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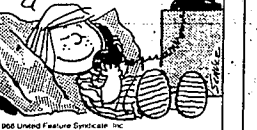
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# School offers lessons in drugs



By Phil Sahn  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - Reading, writing and reciting.  
Perhaps it comes as no surprise, but Twin Falls High School offers more than an education to the teens of Twin Falls. For those interested, the school can be a place to experiment with drugs.  
Police and students says drugs - mostly marijuana - are not hard to find at school. A friend of a friend might know someone who has a connection. No matter how tenuous, the ties seem strong enough to make drugs available at the high school.  
Twin Falls police Sgt. Bill Hanchey, who keeps an office at the school as a drug-prevention officer, estimates 70 percent of the high-school students have experimented with drugs.  
His estimate comes from talking to "several hundred" kids at the school the past couple of years, Hanchey said.  
In the past few weeks, Hanchey or other police officers have made 10 arrests at the school on drug-related charges. Most involved marijuana, but one student was

arrested for possession of the hallucinogenic LSD off campus.  
In a recent random sampling during the noon lunch hour, students said finding drugs would not be hard.  
"It's real easy to get... It's easier to get illegal drugs than it is legal drugs," said Ramon Guzman Jr., 16, a sophomore.  
Some students show little fear in carrying drugs on school property, he said. Guzman said he'd like to see more prevention efforts toward all drugs - not just alcohol and tobacco.  
"The emphasis is on alcohol and cigarettes. It should be the other way," he said.  
Emily Hadley, a 16-year-old junior who avoids the "party scene," said from what she hears, marijuana seems to be the easiest drug to get at the school.  
"You can get marijuana pretty easily," Hadley said. "I've heard acid (LSD) is coming back, too. I don't know about the availability of it, though."  
A recent nationwide study pegged the number of high-school students who have experimented with drugs at least once at

According to students and police, it is easy to find drugs at Twin Falls High School.  
MIKE GALSBUURY/The Times-News

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# Elders calls for K-12 health, sex education

The Associated Press

**WASHINGTON** - Comprehensive health education from kindergarten through 12th grade is crucial to reducing the numbers of children born out of wedlock, Surgeon General Jocelyn Elders said Sunday.

Schools teach drivers education, "but when we come to health education, which includes sexuality education, we refuse to teach them that," Elders said on ABC's "This Week with David Brinkley."  
"A major cause of children dying is really related to many of the social problems impacting their health, so I really feel we need to have a comprehensive health education program in our schools from kindergarten through 12th grade. This is the equalizer," she said.

Elders said health education must include the entire spectrum of social issues including drugs, alcohol, sex and violence. "It's not going in there and giving them a plumbing lesson. I feel that's a waste of time."

She said only 5 percent of public schools now have comprehensive programs.  
"Elders," who as the former top health official in Arkansas was outspoken on the need to provide condoms to sexually active teenagers, said that while contraceptives should be made available, "if you don't have the education I could go out and throw condoms up in the air and let them rain."

She noted that 85 percent of children from upper and middle-income families receive early childhood education, but only 18 percent of children on welfare. "They're the ones who absolutely need it the most."  
Charles Murray of the American Enterprise Institute, appearing on the same show, blamed the welfare system for the sharp rise in single mothers. "You lift the economic burden, social stigma goes down," he said.

# Growing tradition



Charlie Meade displays his excitement over a pair of new Christmas trees as friends Vonnie Lopez, left, and William Burks help load them into a pickup truck Saturday at the Tipperary Tree Farm.

# Holiday traditions sprout at tree farm

By Drew DeSilver  
Times-News writer

**TIDES** - It's a tradition for Bob and LaWana Meade of Twin Falls: As soon as their Thanksgiving turkey has had a few days to digest, they head out to the Tipperary Tree Farm to pick out their Christmas tree.

So there they were Saturday, along with their two sons and two friends, wondering among the 6,000 or so spruce and pine trees planted along Interstate 84 just west of the Anderson RV Camp.

"We've been coming out here every

Thanksgiving weekend for the last six or eight years," LaWana said as her husband helped wrestle two trees into their pickup truck. "Three years ago I got a tree here that was still fresh on Valentine's Day. I was going to put hearts on it, but my husband said it was time to throw it out."  
For more than two decades, the Tipperary Tree Farm has been a favorite place for Magic Valley families to stock up on Yuletide greenery. Even on cold, blustery days like Saturday, dozens of people head to the farm to select trees at \$15 a pop.

"We have a lot of good, steady customers," said Bob Utz, who owns the tree farm with his wife, Karen.  
"The biggest problem I have is remembering everybody's name," Karen said with a laugh. "I need to take a course in that."  
Both Utz carried handsaws, tags and cans of red spray paint as they roamed the seven-acre farm. Another four acres, closer to the highway, are dotted with 5,400 seedlings Bob planted this past spring.

When someone found a tree to their

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# Embalming firm offers public a Lenin 'perm'

The Washington Post

**MOSCOW** - Squeamish about being buried or cremated after you die?  
The Russian institute responsible for tending the world's most famous preserved corpse, that of Soviet state founder Vladimir Lenin, is now offering to apply to you or your loved ones embalming techniques honed on a variety of Communist leaders.

"We provide a full guarantee of the quality of our work," said Yuri Romakov, deputy director of the Scientific Research Institute for Biological Structures, whose calm, soothing demeanor is reminiscent of an undertaker. "Our experience of embalming, especially for

long periods, is unique."  
The once-secretive institute has preserved such notable Communists as North Vietnam's Ho Chi Minh, Angola's Augustinho Neto and Czechoslovakia's Klement Gottwald. Its most famous embalmed client is undoubtedly Lenin, who has lain on public view in a Red Square mausoleum since shortly after his death Jan. 21, 1924.

But Lenin is about to be buried by capitalism. The Russian government, eager to exercise all remaining ties to the defunct Soviet system, is preparing to consign Lenin to the St. Petersburg graveyard where his mother now rests.  
While many applaud such a move

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# Holiday spending excites recession-weary retailers

The Associated Press

Consumers who spent erratically for much of this year regained their zest for shopping during the Thanksgiving weekend, giving the nation's retailers an encouraging start to the Christmas season.

Several big storeowners said Sunday that consumers, while budget-conscious, were buying more frills and luxury items.  
"It's a healthy sign that people are buying in the categories that show they have some liquidity," said Myron E. Ullman III, chairman of R.H. Macy & Co. Inc.  
Ullman said Macy did better than expected over the weekend. Sears, Roebuck and Co. also reported it exceeded its sales plan.

Retailers in the Midwest and on the East Coast lost some business to foul weather. But since the rain, sleet and snow came so early in

the season, most expect to make up the sales before Christmas.

"It's just one day and it vents out most of the fires," said Bloomingdale's Chairman Michael Gould.  
Bloomingdale's had a strong weekend, with sales at stores open at least a year - the industry standard for measuring how strong business is - rising nearly 11 percent on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from the same period a year ago.

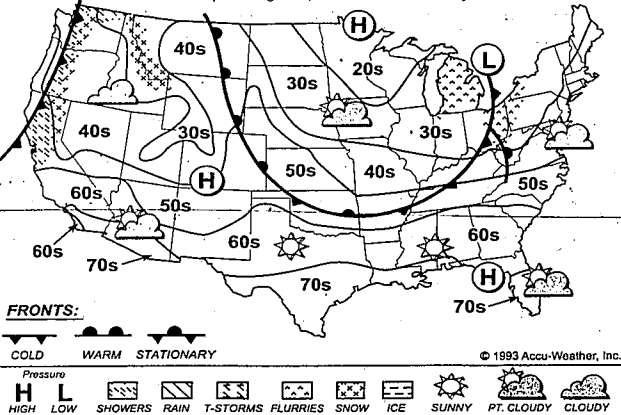
Retailers had a pleasant surprise in California, where the recession has lingered. Dayton Hudson Corp., which has two-thirds of its Target and Mervyn's stores in that state, was finally able to keep pace with the rest of the country, spokeswoman Ann Barkelew said.  
Macy also reported good business over the weekend in its Orange County, Calif., stores and posted surprisingly strong sales in New York City.

# Weather

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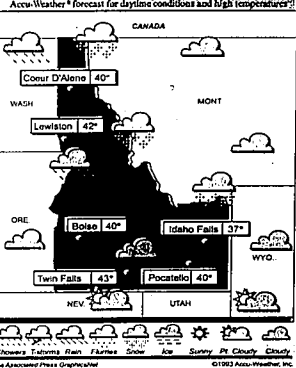
The Accu-Weather® forecast for noon, Monday, Nov. 29.

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## IDAHO Weather

Monday, Nov. 29  
Accu-Weather® forecast for dryline conditions and high temperatures.



## Temperatures

City	Max	Min	Pcp
Albuquerque	54	26	.....
Atlanta	56	32	.....
Boston	62	52	.88
Chicago	37	25	.....
Dallas	72	31	.....
Denver	55	27	.....
Des Moines	34	09.01	.....
Detroit	38	24	.....
Honolulu	80	68	.....
Houston	71	33	.....
Indianapolis	34	30.08	.....
Kansas City	43	20	.....
Las Vegas	61	39	.....
Los Angeles	74	58	.....
Memphis	48	35	.....
Miami Beach	74	70	.....
Milwaukee	35	28.38	.....
Minneapolis	21	15.01	.....
New Orleans	67	28	.....
New York	66	56.127	.....
Oklahoma City	67	27	.....
Omaha	58	20.01	.....
Phoenix	76	51	.....
Pittsburgh	41	32.17	.....
Portland, Mo.	56	45.94	.....
Portland, Ore.	45	35	.....
Reno	50	29	.....
St. Louis	53	30	.....
Salt Lake City	39	15	.....
San Francisco	54	49.81	.....
Seattle	47	38.08	.....

Twin Falls, Burley, Rupert, Jerome and Gooding: Monday cloudy. A good chance of rain and snow showers with total freezing rain early. Decreasing rain showers after afternoon. Highs in the low to mid 40s. East winds 10 to 20 mph. Monday night cloudy. Scattered rain and snow showers becoming likely after midnight. Lows in the mid 20s to low 30s. Tuesday rain and snow showers likely decreasing by late afternoon. Highs around 40.

## Weather summary

The National Weather Service reported the following conditions Sunday:

Idaho saw a return to more normal temperatures Sunday thanks to a Pacific storm system that brought warmer air aloft and cool surface winds to break up the record-breaking cold air of the past few days.

For example, Pocatello was at least 11 degrees warmer Sunday than Saturday with 20 degrees and an overnight low of 5 degrees compared to a record 12 below zero Saturday morning.

At 3 p.m. under mostly cloudy skies, temperatures in the lower valleys were in the upper 20s to the lower 30s with some exceptions. The warmest locations were in the north with upper 30s common.

The warmest was Mullan Pass with 38 degrees. The coldest report was at the Caldwell airport with 24 degrees. Winds were light except for some 10 to 12 mph winds in the Upper Snake River plain. Lewiston had the only report of light rain Sunday afternoon, although precipitation aloft — virga — was observed around the state.

The highest temperature in the state Sunday was 43 degrees at Hagerman. Parthill reported the lowest at 9 degrees.

Elsewhere in the nation Sunday, the highest temperature was 82 degrees at Bakersfield, Calif. West Yellowstone, Mont. reported the lowest temperature at 14 degrees below zero.

## Forecasts

**Idaho** — Monday partly cloudy; Highs 35-45; Monday night increasing clouds with a good chance of showers late. Lows upper 20s to mid 30s. Tuesday cloudy with rain or snow likely. Highs upper 30s to mid 40s.

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## Rain, wind batter Northeast; snow covers Midwest

The Associated Press

Heavy rains and strong, damaging winds battered portions of the Northeast on Sunday. Snow fell in parts of Wisconsin and Illinois, while a mixture of freezing rain and snow spread across the Pacific Northwest.

In the East, winds in excess of 50 mph downed large trees near Malone, N.Y., while the roof of a condominium was blown off in Bridgeport, Conn.

Gale warnings and heavy surf advisories were posted along the Atlantic Coast from Cape Hatteras, N.C., to New Jersey.

Creeks, streams and roadways flooded in Pennsylvania, forcing the evacuation of 35 homes near East Berlin. Fire departments rescued people stranded by floodwaters across Bedford County.

Areas of Maryland and Virginia reported more than 7 inches of rain, while up to 11 inches of snow fell in Milwaukee.

Light snow fell across parts of the middle Mississippi and lower Ohio valleys, slickening roadways.

In the six hours ending at 1 p.m. EST, 1/8 inches of rain fell at Dover, Del.; 1.32 inches fell at Newark, N.J., and slightly more than an inch fell at Hartford, Conn.

Rain and snow spread across the northern Pacific Coast ahead of a storm system over the eastern Pacific.

Elsewhere, dry and cool weather prevailed under the influence of high pressure from the Rockies to the Gulf Coast.

Much of the nation remained quite cold Sunday morning. Temperatures were near or below freezing from the intermountain region, across the Plains, into the Great Lakes, the lower Ohio Valley and the western Gulf Coast.

Record low temperatures were set in Brownsville, Texas, 31; Corpus Christi, Texas, 28; Kanab, Utah, 8; Logan, Utah, 5; below zero; New Orleans, 28; San Antonio, Texas, 25; and Zion National Park, Utah, 12.

The cold spot for the Lower 48 states Sunday morning was 14 degrees below zero at West Yellowstone, Mont.

# Drugs

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# Road report

BOISE (AP) — The Idaho Department of Transportation Sunday reported icy spots in many locations.

Conditions: U.S. 95 — Plummer-Coeur d'Alene, wet; Sandpoint-Canadian border, wet, icy spots; Riggs-Whitebird Hill, icy spots; White-Hill, dry; Grangeville-Winchester, icy spots; Winchester-Lewiston, icy spots; Lewiston-Moscow, icy spots; Weiser-New Meadows, icy spots, broken snow floor; Marsing-Oregon line, dry.

Interstate 90 — Fourth of July Canyon, wet, icy spots; Lookout Pass, broken snow floor.

U.S. 12 — Lewiston-Orofino, icy spots; Orofino-Kooskia, icy spots; Kooskia-Lowell, icy spots; Lowell-Lolo Pass, icy spots, broken snow floor.

Interstate 84 — Oregon line-Caldwell, dry; Caldwell-Nampa area, dry; Boise area, dry; Boise-Mountain Home, dry; Mountain Home-Glenns Ferry, dry; Bliss-Twin Falls, dry; Twin Falls-Burley, dry; Boise-Utah line, dry.

Idaho 55 — Horseshoe Bend-Dunnely, broken snow floor; Donnelly-New Meadows, broken snow floor.

Idaho 21 — Boise-Idaho City, icy spots; Idaho City-Lowman-Banner Summit, icy spots, broken snow floor.

U.S. 20 — Mountain Home-Fairfield, icy spots; Fairfield-Carey, dry; Carey-Idaho Falls, dry, icy spots; Idaho Falls-Ash-ton, dry; Ashton-Montana line, snow floor.

U.S. 26 — Idaho Falls-Wyoming line, dry, icy spots, broken snow floor; Blackfoot-Arco, icy spots.

Idaho 51 — wet.

U.S. 93 — Nevada line-Twin Falls, dry; Twin Falls-Carey, dry; Carey-Arco, dry, icy spots; Arco-Salmon, dry, icy spots, broken snow floor; Lost Trail Pass, dry, icy spots, snow floor.

Idaho 75 — Shoshone-Ketchum, wet; Galena Summit, broken snow floor.

Interstate 86 — dry.

Interstate 15 — Utah line-Pocatello, dry; Pocatello Pass, dry; Pocatello-Idaho Falls, icy spots; Idaho Falls-Boise, dry; Monida Pass, icy spots.

U.S. 30 — McCannom-Soda Springs, icy spots; Soda Springs-Montpelier, icy spots; Montpelier-Wompson line, icy spots.

U.S. 91 — icy spots.

Idaho 28 — dry, icy spots, broken snow floor.

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**Grounded**



Darin Fass waits at a boarding gate Sunday for a bus to take him back to Boston after his flight was canceled. Bad weather conditions grounded several flights at the Newark International Airport and across the nation.

**Snow snarls holiday traffic, strands Thanksgiving travelers**

The Associated Press

A blast of snow Sunday briefly closed the airport in Milwaukee and snarled highways carrying Thanksgiving travelers home. Strong wind and heavy rain brought the holiday to a soggy close in the East.

The storm dumped as much as 6 inches of rain across Pennsylvania, flooding streams and rivers, and forcing evacuations.

A woman abandoned her submerged car on a rural road near Hollidaysburg and was swept about 200 yards by the current. She clung to a branch for almost two hours, said Altoona firefighter Richard Strasser, who helped rescue her.

She was hanging on as best she could — alive and shivering.

Eight inches of snow was reported early Sunday at Mitchell International Airport in Milwaukee, forcing its closure from 6:45 a.m. to 9 a.m. One flight was canceled and 20 were delayed, said airport operations manager Joe Struck.

Nearly 9 inches of snow fell

in the Milwaukee suburb of St. Francis. Parts of Racine County had 5 inches, the National Weather Service said. Five inches fell in Illinois' Lake County north of Chicago.

Snow was a factor in at least 30 accidents on Milwaukee-area freeways, said county sheriff's Sgt. Michael LaMonte. "Most of them are fender-benders and off-the-freeway-into-the-ditches," LaMonte said. "We had some minor injuries."

Snow-covered roads were blamed in the death of a milk truck driver Saturday in southwestern Wisconsin's Crawford County.

In central Pennsylvania, streams, creeks and rivers overflowed, causing power outages and stranding motorists. Evacuations were reported in communities near Lancaster and York.

"We were getting people out of there in boats," said David Williams, a Lancaster County emergency services worker.

In Wyoming County in northeastern Pennsylvania, rain washed away a temporary bridge.

A high wind warning was in

effect for coastal Connecticut, Rhode Island and southeastern Massachusetts. Gusts could reach 60 mph along the coast and in some mountain areas. Forecasters warned of possible minor coastal flooding.

Morning rain caused minor air traffic delays in New Jersey and New York.

In Westhampton, N.Y., a 300-foot barge carrying 100,000 gallons of fuel oil broke free of its anchors in heavy seas and ran aground. There was no spillage, but authorities feared that possibility.

"It's a single-hull vessel, and if that single-hull vessel gets punctured, there's a possibility that oil could go on the beach," said Coast Guard Petty Officer Steve Sapp.

Workers were trying to free the barge, which broke loose in waves up to 10-foot high, with 16 crew members aboard. A disabled tug attached to the barge capsized, throwing two men into the water. One was immediately rescued. Coast Guard helicopters searched for the other.

**Cabinet secretaries push health reform plan at U.S. hospitals**

WASHINGTON (AP) — The gunshot victims are getting younger and they're arriving at the emergency room with multiple bullet wounds, doctors at Howard University Hospital told Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala on Sunday.

Shalala was one of several administration officials making hospital visits on the same day in Washington and other cities to promote President Clinton's health plan.

At the nation's largest private, African-American-owned hospital, Shalala learned that about 35 percent of the patients are uninsured; many are victims of violence; substance abuse often complicates their illnesses, and some have to be fingerprinted just to learn their identities.

Shalala called it "heartbreaking" when emergency room doctors told her that many of their patients held off visiting primary care physicians because they had no insurance. By the time they arrived in the emergency room, their conditions had become serious.

At Children's Hospital in Washington, Interior Secretary

Bruce Babbitt learned of the difficulties parents face when confronted with long-term, life threatening health problems.

Emmanuel Ikegwu, whose son Joshua suffers from sickle cell anemia and has recently developed kidney disease, told Babbitt his current insurance "is not helping enough and we've almost exhausted our savings on medical bills." Ikegwu has four children, two with sickle cell disease.

He complained that even with a doctorate in languages he does not earn enough to cover the mounting medical costs.

Rick Hyde, whose son Danny suffers from cancer, said his current insurance policy does not cover outpatient chemotherapy. He is unable to upgrade the coverage, because Danny's cancer is considered a pre-existing condition.

"The ones who need it most have no access at all," Babbitt said. "That's something we have to change."

Attorney General Janet Reno visited Washington Hospital Center, which operates a large trauma unit. She spoke of the link between vio-

lence and the cost of health care. Hospital officials told Reno of their crime prevention program, which sends medical personnel into schools to talk about violence.

At Howard, Dr. Michelle Grant, chief of emergency care, and Dr. Surya Siram, head of the trauma unit, told Shalala that gunshot victims usually range in age from 17 to 25.

"A number of the victims are shot four and five times," Siram said. "It's not just a crime of passion, it's the viciousness," Shalala said.

Asked by Shalala what the president's plan should do to help them, both doctors said it should focus on primary care, the social and economic sickle cell treatment and gun control.

Shalala visited Eunice E. Ellis, 19, a sickle cell patient, to emphasize that the health plan must cover specialties, not just primary care. Howard has one of the nation's primary sickle cell treatment and research centers.

Ellis, diagnosed with the disease while an infant, suffered a stroke in 1990 and is now receiving experimental medicine.

**Judge cuts sentence if juveniles cut hair**

HOUSTON (AP) — A justice of the peace is offering to snip some time off juvenile offenders' sentences if they will snip something of their own — their hair.

"The purpose is to give these kids a different mind-set or image, try to get them away from the subculture and into the mainstream again," said Tony Polumbo, who serves a Harris County precinct. "About 80 percent accept my offer."

In one case, Polumbo fined a 13-year-old \$430 after the boy admitted assaulting a youth as part of a gang initiation rite. The boy agreed to convert the fine to 80 hours of community service and was credited 15 hours in exchange for his wispy ponytail.

"It was worth it," the teen-ager said after his haircut. He wasn't identified because of his age.

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**Riordan, Giuliani call for tougher gun controls**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Breaking ranks with top congressional Republicans, GOP leaders of the nation's two largest cities voiced support Sunday for waiting periods for gun purchases and tougher laws to restrict the proliferation of handguns.

