

## The Sandy Post

## Editorial &amp; Opinion

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## Forest plan has direct effects

The Mount Hood National Forest is an enormous resource for the region. It provides jobs, recreation, solitude, fish and wildlife habitat and high-quality drinking water to Sandy and the entire metropolitan area.

That is why area residents and special-interest groups should make an extra effort to give their views on a plan that will govern use of the national forest over the next 10 to 15 years.

The U.S. Forest Service has developed a draft of that plan and will hold an informational session on Tuesday, Jan. 26, from 3 to 8 p.m. at Rippling River Resort, Welches. The plan will be available for public review until April 15.

The draft plan, and the final plan that ultimately will be adopted, should not be viewed as irrelevant bureaucratic documents. Quite to the contrary, the plan will have a direct effect on local folks. It will determine how much land we need for wilderness areas and for hiking or more developed recreation. It will determine how many jobs will be available in the woods in logging operations and other ventures. It will determine how our drinking water and fishing streams will be managed.

The plan will set aside a certain amount of space for the spotted owl and will preserve a certain number of acres of old-growth trees. It will allow new roads to be built or not to be built in currently roadless areas.

In short, the plan is of importance to anyone who uses the woods for working, hiking, skiing, fishing, wildlife viewing or just plain escaping the pressures of city life.

The documents that the forest service has produced as part of its "draft forest plan" are necessarily complex, and we have no doubt that the people who worked on them have tried to strike the best balance between recreationalists, environmentalists and timber harvesters.

It is too early to say if the forest service has achieved its goal of a truly balanced plan. That judgment can come only after careful study and after the plan has had a full public airing.

Local citizens and groups should help that process along by participating in the public meeting and taking time to learn more about the forest service's plan for the area's greatest natural resource.

## Letters

## Chairman says thanks you

On behalf of the Kiwanis Club of Sandy, I would like to extend my thanks to the many, many people and organizations that were involved in

this year's Christmas basket program and helped to make it a huge success.

We should all feel very proud to be part of a community that is eager to show the true spirit of the Christmas season.

Arnie Becker, chairman  
1987 Christmas basket program

## Where to write or call

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## Sandy Post letter policy

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Letter writers may also wish to include a title or office held if it is appropriate considering the subject matter of the letter.

The news deadline of noon Tuesday

is also the deadline for letters to the editor.

Letters should be accurate, free of libelous remarks and in good taste. This newspaper attempts to publish all letters it receives from area residents.

We reserve the right to edit letters to conform to style guidelines or for length. Letters should be 300 words long.



## Magazine Christmas was easy to beat

Finally — two days after New Year's Eve — I got my holiday celebration together just like the magazines show it.

Every woman I have ever known is haunted by what I've come to think of as the "magazine Christmas." It is a specter that apparently does not visit men, this vengeful holiday spirit that makes us pine for evergreen garlands on grand staircases and thirst for frosted cranberry drinks in crystal punch bowls.

A magazine Christmas dooms us to failure. Our eyes gleam at the thought of glittering parties with twinkle dust on bare shoulders, sequins and studded shirts, but our friends wear flannel. We mentally dress our children in red velvet and white lace when the reality is Levis and hightops. We envision sumptuous buffets with kiwi fruit and out-of-season strawberries and end up scrambling eggs instead.

My friend, Jean, who once spent an arduous day with me turning crumbling graham crackers and gooey frosting into 50 miniature gingerbread houses, has said that I should declare a moratorium on magazines from October on.

But I'm not as glib as I used to be. I have learned that you can labor



Sharon Nesbitt

over red velvet outfits, glue your fingers together making ornaments and bankrupt your budget baking fruitcakes, but the dog will still throw up on the rug Christmas Eve.

So the holidays at our house were not exactly magazine material this year. I begged No. 2 Kid to put up the lights on the outside Christmas tree. But I didn't rebug him when they blew to the ground.

Our only party, if you can call it that, was asking the kids and my cousin to help trim our tree. The food was pizza. The music was several choruses of an electric drill when No.

1 Kid's boyfriend decided to hook up our stereo speakers.

My brother's shipment of gifts came late, causing him to swear over the telephone. The gorgeous plate of

time, I tossed the whole works in a big bag and stuffed it out of sight.

