You don't want to get caught short when the big day arrives.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You're pulled in different directions this week. Friends' holiday plans conflict with those of your family. Choose wisely.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) This isn't the time to reveal your work plans to co-workers. Keep these to yourself. Later, you're able to enjoy a fun-filled holiday.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Angling of a financial nature is favored this week. Despite having spent money on gifts, you still have a solid footing. Home interests are the highlight of the weekend.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) The beginning of the week is the time to answer phone calls, e-mails, and all re-

ROARING TWENTIES

In the grid below, twenty words can be found that fit the category for today. Circle each word that you find and list it in the space provided to the right of the grid. Words can be found in all directions - forward, backward, horizontally, vertically and diagonally. An example is given to get you started. Can you find today's 20 words?

Today's Category: FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

A 10x10 grid for a word search puzzle with letters and some numbers.

Answers on Page 3B

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Advertisement for Peoples Choice Bank featuring a cartoon character and the text 'Peoples Choice Bank'.

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Advertisement for Eva Burrell Animal Shelter Fundraiser featuring a cartoon character and the text 'mBank THANK YOU! Eva Burrell Animal Shelter Fundraiser'.

Advertisement for Are Worker's Compensation Premiums Giving You a Headache? featuring a cartoon character and the text 'Are Worker's Compensation Premiums Giving You a Headache?'.

Advertisement for Savings Agency featuring a cartoon character and the text 'Savings Agency Insurance Since 1917'.

Advertisement for 'Tis The Season Of Giving... and Richardson Jewelers definitely has the 'Giving Spirit' featuring a cartoon character and the text 'Richardson Jewelers'.

City Council

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"This isn't a car where everything's equal," he said. "Some of it has got to be judgment."

Peterson said he wasn't qualified to understand all the differences in the three proposals, citing that as a reason to accept the committee's recommendation.

Evonich wondered if the committee members were qualified to interpret the bids and choose one.

Several council members pointed out that the difference between the STS and Timberland bids was relatively small — "about \$1,000" — and that the local share would only be \$500.

Evonich responded by saying local dollars and grant funds are all "taxpayer's money."

Considering the small price difference, Rantanen said, she thought it was acceptable for

the DDA to choose the firm they were already working with on waterfront planning issues.

"I'm sure all three are reputable, but for \$1,000, I'm okay if they go with the one they're comfortable with," Rantanen said.

Aldrich concurred, pointing out that the DDA and STS have already invested a great deal of time in the waterfront.

"They've done a lot of work," she said. "STS has given freely of their time down there."

Council member Jan Jeffcott also favored accepting the committee recommendation. The DDA members apparently felt the STS proposal was "\$1,000 better" than the competing bids, she said.

Evonich worried that taking a higher bid would discourage companies from submitting proposals in the future.

"You're telling people you're taking bids, but you don't want bids," he said, and later stated, "if we keep doing

this, no one will bid on any of our projects."

When the issue came to a vote, Peterson, Jeffcott and Rantanen voted to award the contract to STS. Evonich voted no. Council member Jack Hoag was absent.

The STS proposal calls for approximately 572 hours of work in preparing the study. Key areas of focus will include:

- The age and deterioration of marina facilities, including improvements needed to docking areas and the problem of failing infrastructure, such as the collapsing bin walls. Also included would be proposals for linking the boardwalk and marina with facilities on the west side of the river and the South Cedar Street business area.
- Improvements and probable expansion of the west side launch site.
- A hydrographic study to evaluate the problem of sediment flowing downstream and accumulating near the mouth

of the river. The issue has caused growing concerns about shallow water and the increased difficulty faced by vessels trying to enter the harbor.

The study will also coordinate with waterfront plans already in place, including concepts developed earlier this year during an American Institute of Architects waterfront planning workshop, the grant-funded fishing pier project and planning for the interpretive center.

For each area of the study, STS will supply the city with a proposed work plan and separate cost estimates, and will identify potential funding sources.

Following Monday's meeting, Tony Schomin of STS said they are already targeting an April 1 application deadline for another Waterways program grant, this one to fund the initial phase of construction work.

With that date in mind, the firm will work through the winter conducting the necessary studies, holding a series of five input meetings with local officials and developing options.

Schomin said the company's goal is to have the master plan complete by March 21, for

approval by the DDA and council prior to submitting the grant application.

Also Monday, council approved requests from the Sportsmen Off-Road Vehicle Association (SORVA) and Schoolcraft County Snowmobile Association for snowmobiles and ORVs to cross a piece of city property near Intake Park Road, north of the river and behind the city water plant.

Aldrich said riders need to cross the parcel to access the Haywire Grade trail, which runs from the city to northern Schoolcraft County.

The clubs are currently seeking state approval for a joint-use snowmobile and ORV route on the Haywire, from Intake Park north to an existing federal trail in the Jack Pine area. That designation could allow both snowmobile and ORV grant funds to be used for trail maintenance and improvements.

Aldrich noted that snowmobiles and ORVs have been crossing private property near the water plant for several years, but the state is now requiring the clubs to get written permission from the city and Manistique Papers Inc., owners of the parcels.

Fiorano said he reviewed

the proposed permission forms and made several changes dealing with the clubs' insurance coverage, including having the city listed as co-insured.

Council also approved a request from the snowmobile club to officially designate the parking lot at Intake Park, behind the water plant, as a trailhead.

Like the property issue, Aldrich said, council approval would simply ratify a practice that is already in place.

The area is being used as a trailhead, was plowed by the city last year, and was recently expanded by the city Department of Public Works to accommodate snowmobile and ORV trailers.

The city's formal approval is required for the state to officially classify the site as a trailhead.

Aldrich said they do not want to lease the property for that purpose, to ensure it remains available for fishing, picnicking and other recreational uses. However, there is no problem with snowmobilers using it as a trailhead from December to March each year.

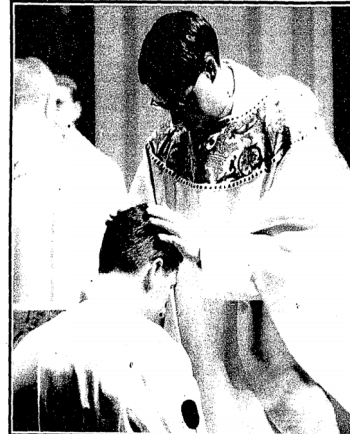
Council's approval authorized Fiorano to draw up a permission form and for the mayor to sign it.

In other business ...

- heard public comment from Rev. Don Bedwell, president of the Manistique Ministerial Association, who said he was "disappointed" in council's Nov. 26 decision not to allow a private Nativity scene display in Triangle Park. Bedwell said he had heard from supporters around the community and the U.P. He also reminded council that Nativity scenes are legal on public property, provided secular holiday displays are included as well. "I think the city needs to reconsider," he said; telling council they would return to request a display again next year;

- appointed Jack MacFarlane to fill a vacancy on the Manistique Housing Commission;
- accepted Peterson's appointment of Public Works Supervisor Nick Bosanic to fill a vacant city position on the Countywide Department of Public Works;
- heard thanks from Aldrich for the work of Edison Sault Electric Company employees who assisted during a recent power outage at the water plant. The plant was without electricity and running on generator power for most of a day,

- heard thanks from Aldrich for the Public Safety officers and city firefighters who responded to the Sunday morning fire that caused major damage at the Chandler family home on Walnut Street (see story page A1);
- learned from Aldrich that the city will now serve as a "clearinghouse" for local events, including posting the information on Channel 21 and the city Web site. She said that will allow area residents to check those resources or contact the city directly to find out when events and activities are scheduled;
- learned that the contract of City Clerk Deborah Dougovito expires at the end of this month. Aldrich will form a committee with several council members to negotiate a new contract and bring it back to council for approval;
- Moved the second December council meeting from Monday, Dec. 24, to Wednesday, Dec. 26. Items of business at the session will include the swearing-in of members for new council terms that begin Jan. 1. The members to be sworn in include incumbents Evonich, Jeffcott and Rantanen and newly-elected Rick Hollister.



Ordination

Rev. Timothy Ekaitis, associate pastor of St. Francis de Sales Parish in Manistique, performs the laying on of hands during the ordination of Father Daniel Moll at St. Peter Cathedral in Marquette Nov. 29. After the laying on of hands by the bishop, priests participate in the gesture to signify the new priest's incorporation into the presbyterate. Ekaitis and Moll are both graduates of Michigan Technological University. Moll has been appointed pastor of the St. Mary-St. Joseph Parish in Iron Mountain. (Submitted photo)

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Saying thanks ... MAS welcoming local volunteers to upcoming games

The Manistique Area Schools has come up with a unique way to spur attendance at upcoming home basketball contests and draw in fans who don't normally go to high school games...



Tom Mercier drives hard to the basket and lays one in as Greg Vaughn (52) positions himself under the boards late in the junior varsity's 68-51 win at Newberry Tuesday night.



Left: Melanie Neddow heads toward the basket to even the score early in last Thursday's varsity match-up with the visiting Norway Knights. Neddow scored six points in the 51-47 Emerald loss. Right: The Emeralds were trailing by three in the second quarter when Jessica Neddow hit this bucket to narrow the gap.



