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*'I was really needing something to give meaning to my life ...*



Artist Allen Goldmann of Twin Falls works on a self-portrait using a mirror in his advanced studio art class at the College Southern Idaho. A former security guard at CSI, Goldmann plans to donate his estate to the art department.

# Gifted artist

## Former CSI employee, art student bequeaths estate to college

By Jennifer Sandmann  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Would you leave your estate to your former employer?  
Allen Goldmann, 64, of Twin Falls, did. He worked as a security officer for the College of Southern Idaho for 16 years. He retired this year but continues to take college art classes, something he has done for 10 years. He left his estate to the art department.

"It's kind of an ultimate compliment," said Mike Green, art department chairman.

Goldmann's estate isn't large. He lives

on a fixed income, has a condominium and drives a 1985 Oldsmobile. Although embarrassed by the attention his bequest has received, Goldmann said his moment of fame is helping him reckon with himself.

"I was really thinking about my own mortality," Goldmann said. "Doctors recently removed a tumor from his nose, he said. He had feared it might be cancerous, but it was not. He was heading into retirement at the same time he was wondering about his health."

Goldmann has nine children from two marriages, and he didn't know how to

divide his small estate. His children said they didn't care. His attorney suggested he leave personal belongings to them and donate his assets to charity.

"It really comes down to solving a personal dilemma and being altruistic," he said.

CSI Foundation, a non-profit organization that raises money for the college, has \$11 million in assets earning interest, said Juan Edwards, executive director. That includes endowment and property. The foundation earned enough interest from endowment to distribute

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# Big '97 water year sets stage for '98 season

By William Brock  
Times-News writer

MILNER DAM — The heavy run on the Snake River this year leaves upstream reservoirs inordinately full and primes the pump for another good water year in 1998.

Even an average winter's worth of snow in eastern Idaho and western Wyoming would fill the Upper Snake's federal reservoir system. Brimming reservoirs held smiling irrigators, but it's worth noting that roughly two-thirds of Southern Idaho's irrigation water comes from natural runoff — not reservoir storage.

So far this winter, mountain snowpacks are a little smaller than the long-term average for this time of year, said Ron Abramovich, a Boise hydrologist with the snow survey wing of the U.S. Natural Resource Conservation Service.

"We're looking at a slower start this year than last year," Abramovich said. "We're below normal, snowpack-wise, across the entire state and even the higher elevations in western Wyoming are below normal."

"But remember," he continued, "things can change fairly quickly this early in the season. With one storm, we could see the amount of snow and snow-water doubling."

Under normal circumstances, only one-fifth of an entire winter's snowfall is on the ground by Dec. 1, Abramovich said. By New Year's Day, about 40 percent of a typical winter's snow has fallen, and the snow-accumulation season is half over by mid-January, he added.

Runoff from last winter's gargantuan snowpack continues to keep the Snake River flowing at remarkably high levels for this time of year. Confident that upstream reservoirs will fill next spring, water managers with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation plan to keep releases at Milner Dam at about 6,700 cubic feet per second for the rest of the year.

One cfs equals 449 gallons per minute, which means about 4 million gallons are on the move every minute. Flows past Milner could rise if storms dump more

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# Defense panel urges speedy base closures

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — An independent panel of military experts is recommending the Defense Department speed up its embattled plan to close more military bases and suggest the armed services share some costs as a way of economizing.

The recommendations, part of a broad report to be released on Monday, give much-needed support to Defense Secretary William Cohen's attempts to obtain congressional approval to remodel the U.S. military into a leaner, more high-tech defense and fighting machine for the 21st century.

The National Defense Panel of Experts was chartered by Congress last year to provide an independent roadmap to America's future military.

An official familiar with the panel's report said Friday it would not recommend any specific troop reductions. But it will endorse Cohen's proposal made earlier this month — and repeated by a Congress fearing voter backlash — to hold two more rounds of military base closings, the official said. The report will urge that Congress authorize the rounds sooner than in 2001 and 2005, as proposed by Cohen, the official said, spending an condition of anonymity.

# AIDS dooms half of Haiti's street children

## But Rainbow House lets a few live their last years in some comfort

The Associated Press

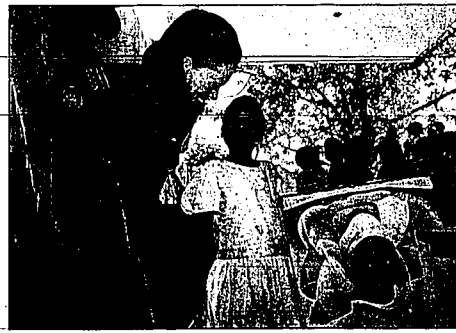
PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — They jump rope, beat out a hypnotic Haitian rhythm on a plastic beach bucket and sing, lustily, out of tune.

The children at Rainbow House don't know they were born to the poorest of the poor in Haiti, and are heirs to the AIDS disease that killed their mothers.

"Welcome, Baby Jesus," Sherlene Telusma, 7, lisp through a broken tooth, practicing a Christmas carol.

Haitian accountant Robert Penette and his Canadian wife, Daniellekeid Penette, have taken in as many HIV-infected orphans as they can afford. At the moment that's 17, with Sherlene the oldest and the youngest 14 months old.

Prior to World AIDS Day on Monday, Please see AIDS, Page A2



Canadian peacekeeper Sgt. Chantal Descozouves receives a painting from Sherlene Telusma, 7, at Rainbow House — Haiti's only home for HIV-infected orphans — in Port-au-Prince Sunday.

# High school parking crunch teaches rich kids supply and demand reality

The Associated Press

WINNETKA, Ill. — Call it an early economic lesson. When rich kids have nowhere to park during high school, somebody is going to make some serious money.

Overwhelming demand and limited supply at New Trier High School — one of the state's wealthiest — is so hot that many pay hundreds, even thousands, of dollars a year to secure a space near school, either in a resident's driveway or a business's parking lot.

The 3,100-student school offers just 220 parking spaces to students, spots doled out by lottery, and only to seniors. Others must fend for themselves, with no street parking allowed.

Prime spots are so rare they become family legacies. "I only got this because my sister had it," said Chris Bartlett, a junior who parks his Toyota Celica convertible at nearby G&W Auto Clinic. "We handed it down."

Taking the bus to school isn't a desirable option for many money-conscious teens in this affluent, tree-lined suburb north of Chicago. "I'd be leaving 20 minutes early," Bartlett said. "You have to wait outside. It's a pain."

Bob Woynier rents out four to six spaces at G&W. In the past, he's charged \$500 a year, payable in advance. This year, it's \$750.

The rent increase drew no protests. "People just said fine," Woynier said. "Five hundred, 750, it's the same thing to these people."



New Trier Junior Chris Bartlett unlocks his Toyota convertible after classes Wednesday in Winnetka, Ill.

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# MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

## THE REGION

**Camas Prairie**  
 High: 35 Low: 10  
 Fog early today; then partly cloudy afternoon and evening. Fog early Tuesday then mostly sunny. High in the mid-40s.

**Treasure Valley**  
 High: 43 Low: 21  
 Fog early today then mostly sunny. Mostly clear tonight. Fog early Tuesday then mostly sunny. High in the mid-40s.

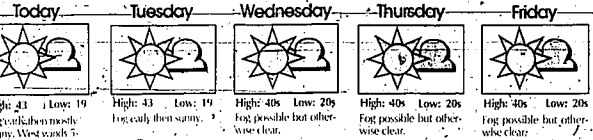
**Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley**  
 High: 43 Low: 15  
 Fog early today then partly cloudy later. Mostly clear tonight. Fog early Tuesday then mostly sunny. High in the upper 40s, mid-50s.

**Eastern Idaho**  
 High: 40 Low: 10  
 Decreasing clouds today to partly cloudy with light to moderate snow. Clear tonight. Sunny Tuesday with highs in mid-40s.

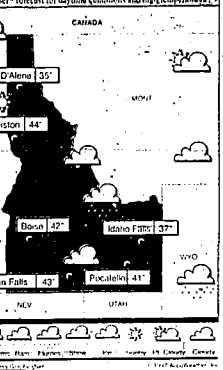
**Northern Idaho**  
 High: 37 Low: 27  
 Morning low clouds and fog today then mostly sunny. Clear tonight. Fog early Tuesday then sunny with highs in the upper 40s.

**Northern Utah**  
 High: 45 Low: 20  
 Mostly cloudy today with gusty winds possible near canyon tonight. Clear early Tuesday then mostly sunny, high lower 40s.

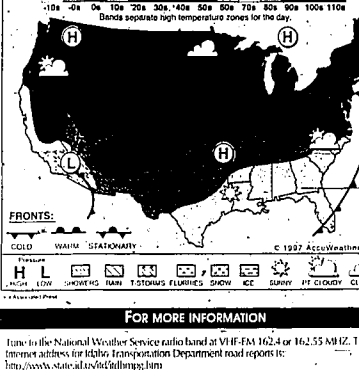
**Northern Nevada**  
 High: 40 Low: 20  
 Partly cloudy today then mostly sunny. Mostly sunny Tuesday with highs in the upper 40s.



### IDAHO Weather



### NATIONAL Weather



### UV INDEX ROAD INFORMATION

**UV INDEX**  
 Index: 1 (minimum)  
 Burn time: 161 minutes

**ROAD INFORMATION**  
 Boise: 176-8028  
 Magic Valley: 286-2294  
 Pocatello: 244-6714  
 Rigby: 745-2726

### ACROSS THE NATION

**Idaho:** A weather disturbance moved across northern Idaho Sunday afternoon, producing rain in the valleys and snow in the mountains over northern Idaho.

**West:** A new storm system "ripping in from the Pacific" carried rain into central and southern California on Sunday, with locally heavy rain around Santa Barbara and Los Angeles. Authorities warning of possible urban and small stream flooding were posted for parts of southern California.

**South:** Snow fell in the Sierra Nevada, with up to 6 in has possible at higher elevations, and snow also was possible on higher peaks in southern California.

**East, Midwest:** Rain was scattered from Missouri east, Ohio and Tennessee valleys to the East Coast and into New England.

**North:** The northeastern extreme of the weather system produced freezing rain and a little snow over upstate New York and northern New England.

**Denver:** Fog caused extensive delays at Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport and at Chicago's O'Hare and Midway airports.

—The Associated Press

## YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Twin Falls	Precipitation
Yesterday: 43 - 27	Yesterday in Twin Falls: .00
Normal: 45 - 24	Normal mo. to date: .04
	Normal year to date: 1.79
	Normal year to date: 1.99

## Idaho

Max	Min	Pcp	Idaho High, not available	Low, 10 degrees or less
Boise	42	29	0.00	0.00
Burley	48	28	0.00	0.00
Fairfield	m	m	0.00	0.00
Hagerman	m	27	0.00	0.00
Idaho Falls	42	21	0.00	0.00
Jerome	39	31	0.00	0.00
Lewiston	47	39	0.08	0.00
Malad	m	m	0.00	0.00
Malden	46	28	0.00	0.00
McCall	48	21	0.01	0.00
Pocatello	44	21	0.00	0.00
Salmun	25	19	0.00	0.00
Stanley	28	10	0.00	0.00
Sun Valley	m	m	0.00	0.00

## The Nation

Max	Min	Pcp
Allanquaque	67	57
Atlanta	62	57
Boston	32	29
Chicago	44	44
Dallas	50	47
Denver	42	32
Des Moines	41	31
Detroit	45	42
Houston	63	43
Indianapolis	51	51
Kansas City	51	42
Las Vegas	57	42
Los Angeles	59	59
Atlanta	86	72
Miami Beach	86	72
Minneapolis	37	24
New Orleans	65	52
Oakland	52	42
Oklahoma City	50	42
Omaha	44	32
Portland, Ore.	49	41
Portland, Me.	39	30
St. Louis	59	56
San Antonio	61	29
San Francisco	55	52
Seattle	48	42
San Jose	57	39
Washington	52	48

## Canadian Cities

Calgary	42	18
Montreal	m	m
Ottawa	41	21
Vancouver	48	42

## Water

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 rain and snow in the high country.

"There's the potential for it to go up some more in December," said Mark Croghan, a Burley bureau hydrologist. "But if December is real dry and it looks like we're headed into a real dry winter, the releases may go down slightly."

Last winter's snowpacks in the Upper Snake were estimated to be the largest in more than a century. The melting snow turned the Snake River into a dragon, forcing water managers to scramble as flows past Milner broke records dating back to 1949.

In order to protect low-lying homes along the river, the bureau's unwritten rule is to keep flows into - and out of - Milner Dam at less than 20,000 cfs.

But for 12 wild days in the second half of June, the average daily flow past Milner Dam exceeded 30,000 cfs, the average flow for the month was 23,634 cfs.

Water managers knew they had a big year ahead of them on New Year's Day, as average daily releases at Milner edged above the 10,000 cfs mark on January 24 - and stayed there

until April 19.

Flows were unusually heavy during February and March, with monthly averages of 18,695 cfs and 19,928 cfs, respectively. The average daily flow exceeded 20,000 cfs eight times in March, three times in February, and once in April none of the high-water marks exceeded 20,000.

The deluge created a lot of empty space in America Falls Reservoir, which is the Upper Snake's largest - but it still wasn't enough. Heavy rains at the end of May fell on the swollen snowpack, generating a rising tide of runoff.

Average daily releases at Milner edged back over the 10,000 cfs mark again on May 30.

By June 12, the daily average had risen above 22,000 cfs - and the 30,000 cfs barrier fell three days later. At the limits of human control, the Snake River raged at more than 30,000 cfs until June 27.

It stayed above 21,000 cfs until July 1, then beat a dramatic retreat: On Independence Day, average daily releases at Milner Dam dropped below 10,000 cfs.

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## Firms move to keep porn sites from children

The Washington Post

Several of the largest technology and media companies, eager to fend off new laws regulating the Internet, Monday will embrace a wide-ranging set of voluntary actions to prevent children from accessing adult-oriented material on the global computer network, according to industry executives.

The companies plan a broad, public-education campaign to encourage parents to use software that blocks out adult-oriented Internet sites. Some of the participating companies, including America Online Inc. and Walt Disney Co., also plan to release their own tools Monday for parents to screen Internet content.

The companies also are promising to work more closely with law enforcement officials in tracking pedophiles online.

These efforts represent a fresh overtone to policy-makers from an industry that wants to prevent the fast-growing Internet from being regulated like television and radio. Although the U.S. Supreme Court on June 26 overruled the Communications Decency Act, a law that made it a crime to make "indecent" material available to minors over the Internet, a revised bill has been introduced in the Senate and similar measures are pending in several state legislatures.

"Regulation is not necessary," said Steve Case, AOL's chief executive. "We want to show that the interactive world is being proactive in building a medium we can all be proud of."

The actions will be announced Monday at an online industry summit here.

## 7-year separation ends with reunion in Idaho

NAMPA (AP) — Elena Danaila wog on Saturday and turned to her husband, Neacul.

"Is it true? Are our children really here?" she asked.

Her 7-year dream finally came true. Saturday was the first day the Danaila family spent together since Elena and Neacul fled Romania in 1990. They left six children behind.

After years of paperwork and immigration loopholes, the family reunited Friday night at the Boise Municipal Airport.

The family hugged, cried, laughed and cried again as they entered a new world.

Alina, 19; Isabel, 18; Patre, 17; Magdalena, 15; Ana-Maria, 14 and Nicoleta, 13, met their 7-year-old sister Rachel for the first time. She was born after the Danailas came to the United States.

"I couldn't wait to see my parents," Alina said. "I couldn't believe my eyes. I couldn't believe we were in America."

Even after a 21-hour flight, the children stayed up until 3:30 a.m. Saturday talking and getting to know their family again.

The reunion took place this morning. Their first meal together was bananas and potato chips.

Neacul, who works for Amalgamated Sugar Co. in Nampa, viewed the reunion as a reward for standing by his Pentecostal faith — beliefs that brought on imprisonment and severe beatings under the former Communist government in Romania.

"I believe the seven years to be a cleansing of our souls. It was a test of our faith," he said. "We passed the test."

## AIDS

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Haiti's Ministry of Public Health announced that nearly every second child among an estimated 6,000 to 8,000 living on the streets of Port-au-Prince — seen out of 15 — was infected with the AIDS virus.

Four thousand newborns were HIV-positive in 1995, according to a new study from the National Strategic Plan for the Prevention and Control of AIDS. In all, more than 25,000 children under the age of 15 will be orphaned within two years because of the AIDS epidemic in Haiti.

Rainbow House is a light, airy home, with the alphabet adorning the wall of a classroom and rag dolls in the girls' bedroom, in the Bouillier hillside, where there hovers over the tropical heat.

Still, Sherlene was worried. "She's kept asking who was going to take care of her mother. And, 'What's my mom going to do for food?'" said Mrs. Penette, who is from Montreal.

For nearly a year before she came here, Sherlene, then 5, was the sole provider for her mother and an older brother, begging all day on the streets of Port-au-Prince for pennies to buy some rice and beans to take home in the evening.

A neighbor brought her to Rainbow House when her mother became terminally ill.

"At first, she was like a caged bird. Angry that she couldn't go out on the street when she wanted, unused to the discipline we impose," said Mrs. Penette.

Sherlene is happier since she started school in October. "I'm learning to write in a notebook, and we draw a lot and sing. I love singing," she says, with a smile on her head bobbing as she broke into song.

"Sherlene knows that an illness killed her mother. But she doesn't know that she is infected with the same virus. And she doesn't know that she will die," Penette said.

Some of the children have already died since the Penettes opened the home two years ago, and several others suffering full-blown AIDS are very ill.

Advances in AIDS treatment that have helped contain the disease in the West are only available to the rich in Haiti.

"We don't have the money to give any AIDS treatment to the children. All we can do is treat the opportunistic ailments that attack them because their immune systems are weak. They suffer a lot of diarrhea and skin infections," Penette said. A doctor's friend treats the children free of charge.

Sherlene has scars on her stomach from shingles, a skin disease, and scratches often at sores on her arms.

Most Haitian children infected like Sherlene probably will die on the streets where they live, Penette said.

## Estate

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\$550,000 in scholarship money last year to students.

CSI does not know how many of its long-term employees have named the college as beneficiaries, because some people choose to remain anonymous, Edwards said. The college often doesn't learn of the designation until after the beneficiary dies, and CSI receives the gift. The foundation likes to keep beforehand, though.

"It's easier for us to be absolutely certain about how they want to spend the money, and we can thank them," she said.

People often donate to specific programs, Edwards said. Scholarship awards are the most popular choices. If no restriction on the gift exists, the foundation most often adds it to an endowment and spends only the interest. Donors can opt to establish trusts that enable them to earn interest from the money during their lifetimes.

Goldmann, whose artistic forte is watercolor and acrylic still lifes and portraits, said she began taking art lessons for the first time after his second marriage ended in divorce.

"I was really needing something to give meaning to my life and the art became a hobby," Goldmann said.

It has evolved into a way of life, she said.

"It just sustained me. There's always so much to learn. Art is sort of a mystery in a way," Goldmann said.

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# U.S., U.N. tone down rhetoric on Iraq, hint at food-for-oil

WASHINGTON (AP) — Top U.S. and U.N. officials toned down their angry rhetoric against Baghdad on Sunday, speaking out of air strikes or Iraq's "human shields" but using diplomacy to resolve a dispute with Saddam Hussein over weapons inspections and of easing hunger in Iraq.

As Iraq demonstrators accused the West of starving Iraq's children, Ambassador Bill Richardson, the U.S. envoy to the United Nations, and U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan both voiced a willingness to improve the flow of food and medicine to Baghdad as soon as this week.

The powerful U.S. force on patrol in the Gulf will remain as long as President Clinton considers it necessary,

Richardson said. But he also made it clear that the U.S. priority is keeping the dispute on a diplomatic level, even if it means putting up with temporary Iraqi obstructionism.

"We're not going to put any artificial deadlines," Richardson said on NBC's "Meet the Press," when asked how long the United States would tolerate Saddam's refusal to fully comply with U.N. resolutions. "Our policy has been steady, it's been measured... we want diplomacy to work."