New York City Mayor-elect Rudolph Giuliani said he advocated a "uniform licensing system with real teeth in it," including background checks, lessons, tests and required renewals every two years to "show you're stable, you're healthy, you're able to handle a gun."

Los Angeles Mayor Richard Riordan said California already has a 15-day waiting period, well beyond the five-day waiting period of the Brady bill just passed by Congress. "It doesn't go far enough," Riordan said. "We need some very strict legislation to get guns out of the hands of teen-agers."

The two Republicans, appearing on NBC's "Meet the Press," skirted

any direct criticisms of their party for holding up passage of the Brady bill. But both said they would campaign for tougher gun controls.

"Anything we can do... that will reduce the number of weapons in the country will help cities in particular and help police officers," Giuliani, a former U.S. attorney, said. "Handguns should be in the hands of police officers."

Riordan, who took office last June, agreed that "we should try to do as much as we can keep handguns in the hands of police." He said 13- and 14-year-olds are committing murders and robbing banks and "it's just gotten so out of hand that we've got to get tough on it."

Giuliani also praised the crime bill now making its way through Congress, although he said he wished there was more federal money committed to the plan to put 100,000 more police on the streets.

He said one aspect of the bill that would set up a police corps — paying for college educations in exchange for four years of service on an urban police force — would "have a very big impact on the number of minorities in police departments."

Riordan said he fully supported a Senate amendment to the crime bill, introduced by Sen. Diane Feinstein, a California Democrat and former mayor of San Francisco, that would ban sales of some semi-automatic weapons.

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# Magic Valley

## Around the valley

### Slippery roads cause several valley accidents

TWIN FALLS — Freezing rain slipped off traffic on several sections of Interstate 84 in the Magic Valley Sunday evening.

A five-car pileup in Minidoka County closed one eastbound lane at milepost 211 of the interstate for about one hour shortly before 5 p.m.

"The overpass was extremely icy, and a vehicle heading eastbound lost control and hit the guardrail at 211," Minidoka County Sheriff's Deputy Daniel Soto said.

Two cars collided with the first car, which had ended its skid facing westbound. A fourth car — an extended trailer — slammed on its brakes but was hit from behind by the fifth car, Soto said.

Five of the 14 passengers involved were injured in the pileup but only one man was taken to Minidoka Memorial Hospital. He received 10 stitches to his left eye, Soto said.

At 7:30 p.m., the westbound lanes of Interstate 84 between Glenns Ferry and Mountain Home were closed due to "black ice and several accidents," according to a spokeswoman for the Idaho State Police.

A 1/2-inch layer of ice caused traffic to be diverted to Highway 30 "until the roads improve," Elmore County Sheriff's Deputies said.

And by 6 p.m., at least five cars had rolled over within a seven-mile stretch of Interstate 84 in Jerome County, according to the ISP.

At least two people were taken to Cassia Memorial Hospital and two people were taken to the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center with injuries as a result of the rollovers. But the extent of their injuries were unknown at press time.

### Boise woman, Hailey man injured in jeep-van collision

HAILEY — A Boise woman and a Hailey man were injured early Friday when a jeep and van collided on Highway 75 three miles north of Hailey.

Orion Blumenfeld, 24, of Hailey and Frances Kissler, 64, of Boise were taken to the Wood River Medical Center Hailey Campus.

Both were listed in stable condition Friday night, a hospital spokeswoman said.

Blumenfeld suffered a head injury after being thrown from his Jeep at 9:20 a.m., Blaine County Sheriff Walt Fleming said. He evidently lost control of the northbound Jeep and skidded sideways, hitting a southbound Dodge van.

Kissler and her husband, Laurence, were riding in the van.

Another accident happened on 75 after the first one, Fleming said. A truck could not stop and rolled over. No one was injured, however, Fleming said.

### Jerome County Democratic Women to meet Tuesday

JEROME — The Jerome County Democratic Women's Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Jerome Civic Club Memorial Library's meeting room.

Officers will be elected at the meeting, the last one to be held this year. Women interested in learning more about the club also are invited to attend.

For information, call Joanne Smith at 324-3261.

### Crime report

A weekly look at the number of felonies reported to the Twin Falls City Police Department and Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department

	Last week	YTD
Car burglaries:	4	504
Home burglaries:	5	186
Business burglaries:	3	147
Total Burglaries:	12	849
Grand Theft:	4	27
Stolen Cars:	4	130
Aggravated Assaults:	1	45
Arson:	1	8
Possession of Stolen Property:	1	10
Lewd and Lascivious Conduct:	1	23
Total Felonies:	21	1,446

Twin Falls Sheriff's Department		
Burglaries:	1	437
Larceny/Grand Theft:	2	132
Child Abuse:	1	9
Total Felonies:	4	385

Compiled from staff reports

## Man makes a little magic

### 80-year-old creates art work out of material scraps, paint, glue

By Brad Bowlin  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Tim Drown doesn't consider himself an artist, but his unique work is displayed throughout the Magic Valley and seen by hundreds of people almost every day.

Drown, 80, takes pieces of scrap wood, cardboard and Styrofoam, mixes them with a little paint, glue and papier-mache to create a little magic — "three-dimensional pictures," he calls it.

Since retiring from teaching in Kimberly several years ago, Drown has been making displays and dioramas for the Twin Falls Public Library's children's book section.

His latest work is a whimsical look at the Christmas season, with a waterfall cascading down a Styrofoam mountain past a band of musical bears performing to the delight of Old St. Nick himself.

"I had more time than talent," Drown says of his beginnings. The Christmas piece is his first holiday display. Most of his work centers around Idaho history, and he made nine displays for 18 area libraries for the Idaho Centennial celebration in 1990.

Some works spring from his own imagination, while others are inspired by pictures, Drown said.

"They're just wonderful," children's services librarian Annie-Laurie Burton said of Drown's displays. "They give the children a visual representation of Idaho history."

One diorama displays old farm equipment; another shows a fiddler bouncing on the spring-mounted backboard of a horse-drawn wagon. Burton's personal favorite is a model of the state capitol, with the state flower — syringa — blooming outside, the state bird perched on its branches.

Drown said he has made so many of the displays, he's lost count.

"I give a lot of stuff away," he said.



Tim Drown's latest creation is a Christmas scene, right, with animals gathering for the holiday. He has made several displays for the library including a downhill ski scene, left.

"I've made toy houses, barns, furniture." The grand kids receive a lot of Drown's handiwork. He also makes displays for Idaho's Old-Time Fiddlers.

He is currently working on a salt-and-pepper shaker set to be given away at an upcoming fiddling competition. Drown was once an avid fiddle player, and used to

perform with nationally famous Manny Shaw. Now his playing is limited to regular engagements at area nursing homes with his family orchestra, which comprises five people between the ages of 78-82.

Drown moved to the Twin Falls area from Nampa in the 1950s. Since then, he's been a farmer, a fast-food restaurant owner

and an elementary school teacher.

He retired from the Kimberly School District after 10 years there, but he still wanted to do something for area children.

The library uses his work in its topical displays, Burton said. She has asked Drown to craft something for next year's summer reading program.

## Idahoans take politics into own hands

### '94 ballot could prove long if enough people sign petitions

By Drew DeSilver  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Longtime Idahoans may be in for a surprise when they go to the polls next November.

Recent arrivals from California and Oregon, however, should feel right at home.

A record 12 initiatives have been filed with the secretary of state's office, their topics ranging from gay rights to term limits to tax limitation. Four or five, at least, are likely to accumulate enough petition signatures to make it onto the November 1994 ballot.

Combine that with some constitutional amendments and a potential referendum or two, and you have the makings of a long, California-style ballot.

"It could be a banner year," said Deputy Secretary of State Ben Ysursa, Idaho's chief elections officer. "There's been no shortage (of proposed initiatives), that's for sure."

Idahoans have had the power to enact their own laws independent of the Legislature since 1912, but they haven't exercised it very often. In fact, in the 80 years since the initiative clause was added to Idaho's constitution, only 18 initiatives have achieved ballot status and only 10 have passed.

By contrast, Arizona had 14 ballot measures in 1992 alone. California and Colorado each had 13 last year, and Oregon had nine.

Among the 10 initiatives that have been approved by Idaho voters:

- The 1974 Sunshine Law, requiring politicians to disclose campaign contributions and expenditures.
- The Original 1 Percent Initiative, which in 1978, a near-replica of California's Proposition 13.
- The "50-50" homeowner's property-tax exemption, adopted in 1982.
- The 1986/lottery initiative, which was subsequently ruled unconstitutional but spurred the Legislature to legalize a state lottery.

The lone initiative on the 1992 ballot, a now version of the 1 Percent, was resoundingly defeated. Undeterred, 1 Percent promoter Ron Rankin of Coeur d'Alene is gathering signatures for yet another try.

Rankin's new 1 Percent is among the most likely of the 12 pending initiatives to get on next year's ballot, Ysursa said. A competing measure, which would reimpose a 5 percent annual property tax cap, also may make it onto the ballot, he said.

Others expected to gain ballot slots are a measure sponsored by the Idaho Citizens Alliance to prohibit civil-rights protection for homosexuals, and one of two competing term-limitation proposals.

The Idaho Medical Association had

### 12 proposed initiatives have been filed

Twelve proposed initiatives have been filed with the secretary of state's office in Boise on:

- Tax limitation — Veteran tax activities
- Ron Rankin of Coeur d'Alene is trying again to pass his 1 Percent Initiative, which would limit property taxes to 1 percent of the property's market value.
- State Rep. Ken Robison, D-Boise, and former state Rep. John Cannon are sponsoring the "Citizens Tax Cap" initiative, which would reimpose a 5 percent cap on the annual budget growth of cities, counties, school districts and other entities that rely on property taxes.

- Term limits — The Idaho chapter of United We Stand America has joined with U.S. Term Limits to limit how long everyone from U.S. senators to school board members may serve (Ida. Rep. Barn Marsh of Pocatello is sponsoring a term-limits initiative that would apply

only to federal and state legislators).

- Campaign contributions — Rankin, Marsh and Gov. Don Mott of Boise all have filed proposals to limit campaign contributions for state legislators.
- Gay rights — The Idaho Citizens Alliance, led by David Waldman of Boise, wants to place a constitutional amendment on the ballot that would prohibit public officials from endorsing or supporting any public policy or program that would discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation.

- Other — Democrats have filed a measure to require all schools to offer public courses on "civics and government" and the formation of money.

considered running an initiative to raise cigarette taxes, but has rejected the idea as too costly.

At least one constitutional amendment also will be on next year's ballot. Earlier this year, the Legislature approved an amendment creating an independent com-

mission to redraw legislative district boundaries after the next census.

Other possible amendments include Attorney General Larry Echolaw's proposal to add rights for crime victims to the state Constitution, and a proposal to permit optional forms of county government.

If that weren't enough, the Correction Department is considering a multimillion-dollar bond issue for new prison construction which would have to be approved by voters, and GOP legislative leaders have

battled around the idea of a referendum on property-tax reform.

Ysursa said that as far as he can remember, 1982 held the record for most ballot measures in a single year: eight constitutional amendments and three initiatives.

Initiatives are becoming more frequent in the 23 states that allow them, said Dave Kehler, president of the Public Affairs Research Institute of New Jersey.

Other Democrats have filed a measure to require all schools to offer public courses on "civics and government" and the formation of money.

For those who don't think their particular issue is achievable through the regular legislative process, the initiative process represents an alternative," he said.

Kehler added that some of the increase can also be traced to coordinated multi-state campaigns — a factor that has become evident in Idaho.

One of the two term-limits initiatives is being supported by U.S. Term Limits, which successfully backed 14 similar measures last year. The ICA initiative was inspired by the Oregon Citizens Alliance's unsuccessful fight last year for Measure 9, as well as the passage in Colorado of Amendment 2.

Ross Perot's independent presidential campaign last year has also contributed to the sudden bloom of initiatives, Ysursa said. Perot got on Idaho's ballot because thousands of people signed petitions to put him there, and his campaign attracted many people who had never gotten involved in politics.

The influx of people from California, Oregon and other states with historically high initiative activity into Idaho may also play a part, Ysursa said.

"The initiative process may not be familiar to most people, but people are becoming more and more aware of it," he said.

"I just hope we don't turn into another California with these things."

## Murtaugh merger issue still splits residents

By Mychel Matthews Goodman  
Times-News correspondent

MURTAUGH — School consolidation or status quo — either one will come at a cost, a state senator says.

Since a consolidation petition last month opened a Pandora's box, opponents have fought the proposed merger of Murtaugh and Hansen school districts.

Last week, state Sen. Denton Darrington, R-Declo, said at a public meeting at Murtaugh High School that he has no solutions to the issue that has divided the town.

"You either have to consolidate or build a new school," he said. Though the choices sound simple, either solution will come at a cost.

"The school is the nerve center of town," Darrington told the crowd, adding that the possibility of losing it to consolidation would be "gut-wrenching."

But if Murtaugh wants to keep a school in the community, he said, enough people need to support a bond issue to get the required two-thirds approval.

"There are not a lot of people in Boise looking out for Murtaugh High School," he said. "There are a number of legislators on the bandwagon for consolidation. You'll want to keep your eyes and ears open."

Two recent school bond issues have failed in Murtaugh, in September 1992 and July 1993. A third election has been proposed by an anti-consolidation group.

Consolidation, by contrast, would require only a simple majority in both districts. If the proposal is approved, a consolidated high school could be built somewhere between the two towns.

But location is not the only issue, said state Rep. Jim Kempton, R-Albion, who attended last week's meeting: "It's a matter of identity."

Kempton said later that if a new school were built in Murtaugh but called something other than Murtaugh High School, there would still be those who would fight it.

Meanwhile, 10 miles down the road, folks in Hansen presented their half of the consolidation petition to board members, who support merging the districts.

Only one member of Murtaugh's board, newly-elected Bobbi Wolverton, has shown support for consolidation.

Darrington said he would not object to consolidation "if people in the community want it," but he is "against state-mandated consolidation."

"Consolidation is an old issue," he said. "It has torn communities apart, where they have not been able to reconcile their differences."

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# Family hopes fragrance line will provide money for medical cure

SEATTLE (AP) — They couldn't bottle Jesse Schuette's gentle smile, so they did the next best thing. Family and friends captured the 13-year-old Bellingham girl's favorite fragrance, packaged it in a line of soaps, shampoos and personal-care products and gave it an alluring label — Jesse's Perfect Peach.

They hope someday the profits from the Perfect Peach collection, marketed locally and nationally through Nordstrom, will bring a cure for the brain malignancy that Jesse has battled for the past four years.

So far, receipts and matching donations have raised \$231,000 for brain cancer research, with all profits going to Children's Hospital in Seattle. Jesse's family and friends expect to raise more than \$1 million in the next several years.

When Jesse was 9, a brain scan revealed a malignant tumor that required major surgery.

Since then, she has experienced two recurrences, which were treated with minor surgery and radiation.

Jesse recently returned to Shuksan Middle School in Bellingham, but attends only half days. Most 13-year-olds would agree with her when she says, "That's plenty."

For Jesse, it's a matter of endurance, not personal preference, and she's happy for the opportunity.

"That way I can get in what I need to get in and learn what I need to learn without having to go a full day."

Glad to "be one of the crowd again," Jesse says, "It feels good to be back. I'm not different."

A few weeks ago, Jesse was one of five recipients of the 1993 Northwest

Philanthropy Awards. She was named Outstanding Young Philanthropist and shared the luncheon applause at Seattle's Westin Hotel with Key Bank of Washington, named Outstanding Philanthropic Corporation; Benaroya Foundation, Outstanding Philanthropic Organization; The Links Inc. (Seattle chapter); Outstanding Philanthropic Organization; and David C. Wyman, Outstanding Philanthropist.

The awards are sponsored by the state chapter of the National Society of Fundraising Executives and Northwest Development Officers Association.

Jesse got into the personal products business through Susan Smalls, a longtime friend of Jesse's mother.

Smalls and business partner Steven Walker own a Redmond company that manufactures cosmetics for Nordstrom.

# Self-taught mushroom maven travels world for fungi

APPLGATE, Ore. (AP) — Even among mushroom experts, David Arora stands apart.

He hopes someday someone will document his theory that the legend of Santa Claus sprang from the toxic and hallucinatory mushroom Amanita muscaria, used for centuries by shamans to bring on dreams of revelation.

"These mushrooms come from the far North," Arora said while tramping through the southern Oregon woods. "Santa Claus is dressed like them," with a red cap. "He's always going, 'Ho, ho, ho,' as he might if he had eaten this mushroom."

"Reindeer are also fond of eating them, and getting sort of drunk and wobbly, and Santa Claus has got these reindeer that fly."

The story is one of many startling departures from the grim standards of mycology to be found in his latest book, "All That the Rain Promises and More... A Hip Pocket Guide to Western Mushrooms" (Ten Speed Press).

The cover sets the tone with a photo of a chamber musician in a tuxedo with his trombone under one arm, his hands filled with chanterelles, and his face beaming a look of devilish joy as he steadily steps through a clump of live oaks.

"I firmly believe in stressing the fun in fungi," Arora writes.

The book is salted with jolly mushroom hunters dancing through the woods with mushrooms on their heads and telling stories of memorable hunts.

He tells of a murder solved by a clue left on a fungus called Artist's Palette, a dog and even their own hair with mushroom pigments.

"Initially, I think his work was resented by many of the professional mycology group. He was not a trained professional mycologist. Yet his key is the best out by far," said Mike Amaranthus, an ecosystem team leader for the Forest Service's Pacific Northwest Research Station.

Patrons of The Book Stop in Grants Pass concurred, voting with their wallets.

"We sell tons," said co-owner Helen Scott, many to people who hope to make extra money picking wild mushrooms.

"Arora, 40, first became interested in mushrooms while growing up in Pasadena, Calif.

He now lives in Santa Cruz, Calif., giving private classes on identifying mushrooms and selling his books.

He spends a lot of time on the road, whether in the southern Oregon selling



David Arora of Santa Cruz, Calif., shows off some truffles found on a foray into the wooded hills above the Applegate River in southern Oregon earlier this month.

books out of the Toyota hatchback he shares with his two dogs, Haycorn and Tina, and in the African country of Malawi, where he communicates with local mushroom hunters by showing them pictures.

"I believe in creatures doing what they are designed to do, and one of the things we are really good at is foraging," he said. "The most ancient questions our mind asks, even before we started inventing tools, would be questions like, 'Why is there all this fruit on this tree, and none over there?'"

Arora has less in common with scientists than with Siberian villagers who fill crocks with mushrooms they find in the woods and salt them to make a crunchy condiment for vodka.

"I'll eat a lot more nuts if they're on a tree and I have to pick them and crack them, than if they're just sitting there," he said.

He dismisses the fear many Americans have of wild mushrooms.

"If kids in Africa and Mexico can learn them and pick them without getting poisoned, there is no reason to fear them," he said.

Mushroom hunting attracts people who tend to be bold and curious, and sometimes a little strange.

Arora recalls one time when a woman called asking if he would lead her to a patch of matsutake, a mushroom that is relatively rare in the West and highly prized in Japan for its spicy cinnamon aroma. Knowing of only one patch near his home, he agreed to take her, but only if she agreed to be blindfolded.

"I said that thinking she would refuse, but she said, 'OK,'" Arora recalled. "We were really afraid the cops would pull us over and want to know why these two men had a woman blindfolded lying on the floor of their car."

They drove around in circles and led the woman through the woods to the secret patch, where they let her pick some. Then they put the blindfold back on and took her home.

"Two years later, this woman who knew her called me. By this time I had found some nicer patches, and this one had been discovered. So I said, 'I will take you there. And I won't have to blindfold you.'

## Briefly

**Region IV Wildlife Council meeting set**  
**GOODING** — The Region IV Wildlife Council will host a public information meeting Thursday for area residents to discuss game policies.

The 7 p.m. meeting at Gooding City Hall, 308 Fifth Ave. W., is open to the public.

Specific topics to be covered include the 1995 renewal of the upland bird stamp and the state Fish and Game Department's management of big game in Region IV.

Representatives from the state Fish and Game Department will attend Thursday's meeting to answer any other questions residents may have.

For information, contact Dale Thomas, president of the Region IV Wildlife Council, at (208) 934-5071.

**Twin Falls family accepts donations**  
**TWIN FALLS** — A Twin Falls family that recently lost everything they owned in fire, needs help, said Ruth Young, chapter manager for the local Red Cross.

"They need everything," Young said.

Small appliances, furniture, beds, lamps, tables, pans and dishes are among the items that the family needs. Anyone who wants donate these, or other useful items,

should call the Red Cross for details at 733-6464.

Young said the agency prefers not to take clothes because of the difficulty in matching sizes to members of families in need.

**CSI plans teleconference presentation**  
**TWIN FALLS** — A teleconference presentation in the Master on Motivation series is planned for Dec. 8.

"Redefining Your Business: Focus on the Customer" will begin at noon in Room 108 of the Aspen Building at the College of Southern Idaho. Cost is \$39, which includes a box lunch.

Joe Calloway of Nashville, Tenn., will be the presenter. His topics include "Constant Change, The Inevitable Opportunity," "Quality, Choices and What Customers Really Want" and "The Competitive Power of Total Team Commitment." Calloway has spoken to hundreds of corporations and professional Associations. He has been named in "Sales and Marketing" magazine's Top Business Speaker in the Country list.

For information or to pre-register, call 733-9554, ext. 272.

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## On the agenda

Following is a list of governmental meetings that are scheduled this week in the Magic Valley. This list is compiled from advance schedules. The Times-News suggests that you confirm the information by calling the appropriate clerk's office before attending.