Left: Manistique's Jared Turan knocks down a three-point bucket to put the Emeralds up 12-6 in first-quarter action at Newberry Tuesday. Turan finished the night with eight points, including a pair of long-distance baskets. Center: Corey Goney beats Newberry's John Schummer to the hoop for two of his 11 points in the Emerald win. Right: After hitting two from three-point range, Cody Kangas picks up a puppy under the basket in the second quarter. Kangas netted 14 points in the second and 20 in the game before taking a seat on the bench in the second half.

Varsity girls come up short in 4-point loss to the Knights

The Lady Emeralds battled back, but came up short in the end, dropping a 51-47 Mid-Peninsula Conference decision to the visiting Knights of Norway last Thursday. Manistique mounted a valiant comeback effort in the second half, but couldn't convert at crunch time.

Wrestlers topple Knights, fall to Wykons, compete at invite

On Dec. 6, the Manistique Emeralds wrestling team traveled to Dickinson County for a triangular match with the Norway Knights and West Iron County Wykons. Despite a tough fight from Norway, the Emeralds were victorious, taking a 40-33 victory over the Knights.

Emeralds overpower Indians

For a brief moment it looked like the winless Newberry Indians were going to put up a fight Tuesday night. Looking for their first win, Newberry jumped out to an early 5-2 advantage, but from there the high-powered offense of the Manistique Emeralds varsity took over and cruised to a 90-41 non-competitive victory.

ing out a 25-point edge. The blitz was capped with a Terry Martin bucket to end the half, and Manistique headed into the locker room with a 52-27 lead. Picking up where they left off, the Emeralds extended the margin to 31 when Corey Gonyea scored his 11th point of the night.

took advantage of it." Cody Kangas led the Emeralds with 20 points in the win. Mickelson added 12, Gonyea 11, Joe LeDue 10, Scott Zellner eight, Jared Turan eight, Martin six, Giles five, Demers four, Lawrence two.

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## Midgets drop one to Iron Range, come back for big win in the nightcap

If you hang around a hockey rink long enough, you will surely hear the phrase "They just didn't show up to play." That was exactly what coach Bill Hoholik had to say about his midget team's performance in game one of a doubleheader against Iron Range Saturday at Little Bear West Arena.

Down 4-0, the Manistique Papers-Hoholik's Ace Hardware team scored two but gave up two more in the final period.

Rick Matson netted both goals for the home team. Garrett Prater and Tyler Glascock were credited with assists.

Brad Hoholik was in the net for the 6-2 loss.

Iron Range was charged with 12 penalty minutes, Manistique eight.

Heading to the locker room after game two, the Iron Range coaches were almost certainly thinking about teams "not showing up."

Trailing 3-0 at the end of the opening period, the visitors managed to get on the board early in the second but still trailed 6-1 when the Zamboni cleaned the ice for the final round.

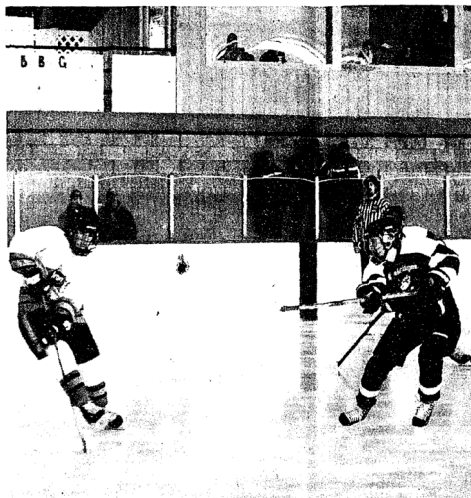
Manistique knocked in four more to rout out the scoring in the third.

With the split, the midgets improved to a season mark of 4-1-1.

**Scoring summary**  
Period one: goal Jake Shampine, assist Glasscock; goal Andrew Ronquist, assist Joe DeLisle; goal Ronquist, assist Nick Hase-DeLisle.

Period two: goal Glascock, assist Hase; goal Glascock, assist DeLisle; goal Prater, assist Matson.

Period Three: goal DeLisle, assist Prater; goal Matson, assist James Rumrill; goal Matson, assist Glascock; Shampine; goal DeLisle, assist Ronquist.



Garrett Prater gets an assist for this shot on goal. Rick Matson picked up the deflected shot and scored for the Manistique Papers-Hoholik's Ace Hardware midgets in their opener against Iron Range last weekend. Manistique dropped the first game but returned to the ice at Little Bear West Arena later in the afternoon and took a commanding 10-1 victory in game two. (Pioneer-Tribune photo)

## JV starts fast, hangs on to beat the Knights

Spurred by a 15-point first quarter, the Lady Emeralds junior varsity basketball team improved its record to 3-1 with a 43-36 win over Norway last Thursday night.

Jumping out early, the Emeralds built a commanding 15-4 lead at the end of the opener, then cooled off a bit in the second, scoring just six to hold

a 21-14 edge at the break. "We finally got off to a quick start in this one," coach Craig Hepker said. "Our effort in the first proved to be the difference tonight. We were outscored by four in the second and traded baskets with them in the second half."

Both teams netted 21 after intermission.

Manistique was led by Marcy Hoholik with 13 points. Ashlee Henry added 12, Carlie Kangas six, Chantal Albright and Emily Hepker four points each.

Hepker led the Emeralds with 10 rebounds.

Manistique travels to Gwinning tonight (Thursday) to face the Modelowners.



Operating in some extremely heavy traffic conditions, Manistique's Marcy Hoholik goes up, gets off a shot and scores two of her 13 points in the junior varsity's victory over Norway last week. (Pioneer-Tribune photo)

## Peewees capture tourney crown

The Martin's Carpet peewee hockey team faced some fierce competition early but still returned home from Munising as champions last weekend.

Manistique had to battle back from a 2-0 deficit against a tough Marquette team in their first game Friday night. They rallied to the task when Nick Peterson found the net twice. Manistique added three more goals in the third for a 5-3 win.

Games two and three against the Sault and Munising were landslide wins (10-1 and 9-0) for Manistique.

The Martin's defensive unit of Kyle Welty, Kyle McClelland, Willie Lanaville, Darrick Marsh and Shane Link dominated in the victories.

The championship game on Sunday was a rematch of the opener. Both teams played tough, with neither side able to get ahead by more than one goal until the third period, when Martin's persistence paid off for a 7-3 win.

Welty earned the Goaltender of the Tournament award for his play in the net.

Dustin Brown earned the tournament Hot Shot award for

the most goals scored. Offensively, every forward

on the Martin's team put goals in the net including Hunter

Majurin, Kyle Peterson, Robert Ayotte, Ryan Ramey, Na-

than Rahn, Justin DeLisle, Nick Peterson and Brown.



The Martin's Carpet peewees with their trophy from last weekend's tournament in Munising. Front row: Justin DeLisle, Kyle Welty. Middle row: Willie Lanaville, Kyle Peterson, Nick Peterson, Ryan Ramey, Dustin Brown, Robert Ayotte, Kyle McClelland. Back row: Coach B.J. Tiglas, Hunter Majurin, Darik Marsh, Nathan Rahn, Shane Link, Coach Louie Linck. (Submitted photo)

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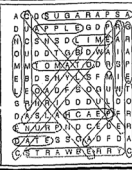
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**Roaring Twenties Solution:**

- Apple
- Asparagus
- Banana
- Cantaloupe
- Corn
- Cauliflower
- Cucumber
- Date
- Grape
- Lemon
- Lime
- Orange
- Peanut
- Peach
- Pear
- Plum
- Pumpkin
- Raisin
- Strawberry
- Tomato

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# *Christmas Greetings*



2007 Holiday Supplement to the Pioneer-Tribune



The perfect gift when you don't have time to bake!

Follow the steps below to make your own "Cookies in a Jar." Gather the basic supplies, pick a recipe and fill your jars. Then use our suggestions or your own ideas to embellish your jars.

**GATHER SUPPLIES**

- Quart Size Canning Jars with Lids
- Scrap Fabric
- Ribbon
- Glue
- Recipe Card
- Recipe and Required Ingredients

Fabric: Cut a circle out of the fabric that is 6 - 8 inches across. Trace around the top of a bowl for a pattern. Try pinking shears instead of regular scissors for a decorative edge. Place the round section of the jar's lid on the jar and center the fabric over the lid. Screw the band of the lid in place to hold the fabric. Fluff out fabric where it comes out from under the lid. You can also glue a ribbon band around the screw top. Remember: Even when dry, the glue will leave a wet look on satin ribbon. Use glue sparingly. Just a drop where the ends overlap is all you need.

Recipe: Handwrite your choice of the recipe directions on recipe card or print them up on cardstock with computer.

Using a hole puncher, make a small hole in the upper left hand corner of the recipe card. Take another piece of ribbon (long enough to tie around jar and make bow) and thread it through the card and tie a loose knot. Then tie the ribbon to the jar under the fabric edge so the recipe hangs from jar.

**FILLING THE JAR**

- Thoroughly wash and dry the jars and lids.
- Pick a recipe from below and gather your ingredients.
- Using the instructions and tips from the recipe you choose and fill the jar!

**Christmas...  
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These are the recipes for jars.  
Directions for mixing recipes to include with your jar gift are on page 3.

**BANANA BREAD  
NIBBLES**

Just like bread but in bite size portions.