In a later appearance on CNN's "Late Edition" Richardson said that with the return of U.N. weapons inspectors to Iraq, "The situation has eased a little."

In Baghdad, meanwhile, nearly 100 small wooden caskets were paraded

through the Iraqi capital Sunday in a government-sponsored funeral procession for children whose deaths Iraq blames on U.N. sanctions.

As rain sprinkled down, thousands of Iraqis walked next to the caskets, shouting "Down with America!"

"There is no God but God, and America is God's enemy," the crowd chanted as the coffins — many decorated with photos — moved along Al-Rashid Street, the city's main thoroughfare.

Iraqi officials said the youngsters, some just babies, died for lack of food or medicine in the past two days. They blamed the deaths on U.N. sanctions imposed on Iraq after its 1990 invasion of neighboring Kuwait. The sanctions prevent Iraq from exporting its oil, its main

foreign currency earner, and have devastated the country's economy.

It was not possible to confirm independently the number of children dying or the cause of their deaths.

Also braving the rain were the U.N. arms inspectors who must certify that Iraq has eliminated its weapons of mass destruction before the sanctions can be lifted.

Iraq maintains it has fulfilled the U.N. Security Council resolutions, but the arms inspectors have accused President Saddam Hussein's government of hiding weapons or the means to make them.

Ten U.N. inspection teams visited 21 sites Sunday and also flew over in a helicopter for an aerial inspection, the official Iraqi News Agency said.

Richardson said the Clinton adminis-

tration is willing to consider boosting the food and medicine flowing to Iraq through a program that allows the Baghdad government to sell oil for humanitarian supplies. And he said that decision would have nothing to do with Saddam's opposition to allowing a U.N. weapons team to inspect scores of presidential palaces for evidence of Iraqi chemical, biological and nuclear weapons programs.

"We see that as a separate, not linked issue," Richardson said.

In a separate television talk show appearance, Annan struck a patient tone on access to Saddam's palaces, saying that negotiations later this week between Iraqi officials and chief U.N. inspector Richard Butler may settle the impasse.

## More than just a movie role

Alec Baldwin hones in on finance reform



Actors Alec Baldwin, left, and his brother William, right, listen to a speaker at a campaign finance reform petition drive rally in Springfield, Md., earlier this year.

NEW YORK (AP) — Every eye is on Alec Baldwin, smartly dressed in a dark blue jacket and a turtleneck, as he bounds to the stage clutching a leather satchel. Taking a seat, he begins feverishly scribbling notes for a speech.

He's only a few blocks from Broadway, but Baldwin isn't acting in a play.

"We are now positioned," he tells his audience at the midtown YWCA, "to have truly great and well-examined and meaningful campaign finance reform."

The 15-minute speech to the City Women's Club was part of a stream of recent political appearances by Baldwin. In one whirlwind week, he campaigned for Democratic candidates, played host at a benefit for breast cancer research, and urged that a leaking nuclear reactor be closed near his home in the posh Hamptons on eastern Long Island. Baldwin is president of the Creative Coalition, a celebrity activist group.

This is the role the blue-eyed, 39-year-old actor may have been born to play: liberal activist, social conscience kind — some say, a serious politician.

"Mother said he'd be president," his sister Beth recently told Time magazine.

Baldwin, who has been coy about a future in politics, declined to be interviewed for this story. His publicist, Lisa Kasteller, said he was busy preparing for an upcoming movie.

"But he certainly toys with the idea of running for office."

"I've thought about it," he told New York magazine. "Is it something that I want to do? Yes. Is this something that I believe is possible? I doubt it."

Some of his colleagues would

love to see him try.

Still, doubts have followed many actors who give up the greasypot for politics — and Baldwin would be far from the first.

Fred Thompson, who acted with him in "The Hunt for Red October," is now a senator from Tennessee. There's also been Sen. George Murphy; Mayor Clint Eastwood; Rep. Fred Grandy of TV's "Love Boat" fame; and another celebrity congressman, Sonny Bono. And of course, the most successful actor turned politician: Ronald Reagan.

Baldwin — the oldest of four acting brothers — has a prickly reputation which makes some people wonder how he would do in politics. In 1995, when he and his wife, actress Kim Basinger, were taking their newborn baby home from the hospital in California, he scuf-

fled with a photographer. The actor said he feared the photographer was a stalker, and he was acquitted of misdemeanor battery charges.

Democratic consultant Hank Morris says Baldwin could play a major role on the New York political scene in the next few years.

"One of his major advantages is his instantaneous name recognition, especially in a state where it can be very expensive to develop that," Morris said.

Baldwin confessed to New York magazine that he'd "love to be governor of New York."

But he said he wouldn't consider such a run "with no political background."

"Where do you get the background and experience to be able to ramp up to that kind of thing?" Baldwin wondered. "If someone could help me figure out a way, I might do it."

## Gore admits fund-raising defense was mistake

WASHINGTON (AP) — Vice President Gore said he made "a very big mistake" in mounting an awkwardly worded public defense of his fund-raising calls from the White House, according to a published interview.

Gore said he regretted calling a news conference last March during which he repeated several times that there was "no control

over my authority" that governed his decision to make fund-raising calls from the White House.

"My staff was unanimously against my going out there and doing that press conference," Gore told The New Yorker in editions of the mag-

azine that hit newsstands on Monday.

"They bear no responsibility,"

Gore was alternately jocular and serious about unresponsible some say did serious damage to his presumed run for president in 2000.

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## Rural libraries seek tech money

### Librarians hope to build bridge filling information gap

By Liz Wright  
Times-News writer

HANSEN — A proposal allowing readers to browse through 1,500 magazines on their local library Internet is an idea long overdue, rural librarians say.

This winter, the Legislature will decide whether to fund the project, for \$465,000 yearly, for a subscription benefiting all 700 public libraries in Idaho.

"I just can't stress what a difference that would make for us," said Susan Jacobsen, librarian for the Jerome Public Library. "There is no way we'd ever be able to pay for that out of our budget."

Computers don't come easy to libraries in small towns. Nor do books and magazines.

Marilyn Ballard, librarian for the Camas County District Library, sometimes has lent out her own books to readers. She recently served lunch at a craft fair in Fairfield to offset library costs.

"We're a real small library with a small budget and not much space so we aren't able to buy many magazines," Ballard said.

The Internet is growing in popularity. Hansen librarian Linda Outman said a

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Dillon Jacobson, left, and Cody Fowers explore Internet sites on a computer at Hansen Public Library. The Legislature soon will decide whether to spend \$465,000 subscribing to 1,500 magazines online for the state's libraries.



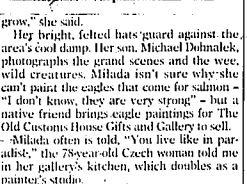
One of a series of window-photographs by Michael Dohnalek.

## In the artist's eyes, beauty is enough

BRITANNIA BEACH, British Columbia — As I entered Milada Dohnalek's ocean-side art gallery, one piece arrested my attention: a large photograph of Howe Sound seen through the rounded frames of the Dohnaleks' kitchen window, with the distant blue swells of the Coastal Range repeated in miniature in a wine glass on the windowsill.

It's caught in a glass, and the casual settings become a piece of art.

In the old customs house where the comings and goings of ships were tracked, the gallery is filled with artwork — by Milada, her son and daughter and her friends — that draws from the peace between sea and land. Milada paints the spring wildflowers, and admits her sculpted teapots with them. "Oh, it's just wild, everything when it starts to



grow," she said.

Her bright, felted hats guard against the area's cool sun. Her son, Michael, Dohnalek, photographs the grand scenes and the wend, wild creatures. Milada isn't sure why she can't paint the eagles that come for salmon — "I don't know, they are very strange" — but a native friend brings eagle paintings for The Old Customs House Gifts and Gallery to sell.

Milada often is told, "You live like in paradise." The 78-year-old Czech woman told me in her gallery's kitchen, which doubles as a painter's studio.

In Springdale, hundreds of migratory birds arrive. They watch her family, and some tap on the windows, "just like a fairy tale," Milada said. And her daughter, silver-jewelry artist Kathy Dohnalek, sets out honey cookies — sure to bring the birds — and spreads hopes on the rolling to rejuvenate bees and wasps.

Kathy "spends more money on the bird feeding than she does on herself," Milada said.

One of the Dohnaleks' artist friends, whose detailed watercolors and forty-tale poetry are for sale in The Old Customs House, feels like Kathy does about little creatures. In his watercolors, "it's not just a bird, it's a character," Kathy told me.

And when someone fails to buy a house-plant, Kathy brings it back to life. Her noseworking plant refuges drip from the shelves of Milada's kitchen studio — and from the windowsills, cupboard tops, refrigerator and ceiling. Over the table the plants are justified by brushes, canisters of paints, pieces of ceramic, dried flowers, and newspaper. The beginning of Milada's latest picture lies on the kitchen's rag rug to dry. Dishes share counter space with painter's tools, and the doorposts display black-and-white photos of friends.

"You the messiest lady in the world," Milada said.

One father tells all you need to know about her mother, Kathy said with a soft laugh: "In her whole life she has never figured out how to use a can opener."

Milada, who speaks at least four languages and has lived in South America, has been 40 years in Canada — half that in Britannia Beach, a little mining town on the British Columbia coast just north of Vancouver. Her gallery there is 11 years old, and Milada goes home at night to an island 20 miles to the south, where her pet rabbit befriends the raccoons.

The reason she's settled is simple. "You sit in the front and you say, 'This is beautiful, and it's enough, and'"

"People visit the Dohnaleks' gallery from New York, Hong Kong and Singapore, from "home" in the Czech Republic. "This is like a meeting place, you know — people relax

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## Plans for canyon rim take hiatus

By Mark Heinz  
Times-News writer

JEROME — Earlier this year, Jerome Prescott helped keep quiet a plan to develop land near Interstate 84-U.S. Highway 93 interchange while protecting the nearby Snake River Canyon Rim.

But in the nearly four months since the plan was made public, it has been slow to move.

"We're doing fine, we just haven't proceeded yet," Prescott, a Jerome County commissioner, said recently.

In August, Prescott and others announced plans to create a 7,820-acre public recreation area and historical preserve along the canyon rim.

The park would tie in with commercial development near the interchange on land owned by the Crossroads Ranch company.

Under the proposal, Jerome County would buy about 1,300 acres of BLM ground southwest of the interchange. The land would be sold to residential developers to fund the park, according to the plan.

Sever lines would have to be extended

from Jerome to make any development possible near the interchange.

Prescott hoped to form six to eight citizens' committees to represent and study various interests, including historical preservation, public access and business.

Backers want to hold a series of public hearings, but not until these committees have done their work, Prescott said.

But so far, only 17 people have signed up for a committee job.

The problem may be that everyone behind the plan also has a full-time job, so nobody has had time to go out and drum up support, he said.

"I haven't even addressed the local Rotary Club about it yet," Prescott said.

Backers have applied for a \$200,000 tourism and recreation grant. The money would go to pay a person to work full-time on refining and promoting the plan over the next 18 months to two years, Prescott said.

"It would really help if we had a specific phone number, office and administrator for people to go to," he said.

If the grant falls through, the plan could be held up indefinitely, he said.

Prescott recently turned to the Wood River Valley for support, calling on Idaho Conservation League Director Lynn Kincaannon.

"I'm really supportive of what Roy's doing, but it hasn't gotten much publicity up here," Kincaannon said.

And most Wood River-area activists and outdoor-enthusiasts are fully occupied with local issues, she said.

Pushing the rim's historical and recreational value might give Jerome County the wide appeal it needs, Kincaannon said.

The College of Southern Idaho also backs the plan, particularly in how it will affect an aquifer under the proposed park area, CSI President Jerry Meyerhoeffer said.

The college also supports long-term plans to include a hydrological and geological research center somewhere near the park, he said.

Still, the college hasn't been actively involved in promoting the plan, Meyerhoeffer said.

Times-News staff writer Mark Heinz can be reached in Jerome at 324-6962.

## Sewer items top council agenda

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — New sewer-cleaning equipment and a closed-door "executive" session are the highlights on today's City Council agenda.

The meeting will begin at 4 p.m. in City Hall and is open to the public. A public hearing on a five-acre annexation request for commercial land north of Pole Line Road will be held during the council's 6 p.m. session.

Several sewer-cleaning items are under consideration, including two truck-mounted "sewer jets" to replace a pair of aging units. Sewer jets are used to flush out city sewer lines with high-pressure water.

Four vendors bid on the equipment, and Underground Inc. of Pearland, Texas, submitted the lowest bid of \$153,402.

The city sewer department also is in the market for a small, all-terrain vehicle to haul hoses into areas that sewer-jet trucks can't reach. Known as an "assessment machine," the device is used to penetrate wooded areas, walking paths, open fields and warehouses.

Three equipment suppliers bid on the device, and Maric Sales-of-Draper-Utah, submitted the low bid of \$18,682.

The executive session has ten purposes: To hear a personnel matter and to plan strategy for labor negotiations or acquiring real estate.

The annexation request from Dave Shatwell involves land north of Pole Line Road between Washington Street North and the Perrine Coulee. The site is across Pole Line from Lazy J Mobile Home Park.

In a letter to the city, Shatwell said the request stems from a desire to create a Local Improvement District.

## Investment blasts off town enthusiasm

Residents look forward to economic growth with development of old school

By Gregory Hahn  
Times-News writer

ALBION — When the mothballing lands and the aliens climb out, they'll look like customers to Shane Stradley.

"I'm happy," said Stradley, who runs the Albion Social Club with his wife, "it's business."

Albion, a remote town of about 300 residents, has long lain in the shadow of an empty Normal School. Once an academy for Idaho's teachers, the historic buildings have been largely idle since 1951.

But a contract signed by a Boise investor could bring new life — the terrestrial kind — to the old campus.

Thayne Ellsworth's plan is to use the school as an off-road training ground and a headquarters for a fleet of virtual "stardusters."

Made up of several semi-trailers, each starship and crew would travel the country, "touching down" in mall parking lots and county fairgrounds to entertain the locals.

"The investor admits it's a "far-out" concept, but for at least a few Albion folks, it's a welcome one.

"We can't wait for it to start," Stradley said.

Across the street from Stradley's business, at the Albion Git-N-Go Deli, 19-

year-old Sarah Meyer said the idea sounded "cool."

"I heard something about it," she said, "but I didn't know who or what or why, until now."

Meyer lives in DeLo and works at the deli. She said she hopes the influx of people will help expand Pomerelle Ski Resort, where she snowboards as often as possible.

"That's really why I would like to see it," she said.

But some people in Albion are reserving their opinions until the idea takes off.

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## Shoshone man can't find time for retirement

A lifetime of professions leads man to wood saw

By Willis Caraway  
Times-News correspondent

SHOSHONE — Not everyone can claim three careers in their lives, but Sam Collins can.

Collins first came to Idaho in 1979, left for a few years and returned for good in 1986.

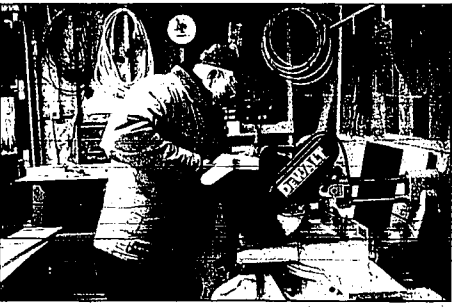
He has done a lot of things in his years — some cowboying, some mule shoeing in the Army — and was a farmer, or horseholder, for many years. He just did a farrier contest at the first Iron Horse Days in Shoshone. While living in Arizona he finished shoeing horses near noon every day, and the man he worked for taught him to run heavy equipment.

Collins plowed snow for the Shoshone Highway District, and the guys who worked with him say he could

make that machine all but talk.

And at an age when other people are thinking about retiring, Collins is building outdoor furniture.

Not just any old furniture, either. These pieces would grace anyone's family room any time of the year. At Shoshone's Arts in the Park last summer, Collins and his wife, Tina, displayed furniture, chairs, benches and gliders, all of redwood. Sam Collins even made a roll-top desk to order.



Sam Collins miteres the corners of a redwood picture frame in his rural Shoshone shop.

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# THIS WEEK AT CSI

# ON THE AGENDA

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

**TODAY**  
Student Senate meets at 3 p.m. in Taylor 256.

**TUESDAY**  
Adult diabetes class will be held at noon in Aspen 134.  
Magic Valley Restaurant Association will meet at 3:30 p.m. in Deseret 113.

**WEDNESDAY**  
Idaho Water and Waste Water certification exam will be given at 1 p.m. in Deseret 113.  
Magic Valley Radio Amateurs will meet at 6:30 p.m. in Shields 102.  
CSI Drama Department presents "University" at 8 p.m. in

**Fine Arts 119.**  
**THURSDAY**  
Teleconference on new tax laws will be held at 8 a.m. in Evergreen C76.  
Alcoholics Anonymous will meet at noon in Room 118 of the Center for New Directions.  
Drama Department presentation will be held at 8 p.m. in Fine Arts 119.

**FRIDAY**  
Basketball vs. Snow College with women playing at 6 p.m. and men at 8 p.m. in the gymnasium.  
Narcotics Anonymous will meet at 7 p.m. in Deseret 112.  
Drama Department production will be held at 8 p.m. in Fine Arts 119.

**SATURDAY**  
Boy Scouts winter training will be held at 7:30 a.m. in Aspen 108.

Military testing will be held at 8 a.m. in Shields 208.  
National Mortgage staff training will be held at 8 p.m. in Shields 201.  
Scholastic Aptitude Test will be given at 8 p.m. in Shields 101.  
Idaho Personnel Exam will be given at 9 a.m. in Shields 106.

**SUNDAY**  
Magic Valley Chorale Concert will be held at 3 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center auditorium.

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

- TODAY**
- Acequia City Council, 8 p.m., Mayor Larry Wall's home.
  - Blaine County commissioners, 8:45 a.m., courthouse.
  - Burley City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.
  - Dietrich City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.
  - Gooding City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.
  - Hansen Community Library Board of Trustees, 7:30 p.m., Hansen Community Library, 120 W. Maple.
  - Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse.
  - Ketchum City Council, 6:30 p.m., City Hall.

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Board, 7 p.m., doctors' meeting room.  
Twin Falls City Council, 4 and 6 p.m., City Hall.  
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m.; courthouse.

- TUESDAY**
- Albion City Council, 7 p.m., city office.
  - Fairfield City Council, 7:30 p.m., firehouse.
  - Filer City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Council chambers.
  - Friedman Memorial Airport board, 5:30 p.m., courthouse.
  - Hagerman City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall.
  - Jerome City Council, 7 p.m., City Council chambers, 100 E. Ave. A.
  - Rupert City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.
  - Shoshone City Council, 8 p.m., City Hall.
  - Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.

Twin Falls County Historic Preservation Commission, 7:30 p.m., Twin Falls Mediation and Arbitration Center, 164 Second St. W.

**WEDNESDAY**  
Filer School Board, noon, school district board room.  
Mimooka County Fair Board, 8 p.m., board office at the fairgrounds.  
Oakley City Council, 7 p.m., City Office, 206 W. Main.  
Sun Valley City Council, noon, council chambers.  
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.

**THURSDAY**  
Bellevue Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., City Hall.  
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.

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

## Government and landowners work to prevent future flooding

**IDAHO FALLS (AP)** — A lot of work is going on along the Snake River in eastern Idaho in hopes of preventing future flooding, both government and privately financed.  
People have begun building new levees, rebuilding damaged ones and arming eroded river banks with tons of rock. The pace of work has increased in recent months, in a race to capitalize on low river levels and beat the winter cold.  
Backers of the efforts say the work will limit property damage if high waters rush down the river at its next year in a repeat of last June's flooding.  
But for some, the construction and talk of massive levee projects in coming years raise concerns that officials are repeating the mistakes of the past and risking environmental damage to the river.  
The number of federally approved new projects along the Snake River this year is more than triple 1995 levels. The U.S.