**TODAY**  
 Twin Falls County Commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.

**TUESDAY**  
 Buhl School Board, 7 p.m., superintendent's office downtown.  
 Minidoka County Democratic Party, 8 p.m., courthouse.  
 Shoshone City Planning and Zoning Committee, 7:30 p.m., City Hall.  
 Twin Falls County Commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.

**WEDNESDAY**  
 Bliss City Council, 8 p.m., City Hall  
 Ketchikan City Council, 6:30 p.m., City Hall.  
 Minidoka County Fair Board, 8 p.m., board office at the fairgrounds.  
 Pocatello City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.  
 Twin Falls County Commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.

**THURSDAY**  
 Glenns Ferry City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall.  
 Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.

**FRIDAY**  
 Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.

## This week at CSI

The following is a schedule of meetings and events that will take place this week at the College of Southern Idaho.

**TODAY**  
 Economic Development Group meets at 6:30 a.m. in Desert 113.  
 Student Senate meets at 2 p.m. in student conference room of Taylor Building.  
 Student music recital will be held at 7 p.m. in Fine Arts Center.  
 Pep Band rehearsal will be held at 7:30 p.m. in Fine Arts 121.

**TUESDAY**  
 Alcohol and Drug Awareness Program meets at 1 p.m. in Desert 112.  
 Victims of Rape support group meets at 3 p.m. in Desert 113.  
 Military testing will be held at 6 p.m. in Shields 201.  
 Magic Mud show and sale opening reception from 7 to 9 p.m. at Herpet Museum.  
 Magic Valley Chorale rehearsal will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Fine Arts stage.

**WEDNESDAY**  
 Idaho water and waste water certification exam will be

given at 1 p.m. in Shields 201.  
 Swing Band rehearsal will be held at 7:30 p.m. in Fine Arts 133.

**THURSDAY**  
 Magic Valley Chorale rehearsal will be held at 7:30 p.m. in Fine Arts 133.

**FRIDAY**  
 Arctic Circle Basketball Tournament games at 6 and 8 p.m. in gym.  
 Idaho Personnel Exam will be given at 8 a.m. in Shields 204.  
 Boy Scout winter meeting will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Aspen 108.  
 Military testing will be held at 10 a.m. in Shields 201.  
 Arctic Circle Basketball Tournament games at 6 and 8 p.m. in gym.  
 Magic Valley Chorale Christmas concert at 8 p.m. in Fine Arts auditorium.

**SUNDAY**  
 Magic Valley Chorale concert at 3 p.m. in Fine Arts auditorium.

## Drug stamp program still effective

"SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — In the five years since Utah began requiring stamps for illegal drugs, the State Tax Commission hasn't had a single cocaine dealer as a customer.

But no one expected that traffickers would buy the stamps, which actually are enforcement tools intended to enhance penalties when dealers get caught. Instead, there's no evidence that anyone arrested on drug charges had bought the stamps, the absence of which can add a third-degree felony charge to other counts.

And the stamps have other uses.

Without them, the tax commission can assess convicted dealers \$3.50 a gram for marijuana and \$200 a gram for cocaine. If the money isn't forthcoming, the commission can seize a dealer's property instead.

When the proposal first reached the Legislature, "everybody had a joke

about it," said former state senator Ivan Matheson of Cedar City, who sponsored the drug stamp act.

"But once they could see the merit, it was almost a unanimous vote. It's like a lot of things you don't understand until you see the real motivation behind it," he said.

To date, the state has slapped nearly 500 drug criminals for some \$450 million in assessments. Of that amount, just under \$1 million has been collected, mostly in seized property.

The commission doesn't hound the dealer for the full drug stamp assessment, which can run into the millions of dollars, said Blaine Smith, director of the collections division.

"We just take whatever assets they have, then close the case," he said.

Prosecutors say the stamp act also helps induce plea bargains due to the threat of bringing in a tax commission assessor or filing an extra criminal charge punishable by up to five years in prison.

The stamp act has seen less use in recent years due to the refinement of other forfeiture and seizure laws that let agencies confiscate property used in drug transactions or purchased with drug profits.

"These laws also allow up to an 85-15 percentage split between the law enforcement agency and a statewide drug seizure pool as opposed to the 60-40 split between the agency and the tax commission on a stamp assessment.

The commission in 1988 had 1,500 marijuana stamps printed and just over 2,000 of the cocaine- and LSD-style stamps.

## Services

**Sanford "Sandy" E. Running**, of Albany, Ore., and formerly of Twin Falls, memorial service, 3:30 p.m. today, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 1910 34th Ave. S.E. in Albany. (Fisher Funeral Home in Albany).

**Martha Riedinger**, of Paul, graveside service, 11 a.m. today, Paul Cemetery, (Hansen Mortuary in Rupert).

**W. Jane Meservy**, of Rupert, 12:30 p.m. today, Rupert United Methodist Church, 605 1/2 St. Interment will follow at 2:30 p.m. at the Shoshone Cemetery, (Hansen Mortuary in Rupert).

**Joseph Carl Smith**, formerly of Burley, graveside service 1 p.m. today.

**Malta Cemetery**, (McCulloch's Funeral Home in Burley).

**Grant Carl Zitting**, of Twin Falls, 1 p.m. today, Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

**Iris Nielson Bowers**, of Burley, 11 a.m. Tuesday, Pella LDS 1st Ward Cemetery, 400 S. 160 W. in Burley, (Payne Mortuary in Burley).

**Richard L. "Spec" Leazer**, of Twin Falls, 1 p.m. Tuesday, White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

**Wanda P. Runyon**, of Wendell, 2 p.m. Tuesday, Demaray's Wendell Chapel.

**Carl W. Ringenberg**, of Kimberly, 11 a.m. today, White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

## Death notice

**Marie R. Fitzhugh**  
 KIMBERLY — Marie R. Fitzhugh, 80, of Kimberly, died Sunday, Nov. 28, 1993, at Magic Valley Regional

Medical Center.  
 Funeral arrangements are pending and will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel of Twin Falls.

## Murtaugh

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Statistics can be found to support either side of the issue, he said.

"Those on one side of the issue can only see one side," he said. "Everybody has their favorite."

Both state lawmakers stressed their preference for small schools — those with enrollments of less than 500 students. But Darrington noted that a Murtaugh-Hansen consolidated school still would be considered a "relatively small school."

Though consolidation is neither good nor bad in itself, "Kempton said, so far only the 'subjective, emotional' faces surrounding the issue have been debated. He recommended a feasibility study to address concrete, objective issues.

"Because feelings are so intense," he added, economics will probably be the deciding factor.

Under Idaho law, now that both school boards have received consolidation-petitions, a proposal for merging the two districts must be presented to the State Board of Education by the first week of March.

The board must approve any consolidation plan before it is presented to voters.

## Murtaugh

"It provides another avenue in negotiations to obtain guilty pleas in drug cases. If we didn't have it, we'd miss it," said Weber County Attorney Mark DeCrista.

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**MESSERSMITH AUCTION CO.**

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1993**  
 MVRMC - Surplus medical equip - Chairs - Tables - Office supplies - Twin Falls Advertisement - December 1  
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**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1993**  
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**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1993**  
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**MASTERS AUCTION SERVICE**

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1993**  
 Jim & Loree Vining - Farm Machinery - Jerome Advertisement - December 8  
**WALL AUCTIONEERS**

# Opinion

## Editorial

### It's time for Sen. Packwood to pack up and leave

The distasteful and dispiriting case of Bob Packwood now threatens to drag on well into the new year, after the Oregon Republican changed his mind about resigning from the Senate seat to which he has been elected five times.

Packwood has been accused by more than two dozen women of making unwanted sexual advances over the years of his public life. He has admitted committing improprieties with a number of his accusers. The Senate Ethics Committee is investigating these allegations. In the course of that investigation Packwood's political effectiveness has steadily declined, as a result of his loss of standing with his colleagues and his increasing unpopularity in Oregon.

Packwood is, of course, entitled to every legal right and protection as he deals with the charges against him. At this point he has been convicted of nothing.

But the people of Oregon also have rights in this matter, specifically the right to be faithfully represented by a senator they re-elected last year in apparent ignorance of the allegations that would soon be made against him. They

are largely being denied that representation.

The case has now been further complicated by a new Justice Department criminal investigation. On the Senate floor three weeks ago Packwood acknowledged that in 1991 he approached a lobbyist to seek employment for his estranged wife as part of an effort to win legal approval to lower her alimony payments. Indications of such an approach, which may have been a violation of criminal statutes, appeared in parts of his diary that Packwood had voluntarily turned over to the Ethics Committee. Meanwhile, the committee is seeking a federal court subpoena for parts of the diary that Packwood refuses to submit.

So what had been a consistent pattern of boorish behavior toward women may soon explode into something of heavier legal import. Packwood does, at least, still have it in his power to end the Ethics Committee investigation. He need only resign from the Senate to accomplish that. Clearly, out of respect both for that body and for the people of Oregon, that is the course he should take.

— Los Angeles Times

### Congress shows cowardly behavior by voting down bill

Right until the showdown vote, President Clinton and his allies were warning that Congress was on the brink of hobbling the military, hurting the economy and undercutting health-care reform. Well, you can relax now: The bill has been defeated.

What was the cause of these dire warnings? It was a bipartisan plan to slash the federal budget by "hold on to your hats!" — 1 percent.

The "Penny-Kasich Plan" would have making these savings from the budget by winking changes in more than 80 federal programs or policies. By spreading the burden widely, however, the plan also aroused opposition from all over — ranging from senior citizens and veterans to mayors and unions. And with President Clinton leading the opposition, the House voted down the plan by six votes — 219 to 213.

Count this as the latest example of congressional cowardice under fire, and note that deficit reduction continues to loom as the major deficiency in the Clinton program.

The defeat was largely the function of fear-mongering hyperbole from key people on the Clinton team. For example, Secretary of Defense Les Aspin last week that the plan's insistence that European allies assume a greater share of allied military costs would "degrade the condition of our military forces." This was bizarre, considering the lack of corroboration from our allies, and the Democrats' long insistence that Pentagon spending should be lower. (In a complete switch of roles, Republican leaders supported these cuts.)

Another incredible argument came from the head of the Council of Economic Advisors, Laura Tyson, who warned that the Penny-Kasich cuts might stymie economic growth. That's ridiculous. Penny-Kasich would have cut federal spending by \$18 bil-

lion a year, an amount that would be barely detectable in the United States' \$6 trillion economy.

A more plausible objection, and the one that probably spelled the difference between victory and defeat, had to do with the fact that the Penny-Kasich Plan got more than a third of its savings from changes in the Medicare program.

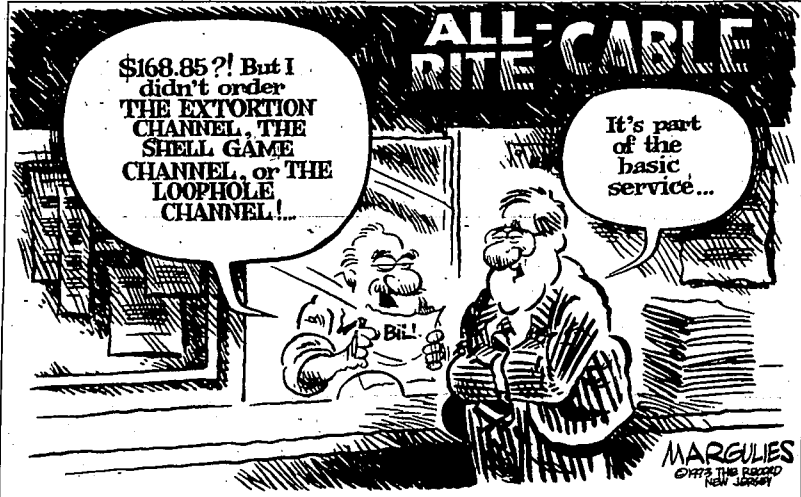
Medicare is the most flagrant example of federal profligacy at present, but the Clinton administration argued that all these savings would be needed to reform health care so that all Americans are covered. Using them for deficit reduction now could, the administration argued, imperil his health-care initiative. This argument wasn't compelling in a strict accounting sense, but had a certain resonance in terms of political strategy, and many lawmakers were swayed by it.

Also, when it rejected the bipartisan Penny-Kasich Plan, the House didn't have much else to go with all its anti-deficit rhetoric. The Clinton team had been on its heels ever since the Congressional Budget Office reported how little savings would result from President Clinton's rival spending-cut plan — which was based largely on recommendations from Vice President Gore's "Reinventing Government" report. The White House said it would save billions annually; CBO said it would be a paltry \$60 million.

The Clinton team bulked up its budget-cut plan a little, and the House did pass it. However, the public should beware of politicians who rejected the Penny-Kasich Plan without putting forward an equally serious alternative.

For now, it looks as if serious budget-cutting will be off until 1994, or later, and that's not good news.

— Philadelphia Inquirer



### Small, but powerful, image could help Clinton

Can one unplanned incident, one fleeting image, one short piece of videotape, influence the entire nation's opinion of a president?

Remember the footage of Edmund Muskie crying in public during the 1972 New Hampshire primary? Or the photograph of President Carter collapsing during a foot race? Some believe that media accounts of Ronald Reagan's joking after the attempt on his life ("I forgot to duck") ensured his re-election.

Something similar to the "jaunty Reagan" phenomenon may have occurred across America recently. In a retrospective on its first 25 years, "60 Minutes" broadcast a previously unaired videotape of heavy TV studio lights suddenly falling near Bill and Hillary Rodham Clinton during a January 1992 interview.

This short clip, shown twice during the program, may have pierced all the layers of public relations, spin doctors and political posturing to reveal the Clintons' true selves. And what did viewers see? They saw genuine terror, affection and courage.

Ironically, Hillary Clinton was speaking of fear just as the bank of lights fell with a loud crash onto the back of the couch where the Clintons were sitting, narrowly missing her shoulder and head.

"It sounded like an artillery round going off," recalled "60 Minutes" interviewer Steve Kroft, adding that the Clintons could have been killed.

Reacting quickly to the danger, the Clintons jumped up from the couch. "Mary and

Robert S. Kyff

Joseph!" Mrs. Clinton exclaimed, as her husband threw a protective arm around her shoulder and rushed her out of harm's way. He then hugged her tightly, clutched her head and comforted her.

Sure, the presidential contender did what anyone would do for a frightened person, even a stranger. But, given the topic of the interview (the Jennifer Flowers adultery allegations), such spontaneous and honest affection carried added significance. Anyone who witnessed that moment will find it harder to question the Clintons' loyalty to each other or to characterize either of them as cold and calculating.

Amazingly, a few minutes after this near disaster, the Clintons sat down on the same couch and calmly resumed the interview — so calmly and credibly, in fact, that one interview would effectively defuse the adultery issue, and help propel them to the White House.

It's dangerous, of course, to make too much of a random incident. But we get so few glimpses into the authentic values, emotions and personalities of our leaders that any insight into their true character becomes invaluable.

In this real-life situation, the Clintons had the right stuff. They showed honest emotions — shock, fear and caring — and then exhibited confidence and poise as they recovered. When bombs or bullets or TV lights fall, there's no faking it. Less secure or less

stable individuals might have been rattled and unnerved.

This incident also reminded us of the incredible personal risks that people take when they run for public office. Presidential candidates are in danger, not only from assassins and terrorists, but from airplane crashes, car accidents, food poisoning and all the random perils that occur when a person spends every day in a different city.

Here were two bright people in the prime of their lives who could have been living comfortably as wealthy lawyers, far away from politics' bright lights. Instead, they were on the campaign trail, putting their ideas, bodies and even their lives on the line.

Will the broadcast of the Clintons' near miss, like stories of the hospitalized Reagan's grace under pressure, boost the popularity of a kookie president?

It's too early to tell. Certainly no one would be foolish enough to attribute the president's victory on the North American Free Trade Agreement to a sudden surge of TV-induced sympathy.

But look at it this way. If the Clintons had shown less compassion, courage and resilience — cursing out technicians, trembling with fear for hours or showing little physical affection — wouldn't many people have judged them harshly?

Robert S. Kyff teaches history at Kingswood-Oxford School in West Hartford, Conn. He wrote this article for the Hartford Courant.

## Letters

### Agency knows how to sell

There is one thing that our Fish and Game Department people excel in, and that is their ability to sell licenses, tags, stamps and etc., when they've nothing left to offer.

Here is a few samples of their salesmanship abilities. In a certain unit in eastern Idaho, they let out 600 more elk permits than usual, in a unit that hasn't had 600 elk in it for 6,000 years.

They decided that Unit 46 had far too many antelope in it, so they let out Lord knows how many permits, and all but wiped out the few antelope that were there.

They ran out of antlered deer so they doubled up on doe and fawn permits to help their sagging sales.

They sell thousands of duck and goose stamps, then close the season while the main migration goes through then open it again.

They sell untold amounts of pleasant stamps after they've managed it into extinction.

I firmly believe that if that little bull moose had survived his automobile accident over a year ago, the Fish and Game Department would have insured his demise by selling a couple of thousand permits on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho.

DAVID E. VINCENT  
Filer

### Rayborn is a good man

I have known Mel Rayborn for 38 years

### Write to us

The Times-News welcomes letters from readers on subjects of public interest. To make sure your letter is published promptly, here are a few guidelines to remember:

Letters should include the writer's signature, mailing address and telephone number. Letters considered libelous, obscene or in bad taste will be rejected, and The Times-News reserves the right to edit all letters.

Because of space constraints, please limit letters to 400 words.

We look forward to hearing from you!

now, I have seen him in many different arcs of his life. As I have been reflecting on the past, several things have come to mind.

I have seen him in the church, where he is not only speaking the love of God, but is also showing the love of Christ.

I have visited him in his classroom where he has always been willing to share his knowledge and wisdom with the children of his class. I have seen children, both big and small, light up when he speaks to them. I've heard kids say, "I want to be in Mr. Rayborn's class."

What an honor it was for me to have been in his home and see him in a family environ-

ment. It's fun to watch him play and tease with his kids and grandchildren. I have children of my own, and have left them in his charge many times and have never worried about anything.

Many years ago, I learned that whatever Mr. Rayborn says, you can believe it to be true. He has always tried to do what is right, and if you don't want an honest answer, don't ask Me!

It's a shame that a few girls (and their parents) can try to ruin a man's reputation. I'm so glad that his reputation goes before him at times like this. He has taught in the public school system for many years and always has held his head high.

Let me explain how I know Mel so well and have seen him in so many areas of his private life. You see, Mel is my Dad. I'm very proud of my father, and not once during these last few weeks, have I questioned his innocence. I'm so very proud of my heritage and want a wonderful example my Dad has set for me and my family. He has always been a role model for me. I have looked to him for advice and guidance, and will continue to do so.

This is a new chapter in his life. But once again, I'm so proud of the way he has stood tall.

Love you, Dad.  
CATHY LYNCH  
Twin Falls

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## Letter

### Medication can hurt patients

So often we hear about the importance of using medications properly. We hear about drug interactions and side effects. A recent article in the Journal of the American Medical Association states that 3 percent to 11 percent of all hospital admissions are due to adverse drug reactions. That means that for thousands and thousands of people, the medications they take to make them better actually land them in a hospital bed.

It's hard enough to protect against these problems even when you know what you are taking. But now increasingly it's hard to know what you are taking.

As a pharmacist, I'm concerned that many drug companies are expanding their well-known product lines to sell different medications.

For example, Chlor-Trimeton is a very well known antihistamine. Now the manufacturer is selling a different version of Chlor-Trimeton that contains pseudoephedrine. This is an entirely different drug. It's not anything like an antihistamine. Instead of causing drowsiness like antihistamines, it's an "upper" like caffeine. It doesn't reduce the reaction to hay

fever, and in people with high blood pressure, glaucoma or diabetes, it can cause a whole new set of problems.

There are many other examples, too. Maalox Caplets contain calcium carbonate like Tums — not aluminum and magnesium hydroxide like the other Maalox products. Soon there'll be five different drugs all called Maalox and each can have their own unique response in the body.

Remember when Bayer meant aspirin? Now there are five types of Bayer with either acetaminophen or ibuprofen. This can make a huge difference to someone with kidney problems or to a child.

They sell also Dramamine made out of meclizine which is different that the Dramamine that's been on the market for decades. The government doesn't regulate this. There are no rules preventing drug companies from using one brand name to market different medications.

That means you have to be very careful. Be sure to ask your pharmacist for advice on non-prescription medications.

DOUGLAS F. BELL  
Twin Falls

## Where's Doonesbury?

The Doonesbury comic strip was not received in the mail and unavailable for publication today. The complete strip will be published at a later date. The Times-News regrets any inconvenience delayed publication causes.

Idaho/West

Costco Presents WHOLESALE Walt Disney's Aladdin



Costco is accepting donations of new toys & clothing to add to their contribution to Toys For Tots.

Ski resorts look skyward; snow machines help Sun Valley open

BOISE (AP) — Idahoans like to think they left years of drought behind, especially the state's ski resort operators. Southern Idaho hills are looking toward a storm early this week, but it may not carry enough snow to get the lifts running. Bogus Basin near Boise needs another six to eight inches of wet snow at the base to open by next Thursday, spokesman Lew Peterson said. But National Weather Service forecaster Jeanne Allen offered little hope the storm moving in Monday or Tuesday will do the trick. "They may get five or six inches, but I don't know that's enough for Bogus," she said. Last year, Bogus opened on Thanksgiving with about 18 inches at the bottom, as six years of drought appeared to be broken. There is only nine inches at the base now, and it is dry powder not desir-

able for the base, Peterson said. The inability to open on what is a four-day holiday weekend for skiers does not represent a great financial loss for the community-owned resort, said general manager Mike Shirley. Shirley said many avid skiers have season passes anyway, and the weekend's loss must be measured against the \$4 million the ski area collects in a good season. "It's more of an emotional thing. Everybody likes to be skiing early in the season," he said. Sun Valley did open its 58th season Thursday, thanks to the world's largest snowmaking system. It drew 2,338 skiers, only 400 fewer than for the 1992 opening. "It's not a record-breaker," said spokeswoman Shannon Besoyan. "But we're off and running." Brundage, at McCall, has only three inches at the base, and needs at least 18, said Markita Lerch, mar-

keting assistant. If next week's storm brings it, the resort would not open until Friday, she said. At Pomerelle, near Burley, a recorded message says "We are praying for snow, doing a snow dance." Ironically, the resort in the Albion Mountains often catches a snowpack of 15 feet or more. Even Grand Targhee, a magnet for powder hounds at the Wyoming border, is not open for skiing. With 13 inches at the base, another eight to 10 inches is needed to open. "The day we have enough snow, we're going to open up," said clerk Ricki Thwing. Meanwhile, the 30-day weather outlook offers reason for a little optimism. It calls for slightly above normal precipitation, said the Weather Service's Allen. "A lot of folks think we popped out the drought," said Bogus' Peterson. "I like to think that way too."