**INGREDIENTS FOR JAR:**

- 1 1/2 cups flour
- 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp nutmeg
- 3/4 tsp cinnamon
- 1 1/2 cups oats
- 1 1/4 cups sugar

**JAR INSTRUCTIONS:**

Sift flour, baking soda, salt, nutmeg and cinnamon together. Spoon into 1-quart jar. Layer oats over flour mixture and follow with sugar layer.

**PEANUT BUTTER  
COOKIES**

Family classic

**INGREDIENTS FOR JAR:**

- 2 1/4 cup flour
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 1 cup packed brown sugar
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- 1 cup sugar

**JAR INSTRUCTIONS:**

Combine flour, baking soda and place in 1-quart jar. Layer brown sugar over flour. Spoon sugar over brown sugar.

**CRANBERRY  
BISCOTTI**

A marvelous gift

**Ingredients**

- 3/4 cup dried cranberries or cherries
- 3/4 cup pecans
- 2 cups all-purpose unbleached flour
- 1/2 tsp cinnamon
- 2 tsp baking powder
- 2/3 cup sugar

**JAR INSTRUCTIONS:**

Gently tap jars on counter top to settle each layer before adding the next.

Begin by layering dried cranberries or cherries on bottom of jar and follow with nuts.

Spoon flour into jar over nut layer.

Mix cinnamon, baking powder and sugar together and layer on top of flour.

Add additional cranberries or pecans to top off jar.

**NO BAKE  
RUM BALLS**

Spirit-filled no bake treat for the holidays. Add jar of cookie mix to a holiday gift basket and make sure to include a small bottle of rum.

**INGREDIENTS FOR JAR:**

- 3 cups crushed vanilla wafer cookies
- 1 1/4 cups cocoa powder
- 3/4 cup powdered sugar
- 1/2 cup finely chopped walnuts or pecans

**JAR INSTRUCTIONS:**

Place crushed vanilla wafers in bottom of 1-quart jar.

Layer cocoa powder and then powdered sugar over crushed cookies.

Top off with chopped nuts.

**CLASSIC  
SHORTBREAD**

Recipe will make three batches of shortbread.

**INGREDIENTS FOR JAR:**

- 3 cups flour
- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 1/2 tsp salt

Combine flour, sugar and salt together well. Spoon into 1-quart jar.



**BLESSINGS TO ALL!**



May your faith be renewed and your spirits rekindled during this holy and joyous time of year.

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**BANANA BREAD NIBBLES**

*Recipe*

**Baking Instructions:**

- 3/4 cup butter, softened
- 1 beaten egg
- 1 cup mashed bananas

Preheat oven to 350 degrees and empty contents of jar into large mixing bowl.  
 Beat butter, egg and bananas.  
 Add butter mixture to dry ingredients and blend well.  
 Drop dough by teaspoonfuls onto greased baking sheet and bake for 12 to 15 minutes or until edges are brown.  
 Remove from oven and cool slightly before placing on rack.

**PEANUT BUTTER COOKIES**

*Recipe*

**Baking Instructions:**

- 1 cup butter, softened
- 1 cup smooth or crunchy peanut butter
- 2 eggs

Preheat oven to 350 degrees and empty contents of jar into large mixing bowl.  
 In small bowl, blend butter, peanut butter and eggs.  
 Stir butter mixture into dry ingredients and mix well.  
 Roll teaspoonfuls of dough into balls. Place on sprayed baking sheet.  
 Make crisscross shape on each by flattening with fork dipped in sugar.  
 Bake 12 to 13 minutes.

**CRANBERRY BISCOTTI**

*Recipe*

**Baking Instructions:**

- 1/3 cup butter, softened
- 2 eggs

Beat butter on medium speed for 30 seconds. Add eggs and beat on medium until well combined. Using a wooden spoon, stir in contents of jar just until combined.  
 Divide into 2 loaves on cookie sheet, chilling if necessary to make dough easier to handle.  
 Each loaf should be about 9 inches long and 2 inches wide. Bake at 375 degrees for 25-30 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Cool on sheet for 1 hour. Cut each loaf diagonally into 1/2 inch thick slices using a serrated (bread) knife.  
 Place slices on an ungreased cookie sheet.  
 Bake at 325 degrees for 8 minutes, then turn over and bake for 8-10 minutes more or until dry and crisp. Transfer to wire rack to cool. Makes 32 cookies.

**NO BAKE RUM BALLS**

*Recipe*

**Baking Instructions:**

- 3 T light corn syrup
  - 1/2 cup rum or bourbon
- Powdered or granulated sugar

Empty contents of jar into large mixing bowl. Stir to mix dry ingredients. Stir in corn syrup and rum. Blend until dry ingredients are moist.  
 Shape dough into 1-inch balls and roll in sugar selection and serve in decorative petit fours paper cups.  
*(Cookies taste better as they age)*

**Savor The Season!**

Hope your holidays are filled to the brim with joy. Thanks, and please visit us again, soon.



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**CLASSIC SHORTBREAD**

*Recipe*

One jar of dry ingredients will make three batches. The following instructions are for one batch.

**Baking Instructions:**

- 1/3 of mixture from Classic Shortbread ingredients jar (Approximately 1 1/3 cups)
- 1/2 cup butter at room temperature
- 1/4 tsp vanilla

Preheat oven to 325 degrees.  
 Place butter and vanilla in medium bowl and stir in 1/3 mixture (About 1 1/3 cups.) a little at a time until all ingredients are blended.  
 Turn mixture out onto lightly floured surface and knead lightly until smooth. Don't overwork your dough.  
 Pat dough out into 1/4 inch thick circle on ungreased baking pan.  
 Cut dough circle into 8 equal wedges, like a pie, and prick entire surface with fork.  
 Bake for 20 to 25 minutes until shortbread is very light brown. Remove from oven and cool for about 10 minutes before cutting pieces apart with sharp knife.

**HELPFUL HOLIDAY HINT**

**CANDLE-BERRY VOTIVES**

- Cranberries
- Clear votive holders
- Clear tealight candles
- Place 10 to 12 cranberries in clear glass votive candleholders.
- Fill them with tap water and top with a floating clear tealight candle.
- Arrange these on the table and light them just before guests arrive.
- Look for votive holders in varying sizes and colors to match your table setting.



*Best Wishes for a bright and gleaming holiday season*

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**HOW TO EXPRESS THANKS FOR A GIFT**

- Make the thank you note specific in its thanks, and describe the gift or act of kindness.
- Express how you felt when you received it.
- Let the person know that not only is his or her gift appreciated, but that he or she is, too.

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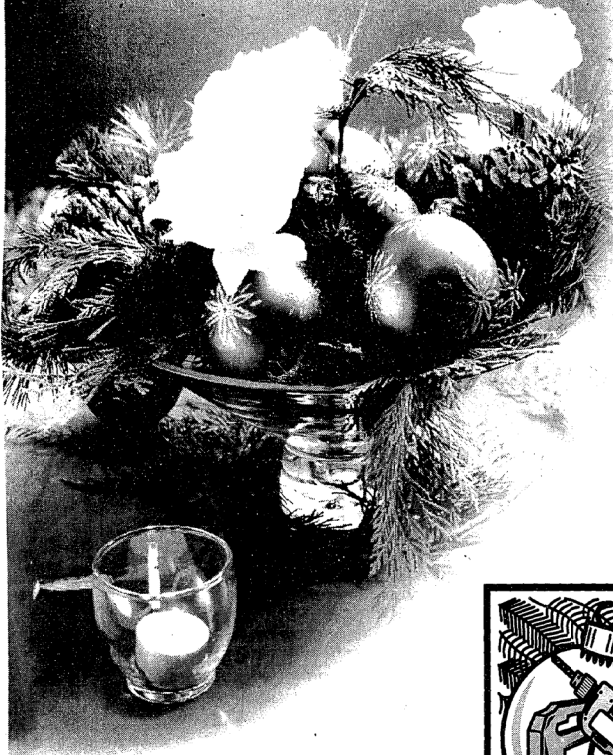


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# Flowers Add Cheer and Flair to Holidays



You can make your holiday spirits bloom by decking your home with flowers

**Materials**

- 1 shallow bowl, 10 inches in diameter
- 10 to 15 round Christmas balls of varying sizes and color
- 3 to 4 Rubrum lilies, or substitute with white Casa Blanca or pink lilies
- 5 to 7 stems of Christmas greens (if necessary, cut them from the back of the tree)
- 3 to 5 pinecones and/or 3 to 5 sprigs of holly
- Bubble gum, Play-Doh or floral clay
- Flower food/preservative
- Floral clippers

**Directions**

1. Fill the bowl with ornaments.
2. Slip greens, pines and/or holly between the ornaments.
3. Remove the cap from three to four of the ornaments that are on top and dispersed throughout the bowl and fill them with water that has been treated with flower food/preservative.
4. Cut the stems of the lilies very short and insert them into the ornaments.
5. Use gum, Play-Doh or floral clay to secure floral ornaments in the arrangement.

For more information and suggestions, visit [www.flowerpossibilities.com](http://www.flowerpossibilities.com). Ornaments added to festive, seasonal flowers can add holiday cheer to any room in the house.

**ORNAMENTAL OVERTURE**

Ball ornaments fill a bowl of greenery, pinecones and berries. Fill some of the ornaments with flowers, too!

According to Jill Slater, designer for [flowerpossibilities.com](http://flowerpossibilities.com), adding flowers all around the home this season is simple. She offers the following festive flower recipe and suggests placing flowers in the kitchen and other areas of the home where they can be enjoyed by everyone first thing in the morning and throughout the day.