*'It's allowed a lot of people some piece of mind.'*

— Gale Lim, project donor

Army Corps of Engineers, the federal agency that oversees flood control efforts, has approved 25 applications for new projects along the river in Bingham, Bonneville and Jefferson counties.  
Those counties encompass the area hardest hit by the Snake's floods. Last year the Corps gave the go-ahead to seven projects in the same area.  
All told, the approved projects cost more than \$500,000 and include a mile of riverbank with rock barriers known as rip-rap. In most cases, the projects are directly related to damage from flooding, said Bob Bedwin, a Corps official based in Idaho Falls.

In most cases Bingham County signed on as the local sponsor required by federal rules, enabling the projects to be financed with a combination of state and federal disaster funds.  
In other cases, private landowners frustrated by the pace of government have taken on their own projects. Two groups of homeowners in the bordering Thoms area, a swath of farmland and homes south of Blackfoot, are building more than a mile of levees aimed at preventing a repeat of this spring's flooding.  
"It's allowed a lot of people some piece of mind," said Gale Lim, one of six people financing construction of a mile-long dirt embankment that runs near the river.  
Lim hopes the levee will replace a temporary wall of 600,000 sandbags built during this year's flood fight. That wall eventually failed, leaving nearby homes vulnerable to flooding.

## TREE WATERING TIME



Niklaus Dumrose, 4, crawls under the Christmas tree for watering duty Friday. The Dumroses family succumbed to the pressure of their 4-year-old and took a tree home early in Moscow.

## SERVICES

Ruth E. Ude of Twin Falls, 10 a.m. today at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Twin Falls (White Mortuary).

Dane Sandlin of Twin Falls, memorial Mass, 10 a.m. today at St. Edwards Catholic Church in Twin Falls (Reynolds Funeral Chapel).

Marguerite Forsyth of Jerome, 11 a.m. today, Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Dale Brock of Jerome, memorial service, 11 a.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Leta Smith of Buhl, graveside service, noon today at the West End Cemetery in Buhl. Friends may call from 10 a.m. until noon today at the Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

Elizabeth Anne James Duffel of Boise, 2 p.m. today at Cloverdale Memorial Park in Boise (Cloverdale Funeral Home).

Junita Huber of Jackpot, Nev., memorial service, 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Jackpot Community Church (Reynolds Funeral Chapel).

Carol Bangerter Herman of Burley, 11 a.m. Tuesday at the

Deelo LDS Stake Center, 213 W. Main. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main in Burley and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. before the funeral at the church.

Howard D. Gardner of Kimberly, graveside service, 2 p.m. Tuesday at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

Rulla-Elizabeth Marshall Tilley of Spanish Fork, Utah, 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Star Ward in Burley. Viewing from 12:30 p.m. until time of the service on Tuesday at the chapel (Walker Mortuary in Spanish Fork).

Ross Lee Cramer of Kimberly, 11 a.m. Wednesday at White-Mortuary Kimberly Chapel, 712 W. Center. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Kimberly Chapel.

Cleom Martindale of Burley, 2

p.m. Wednesday at the Burley 2nd, 4th and 10th Wards Chapel. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel and one hour before the funeral on Wednesday at the funeral chapel.

Oscar R. Solberg of Twin Falls, memorial service, 1 p.m. Wednesday at the First Church of the Nazarene in Lewiston (White Mortuary).

Phyllis Jean Moore of Twin Falls, a celebration of life service at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 210 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls (Reynolds Funeral Chapel).

Ellen E. Draney of Burley, 10 a.m. Thursday at the Pleasant View Cemetery — (Bayne Mortuary).

Esther M. Jensen of Paul, memorial service, 1 p.m. Wednesday at Payne Memorial Chapel in Burley.

Funeral services are pending and will be announced by the Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel.

## State says jailing deadbeats works wonders

**SALT LAKE CITY (AP)** — Sherman Jones, who had four ex-wives and a \$72,000 child support tab, went to jail.  
So did Donald Gene Hill, who left his wife and home in Provo in the 1980s, along with his commitment to pay child support to six children.  
David Ernst, who at one time

owed \$60,000 in back child support for three children, spent seven months behind bars.  
The Utah Attorney General's Office is through messaging around with dads who renege on child support. After years tramping in and out of court, men like Jones, Hill and Ernst are going to jail more and more frequently.

They and others like them can't earn wages behind bars. But many aren't paying anyway, and the heavier-handed approach has meant more money for moms and greater reimbursements for the state, said Nick Angeles, assistant attorney general in charge of the criminal nonpayment division.

## IDAHO ROAD REPORT

**BOISE (AP)** — Many Idaho highways were rain-canceled Sunday evening, after the Idaho Transportation Department said:  
Road conditions:  
Interstate 84 — Oregon line-Caldwell, wet; Caldwell-Mountain Home, wet; Mountain Home-Burley-Utah line, dry.  
Interstate 45 — Dry.  
Interstate 90 — Washington line-Coeur d'Alene, dry; 4th of July Pass, wet; Wallace-Judson Pass, wet.  
Idaho 65 — Boise-Hughesville, wet; Horseshoe Bend-Bonnelly, wet; slush; Donnelly-McCall, dry, icy spots.  
U.S. 95 — Oregon line-Payette, wet; Payette-Cambridge, wet; Cambridge-New Meadows-Biggins, wet; Higgins-Whitford Hill, icy spots; Grangeville-Lewiston, wet; Lewiston Hill-Benevolence-Coding line, wet; Benevolence County line-Hammer, wet; Plummer-Bannock Ferry, wet; Bonners Ferry-Canadian border, wet.  
Idaho 21 — Boise-Idaho City, dry, wet; Idaho City-Banner Summit, icy spots; Lowan-Banner Summit, icy spots; Broken Snows Ferry, Banner Summit-Straley, icy spots.

U.S. 12 — Lewiston-Junction Idaho 4, dry; Junction Idaho 4-Kuskius, wet; Kuskuski-Towell, wet; Towell-Powell, icy spots; Powell-Lado Pass, broken snow floor.  
U.S. 20 — Mountain Home-Idaho Falls, dry; Idaho Falls-Shon, icy spots; Ashton-Montana line, broken snow floor, icy spots.  
Idaho 75 — Shoshone-Reethum, dry; Reethum-Challis, icy spots.  
U.S. 93 — Nevada line-Craters of the Moon, dry; Craters of the Moon-Arco, wet, icy spots; Arco-Challis, wet; Challis-Salmon, icy spots; Salmon-Lost Trail Pass, icy spots; icy, broken snow floor.

U.S. 91 — Dry.  
U.S. 30 — Dry.  
U.S. 45 — Dry.  
Idaho 51 — Dry.  
Idaho 28 — Dry, icy spots.

## AUCTION CALENDAR THROUGH DECEMBER 14th

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2nd** — 5 pm Household Tools and Antiques Consignments/Bidding — Jerome **KLAAS AUCTION BARN**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3rd** — 5 pm ANTIQUES AND COLLECTIBLES SALE Taking Consignments — Twin Falls **HUNT BROTHERS AUCTIONS**

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4th** — 11:30 am Mary Gill Living Estate — Household, Antiques — House for Moveover — Wendell Advertisement — Decemre 4 **WERT AUCTION SERVICE**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6th** — 11:20 am Household Goods and Vets Koch's Living Estate — Kitchen & Sewing Equipment — Household — Wendell Advertisement — Decemre 6 **WERT AUCTION SERVICE**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6th** — 1997 Valley Lift Truck Services — Rolling Stock & Shop — Fure 142 Advertisement — Decemre 6 **MASTERS AUCTION SERVICE**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13th** — 11 am Used Equipment — Backhoe — 70' Conductor Equipment — Jerome Advertisement — Decemre 13 **WERT AUCTION SERVICE**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14th** — 1 pm Annual Holiday Auctions All New Toys — Kitchenerware Furniture — Bidding — Twin Falls **HUNT BROTHERS AUCTIONS**

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## DEATH NOTICES

**Evelyn Larson**  
BURLEY — Evelyn Larson, 82, of Burley, died Saturday, Nov. 29, 1997, at the St. Benedict's Family

Medical Center in Jerome. Funeral services are pending and will be announced by the Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel.

## HOSPITALS

**MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER**  
Some names omitted at patient's request.

**MINIHOPKA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL**  
Some names omitted at patient's request.

Carmen Vargas of Paul, and Lee Keller of Idaho Falls.

## OBITUARY

**BLISS**  
**Albert Eugene Wilkins**  
Albert Eugene Wilkins, 78, a Bliss resident, died on the 26th day of November 1997, at his residence after a long illness at his home in Bliss. He was born in Jubila, Missouri on October 2, 1919. Albert moved from Missouri and has resided in Idaho for the past fifty-seven years. His occupations have been with owning and operating several business establishments in the town of Bliss, Y.N. Silver Dollar Bar, Y.N. Motel, Service Stations and was also one of the most respected Cattle dealer in the great

Northwest region. Survived by his wife, Charlotte Ackley Wilkins of Bliss, Mr. Wilkins is predeceased by his mother of his children, June Watts Wilkins of Gooding, his father, Henry Wilkins, Sr., and mother, Estella Mae McMillan Wilkins, who was also residents of Idaho. Mr. Wilkins is also survived by his son, Eugene Wilkins of Pilsbush, Pa., daughters, Nadine Griffin of Challis, Idaho, Linda Hutcheson and Ann Becker, both of Gooding, and Thelma Mae Show of Boise, two stepchildren, Don Ackley of Washington and Dobra Ackley of Bliss, five step-grandchildren, fifteen grandchildren,

twenty-four great-grandchildren, four sisters, Mary Estinger of Twin Falls, Pearl Nelson of Burley, Kathryn O'Donnell of Milford, Connecticut, Wilma Jean Norris of Twin Falls, six brothers, William M. Wilkins of St. Lewis, Mo., Henry Wilkins, Jr. of Gooding, Charles Wilkins Sr. of Bliss, Curtis Wilkins of Twin Falls, Kerrol Douglas Wilkins of Washington D.C., and many of his friends. Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, 1997, at Demaray's Gooding Chapel by Rev. Guop. Friends may call at the Chapel on Wednesday from 2 to 6 p.m.

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## Vision doesn't have to be clouded

### Hospital, doctor make new surgical procedure available in Rupert

By Kurt Friedemann  
Times-News writer

RUPERT — It's like looking through dirty glasses.

That is how one elderly patient described cataracts, a disease that clouds the vision. But it can be fixed by a straightforward procedure which is being performed for the first time at Minidoka Memorial Hospital.

The first operation was performed Nov. 12 by Dr. William Fitzhugh. Fitzhugh has his own practice in Twin Falls but has contracted with the Rupert hospital to perform the complicated surgery on a monthly basis.

"It's a good deal all the way around," Administrative Council member Joel Rogers said. "We

had looked into doing it a number of years ago, but the price was prohibitive."

Minidoka Memorial now can lease the equipment, at a low price, on a cost-per-patient basis. Such a lease allows the hospital to test the procedure with local cataract patients to see whether it will be utilized.

"It is costing us virtually nothing to provide this service," Rogers said. "It's a no-lose situation."

Minidoka Memorial "may decide to provide the procedure on a more regular basis in the future, if it looks like enough people will be using it," he said.

The procedure takes about 30 minutes, and patients can return home a couple of hours after the eye surgery.

"We are simply replacing the old lens that makes their vision cloudy." Operating Room Supervisor Carol Fields said. "It's easier to stay at home and get their outpatient surgical care here."

She said the hospital plans to schedule groups of two to three, each month. The next block of cataract surgeries will be this month.

"This is simply another service the hospital can offer to the community," Fields said. "It is much more convenient to have it done here than driving to Twin Falls to have it done."

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## Holiday spirit doesn't blight schemers

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The man identified himself as Magna resident Donald Hess as Mike Smith of Ottawa, Canada.

Smith explained he had \$25,000 from the Canadian Publishers Clearinghouse Sweepstakes, which Hess could have — providing he pony up \$2,500 so Smith could fly down.

"I thought, uh-huh, here we go," said Hess, 73. "Then I said, I don't have that much. And he said, 'How much do you have?'"

That was the key right there. No, Hess didn't give "Smith" the money. In fact, he reported the call to the Utah Attorney General's Office. As it turns out, Canada-themed swindlers are the latest rage among scam artists preying on the unsuspecting elderly, said Assistant Utah Attorney General Jeff Gray.

"We have had quite a few here in Utah in the last few months," Gray said. "Some are telemarketing, some direct mail. They may promise a million dollars, or a car. They ask the consumer to pay \$20 to \$5,000 to claim their

prize. Some people pay."

According to the U.S. Department of Justice, fraudulent telemarketers steal about \$40 billion annually — much of it via phony charities during the holiday season, when people are more likely to be generous.

The Utah chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons, along with law-enforcement agencies statewide, are urging the 70 percent of consumers who make charitable donations this time of year to watch their wallets.

The FBI says puzzles and sweepstakes like the one Hess resisted are the top money-making scams. Charities follow close behind, said Lee Norrgard, who heads AARP's efforts against telemarketing fraud.

"You get the call about the local police benevolent association asking for a contribution to an athletic association, or to buy bullet-proof vests, to pay for widows," Norrgard said. "In Oklahoma City, there were telemarketers on the phone the day after the bombing trying to solicit

for victims."

"The pieces were bogus, he said. But the trouble is, it can be hard to tell."

"There is no bright line that distinguishes legitimate from illegitimate," Norrgard said. "They [scammers] created letterhead stationery, all kinds of things."

"Often, the victims' good manners do them in, especially among the elderly who believe it rude to hang up on someone, he added. "They will never do it under any circumstance. It's a positive value, but it gets them in trouble," Norrgard said.

Scam artists know when they've hooked a fish. And they know how to plot them. Norrgard has listened to tapes where a bunco artist has made calls over several days, using a different accent each time to give the illusion that the victim is talking successively to higher-ups within the company.

Most vulnerable to scam artists are those who have suffered a major loss or illness in the past year. That makes elderly folks a natural target.

## Officials: Site stands ready for INEEL waste

FCJAILO (AP) — Five officials from Idaho who visited the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant, feel the New Mexico repository is ready to accept nuclear waste material now stockpiled in eastern Idaho.

"It gave us a really good feel for the fact that it is ready to go," said Rep. Dolores Crow, R-Nampa. Crow chairs the Idaho House Environmental Affairs Committee.

She visited the U.S. Department of Energy's half-mile-deep salt bed repository near Carlsbad, N.M., last week.

Also on the tour were U.S. Gov. Butch Otter; House Speaker Michael Simpson, R-Blackfoot; Rep. Golden Lindor, R-Rexburg; and Sen. Bob Geddes, R-Soda Springs.

Bringing possible lawsuits from nuclear watchdogs who have said they don't trust the safety of the storage site, WIPP is scheduled

to start next May accepting shipments of transuranic waste now stored at Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory.

The delegation visited the room carved farthest into salt beds. Dubbed the "Idaho Room," it's where up to 23,000 cubic meters of INEEL's transuranic waste will go.

A treatment plant slated to start operating at INEEL in 2003 will compact INEEL's 65,000 cubic meters of above-ground transuranic waste so it fits into the room.

"It's important to the whole nation," Crow said of WIPP's opening. "We need to put these wastes in one place, where if there is a potential hazard, it could be handled in a safe manner."

Plutonium can cause cancer if ingested or inhaled. That's why DOE wants to isolate it from the

environment long-term.

When scientists call the riskiest half of Idaho's transuranic nuclear waste isn't slated for WIPP and so far has no designated future home. That estimated 65,000 cubic meters was buried at INEEL above the Snake River Plain Aquifer before 1970. It's still there.

Crow expressed confidence that opening a storage facility for Idaho's above-ground waste will increase the chances that the federal government will clean up waste buried at INEEL, stabilize it and prepare it into forms suitable for safe disposal somewhere outside Idaho.

Scientists have detected plutonium with a half-life of 24,000 years hundreds of feet below the surface at INEEL. It's thought to have leaked from part of INEEL's 88 acres of pits and trenches where the pre-1970 waste is buried.

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## Wood

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pieces. Collins swung the blade of his new saw to one side and sawed off the corners of two of the strips.

While his border collie pat, Snuggles, chewed on a discarded piece — she's still a puppy — he swung the blade to the other side and zipped off the corners

of the other end. He measured the remaining two pieces and marked both ends, measured them again, and sliced off two more ends. He checked his measurement, swung the blade again and polished off the last two corners.

When he laid out the four pieces of wood the corners fit

together, perfectly mitered. The whole frame was cut in less than 10 minutes.

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## Albion

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"I think it would be wonderful to have something in the college," said Christine Petersen, who works at Dick's Albion Senior about 200 yards from the college's entrance. "But I think it needs to be productive to everyone."

She remembers several failed attempts to revive the old campus, and said she saw the restoration to be permanent.

"It just sounds like a whiff like anything else," she said. "It's going to be here a while and then it's going to be gone. Let's put something long-term in there."

The unusual nature of the proposal does pique some interest, Petersen conceded.

"I think it makes it interesting," she said. The town has always welcomed strangers. And the people coming to what Elsworth predicts will be a "freebie" hearing by a younger than some of Albion's own, she said.



Ginger Kirk makes fry sauce at the Albion Social Club Friday. The business is one of many in the small town that stand to benefit if the "starship academy" proposed for the Albion National School is able to get off the ground.

that produced "Cactus Jack," who carried sagebrush on his back, and then wealthy brothers who couldn't get along, one living in a mansion and the other in a cave.

## Library

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crowd of several public school students often forms around the library computer that has access to the West Web Web.

Students get frustrated, however, when they find a reference on the Internet, and the library doesn't carry a subscription for the article they need.

"I do have people coming in wanting Newsweek and we just aren't able to get it for them," Oatman said.

Half a million dollars a year is a tight squeeze, but this winter is probably better than previous years for asking for money, said Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome, vice-chairwoman of the House Appropriations Committee.

The Idaho State Library, which is requesting money for the project, has long been ignored, Bell said. "That's a budget that should be more funded more graciously than it is," Bell said. Through bidding, the state library would subscribe to a database provided by a computer programming company, such as UMI

## TREES FOR SALE



C.L. Simper stands outside his temporary place of business, "Slipper Christmas Trees," along Main Street last week. He and his family were gearing up for the holiday season, putting lights on trees and "flocking" others. Flocking is spraying natural trees with a white-paper mix so it looks like the trees are heavy with snow.

## Construction quickens on rebuilding of bridges

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — Traffic could resume over rebuilt Twin Bridges over the Snake River at Ririe next fall — a year ahead of schedule.

That's faster than the usual process for designing and building a new bridge, but not fast enough for area residents who relied on the bridges every day until last June's flood knocked out the 33-year-old structures.

Red tape would have meant it would be late 1999 before the

bridges would be back, said District Engineer Jim Richard. But he held a late-summer meeting with Department of Transportation officials in Boise to bump it up on the priority list.

That's little consolation to people who live on the north side of the river and need to get to Idaho Falls for work or errands.

Thell Weckes is a heavy-equipment operator who lives right by the bridges. When he has a job in the Idaho Falls area, he has to

drive a dirt road east to a bridge at Heise before turning west.

Tractor-trailer trucks also are driving on the dirt road and creating a safety hazard because there's no alternate route to Ririe, Weckes said.

He helped build the bridges and some of the adjacent road in 1964, and said that work took less than a year from concept to construction. Techniques are better now, so it shouldn't take this long, he said.

## Artist

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here," Milada said.

For young people who want art but don't have money, Milada lets them make payments and doesn't push if they miss a month. When rich people ask for a discount, she laughs and asks why, and they don't ask anymore.

"People are nice. And people come from all over the world. What more do we need?" said Milada, who told me later, "I can ask anything. I am old lady."

So she asks people whether they are happy. Most Canadians say yes. Americans are "noisy happy" — they love to talk and want to tell her they are happy, she said.



Artist Milada Dohnalek. Photo by her son, Michael Dohnalek. Her stuff that oozes from the ground.

The mine's enormous metal structure leaning against the hillside looked dreadful to me, but it's attractive to mining-history fans and Vancouver's movie makers.

And Milada would tell me that art is everywhere. "If you decide to be an artist, you have to learn

how to see things," she said.

"I don't want to die tomorrow," Milada said just before I left, "I want to paint tomorrow."