Young members swear off sex at Assemblies of God Conference

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Hundreds of Utah and Colorado youths responded enthusiastically to a "True Love Waits" campaign unveiled during the Assemblies of God Rocky Mountain Youth Conference. "We're saying virginity is not a dirty word, and that the ultimate safe sex is no man for one woman for a lifetime," said Ray Smith, district youth director for the Assemblies of God. Many of the 800 or so youths from Utah and Colorado who attended the conference Saturday will be signing pledge cards that affirm their commitment to abstain from premarital sex. The cards will be taken to Washington D.C. in June 1994 and "planted" around the Washington Monument along with hundreds of thousands of other cards from around the nation. The pledge came from the

other denominations, including the Assemblies of God, Pentecostal Church of God, Campus Crusade for Christ, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Youth for Christ. Southern Baptist Convention's year-long "True Love Waits" campaign, which started nationwide last spring. The project challenges teenagers and youth, unmarried adults to say that "abstinence is OK," says Richard Ross, youth ministry consultant with the Southern Baptists' Sunday School Board. The Assemblies of God initiated the program at this weekend's youth conference. About 10,000 youths in Utah and Colorado could participate in the program through local Assemblies of God churches, Smith said. "If we make the commitment now, we will stick with it the rest of our lives," says 14-year-old Vanessa Hubbard of Mountain Green. Her friend, 13-year-old Amanda Young of Synona, agrees. "I had already planned on saving myself, but this is a way of showing it. It's a way to be a witness for my friends." The campaign has expanded to

Firm bans smoking in theaters

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — AMC Entertainment Inc. has banned smoking in 58 of its theaters in four Western states, and officials say it's possible all 244 AMC theaters nationwide might be made smoke-free. "As this test evolves and more cities and states adopt smoke-free

environments, we may expand," said Dick Westerling, a spokesman for the Kansas City based movie theater chain. Smoking recently was banned in lobbies, restrooms and concession areas of AMC theaters in Los Angeles, California; Arizona, Colorado and Washington.

Frosty fishing



Crapple fishermen brave the early morning weather this past weekend at Pineview Reservoir near Ogden, Utah. Temperatures hovered in the single digit numbers before the sun had a chance to burn off the fog and melt the ice crystals on the trees and bushes.

Ad protests ouster of Mormons

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Benetton is phasing out of New Testament hundreds of signatures appeared Sunday in a full-page newspaper advertisement protesting the recent excommunications of five Mormon scholars and feminists. The advertisement in the Salt Lake Tribune was placed by The Olive Branch, an ad hoc group that formed in the wake of the September disciplinary actions that sent shock waves through the Mormon intellectual community. "We are a group of people so offended by the excommunications of September that we decided on a course of action not to let those excommunications stand," said J. D. Williams, an inactive Mormon and former University of Utah professor who helped put the ad together. "The ad was intended to frontally say to the LDS general authorities that what happened was intolerable, and we are now going to take the case to the world," he said. The five were excommunicated by leaders of their congregations, but they and many of their supporters believe the actions were orchestrated by Elder Boyd K. Packer, 69, acting head of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles that advises the faith's three-member First Presidency. Apostle Dallin H. Oaks has denied the actions constitute a "purge" or were coordinated by the hierarchy. However, a committee keeps files on the public utterances and writings of members and forwards the material to their local bishops and stake presidents. Williams said the ad was a one-time printed protest that followed a series of vigils and devotionals on behalf of the excommunicants. Another devotionals is scheduled for Dec. 5 at the University of Utah. "Fresh courage take," the ad read, quoting II Timothy 1:7. "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear, but of power and love, and of a sound mind." The text said the signers grieved that in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, "responsible discussion and writing are discouraged" and that "judgmental attitudes and ecclesiastical sanctions prevent useful discourse between church leaders and members."

Idaho senators agree on crime bill, Brady bill, benefits

WASHINGTON — Here are the votes of major legislation in Congress this past week. A "Y" means the member voted for the measure; an "N" means the member voted against the measure; and a "?" means that a member did not vote, an "X" means no longer a member; and a "P" means the member voted present. ATTN EDS: This will be the last vote chart until late January, when Congress reconvenes.

1) CRIME BILL — The Senate approved by a 95-4 margin a crime bill that would give states \$22 billion to help fund 100,000 new police officers on the streets. A "yes" vote is in favor of the crime bill. Sen. Larry Craig and Sen. Dirk Kempthorne, both Republicans voted for the measure. 2) BENEFITS — The Senate approved by a 79-20 margin a compromise agreement of a bill that would extend emergency unemployment benefits by seven or 13 weeks, depending on how high unemployment rates are in particular states. The benefits had expired in October. A "yes" vote is in favor of extending the benefits. Craig and Kempthorne voted no. 3) S.714 — The Senate approved by a 54-45 margin a compromise agreement of a bill that would allow the Resolution Trust Fund to spend the \$13 billion over the next two years to complete bailout of failed savings and loans institutions. A "yes" vote is in favor of spending the money to finish cleanup of the S&Ls. Craig and Kempthorne voted no. 4) BRADY BILL — The Senate approved by a 63-36 margin a handgun control measure, also known as the Brady bill. The legislation, which would mandate a five-day waiting period for handgun purchases, was slightly amended to end the waiting period after four years unless the U.S. Attorney General deems it necessary to extend it another year. Originally, the waiting period would have been phased out after five years. The amended measure also changes the definition of antique guns, which are exempt from gun control laws, to include weapons produced during World War I. A "yes" vote is in favor of legislation. Craig and Kempthorne voted no. 5) NAFTA — The Senate approved by a 61-36 margin the North American Free Trade Agreement, which would eliminate tariffs between the U.S., Canada and Mexico over a 15-year period. A "yes" vote is in favor of eliminating trade barriers.

Craig and Kempthorne voted no. House votes: 1) H.R.51 — The House rejected by a 277-153 margin a bill that would allow the District of Columbia to become the 51st state. Opponents said admitting the city as a state would be unconstitutional. Statehood supporters argued that district residents are denied representation in Congress even though they pay federal taxes. A "yes" vote is in favor of D.C. statehood. Rep. Mike Crapo, Republican, voted no and Rep. Larry LaRocco, Democrat, voted yes. 2) H.R.3 — The House rejected by a 173-263 margin a Republican alternative to the Democratic campaign finance reform bill. The Republican measure would have abolished political action committees, required candidates to raise at least half of their funds from their districts, and prohibited soft money and bundling. A "yes" vote is in favor of the Republican alternative. Crapo voted yes, LaRocco voted no. 3) CAMPAIGN — The House approved by a 255-175 margin a campaign finance reform bill supported mainly by Democrats. The bill places a \$600,000 voluntary cap on campaign spending, and limits contributions from political action committees to \$200,000 per year. If candidates adhere to the spending limit, they are eligible to receive \$200,000 from the federal government for their campaign advertising costs. A "yes" vote is in favor of the Democrats' campaign spending reform plan. Crapo voted no, LaRocco voted yes. 4) H.R.3400 — The House rejected by a 213-219 margin an amendment to the reinventing government/revisions bill. The amendment, sponsored by Reps. Tim Penny, D-Minn., and John Kasich, R-Ohio, would have cut federal spending by \$90.4 billion over a five-year period mainly by slashing medicare spending and cutting 252,000 federal jobs. A "yes" vote is in favor of the Penny-Kasich amendment. Crapo voted yes, LaRocco voted yes. 5) FRANK/SHAY — The House rejected by a 184-248 margin an amendment to the reinventing government/revisions bill, which would cut federal spending by \$37.1 billion over the next five years. The amendment, sponsored by Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., and Chris Shays, R-Conn., would have cut an additional \$14.4 billion in spending mainly by eliminating 252,000 federal jobs, reducing funding for the Ballistic Missile Defense Program, and cutting funding for the space station. Crapo voted no, LaRocco voted yes. 6) SABO — The House approved by a 277-153 margin an amendment to the reinventing government/revisions bill, which would cut federal spending by \$37.1 billion over the next five years. The Clinton administration backed the amendment, which was sponsored by Rep. Martin Sabo, D-Minn. The savings would come mainly by eliminating 252,000 federal jobs. A "yes" vote is in favor of the Sabo amendment. Crapo voted no, LaRocco voted yes. 7) REINVENT — The House approved by a 429-1 margin the reinventing government/revisions bill, which would cut federal spending by \$37.1 billion over the next five years mainly by eliminating 252,000 federal jobs. Crapo voted yes, LaRocco voted yes. 8) S&L — The House approved by a 235-191 margin the conference report of a bill that would complete bailout of the failed savings and loans institutions. The bill would allow the Resolution Trust Fund to spend \$18.3 billion over the next two years to finish the cleanup. A "yes" vote is in favor of bailing out the S&Ls. Crapo voted no, LaRocco voted yes. 9) H.R.1025 — The House agreed by a 238-187 margin to a compromise agreement of a the handgun control measure, also known as the Brady bill. House-Senate conferees settled differences between their two versions of the bill largely by conforming to the House measure. A "yes" vote is in favor of a waiting period on handgun purchases. Crapo voted no, LaRocco voted no. 10) H.R.3167 — The House approved by a 320-105 margin a compromise agreement of a bill that would extend emergency unemployment benefits by seven to 13 weeks, depending on the unemployment rates of particular states. A "yes" vote is in favor of extending the benefits. Crapo voted no, LaRocco voted yes.

The attendance record tracks the cumulative attendance of members to date when they are physically present for roll call votes. Senate attendance, present and voting: Crap 99.49 percent, Kempthorne 99.75 percent. House attendance, present and voting: Crapo 98.67 percent, LaRocco 97.84 percent.

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# World

## British admission of IRA contacts could shake peace effort

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — The British government's reluctant admission that it has secretly communicated with the IRA has cast a shadow over months of peace-making efforts for Northern Ireland.

An influential Protestant leader demanded British Prime Minister John Major's resignation, Sinn Fein, the IRA's political ally, said the contacts were more substantial than the British government was willing to admit.



Adams

The secrecy surrounding the contacts underscores Britain's fear that publicity could blow apart the peace efforts.

Major is due to meet his Irish counterpart, Albert Reynolds, next

month in Dublin, where they hope to reach agreement on a way toward peace.

But Northern Ireland's Protestant majority already suspects Britain may try to cut a deal with the Catholic-based IRA. British agents seized a record cache of arms last week intended for Protestants-paramilitaries, and Protestant politicians said the seizure showed the paramilitaries were preparing for war.

The IRA wants Northern Ireland to unite with the Irish Republic, which is predominantly Catholic. The province's Protestant community supports continued British rule, fearing it will lose political clout in a mainly Catholic nation.

At least 3,100 people have been killed in 23 years of sectarian violence surrounding British rule in Northern Ireland.

After weeks of denials, the British government admitted Sunday it has had secret communications with the IRA in hopes of persuading the outlawed group to end its violent campaign against the British.

The disclosure was made by Sir Patrick Mayhew, Britain's leading

official for Northern Ireland, who said Britain had long used intermediaries as contacts with Sinn Fein.

"The government was forced to concede the existence of the contacts after The Observer newspaper published on Sunday the text of Mayhew's instructions to an emissary who met Sinn Fein deputy leader Martin McGuinness in March.

"That channel of communication has been the means of communicating in each direction messages, the value of the chain being that it is confidential," said Mayhew. He denied any negotiations took place and promised to publish full details of British messages to the IRA.

The Rev. Ian Paisley, leader of the Protestant-based Democratic Unionist Party, scoffed at the British government's explanation that it had responded to an IRA request for "advice" on how to end its 23-year violent campaign.

"Nobody in Northern Ireland believes that the IRA went with a white flag and said: 'Please advise us how we can get out of our trouble,'" Paisley said, laughing bitterly.

He and other Protestant leaders demanded that Mayhew and Major resign for their "bare-faced lying" and that contact with IRA supporters cease.

Sinn Fein President Gerry Adams

said Britain was lying about the scope and authority of the secret talks, and dismissed the British claim that it was only responding to IRA peace wishes.

"The process of dialogue and contact between the British Government and Sinn Fein was more than a mere conduit," Adams said. "It was also authorized by (Prime Minister) John Major, with the knowledge of other Cabinet ministers and involved a number of senior civil servants."

John Hume, leader of the Catholic-based Social Democratic and Labor Party, said he didn't think the disclosure of the secret talks would damage his peace efforts with Adams.

## Arafat links peace accord, Israeli troop withdrawal

HELSINKI, Finland (AP) — The success of the Middle East peace accord depends on Israel beginning its withdrawal from the Gaza Strip and the West Bank town of Jericho on Dec. 13 as agreed, Yasser Arafat said Sunday.

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said last week that Dec. 13 is not "a holy date" and that withdrawal of troops may be delayed by growing violence in the occupied territories.

But if Israel doesn't start withdrawing troops by then, "there will be no implementation of the peace accord and everyone has to bear his responsibility about what will happen after that," Arafat said.

Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization, spoke at a

news conference in Helsinki before flying to Denmark, the last stop on a five-day Nordic tour to solicit aid and investments.

Negotiators for Israel and the PLO set Dec. 13 withdrawal date in ongoing talks on how to implement the peace agreement signed in September. The agreement calls for Palestinian self-rule in Jericho and the Gaza Strip by spring.

"We have a clear and obvious agreement that withdrawal from Gaza Strip and Jericho area is a first step, which has to start from Dec. 13," Arafat said. "They are insisting not to withdraw."

The Israelis are offering "redeployment, new maneuvering to overcomp existing agreements," Arafat said.

## Aidid boycott threatens peace chance in Somalia

MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP) — A Somali clan leader Mohamed Faram Aidid is boycotting an aid conference in Ethiopia until the United Nations releases three of his top aides, his spokesman said Sunday.

U.N. officials in Somalia recommended to the U.N. chief that the aides be released, a U.N. official said.

Aidid's boycott threatens the meeting's chance for forging a reconciliation among Somali factions.

A U.N. official, meanwhile, said that U.S. forces, have come under small-arms fire in three separate incidents since Saturday. There were no casualties.

It wasn't clear whether looters or factional fighters did the shooting, but U.S. forces could mount a military operation unless clan elders put an end to the sniper fire, said Col. Steve Rausch.

"We wouldn't discount a military operation, but that is not our intent," he said, adding that most of the trouble came from an area near Swad Base, one of three U.S. military bases in Mogadishu.

It would be the first such U.S. operation since early October, when a firefight that followed a U.S. raid against Aidid's forces killed 18 Americans and more than 300 Somalis, including many civilians.

## Serbs kill 5 in city

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — Serb gunners fired a mortar shell into central Sarajevo on Sunday, severing bodies with a hot rain of shrapnel. Five people were killed.

The explosion occurred shortly after Bosnia's Muslim president, Alija Izetbegovic, left for Geneva; where another international attempt at peace talks is to begin Monday.

Hospital officials said eight people were wounded by the shell.

One of the wounded, 31-year-old Seval Ganjij, provided this account: "What I saw right in front of me was a young guy about 20, and I could see the inside of his stomach and his hip. There was blood everywhere, and he was calling for his mother. I got up and walked a few steps into the street. Next to a vehicle, I saw only a torso to my left. When I turned to the right, there was another body of a man without a head leaning over a wheelbarrow..."

## EC officials seek talks

GENEVA (AP) — The European Community is hoping to lure the leaders of Bosnia's warring factions back to the negotiating table with an offer to lift sanctions on Yugoslavia, the troubled region's powerbroker.

But prospects for achieving peace soon appear dim.

The talks broke down in September when Bosnia's Serbs and Muslim-led government disagreed over terms for dividing up Bosnia. Fighting since then has mainly involved Bosnian Croats and government troops. The 12 European Community foreign ministers will meet today with the leaders of each faction in a bid to restart the talks.

## Guests of honor act like animals at Thailand's Monkey Banquet

LOPBURI, Thailand (AP) — The guests of honor arrived late, stuffed their faces and generally behaved like animals.

But what do you expect from a bunch of monkeys?

They came to feast on fruit, nuts, rice and other delights Sunday at the yearly Monkey Banquet in Lopburi, 71 miles north of Bangkok.

Hotel owner Yongyuth Kijwattanason held the feast to honor the guardian spirit of Lopburi's 13th-century shrine. Some 600 monkeys, considered devotees of the spirit, live among the ruins of the shrine and on the grounds of another ancient temple nearby. "When I first opened my hotel, I asked the spirit to help me," Yongyuth said. "So every year I feed the monkeys to thank him for my prosperity."

The brown, long-tailed macaques usually eat peanuts, watermelon and bananas begged from tourists. But the menu was considerably more elegant Sunday.

Thousands of onlookers crowded the grounds as volunteers set out plates of food on tables covered with red cloths. But with the noise of three competing loudspeaker systems and a score of news photographers, the banquet's honored guests kept their distance.

After 30 minutes, a dozen monkeys warily clambered down to stuff themselves on brightly colored pumpkins, sticky rice, raisins, eggs and rich Thai



A monkey feasts at the annual Monkey Banquet, put on by a hotel owner in Lopburi, Thailand, to honor the guardian spirit of the town's 13th-century shrine.

sweets known as thong yod. Loudspeakers warned spectators to keep tight hold on their eyeglasses, handbags and wallets. "We call them semi-tame, but sometimes they can be vicious," said Vithoon Pechboonha, a banquet volunteer.

The monkeys who didn't brave the spotlight for the feast roamed a nearby market, robbing inattentive street-side food hawkers and bedeviling tourists. The monkeys perched on

street signs and telephone wires, munching cookies and splashing pedestrians with milk from cardboard containers. "It's much better here," one man grumbled. "At the shrine, I went to see monkeys and all I saw was newsmen."

In Thailand and much of Buddhist and Hindu Asia, monkeys are beloved as clever, mischievous and holy figures and are often allowed to live on temple grounds.

## Mexican party names candidate

MEXICO CITY (AP) — The party that has governed Mexico for more than 60 years named public works chief Luis Donaldo Colosio as its presidential candidate Sunday, virtually assuring that he will be the country's next leader.

The announcement by the Institutional Revolutionary Party's national chairman, Fernando Ortiz Arana, ended months of speculation on who was going to be its standard bearer. The party has not lost a single presidential election since it was founded 64 years ago.

Colosio, 43, is a native of northwestern Sonora state and a close



Colosio

friend of President Carlos Salinas de Gortari.

Both carried out post-graduate studies in the United States.

"Luis Donaldo Colosio is the PRI member... candidate of unity and of

hope of all Mexicans to overcome old backwardness and new challenges of the future," Ortiz announced.

## Germany won't let drug king's family in

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP) — Four members of Colombian drug lord Pablo Escobar's family arrived in Germany on Sunday but were refused entry, border police said.

Discussions were under way on how to send the four Colombians out of the country, the police said in a statement.

The statement said the Interior Ministry had rejected an application from the family to enter Germany as tourists.

The four were believed to be Escobar's wife, son, daughter, and a woman who may be a sister of the fugitive drug chief or the son's girlfriend.

The family's departure from Colombia had been seen as an indication that Escobar, who escaped from prison in 1992, was planning to surrender and wanted to make sure his family was safe first.

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### Briefly

## Wyoming accepts bid in '93 Copper Bowl

CHEYENNE, Wyo. — Wyoming will return to the scene of its last bowl game Dec. 29 after accepting a bid Sunday to play in the 1993 Copper Bowl in Tucson, Ariz.

University officials announced the bowl bid in a conference call from Laramie and nobody was happier than athletic director Paul Roach, who coached the last Cowboy bowl-bound team in 1990.

"Since we have not been in a bowl game for two years, I think the people in Wyoming are very excited," Roach said. Wyoming (8-3 overall, 6-2 Western Athletic Conference) will be hoping for a different outcome this year than in 1990, when it lost 17-15 to California.

The likely opponent will be Oklahoma or Kansas State, but that was not expected to be decided until late Sunday or Monday.

Wyoming will receive a payout of \$700,000 from the Copper Bowl.

## Texas Rangers sell Arlington Stadium 1 piece at a time

ARLINGTON, Texas — The curious mixed with serious collectors Sunday as the Texas Rangers sold Arlington Stadium one piece at a time.

From bullpen phones to bases to the huge picture of strikeout king Nolan Ryan that graced the entrance to the ballpark, the club closed a two-day sale with a 107-item auction and tours of its new stadium.

Fort Worth lawyer Jim Shaw paid \$1,300 for the 20-by-25-foot picture of Ryan pitching. When the auctioneer asked what he was going to do with it, Shaw replied, "Build on a room to put it in."

The most money — \$5,800 — came for Ryan's locker.

The prices offered on jerseys worn by such Rangers stars as Ryan, Jose Canseco and Juan Gonzalez took some collecting rookies by surprise.

The jersey that went cheapest was a St. Patrick's Day shirt signed by Canseco, sold for \$350. A New Jersey collector paid \$4,400 for a jersey worn by Ryan in his final season.