## HANDY HOLIDAY Greetings

At this busy time of year, when everyone is sprucing up for Christmas, goodwill and gratitude would certainly come in handy, and we've got plenty to spread around!

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### Tips on Caring for Your Holiday Poinsettias

If there is one flower that's recognized as a sign of the holidays, it's the poinsettia. In addition to their role as traditional Christmas decorations, poinsettias can serve as tokens of goodwill, friendship and joy during the season and beyond. More than 50 million Americans will purchase a poinsettia plant this holiday season.

While 75 percent of consumers are said to prefer the familiar red version, there are currently more than 100 varieties available. White, pink, yellow and even variegated poinsettias are gradually gaining popularity.

Named after Joel Poinsett, who introduced this indigenous Mexican plant to the United States during the 1800s while he served as the nation's U.S. ambassador, poinsettias have become America's best-selling potted plant. More than 85 percent of all potted plants sold annually are poinsettias.

Here are some care and handling tips for your own holiday classic from the floral experts at flowers.com:

- When purchasing your plant, select a poinsettia with dark green foliage, strong, stiff stems and completely colored flowers. Make sure your plant has no fallen or yellow leaves and that it is fully balanced and attractive from all sides.

- Poinsettias thrive on bright, sunny natural daylight. Place your plant in indirect sunlight for at least six hours per day. Keep your room temperature between 68 and 70 degrees. Do not place your plant near drafts, heating vents, or appliances.

- Water the plant when the soil surface feels dry to a light touch. It's very important not to allow your plant to sit in standing water.

- It is not necessary to fertilize your poinsettias when they are in

bloom. However, after the holidays, a balanced, all-purpose household plant fertilizer will help maintain the rich, green foliage color and promote new growth.

- Do not place your poinsettia outside, as the plant is sensitive to chilling temperatures.

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### Where's Santa?

(NAPSA)-Your children may not have to be nestled all snug in their beds this Christmas Eve. They could be at the computer following Santa's progress as he completes his magical journey.



In fact, there are lots of family activities you and your children can do together on [www.claus.com](http://www.claus.com). You can check out your naughty or nice ratings, send an email and get one back from Santa Claus, make his favorite foods with recipes from Mrs. Claus's kitchen, have fun with Sugar Plum Mary and the rest of Santa's elves.

Claus.com is rated with Safe Surf as kid-friendly, and is likely to be a hit with kids young and old. You can find Santa's Web site at [www.claus.com](http://www.claus.com).

*Wishing Our Dear Friends  
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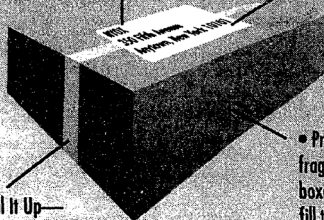


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• **Choose Your Box**—Select a durable box that is just big enough to fit your items and about 2 inches of packing material.



• **Seal It Up**—Close up flaps and reinforce seams with good packing tape. Secure the bottom and top of the box with extra tape.

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• Wrap items individually using bubble wrap or Styrofoam inserts so they don't touch each other. Each item should have a minimum of two inches of cushioning on all sides.

• Select the right-sized box to avoid over packing. Fill the box to help prevent items from shifting and breaking in transit.

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side the package. Even the stickiest labels can come off!

• If reusing a box, remove any old addresses or shipping labels to prevent possible confusion about the package's origin and destination.

• Seal the box using a good-quality shipping tape. Avoid using cellophane or masking tape.

• Ensure that all seams and flaps are securely taped. For additional reinforcement, apply extra strips of tape to the bottom and top of the box.

Additionally, when packing fragile items:

• Double-box by packing each item in a separate box and placing them in a larger carton that contains a couple of inches of cushioning material. Fill the space around each



## GREETINGS OF THE SEASON



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# Spread the Joy and Share Some Memories by Baking Up Seasonal Cookies

Cookies have a way of brightening any day, especially around the holidays, when they offer many delicious opportunities to spread seasonal cheer.

It's not just eating cookies that's enjoyable. The mere act of making cookies with your family can help create some of the best memories. Giving everyone a task makes the job easier, and baking cookies together is a delightful way to spend time with the children.

Cookies make an appetizing gift, a thoughtful way to show you care and a one-of-a-kind creation to give during the holidays or for special occasions. Sharing homemade cookies is a wonderful way to thank friends and families, a much-appreciated gift for a hostess or a delicious treat for a church, school or work function.

## PEPPERMINT CANDY SHORTBREAD COOKIES

Prep time: 20 minutes  
Bake time: 25 to 30 minutes  
Makes: 3 1/2 dozen

### Cookies:

- 1 cup butter (no substitutes), softened
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup crushed peppermint candy
- 1 tsp pure vanilla extract
- 2 cups flour
- 1/4 cup corn starch
- Parchment Paper

### Frosting (optional):

- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 1 to 2 T milk
- 1/2 tsp pure vanilla extract
- 2 T crushed peppermint candy

Mix butter, sugar, crushed candy and vanilla thoroughly using an electric mixer. Gradually blend in flour and corn-starch.

Form into 1-inch balls and place on parchment paper-lined baking sheets. Gently press down on each

cookie to flatten using fingers or a flat-bottomed drinking glass (dipped in sugar to prevent sticking).

Bake in a preheated 300 degree oven for 25 to 30 minutes, or until bottoms begin to brown.

Cool for 5 minutes; remove to a wire rack to cool completely. Combine powdered sugar, milk and vanilla and mix until frosting is smooth. Drizzle cookies with frosting and sprinkle with crushed candy.

*Recipe note:* For European-style shortbread, turn dough onto a lightly floured surface and knead until smooth, about 2 minutes. Pat into a 1/3-inch thick rectangle measuring 11 x 8 inches. Cut into 2 x 1-inch strips. Place 1 inch apart on parchment paper-lined baking sheets. Prick with a fork. Bake as above.

## OATMEAL HERMITS

Prep time: 10 minutes  
Bake time: 15 minutes per batch  
Makes: 3 dozen cookies

- 2 cups quick-cooking oats
- 1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar

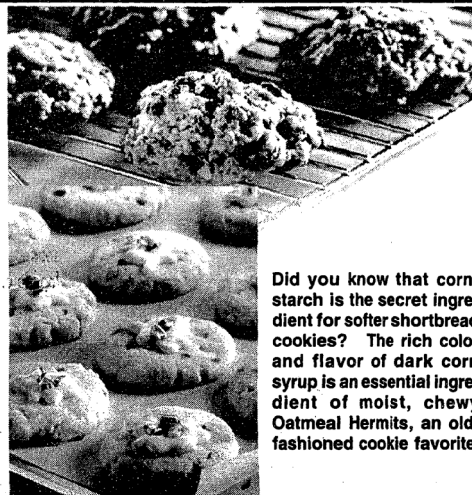
- 1 cup raisins
- 1 1/2 cups flour
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 2 tsp baking powder
- 1 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1/2 cup dark corn syrup
- 1/2 cup corn oil
- 2 eggs

Mix oats, sugar and raisins in large bowl; add flour, salt, baking powder and cinnamon and mix well.

Whisk together corn syrup, oil and eggs in a small bowl. Add to dry ingredients.

Drop dough by rounded tablespoons 2 inches apart on greased baking sheet.

Bake 12 to 15 minutes at 375



Did you know that cornstarch is the secret ingredient for softer shortbread cookies? The rich color and flavor of dark corn syrup is an essential ingredient of moist, chewy Oatmeal Hermits, an old-fashioned cookie favorite.

degrees until lightly browned around edges. Remove cookies to wire rack to cool.

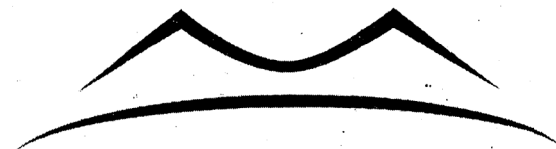
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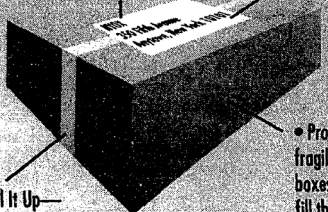
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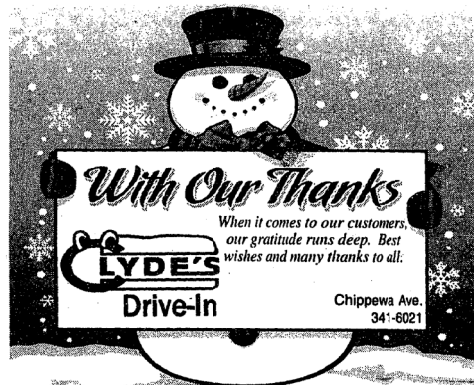
• If reusing a box, remove any old addresses or shipping labels to prevent possible confusion about the package's origin and destination.

• Seal the box using a good-quality shipping tape. Avoid using cellophane or masking tape.

• Ensure that all seams and flaps are securely taped. For additional reinforcement, apply extra strips of tape to the bottom and top of the box.

Additionally, when packing fragile items:

• Double-box by packing each item in a separate box and placing them in a larger carton that contains a couple of inches of cushioning material. Fill the space around each



## GREETINGS OF THE SEASON



...And hats off to our customers, too, because we couldn't have done it without good folks like you. Merry Christmas!