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## WHY PESO MUCH?

or ProQuest, said Rand Simmons, networking coordinator for the state library. Any library in Idaho with the Internet will be able to link up to the database, Simmons said. While the database would save local libraries some of the costs of their magazine subscriptions, the real benefit would be thousands of magazines that readers can print out full text copies of, Simmons said.

"The real beauty of the project is they get access," Simmons said. About 86 percent of the libraries in Idaho have Internet.

In the Magic Valley, however, about half of the libraries are hooked up to the Internet, said Mary Hooper, field consultant with the state library. Curtis Edton of Twin Falls, a member of the State Board of Education, said he likes the idea of using technology to supplement library periodicals.

"That's something that could be helpful everywhere, but particularly in rural areas," Edton said.

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—Baltimore Ravens owner Art Modell, trying to back his word that he wouldn't fire coach Ted Marchbanks after this season.

### TODAY'S SCHEDULE

**Girls' basketball**  
Magic Valley Christian at Robert Stuart Jr HS

**Boys' basketball**  
Bliss at TIFCA  
Most junior varsity basketball games begin at 6 p.m. with the varsity following.

### SCOREBOARD

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Indiana 101	Philadelphia 89
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Washington 63	Nr. 20 Iowa 62

### IN BRIEF

**Junior Jazz offers registration to girls**  
BURLLEY — Registration for Junior Jazz Basketball for girls, grades 7-9, will be accepted starting Tuesday through Jan. 5 at the Racqueteers Health and Fitness Club, 1150 E. 16th St.  
Draft night, to sort players into teams, will be at 6:30 p.m. on Jan. 5 and games end March 18. Adult volunteer coaches are needed.  
Cost is \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members and includes a jersey.  
For more information, call 678-5011.

**Former CSI runner makes date for championships**  
PORTLAND, Ore. — Former College of Southern Idaho distance runner Mike Nielsen, now the team captain of Athletics in Action, will be attending the 1997 National USA Senior/Junior Cross-Country Championships Dec. 7.  
This will be Nielsen's sixth trip to nationals. His team includes runners from Alamosa, Colo., Topeka, Kan., Austin, Texas and Boise.  
Compiled from staff reports



San Francisco 49ers wide receiver J.J. Stokes (83) is surrounded by Kansas City Chiefs safety Reggie Tongue (25) and cornerback James Hasty during the first quarter of Sunday's game in Kansas City. Mo.—The Chiefs surprised San Francisco, whipping the 49ers 44-9.

## Chiefs smash San Francisco's streak

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** — OK, we knew Kansas City was on a roll, that it was silly for the Chiefs to be underdogs in their own house again. Even if it was San Francisco, winner of 11 straight and carrying the NFL's best record, coming into Arrowhead Stadium on Sunday.  
But 44-9.  
The Chiefs thrashed the 49ers in every way imaginable, handing San Francisco its worst loss since 1986 and its worst regular-season loss in 17 years and "We're constantly being the underdogs," said Chiefs cornerback James Hasty. "We never get any respect. I mean, San Francisco is good, but what's that make us?"  
Exactly 4-0 against teams that were favored to beat the Chiefs this season in Arrowhead.

But this wasn't just an upset. This was a 35-point victory over the mighty 49ers.  
If San Francisco is indeed the standard by which all NFL teams are measured, then the Chiefs might have revised the scale Sunday.  
"We've been making statements all year," said Chiefs wide receiver Andre Rison, who caught two of Rich Gannon's three touchdown passes. "How many more do you have to make?"  
"The only statement we have to make is to get to the Super Bowl."  
The 10-3 Chiefs certainly strengthened their case to reach San Diego with their most complete game of the year. Offensively, they looked the league's No. 1 rushing defense square in the eye, then ran up the gut on San Francisco for many of their 153 yards on the ground. And Gannon creditly picked the 49ers' deep and short with his passing.  
Kansas City's defense destroyed the 49ers, putting Steve Young down with four of its five sacks and scoring once

off cornerback Mark McMillian's interception return for a touchdown.  
To complete the package, Kansas City's Tony Gonzalez blocked a punt that he recovered at the 3, setting up Marcus Allen's touchdown run.  
"We played as well today as we can at this point in the season," said Chiefs coach Marty Schottenheimer.  
That's as bold as Schottenheimer gets. Steve Mariucci was a little more forceful. "They beat us in every phase of the game," said Mariucci, the 49ers' coach. "They made their own breaks and it snowballed on us. I thought we got frustrated, and the wheels came off a little bit."  
The Chiefs took control of the game early, riving up a 28-lead by halftime, and never looked back.  
"We got punched in the mouth," said San Francisco quarterback Steve Young. "It was costly for the 11-2 49ers, too."  
Their 1,000-yard rusher, Garrison Hearst, cracked a collarbone that will keep him out four to six weeks.

## Dome hex haunts Pack

**MINNEAPOLIS** — Eric Gullford and Terrell Buckley, Mark Brunell, Jeff Brady and T.J. Rubeley, Martin Harrison and Gary Brown.  
They are hardly the most hallowed names in the history of the Green Bay Packers and Minnesota Vikings. But each played a special part in what has become the most significant streak in the rivalry's 37 years: Green Bay's 0-5 Metrodome record under Mike Holmgren.  
"And don't think Holmgren will forget any of those players or how close he was to winning in Minnesota until one of them dies," said Packers' Page 48.

## It's anybody's game in A-4 Southside basketball

**By Vin Cappiello Times-News writer**

If having to wear mouthguards doesn't keep its players from pressuring opponents into oblivion, Castelford should be the team to beat in Class A-4 Southside boys' basketball.  
Once again, Oakley should be the team to beat ... or Murtaugh ... or Hagerman or ...  
Parity will indeed be the motto of the game in Southside boys' basketball, as well as dealing with the controversial mandatory mouthguard rule instituted by the Idaho High School Activities Association.  
"It's going to be a dogfight," said Castelford Wolves coach Andy Wiseman, adding that teams that like to run and press — teams like his own — may find themselves more winded than usual by game's end.  
Pirates coach Randy Clark expressed similar discontent.  
"I think the mouthguard rule is ridiculous," Clark said. "It's something the parents should decide."  
"But I don't think it's going to affect us one way or another. Anybody can get anybody on a given night. Oakley is tough. Raft River has some good athletes. And Murtaugh and Castelford will be right in there."  
Hagersman coach Jeff Harrah shares in his fellow coaches' unwillingness to pick a clear-cut favorite.  
"It's going to be a battle again," said Harrah, whose squad defeated Hagerman last year for the consolation trophy at state.  
Here's how the teams size up:

**A-4 Southside preview**

**Castelford Wolves**  
1996 record: 4th at district tournament  
Coach: Andy Wiseman, 10th season  
Key returners: Levi Schilder, 6-1 senior center/forward, 10.3 points, 8 rebounds; Fred Cotta, 5-9 senior guard, 9.7 points, 5 rebounds; Mike Clark, 5-10 senior guard, 8.8 points, 30 rebounds; Ryan Nolevank, 6-0 center, 4.4 points, 3.9 rebounds  
Outlook: Wiseman points to Cotta as power, guard and off-guard; Hamilton and Clark as strengths, along with Schilder's versatility. He also is positive about how the team works together.  
Possible weak points include lack of height, depth and the required mouthguards.  
Others: Ben Harner, 5-11 senior forward; Gary Hamilton, 5-9 sophomore guard; Lucas Easterday, 6-0 junior center; Nick Crjmore, 5-11 senior guard; Russell, 6-1 senior center.

**Hagerman Pirates**  
1996 record: 19-10, second at district tournament; lost to Oakley in state tournament consolation game.  
Coach: Randy Clark, 15th season  
Key returners: Tanner LeMoine, 6-3 senior post, leading scorer and rebounder last season; Preston Stephenson, 6-3 senior post; Curt Osborne, 5-9 senior guard; Josh Deitzick, 6-1 senior forward; Tyson Clark, 5-8 junior guard.  
Outlook: Clark hopes the momentum of a second-place finish in the state football playoffs will carry the Pirates, along with the commitment made by the players during summer basketball.  
"Everyone needs to understand their roles in this team," said Clark, adding that

## Northside basketball: Beware of the big cats

**By Matt Pomeroy Times-News writer**

While the Carey Panthers finished the 1996-97 season behind front-runners Dietrich and Shoshone, look for them to make a statement in the upcoming Class A-4 Northside boys' basketball season.  
Carey retains three players that started last year on the varsity squad as sophomores, Mike Cenarussa, Greg Edwards and Danny Simpson, promise to be a terrifying trio that could make Carey a powerhouse in the Northside for the next two years, as they gain experience and maturity.  
While not big, Carey does have the luxury of having a deep bench and tough defenders.  
Taking by the tiger, or rather, the Panther, is rare, are Camas County and Shoshone.  
Camas County finished fourth last year at district, but this year looks to be big, as well as quick. The Mushers may have trouble if teams can keep them outside, but if they get the ball in the paint, they will be tough to stop.  
The Mushers return two starters, senior Nick Smith — who averaged 16 points per game — and junior Jason Frostenson. Both are around 6-foot tall.  
"We're going to be on the top end of the league," Camas County coach Lou Anderson said, "but Carey and Shoshone will be there too."  
Shoshone should definitely be there.  
Indians coach Larry Messick returns for his 23rd year with plenty of seniors to lead his team. After finishing tied for first place last year, Shoshone will be hungry to go to state. Six seniors return,

and Messick is counting on their leadership to lead his to the top.  
Dietrich is promising to give the Panthers, Mushers and Indians a Devil of a time, but lost several key players from last year. The only returning starter is 6-foot senior Ruben Vasquez, who averaged just over three points per game.  
The Blue Devils don't have much experience and aren't big, but watch for them to make a surge near midseason and give the other teams a run for the money.  
In the running with the Devils is Richfield. The Tigers were 7-13 last year overall and 6-6 in the conference.  
Bringing up the tail end, is Ketchikan/Sun Valley Community School, Bliss and the Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind.  
The Community School may be a surprise, as they enter the Northside Conference. It only lost one player from last year when they took first place at the junior varsity tournament.  
The Cutthroats have good height, speed and may amonish a few sleeping opponents. But with the lack of experience and depth on the bench, don't make any bets on a state championship.  
Bliss, who finished last season with a 2-5 record, is going to have a Bear of a time again this year. The Bears return four of five starting players and have experience, but have a ways to go to challenge for a title.  
The Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind is playing a junior varsity schedule

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Packers

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...became a hero... or a goat...
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...Lindy Infante after the 1991 season...

Southside

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...attitude... also be important...
...Others: Andy Barb, 6-1 senior forward...
...Tommy Esterbrook, 5-10 junior guard...

Hansen Huskies

1996 record: 3-17
Coach: Brady Sawley, first year
Key returners: Bill Meyers, 6-0 junior guard/wing...
...Outlook: Team chemistry and a good turnout of juniors and seniors are strengths...

Murtaugh Red Devils

1996 record: 16-9, fourth at district tournament
Coach: Gerald Mayes, second season
Key returners: Josh Pank, 6-2 senior forward/guard, averaged 19.2 points a game...

...bold champions and are 33-3 since their 1995 loss at the Metrodome...
...They'll get another chance tonight in the most meaningful in-season matchup between the teams since the Packers won 23-7 at old Met-Stadium...

...Green Bay (9-3) leads the Central by one game over Minnesota and Tampa Bay...
...While the Packers are the Super...

...having only three seniors on the roster and lack of height could pose problems...
...Our district is extremely hard to get out of...
...Others: Kelsey Hurt, 6-1 junior center...

Oakley Hornets

1996 record: 21-7, won consolation trophy at state tournament
Coach: Jeff Harrah
Key returners: Nathan Archibald, 5-10 senior guard; Caleb Dimick, 6-0 senior guard; Jeremy Burton, 5-11 senior guard...

Raft River Trojans

1996 record: 5-15
Coach: Gary Elvesson
Key returners: Adam Spencer, 5-11 senior guard; Scott Warr, 5-10 senior guard...
...Outlook: Team speed and team chemistry, coupled with steady guard play from Spencer and Warr will be keys for the Trojans...

...You've got to have some confidence after that, knowing that you can play with anyone...
...But the same thing is coming up with Minnesota...
...After an easy 27-7 Minnesota win in the final regular-season game of 1997...

...Jason Tracy, 5-7 senior guard; Owen Jones, 5-11 junior post; Mike Jones, 5-11 junior wing; Mike Udy, 5-10 senior post; Mitch Hutchison, 6-0 junior post; Doug Hove, 5-11 junior wing; Aaron Edwards, 5-11 senior wing...

Magic Valley Christian - Conquerers

1996 record: no team
Coach: Tim Barrett, first year
Key returners: none
Outlook: Barrett and the Conquerers are in the midst of establishing a program, and much of the expectations will fall on brothers Luke and Otto Osterman...

Twin Falls Christian Academy Warriors

1996 record: 9-11
Coach: Brent Walker, 18th season
Key returners: Nate Mathellen, 6-0 junior forward; Luke Walker, 6-0 sophomore forward...
...Outlook: Walker sees team speed, outside shooting prowess and stamina as positives for the Warriors...

Northside

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...again this year. The team lacks experience - with more freshmen and sophomores on the team than juniors and seniors - but are quick and have a lot of individual talent...
...Here's a look at how the teams stack up...

Carey Panthers

1996-97 record: 14-13, 2nd at district
Coach: Lee Cook, 13th season
Key returners: 5-10 junior guard Mike Cennarusu, 7.2 points; 5-10 junior wing Greg Edwards, 11.2 points; 5-9 junior guard Danny Simpson, 10.0 points; 5-8 seniors...
...Outlook: More maturity and experience. More defensive intensity...
...Possible weak points include a lack of height and off-court distractions...

Camas County Musers

1996-97 record: 13-9, 4th at district
Coach: Lou Anderson, 6th season
Key returners: 6-1 senior Nick Smith, 16 points; 6-2 junior Jimm Frostenson...
...Outlook: Good size, strength and quickness and excellent team chemistry...
...Possible weak points include rebounding and shooting from the outside...

Shoshone Indians

1996-97 record: 20-8, tied for 1st in district
Coach: Larry Messick, 23rd season
Key returners: 5-10 senior guard Jake Uhrig, 35 points; 6-2 junior post Terry Roberts, 6.4 points; 6-3 rebounder...
...Outlook: Messick is hoping senior leadership will lead his team back to a district title...
...Others: 6-1 senior guard Drew Payne, 6-1 senior post Corey Connell; 5-10 junior guard Johnny Escamilla; 5-8 senior guard Jimmy Tevis; 6-1 junior post Jack Greenfield; 5-10 senior guard Skaid Bollor...

Dietrich Blue Devils

1996-97 record: 22-6, tied for 1st in district
Coach: Randy McCowan, 7th season
Key returners: 6-0 senior wing Ruben Vasquez, 3.4 points; 4-0 rebounder...
...Outlook: The Blue Devils had good depth on the bench and good quickness...
...The lack of experience will hamper the team early in the season...
...Others: 6-0 senior post Clay Ward; 6-1 senior post Pat Murray; 5-7 senior guard Lee Bingham; 5-9 senior guard Wyatt Weber; 6-1 junior wing Adam Simpson; 6-0 junior wing David Smith; 5-10 senior guard Tyler Telford; 5-7 junior guard Bobby Telford...

Ketchum/Sun Valley Community School Outthrots

1996-97 record: 1st to JV tournament, 1st year playing varsity
Coach: Mike Wade, 15th season
Key returners: 6-3 senior forward Kyle Lewis, 6-0 sophomore forward Adam Marval; 5-9 senior guard Davis Hayes; 5-9 junior center Graham Snyder...
...Outlook: Good size, strength and quickness. But inexperienced...
...Others: 6-3 senior post Anthony Nichey; 5-9 senior guard Dusty Hibbard; 5-8 junior guard Dusty Blodgett; 5-10 junior guard Jake Miller; 6-1 junior wing Doug Rogers; 6-0 junior post Rufus Lockwood...

Richfield Tigers

1996-97 record: 7-13
Coach: Thomas VanDeren, 1st season
No other information was received.

Bliss Bears

1996-97 record: 5-14
Coach: Robby Sauer, 4th season
Key returners: 6-6 senior center George Ferreira; 6-1 senior forward Chad Thompson; 5-9 senior guard Chris Huffman; 6-1 senior forward...

Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind Raptors

1996-97 record: 0-12
Coach: Dave Quinley and Lynn Kruger, 1st seasons
Key returners: 6-4 junior post Jason Sawyer...
...Outlook: The Raptors should be quick, but their lack of experience could hurt them. They are playing a JV schedule...

Chad's 50th Anniversary

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# Buccaneers beat Giants in 'Smashmouth Bowl'

## Win propels Tampa into playoff picture

The Associated Press

Thirteen years of waiting for a winning season are over for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Their first playoff berth in as many years might not be far behind.

Fullback Mike Alstott scored two touchdowns and halfback Warwick Dunn ran for 120 yards and set up two scores as the Bucs (9-4) came north and beat the New York Giants at their own game of 'smashmouth football,' 20-8 Sunday.

The Bucs, who held New York to 202 yards, can clinch a playoff berth by winning one of their final three games. They last had a winning season in 1982. 5-4 in a strike year. Their last full winning year was 1971.

Despite losing the poorly officiated game, the Giants (7-5-1) maintained a one-game lead in the NFC East over Washington and now Philadelphia with three games left. The Redskins were surprised by St. Louis 23-20, while the Eagles got back in contention with a 44-12 win over Cincinnati.

The loss did clinch a first-round bye for the San Francisco 49ers (11-2), despite a 44-9 loss to Kansas City.

Alstott scored on a 1-yard pass in the second quarter that was set up by a 53-yard pass from Trent Dilfer (12-of-22 for 152 yards) to Dunn. He added a 5-yard TD run after the Giants seemingly had gotten momentum just before halftime when officials allowed a pass interception by Tito Wooten on the stand. Replays showed the ball clearly hit the ground.

The 53-yard return set up a 45-yard field goal by Brad Daluiso, a score that annoyed Bucs coach Tom Flores as much as it pleased officials running off the field.



The Bucs responded on the opening series of the third quarter, going 84 yards in six plays. Alstott got the final 9 on the ground, one play after Jason Seymour was called for a 42-yard pass interference penalty.

A 30-yard field goal by Daluiso got New York to 14-6 and a safety when Dilfer was called for intentional grounding in the end zone made it a six-point margin with 14:08 to play.

However, the Bucs stopped New York on a fourth-and-2 at the Tampa Bay 47 on a big play by hit John Lynch against halfback Byron Whiteley. The Bucs then went 52 yards in nine plays, with Errett Rhett scoring from a yard. A very questionable pass interference call against Phillip Sparks, who had two legitimate interceptions, kept the drive alive on a third-and-17 play and Dunn added a 17-yard run to the 1.

### Bills 20, Jets 10

Todd Collins and Lompe Johnson combined on a 62-yard run-quarterback touchdown pass that broke a 10-10 tie as the Bills (6-7) beat the visiting Jets (8-5) for the second time this season and sixth in a row.

Thurman Thomas gained 104 yards on 18 carries and moved into ninth place on the career rushing



Tampa Bay running back Warwick Dunn vaults toward the 1-yard line en route to a 120-yard game and a Buccaneers' win over the New York Giants, 20-8, Sunday.

It was his first 100-yard game since Oct. 27, 1996.

"I've been around here long enough to know that even though our season might be over, a lot of players still play with a lot of pride," Thomas said.

### Rams 23, Redskins 20

The Rams (3-8) ended their slide as Jerry Moore and Amp Lee, replacing the released Lawrence

There's no quit in the Buffalo Bills.

### No. 18 Sooners use death grip on Vulcans

Hawaii-Hilo never got closer than nine feet of the game. Mervil Jenkins had 26 points and 11 rebounds for the Vulcans (0-3).

### No. 23 Rhode Island 86, Boston U. 63

BOSTON - Tyson Wheeler scored 23 points Rhode Island ended the Terriers' 15-game home winning streak.

Leading by 17 points at halftime, the Rams (2-1) opened the second half with a 7-3 run to take the game open.

Lutliff Clay added 13 points and 13 rebounds for the Rams.