Rangers president Tom Schieffer said he was pleased by the turnout at the auction, which raised \$73,725 for the Texas Rangers Baseball Foundation. The foundation builds youth ballfields and funds scholarships and other programs.

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If you're going to break your hand, then you may as well break it on him.

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— Boston Celtic center Robert Parish after Isiah Thomas broke his hand punching Pistons teammate Bill Laimbeer

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San Francisco 49ers wide receiver Jerry Rice hauls in a 39-yard pass and heads for a touchdown as Los Angeles Rams cornerback Wymon Henderson leaps for a miss Sunday in Anaheim, Calif. AP photo

## Young, 49ers stomp Rams

Los Angeles Times

ANAHEIM, Calif. — The San Francisco 49ers cruised to a 35-10 victory at Anaheim Stadium Sunday with quarterback Steve Young throwing for four touchdowns and 462 yards — the second-highest total ever compiled against a Rams defense. The overpowering performance, which was the 49ers' seventh consecutive victory over the Los Angeles Rams (3-8), might have also produced the first known case of football shellshock.

After watching wide receiver Jerry Rice catch eight passes for 166 yards, including two for touchdowns, Ram cornerback Wymon Henderson said this was the kind of performance a team can build on.

"I think the young guys should come out of this with the understanding that we are

capable of making big plays," Henderson said. The 49ers (8-3) knocked the Rams dizzy from the outset, scoring on three of their first four possessions and outgaining the Rams, 303-98, by halftime.

"I don't know what game you were watching," Henderson said when quizzed about his read on Sunday's game. "I mean we made some plays out there, too."

The record book, however, will now show that these Rams gave up more net passing yards — 475 — than any other Ram team with the exception of the 1990 Rams who surrendered 483 in a 34-31 overtime loss to Boomer Esiason and the Cincinnati Bengals. "As I mentioned earlier in the week, I thought the 49ers were playing the best football in the league," Ram Coach Chuck Knox said. "Nothing I saw today will make me

change my mind."

Young, who left the game in the fourth quarter after completing 26 of 32 passes, threw touchdown passes of 39, 48, 76 and seven yards.

"They looked like a team that doesn't think they can be beaten," offensive tackle Irv Eatman said. "When you get going like that, you're hard to beat. I really thought we good give them a game, but we just couldn't."

The 49ers' only measurable failure was their inability to reach the 40-point mark for the fourth consecutive week, which would have matched the Los Angeles Chargers' mark set in 1960.

"They didn't get it; I guess that's something to be happy about, huh?" linebacker Shane Conlan said. "(Who cares when you lose by that margin?")

## Broncos defense downs Seahawks

Knight-Ridder News Service

SEATTLE — These might be the new, improved Denver Broncos, but it was an old, tried and true formula that made the difference Sunday afternoon in the Seattle Kingdom.

For only the second time this season, the Broncos failed to score at least 20 points. But for the first time this season, the defense held an opponent to single digits, and it was the defense — plus a little John Elway magic and a referee's flag — that made the difference in a 17-9 victory over the host Seahawks.

"We'll take it," declared Elway, who did not have one of his best days, but still came away with 226 yards passing and a touchdown. "It was one of those ugly wins that we haven't had all year that we needed. We needed to win a close one and this is as good of a place to do it as any."

The ugliest part of the day was a broken and dislocated ankle suffered by Bronco wide receiver Vance Johnson. Johnson, who entered the game tied for second on Denver's receiving list, will undergo surgery Monday or Tues-

day and be out for the season.

The prettiest sight — at least for Denver head coach Wade Phillips — was a defense that held up when the offense was struggling to get the ball into the end zone.

"We knew it was going to be like this," said Phillips, who watched his team improve to 7-4 on the season and stay within one game of the AFC West-leading Kansas City Chiefs. "We knew our offense would have some trouble and we challenged our defense to step up. I thought our defense played outstanding."

The Seahawk defense didn't play too badly, either. A wide array of stunts and blitzes led to four sacks of Elway, including one for a safety in the third quarter that cut Denver's lead to 7-2. Elway's 226 yards passing was his second-lowest total of the season, and he threw his seventh interception of the year to go with his 19th touchdown pass.

But Elway did manage to come up with his quota, of at least one miraculous play, and for much of the game, it looked like that's all the Broncos would need.

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Denver-Broncos' Simon Fletcher sacks Seattle Seahawks' Rick Mirer Sunday in Seattle. AP photo

## Salt Lake City bids strongest for Games

The Associated Press

PARK CITY, Utah — Salt Lake City's bid for the 2002 Olympic Winter Games is the world's strongest, says a high-ranking member of the International Olympic Committee.

"We all know you have the best bid and we can't be optimistic," said Marc Hodler of Switzerland, who also is president of the Association of the International Sports Federations.

The IOC will meet in Budapest, Hungary, in June 1995 to select the host city for the 2002 Games. Competing against Salt Lake City are Quebec and Ostersund, Sweden.

Competing cities for the 2002 Games must declare their candidacy by Feb. 1. Olympic insiders are speculating that Sion, in southern Switzerland, may jump into the fray. Salt Lake lost the 1998 Winter Games to Nagano, Japan.

Ostersund entered the bidding on Friday, seneguing on a year-old unwritten agreement it had with Salt Lake City to support Utah's 2002 effort. In exchange, Salt Lake had promised to support Ostersund in its bid for the 2006 Winter Games.

Salt Lake Olympic Bid Committee president Tom Welch said Saturday he was not bothered by Ostersund's defection, which he viewed as a political move to make itself better known and enhance its chances for 2006.

To keep Salt Lake City's bid in the forefront, Welch, committee vice president Dave Johnson and executive board president Frank Jostell, will travel to Kuwait for the Asian Olympic meetings, to Zimbabwe for the African Olympic meetings and to Switzerland for presentations to the IOC's winter sports federations.

All visits will be wrapped up in time for the Feb. 12 opening of the 1994 Winter

Games in Lillehammer, Norway. At that time, cities bidding for 2002 will begin heavy-duty campaigning in anticipation of the June 1995 IOC meeting.

Also on Saturday, the bid committee's executive board approved a \$99 million deal that would repay Utah taxpayers for building and operating the winter sports facilities to be the crown jewels of the bid.

The deal is contingent on Salt Lake City winning. Money would come from Olympic ticket revenues, corporate sponsorships and television-broadcast rights.

The board agreed to spend up to \$59 million to repay the state for its share of building ski jumps and luge and bobsled runs at Utah's Winter Sports Park north of Park City, an indoor ice sheet in Ogden and a speed-skating oval in Kearns.

An additional \$40 million would be set aside to promote amateur sports in Utah and to operate and maintain the facilities.

## Florida St. edges W. Virginia in polls

The Associated Press

Florida State handed West Virginia its first loss of the season Sunday. The defeat came in the polls, however, not on the field.

The Seminoles edged the Mountaineers by 69 points in the combined Associated Press and USA Today-CNN polls, setting up a probable Orange Bowl showdown between Florida State and Nebraska for the national title.

The AP media poll ranked Florida State No. 1, Nebraska No. 2 and West Virginia No. 3. The USA Today-CNN coaches' poll had Nebraska first, followed by West Virginia and Florida State.

In the combined polls, which determine the major bowl matchups, the order was Nebraska (11-0), Florida State (11-1) and West Virginia (11-0).

Since No. 1 vs. No. 2 games are mandated by the bowl coalition when possible, Nebraska will play Florida State in the Orange Bowl Jan. 1 if both teams hold their positions in the last combined poll, to be released next Sunday. Nebraska, Florida State and West Virginia have completed their regular seasons, so there's little chance of a major shift in the polls next week.

If Florida State meets Nebraska in the Orange Bowl, West Virginia will go to the Cotton Bowl and play No. 7 Texas A&M (10-1). Since West Virginia is No. 2 in the coaches' poll, the Mountaineers might win a share of the national title if Florida State beats Nebraska.

"Maybe there'd be a co-championship who knows?" said West Virginia coach Don Nehlen, who has lobbied hard to get his team in the Orange Bowl.

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## Mountaineers still hope for national title

The Associated Press

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — West Virginia, which has been beating the odds all season, will have to hope for a miracle if it hopes to win its first national title.

But the Mountaineers believe miracles can happen.

"Our season was just a great feeling," receiver Jay Kearney said. "Any time you can get 11-0, you have to be proud of yourself. ... It didn't make a difference who we played or how bad we played."

"In the end, a true champion will find a way to pull out all victories."

Finding a way to win the national championship will certainly be a test of that theory.

The Mountaineers were ranked third in The Associated Press poll Sunday, second in the USA Today-CNN poll, and, most importantly, third in the bowl coalition tabulations.

That means Nebraska (11-0), top-ranked in the coalition, and Florida State (11-1), No. 2 in the combined poll, probably will play in the Orange Bowl in what is being called the national championship game.

Not even a big win over No. 7 Texas A&M (10-1) in the Cotton Bowl, which is the almost certain destination for West Virginia on New Year's Day, might be enough for the Mountaineers.

But backup quarterback Darren Studstill said his teammates aren't done, just like they weren't when they trailed Boston College 14-3 in the fourth quarter of Friday's game, nor when they were behind Miami late in the game the previous week.

"People say we don't put up the points like Florida State or the other teams," Studstill said. "But when our backs are against the wall, we come through."

"We might not be the best individual talents, we might not have the Charlie Wade of Florida State, the receivers or the Derrick Brooks — but on the field, pound-for-pound, I think we are the best team in the nation. ... We just have a will to not quit this year."

West Virginia, the Big East champ-

on, has come much further than expected. The Mountaineers received only three votes in the AP's preseason poll, with Big East teams Syracuse, Miami and Boston College all getting more votes.

"But we played everybody tough ..."

Kearney said. "West Virginia wanted to show people that we should get respect. Please see MOUNTAINEER/B2



# Bengals finally post win, beat Raiders

The Associated Press  
The NFL's biggest bunglers met their match — and then some. The Cincinnati Bengals finally got a victory, the last team to do so this season. Thanks to the misdeeds of the Los Angeles Raiders, the Bengals, uh, improved to 1-10 with a 16-10 win Sunday.

## Pro football

"We've been playing hard," said David Klingler, who ran an offense that didn't turn over the ball, while the Raiders were committing two turnovers in scoring range and missing four field goals. "There's been no letdown with anybody. We've been getting closer and closer. We finally got one."

The Bengals had been routed only twice during their losing streak. They made enough critical mistakes to swing every game the other way.

This time, the Raiders took care of the mistakes.

"We just didn't make enough plays offensively," coach Art Shell said. "We didn't hold onto the ball like we should. But no excuses — we didn't play well enough to win."

Another slide ended Sunday when Philadelphia edged Washington 17-14. The Eagles had lost six in a row.

## Bengals 16, Raiders 10

At Cincinnati, Doug Pelfrey kicked three field goals into a swirling wind and Eric Ball ran 1 yard for a touchdown set up by a Raiders penalty. Los Angeles (6-5) was plagued by dropped passes, penalties, and kicker Joe Jacobson's four misses.

Jaege, who had missed just three times all season, hooked attempts from 42, 44 and 31 yards in the first half. He also failed from 48 yards and made a 44-yarder.

"It seems like in the fourth quarter, we let things slip away," Klingler said. "Today, we didn't."

## Eagles 17, Redskins 14

At Washington, after a 4-0 start, the Eagles went winless as injuries ravaged the lineup. But they found an opponent equally undermanned in Washington, which fell to 2-9 under interim coach Kickie Robinson, the Redskins' worst start since 1963.

Bobby Brister finished a 75-yard

drive with a 29-yard TD pass to James Joseph with 32 seconds left at RFK Stadium, where there were 70,000 empty seats.

"It was a long time coming... and it got a little scary," Eagles coach Rich Kotite said. "But a win is a win, and you can't buy something like that."

## Giants 19, Cardinals 17

At East Rutherford, N.J., kickoff specialist Brad Daluiso hit a 54-yard field goal with 32 seconds left to win it for the Giants (8-3). The field goal was the third of Daluiso's three-year career and his first since 1991. In his other two attempts this year, he missed badly from 50 and 52 yards.

Phoenix (3-8) again lost a game it could have won, letting the Giants convert a second-and-29 during the last drive. Phil Simms hit 27 of 47 for a season-high 37 yards for New York, which was held to 46 yards rushing.

## Falcons 17, Browns 14

At Atlanta, Cleveland's free full-size Bernie Kosar was waived continued, even though Todd Philcox, his replacement, led a comeback.

Cleveland (4-6), losing its fourth straight, was down 17-0 at Pilech hit Mark Carrier for a 35-yard touchdown, then scored on a 3-yard quarterback sack.

It wasn't enough as the Falcons (5-6) won their third in a four-game fifth in six games. Bobby Hebert threw touchdowns of 14 yards to Andre Rison and 8 to Mike Pritchard, and Norm Johnson kicked a 51-yard field goal, his 25th straight successful field goal.

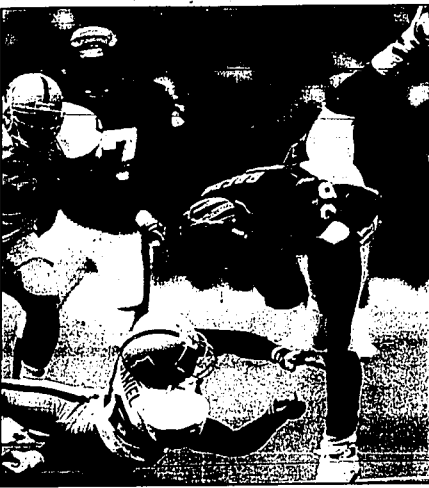
## Packers 13, Buccaneers 10

At Green Bay, Wis., the Packers (7-4) moved into a tie with Detroit for the NFC Central lead with their sixth victory in seven games. Brett Favre shook off a hard hit on the previous down and threw a 2-yard touchdown pass to Sterling Sharpe with 1:16 left.

Minnesota (3-8) took a 10-6 lead with 7:33 to go when Craig Erickson hit Courtney Hawkins with a 9-yard touchdown pass. But Green Bay went 75 yards in 15 plays.

## Saints 17, Vikings 14

At Minneapolis, former Vikings quarterback Wade Wilson got back at



Los Angeles Raider Terry McDaniel upends Cincinnati Bengals running back Harold Green in Cincinnati Sunday.

the coach who cut him last year, sparking the Saints (7-4) with a pair of runs that set up Fred McAfee's 3-yard TD run and Morten Andersen's winning 24-yard field goal.

It was strange being out there and getting hit by guys who always wanted to hit you in practice, but couldn't," Wilson said.

Rookie Tyrone Hughes had a 99-yard kickoff runback, the Saints' first kickoff return touchdown since 1989. Minnesota's Fund Revez kicked a 41-yard field goal with 44 seconds left, but Fred Strickland was called for holding. Revez shanked the ensuing 51-yarder.

Minnesota (8-6) has lost four of its last five and has a losing record for the first time under coach Dennis Green. It lost only five games last season.

## Jets 6, Patriots 0

At Foxboro, Mass., Cary Blanchard's field goals of 33 and 23 yards in a quagmire of a field lifted the Jets to their fifth consecutive victory and first shutout in 11 years. New York (7-4) hadn't won five in a row since 1986.

Rain and gusting wind kept both offenses off-balance, although there were only three turnovers and Leonard Russell had a career-high 147 yards rushing for New England (1-10).

The Patriots got inside the New York 20 twice in the final period, but a blocked field goal and a fumble enabled the Jets to win. The Patriots, shut out three times last year, have scored fewer than 10 points in four games this season.

# 6th-straight win puts Oilers atop AFC Central

HOUSTON (AP) — It's amazing what a couple of months have done for the Houston Oilers.

A split and squabbling squad seven weeks ago, they're now a smoothly running machine that took over first place in the AFC Central on Sunday night with their sixth straight win, a 23-3 decision over Pittsburgh.

William Fuller had four sacks to lead a defense that trapped Neil O'Donnell and Mike Tomczak six times and knocked O'Donnell from the game with a shoulder injury. Warren Moon threw for 295 yards, including a 66-yard touchdown to Haywood Jeffries for Houston, whose winning streak is its longest in 31 years.

That led the way to the biggest win since the Oilers' 1-4 faltering a season earlier, 35-7 over Buffalo on Oct. 1 — a time when offense and defense were split and coach Jack Pardee's job was in jeopardy.

"It's probably the best football we've played, the most emotional we've played for the whole game," Pardee said. "When you're 1-10 you'd better put it streak together. You can't just win one and lose one."

They haven't and the Oilers are now 7-4. Moreover, after beating up losing teams, they've finally beaten a contender — the Steelers (6-5) entered the game tied for the division lead and shut down that same Buffalo team 23-0 just two weeks ago.

"We haven't played very good football for two weeks in a row on the road," said Pittsburgh coach Bill Cowher, whose team lost 37-13 in Denver last week and has been outscored 60-16 in two weeks.

"Turnovers you can't control. But you can control big plays and we haven't been doing that. I'm not going sugar-coat it. We deserved to lose."

On one side, Buddy Ryan's defense, led by Fuller and Ray Childress, shut down the Steelers, keeping them from crossing midfield until midway in the second quarter. O'Donnell, who bruised his right shoulder when sacked by Fuller late in the third quarter, was 13 of 26 for 153 yards.

"This game was a long time in coming," Fuller said. "I needed some sacks."

Added Moon, "The defense was unreal."

On the other side, Kevin Gilbride's offense produced two touchdowns in a span of 2 minutes, 59 seconds, on a 3-yard TD run by Gary Brown and a 66-yard pass from Moon to Jeffries, who caught seven passes for 139 yards. Al Del Greco added field goals of 43, 21 and 28 yards.

It was vindication for Moon, who had just five touchdowns and 15 interceptions in his last five games against the Steelers, and was knocked out of the second game last year with a concussion. He was 21 of 34 on Sunday and threw his only interception six minutes into the fourth quarter, with the Oilers up by 17.

The defense got its right back for him when Cris Dishman intercepted Mike Tomczak's throw on the next play. That led to Del Greco's third field goal and made it 23-3.

"I was a little more nervous going into this game than most, but I usually play well when I'm nervous," said Moon, who was benched for the start of the New England game — when the Oilers were 1-4 — but returned when backup

Gody-Carlson was injured...

"I was feeling a little sorry for myself, because I thought I was getting a real deal. I thought I was being judged on a couple of bad times out rather than a whole career. The whole team was playing poorly, not just me."

Not this week. "Moon was on," said Pittsburgh cornerback D.J. Johnson. "He did a good job of figuring out what we did and they were catching everything he threw."

Houston dominated the first half, but didn't take the lead for good until Brown, who gained 79 yards in 19 carries, went in from the 3 with 50 seconds left. It capped a 79-yard, nine-play drive that featured passes of 25, 24 and 18 yards from Moon to Ernest Givins, whose five catches for 86 yards gave him 484 career receptions and broke Drew Hill's Oilers' career mark of 480.

Givins had an 83-game streak of games with at least one catch end last week.

Earlier in the second period, the teams had traded field goals — a 43-yarder by Del Greco and a 42-yarder by Gary Anderson that tied it just before the Houston touchdown drive.

On the first possession following the second-half kickoff, Moon found Jeffries behind Johnson and Darren Perry and hit him perfectly for the 66-yard scoring play that made it 17-3.

"That was a big boost," Pardee said. "We scored going into the half, then came right back on the first series after the half."

And eventually, it put them back into first place.

Chiefs defensive tackle Joe Phillips said. "We shut down an excellent group."

The Bills like to run Thomas or get deep with their three wide receivers, a difficult combination for a defense.

"Only if we have the lead," Bills quarterback Jim Kelly said.

One of Buffalo's turnovers, a fumble at the Bills' 28, set up a Kansas City touchdown shortly after Buffalo scored.

From then on, the Chiefs spent much of the day playing six defensive backs, taking away the deep slot.

And as Kansas City increased its lead to 17-7 by early in the second half, Thomas gradually disappeared.

Getting behind takes you out of your game plan," Bills coach Marv Levy said. "When you're behind and just not succeeding, you begin to press. And unless you get a big play, things go down hill."

# Kansas City crushes Buffalo; Montana stays healthy

Knight-Ridder News Service

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — In order of significance, Joe Montana started Sunday and didn't get hurt. Not so much as a limp.

The Kansas City quarterback didn't even visit the trainer Sunday to check his hamstring. And, by the way, the Chiefs won, defeating Buffalo 23-7, actually with more punch from its defense than Montana.

Kansas City's victory could go a long way in securing a home-field advantage, but having Montana healthy again was first and foremost in his players' minds.

Montana quarterback in the NFL runs an offensive system like Joe Montana's. Chiefs offensive guard Dave Scott said.

Kansas City defensive back Kevin Ross was intent on protecting Montana.

"I was going to tackle anyone who even tried to chase Joe out of bounds and hit him," Ross said. "I'd tackle the guy before he could even touch Joe."

The Bills hardly put a hand on Montana.

"I don't think there's any question that Joe is very important to the Chiefs," Chiefs coach Marv Levy said, "but this was as complete a game as we've played all year."

"There were some frustrating times out there and I didn't think I played that well. I was hurrying out there, hoping not to make a bad play...."

— Joe Montana, Kansas City quarterback

Montana wasn't exactly sloppy, completing 18 of 32 passes for 208 yards and two touchdowns while throwing one interception.

But it was the Chiefs' defense that made the difference. At least once some nerves settled down.

Last week's loss to Chicago, when the Bears ran over the Chiefs for 190 yards, had Kansas City a little anxious to make a statement.

Instead, it looked more like a question when the Bills took the legs of Thurman Thomas on their second possession on an 80-yard drive for a 7-0 lead.

Early on we got too keyed up," Chiefs cornerback Albert Lewis said. "We had paralysis by analysis. We were looking but we weren't seeing."

Once the Chiefs saw, they conquered. They forced four turnovers, including two that resulted in 10 points, and stuffed Buffalo's running game.