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cookies and three kinds of fudge was baked by someone else, bless her. My gravy was too thin. And Hubby unscrewed everything in the house with his new cordless screwdriver.

We went to bed at 10:30 p.m. on New Year's Eve, too full and too sleepy to bother even with celebrating 1988 on Texas time. And the hors d'oeuvres on New Year's Day were bits of prime rib left over from dinner the night before.

It was wonderful. We laughed a lot. Hugged a bunch. And no magazine picture would ever catch the image of Hubby dancing with his new gardenia plant, sniffing the blossoms and dreaming of his junior prom. When the evergreen garland fell off the fireplace mantle for the fifth

what was left in the half-price sales. Jean caught me buying a stack of holiday plates and napkins. She twirled an eyebrow at me.

"So I might have a party next year," I said, knowing that the mere purchase of plates need not be a promise.

On Sunday, I finally got my act together. I boiled up the turkey bones for a soup laced with lemon and vegetables. And turned the left-over eggnog into ice cream for dessert.

The magazines call such events "post-Christmas parties." They suggest hot breads, sprigs of mint and a roomful of witty guests playing charades.

We had crackers and sat down with the dog to watch "Sixty Minutes."

## 2,000 volunteers keep Oregon going

by GOV. NEIL GOLDSCHMIDT  
Special for The Post

As I near the close of my first year as governor, so many impressions come to mind. But probably the most lasting is how ready Oregonians are to participate in their government and their future.

From the very start, I have actively recruited citizens to take positions of leadership in state government. Very few have declined, and in virtually every case, it has been because of personal commitments that had to be honored.

No one has said "no" to helping Oregon on the road to recovery. That experience has been a personal highlight of the year for me, and for my staff.

Oregon's system of government is sometimes described as a "weak executive" system because there are so many checks and balances on the governor.

Many of them are in our system of appointed boards and commissions, which exercise considerable policy control.

I think the system has served Oregon well. We are a state small enough for people to know each other, and to know their statewide elected officials. Our system of citizen government works; in a much larger state, it might encounter problems.

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During the past year, I have made use of statutory boards and commissions, but also a number of special-purpose task forces. They have involved some of Oregon's most talented citizens.

As I travel the state, I always meet others who are volunteering their time and talent. Many have helped local government develop regional economic strategies; others work with human services or counseling young people. Our quality of life depends upon their efforts.

When Oregon decided to enter the quest for the super-conducting Super-collider, we put together such a group, headed by Harry Lonsdale of Bend.

As we begin to sort out the financial problems of the Veterans Home Loan

program, former legislator John Mosser of Portland is chairing a commission.

The work done by an ad-hoc group studying workers' compensation resulted in the first major reform of that system in years, and a reduction in premium for most Oregon firms this year. Secretary of State Barbara Roberts headed that informal working group.

In like manner, some of Oregon's top law enforcement officials helped draft our corrections plan, including District Attorney Ed Caleb of Klamath Falls, and Sheriffs Bill Brooks of Clackamas County and Fred Pearce of Multnomah County. They are continuing to advise me on moving against crime.

Other Oregonians are volunteering in other ways. Our Citizens' Representative, Pam Collins, has been aided this year by 60 Oregonians who have volunteered time to help respond to citizens' concerns. About a third are retired. These volunteers bring a wealth of experience to their work, and have made our "800" line possible, even with a heavy work load of calls.

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All of these people — and dozens more who could not be mentioned — are serving without any compensation, and along with busy professional lives.

When I meet with the new chairman of a major state board or commission, I ask him or her to give the state 20 percent to 25 percent of their time. That is a major personal sacrifice, but these Oregonians are fulfilling that commitment.

I will soon announce details of a first-ever joint meeting of all boards and commissions whose members are appointed by the governor. We will meet in Portland in February to share visions for Oregon's future. It will also give me the opportunity to thank these citizens for their contribution to the state.

As many as 2,000 individuals are involved in these boards and commissions. Even more Oregonians serve on advisory boards, appointed by heads of major agencies.

Sharing their excitement for Oregon's future has been a reinforcing experience for me as I have moved through this important first year. The partnerships we have created will benefit the entire state in years to come.

by Adam Kraft

## Bobcats



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