### Nets 87, Kings 73

SACRAMENTO, Calif. - Kendall Gill scored 18 of his 26 points in the first half as the New Jersey Nets built an early lead and coasted to a victory.

The Nets (10-5), who began the season with four straight victories, moved into a first-place tie with Miami and New York atop the Atlantic Division.

Kerry Kittles finished with 18 points for the Nets, who forced 21 turnovers that led to 24 points. Sam Cassell had 10 points and 11 assists.

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The Lakers remained the only NBA team without a home loss. The Raptors dropped their 11th straight - the longest losing streak in the league so far this season - as their NBA worst record fell to 1-15.

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Phillips, each scored. Then Lee's 45-yard TD reception set up Jeff Wilkins game-winning 25-yard field goal. But Zetter finished over the leg of left tackle Jonathan Ogden on a quarterback draw for a 2-point conversion.

### Dolphins 34, Raiders 16

Miami (8-5) won for the first time in nine games in Oakland as Dan Marino threw scoring passes of 44 and 8 yards to Charles Jordan and Karim Abdul-Jabbar rushed for 85 yards and a TD.

The Raiders recovered Jeff George's fumble in the end zone for another touchdown after one of six sacks against the Raiders (4-9).

### Patriots 20, Colts 17

Drew Bledsoe, who spent two games without a touchdown pass, threw a 2-yarder pass to Sam Gash and an 18-yarder to Troy Brown as the Patriots (8-5) moved into a tie with the Jets and Philadelphia.

Jim Harbaugh's second scoring pass, an 11-yarder to Sean Dawkins with 1:08 left, cut the lead to three for the visiting Colts (4-12). But the Patriots recovered the onside kick and ran out the clock.

### Steelers 26, Cardinals 20

Jerome Bettis' 10-yard run 5:34 into overtime gave the Steelers (9-4) their win that kept them even with Jacksonville in the AFC Central. It was the third TD of the day for Bettis, who gained 142 yards on 36 carries.

Jack Hammer was sacked 10 times, but threw for 270 yards and two touchdowns for just Arizona (3-10). The Steelers missed a first-half field goal with six seconds left in regulation that could have won it for the Cards.

### Jaguars 29; Ravens 27

Mark Brunell threw for 317 yards and the Jaguars (8-5) beat the first franchise that has been in Cleveland and Baltimore for the sixth time without a loss. Jacksonville won 13 straight home games.

Eric Zeier, substiting for an injured Vinny Testaverde, rallied the

Ravens (4-8-1) to two fourth-quarter touchdowns, closing to 29-27 with 1:16 left on a 7-yard pass to Eric Green. But Zeier finished over the leg of left tackle Jonathan Ogden on a quarterback draw for a 2-point conversion.

### Saints 16; Panthers 13

A week after coach Mike Ditka questioned whether he should stay on as coach, the Saints (5-8) beat the Panthers on a 45-yard field goal by Doug Brien, his third of the game, with five seconds left.

New Orleans scored 13 of its points off turnovers by host Carolina (6-7).

### Falcons 24, Seahawks 17

Rookie Byron Haskins returned a kickoff 93 yards for a touchdown and Chris Chandler threw for 203 yards and a touchdown as the Atlanta Falcons won their third straight. It was the third straight loss for Seattle (6-7).

### Eagles 44, Bengals 42

Bobby Hying threw four touchdown passes and Chris Boniol kicked the game-winning field goal as time ran out and kept the host Eagles (6-11) in the playoff race.

Hying, who finished 2-of-12 for 313 yards, moved the Eagle, led yards in the game's final minute to set up Boniol's 37-yarder. That came after Hying's 10-yard touchdown. Here, Boniol's season, led the Bengals from two 13-point deficits to a 42-41 lead on Brian Milne's 1-yard touchdown run with a minute left.

Evason, who was 27-of-47 for 478 yards, threw two of his four touchdowns during the fourth quarter for the Bengals (4-9).

### Broncos 38, Chargers 28

John Elway threw three touchdown passes and San Diego native Terrell Davis ran for 178 yards and one touchdown as the Broncos became the first AFC team to clinch a playoff berth.

Davis regained the NFL rushing lead from Detroit's Barry Sanders, with 1,847 yards, and needs to average 118 yards in his final three games to become the third NFL player to reach 2,000.

# No. 18 Sooners use death grip on Vulcans

HILLO, Hawaii (AP) - Oklahoma's Evan Wiley did not like being benched. He took out his anger on Hawaii-Hilo.

Despite being kept on the bench by coach Kelvin Sampson for the start of Sunday's game against the Vulcans, Wiley finished with 29 points.

Wiley scored only 8 points in the first half, but broke loose for 21 in the second half, leading the 18th-ranked Sooners to an 86-70 victory and seventh place in the Big Island Invitational.

Sampson decided to shake things up after his Sooners lost their first two tournament games, to Butler and Wisconsin.

### College basketball

"Coach wanted to give some other players a chance, and told me to play hard when I got in," Wiley said. "I don't know if I had any fire left under me, but coach told everybody to play hard for all 40 minutes. I think I did when I was in there."

Wiley scored the first six points of the third period, giving Oklahoma a 41-32 lead. Then, Corey Brewer scored all 9 of his points in a span of four minutes, making the score 48-36.

Hersey Hawkins had 16 points and seven rebounds.

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# Hawks complete record-setting month with win

ATLANTA (AP) - It was quite a weekend for the NBA's best team. Quite a month, for that matter.

Diawane Mutombo scored 22 points and Atlanta, shooting a season-high 57 percent from the field, cruised past the San Antonio Spurs 108-96 Sunday night, giving the Hawks a franchise record 13 victories in November.

Atlanta, eclipsing its previous record of 12 victories for the month, has won three in a row and has the NBA's best mark, 14-2. The Hawks turned in two impressive performances over the weekend, following up a 98-80 rout of Charlotte on Saturday night with a one-sided rout of the Spurs.

"We're on a roll," said Christian Laettner, who added 18 points as Atlanta's big men held their own against San Antonio's win towers, David Robinson and Tim Duncan. "You usually don't beat two good teams like Charlotte and San Antonio back-to-back by such large margins. It was two easy wins."

The Hawks were never threatened by a Spurs team that arrived in Atlanta at 3 a.m. after defeating Dallas the previous night at San Antonio.

Atlanta led 24-10 in 12 minutes remaining in the first quarter after Mutombo hit a hook shot, and the Spurs got 15-5 through 34-28 on Sean Elliott's 15-

foot jumper with 7:06 left in the second period.

The Hawks then pulled away with a 14-3 run sparked by their bench. Eldridge Recasner and Ed Gray each scored four points during the spurt. Another reserve, Chucky Brown, was one of five Atlanta players in double figures at the end of the night with a season-best 14 points.

The Hawks led 60-45 at halftime and built the lead as high as 26 points before San Antonio closed with some meaningless baskets at the end.

"We've been at the top of our game these last two nights," Mutombo said. "We're starting to gain respect around the league. I don't hear anything negative about the Hawks from other players."

### Pacers 101, 76ers 89

INDIANAPOLIS - Larry Brown's return to Indiana was a farewell to his Philadelphia 76ers.

Rik Smits has season highs of 25 points and five blocked shots and Clark Jackson had a season-high 14 assists as the Indiana Pacers defeated Philadelphia.

Both teams had five players in double figures. Jerry Seaneve was the high scorer, with 24 points and five rebounds.

It was Indiana's sixth consecutive victory over Philadelphia, although Brown was on the Pacers' bench for the first time.

### Grizzlies 97, Pistons 95

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. - The Vancouver Grizzlies completed a sweep of the season series against the struggling Detroit Pistons when Grant Hill missed two foul shots with 2.1 seconds left.

Antonio Daniels hit a short running jumper with 31 seconds left to break a tie, and Shareef Abdur-Rahim then fouled Hill on the inbound pass. The Hill missed the first free throw, and no one could gain control after he intentionally missed the second. The win was just Vancouver's second in 11 road games this year. Detroit lost for the 11th time in its last 15 games, including a 104-56 overtime loss at Vancouver on Nov. 9.

Detroit (6-11), which has the fourth-worst record in the Eastern Conference, had never lost to the Grizzlies prior to this season.

### Sonics 103, Magic 81

SEATTLE - Van Liew scored all 21 of his points in the first half night as the Seattle SuperSonics built a big early lead and rolled to their seventh straight victory.

The Magic had won seven of their previous eight games, but the Sonics dominated and led by 20 points midway through the second period. Orlando cut its deficit to single digits only once the rest of the way.

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## OTHER VIEWS

### Education board acts fiscally irresponsible with mandate

From the Lewiston Morning Tribune  
Teachers who aren't up to snuff on computers are like teachers a generation ago who didn't know how to use the card catalogue in a library. But that doesn't make the Idaho Board of Education fiscally realistic in ordering school districts to spend money they don't have on making teachers computer literate.

Talk about an unfunded mandate. The board adopted accreditation standards for computer knowledge that 90 percent of teachers must meet by 2001. And there's nothing excessive about that. Computers are now so basic to learning that a teacher unfamiliar with the beast is roughly in the same position as a physician who doesn't know how to prescribe antibiotics.

In that sense, there is no excuse for any school district to neglect to train its teachers in the use of computer technology by about tomorrow morning. The computer is a powerful new classroom tool that both augments and amplifies everything from books to teachers. A school district whose teachers aren't computer literate is already in the dark ages and falling far behind every minute. This isn't really something that should wait as long as 2001.

So it is rational for the Idaho Board of Education to try to jump start the school districts and get them to work faster on the professional embarrassment of an estimated two-thirds of the teachers of Idaho who don't know enough about computers to put them to use in the classroom.

On the other hand, a person can sympathize with some school superintendents who complain that the board is ordering an expenditure without

telling district administrators where to get the money. Local districts are caught in an impossible situation. They have patrons up in arms against property tax increases, plus a state Legislature so committed to the reelection of its members that it is afraid to fully fund education and err on the side of striking a heroic tax cutter pose.

And now the state education board that is no great shakes at changing the mind of the Legislature orders an expenditure on a teacher training program — an expenditure that must come out of the hide of some existing expenditure for education.

The superintendents are on a silly ground themselves when they say the board is violating its own belief that local districts should set their own policies on such matters. If that is what the board believes, it is ridiculous. There are many realms where local control does not apply, especially when it comes to the bottom line on what districts throughout Idaho must provide. Should teaching children math, making classrooms safe from fire or segregating schools be a matter of local control? In many cases, the board, the Legislature and even the courts make most such decisions.

But the local-control excuse of the superintendents does not render obsolete the response to that complaint by board member Thomas Dillon of Caldwell: "We believe in local control except in technology."

Why would that be? Technology is a tool for carrying out state or local policy, not a jurisdiction in and of itself.

The ineptitude of that answer indicates that the board knows it has no excuse for grandly ordering changes that nobody knows how to pay for.

### Crack the whip on Union Pacific

From the Los Angeles Times  
A huge portion of the Southern California economy was put on hold early this month by what experts call the nation's worst railroad lockout in at least 25 years. The blame fell on the administrators of the Union Pacific Railroad, which swallowed Southern Pacific railroad last year and has been in need of a collective Heimlich maneuver ever since.

The problems: too few locomotives, engineers, freight cars, administrators, computers and more. The stretches of Union Pacific's 36,000-mile rail system and costly delays for shippers and customers that, by some estimates, total up to \$1 billion.

In the Los Angeles area the situation became outrageous, transforming a run from the ports to Chicago from three or four days to three weeks or more.

The good news now is that the problems at the Los Angeles and Long Beach ports have eased considerably. The bad news is that Union Pacific doesn't deserve much credit. At Long Beach, for example, the Christmas cargo rush is largely over. Additional dockworkers were hired to help handle the mountain of shipping containers that piled up during the worst of the railroad mess.

In Texas, the federal Surface Transportation Board took the unusual step of ordering Union Pacific to at least temporarily open its rails to competitors to ease snafus. It should

be noted: that the Transportation Board approved the 1996 Union Pacific/Southern Pacific merger with few stipulations.

There is much to learn from this experience, particularly since pending mergers could leave the nation with just three major rail carriers. Union Pacific slashed and burned its way through the Southern Pacific infrastructure, only to find out, belatedly, that it needed Southern Pacific's locomotives, cars and administrators. Union Pacific should be required now to meet specific performance objectives or face serious fines, at the least. Small wonder some Texans want the merger voided to allow rail competitors back in on a permanent basis.

During the debacle, shippers and customers found themselves with few alternatives to Union Pacific, leaving the railroad with relatively little to lose in terms of major business. That's something the Surface Transportation Board ought to take up during its Wednesday meeting on Union Pacific.

Economic pressures should drive Union Pacific to reforms. Even some of its shareholders are suing the railroad. But that's not enough. Union Pacific isn't just another large business. It's one on which the nation depends for everything from petrochemical shipments to trade with Mexico and the Pacific Rim. Union Pacific took on that role and must be made to meet its responsibilities.

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### Hair-raising housing stories to horrify you

**H**alf-million dollar homes nestled in the mountains. Fancy cars, beautiful furniture and giant-screen TVs. Million-dollar investment schemes discovered the service had built 18 single-family homes at taxpayer expense near Yosemite National Park for National Park Service employees. With 1,800 square feet and stunning views of Yosemite, these delightful mountain homes cost a cool \$584,000 each. That's right, in the era of balanced budgets, your government saw fit to spend more than \$1 million on park-side palaces for Ranger Rick.

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The U.S. General Accounting Office recently reported on the lavish habits of some who manage and participate in federal housing programs. Billions of taxpayer dollars have been lost, not just through the usual mind-numbing government incompetence, but also through "wanton misuse of funds" (that's government-speak for stealing).

Culprit No. 1 is the National Park Service, under the supervision of the Department of the Interior. Auditors recently discovered the service had built 18 single-family homes at taxpayer expense near Yosemite National Park for National Park Service employees. With 1,800 square feet and stunning views of Yosemite, these delightful mountain homes cost a cool \$584,000 each. That's right, in the era of balanced budgets, your government saw fit to spend more than \$1 million on park-side palaces for Ranger Rick. The Department of the Interior isn't the only one handing out half-million-dollar homes to the not-so-need. The Department of Housing and Urban Development has gotten into the act as well. A housing authority for American Indians in Leclaire, Conn., recently informed HUD it hadn't used \$1.5 million in federal funds and thought it should return the money to the Treasury. HUD officials reportedly told them no, don't return those unused taxpayer dollars — go ahead and

use the funds on more housing. So they did. They constructed 15 homes, each worth \$128,000, for American Indians who (based on their income levels) didn't qualify for government assistance.

In another first, an American Indian housing authority in Red Rock, Okla., found a loophole in HUD procedures that allowed all five board members to get brand new houses for themselves or their family members at taxpayers' expense. But corrupt administrators and participants in housing programs have scooped up more than just fancy houses. They've also filled their bank accounts with cold, hard, taxpayer cash. The staged goal of HUD's 203(c) Rehabilitation Home Mortgage Program is to promote the restoration and preservation of existing public housing stock. Yet HUD's own Office of Inspector General reported that many investors and nonprofit borrowers view the program "as merely a means to turn a quick profit." Sure enough, auditors uncovered a slew of shady deals net-

ting the parties millions of dollars."

One of the most flagrant cases of abuse uncovered by auditors involves Safety Net, a nonprofit organization in New Orleans that misused hundreds of thousands of dollars in federal grant funds. The organization leased properties originally intended for the homeless to realty, employees, and individuals with healthy incomes. In fact, when auditors surveyed 43 Safety Net tenants, they found only one who met the program's definition of homeless. Several affluent individuals had moved their new luxury cars, expensive furniture and big-screen television sets into Safety Net's facilities. And many tenants had moved from their former homes, simply because the program's homes were bigger.

Safety Net — or trampolines? You decide. Perhaps you're surprised by these housing horror stories. You shouldn't be. Housing programs are intended to be inefficient. Most were designed during the Great Depression as jobs programs, not as programs to house the poor. The programs have never been revamped, so their aim today is the same: to generate jobs for housing bureaucrats, not to produce housing at the lowest cost. So it follows that the "middlemen" administering these programs — not the tenants — are the biggest beneficiaries.

Now, maybe, you understand another reason some members of Congress want to slash away at Big Government.

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## LETTERS

**Librarians have a problem to fix**  
Yesterday after school, my 11-year-old granddaughter was dropped off at the library to get a special book. She is in an accelerated-reading program. Her mom left her there while she ran some errands.

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She did not have documentation for a new card. She said the lady was mean and frowning at her.

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Our young people are urged to read and read some more. This experience is not conducive to encourage more visits in order to read.

Librarians, there is a problem — please fix it.  
I.L.A. BRUNER  
Twain Falls

**Fish & Game deserves no respect**

After reading the Outdoor section of The Times-News I was appalled by the intestinal fortitude of our illustrious Fish and Game.

First, they completely ignore the public's wishes and then they want the public to help them with a job. Which is understandable as most people can see, they are unable to perform their duties by themselves.

I have no use for the wanton slaying of any animal. But I also have lost all my respect for the Fish and Game. I can't really say which I disrespect the most — Fish and Game or poachers.

But we can thank God there is a light at the end of the tunnel. They are supposedly overhauling the IRS; they

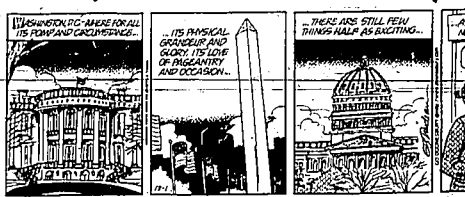
might (or we might) be able to over-haul the Fish and Game. Maybe with the help of a writ of mandamus.

I have asked three different people about the conditions of the Hagerman hatchery, and I have received three different answers. Mr. Nellis told me that they are raising as many trout as ever at Hagerman. I couldn't understand this since more than 75 percent of the ponds are closed. A friend and I went down there and looked. They may have as many as before, but they are about 2 or 3 inches long and crowded into very few rearing ponds. With the Fish and Game would get their hands out of their rear ends and restore Dog Creek, Bell Rapids and Thorn Creek.

I received a letter from Mr. Nellis and after reading it, I came to the realization that the Fish and Game has a propaganda machine that makes Joe Stalin's look like a beginner.

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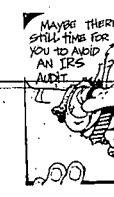
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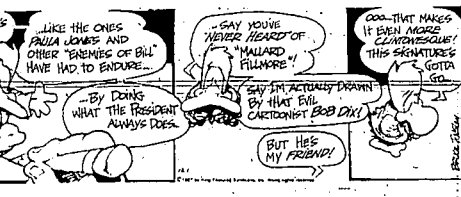
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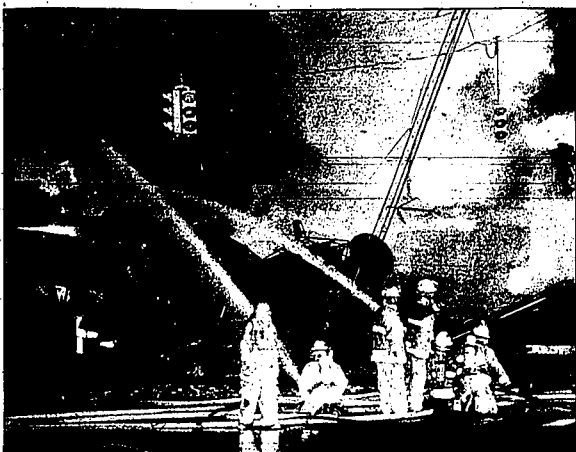


### Mallard Fillmore



### By Bruce Tinsley





Firefighters from Johnstown, Milliken and Berthoud fire departments in Colorado work to contain a fire that destroyed the building that housed the KJNC AM radio station on Saturday.

## Fire blackens right-wing radio station; cause of blaze sought

JOHNSTOWN, Colo. (AP) — A radio station devoted to right-wing, anti-government politics was gutted by fire, although the blaze may have been accidental.

Agents for the Colorado Bureau of Investigation were in this small town Sunday to determine the cause of the fire at KJNC, a radio station whose owner said he had a calling from God to go into broadcasting.

The station airs the American Freedom Network, a show that promotes survival gear, sepa-

ratist movements and extreme right-wing philosophy.