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# Spread the Joy and Share Some Memories by Baking Up Seasonal Cookies

Cookies have a way of brightening any day, especially around the holidays, when they offer many delicious opportunities to spread seasonal cheer.

It's not just eating cookies that's enjoyable. The mere act of making cookies with your family can help create some of the best memories. Giving everyone a task makes the job easier, and baking cookies together is a delightful way to spend time with the children.

Cookies make an appetizing gift, a thoughtful way to show you care and a one-of-a-kind creation to give during the holidays or for special occasions. Sharing homemade cookies is a wonderful way to thank friends and families, a much-appreciated gift for a hostess or a delicious treat for a church, school or work function.

## PEPPERMINT CANDY SHORTBREAD COOKIES

Prep time: 20 minutes  
Bake time: 25 to 30 minutes  
Makes: 31/2 dozen

### Cookies:

- 1 cup butter (no substitutes), softened
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup crushed peppermint candy
- 1 tsp pure vanilla extract
- 2 cups flour
- 1/4 cup corn starch
- Parchment Paper

### Frosting (optional):

- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 1 to 2 T milk
- 1/2 tsp pure vanilla extract
- 2 T crushed peppermint candy

Mix butter, sugar, crushed candy and vanilla thoroughly using an electric mixer. Gradually blend in flour and corn-starch.

Form into 1-inch balls and place on parchment paper-lined baking sheets. Gently press down on each

cookie to flatten using fingers or a flat-bottomed drinking glass (dipped in sugar to prevent sticking).

Bake in a preheated 300 degree oven for 25 to 30 minutes, or until bottoms begin to brown.

Cool for 5 minutes; remove to a wire rack to cool completely. Combine powdered sugar, milk and vanilla and mix until frosting is smooth. Drizzle cookies with frosting and sprinkle with crushed candy.

*Recipe note:* For European-style shortbread, turn dough onto a lightly floured surface and knead until smooth, about 2 minutes. Pat into a 1/3-inch thick rectangle measuring 11 x 8 inches. Cut into 2 x 1-inch strips. Place 1 inch apart on parchment paper-lined baking sheets. Prick with a fork. Bake as above.

## OATMEAL HERMITS

Prep time: 10 minutes  
Bake time: 15 minutes per batch  
Makes: 3 dozen cookies

- 2 cups quick-cooking oats
- 1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar

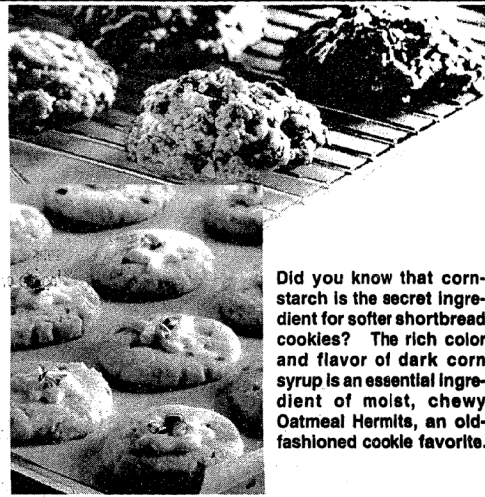
- 1 cup raisins
- 1 1/2 cups flour
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 2 tsp baking powder
- 1 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1/2 cup dark corn syrup
- 1/2 cup corn oil
- 2 eggs

Mix oats, sugar and raisins in large bowl; add flour, salt, baking powder and cinnamon and mix well.

Whisk together corn syrup, oil and eggs in a small bowl. Add to dry ingredients.

Drop dough by rounded tablespoons 2 inches apart on greased baking sheet.

Bake 12 to 15 minutes at 375



Did you know that cornstarch is the secret ingredient for softer shortbread cookies? The rich color and flavor of dark corn syrup is an essential ingredient of moist, chewy Oatmeal Hermits, an old-fashioned cookie favorite.

degrees until lightly browned around edges. Remove cookies to wire rack to cool.

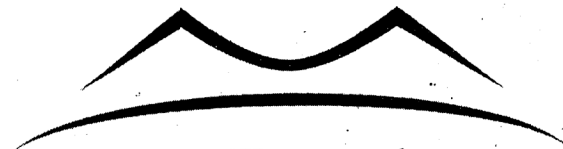
For more holiday recipes, visit [www.argostarch.com](http://www.argostarch.com) and [www.karosyrup.com](http://www.karosyrup.com).



As 2007 comes to a close, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all mBank customers, friends, and communities for your generous, continued support.

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# Wrap Up the Season

## with Buttery, Homemade Candy

Homemade candy is a year-round treat, but it's especially delicious during the holidays. Stir up sweet family traditions in the kitchen this season with a few simple tools and the perfect candy ingredients. Gather a heavy saucepan and wooden spoon, along with plenty of real butter, pure sugar and high-quality chocolate.

These recipes are easy to make, from melt-in-your-mouth caramels to crunchy, nutty toffee. If your candy-making technique could use a refresher course, visit [butterisbest.com](http://butterisbest.com) for a short video demonstration of the Pistachio Toffee recipe, along with helpful hints for using a candy thermometer and testing candy temperatures.



### CHOCOLATE CHERRY FUDGE

Makes 3 dozen pieces

- 1/2 cup butter
- 3/4 cup whipping cream
- 2 cups sugar
- 12 oz. semisweet chocolate, coarsely chopped
- 1 jar marshmallow creme
- 1 cup chopped slivered almonds
- 1 cup chopped dried cherries
- 1 tsp. almond extract

In heavy saucepan, combine butter, cream and sugar. Bring to a full rolling boil over medium-high heat, stirring constantly. Reduce heat to medium and continue to boil, stirring frequently, 8 to 10 minutes, or until mixture reaches 234 degrees (soft ball stage).

Remove from heat; add chocolate and marshmallow creme; stir until smooth.

Add, almonds, cherries and almond extract; mix until well blended.

Pour mixture into 9-inch square pan lined with buttered foil. Refrigerate until cool; cut into 1 1/2-inch squares. Store in airtight container in refrigerator.

### EGGNOG FUDGE

Makes 3 dozen pieces

- 1/2 cup butter
- 3/4 cup eggnog
- 2 cups sugar
- 10 oz. white chocolate, coarsely chopped
- 1/2 tsp. ground nutmeg
- 1 jar marshmallow creme
- 1 cup chopped pecans,
- 1 tsp rum or rum extract

In heavy saucepan, combine butter, eggnog and sugar. Bring to a full rolling boil over medium-high heat, stirring constantly.

Reduce heat to medium, and continue to boil, stirring frequently, 8 to 10 minutes, or until mixture reaches 234 degrees (soft ball stage).

Remove from heat; add chocolate and nutmeg; stir until smooth. Add marshmallow creme, pecans and rum; mix well.

Pour mixture into 9-inch square pan lined with buttered foil. Cool completely; cut into 1 1/2-inch squares. Store in airtight container in refrigerator.

### Sweet Tips for Candy Success

- No substitutions – real butter, not margarine or spreads, gives candy the best flavor and texture.
- Don't double up – make only a single batch of candy at a time. Extra ingredients may prevent the mixture from cooking properly.
- Temps on target – the bulb of the candy thermometer should be completely covered by liquid, but don't rest the thermometer on the bottom of the pan.
- Be patient – candy takes a long time to cook – don't rush it by turning up the heat.
- Measure up – measure all ingredients before beginning a recipe.
- Keep it fresh – store finished confections in an airtight container in a dry location. Use wax paper to separate layers of candy.
- For more holiday recipes and tips for cooking and baking with butter visit [butterisbest.com](http://butterisbest.com).

Quintessential holiday flavors of eggnog, almonds and cherries star in these easy, but impressive fudge recipes.

Wishing you all the creature comforts for a purr-fect holiday season. We couldn't have asked for better friends than you.

Eva Burrell  
Animal Shelter  
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When it comes to serving you, the pleasure's been all ours.

With a multitude of best warm wishes for a happy and healthy holiday season to all of you from all of us.

## HAPPY HOLIDAYS

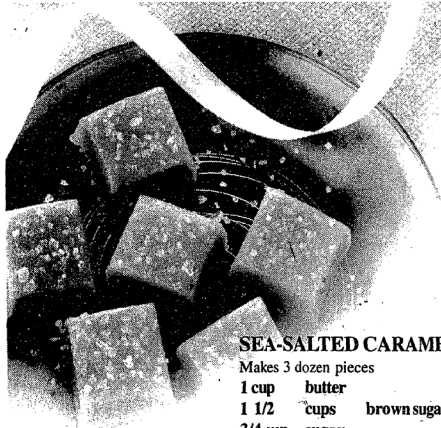
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## OPEN UP TO CHRISTMAS!

As we welcome the Christmas Season, We're filled with good cheer and you are the reason - So while opportunity's knocking we'd like to say, "Hope you enjoy a great holiday!"

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**SEA-SALTED CARAMELS**

- Makes 3 dozen pieces
- 1 cup butter
  - 1 1/2 cups brown sugar
  - 3/4 cup sugar
  - 1/4 cup dark corn syrup
  - 1/2 cup light corn syrup
  - 1 cup whipping cream
  - 1 tsp vanilla
  - 1 tsp sea salt

Not your standard caramel — this sea-salted version cuts the rich, buttery flavor with just a hint of salt.