# Palmer shut out, to winners' dismay

Orange County Register

PALM DESERT, Calif. — They played hard and rooted harder, but in the end they were better suited for eliciting cheers than leading them.

They pitched a shutout at Arnold Palmer, a fact for which they were remorseful, but what could they do?

"I wasn't going to lay down for him and he wouldn't expect that of us," Payne Stewart said.

Fred Couples, meanwhile, established a Skins Game record for money earned in a losing effort, \$260,000, \$80,000 of it earned when he holed a 30-foot birdie putt on the 18th hole.

Palmer and Paul Azinger were blanked, an outcome that left the others feeling half bad.

"I made that putt on 18 and it's the worst I felt all year," Couples said of a putt that deprived Palmer of the opportunity to win the skins there.

"If Paul didn't get one, that was OK, but I wish Arnie would have gotten a skin."

He might have, had Couples not kept preventing him from doing so, first at the 15th hole. Palmer nearly chipped in for eagle, but tapped in for birdie instead.

"I thought it was in," Palmer said. "I really did. I went right up to the hole and hit a wall and turned right over the edge of the hole. I've seen worse chips go in."

Couples, meanwhile, faced a difficult chip for eagle, and he hit his 20 feet past the hole, but made the putt coming back to halve the hole with Palmer.

"I honestly didn't even want to get it up and down," Couples said.

"But it was like it was the easiest putt I ever had. If it goes in, we tie the hole. If it doesn't, the best player who ever lived wins the skin. You can't lose. If you miss the putt, Arnie gets the skin. So I was really relaxed."

When Couples holed the birdie putt at 18 and Palmer missed his 16-foot birdie attempt, Azinger turned to Couples and good-naturedly said something that doesn't bear repeating.

"I just told him what I thought he was," Azinger said. "I would love to have seen Arnie win a skin."

The outcome turned when Palmer failed to win the skin at 15. That enabled Stewart to earn \$120,000 when he holed a 20-foot birdie putt at the 16th hole to put him over the top. He had earned \$100,000 earlier in the day with a 15-foot birdie putt at 13.

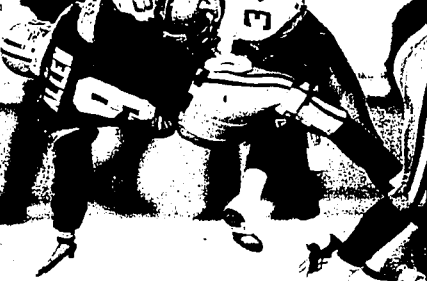
"I enjoy the format," Stewart said. "It's fun to come out and root for and against guys. You don't get to do that on tour. It's supposed to be light-hearted. I feel very comfortable out there. I'm getting accustomed to having turkey in the desert."

The winner receives an automatic invitation to defend his championship, which Stewart will do in 1994 with the intention of exceeding the \$1 million mark in Skins Game earnings. By winning three straight, he has earned a record \$760,000.

Stewart was among those imploring Palmer to beat him and the others.

"It would have been great," he said. "I really thought he made that chip on 15. He had a lot of opportunities."

Palmer was unable to hole putts, a familiar refrain in the twilight of his career. Holding putts at propitious times is the key to winning a skins game, and Palmer was not up to the task.



Winnipeg Blue Bombers' Greg Battle sacks Edmonton Eskimos' Damon Allen during the Grey Cup in Calgary Sunday.

# Edmonton earns victory over Winnipeg in 81st Grey Cup

CALGARY, Alberta (AP) — Sean Fleming kicked six field goals and the Edmonton Eskimos took advantage of seven turnovers to beat Winnipeg Blue Bombers 33-23 Sunday night in the 81st Grey Cup.

Damon Allen, the game's most valuable player, threw a 2-yard touchdown pass for Edmonton, which lost to the Bombers in the final of the 1990 Grey Cup, the Canadian Football League title game. Lucius Floyd scored the Eskimos' only touchdown on a 4-yard run.

Winnipeg got touchdowns from Michael Richardson on a 3-yard run and Sammy Garza on a 1-yard quarterback sneak. Troy Westwood kicked

three field goals for the Blue Bombers. Fleming's six field goals tied the Grey Cup record shared by Don Sweet of the Montreal Alouettes (1977) and Paul Osbaldiston of the Hamilton Tiger-Cats (1986).

Garza was four fumbles and had a punt blocked.

The championship was the 11th for the Eskimos but the first for head coach Ron Lancaster, who won twice as a player.

Edmonton clinched the victory by driving from the Eskimos' 35-yard line to the Winnipeg 2 during the game's final minutes, setting up Fleming's final field goal.

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# Comics

**Peanuts** By Charles M. Schulz

I WONDER IF THEY HAVE FRACTIONS IN HEAVEN...  
NO FRACTIONS, SIR... NO DECIMALS EITHER...  
HOW ABOUT COMMAS?  
THERE HAVE TO BE COMMAS, SIR... WE CAN'T AVOID THEM.  
ETERNITY'S GOING TO BE LONGER THAN I THOUGHT.

**Calvin and Hobbes** By Bill Watterson

TIME FOR BED?  
THAT'S WHAT I SAID.  
BUT I HAVEN'T FINISHED MY PAPER FOR SCHOOL YET... I NEED MORE TIME!  
HOW MUCH MORE DO YOU HAVE TO DO?  
I JUST HAVE TO WRITE IT.

**B.C.** By Johnny Hart

SHOW ME A MAN WHO DOESN'T LET HIS LEFT HAND KNOW WHAT HIS RIGHT HAND IS DOING...  
AND I'LL SHOW YOU THE WORLD'S LOUDEST JUGGLER.

**Garfield** By Jim Davis

GARFIELD YOU'RE FAT ENOUGH TO BE TWO CATS.  
I'LL GO WITH THAT.  
FEED ME.

**Hi and Lois** By Chance Browne

WHAT DO YOU WANT FOR CHRISTMAS?  
I HAVEN'T GIVEN IT MUCH THOUGHT.  
HOW ABOUT SOME NEW TIES?

**The Wizard of Id** By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart

A GROUP OF MASCULINISTS TO SEE YOU, SIRE.  
MASCULINISTS?  
THAT'S WHAT THEY SAID.  
WELL, IT'S ABOUT TIME!

**Hagar the Horrible** By Chris Browne

I HATE PLAYING POKER WITH SIR KNIGHT!  
YOU CAN NEVER TELL WHEN HE'S BLUFFING!

**Beetle Bailey** By Mort Walker

THIS IS THE GENERAL'S OFFICE CALLING, HE'LL BE WITH YOU IN A JIFFY.  
OKAY.  
I DON'T KNOW HOW LONG HIS JIFFY IS, BUT THAT WAS MY JIFFY!  
GLAM!

**Frank and Ernest** By Bob Thaves

"BUREAU" DISEASE? .. WHAT'S THAT?  
YOUR CHEST HAS FALLEN INTO YOUR DRAWERS.

**The Born Loser** By Art Sansom & Chip

IS THERE A PROBLEM WITH YOUR SZECHWAN PLATE?  
THERE CERTAINLY IS! THIS TASTE'S LIKE YOU REHEATED SOMETHING YOU MADE YESTERDAY!  
BUT YOU SPECIFICALLY ORDERED THE THICE-COOKED FORK!

**For Better or For Worse** By Lynn Johnston

HI, APRIL! STAYED HOME TODAY, HUH?  
YOU LOOK PURTY HEADIN' WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR COLE?  
GIVED IT TO MUM!

**Blonde** By Dean Young & Stan Draké

LOOK IN THE MIRROR AND TELL ME WHAT YOU THINK.  
IT'S PERFECT, LAURENCE, YOU'RE A GENIUS!  
CAN YOU WONDERS ANYMORE HAIR?  
REALLY TO GO, HON?  
WELL, ALMOST ANYMORE HAIR.

**The Far Side** By Gary Larson

"A word of advice, Durk: It's the Mesallithe. We've domesticated the dog, we're using stone tools, and no one's naked anymore."

**Dennis the Menace** By Hank Ketcham

\*TRY NOT TO SMILE OR HELL WIPE IT RIGHT OFF YOUR FACE!

**The Family Circus** By Bill Keane

"Coach said I'm the best on the team at giving high fives!"

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- Chivalry
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## Sydney Omarr Horoscope

**IF NOVEMBER 29 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY:** Family relationships have been unorthodox to put it mildly. Show business might be involved, mother had ideas well in advance of her time. Many consider you eccentric but actually you are unorthodox, an original thinker, daring, imaginative, creative. During past year emphasis was on business, ability to meet deadlines, to accept responsibility, to realize marital situation and possibility of addition to family. August outstanding for you in 1994.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Full Moon position highlights settlement of differences with relatives, possibly including brothers, sisters. Relationship that had been on and off will be renewed -- welcome.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Be direct, take initiative in getting to heart of matters. Spotlight on income, value of possessions, ability to transform creative hobby into profitable endeavor.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21):** Intuitive intellect takes over. Full Moon in your sign coincides with glamour, intrigue, personal magnetism, sensuality, sex appeal. You could win contest.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22):** Moon is full, you learn secret, woman relative states, "I feel you are hiding something." Maintain perspective, ability to laugh at your own foibles. Don't take seriously silly accusations.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Study references, bring product up to state of the art -- utilize charm, powers of persuasion to win friends and influence people. Intense relationship undergoes severe test. Endure!

**VIROGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** This is your kind of day -- read and write, learn by teaching others. Change of venue necessary for victory. Courage!

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23):** Music in your life -- travel indicated if responsive to unusual offer. You'll be away from home for a time -- plan accordingly. Domestic adjustment necessary if harmony is to be restored.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Look beyond the immediate, follow through on business. Conclude tax-related connection with tax, license questions, inheritance.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** You're in business -- what seemed evasive is now available -- you'll get moral and financial backing. Spotlight on partnership, public image, marital status.

**PISCES (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** You get rare second chance -- repair emotional bridges, renew contact with one who was "love of your life."

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Avoid paying inflationary prices -- you're in charge, despite your name, who sells you differently. Family member means well but could be fountain of misinformation. Know it, act accordingly.

**Saturday's Puzzle Solved:**

ADAM SAFFER FAITH  
BOLE ALONE ALEE  
EPIC BOMBS RATA  
THETHERED TASSLE  
LITERAS SORLE  
SHINE PIRALIS LITE  
POME LUDREN RET  
ARCS SORRES FERN  
RMA SPATE ANNA  
SIES SONS SITES  
SARS ARMS SEAM  
PIANES DEADHEAT  
LATA OPART ASTA  
ANAT RIDDLE MATO  
TIARE STEILD DUNO

## Hot dog a hit over in China

The American hotdog is even more popular in China right now than is Chinese food in your town or mine. That's what independent reports say. They say the sausage-and-bun vendors draw long lunchtime lines.

Q. What are the three most common two-syllable words in American English writing?  
A. 1. About. 2. Many. 3. Other.

Those researchers who choose to delve into intimate matters report that seven out of every 100 widows of retirement age sooner or later resume "a somewhat active sex life."

The tendency to walk in your sleep is now said to be inherited.

Q. Can people really get addicted to chili peppers?  
A. That's the current notion. Theorists think peppers produce just enough pain to prompt the body to release endorphins. And these, even as numerous other pain killers, can create little habit-forming highs.

It was Ralph Waldo Emerson who said, "An institution is the lengthened shadow of one man." You buy that, Gloria?

Q. Aren't grossly overweight people prone to temper tantrums?  
A. Not all, certainly. But it's a common enough denominator to suggest the tendency, according to medical researchers.

All mammals crave salt.

First hot air balloon -- in 1783, this -- was made of paper.

If there's something to chirp about, it's the male cricket who does the chirping.

Were you aware that the people who eat alligators outnumber the alligators that eat people?

## L.M. Boyd What's what?



# Nation

## Around the nation

### Early television pioneer Garry Moore dies at 78

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C. — Garry Moore, a pioneer in early television who relied on warm charm for a long-running variety show, died Sunday at his home. He was 78.



Moore

Moore began in radio with Jimmy Durante in the 1940s, then "took a chance with this new thing TV" in 1950, said his son, Garry Morfit Jr.

He hosted a variety show on CBS, "The Garry Moore Show," that ran off and on from 1950 until 1967, and the quiz show "I've Got A Secret" on CBS and "To Tell the Truth," which was syndicated.

Carol Burnett, Don Knotts and Jonathan Winters were among entertainers Moore introduced on his variety show.

Moore left television in the late-1970s after he developed throat cancer and lived in Hilton Head Island, his son said.

Born Thomas Garrison Morfit in Baltimore on Jan. 31, 1915, Moore died after bouts with emphysema and several other ailments, his son said. A Thursday memorial service was planned.

### Countdown for crucial Hubble repair mission starts

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — The countdown began Sunday for the Hubble Space Telescope repair mission, considered by many to be NASA's biggest challenge in space since the Apollo moon landings.

The space shuttle Endeavour is scheduled to lift off on the 11-day flight in pre-dawn darkness Wednesday.

Hubble program managers and scientists were thrilled to be, finally, this close to correcting the telescope's fuzzy vision and other problems. Even normally placid launch officials were caught in the excitement.

"This is a very, very exciting mission," shuttle test director Mike Leibach said soon after the countdown clocks started ticking. "It's been billed as one of the most important missions NASA's had in a long, long time, and we're all anxious for it to go."

Endeavour's crew will go out five and possibly seven times to work on Hubble after the bus-sized telescope is anchored in the shuttle cargo bay. No U.S. space mission to date has had more than four spacewalks.

### Court hears UMW's appeal of \$52 million strike fines

ROANOKE, Va. — In the spring of 1989, coal-truck driver Richard Adams rounded a tight curve on a rugged southwestern Virginia mountain road and encountered a group of striking miners.

"They hurled fistfuls of rocks that hit us like a hailstorm," Adams, a replacement worker, told Circuit Judge Donald McGlothlin.

The U.S. Supreme Court has scheduled arguments today on whether McGlothlin was justified in fining the United Mine Workers union \$52 million for repeated episodes of violence and civil disobedience in its 11-month strike against Pittston Co.

Labor analysts said it's the largest civil contempt fine ever imposed by a U.S. court and could bankrupt the union.

The UMW contends the fines were excessive, and that they were unconstitutional, maintaining that the judge cannot assess fines to coerce people's behavior. The union further maintains that the strike settlement should have negated the accumulated civil fines.

### Thousands march to mark 15th anniversary of slayings

SAN FRANCISCO — Hundreds of marchers braved rain to mark the 15th anniversary of the assassinations of George Moscone and Harvey Milk.

The candlelight march Saturday night began in the city's predominately gay Castro District and went to City Hall, where Milk, a city supervisor and Moscone, the mayor, were shot to death on Nov. 27, 1978.

Milk was the city's first openly gay supervisor. He and Moscone were killed by former Supervisor Dan White, who resigned abruptly and asked for reinstatement but was turned down by Moscone.

Compiled from wire reports

## Murder top cause of job deaths in 5 states

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Murder was the leading cause of workplace death in five states and the District of Columbia during the 1980s, according to the first federal study to pinpoint workplace fatalities by state.

Of the 7,603 Americans slain on the job in the last decade, 985 workers were murdered in Alabama, Connecticut, Maryland, Michigan, South Carolina and Washington, D.C.

New York doesn't tabulate on-the-job homicide, but the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health estimated its toll at 867. If accurate, that would make New York the capital of workplace murder.

## Idaho ranks among top 5 states where workers are most at risk

"We need to realize that these fatal injuries are not acts of God," said Lynn Jenkins, author of the NIOSH study. "They are preventable and we must take steps to find out what the risks are and how to prevent them."

The study noted, however, that some progress has been made. Workplace deaths

overall declined by more than 1,600 between 1980 and 1989.

NIOSH first warned about workplace homicide last month, when an early analysis of this study showed murder to be the biggest killer of working women.

The full study, released today, offers the first state-by-state look at the problem. NIOSH wants state governments to find ways to prevent the biggest killers of their

workers, Jenkins said. Nationwide, 62,289 civilians died on the job from 1980 through 1989 — about 17 workers a day. Another 1,300 soldiers perished.

Overall, murder was the third-leading killer of civilians, following motor vehicle crashes and machine injuries.

Texas, California, Florida, Illinois and Pennsylvania had the highest number of workplace fatalities.

But a better measure of risk is the rate of fatalities per 100,000 workers. Using that, the workers most at risk were in Alaska, with 34.8 deaths per 100,000 workers, followed by

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## Power of his pen

### Behind Herblock's gentle facade simmers a ruthless cartoonist

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Herbert Block seems harmless. His face is all soft laugh lines, he walks with a grandfatherly shuffle and his office at The Washington Post has a couch for napping.

Don't be fooled. Behind that gentle smile simmers the ruthless mind of an editorial cartoonist, pen name Herblock.

He drew Richard Nixon crawling out of a sewer, depicted Jimmy Carter as a hazy blur, cast George Bush as a witch doctor. He calls 'em like he sees 'em.

"I've never felt that I was unfair to anybody," Block said mildly.

It's a bold claim for a man who has published more than 15,000 political cartoons, spanning Herbert Hoover to Bill Clinton.

"He's a giant," said Chuck Jones, creator of the Road Runner cartoons. "As long as he's been at it, he's lost none of that extraordinary vigor, that attitude."

Block's work appears in 300 newspapers. He has published 10 books of his cartoons, plus a new autobiography, "Herblock: A Cartoonist's Life," that he tapped out on a manual typewriter. He's won three Pulitzers, and he shared in a fourth for the Post's Watergate coverage.

At 84, Block has no plans to quit cartooning. "I've never done anything else," he said recently. "I'd miss it."

He begins his work day in bed, searching The New York Times for inspiration through the late morning. His nights end with the early edition of tomorrow's Washington Post.

In between, Block is in a cluttered office just off the newsroom, a wooden drawing board perched on his lap. He sips Diet Coke diluted with Perrier, sketches ideas, and checks the radio hourly for bulletins. He flips the TV news on and off.

It's a constant search for what will become THE cartoon of the day, four days a week (down from seven a week when he started). Yet Block says he never runs out of ideas.

"There are so many things going on," he says, shaking his head. "I look at the paper and I think holy smokes!"

He sketches ideas most of the afternoon, pausing for a nap added to his routine after a heart attack in 1959. When he settles on the best cartoon, it takes three to six hours to draw in pencil, ink and crayon.

He typically works right up to his 9 p.m. Please see CARTOON/C2



Editorial cartoonist Herblock Block has published more than 15,000 political cartoons, spanning Herbert Hoover to Bill Clinton. The 84-year-old has won three Pulitzer Prizes, published 10 books, written an autobiography, is seen in 300 newspapers and has no plans to quit anytime soon.

## Camps, parks fight against year-round schooling

The Associated Press

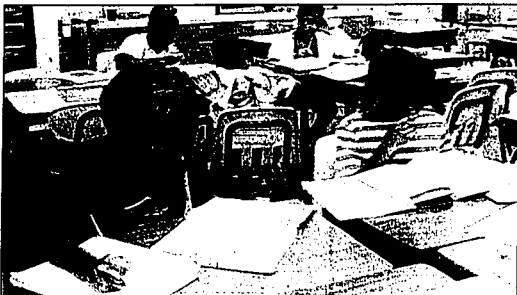
ATLANTA — The idea of canning summer vacation and keeping kids in school year-round pleases many educators and parents, but it's got amusement parks and campgrounds sweating.

The American Camping Association, a national organization of summer camps, has been on the record for two years with a resolution opposing 12-month schooling, fretting it would reduce organized camping, "a vital component in the development and education of the whole child."

And while the International Association of Amusement Parks and Attractions has yet to take a formal position, it's concerned enough that it recently hired a North Carolina public relations company to gather research and offer results to other groups that oppose year-round schools.

Jan Crawford, executive director of the Alexandria, Va.-based lobbying organization for 3,700 amusement parks worldwide, says his organization has found that a year-round schedule did not help students and could affect jobs and profits at fun parks. "It is more expensive and doesn't improve education," Crawford says.

But Gary Field, principal of College Park Elementary in suburban Atlanta, the only Georgia school on a year-round schedule, says the benefits outweigh those of traditional schools.



AP photo

Students at Collage Park Elementary School in College Park, Ga., work on their studies. The idea of canning summer vacation and keeping kids in school year-round hasn't won the support of theme parks and campgrounds.

lost from a shorter summer vacation. "If you're going to run your life around summer camp or amusement parks, then there's something wrong," he says. Year-round schools keep roughly the same number of school days and vacation days as traditional schools but reconfigure the vacations. Instead of one 12-week break in summer, for instance, a typical year-round school has a six-week summer vacation and three 3-week breaks scattered over the rest of the year.

With the holidays approaching, for example, year-round students are anticipating a three-week vacation, while most schools break for only the week of Christmas to New Year's Day.

About 1.5 million students nationwide, from 3.5 percent to 3.7 percent of all students, are in year-round programs, said Charles Ballinger, executive director of the National Council on Year-Round Education, based in San Diego.

Field and other educators say squeezing summer vacation helps students better retain what they learned in the preceding months.

Alphonse Buccino, dean of the University of Georgia's College of Education, isn't so sure. He says the research is too sketchy. And anyway, he says, the key factor is not whether vacation time is fragmented but how much time students spend in the classroom.

"The key variable is the number of days in the school year," Buccino said. "The Japanese school year is 240 days," compared with 180 days in the United States.

Graff asserted that some school systems had dropped year-round schedules because they were too expensive and caused too many problems. He cited Los Angeles, where the school board in May scrapped a year-round schedule for 540 schools, ending

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# Workplace

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Continued by Wyoming, 29; Montana, 20.9; Idaho, 16.7; and West Virginia, 15.7.

The safest workers were in Connecticut, with a fatality rate of 1.8; Massachusetts, 2.3; and New York, 2.6 — even though Connecticut and New York had 50 and 867 workplace murders respectively.