The Saturday night fire about 40 miles north of Denver also destroyed a publishing office for a magazine called American Freedom.

Dr. Norm Resnick, who airs a show, said the station will likely continue broadcasting. "We have a state of the art transmitter and it's not there," Resnick said.

Resnick refused to disclose the transmitter's location. When asked whether he thought the station was specifically targeted

he refused to speculate, but added, "I'm glad the FBI is there."

Douglas Ray Hickman, station security manager, said threats have been directed at the station in the past. However, he and Resnick both said that repairs made recently to the station heating system may have had something to do with the fire.

The station was started in 1993 by Resnick and owner Don Wiedenman out of a refurbished farm implement store.

## El Nino deadens hurricane season

MIAMI (AP) — The Atlantic hurricane season was a lot less windier than usual, and El Nino is the reason.

Three hurricanes blew in from the Atlantic during a storm season that ended Sunday. The average is six.

"It was quite a blessing," said Ellen Meyer, manager of the waterfront Mucky Duck restaurant on Captiva Island off southwest Florida's Gulf Coast. "We sighed a big breath of relief."

El Nino, the periodic warming of the eastern Pacific, gave rise to furie storms off the coast of Mexico such as Hurricane

Pauline. That storm struck the southern Mexico coast in October, causing flash floods and mudslides that killed 230 people and left 300,000 homeless.

But El Nino had the opposite effect in the Atlantic, where it sent strong easterly winds into the upper atmosphere. The winds helped dampen conditions for the forming and movement of hurricanes.

The National Hurricane Center chased only seven named storms in the Atlantic while watching a hefty 17 in the eastern Pacific.

Still, the Atlantic season, which runs from June through November, was not noiseless.

Hurricane Danny, which stalled over the Alabama coast in July killed at least nine people and flooded parts of the Carolinas, causing \$100 million in damage.

## Eyeball identifier: New technology may render PIN numbers obsolete

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Can't seem to remember that infernal PIN number for your bank card? Don't worry. Thanks to a technology right out of James Bond, you might not need it much longer.

Just step up to the camera while your eye is scanned. And don't try to play tricks: The iris — the colored part of the eye the camera will be checking — is unique to every person, more so than fingerprints.

And, for the customers who can't remember their personal identification number or password and scratch it on the back of their cards or somewhere that a potential thief can find, no more fear of having an account cleaned out if the card is lost or stolen.

Sensar Inc., a New Jersey-based company, is preparing to offer eye-scanning to ATM manufacturers as an alternative to passwords and PINs for automatic teller machines.

It plans to unveil the system publicly at the Banking Administration Institute's conference in New Orleans on Dec. 3.

The system works like this: when a customer puts in a bank card, a stereo camera locates the face, finds the eye and takes a digital image of the iris at a distance of up to three feet.

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- A grid is placed on the image and a "bar code" is created from the light and dark areas of the iris.
- The ATM won't work unless the code matches one stored at the time of enrollment. The entire process takes about two seconds.

Source: Sensar Inc. AP/John G. Smith, graphics by Todd Pitt

than two seconds, said Rob Van Naarden, vice president of marketing and sales for Sensar, a commercial spinoff of Sarnoff

Laboratories, which was involved in the development of color television and the laser and did much of the work on the iris ID system.

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## NASA decides against re-launch

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Space shuttle Columbia's astronauts will not lose a science satellite that they rescued in a spacewalk last week, NASA decided Sunday after considerable debate.

Mission managers reviewed a variety of options but finally concluded — that it was unfeasible to release the Spartan satellite a second time and attempt to salvage its sun-studying mission.

The shuttle simply does not have enough fuel to support another satellite retrieval, said mission operations director Lee Briscoe.

"If you were deploying a brand new, fresh spacecraft, you wouldn't do it under those circumstances," Briscoe explained at a hastily arranged news conference.

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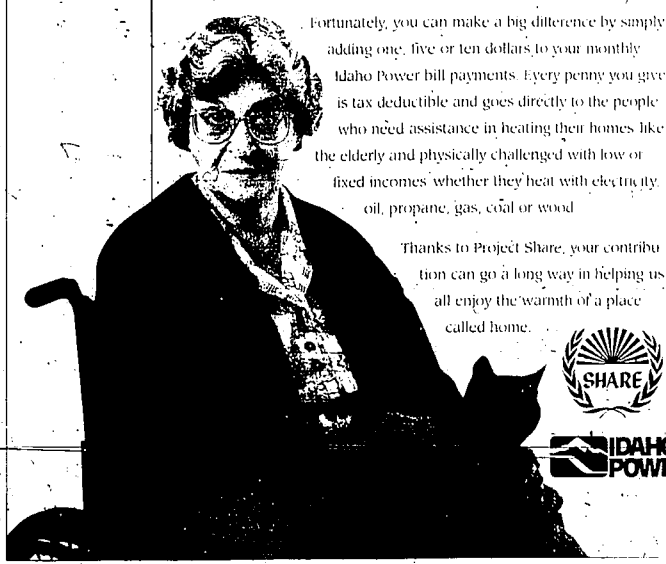


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WORLD



Linda McCathern, seated in wheelchair, smiles with daughters Sarah, right; Jameelah, far left, her third daughter from another marriage; Hillary, 6, on her lap, and her Libyan ex-husband Ahmed Naas Sunday upon her arrival at Tripoli's hotel in Libya.

## U.S. woman reunites with daughters in Libya

TRIPOLI, Libya (AP) — Linda McCathern started sobbing Sunday as soon as she saw her daughters at dockside — twin 14-year-olds, one outgoing, one shy, both waiting with flowers to give the mother they had not seen in nine years.

The reunion in Tripoli — short on words, long on emotion — ended a long-delayed journey for McCathern, who struggled for years against physical paralysis, the bitterness of a failed marriage and the enmity of global politics to see her half-American, half-Libyan daughters once again.

At the dock Sunday, ex-husband Ahmed Naas nudged forward the two brown-haired girls, sending them toward McCathern sitting in her wheelchair.

—*Que,* Jameelah, went quickly up to her mother, dressed in red and pearls for the reunion, tears streaming down her face.

Sarah hung back, nervously, then joined her sister in presenting their all-but-unknown mother with flowers. They kissed her cheek.

To her ex-husband, McCathern said only, "Thank you."

McCathern, from Portland, Ore., had first met Naas in the United States. She had not seen the girls since 1988, when her new ex-husband took them from the United States to Rome, supposedly to visit his mother.

Two years earlier, McCathern had left Libya and taken the girls to America, where a U.S. judge gave her legal custody.

In 1995, Moammar Gadhafi gave McCathern permission to visit Libya, but the following weekend a car accident left her a quadriplegic.

Linda kept trying to see the girls, but hostility between the United States and Libya — which Washington accuses of involvement in terrorism and the deaths

of 270 people in the 1988 bombing of a Pan Am jet over Scotland — meant she had to get permission from both governments.

Even to take money to Libya required U.S. government clearance. She has to take a ferry from the Mediterranean island of Malta, since air links with Libya are banned by a U.N. Security Council resolution aimed at getting Tripoli to hand over two suspects in the Scotland bombing.

Her trip this time resulted from the efforts of a Libyan professor and member of one of the country's popular committees, Ali Omar, hearing of her dilemma, he managed to get a letter to Gadhafi, who again gave permission.

Omar said he was latched by Linda's story — but also wanted to point up that many other parents or children in Libya are separated from families in other countries by politics. "This is not about governments," Omar said after the reunion. "It's about people. People are more important than governments."

At a Tripoli hotel after her arrival, McCathern talked to the girls through a translator — the teen-agers speak Arabic and Italian, but no English — and to her ex-husband.

Sarah, with tears rolling down her face, was now standing next to her mother but still hesitated.

"Tell her I want so much to be a part of her life, and ask her to help me," she told the translator.

Lori Leland, McCathern's caregiver, assured the shy teen-ager, "It's all right to hug her. It won't hurt her."

Finally, Sarah put her hands around her mother's neck and hugged her.

McCathern let out a moan, burying her face in her daughter's shoulder.

## S. Korea reaches agreement on bailout terms

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — South Korea and the International Monetary Fund reached preliminary agreement Monday on terms of a multibillion-dollar bailout package for the nation's foundering economy.

"We working-level officials have worked out a plan," Finance Minister Lim Chang-yuel said.

Lim spoke early Monday after overnight talks with Hubert Neiss, head of the IMF's Asian-Pacific division. He indicated the deal would now go to South Korea's president and the head of the IMF for final approval.

Terms of the deal were expected to be released later Monday.

South Korea's MBC-TV said the first installment from the bailout fund was to be provided right after the package is signed by Michel Camdessus, the IMF's managing director, who is due in Seoul on Tuesday.

South Korea turned to the IMF

on Nov. 21 for rescue for its troubled economy, the world's 11th-largest. It said last week that the amount needed could rise from the original target of \$20 billion to \$50 billion.

An IMF delegation, led by Neiss, has since been negotiating in Seoul with South Korean officials on terms of the bailout fund. IMF loans usually come with strict conditions attached, including initiatives for less government spending, low economic

growth and clearing up of insolvent banks and companies.

The Kyunghyang Shinmun, a mass-circulation national daily, said Sunday that the first draft of the IMF conditions called for South Korea to achieve its projected 6 percent economic growth for 1998.

Another revised target would raise unemployment from the present 2.5 percent to up to 7 percent in 1998, forcing about 1.5 million people out of their jobs.

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## It all has to do with appearances

Today I want to talk about campaign finance reform which is... Wait! Come back here!

Campaign finance reform happens to be a very important issue, which is why for the past year it has been the subject of lengthy and sincere hearings by the House and Senate Joint Committee of Men Going Blah Blah Blah. Like most Americans, you probably paid no attention to these hearings, so I'm going to explain the major findings here, using simple luyperston's terms such as "pickles."



Basically, our campaign-finance system works this way: Donors give money to politicians, who then use the government to do favors for the donors. It's exactly like buying a hamburger, except that under our laws, everybody must pretend that nobody is buying anything, and nobody is selling anything. The donors must pretend that they're giving money solely because they support good government; the politicians must pretend that the favors will benefit the entire nation. If Burger King operated this way, a typical transaction would go like this:

**CUSTOMER:** Here's some money! But I don't want a burger! I'm just supporting quality fast food!

**COUNTER PERSON:** Fine! Because we don't sell burgers, here at Burger King! Although there might be a burger there that you can have, for the good of the entire nation!

**CUSTOMER:** Would it have extra pickles?

**COUNTER PERSON:** Of course it would! The entire nation needs extra pickles!

If you think this scenario is amusing, you may have heard of the campaign-finance hearings, during which the fact that the federal government is basically for sale was largely disregarded in favor of endless nit-picky discussion about exactly how President Clinton and Vice President Gore grubbed for money, and especially whether they grubbed for money on federal property (Bad) or off (OK), and whether they grubbed for money from foreign sleazebags (Bad) or domestic sleazebags (OK).

To politicians in Congress, who of course have spent the majority of their adult lives grubbing for money, expressed great shock upon learning how campaign financing works. So did President Clinton and Vice President Gore. They had no money, and they were in Washington, so they grubbed for money on federal property (Bad) or off (OK), and whether they grubbed for money from foreign sleazebags (Bad) or domestic sleazebags (OK).

Until then, our elected leaders will continue to grub relentlessly for money. Why do you think this? It is because they're hypocritical gasbags with the ethical standards of tapeworms?

Yes! I mean: No! It's not their fault! They have no choice! Because in America, the only way you can get elected to high office is to hire expensive consultants, who conduct expensive polls to find out what the voters think, and then, having found out that the voters think that all politicians are slime, make expensive TV commercials when you show a hideously unflattering photograph of your opponent and have a smug announcer say something like: "Harvey Hacksensit would like you to believe that he has never eaten live human babies. Who's he trying to fool?"

If you don't run this kind of campaign, you can't get elected; and if you don't get elected, you can't realize the idealistic dream that attracted you to politics in the first place: The dream of getting re-elected. So let's amplify the cash flow: Sleazebags who want government favors give money to politicians, who give it to consultants, pollsters, advertising agencies and television stations, who get you to elect the politicians, who then get more money from sleazebags. Do you see what's morally wrong with this, voters? That's correct: Your government, the government that your Founding Fathers fought and died for, is being sold over and over like a used mobile home, and you're not getting a cut! I say this frankly, I say we should have a fair, honest and democratic system where, by the money would go directly from the sleazebags to the voters. That's right, I say we eliminate the politicians altogether, and put the donors directly into office. The way it would work is, you'd go into the voting booth, and there would be a list of donors competing for each office, and next to each

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# SNIFFLES 101

## Cold and flu season is here; what will you do?

Knight-Ridder News Service

Cold and flu season is officially here, and chances are you're dreading a trip to the cold-and-flu remedy section of your local drugstore. To help, here's a refresher on what's the more familiar over-the-counter cold treatments:

- **Multisymptom remedies:** It's tempting to try to beat back all the symptoms with one handy product, but most experts advise against it. Even though it may feel as if all of your cold symptoms hit at once, they don't. You have congestion and achiness; you don't really need cough medicine and an antihistamine along with your decongestant and pain reliever. And the more medicines you take, the greater your risk for a bad reaction. The more intelligent course is to identify your worst symptoms and wage war on them.

- **Antihistamines:** These ingredients usually end in the suffix "amine," as in two of the most common, chlorpheniramine and diphenhydramine. They dry mucus membranes and are most often used to treat allergies. And while antihistamines are sometimes paired with decongestants in cold remedies, whether they help treat cold symptoms is debatable. Since colds are reactions to viruses and not allergies, work on the body's reaction to allergens.

- **Decongestants:** Both decongestant pills and sprays shrink swollen mucus membranes and help dry up runny noses. Pills provide longer-lasting relief. Nose sprays and drops target the problem area directly and work faster. Don't use medicated nasal sprays for more than three days or more than three times a day.

Continuous use can cause the "rebound effect," which means your mucus membranes swell up more than before you use the spray.

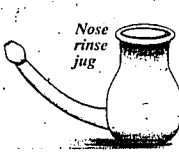
In addition, if you have heart disease, high blood pressure, glaucoma, diabetes or an overactive thyroid, decongestants might cause problems. They may also interact with some drugs, such as high blood pressure medications and some antidepressants. Check with your pharmacist or doctor.

## Rinse your nose

If you have a cold or suffer from sinusitis, rinsing your nose with salt water might be a solution.

Why:

When the mucous membrane in the nose and sinus is rinsed of bacteria and dirt, you can reduce medicine use.



SOURCE: Scandinavian yoga center

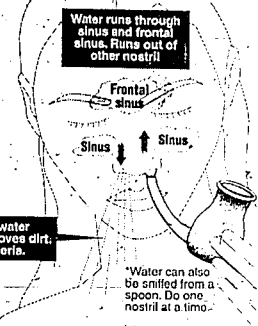
History:

- Dates back to Muslim and yoga rituals.
- Known to be common among fishermen.
- Special nose-rinse jugs available from beginning of 20th century.

## How to rinse nose using a jug:

Boil water, add salt in 1:100 ratio; Pour lukewarm saltwater into nostril.

Saltwater removes dirt, bacteria.



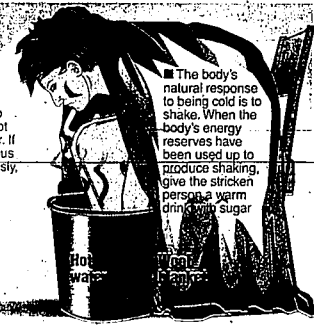
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## Over-exposure to cold

A person exposed to extreme cold may not know how to recover. If they are still conscious and breathing vigorously, here's what to do.

- **Put hands in hot water.** 109-74177.
- **Chilly increases body temperature.**

SOURCE: Survival at sea



KRT Infographics

**Cough drops and syrups:** Coughs are your body's way of getting mucus out of your respiratory tract. For that reason, many experts suggest you don't mess with your cough too much. However, if the cough is bad enough to disrupt your breathing or your rest; you probably will have to calm it. Cough suppressants work best for dry, hacking

coughs. Cough expectorants thin mucus, making it easier to cough up. Most cough drops soothe your irritated throat, but have no suppressant or expectorant effect.

- **Throat lozenges:** Some have a local anesthetic that deadens pain. Anesthetic ingredients include dyclonine hydrochloride and benzocaine.

## Researchers see little benefit from zinc lozenges

The Washington Post

The scientific case for using long-selling zinc lozenges against the common cold remains weak at best, a review of six clinical trials cautions.

"Our analysis suggests that the evidence for benefit from treating colds with zinc salts is still lacking," researchers from the Madigan Army Medical Center in Tacoma, Wash., concluded this month in the Archives of Internal Medicine.

The researchers analyzed six studies, published over the past 15 years, that investigated the effect of zinc tablets on patients coming down with a cold. Three found some lessening of cold symptoms; three found no benefit, or worsening symptoms.

But taken together, the studies "failed to find a statistically significant benefit," the review found. And they had methodological problems, including small size, inadequate follow-up and

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## Hypnotherapists claim to help people kick smoking habit

By Joan Bean Times-News correspondent

HAGERMAN isn't easy to get into the habit of smoking cigarettes.

Just one step at a time: one puff, one cigarette, one smoke in Washington, one. Then often there is no choice but to continue to light up.

It's not so easy to kick the habit.

About 13 years ago, Kathleen Meckler, now 42, decided the cough she was waking up with every morning

shouldn't be there. So she tried every conceivable way to quit smoking. To no avail.

Then one day Meckler opened the Yellow Pages to "hypnotherapists" and picked out Don Spencer's name.

"In one session, I stopped completely," she said. "And after 17 years of heavy smoking I was so impressed that I decided that I would become a hypnotherapist myself under the guidance of Spencer — who no longer lives in the Magic Valley

— she was certified in 1989. After furthering her training through the National Guild of Hypnotherapists in 1994 she became an instructor.

Meckler stressed that hypnosis is not magic. But if you want to quit, it strengthens your emotions and distills to the point where you can do it.

"Hypnosis works on the habit control issue of smoking, and decreases any desire you have for nicotine through comfort," she said. "Then you and the therapist work on how to

control the habit of smoking."

Meckler said goals need to be established and behavior reinforcement used. And she said probably most important for success in smoking cessation is developing a new attitude and new self-image as a nonsmoker.

For hypnosis to work, the person must be strongly motivated, with a reason for quitting his or her own. It should not be because of pressure from someone else.

Meckler says hypnosis works by quieting the mind.

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## LOOKING GOOD

### Live in fashion's comfort zone

Los Angeles Times

It's easier to define what isn't comfortable than what is. A random sampling of women turned up a jute list of everything from jeans to pantyhose, bras and shirts. Everyone had months of things that bind, itch, scratch, slip, gap or strangle.

For those who would have to wear clothes that were uncomfortable or clothes that didn't look good were fountains of practical wisdom. When it comes to their wardrobes, they want it all, and awareness of the following tips helps them get it.

• **Find the right underwear and hosiery.**

Not surprisingly, the foundation of a comfortable wardrobe is often a matter of starting with the right foundations. Women complain about bras that pinch or don't stay in place, panties that hurt and ride up.



One of the keys to comfort is not to overload. This First Issue anorak jacket and matching pants is a minimalist holiday ensemble.

it. Once you've licked the underwear problem, everything else gets easier.

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## HEALTH NOTES

### A taste for fat

Think lipids are insipid? Fat ehance. Until recent years, scientists thought that fat was flavorless. But The Sciences magazine says that new evidence shows that fat has just about every flavor you can imagine. Whereas white sugar stimulates 10 percent of taste buds and salt 50 percent, but 95 percent of your taste buds to tingling.

### Breast-implant breakdown

Why, how and what effect it has on other organs of the body, we still do not know for sure. But silicone breast implants weaken with age and rupture more frequently than medical experts and manufacturers had suspected, a Food and Drug Administration researcher reports in the medical journal Lancet.