Butter sides and bottom of heavy 3-quart saucepan. Add butter and melt over low heat. Add sugars, corn syrups and cream; mix well. Raise heat to medium-high and bring mixture to a boil, stirring occasionally. Reduce heat to medium and continue to boil until mixture reaches 248 degrees (firm ball stage).

Remove saucepan from heat and stir in vanilla. Pour caramel immediately into 9-inch square pan lined with buttered foil. Cool at room temperature until caramel begins to set, sprinkle with sea salt; cool completely.

Use foil to lift caramel out of pan. Butter a large chef's knife and cut caramel into 1-inch squares. Wrap caramels individually in plastic wrap or store in airtight container in refrigerator.

Buttery, crunchy and nutty, Pistachio Toffee featuring a delicious and festive white chocolate layer.



**PISTACHIO TOFFEE**

- Makes 3 dozen pieces
- 1 1/4 cups shelled pistachios, divided
  - 1 cup butter
  - 3/4 cup sugar
  - 1/4 cup brown sugar
  - 1/4 cup water
  - 1 T corn syrup
  - 6 oz. white chocolate, coarsely chopped
- Heat oven to 350 degrees Place pistachios in single layer in pan; toast 3 minutes. Remove from oven, cool and coarsely chop; set aside.
- In heavy saucepan, combine butter, sugars, water and corn syrup. Bring to a boil over medium-high heat, stirring constantly with wooden spoon. Reduce heat to medium, and continue to boil until mixture reaches 300 degrees (hard crack stage), stirring frequently.
- Stir in 3/4 cup pistachios; mix well and pour into jellyroll pan lined with buttered foil. Spread mixture into large rectangle. Cool completely.
- In microwave-safe container, microwave chocolate 30 seconds; stir. Continue microwaving in 10-second intervals, stirring after each, until chocolate is melted and smooth, but not hot. Using spatula, spread over toffee, covering it completely. Sprinkle with remaining 1/2 cup pistachios and gently pat into chocolate.
- Place pan in refrigerator for 5 minutes, or until chocolate has set. Break into pieces and store in airtight container.

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Hope it's joyous...Hope it's neat...  
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# Two Recipes That Will Rev Up Your Rice Pudding

There's more than a grain of truth that rice pudding is the perfect end to a holiday meal. These two rice pudding recipes will show holiday cooks that rice pudding can be a crowning dessert.

## SWEDISH RICE PUDDING

It is the Swedish tradition at Christmas to put one almond in the rice pudding when it is almost cooked. The legend holds that the person who gets the almond is the one who will be married in the coming year.

- 1 cup uncooked medium or long grain white rice
- 2 cups water
- 1 3-inch stick cinnamon
- 3 eggs, beaten
- 4 cups milk
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 2 T butter
- 1 almond, whole

Cook rice in water with cinnamon stick for 15 minutes or until done. Remove cinnamon stick and let cool slightly.

Preheat oven to 325 degrees.

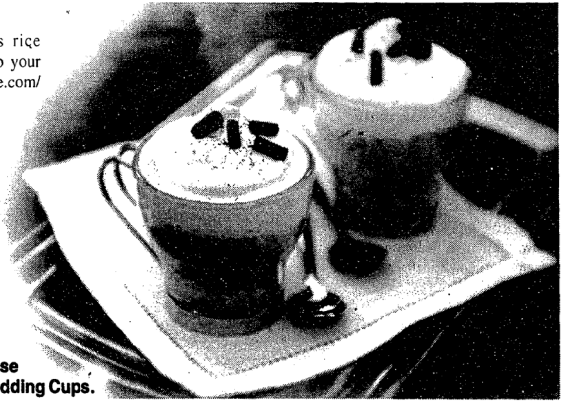
Mix rice with beaten eggs, milk, sugar and vanilla. Pour into baking dish, drizzle melted butter over top.

Bake 1 hour. Ten minutes before baking is done, insert almond. Serve warm.

- 1 T instant coffee granules
- Sweetened whipped cream
- Ground cinnamon
- Chocolate shavings (optional)

Combine rice, milk and sweetened condensed milk in large saucepan over medium-high heat, bringing just to a boil. Reduce heat to medium; cook 20 minutes, stirring frequently or until thickened. Remove from heat, stir in instant coffee granules until dissolved. Cool slightly. Spoon equal amounts of warm pudding into 8 small coffee cups. Top with whipped cream and sprinkle with cinnamon. Garnish with chocolate

shavings, if desired. For more delicious rice recipes that will rev up your meals, visit [www.usarice.com/consumer](http://www.usarice.com/consumer).

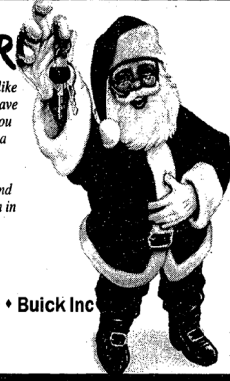


Holiday hints of cinnamon are the perfect touch for these Cappuccino Rice Pudding Cups.

## Wishing you a MODEL YEAR

*As another year hits the road, we'd like to acknowledge all the people who have been key to our success and wish you all a very, very merry season and a truly memorable year.*

*Thanks for your valued business and we look forward to seeing you again in the new year.*



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## Beary Best Wishes

...and heartfelt thanks to our good friends everywhere this holiday season.



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## CAPPUCCINO RICE PUDDING CUPS

Makes 8 servings

- 3 cups cooked medium or long grain white rice
- 2 cups whole or 2% milk
- 1 can sweetened condensed milk

**WISHING YOU A WHITE CHRISTMAS**

With a load of best wishes to our customers and friends this holiday season.

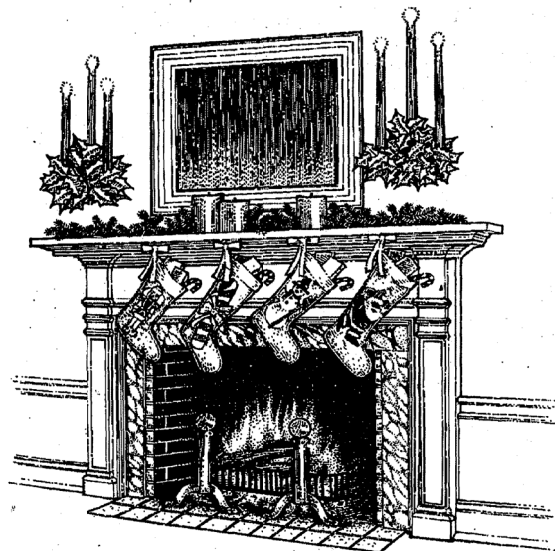
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# Protecting Yourself Against Identity Theft: You Can't Be Too Careful

Though incidences of identity theft often increase during the holidays, consumers are advised to protect themselves-and their credit-all year long.

The holidays are a prime time for identity theft because people are using their credit cards more often and, with long lists and children in tow, they may be distracted while shopping. It is therefore especially important to protect yourself from identity theft traps.

On the other side of the law, identity thieves know this is an opportune time of year because the evidence of their crimes can easily get lost within the clutter of holiday shopping and credit card bills. With billions of dollars lost and millions of Americans as victims each year, identity theft is the No. 1 complaint for consumers in the United States.

What is identity theft?

Identity theft occurs when someone uses your personal information-such as your name, Social Security number, credit card or bank information-without your permission in order to establish fraudulent accounts in your name. The Federal Trade Commission estimates that 9 million Americans have their identities stolen each year.

"Identity theft is a cruel crime that can continue beyond someone losing their money or personal property; it's a crime that can rob innocent men and women of their good credit, reputation and financial well-being, without them ever knowing it has occurred," says Robert Boxberger, senior vice president of Credit Risk for the credit card division of Washington Mutual (WaMu).

No one is immune to identity theft. Criminals will try to steal your identity through various ways in-

cluding mail, e-mail and phone conversations. And they will try new methods like "shoulder surfing" and "phishing" to gain access to your credit card account and make unauthorized charges.

"Unsuspecting consumers should watch out for 'shoulder surfers'-individuals who look over your shoulder or aim a cell phone camera in your direction to try to get pictures of your credit or debit card number and videos of you entering your PIN number at ATMs, banks or stores," adds Boxberger. "Phishing is an attempt to fraudulently acquire sensitive personal information such as your SSN, credit card account or birth date by masquerading as your bank, typically in an e-mail that will direct individuals to a seemingly legitimate Web site, although phone contact has also been used."

So what can you do to protect yourself against identity theft? Sadly, you can't completely prevent identity theft even if you take precautions. Apply common sense and be more aware of your actions and your surroundings, including:

- Use your free hand to block the view while you punch in your PIN on a keypad when making a purchase or cash withdrawal.

- Place credit card receipts in your wallet instead of your shopping bags. This will make it more difficult for a pickpocket to grab receipts out of your bag when you may be otherwise distracted.

- If you shop online, don't provide your credit or debit card information to any business unless you are certain that the merchant is legitimate.



## Protect Yourself From Identity Theft

Beware of phishing scams that attempt to solicit your personal information by posing as legitimate Web sites. Actual banks and credit card companies will not contact you by e-mail informing you of problems with your account and re-

questing your account number or other personal information.