Other murder tolls include 21 victims in Alabama, 70 in Washington, D.C., 180 in Maryland, 313 in Michigan and 161 in South Carolina.

Water-related accidents were the top killer of Alaskan workers, and air transportation accidents led in Hawaii and Nevada. Car crashes were the biggest killers in the remaining states.

Construction and transportation-utility workers accounted for the most fatalities, 18 percent each.

But the riskiest occupation was mining, with 32 of every 100,000 workers in the mining industry died, followed by 25.6 construction workers.

Most likely to be murdered at work were taxi drivers, police officers and retail workers. At highest risk were people working with money or valuables, or working alone and at night, Jenkins said.

She said most of the homicide probably occurred during robberies; as opposed to disgruntled employees or planned slayings, but had no numbers. The study was compiled from death certificates, which list cause of death, not its circumstances.

The good news: workplace fatalities decreased, from 7,405 in 1980 to 5,714 in 1989. So did the fatality rate, from 8.9 deaths per 100,000 workers in 1980 to 5.6 in 1989.

Even workplace homicides declined 24 percent, from 914 murders in 1980 to 694 in 1989.

"As our economy shifts to a more retail- and service-oriented economy, the rates may continue to decline," he said.

"These industries have relatively low rates of occupational fatality compared to heavy industry."

# Cartoon

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deadline — then makes last-second touch-ups as he rushes his cartoon down the hall to the engraving room.

Then he takes a taxi home — he hates driving — to a Georgetown rowhouse stuffed with old newspapers and magazines he never finishes reading. A note is pinned to his bed to record late-night inspirations.

With his schedule, it's no wonder Block is a lifelong bachelor. People say he's married to his work, but he hesitates to agree.

"Why didn't I marry? I don't know, I thought about it at different times ..." he trails off, rocking gently in his office chair.

He's been absorbed by his cartoons since he joined the Chicago Daily News at age 19, and he flirted with his Muse much earlier.

A child in Chicago during World War I, Block drew his first caricature about age 6: the hated Kaiser. Wilhelm II of Germany sketched in chalk on the sidewalk, for everyone to stomp on.

His father, a newspaperman turned chemist, brought home sketchbooks and brushes to encourage the young artist. "He didn't push; he made it easy to fall into," Block says.

When his oldest brother, Bill, became a reporter, newspapers beckoned young Bert, too.

He floated out of Lake Forest College to draw for the Daily News. From there he moved to the Newspaper Enterprise Association, which mailed his cartoons to papers across the country.

Block almost lost the NEA job because his cartoons supported Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal and urged America into World War II — opinions his bosses didn't share.

When he was summoned to the company president's office in 1942, Block was sure he would be fired. But as he waited outside the boss's office, a telephone call caught Block had won the Pulitzer Prize. His job was saved.

He soon left anyway — he was drafted. He spent the war in New York, drawing cartoons for Army newspapers and posters.

After the war, in 1946, Block came to The Washington Post, settling into a front-row seat on American politics. "It's the ideal place," he says.

His cartoons haven't changed much from the early days: the hats and hard-ons he wears have a 1950's feel. Block says he has no interest in updating his style, even though the pebbled paper he uses is getting hard to find.

It's not the hats or the ideas, laced with wry humor, that count to Block and his fans.

"I don't think Herb was as big an influence in the drawing as he was in the power of his ideas and the simplicity with which he puts across his ideas," said syndicated cartoonist Mike Peters.

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— Cartoonist Mike Peters

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Block's poison pen and ink have been the bane of presidents.

Harry Truman chuckled at the cartoons; he was the exception. Dwight Eisenhower complained. Lyndon Johnson canceled a Medal of Freedom ceremony because Block was to be honored. A friend of Block's heard Ronald Reagan lament, "This guy just doesn't like me."

Richard Nixon told an interviewer, "I wouldn't start the day by looking at Herblock's cartoon."

It's no wonder. Block coined the word "McCarthyism" to describe the red-baiting tactics used by Sen. Joseph McCarthy and parroted by Nixon in campaigns for Congress and the vice presidency.

Block drew Nixon stoop-shouldered and unshaven, with dark eyes and an evil grin. When Nixon was elected president, Block dropped the five o'clock shadow from his caricature. But the cartoons didn't let up.

The entire imprecation of Nixon as the devil incarnate owes a great deal to Herblock," said Herbert Parmet, author of "Richard Nixon and His America."

Block shrugs off complaints that his work is too negative. "The cartoon is mostly a needling thing," he said.

Martin Fitzwater, former press secretary for George Bush, said the White House watched Block's cartoons as a red flag of public opinion, with a liberal tilt.

"If he was angry you were in trouble," Fitzwater said.

Block says he's just like the average Joe, frustrated by the outrages and scandals of government, who wants to shout "They can't do that!" Except Block has an outlet.

"I have my own reserved soapbox," he writes in his autobiography. "I get to say it in published cartoons."

Maybe that's why he's so darn nice: the cartoons milk off his venom.

In person, the much-feared Herblock is "humble and sweet," said his friend Jones. "He's a tiger posing as a possum."

# School

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two-year experiment that cost \$8.4 million.

Ballinger said the Los Angeles schools didn't drop year-round schedules for educational reasons.

"If those schools had the conditions we believe they would have stayed on the year-round schedule," he said.

Los Angeles parents were on record complaining that the schedule forced their children to endure hot classrooms during the summer and created child-care problems on winter breaks.

Florida state Rep. Alzo Reddick, D-Orlando, supports the idea of year-round schools, despite the presence of Disneyworld in his home district. He says such big theme parks favor the idea because shorter school breaks would even out the traditional crowded periods, he said.

Reddick said the agricultural calendar that governs the United States' traditional summer-long vacation is an anachronism and makes the nation less competitive. He recently visited Japan and Korea, where he noted children going to school early Saturday mornings.

"If we don't do a better job of educating our people, we will become a third-rate nation," he said.

Keith Green's two children attend College Park Elementary, which has a six-week summer vacation and another two-week break in September. He said his family's trips had not been spoiled by the year-round schedule.

"In fact, my daughter and son attended a summer camp for four weeks," Green said. "The main thing is our children's education. We can always work around it to get to amusement parks."

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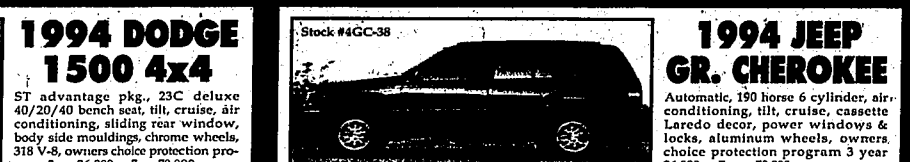
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# Features

## Swamp of Doom: Where Certs go to die.

If you look at any list of great modern writers such as Ernest Hemingway, William Faulkner and F. Scott Fitzgerald, you'll notice two things about them:

1. They all had editors.
2. They are all dead.

Thus we can draw the scientific conclusion that editors are fatal. I made it inadvertently aware of this recently when, as the direct result of an idea conceived of by my editor, I wound up fleeing around up to my armpits in the Swamp of Doom.

### Dave Barry Humor

That is not its technical name. Its technical name is the Big Cypress National Preserve, which is part of the Everglades ecosystem, an enormous, wet, nature-intensive area that at one time was considered useless, but which is now recognized as a biological resource, providing Florida with an estimated 93 percent of its blood-sucking insects.

No, really, the Everglades are very important. Tragically, they have been tampered with by man, an ecological moron who is always blundering into sensitive areas and befouling them with beer cans, used condoms, golf courses, etc. Only lately has man realized that the best thing for him to do is stay out of the Everglades. This was certainly my policy. For years the only contact I had with the Everglades was when I drove across them on Highway 4 that at a speed of 87 miles per hour, which I figured was fast enough to outrun any wildlife that might prey on motorists. Even then I occasionally had Nature Encounters, such as the time my car encountered a flying green bug large enough to have a Business Class section, which produced a windshield splat easily the size of U.S. Labor Secretary Robert Reich.

So it never occurred to me to set actual foot in the Everglades until my editor, Tom Shpogor, suggested that I go hiking with him out there.

"It's real interesting," he said, never once mentioning alligators, let alone poison trees. So one Saturday morning we went. On the edge of the Everglades we stopped for supplies at a combination truck stop/sporting-goods store. I bought the survival basics: a safari-style helmet, a machete, beef jerky, a bottle of Evian water, a snakebite kit and Certs.

(Here is an actual quotation from the snakebite kit instructions: "Misuse of the lymph constituent could cause gangrene which might even necessitate amputation." And this does not refer to the snake.)

Please see SWAMP/D2

By Suzanne Huxhold  
Times-News correspondent

**TWIN FALLS** — You wouldn't know it from those department store ads on television — the ones that depict happy families cozied up to a roaring fire, roasting marshmallows and opening piles of presents — but not everybody has such a great time during the holidays.

In fact, the holidays are a time of great stress for many people, as evidenced by soaring hospitalization and suicide rates between Thanksgiving and New Year's. But many experts believe the stress of the holidays can be, if not avoided, at least managed.

"Much of the stress around the holidays has to do with unresolved grief," said Twin Falls family counselor Larry Gold. "Whether there's been a loss of a person or a home, even a climate."

Gold said the recent rush to Twin Falls of warm-weather transplants has brought a new dimension to stress at the holidays.

Folks who are accustomed to wearing shorts and T-shirts to Christmas dinner may have difficulty adjusting to short, cold winter days, even if a white Christmas is one of the reasons they moved here.

"I think it helps to have an understanding of what will occur during this period," Gold said. "Know that there will be differences between what you have experienced before and what you may experience now."

That advice works, even if what you experience this year is a holiday without the ones you love.

"People experience loneliness at the holidays because it's a time they associate with being with family," said Sally McCollum, a psychologist with offices in Ketchum and Hailey. "The loneliness just cuts deep."

Fortunately, McCollum said, there are ways to ease the misery of loneliness and celebrate the spirit of the season at the same time.

"Reach out and comfort others,"

McCollum said. "Volunteer at retirement homes or shelters. And think of a way to celebrate the person's memory. Think of it as an opportunity to remember. We may have lost the person, but we still have the memories."

McCollum said she encourages clients to spend some part of the holidays relating funny stories about a lost friend or family member, or looking through photo albums of Christmases past.

And if you're single or divorced, whatever you do, don't give in to the feeling of being alone, McCollum warned.

"Don't avoid Christmas windows and carolers," she said. "Don't stay in and wallow. There's no reason the loneliness can't be relieved."

Of course, some people feel stressed out at the holidays not because there are too few people, but rather too many.

Gold and McCollum said many people force themselves to spend the holidays with people they don't like; Grandma Helen who tells dirty jokes during dinner, or the mother-in-law who always complains that the turkey is dry, for instance.

"Every family has a different set of values," McCollum said. "Some families could avoid a lot of the stress of the holidays simply by having a solitary Christmas. To other families, having everyone together is part of the day."

Newly-married couples often have the most difficult time deciding how to spend Christmas, McCollum said. She suggested negotiating between both sets of parents.

"This year we'll go to mine, next year we'll go to yours," McCollum said. "And if the parents-in-law aren't happy, well that's too bad. The couple must think of their needs first."

One of the most difficult issues facing families today is not how to divvy up presents, but how to divvy up the children. Step- and half-families present obstacles to a stress-free season — especially for the kids. But those obstacles can be overcome, Gold insisted.

# I will be in good spirits ... OR ELSE!

## Don't let holiday stress ruin your season of hope



Photo Illustration by MICK SALSBERY/The Times-News

Stress can often be destructive during the holiday season when individuals fail to break through the tension to celebrate the spirit of the season.

"It's very important to look at the best interests of the child," Gold said. "Don't use the holiday to try

to fulfill your own needs." Don't, for example, attempt to control your ex-spouse by limiting

visits with the children during the holidays, or insist your kids be Please see STRESS/D2

# Christmas isn't hard; don't make it that way

The Times-News

### Dietary damage — D2

**TWIN FALLS** — With a little pre-planning and some firm resolve, the holidays can be relatively stress-free. Here are some tips from the experts:

Twin Falls counselor: Larry Gold said many people feel stress when their wallets do. Avoiding a financial whirlpool at Christmas is one way to keep the stress word out of your holiday vocabulary.

"Some of us seem to focus on providing the best gifts we can," Gold said. "We overdo and buy too much."

One way to avoid that trap is to make a deal with family and friends to buy gifts only for the children, for example, or for people whose names are drawn from a hat. Hide your credit cards, make your gifts, and remember

that nearly everyone else you know is in the same situation.

"Make a list and make a budget," Gold said. "Be very cautious about getting yourself into financial difficulty."

Since scheduling is also a great stress-inducer, Gold suggests planning events. Mark the family calendar with special events, such as tree-decorating and holiday baking, well in advance so everyone can plan around those dates. Line up baby-sitters now for

those adults-only parties, and plan holiday menus at least two weeks ahead.

Sally McCollum, a psychologist with offices in Ketchum and Hailey, advises busy families to simplify preparations and perhaps forgo some traditions in favor of a little more free time (who's going to notice the store-bought pie anyway?).

She also suggests letting children open some presents before the big day, to avoid that Christ-

mas-morning hangover that many kids feel. Gifts from relatives and friends from out-of-state can be opened early and thank-you notes sent out before the after-Christmas rush.

And, as always, shop early, mail early and avoid the flu. If all that fails to relieve the stress of the season, McCollum said, consider taking everybody away for the holidays. A week in Cancun can do a lot for anybody's Christmas mood.

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## Looking good

### Anything but simple, white shirts are versatile

Knight-Ridder News Service

They are the blank canvases of the style-conscious. They float like the white clouds in a late summer sky. They are the Rosebush test of the fashion industry.

A modest white shirt can be the stuff of stuffy boardrooms or it can be the breezy smock of a creative young artist. It can look dainty with pearls, or funky with work boots and chains.

The same white shirt can look as right paired with a Chan's boucle jacket as it does with button-fly Levi's.

So much versatility can be inspiring. Designers from Bill Blass to Tracy Reese for Magaschoni offer versions of the basic white shirt. Whether the style is Victorian or minimalist, sacred or secular, the white shirt makes an appearance in just about every designer's fall 1993 collection.

The fascination goes beyond the runways of Paris and the showrooms of Seventh Avenue. Even before pricey designs could make their way into naughty boutiques, dazzling white blouses were hanging in the windows of less expensive stores such as the Limited, Ann Taylor and A/X: Armani Exchange.

The reason is simple. In a season where styles swing wildly from elaborate, cor-

tume-inspired cloaks to spare, modern blazers, the white blouse is perhaps the single garment capable of moving easily and stylishly through the decades.

What makes these blouses different from the white shirts already in your closet? Cut, length and detail.

The shape: full and flowing. Forget tailored shirts that feel constricting. These blouses move and swing.

That easiness is enhanced by fluid fabrics such as silk, rayon and fine-combed cotton. The blouses are all oversized, but designers rarely skimp on fabric.

The fine fabrics are translucent enough to subtly reveal curves. These blouses are sensual, not sexy. Think of the poet's shirt, with its open neckline and long, full sleeves.

Blouses are longer. Cuffs don't just peek from under jacket sleeves, they hang. Tails trail. Collars flap.

Look for romantic details. Shirring at the shoulders or cuffs conjures up images of Shakespearean heroines and heroines. Ruffles should flow generously along the neck or the cuffs.

Ruffled cuffs should reach your knuckles. You don't want them to be so long that they are cumbersome, but you want enough length so that your intent is clear: No, I am not too lazy to have my sleeves shortened, they're supposed to be this long.

Please see WHITE/D2



Claudia Schiffer wears a plain white shirt with Salvatore Ferragamo's slickly tailored long jacket and a short skirt.

## Health notes

**MAKE MINE STRAIGHT:** Don't reach for that cold remedy yet. Many contain a decongestant, an antihistamine, a cough suppressant, perhaps a painkiller such as acetaminophen. If you don't have an allergy, you don't need the antihistamine, which can induce drowsiness. If you're just coughing, you don't need a decongestant that can cause dry mouth and throat. Many liquid formulas contain up to 25 percent alcohol. "The less ingredients in an over-the-counter medication, the better," says Joanne Gaul, a Grand Forks, N.D., family physician. "When you take one that has lots of ingredients, you're probably taking some medication you don't need. And that's never good."

**A ZINC LINK?** Excess zinc could exacerbate or even trigger dementia in people with Alzheimer's disease by influencing the creation of a sticky glue that clings to brain cells and eventually kills them. That's according to a report to the Society for Neuroscience. There is no evidence that zinc alone increases someone's risk of getting Alzheimer's, and it's unlikely that dietary zinc is a problem. Researchers say they will study the effect of zinc supplements.

**CHANGE YOUR LIFE:** Small or even moderate changes in your

lifestyle do little or nothing to reverse the often fatal progression of heart disease. But a panel of leading experts at the American Heart Association's recent annual scientific meeting said dramatic changes in diet, exercise and relaxation and stress management can reverse the process without the use of drugs or surgery.

**HAVE A GLASS:** After years of debate over whether alcohol reduces the risk of heart disease, some researchers are relishing the beginning to admit that those of you who are non-drinkers might be wise to have a glass of wine with dinner. But reflecting fears about the potential for alcohol abuse, one researcher at that recent American Heart Association meeting said that he would recommend a daily drink only if he could be sure that a patient was not likely to become a heavy drinker.

**UP IN SMOKE:** If your children start smoking before they are 14, they are more likely than other youngsters to start fights, tell lies and be absent, suspended or expelled from school. So says a new study by a researcher at Detroit's Henry Ford Hospital that suggests certain children may have a genetic predisposition toward taking risks that also leads them to smoke.

Compiled from wire reports

# Kicking off the season of holiday weight gain

The Washington Post

Thanksgiving heralds the holiday weight-gain season, in which many Americans loosen their belts for a six-week calorie rampage. Then, come January, fitness clubs and diet centers are jammed with the annual onslaught of reformed revellers trying to undo all that dietary damage with the same gusto with which they attacked the eggnog.

But this isn't the obligatory holiday eating story about replacing Christmas cookies with carrot sticks. This is about what goes on in the brain, not what goes into the stomach. In other words, it's more than the proliferation of tempting foods and alcohol that makes people overeat from now until New Year's Day.

For starters, weight gain during the holiday season can turn into a self-fulfilling prophecy, says Michael Lowe, associate professor in the division of clinical psychology at Hahnemann Hospital in Philadelphia.

"People believe they will gain weight during the holidays," says Lowe, so they look for opportunities to eat to their desires. Yet technically, the season consists of Thanksgiving, a couple of Christmas parties, Christmas dinner and New Year's Eve, Lowe points out. If you think about the holidays as a couple of big meals and a few parties, "rather than the time to let loose for six weeks, it can make a big difference," Lowe says.

Atlanie R. Polk, a consulting nutritionist, says many people give themselves "unspoken permission" to splurge for the next two months. But if people just adhered to the same guidelines they follow the rest of the year, Polk says, they'd be in a more even keel — without having to deprive themselves of moderate amounts of holiday goodies.

Remember, too, that a one-pound gain equals 3,500 calories — easily offset, says Polk, but a lot more difficult to take off once they're stuck on your hips like cream-cheese frosting.

## Stress

Continued from D1

dragged from one holiday situation into another, Gold said.

"Pick a realistic time for visits," Gold said. "Maybe first thing Christmas morning isn't the best time. Try to remember what it was like when you were a child."

And whatever problems you have with your children's other parent, keep a lid on it.

"The actual arrangements aren't very important compared to the manner in which those arrangements are carried out," McCollum said.

"Kids can adjust to just about anything if it's carried out in a positive way. The children must be spared the conflict."

## Swamp

Continued from D1

I used the machete to cut the tag of the safari-style helmet, so the wildlife creatures would not think I was some easily edible swamp rook. But I was still nervous. And I did not feel better when we met our guide, John Kalafatis, a Park Service ranger who is extremely knowledgeable about wildlife.

"See this tree?" he said, pointing to a tree that looked, to me, exactly like every other tree in the Everglades. This is a poisonwood tree. You don't want to touch it."

"I'm not touching anything," I said. Then we began our hike. At first it was fine. There was an actual path, with little signs to identify the plants.

## White

Continued from D1

Your white blouse should be dramatic and still slightly frivolous. It should work with just about everything.

But how do you care for it? Avoid eating tomato sauce, for starters. You will splurge red dots that blouse, no matter how careful you may be. The size of the spill increases exponentially with your love for the blouse. If the shirt is irreplaceable, you're certain to dump the

whole plate of pasta on it. Realize that your brilliant white blouse is doomed to become dull. Manufacturers use whitening agents to give those blouses that artificial, crystal-pure glow. With repeated dry cleanings, the glow fades away.

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# High school wallflowers should bloom at last

DEAR READERS: I have a problem. An unmarried female wallflower signed "What to Wear?" asked if she should wear a figure-flattering cocktail dress, with a long slit up the thigh, to her 15th high school reunion dinner dance. She said she had been a nearly invisible wallflower in school. Her sister advised her to wear something more conservative, and I agreed with the sister.

I did get letters here's a sample: DEAR ABBY: Your advice to "What to Wear?" just plain stunk! I am 44, and have attended all my class reunions as well as my husband's, and the cocktail dress is appropriate for the occasion. A lot of us were wallflower types in high school. Some were overweight, others were skinny and flat-chested, and many were shy late-bloomers. I say that those who developed into attractive, confident people should go and "strut their stuff!"

IN PEABODY, MASS. DEAR ABBY: In high school, I was a tall, skinny, pimple-faced girl everyone made cruel jokes about. I was always picked last for everything.



Dear Abby VanBuren

Today, I am a successful, confident married woman with many friends. What a turnaround! I recently attended my 10th reunion wearing a figure-flattering cocktail dress, and the attention I got was overwhelming! The former "jocks" who never knew I existed, and the cheerleaders who had made fun of me in school, not only noticed me, but now wanted to know me better!