### Implanting a suggestion

Speaking of implants, people fitted with artificial hips, metal plates, joints and pacemakers should be given implant cards to help hospitals, a British doctor says. Because some of the devices may need to be replaced or patients may need additional surgery in another hospital or country, orthopedic specialist Sudip Pukayasthi argues in a letter to the British Medical Journal that patients should carry implant cards detailing the type of

device, when and where it was implanted and the name of the manufacturer.

### Brain cramps

Researchers have identified a new psychiatric disorder for the gymbunnies set: pumped-up people in top physical shape who worry constantly that they "look puny." This syndrome looks almost like a reverse form of anorexia nervosa, said Harrison G. Pope of McLean Hospital in Belmont, Mass. He and colleagues from Brown University and Keele University, England, describe their discovery of the disorder, which they call "muscle dystrophobia," in the November-December issue of the journal Psychosomatics.

### Doctor data on the Web

A recent issue of the publication Pediatric News reported on three web sites where consumers can investigate physicians' board certification status. The American Board of Medical Specialties' site, www.certifiedfor.org, allows users to browse for doctors by specialty and location and receive continuing certification on specific doctors. The American Medical Association offers similar information through its "Physician Select" program at www.ama-assn.org. Information at both sites is available at no charge.

Compiled from wire reports

HEALTH & FASHION

# Doctor: Giving blood prevents heart disease

Los Angeles Times

Dr. David Meyers is not being entirely altruistic when he donates blood a couple times a year. He hopes that he is also helping himself.

An internal medicine specialist at the University of Kansas Medical Center, he is among a small and possibly growing number of researchers and others who believe that giving blood may prevent or delay heart disease in men and perhaps postmenopausal women.

That rather bizarre idea has sparked controversy ever since a Florida physician-researcher proposed it 16 years ago. What makes the idea seem even more unlikely is the reasoning behind it, which holds that the goal of

unloading blood is to rid the body of excess iron, an essential nutrient for life, people think of as potentially harmful, never mind overabundant.

Within the medical community, reaction to the "iron hypothesis," as researchers call it, has tended to be ambivalent from the beginning.

But two new studies, by Meyers' team and by researchers at the University of Kuopio in Finland, suggest that the ancient practice of phlebotomy may help some people lower the risk of contracting the leading cause of death.

The studies, which involved more than 6,000 people and were published in reputable journals, found that heart attacks and other cardiac problems were less common among men who had

donated blood compared to men who did not.

While scientists debate the evidence and await definitive evidence, health-conscious people cannot be blamed for wondering: Should they donate blood in an attempt to lower their heart disease risk?

Some researchers are arguing that it would engender false hope, distract from established preventive measures, and perhaps threaten the safety of the blood supply by encouraging people who are not supposed to donate blood, such as those with infectious diseases, to do so anyway.

"There is nothing to this iron thing except some fairly extreme conjecture," said Dr. William Weintraub, a cardiologist and researcher at Emory University in Atlanta, who evaluated the

evidence last year in the Journal of Clinical Epidemiology.

Proponents counter with a point that seems unrefuted: The long-and-checked history of unproven self-help techniques. Granted, they say, it is not known if occasionally yielding a pint to a blood bank staves off heart disease, but it does no harm to a healthy donor — and surely helps society at large by making more blood available to patients who desperately need it.

The impetus for this now-notorious idea was that men and women differ significantly both in their heart attack risks and body iron levels. A man typically builds up iron from food, beginning in his teens — and his heart attack risk goes up steadily at the same time.

## Smoking

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ing the conscious mind — and dealing more with the subconscious. Through relaxation, she said you quiet down the judgmental part of your mind and go into the emotional part.

Some people think of hypnosis only as it is used for entertainment on stage, said Jay Bergh, 40, of Buhl, another certified hypnoterapist.

To convey to those folks an explanation of how hypnotherapy works, she asks them if they have ever been driving down a road and arrived at their destination — and then wondered how they got there. The subconscious mind is fully aware of everything that's going on, while the conscious is at a relaxed state.

"And nothing is being done that the subconscious will not allow," Bergh said.

Meckler said a lot of people think smoking is enjoyment, but that it really isn't.

"And when you tell yourself enough times over the years that it's a relaxing state of mind that you're in to smoke, you believe it," she said.

"But when you actually step aside from that theory, and look at what smoke really does to your cells and taste buds — and when you stop smoking, you taste everything again, it's just marvelous."

But then again, tasting can lead to too much of a good thing if the smoker becomes an overeater.

"I give very strong suggestions

to not gain weight, and that they should not replace one negative habit with another negative habit," Meckler said.

"When I stopped smoking, he didn't give me that suggestion and I put on quite a bit of weight."

Meckler said without substituting food for nicotine addiction, 50 percent of her clients stop in one session. She said if you have one more cigarette, that just tells your mind it's OK and you'll be back in full force again.

Bergh said she has her clients quit cold turkey.

"I don't believe in cutting down; I have them stop immediately," she said. "And then I have them come up for a follow-up session a week later — and then

that's it."

Bergh, who is a naturopath and also does acupuncture, reflexology and massage, said sometimes people will come to her believing they can't stop smoking. She explains that she is a counselor guide who will take them down the path, but that it's up to them to make the commitment.

"Without this, she can't help them. "It's something they have to do on their own," she said. "You cannot force anybody to do anything but to do it on their own free will; if they have the desire then it can be done."

Times-News correspondent Joan Bean can be reached at 733-0830.

## Fashion

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Be a minimalist.

Accessories can be the worst offenders of comfort. Fortunately, fashion is on your side on this one, because earrings that mutilate your tender lobes, heavy necklaces and bracelets that bruise, belts that are too tight and shoes that have more than a little practice to feel "finished" without a load of accessories, but gradually, your eye will adjust to a less complex look.

Don't overdo it.

Pile a tank top under a shirt under a vest under a jacket under a coat and you can wind up feeling like a bundled-up child so stuffed into a snowsuit she can barely walk. If you never wear dresses, you don't know how easy and comfortable one piece can be.

If we show a long-sleeved shirt with a skirt, for instance, it would probably be about just the

shirt, without another layer," Kors says. "Too many sleeves are uncomfortable. If you have a jacket on, why on earth do you want two sets of sleeves on your arm? A shirt twisting and moving around under a jacket can drive you crazy. Use jackets with knit tops or T-shirts, and often those are sleeveless."

Become a fabric expert.

The fashion industry's hunger for the next great thing has led it straight into comfort country, where a variety of knits and clothes made of stretch fabrics are favorites. "For most of my customers, exercise clothes and active sportswear rocked their world," Kors says. "They've found out how great clothes with Lycra and stretch supplies feel, and they want to avoid putting on armor for work or going out to dinner."

Although some of the styles in Kors' spring collection are as sleek and clingy as a leotard, the new fabric technology can also be a less obvious asset.

"It's the biggest misconception to hear the word 'stretch' or 'Lycra' and think that it only means something skintight that you have to be a size 2 or 3 only years old to wear," says the designer. "I've had suits made for myself out of a stretch gabardine and I'm a normal guy with a

normal body."

Materials blended with stretch fibers give, move with the body and retain their shape. Pants don't bag at the seat or knees, armholes accommodate your reach and even slim, shaped jackets feel roomy enough for a claustrophobe.

Know yourself.

How comfortable we are in our clothes is often more psychological than physical. A perfectionist could choose to squeeze into girly-dread-the-top pantyhose rather than endure the psychic discomfort of having a protruding belly on display. Some women are uncomfortable in sweats. "I'm always afraid I'll eat too much when I wear something with an elastic waist," says one. "I lose my sense of my body in clothes that are too roomy and I just feel terrible."

How much attention do you like? Is a day without a complimentary day without sunshine? A woman who expects and invites her clothes and figure to be noticed will be uncomfortable when no one reacts. So as comfortable as she might physically be, if she hasn't dressed to feed her inner show-off, she won't feel good.

Interpret fashion trends. Funny how women who wouldn't think of rushing to see each movie that opens believe they're supposed to love every new look

Fashion serves up. No matter how hot 5-inch heels are, any woman who tells you she's comfortable walking in them all day is lying. Have the confidence to pass up styles that cause you agony.

That doesn't mean you shouldn't pay attention to what's new, or keep an open mind. The more you know about the construction of clothes, the more you can spot the comfortable ones.

Don't ignore-Mother Nature. It isn't feminist paranoia to state that the world is designed for men who wear jackets. Offices, restaurants, hotels, airplanes are always too cold, a newspaper reporter who travels a lot complains. "When I look around and see I'm wearing a short-sleeved dress and the men are wearing shirts and jackets. No wonder I'm freezing."

It's hell to be too hot or too cold. Even if the weather reporter is occasionally wrong, pay attention to the forecast and dress accordingly. You can't possibly be comfortable in a mohair sweater on a warm day. Many fabrics, like rayon, jersey, silk, even cotton and wool, are seasonless. You can adapt them by planning ahead for rooms that are overheated in winter and articially air-conditioned in summer by bringing along a jacket that can be added or subtracted as the temperature changes.

## Barry

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donor there would be a number indicating how many dollars the donor was willing to pay for your vote. When you pulled that donor lever, the dollars would immediately come out of a slot in the voting machine.

If we had a system like this, voter turnout would be very high. Of course another likely result is that we'd elect people who were criminal, or incompetent, or who were being given a

congressional seat as a present for their 8th birthday. In other words, it would not be any worse than it is now.

So I say we adopt my plan. First we need to amend the Constitution. Assuming it has not been sold.

Dave Barry is a humor columnist for the Miami Herald. Write to him at Barry Magazine, The Miami Herald, One Herald Plaza, Miami, Fla. 33132.

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HEALTH & FASHION

# Back pain ranks as common problem

The Oregon County Register

Stop in our tracks back pain. Many of us have felt it at least once — after sitting nonstop for hours at a computer workstation, after bending to lift something.

In fact, back pain ranks next to colds and other upper-respiratory complaints among the most common reasons people see doctors, according to a report from the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons.

It's as if someone clamped a vise grip on our lower back. It fades after several days, and to alleviate achiness and stiffness in the interim, we squirm and adjust ourselves while sitting or standing. On particularly bad days, we take Tylenol or aspirin.

Back strain or minor mechanical back pain is the most common and most easily treated of all types of back pain.

It's triggered by stress to the ligaments and muscles along the spine. And it's less insidious than the less common but more complex types that result from disk ruptures, nerve-root irritation and narrowing of the spinal canal.

The impact of back pain is enormous. It still is the No. 1 reason for workers' compensation claims; it even has bred a themed chain of stores, aptly called Relixx the Back, that was started in Austin, Texas, 10 years ago.

In the '90s, mechanical back pain has emerged as a much less debilitating ailment, thanks to research on aggressive, active use of medicine and more complex importance placed on good posture and strengthening the back with exercise.

As a result, back strain is less likely to get us permission from the boss for an extended sick leave. Research, including a New England Journal of Medicine study, has shown that we're better off returning activity than lying in bed for more than two days, said Dr. Martin Grabiner, professor and chairman of the physical medicine and rehabilitation department at the Baylor

## STRATEGIES

FOR SURVIVING THE '90s

### First aid

**Rest:** Lie flat on your back on a firm mattress with a pillow propped under your knees or on your side, torso bent with a pillow between lower legs to align your spine.

**Ice:** Place a plastic bag of crushed ice (or frozen vegetables) wrapped in a towel or apply a cold gel pack on the area that hurts. After 24 hours, you may alternate heat and cold. Moist heat (warm shower, hot towels) is best.

**Analgesics:** Take analgesics with anti-inflammatory qualities, such as aspirin, ibuprofen.

**Exercise:** Do gentle back stretches, strengthening exercises as you are able. A physical therapist can show you which exercises are best.

### Rx for sore backs

When debilitating lower back pain strikes, remember time is your best ally. What to do to ease your recovery.



SOURCES: "Good News for Bad Backs" by Robert Swartz, M.D. and Amanda Swartz, "Natural Health, Natural Remedies" by Andrew Weil, M.D., research by PAT CARH

### Getting help

Consult a health care professional if —

■ Pain does not begin to subside within 72 hours.

■ Pain radiates to the legs.

■ You experience numbness or tingling sensations (pins and needles).

■ You have difficulty with bowel or bladder control.

■ **WARNING:** If you feel you cannot move after your injury, don't try to. Call for help and see a doctor immediately.

For more information, consult your health care professional.

Next week: Back care professionals

College of Medicine in Houston. Early mobilization is crucial in order to return more quickly to our daily routine.

The longer you wait, the more your body atrophies and gets stiff, said Alex Francini, a Huntington Beach physical therapist who specializes in outpatient physical medicine and rehabilitation.

Francini's practice incorporates orthopedics, rheumatology and neurology among others. "You become feeble and can lose up to 7 percent of your strength for every week that you're not active," he said. "That saying 'Use it or lose it' is quite true."

Of course, we shouldn't be participating in jarring activities for a while. Walking, swimming and cycling moderately will help

recondition us.

Let's suppose we're out of bed, but still in pain. Some of us may think it's best to tough it out

because we don't like taking drugs. But we may be doing more harm than good, Francini said.

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## Lozenges

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lack of detail about patients, along with more technical flaws in study design, such as the way patients are randomly divided into comparable groups and the way results are compared.

Two other studies, in patients inoculated with the various forms of rhinovirus, the most common cause of colds, were not included in the analysis because complete data were not available. One of those studies found no effect from zinc; the other found a slight improvement in symptoms among the 12 patients studied.

In the most recent study of zinc lozenges, researchers at the Cleveland Clinic reported in July 1996 that zinc tended to shorten cold symptoms from an average of seven days to an average of four days. But 20 percent of patients taking zinc complained of annoying side effects, including nausea.

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- Prepared Childbirth Course \* Tuesdays, December 2-December 30, 7-9:30 p.m., Education Center. Pre-registration required. Call 737-2900.
- Arthritis/Lupus Support Group \* Tuesday, December 2, 7 p.m., The Prime Cut Restaurant (no-host dinner). If you would like to bring an unwrapped toy to donate to less fortunate children of our community, it would be very much appreciated. Call Wayne & Betty Moberg at 543-6147.
- CPR Class \* Tuesday, December 2, 4-7 p.m., Doctor's Dining Room. To register call 737-2007.
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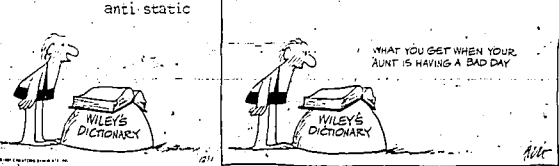
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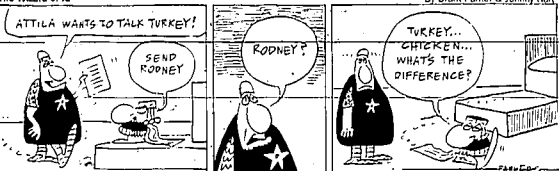
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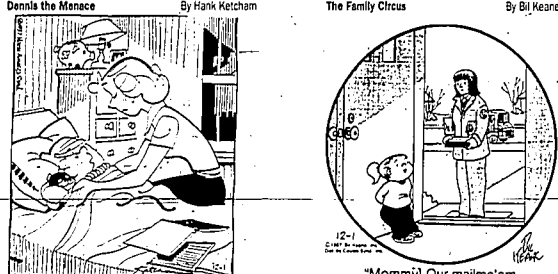


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**Chopin: Eccentrically practical**

**HOROSCOPE: Sydney Omarr**

Sometimes before a piano concert, Frederick Chopin, knowing his audience would see but one side of his face, shaved only that side.

"Commute" means to and from. It's a round-trip word.

Q. How old was songwriter/singer Fiona Apple when she won MTV's "Best New Artist" award?

A. Almost 20. Her debut album "Tidal" had topped in a rapid manner. A music commentator then said, "By the time she's old enough to drink in New York City, she'll be able to buy half the bars in town."

**WHAT'S WHAT? L.M. Boyd**

A 1,000-pound Weddell seal is not all that extraordinary.

Q. Who was Queen Mab?

A. An English folklore fairy queen who controlled people's dreams.

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IF DECEMBER 1 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Father exerted much influence, had problem with right eye, taught you to be independent, loathe night when cause is right, you are kind and brave, are sentimental in romance, always ready to make room for love. Some sag say you are a "strong" person, but you are delicate. You are loyal, never do things halfway, are phosonate when you love, it's all in nothing less. Acquaintances play your outstanding roles in your life. Your year most memorable month of 1997.

ARIES (Mar. 21-April 19): You'll receive news concerning results of company's performance. Maitani, not dependent stance, let go of unneeded method. Love relationship heats up. Scorpio involved.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): What seemed permanent becomes transient in temporary - soon breaks is healed. Focus on creativity, style, variety, use appearance.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Legal agreement involves review - happens exist, not to your advantage. Questions evolve concerning percentages, savings, possibly involved. Taurus, Libra, persons play roles.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Contract formed in false-deception those who say it's cancelled. Find out that is expressed from you, what you might anticipate in return. Question of marriage will loom large.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Reward received as result of helping estranged individual from embarrassing situation. Celebrity could be involved. Cancer, Capricorn persons in picture.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Attention revolves around universal appeal. You'll be told it's marinating the way you fit in almost everywhere! Overcome distance, language barriers - be confident, and you'll succeed.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Make new start, let people know, 21 am here to return. You are two ways of doing things, right way and my way! Introduction to special person could be start of something big.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Sense of direction learned - you're due to return to familiar ground - short time you know one and all for where you belong and why. Domestic change occurs, involves Capricorn.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Impatience covered much in advance for Christmas holidays. You'll miss, "It is true, time does fly!" Focus on wardrobe, fitness, accelerated social activity. Family involved.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Cyclic high, roadblock removed, circumstances turn in your favor - you'll be on top of game. Impatience, take charge of fate, destiny. You're closer to ultimate goal.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Visitor's block removed - words come trippingly, you'll wonder how you got one so long! Events transpire to favor efforts - you'll be compensated for time in coming. Virgo represented.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Attention revolves around music, art, luxury items, unusual gifts that demand you stay thanks in person. Refuse to become inextricably involved in unwary situation.

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# Report debunks pesticide risk

## Sprays on veggies pose little threat

The Washington Post

The Canadian National Cancer Institute reported on Nov. 15 that consuming produce sprayed with pesticides poses no increased risk of cancer.

Public health recommendations are to consume at least five servings a day of fruits and vegetables to help reduce the risk of cancer and other illnesses, including high blood pressure and heart disease, but that advice often leaves consumers in

a quandary: By eating more fruits and vegetables sprayed with pesticides, do they inadvertently increase their risk of cancer?

To help answer that question, the National Cancer Institute in Canada launched an extensive review in 1994 of the scientific literature. Its report, which appears in the latest issue of the journal *Cancer*, published by the American Cancer Society, finds no increased risk of cancer linked to common pesticide use.

The Canadian NCI reviewed a wide range of studies that focused primarily on the general public's pesticide exposure from

food and the incidental use of pesticides in the home garden.

The report found no definitive evidence to suggest that synthetic pesticides contribute significantly to overall cancer deaths. Nor did the report find evidence that increased exposure to pesticides from eating more produce "poses any increased risk of cancer."

Far more important to the development of cancer is the continued use of tobacco, the report found. Smoking accounts for 30 percent of cancer deaths, making it "the most important preventable cause of cancer and premature mortality," the report found.

In an accompanying editorial, physician Clark W. Heath Jr., an epidemiologist and statistician with the American Cancer Society, wrote that as difficult as it is for the public to understand risk, concern over pesticides as a possible cause of cancer "must not divert attention from eliminating the use of tobacco and improving dietary habits."

Although more research is needed, Heath said, "to clarify relations between pesticide exposure and cancer risk," the low level of such risk in the general population "does not warrant any major readjustment in current priorities for cancer control."

# Woman swept off her feet lands into nightmare

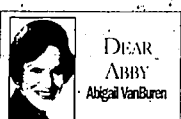
DEAR ABBY: "Larry" and I married five years ago after a whirlwind, passionate courtship. He said I was his dream come true.

As I think back on those words, I become ill. Why? Because from the day we married, my life became a living nightmare. It began on our honeymoon. I talked to another man, and Larry got so angry he slammed my face in the wall and broke my nose. I should have left then, but I believed him when he said how sorry he was — that it had been an accident and would never happen again. Besides, my parents had just paid for our wedding, and I was too ashamed to tell them what had happened.