Obtain a free copy of your credit report each year. It's wise to make certain all of the activity on your report is legitimate and accurate. This is one way to find out if anyone has opened unauthorized accounts in your name. You can receive a free copy of your own credit report once every 12 months at [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com).

"It's an unfortunate reality that consumers today have to be more vigilant than ever in protecting themselves," concludes Boxberger. "You can never be too safe when it comes to your personal information. By understanding the risks and taking extra precautions, you can give yourself the best gift of all: peace of mind." Use your free hand to block the view whenever you punch in your pin.

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Hope your holiday season is packed with excitement, action, adventure and perhaps even a little romance.

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Thanks for all the wonderful memories you've given to us this past year.

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## Simple Holiday Appetizer Made With Ham

The holidays are upon us! From planning for the big office party to preparing to host relatives from out of town, it can be a little overwhelming for all of us. This year, spend less time getting wrapped up in stresses of the season, and be a jolly holiday host by serving ham.

When shopping for ham, look for one that is made with quality ingredients like real brown sugar and honey, so that you can be proud to serve it to your family for the holidays and everyday.

So, prior to planning the office holiday party, and before your family arrives for the seasonal soiree, create your own holiday cheer by preparing the recipe below. For even more inspiration, check out [www.CooksHam.com](http://www.CooksHam.com) for recipes and preparation ideas for use throughout the season.

### HOLIDAY HAM AND TORTILLA TREE

(Makes approximately 36 pinwheels, or enough to build one small tree)

#### Ingredients

Approximately 1 lb. of leftover ham

- 6 oz cream cheese, whipped
- 1 cup sliced sharp Cheddar cheese (6 oz)
- 1/2 cup red bell pepper, sliced into thin strips
- 6 six inch spinach flour tortillas

#### Directions

1. Slice ham into approximately 1/2 inch wide strips.
2. Spread an even thin layer of cream cheese over the entire surface of the tortilla.
3. Place two strips of ham side by side along the lower third
4. Line both sides of the ham strips with two strips of red pepper, and then one slice of cheese each; six strips total.
5. Fold tortilla edge over entire contents and roll tightly.
6. Cut into 1 inch pinwheels.
7. Stack layers of pinwheels in rings one on top of another, decreasing the size of each ring until you reach the top of the tree.
8. Dress your tree with

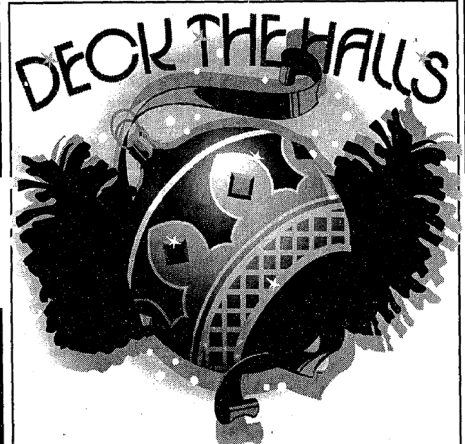


of the tortilla, so that they extend from one end of the tortilla.

cranberries, or star-shaped cutouts of red or yellow pepper.

### Five Tips for Dressing Up Your Holiday Ham

1. Traditional: Arrange cranberries, cinnamon sticks, and holly sprigs around the ham for a festive feel.
2. Contemporary: Pomegranates are in style this time of year. Halve and use pieces as a colorful border for your ham.
3. Tropical: For the adventurous cook, go Hawaiian! Skirt your ham using pineapple, oranges, and cherries.
4. Gift-Wrapped: Peel red and green apples into ribbon-like decorative pieces and give your family the gift of a holiday ham.
5. Southern: Use peaches and pecans to surround your ham with subtle Southern charm.



In this season so merry and bright...  
May your cares be few and your heart be light.  
May good cheer reign and joy abound  
And may you enjoy good fortune all year round!

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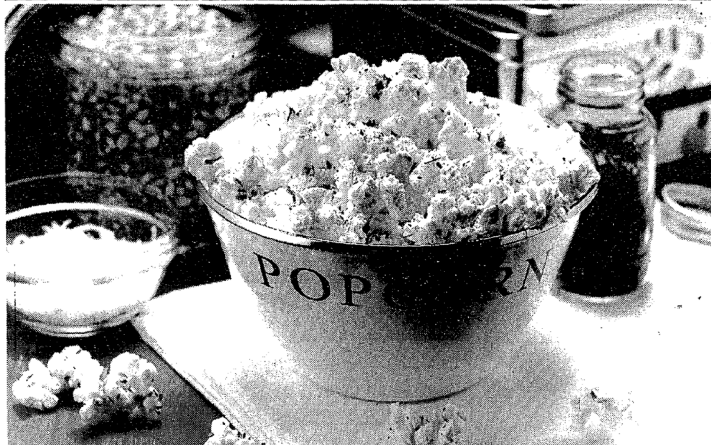
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**Perfect Popcorn**

**Popping Tips**

• Warm a heavy pan with lid. Add 1/4 cup of vegetable oil to the pan, or just enough to cover the bottom.

• Drop in two or three kernels and cover. When the kernels pop, add the remaining popcorn. Pour just enough kernels to cover the bottom of the pan. Cover with lid.

• Shake the pan while the kernels heat and pop. Occasionally lift the lid slightly to allow steam to escape. When you hear the last few pops, remove the pan from the heat, take off the lid and empty the popped popcorn into a large bowl.

For more simple and tasty popcorn recipes, visit [www.popcorn.org](http://www.popcorn.org). A guilt-free snack to graze on is always a welcome gift.



**Quick and Personal Holiday Gifts**

Great gifts don't have to break the bank. Giving a homemade treat or supplying your recipient with the fixings to make a scrumptious nosh will win hearts and be gentle on your checkbook. With little effort, your gift can be one of the highlights of the season.

If you're heading out to a holiday party, bring both a snack and a gift basket filled with the raw ingredients and recipe. Your hostess can sample firsthand the gift you're giving her and it helps lighten her load. Providing a guilt-free snack to graze on will be a welcome and healthful alternative to yet another fat-laden treat. That's why popcorn is a great option.

Plain or buttered, sweetened or spiced, popcorn can be flavored or even combined with other foods like nuts, fruit or cheese to create a delicious and nutritious snack. As a whole-grain food, popcorn is a carbohydrate that is not only low in calories, but also a good source of fiber. It's an ideal in-between-meals snack because it satisfies but doesn't spoil your appetite.

For others on your list, whether you're down to the wire or just beginning holiday shopping, simple gift ideas are sure to please. You can give a decorative tin filled

with your favorite popcorn recipe or a basket filled with the ingredients to make the popcorn treat. Add a favorite board game, DVD, movie rental passes, or a

subscription to an online DVD rental service for an extra touch-and-voila! Who knew holiday shopping could be stress-free, inexpensive and thoughtful?

**SPICY ITALIAN POPCORN**

Yield: 10 servings

- 10 cups hot, freshly popped popcorn
- 2 T olive oil
- 1/3 cup grated Parmesan and Romano cheese
- 1 tsp oregano
- 1/4 tsp cayenne pepper
- 1/4 tsp garlic salt

- Drizzle olive oil over popcorn in large bowl.
- Add remaining ingredients; toss well.

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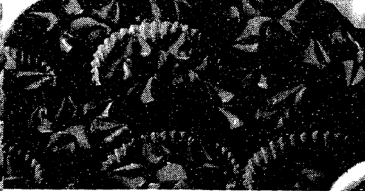
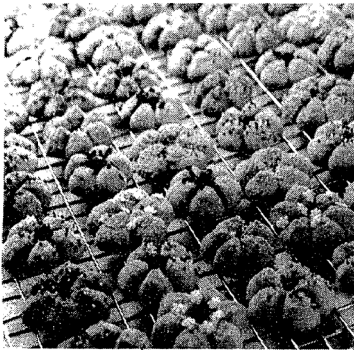
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# Minutes to Sweet Holiday Treats



For holiday treats that create sweet holiday memories, visit [www.VeryBestBaking.com](http://www.VeryBestBaking.com).

## SWIRLED AROUND CANDY BITES

(Makes 6 1/2 dozen candies)

- 78 1-inch paper candy cups
- 1 3/4 cups Nestlé Toll House Milk Chocolate Morsels, divided
- 1 2/3 cups Nestlé Toll House Swirled Milk Chocolate & Peanut Butter Morsels \*

Whole roasted peanuts or pecan pieces (about 1/3 to 1/2 cup needed)

Place candy cups on baking sheet.

Place one cup milk chocolate morsels in small, heavy-duty plastic bag. Microwave on medium-high power for one minute; knead. Microwave at 10- to 20-second intervals, kneading until smooth.

Cut small corner from bag and squeeze bag to pipe chocolate about 1/4-inch deep into about half of the candy cups. Place a peanut (if using Swirled Milk Chocolate & Peanut Butter Morsels) or a pecan (if using Swirled Milk Chocolate & Caramel Morsels) and 5 to 6 Swirled Morsels into the chocolate. Press down slightly. Melt remaining milk chocolate morsels in another plastic bag. Finish filling the remaining paper cups with melted chocolate, nuts and morsels.

Refrigerate for a few minutes to set chocolate. Store in airtight container in refrigerator.

You may also use 1 2/3 cups Nestlé Toll House Swirled Milk Chocolate & Caramel Morsels.