DEAR ABBY: I attended my 10-year high school reunion last year. I, too, had been a wallflower who had never been invited to join any of the parties. I wore an attention-getting (yet tasteful) dress, and the reaction from my former classmates (especially the men) did wonders for my self-esteem. It was well worth the price of the dress if I never wear it again.

— P. T. IN LAKELAND, FLA.

DEAR ABBY: I can't believe you told "What to Wear?" to save the attention-getting dress for another occasion. Everyone accused Scarlett O'Hara of being a "floozy" — so what? That doesn't mean she was one.

I identify with "Ms. What to Wear." I went to my 10-year reunion 40 pounds lighter, owning my own business, single, and feeling good about myself...and that's what you should have told her to do.

DEAR ABBY: You were way off base with your advice to "What to Wear?" Whether we like it or not, society places a significant amount of emphasis on physical appearance. In a couple of weeks I'm going to my 20th class reunion, and I'm wearing a black mini-dress. I exercise daily and watch my diet. I'm a confident, attractive woman with a high-paying career and two fine grown children.

For work, I dress conservatively, but in the evening, I am more daring. My advice would have been, "Wear that dress... and I hope you

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# Tense men are more than twice as likely to develop hypertension

Boston Globe

Providing some of the strongest evidence yet of a link between stress and high blood pressure, a study found that men who are tense, unable to relax and anxious are more than twice as likely to develop hypertension than their more laid-back counterparts.

The report is based on data from the long-running Framingham Heart Study on psychological factors and high blood pressure in more than 1,000 men and women who were tracked for up to 30 years.

"It doesn't settle the question but it certainly adds a lot of evidence to this idea," said Dr. Jerome H. Markovitz, lead author of the study, appearing Wednesday in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

An estimated 61 million Americans are being treated for hypertension, according to the American Heart Association, but much remains unknown about its causes. Genetic factors, salt intake, excessive weight gain and too much alcohol play a role, but such factors explain at most 25 percent of the cases of high blood pressure, said Markovitz, an assistant professor of medicine at the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

That is why exploring the possible role of psychological factors is important, said Dr. William B. Kannel, the senior director of the Framingham Heart Study and one of the authors of Wednesday's report. "We're talking about a powerful cause of morbidity and mortality. Hence this continuing search for conceivable causes."

If the theory about psychological factors, proposed more than 50

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— American Heart Association

years ago, holds up, that could have treatment implications. For instance, anxious people might be urged to lower their blood pressure with biofeedback and behavioral treatments.

The study found a significantly higher risk of high blood pressure only in middle-aged men who reported five out of seven indicators of anxiety, and not for stressed-out middle-aged women. Men who reported only three or four of the seven indicators — such as being bothered often by nervousness or shaking — were not at increased risk.

The lack of a link between stress and high blood pressure in women contradicts a separate study done by Markovitz in the 1980s. The difference may be explained by the fact that the women in the Framingham Heart Study, begun in the 1960s, primarily are housewives, while the women in the other study primarily were working outside the home.

"There's some conflicting evidence here, that could be due to different kinds of psychosocial milieu of women in the 1960s vs. women now," Markovitz said. "It's hard to say hard and fast, that anxiety isn't important for women, given the previous finding. More work is needed."

The study found no link between anger and high blood pressure, and other psychological factor that other studies have found to be important.

Markovitz said that may be because the psychological assessment done for the Framingham Heart Study included only three questions about anger, not enough to get a good measure.

An accompanying editorial, by Dr. Thomas G. Pickering of the New York Hypertension Center, noted that while various studies of psychological factors and hypertension have tended to highlight different factors — anxiety, suppressed anger or submissiveness — "such confusion in no way invalidates the concept."

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you're looking at tree snails?" But I did not want to act like a weenie. I saved that until the water started getting deeper, and deeper, until finally we were up to our armpits, our feet sinking in goo, and John, pointing right in front of us, said, "This is an alligator hole."

"You mean there's a (bad word) alligator in there?" I asked. "Yes," said John, "and it's appropriate that you should use that word to describe him, because this is mating season."

"We don't want your women?" I shouted at the hole. "That might offend him," Tom pointed out.

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# Is rearing method totalitarian? It was good enough for us

Charlotte, N.C. psychologist, Dave Hansen, in a letter to The Charlotte Observer, calls me "irresponsible" and my childrearing ideas "totalitarian." I don't think it would be putting words into his mouth to say he means I am a public menace, a stain on the profession.



**Parenting**  
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This isn't the first time that another "helping" professional has charged that my ideas are "totalitarian," and it won't be the last.

Two questions are raised: Am I guilty? If not, why the accusation? The first question can be answered by simply defining the term. Totalitarian refers to the tyrannical imposition of absolute rule by a despot who seeks, by any means necessary, ever-increasing dominion. Lacking a national basis for rule, the dictator maintains control through use of force. The oppressor in question is close to, if not paranoid, a megalomaniac.

The parenting style I espouse recognizes the creativity, intelligence, and autonomy of the child. It's a low-involvement model of parenting in which children are supervised, given authoritative direction, made responsible for their own behavior, and left to solve most of their own problems. Parents are in the background, consulting, rather than running interference. I believe in holding children to relatively high standards of conduct and performance, and tying their enjoyment of privilege to these expectations. The goal is good citizenship, which consists of having respect for legitimate

places. And yet, despite this outpouring of professional parenting advice, we are in a state of deepening emergency concerning the general mental health of children and families.

It happens to be convinced that America's family crisis demands that we re-embrace the old-fashioned childrearing notions Dr. Hansen (and he is by no means alone) apparently rejects as outmoded. America's childrearing practices may have needed some polishing, but they were not broken. Yet we tried, vainly (in every sense of the terms), to fix them — a calamity, but one that many professionals continue to defend. Instead of realizing that tinkering with America's childrearing traditions is the problem, they think further tinkering will fix it.

By championing these traditions, I upset the apple carts of those professionals who would like you to think they have better ideas about childrearing than did our parents and grandparents. That they view my ideas as "totalitarian" is understandable. That they attempt to discredit the manner in which most of us were raised — not perfect, but darned good enough — is unconscionable.

John Rosemond, a psychologist who lives with his wife and two children in Gastonia, S.C., answers questions about parenthood and discusses questions of general interest. Write him at The Charlotte Observer, P.O. Box 30308, Charlotte, N.C. 28232-0308.

# Should parents reward children for doing the right thing?

Boston Globe

Star charts, stickers, gifts — rewards are a commodity parents trade in with some regularity, often with great success. But how effective are they really?

Child-rearing professionals have debated this topic for many years, says John Livingstone, a child and adolescent psychiatrist at McLean Hospital and Massachusetts General Hospital. Like most of his colleagues, he believes there is a place for parents' expertise for rewards.

Author Alice Kohn of Cambridge, Mass., disagrees. He says, "There are no circumstances under which tangible rewards are acceptable." His views are expressed in a new book, "Punished by Rewards: The Trouble with Gold Stars, Incentive Plans, A's, Praise and Other Bribes" (Houghton Mifflin).

The book is getting some attention in parenting magazines, and while it can be applauded for bringing the debate to parents' attention, his controversial position is likely to confuse, even upset, some parents.

Simply put, here is the issue: Do rewards motivate children to do something for the sake of doing it, or do they get children to do something only because they want the reward?

Kohn argues that the latter is true. "All rewards do is get a child to act 'himself.' What do they want me to do and what do I get for doing it?" Rewards, he says, are controlling and manipulative, nothing short of bribery. And punishing a child, he adds, is very similar to rewarding her.

"Children don't develop into

decent, generous, responsible people... if you treat them like pets, with gold stars, stickers and TV time," he says.

On two points, most child-rearing professionals agree with Kohn. The first is that a major goal of child-rearing is for children to internalize the values of their upbringing.

And that, I suspect, is the reason behind the accusation. For most of a generation, and with few exceptions, "helping" professionals have insisted that traditional childrearing principles and methods were dangerously flawed, that they damaged the "self-esteem" of children. These self-appointed "experts" said that if parents would only follow their lead, families would be happier, healthier

and more successful. But when it comes to rewards, Livingstone and others say they can be effective, under certain circumstances.

Livingstone explains why: "Positive feedback, including an object, lets a child know what he needs to do to gain your approval, something he wants more than anything else." When the reward is accompanied by eye contact, touches, smiles, a warm tone of voice and an approving statement, it becomes a symbol for the parent's love and caring.

"When the parent is not around... what stays with the child is that positive feeling that was there when the reward was given to him," says Livingstone.

It is this energy, not the reward itself, that has the power to shape behavior, according to Livingstone.

When you don't combine the energy with the reward, or when you give a reward grudgingly, Livingstone agrees with Kohn that you run the risk of the reward becoming a bribe.

Child psychologist Edward Christensen was one of the first therapists to use formal reward systems with families in the 1960s. He

is still a believer today, but he cautions parents in how they use them. For instance, he only says star or sticker charts work, he says, in an accounting device, perhaps on a chore chart where each family member, including a parent, has a different color star that gets affixed when the child does something right at a set time, everyone, again including parents, gets a reward.

Star charts don't help a child over a developmental or physical hurdle, such as toilet training, bedwetting or thumb-sucking, according to Christensen, who is on the staff of Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City, Mo.

"Telling a 3-year-old he'll get a star each day he goes without an accident, and a gift after five stars in a row, is a form of badgering," he says. It won't work because the child doesn't have the skill or maturation to do what you want him to.

"He'll only come to resent you," he predicts.

In this situation, however, he says you could give a reward spontaneously when your child has a success: "Wow, you did such a good job! You knew just when you needed to get to the bathroom! I'm so proud of you! How about some M and Ms?" Christensen says is the author of many books for parents, including, "Beyond Discipline: Parenting that Lasts a Lifetime" (Westport Publishing Group, 1990).

Like Livingstone, Christensen says effects are important, but when it comes to helping children form a value system of their own, he says what really counts is parents setting a good example.

# Fitness benefits make step aerobics popular

The Washington Post

Look in any health club these days, and you'll find exercise equipment up and down a small plastic platform.

But how much of a workout does step aerobics offer? Plenty, according to the results of three separate studies.

At the University of Texas Southwestern Sports Science Research Center in Dallas, James Stray-Gundersen and his colleagues studied the metabolic demands of step aerobics in 10 healthy women with an average age of 27.

The team of researchers used a new oxygen device to measure the metabolic cost of doing step aerobics during workouts. Study participants used a step height of 10 inches, roughly the height of two steps stacked on top of each other.

The findings, which were reported earlier this year at the annual meeting of the American College of Sports Medicine, showed that step aerobics burned about 8 calories a minute, enough to make it an "effective" calorie burner, Stray-Gundersen said.

Those who move their arms a lot during step aerobics do even better, according to researchers at the University of Wisconsin's La Crosse Exercise and Health Program. John Porcari and his colleagues examined the effects of four arm positions — hanging at the side, arms at about a 45 degree angle from the body, arms directly out in front and arms overhead.

Keeping arms at the side during most of the workout burned about 5 calories per minute, according to the study, which involved 18 women, ages 20 to 30.

Moving the arms overhead increased the energy expenditure the most, raising it to 12 calories per minute, according to the study, which noted that the wide range of energy expenditures was a surprise.

Step aerobics can also provide as much conditioning as jogging but with less risk of injury, according to a study of 90 students at the University of Colorado. All were women at the

same fitness level when the 28-week study began and were randomly assigned to one of three groups: rice walking, jogging or step aerobics. Each group exercised four times a week for 60 minutes a session, which included 10 minutes of warm-up, 40 minutes of aerobic activity and 10 minutes of cool down.

All groups showed equal improvement in conditioning levels, but injuries were most prevalent in the running group and forced 16 percent of runners to drop out of the study, said coauthor William Byrnes. Less-severe injuries that required missing a day or two of exercise also occurred more often in runners.

Given the findings, said Byrnes, a professor of kinesiology at the University of Colorado, all three types of exercise are good ways to stay fit. But because of the frequency and severity of injury, he said, "one might choose step aerobics or race walking over jogging."

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# Infant Toddler Council to meet

The Times-News

BOISE — The Idaho Infant Toddler Interagency Coordinating Council will hold its regular bimonthly meeting from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday in the Ambassador Room at the Owyhee Plaza Hotel.

The Infant Toddler Council is a

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# What really kills people?

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — When a life-long smoker dies of a lung tumor, the official cause of death is cancer. When a passenger dies in a car wreck involving a drunk driver, the cause of death may be listed as brain damage or an accident. When an obese, inactive person dies in middle age of a heart attack, the death certificate probably says cardiac arrest.

Not on Michael McGinnis' list. On his list, the causes of death in the above examples would be cigarettes, alcohol, and poor diet and inactivity.

The leading killers of Americans, as compiled by the federal Department of Health and Human Services, have consistently been heart disease, cancer, stroke and trauma. None of those appears on McGinnis' list.

The new ranking of "actual causes of death" was compiled by McGinnis, HHS deputy assistant secretary for health promotion and disease prevention, and William H. Foege, a former director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention who is now at the Carter Center, a non-profit public policy institute in Atlanta. Both are physicians.

At the top of their mortality list is tobacco. (It's a Top Nine, because poor diet and lack of exercise were so hard to distinguish that they got lumped together as No. 2 on the list.) Those nine factors account for about half of all American deaths.

The new listing, based on a review of hundreds of studies published since 1977, appeared in last week's *Journal of the American Medical Association*.

The tally by McGinnis and Foege reflects more in which public-health officials are paying more attention to prevention of illness instead of merely treating its symptoms.

"One of our fundamental obligations," McGinnis said, "is to give society an indication of where it can best invest its public-health resources." He hopes the revised listing will help public-health officials

## Health trends in the U.S.

A new survey shows worsening food habits, more stress offsetting preventive health gains since 1993.

**1983**  
**1991**  
**1992**

**Do not smoke cigarettes**  
70%  
75  
76

**Strenuous exercise three or more days a week**  
34%  
37  
33

**Are not overweight**  
42%  
37  
34

**Try a lot to eat enough fiber**  
59%  
58  
53

**Get seven or eight hours of sleep most nights**  
64%  
62  
58

**Either never drive after drinking or don't drink at all**  
68%  
79  
83

SOURCE: A Louis Harris poll for Baxter International of 1,251 adults Dec. 1992.

"move out of the Dark Ages and not count our targets as heart disease, cancer and stroke," when the real threats are such factors as tobacco, alcohol, guns and poor diet.

Most of the \$900 billion that Americans will spend on health care this year, the authors noted, "will be

devoted to treatment of conditions ultimately recorded on death certificates as the nation's leading killers." By contrast, "only a small fraction" will go toward control of the risk factors that cause half of those deaths. Less than 5 percent of the nation's health bill is spent on prevention, according to the CDC, and much of that 5 percent goes for screening, such as cholesterol testing and blood-pressure checks.

"It's pretty frightening when you think about the implications for public health," McGinnis said.

Behaviors or conditions that increase a person's odds of getting a disease or dying prematurely are called risk factors. They may be inborn — largely genetic — or external. The major non-genetic risk factors for heart disease include tobacco use, high blood cholesterol levels, hypertension, obesity and lack of physical activity.

Calculating the death toll from a risk factor such as poor diet, illegal drugs or lead poisoning is difficult, as McGinnis and Foege emphasized. Given that difficulty and "the fragility of the measure," they cautioned, "these numbers should be viewed as first approximations."

Sometimes, the data are sketchy or hard to come by. For example, there are few reliable studies on the role of drugs in traffic fatalities.

Sometimes, the challenge is mainly one of teasing out overlapping health effects of such factors as poor diet and lack of exercise. Where estimates range widely, McGinnis and Foege used the lower figures.

Another problem is double counting. When a drunk person accidentally shoots himself in death, should that death be attributed to alcohol or firearms? To avoid double counting, the JAMA list put such deaths under alcohol. It attributed most AIDS deaths to unprotected sexual relations or illegal drug use.

Changing the habits reflected in their grim numbers, McGinnis and Foege wrote, is a challenge about whose difficulty "there can be no illusions."

# Study: Most women under 50 don't need routine mammograms

Los Angeles Times

In a groundbreaking new study sure to inflame an ongoing debate, California researchers have recommended that women under the age of 50 need not undergo routine mammography screening when they have no symptoms or family history of the disease.

The study of nearly 32,000 asymptomatic women 30 and older found that although women under 50 have a significant rate of abnormal mammograms, far fewer actually have cancer compared to women over 50 with abnormal mammograms.

The report is the first to quantify how many women with abnormal readings actually have cancer after a diagnostic work-up — usually a biopsy — is completed, said the study's lead author Dr. Karla Kerlikowske, an assistant clinical professor of epidemiology and biostatistics at the University of California, San Francisco.

Mammography only suggests the possibility of cancer, Kerlikowske noted.

"Our data indicate there are a lot of false positives with mammography. You have to consider the anxiety of having that (false positive) and all the procedures that go along with it," she says.

There is universal agreement on the need for yearly mammography in women 50 and older and among younger women with a family history of breast cancer.

Kerlikowske said she and her colleagues undertook their current research because of concern about the number of women under 50 who were told to get a mammogram and then became anxious when the reading was abnormal.

"Once you have an abnormal mammography it's hard to ignore that. That's the problem with any of these screening tests; even if you know the risk of actually having cancer is incredibly small, once you have that positive test you are obligated to work it up," she said.

The study concluded that for every

1,000 women under 50 having their first mammogram, 53 will have an abnormal finding resulting in 102 diagnostic procedures, including biopsies. These will result in the finding of two cancers, one that will be invasive.

For 1,000 women 50 and older undergoing their first mammography, 70 will have an abnormal finding resulting in 132 additional procedures. Of these, 10 will have cancer with most of the cases being invasive cancer.

"Thus, women less than age 50 will have 2.5 times as many biopsies and three times as many diagnostic procedures for every cancer diagnosed compared to women age 50 and older," Kerlikowske said.

Younger women have high rates of false positives because their breast tissue is denser. As a woman ages, breast tissue becomes more fatty — and less dense — making it easier to detect an abnormal mass on a mammogram, she said. Breast cancer is the most common cancer in women and is responsible for 46,000 deaths per year in the United States.

The researchers also found that among women 40 and older who have a family history of breast cancer — a mother, sister or daughter with the disease — 80 of 1,000 undergoing a first screening will have an abnormal result and 14 of these will have cancer.

"Based on these data, we recommend that efforts to promote mammography screening be concentrated on all women age 50 and older, and on women ages 40 to 49 with a family history of breast cancer or who are otherwise at high risk for breast cancer," Kerlikowske said.

The recommendation matches that proposed by the National Cancer Institute in a report released in October. But the NCI report has been criticized by other health organizations, including the American Cancer Society.

In a news conference in Washington Monday Cancer Society officials joined with 13 other major health groups to denounce the recommendation and advise women and their physicians to follow longstanding — and widely practiced — guidelines that recommend

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## To do for you

### Evening aerobic class set at Jerome rec center

JEROME — A 6 p.m. aerobic exercise class instructed by Louise Slater will begin Tuesday at the Jerome Recreation Center, 2444 S. Lincoln. Pre-registration is required at the Jerome Recreation District. The fee is \$20 for a six-week session. The class will be held on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. To pre-register or for more information, call the Jerome Recreation District at 324-3389.

### Pre-register for Jujitsu martial arts course

JEROME — A Jujitsu martial arts class will be offered for youth first grade through adult ages at 5 p.m. beginning today at the Jerome Recreation Center Gym. Pre-registration is required at the Jerome Recreation District. The fee is \$9 for a six-week session. To pre-register or for more information, call the Jerome Recreation District at 324-3389.

### Prepared birth course set for January parents

TWIN FALLS — A prepared childbirth course for parents with babies due in late January will begin Tuesday and continue through Jan. 11. The class will meet from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at the Magie Valley Regional Medical Center second floor conference room. The non-refundable course fee is \$35. Designed to prepare parents for childbirth and early parenting, the course includes films, slides, and physician question and answer sessions.

### Morning aerobic class set at Jerome rec center

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### Hospital sponsors therapy group for adolescents

TWIN FALLS — Adolescent Therapy Groups, sponsored by the Canyon View Hospital and Counseling Centers will be held from 4 to 5 p.m. on Wednesdays at the center, 122 Third Ave. N. The group is facilitated by Eric F. Jones, M.S., M.F.T., director of Canyon View Counseling Center.

### Jerome rec center offers afternoon aerobic class

JEROME — An aerobic class instructed by Susie Homan will begin Dec. 6 at the Jerome Recreation Center, 2444 S. Lincoln. Pre-registration is required. The fee is \$20 for a

### ing, communication, coping, and other skills.

Class will begin on Monday, Dec. 6, at 4 p.m. on Mondays and at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesdays and Thursdays. To pre-register or for more information, call the Jerome Recreation District at 324-3389.

### Enroll your children in tumbling class

JEROME — A tumbling class for tots, beginning, intermediate and advanced tumblers will begin Dec. 7. Instructor will be Sheryl Stoddard. Classes for tots will begin at 1:30, 2 and 2:30 p.m., the fee is \$5. Classes for beginning students will begin at 3 p.m., intermediate will begin at 3:45 p.m.; and advanced will begin at 4:30 p.m. The fee is \$7 and pre-registration is required at the Jerome Recreation District office. To pre-register or for more information, call the Jerome Recreation District at 324-3389.

### To do for you is a calendar listing health-related activities, events and education.

Information should be submitted by Thursday for publication in the following day's Features section. Mail notices to The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls 83303, or deliver to our office at 132 Third St. W.

### Chronicity, critically diseased can study wellness

KIMBERLY — An opportunity to explore Wellness Within is being offered to anyone who has chronic or critical disease such as cancer, arthritis, heart problems, weight concerns, Lupus, Chroines disease, etc.

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