Over the last five years, Larry has broken my wrists by throwing me down the stairs, hit my shoulder when he pushed me out of a moving car, and he has beaten me so badly I've had to hide in the house for days to keep the people I know from seeing the bruises. I am ashamed to see anyone. He keeps saying he is sorry and promises it won't happen again... but it does.

We have two children. We would have had three, but Larry kicked me in the stomach when I had a miscarriage. Maybe it was a blessing because our children have a terrible life. They're scared to death of him. I am desperate to leave, but I, too, am scared. When I tell him I want a divorce, he threatens to kill me. Is there any hope?

— LIVING A NIGHTMARE



DEAR ABBY: **Abigail VanBuren**

DEAR LIVING: There is always hope. Reaching out for help is the first step, and by writing to me, you have taken that step.

It is reported that more than 4,000 women are murdered each

year by their abusers. Battered women's advocates tell me that the most dangerous time for a battered woman is when she decides to leave. Statistics show that a woman who leaves her batterer is far more likely to be killed than those who stay. This is not intended to discourage leaving, however, but to emphasize the importance of a clearly conceived escape plan. Most women CAN leave safely with careful planning.

Your first step is to create a safety plan for you and your children while you are still living with Larry. If you decide to leave, this plan should also be designed so that he cannot find you.

I recently received a 50-page booklet called "Striving to be Violence Free... A Guidebook for Creating a Safety Plan." It is written and published by an award-winning, nonprofit agency called Perspectives Inc., in St. Louis Park, Minn.

It contains several checklists that will help you explore your options and make sound choices. Especially useful would be the

chapter that addresses "creating a safety plan." This section will help you prepare for the next violent outburst, and, well, there is always a "next time." Unfortunately, over time the violence usually becomes more frequent and severe.

Readers, if you know someone who could benefit from this guidebook, be a friend and buy it for her. (Consider having it sent to your own house to avoid a confrontation with the abuser.)

For parents, this booklet has important information for your daughters — a section called "Warning Signs of a Potential Batterer," which is designed to help a woman examine a man's behavior before she makes a commitment to him.

To order this guidebook, send \$4 to Perspectives Inc., 3381 Gardham Ave., St. Louis Park, Minn. 55426 (Attn: Guidebooks). Include your name and address clearly printed on an address label, 3x5-5 card or a sheet of paper — your four-to-five-week delivery.

# Many bargains await at the cosmetics counter

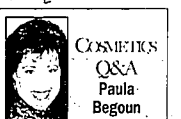
DEAR PAULA: Any great new products with great prices I can check out?

DEAR DENISE: Dallas always great inexpensive products to check out. Here are some of my recent favorites:

Bonne Bell has always been aimed at the pre-adolescent looking to start experimenting with her own makeup purchases, but adults should take notice, too. Not only does it have a nice display, it also has some really hot products and even some impressive ones for females of any age. No Shine Oil Control Makeup (\$2.99) comes in only four colors, but they are all excellent, neutral shades. The makeup won't necessarily control oil, but it does have a sheer, dry matte finish. For someone with oily skin, that's good, inexpensive news.

Bonne's Bell's Eye Definer and Lip Definer (\$1.59) are standard pencils with a selection of 12 shades each. Being standard pencils doesn't make them bad, quite the contrary, these are an excellent option for lining, especially for lips. The colors are diverse and wonderful. These are going in my makeup bag.

What sets Bonne Bell apart from the "adult" part of the cosmetics world is their lipsticks. They all have some kind of sweet candy-coated or berry-tasting flavor. Lip Gear (\$2.46) is a group of 12 lipstick shades that have a rather greasy texture. They won't



last long, but the coverage is good and the taste is like vanilla. Lip Lix (\$1.59) is a very emollient, greasy lipstick gloss, good for dry lips. Lip Tints (\$2.46) are small pots of creamy lip glosses. Lip Lixes (\$2.46) are greasy tube glosses with tastes ranging from raspberry to mulberry. These all work well for keep lips moist and chapped, but even if that isn't a concern, you have to try the multiple it really does taste like a brownie!

Revlon's StreetWear Mascara for Hair (\$4.89) and Prestige's Head Trip Hair Makeup (\$4.95) are stiff competition for Dior's Mascara-Flash-Highlights-for-Hair (\$19.50). Revlon's and Prestige's products have fewer color selections; Dior's has some blues and reds that Revlon and Prestige don't. The colors that are available are fun and work well for a highlight or two. Keep in mind that all these hair mascaras add some amount of weight and stiffness to the hair, so don't count on smooth soft color, that's not the way these products work.

Lanecorn's new foundation, Eau de Teint (\$25), has an identi-

cal finish to Lanecorn's Teint Idole (\$32.50). I reviewed Teint Idole previously, commenting that it was an excellent matte finish foundation with great colors for someone with normal to oily skin, quite similar to the other "stay-put" foundations on the market. Much like Revlon's ColorStay, Maybelline's Great Wear, and pretty Amazing Lasting, Estee Lauder Double Wear, and others, it doesn't easily rub off. It is also tricky to blend because once it's in place, it doesn't move. The same comments apply to Eau de Teint, except that it goes on much more sheer than Teint Idole. Eau de Teint provides only light coverage, which for lots of

women is the preferred way to go.

Paula Begoun is the author of several books on cosmetics.

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Women athletes are often more attuned than men to their anxieties and to outside stressors, George says.

Male athletes are not socialized to be as introspective.

Break up negative thinking by focusing on positive, technical goals and picturing them mentally.

A diva might fanning herself, "Point your toes, point your toes," and picture her toes in the right position.

NEGATIVE POSITIVE

Avoid negative phrasing

A gymnast should never tell herself "Don't bend the knees," because that gives her an image of bent knees, and her body is likely to follow.

A better phrase is "Keep my knees straight and my feet flat under-arched."

Coaches should not scream or shout to fire up their players — they'll often already over-aroused. Coaches often mirrored players' physical signals. A player who looks to charge and awkward, staring blankly and yawning, isn't under-arched.

These are common signs of over-arousal — tense muscles, slow and clumsy movement, shallow breathing and yawning to take in more oxygen.

Instead of shouting, the coach should use a calm voice to reassure the athletes and help them focus.

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# Weight gain increases cancer risk

The Washington Post

The more weight a woman has gained during her adult life, the greater her chances of developing breast cancer after menopause, according to the latest findings from an on-going study of more than 95,000 U.S. nurses.

For an average American woman, the lifetime risk of ever developing breast cancer is 1 in 8. Weight gain in adulthood appears to influence breast-cancer risk more strongly in women who have never taken hormone-replacement treatment (estrogen with or without progesterone) after menopause than in women who have used such hormones; both weight gain and hormone treatment were found to elevate cancer risk.

Based on the study's results, researchers estimated that 16 percent of breast cancers that develop in postmenopausal women can be attributed to gain-

ing weight in adulthood (defined as a gain of four pounds or more after age 18). They estimated that 5 percent of such cancers can be attributed to the use of hormone-replacement therapy.

Sorting out the relationship between obesity and breast cancer is complex. Before menopause, obesity seems to protect against breast cancer, because overweight women tend to ovulate less regularly than normal-weight women, and thus their ovaries produce less estrogen and progesterone (female hormones thought to stimulate breast cancer).

However, after menopause, obesity is a liability because fat tissue then becomes the body's chief production site for such hormones. The researchers found that after menopause, breast-cancer incidence and mortality were highest in those women who had gained the most weight during adulthood.

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**MVRMC offers childbirth course**

TWIN FALLS — A prepared childbirth course will be offered at 7 p.m. on Tuesdays, starting Tuesday through Dec. 30, in the Education Center at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. Pre-registration is required. Call 737-2900.

**CPR course takes place Tuesday**

TWIN FALLS — A CPR class will be offered at 4 p.m. Tuesday in the doctors' dining room at MVRMC. To register, call 737-2007.

**Arthritis/lupus group gathers**

TWIN FALLS — The Arthritis/Lupus Support Group will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Prime Cut Restaurant for a month dinner. Those attending may bring an unprepared toy to donate to less fortunate children of the community. Call Wayne or Betty Moberg at 543-6147.

**CPR, first aid courses set**

TWIN FALLS — The American Red Cross schedules two-weekly Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and First Aid Recertification classes at 9 a.m. each Tuesday and at 1 p.m. each Friday. If your certification is about to expire, call the office to register for the class that is suitable for your schedule. To register or for more information, call 733-6464 or stop by the office at 718 Shoshone St. E. Prepayment is required for registration in all classes.

**Group sets Dec. 8 meeting**

TWIN FALLS — The Family Bereavement Support Group will meet at 7 p.m. Dec. 8 at the Cancer Center reception area. For more information, call Kris Parkert at 886-

**Cancer support groups meet**

TWIN FALLS — A special meeting of General Cancer/Brain Cancer Support Groups will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Education Center at MVRMC. For more information, call Char Basile-Davis at 737-2800 or Judy Tremblay at 733-3700.

**Big Kids Klub helps children**

TWIN FALLS — The Big Kids Klub will meet at 10 a.m. Saturday in the Education Center at MVRMC. The class is designed to help prepare brothers and sisters for the new baby. To register, call 737-2900.

**Childbirth refresher course on tap**

TWIN FALLS — A childbirth refresher course will be offered at 7 p.m. Dec. 9 in the Education Center at MVRMC. Pre-registration is required. Call 737-2900.

**St. Benedict's offers class**

JEROME — A postpartum/parenting class will be offered at 10 a.m. Dec. 11 at the St. Benedict's Family Medical Center conference room. The class will include information on breast-feeding help and support, when to call the doctor, answers to questions, support of other mothers, parenting, and infant CPR. For more information, call 324-4301.

To do for you is a calendar listing of health-related activities, events and education information should be submitted by Thursday for publication in the following Monday's Health & Fashion section. Mail notices to The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls 83303, or deliver to our office at 132 Third St. W.

Researchers conclude disorders haunted 3 Haitian 'zombies'

The Washington Post

... Researchers, who studied the cases of three Haitian "zombies" concluded that all three individuals had psychiatric or brain disorders but added that they could not rule out the possibility that local sorcerers may have used poisons to cause the abnormal behavior.

In Haitian culture, a *zombi* is a person whose spirit is believed to have been stolen by a local sorcerer — before or just after death — so that the body can be brought back to life as the magician's slave. People in Haiti recognize zombies by their fixed stare, nasal speech, clumsy movements and repetitive speech.

In recent years, some medical investigators have raised the possibility that the "sorcerers" may use a nerve poison from the puffer fish to induce deathlike paralysis, followed by another plant-derived drug to revive the victim and keep him in "their thrall."

British psychiatrist-anthropologist Roland Littlewood and Haitian researcher Chavannes Duany examined and performed medical tests on three alleged zombies. One was a young woman who had reportedly died at age 30 only to reappear three years later — thin, nearly mute, slow-moving and unable to feed herself. The tomb where she had supposedly been buried was found to be full of stones.

Based on her behavior, the researchers concluded she was schizophrenic.

The second case, a 26-year-old man, had allegedly died but had been "recreated" by relatives at a cock fight 19 months later. His uncle was imprisoned for kidnapping him. He was a thin, scowling man who spoke rarely, spent most of his time lying in one position and had occasional seizures when he slept.

He was diagnosed with brain damage and epilepsy, possibly caused by oxygen deprivation that could have been produced by poisoning.

DNA tests showed he was unrelated to the people who claimed to be his parents.

The third person, a 31-year-old woman, was said to have died at age 18 and to have reappeared 13 years later, telling people she had been released from imprisonment as a zombie in a far-off town. Unusually outgoing for a zombie, she asked questions spontaneously but appeared to be mentally retarded and often laughed at inappropriate times. Two men claimed her as their sister, but DNA tests showed she was related to neither. The researchers concluded she had a learning disability, possibly

caused by fetal alcohol syndrome.

Two sorcerers interviewed by Littlewood and Duany identified puffer fish and various other plant and animal products as ingredients used in their craft. The authors suggest that local acceptance of zombies as Haitian society's traditional way of caring for people with brain disorders or mental illness. However, they add, "we cannot exclude the use of a neuromuscular toxin ... by a *boko* (sorcerer) to induce catatony followed by direct retrieval of the poisoned individual."

The study appeared in the Oct. 11 Lancet.

On the road: Getting the kinks out

The Washington Post

What: "The Kinkout Workout," a 15-minute exercise routine you can do sitting down in your airplane seat.

When: During a long car, bus, plane or train trip.

Why: Because sometimes getting there is not half the fun. But enough that traveling can make you cranky, tired and tense — it can also kill you.

A recent study presented to the

American College of Chest Physicians confirmed what doctors have long suspected: that passengers sitting in cramped seats for long periods of time are at risk for developing blood clots in their legs. Which is a really

good reason to exercise during your trip.

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ROUTE 540: Maple Street, Poplar Street, Sunset Circle

ROUTE 544: 717 Ave. South Broadway Ave. South Manor Drive, Payson Street

ROUTE 545: If you live in the Buhl area & are interested in being an independent junior route carrier... Please contact District Sales Manager, Robert Richardson 733-0931 ext. 347

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TWIN FALLS: THE TIMES-NEWS CURRENTLY HAS THE FOLLOWING INDEPENDENT WALKING ROUTE AVAILABLE IN TWIN FALLS

ROUTE 801: Aspen St., Ponderosa St., Skyline Dr.

ROUTE 802: Pheasant Rd. W., Twin Circle Dr., Twin Villa Loop, Villa Circle

ROUTE 803: If you live in the Twin Falls area & are interested in being an independent junior route carrier... Please contact District Sales Manager, Bob Irwin 733-0931 ext. 355

ROUTE 804: 100-600 block of 3rd Ave. E.

ROUTE 805: 100-600 block of 4th Ave. E.

ROUTE 806: 200-500 block of 5th Ave. E.

ROUTE 807: 200-400 block of 6th Ave. E.

ROUTE 808: 200-500 block of 7th Ave. E.

ROUTE 809: 200-500 block of 8th Ave. E.

ROUTE 810: 200-500 block of 9th Ave. E.

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ROUTE 817: 200-500 block of 16th Ave. E.

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ROUTE 819: 200-500 block of 18th Ave. E.

ROUTE 820: 200-500 block of 19th Ave. E.

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ROUTE 829: 200-500 block of 28th Ave. E.

ROUTE 830: 200-500 block of 29th Ave. E.

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ROUTE 417: If you live in the Shoshone area & are interested in being an independent junior route carrier... Please contact District Sales Manager, Bob Irwin 733-0931 ext. 355

ROUTE 418: 400-500 blk. 4th St. W. 500-700 5th & 7th Streets West. 300-400 Data St. N.

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\*\*\*\*\* 304 INVESTMENTS - PUBLIC SERVICE MESSAGE - Big profits usually mean big risk. Before you do business with a company, check it out with the Better Business Bureau. For free information about avoiding investment scams, write to the Federal Trade Commission, Washington, D.C. 20580, or call the National Fraud Information Center, 1-800-876-7068

\*\*\*\*\* 305 CONTRACTS & MORTGAGES - SET TOP DOLLAR \$\$ - For contracts, mortgages - 208-734-0727

CASH for Deeds of Trust - Mortgage Notes, Annulments, REContracts 800-821-9702

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\*\*\*\*\* 306 MONEY TO LOAN - Your Local Real Estate Loan Specialist - Floor Credit & Bankruptcy - 200% Down Financing - Home Improvement - Debt Consolidation - 12% Equity Loan - Mobile Homes OK - Quick Approvals - 733-0931 ext. 355

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\*\*\*\*\* 502 HOMES FOR SALE \*\*\*\*\* - PUBLIC SERVICE MESSAGE - Selling property? Don't pay any fees until it's sold. For free information about avoiding timeshare and real estate scams, write to the Federal Trade Commission, Washington, D.C. 20580, or call the National Fraud Information Center, 1-800-876-7900

\*\*\*\*\* BELLEVUE - Move in immediately \$399 down, 905 you in Call For OAKWOOD Homes - 1-800-733-9755

\*\*\*\*\* BUHL - Molton Valley, 5.6 acres, privacy, spacious home, shop, streams, irrigated pasture, garden, trees, wild life, \$159,500. Call 543-9641

\*\*\*\*\* EDEN - by owner, 15 min. from Twin, 5.9 acres fenced pasture, 3100 sq ft, 3 bdrm, 2 1/2 bath, daylight bsmt, hot tub, great view, nicely landscaped, \$187,000. (208) 652-5203

\*\*\*\*\* PILER. Approx 1 1/2 ac. w/ commercial property. 262-5676

\*\*\*\*\* GOODING - New 4 bdrm, 2 bath, finished garage. 611 Pine St. 334-9194

\*\*\*\*\* GOODING - 4 bdrm, 2 bath, 1930's, well preserved, built-in hot tub, 3000 sq ft w/ bsmt. \$115K. At 531 5th Ave. E., Gooding, ID. or call 208-934-4625

\*\*\*\*\* TWIN FALLS - Beautiful 3-4 bdrm, 2 1/2 bath, vinyl, family & laundry rm., granite, near Golf Course, homeowner preferred. Please call 208-324-5538 for appointment.

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\*\*\*\*\* TWIN FALLS - Custom home, no steps, split bdrm design, open floor plan, granite throughout, 1800 sq ft. Call 208-734-2010

\*\*\*\*\* TWIN FALLS - Rent to own 4 bdrm - new carpet, new floor, new roof. Call 208-734-2010

\*\*\*\*\* TWIN FALLS - Steady job qualifies you. Rent to own 2 bdrm - 1 1/2 acre, \$3000 no rent, \$500 per month, 1248 So. Washington 736-1196

\*\*\*\*\* TWIN FALLS 3000-sq-ft 1 home, 6 bdrm, 3 1/2 bath, car gar, deck, & much more. \$125,500. 736-4654

\*\*\*\*\* TWIN FALLS by owner: 3 bdrm, 1 bath, full bsmt, big backyard, excellent location, quiet neighborhood. \$75,800. 208-734-6299

\*\*\*\*\* TWIN FALLS OR 2 - 2 bdrms, 3 bdrms, 2 baths, 2 car garage, 1800 sq ft, storage. 858K. 733-9993

\*\*\*\*\* TWIN FALLS, \$48,400 - Owner carry. New carpet, new paint, new kitchen, new kitchen, newer carpet, partial basement for storage. CALL BOHNE PARSONS Quality Service with #1970219D

\*\*\*\*\* WENDELL - Brand new roomy 3 bdrm, 2 bath w/glass lunette & water heater. Call for info. \$69,000 TAKES ALL. Call Anthony.

\*\*\*\*\* SABALA REALTY 733-4321

\*\*\*\*\* 510 OUT-OF-TOWN HOMES \*\*\*\*\* - PARADISE - Snowmelters & Hunters Paradise. \$35,000 cabin lot (open Pine) w/ret water available & trees. \$99,500 - 26 scenic acres on Smiltia Prairie. View our site at 222 Wooten colossus htm. Call Gus at 401 - CastleRock Realty 800-916-2000

\*\*\*\*\* 512 FARM/RANCHES/DAIRIES \*\*\*\*\* - HAZLETON, Dairy site, 2000 sq ft, 2 bdrms, 270 acres. \$5,000. 825-6817

\*\*\*\*\* KIMBERLY - For sale, to settle estate, 40 ac. between T & N in Falls & Kimberly. Contact Wayne Goutz for information at 208-423-4247, after 5pm.

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WE BUY USED SADDLES & EQUIPMENT... WESTERN'S STORE... MERCHANDISE... ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES... APPLIANCES...

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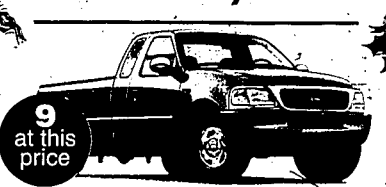
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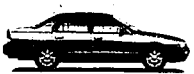
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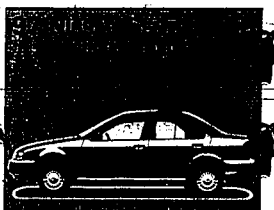
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