NOTE: For another variation, try melting 2 cups Nestlé Toll House Semi-Sweet Chocolate Morsels and top with 1 2/3 cups Nestlé Toll House Swirled Real Semi-Sweet & White Chocolate Morsels. Substitute almond slices for nuts (about 1/4 cup needed).

## SUGAR SPRITZ COOKIES

(Makes 3 dozen cookies)

- 1 package (16.5 ounces) Nestlé Toll House Sugar Cookie Bar Dough, softened
- Assorted food coloring, candies and sprinkles (optional)
- Cookie press

Preheat oven to degrees.

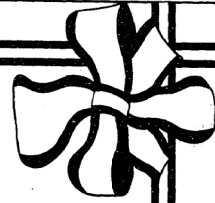
Mix cookie dough and food coloring in medium bowl. Fill cookie press with dough following manufacturer's directions. Press dough onto baking sheets. \* Sprinkle with candies and sprinkles.

Bake for 8 to 10 minutes or until very light golden brown around edges. Cool on baking sheets for 2 minutes; remove to wire racks to cool completely.

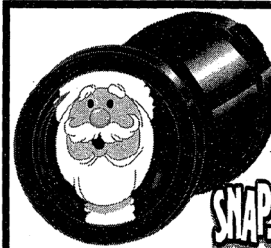
If dough becomes too soft, refrigerate for about five minutes or until slightly firm.



Get creative with gift containers for your treats, and let the kids wrap them up and make personalized gift tags:



- Oversized coffee (or soup) mug and saucer, wrapped with colored plastic wrap.
- Unused "take out" containers, or gift-wrap-covered shoeboxes tied with a holiday ribbon.
- Baskets lined with a holiday napkin or festive fabric.
- Metallic paper-lined holiday tray.



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# Easy No Bake Cookie Ball Recipes

## BUCKEYES

*Delicious peanut butter taste!*

2 lbs Peanut butter  
1 lb butter  
3 lbs powdered sugar  
2 12-ounce packages of semi-sweet chocolate chips. Use a high quality chocolate.  
1/2 bar of paraffin wax toothpicks for dipping waxed paper

Place wax paper onto cookie sheets and set aside.  
Cream peanut butter and butter until combined.  
Add sugar a little at a time. Make sure it is mixed well.  
Roll peanut butter mixture into approximately 400 1-inch diameter balls. Insert one tooth pick into each small peanut butter ball. Set all of them aside.  
Melt chocolate and paraffin (paraffin helps the chocolate become shiny when it cools) in a double boiler. Be careful not to over-heat the chocolate.  
Dip the ball into the chocolate so as to ALMOST cover the entire ball.  
Leave small portion of ball uncoated. Let cool on waxed paper. Store in a cool place.

## CRÈME DE MENTHE BALLS

*Deliciously wicked!*

1 cup vanilla wafer crumbs  
3/4 cup finely chopped pecans  
1 cup powdered sugar  
2 T light corn syrup  
1/3 cup green crème de menthe additional powdered sugar

Combine wafer crumbs, pecans, 1 cup powdered sugar, corn syrup and crème de menthe, blending to make a stiff dough.  
Roll into 1 inch balls. Then roll them in additional powdered sugar to coat.

*Merry Christmas!*

## WHISKEY BALLS

*Make these 3-4 days ahead*

1 cup graham cracker crumbs  
1 cup powdered sugar  
1 cup finely chopped walnuts  
3 tsp cocoa powder  
1-1/2 T light corn syrup  
1/2 cup whiskey powdered sugar

In a large mixing bowl stir together graham cracker crumbs, 1 cup powdered sugar, walnuts, and cocoa.  
Stir in corn syrup and whiskey until well blended.  
Shape into 3/4-inch balls and roll in extra powdered sugar.  
Place on a cookie sheet to dry (do not bake).  
If the dough seems too sticky, you can add a bit more graham cracker crumbs.  
If the dough seems too dry, add a very small amount of corn syrup.  
Let dry for 2-4 days (until they are firm, and easy to handle and bite into, but not rock-hard), then store in an airtight container.

## CHERRY NUT BALLS

*A great combination of flavors*

1 cup butter, softened  
1 cup powdered sugar  
1 tsp vanilla  
1/2 cup maraschino cherries (chopped and drained)  
3/4 cup flaked sweetened coconut  
2 cups quick cooking oats  
Nuts ground fine to roll balls in

Beat sugar, butter, vanilla, cherries and coconut.  
Mix in rolled oats.  
Refrigerate for 3 hours.  
Shape the mixture into 1 inch balls, then roll the balls in the chopped nuts.  
Store airtight in the refrigerator.

## OREO COOKIE BALLS

1 pkg Oreo cookies  
8 oz. package cream cheese (room temperature)  
1 pkg Almond Bark white chocolate  
Sprinkles or semi-sweet chocolate (optional)

Put Oreo cookies in food processor, and crush cookies until they are real fine. Place crumbs into a bowl and thoroughly blend in the cream cheese. There should be no white traces of cream cheese.  
Roll out mixture into bite size balls and place on wax paper lined cookie sheet. If mixture is too soft to work with, place in refrigerator for a period of time. Put rolled Oreo cookie balls in refrigerator to chill for an hour.  
Meanwhile melt chocolate in double boiler. If you do not have one, a pot with water on the bottom and a smaller pot with a handle on top work just as well. Do not get water in your chocolate.  
Take cookie balls out of refrigerator when cold and dip in melted white chocolate. Return cookie balls to wax paper and let harden.  
Serve or keep cookies stored in air tight container in the refrigerator.  
Note: You can decorate with colored sugar, or swirl some melted semi-sweet chocolate on top of each ball.  
Oreo balls may be stored for up to 1 week in the freezer.  
You can also place cookie sheets in the freezer first so they are really cold when you place the chocolate covered cookies on them.  
Mint Oreo's dipped in half green chocolate and half dark chocolate.  
White Oreo's dipped in white chocolate and rolled in shredded coconut  
Bet you can't eat just one!!!

## CHOCOLATE ORANGE BALLS

*Makes about 60*

1 box vanilla wafer cookies (9 oz)  
2 1/4 cups confectioner's sugar  
1/4 cup unsweetened cocoa powder  
1/3 cup orange juice concentrate  
1/4 cup light corn syrup  
1 1/2 cups pecan pieces

In a food processor, combine the vanilla wafers, 2 cups of the confectioner's sugar, cocoa powder, orange juice concentrate, and corn syrup.  
Process until the cookies are ground to crumbs and mixture is evenly blended. Add the pecan pieces and pulse process until the nuts are finely chopped. Transfer the mixture to a bowl and form into 1 inch balls.  
Roll balls in 1/4 cup

confectioners' sugar to coat.  
Store in an airtight container in refrigerator for up to one month.

## HO-HO SNOWBALLS

*Makes about 60*

2 pkgs white chocolate chips (6 oz)  
1/4 cup heavy cream  
2 T bourbon or heavy cream  
6 pkg slivered almonds, very finely ground (6 oz)  
1-1/2 cup sweetened flaked coconut

Place chocolate chips and cream in a medium bowl set over a pan of hot (not boiling) water; stir until melted and smooth. Stir in bourbon or cream and almonds.  
Spread in a lightly greased 8"x8" baking pan. Chill for about one hour, until firm. Cut into one-inch squares; roll each square into a ball, then roll in coconut.  
Keep chilled.

**Let It Snow...  
Let It Snow...  
Let It Snow!**

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# Top 10 Decorating Tips

For a fresh look this holiday season, consider these Top 10 Decorating Tips:

1. **Sophistication - Consistency of Color and/or Theme.** For a sophisticated look, use a two-color palette. Traditional green and ivory look fantastic next to a mellow brick fireplace. Stars make a great recurring theme with star wreaths on the wall and star votives on the mantel.
2. **Mix Fresh and Faux.** Don't hesitate to mix faux greenery with fresh greenery. The centerpiece of a fresh garland can be a faux arrangement of silvery leaves and pinecones.
3. **Sparkle A-plenty.** Sparkle is part of the fun of Christmas. Four elements of sparkle are mirrors, glass, candlelight and beads. Mirrored trees, a beaded wreath, metallic candleholders and glass containers filled with colorful balls all add pizzazz.
4. **Highs and Lows of Decorating.** Arrange elements at different heights to make an interesting and inviting display. Vary the sizes and shapes of similarly colored items.
5. **Personalize.** Whether it's embroidered names or initial ornaments on the stockings or grandpa's handmade napkin holders on the Christmas Eve table, keep Christmas personal.
6. **Begin at the Door.** Set the scene for the holiday in the entryway. It doesn't take much-some greenery for the candle sconces, a beaded place mat to ground a group of gold candlesticks, some shiny votives and metallic trees-to create a welcoming entry.
7. **Use What You Have.** Dress the sideboard with red and green napkins or use one to cover the base of a small tree. An everyday tray can hold an assortment of vases in holiday colors.
8. **Be Inventive.** I have a glass terrarium that sits on my hearth and is frankly too heavy and awkward to move-so I just dress it up for the holidays. A beaded garland around the roof and a small poinsettia inside make the terrarium into a Christmas decoration.
9. **Make It Quick.** For quick pillows, use fusible web, ribbon, wool and a striped fabric. Most of the work can be done with an iron to create quick holiday accent pillows.
10. **Light Up the Night.** Put outside lights on timers so your house is all lit up when you come home.

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