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Orus Bowles, a surgical technician at Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital, scrubs outside the operating room. Officials say simply washing hands is an effective way to prevent infectious diseases.

## FIGHTING INFECTION

### Magic Valley hospitals take precautions for patients' well-being

By Pat Marcantonio  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — Deedre Anderson might seem to have an unusual-looking job. She monitors infections. An infection control nurse at Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital, one of her jobs is to determine their source. That is, whether the patient brought in the infection from the community or if it's "nosocomial" — an infection picked up in the hospital.

Anderson and her counterpart at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center say battling infections is nothing new, but their approach to the problem is.

"I can say there is no concern of high rates of nosocomial, especially in our hospital," Anderson said.

"Usually most of them you can trace back to the patient," said Patricia Ehardt, Magic Valley

Regional infection control practitioner. "Our infection rates are pretty well contained. They are not in an alarming rate."

The state of Idaho doesn't keep track of hospital-acquired infections.

**More technology, more risk**

Infections take place in hospitals for a simple reason: Lots of sick people are being treated in one place.

Nationally, the infection rate in hospitals has risen because of more invasive ways to save a person, the American Hospital Association said. Invasive means treatments intruding into a body, such as catheters and breathing tubes.

In addition, more outpatient treatments mean those in the hospital are more severely ill, and less able to resist infections.

Dry and tight skin is the No. 1 shield against infections, Anderson said. Anytime skin is breached it puts the patient at risk for an infection from bacteria.

Precautions such as gloves and gowns are taken in confirmed or suspected infection cases to prevent the spread of bacteria, she said.

But medical personnel are

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### Hospital infection facts

- 2 million patients a year develop a hospital-associated infection.
- 88,000 people die annually as a direct or indirect result.
- 6 million health-care workers in the United States are at risk of acquiring a serious or potentially deadly infection, such as HIV and hepatitis.

### Drug-resistant bacteria

- Three species capable of causing life-threatening illnesses are resistant to more than 100 drugs.
- At least 70 percent of hospital-acquired infections are resistant to at least one antibiotic and 35 to 40 percent of those are resistant to the best drug used to treat it.
- Before 1946, 90 percent of staph infections in hospitals were sensitive to penicillin. By 1952, it was 75 percent.

### How to protect yourself

- Proper hand washing. At least 10 to 15 seconds of vigorous scrubbing. (That's about as long as it takes to sing "Happy Birthday.")
- Use antibiotics as prescribed, and don't insist on them if you don't need them.
- Don't take someone else's prescription, share your medication with anyone or use outdated ones.
- Keep kitchen surfaces clean and follow food safety precautions.
- Don't send your child to school or day care if they are ill.

Sources: Centers for Disease Control, New England Journal of Medicine, Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology, and American Hospital Association.

### Super bugs in Magic Valley merit watching

By Pat Marcantonio  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — When Twin Falls physician Rodney Swarding died in October 1997 from a bacterial infection, a few people expressed concern that the bacteria was drug resistant.

In Swarding's case, antibiotics affected the bacteria, but they already had spread too far.

However, drug-resistant bacteria are present in the Magic Valley and experts say they bear watching.

### Super bugs

"The big buzzword going through health care are the super bugs that have developed resistance to antibiotics," said Deedre Anderson, Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital's infection control nurse. "Super bugs are in the Magic Valley. One of them that has been around for a little is MRSA."

That's the type of bacteria resistant to the antibiotic methicillin — Methicillin Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus. A more expensive antibiotic, vancomycin, was used against MRSA. Then, a vancomycin-resistant bug developed — VRE.

"There is not a lot out there that can treat it," Anderson said.

MRSA can be present in the

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## Saddam escapes bombing - for now

Clinton: Iraq must live up to promises

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Clinton said Sunday that Iraq must cooperate with U.N. weapons inspectors unconditionally, or Saddam Hussein could again face the punishing military strikes he avoided this weekend by agreeing to work with the United Nations.

"Iraq has backed down, but that is not enough. Now Iraq must live up to its obligations," Clinton said at a quarterly news conference at the White House.

Iraq on Saturday sent a series of letters to the United Nations that eventually led the White House to conclude Baghdad was ready to comply with the Security Council-ordered weapons inspections. President Clinton canceled an ordered military strike against Iraq early Saturday when he received word that Saddam was backing down.

If Saddam's government fails to keep its word, Clinton said, overwhelming force remains an option.

"We remain ready to act," he said.

The president said Iraq must allow inspectors "unfettered access" to view any site they wish; it must turn over all relevant documents on chemical and biological weapons production; and it must not interfere with the inspectors themselves.

"The return of the inspectors is the best outcome, because they have been and they remain the most effective tool to uncover, destroy and prevent Iraq from rebuilding its weapons of mass destruction and the missiles to deliver them," Clinton said.

U.N. officials said Sunday that its weapons inspectors were returning to Iraq shortly. At the end of the Security Council meeting, Richard Butler, chief of the

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## Starr gets chance to go public

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — For the first time in his four-year investigation, Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr will publicly lay out his case against President Clinton — in a congressional forum rife with partisan politics.

Starr's motives and tactics, as much as the president's actions, will be the focus of the House Judiciary Committee hearing set for Thursday.

Democrats plan to portray the independent counsel as a right-wing prosecutor on a rampage against Clinton in concert with the president's political opponents. For Republicans, the hearing represents the best opportunity for Starr to make his case forcefully against Clinton.

In his impeachment report to the House, Starr accused the president of 11 offenses that he considers impeachable and alleged a pattern of lies by Clinton to his loyalists in the Monica Lewinsky case.

Former Iran-Contra prosecutor Lawrence Walsh, a strong critic of Starr for pursuing the Lewinsky allegations, said, "I think his actions deserve all the scrutiny he's getting, but I'm not at all sure Starr won't do well."

In his sympathy of the public during a televised hearing, he said, "I think of the appearance of Oliver North, who ran away with the congressional hearing in Iran-Contra."



Marty Mead of Twin Falls spent two weeks in the hospital fighting off a staph infection.

## Routine operation leads to ordeal for Twin Falls woman

Staph infection is the culprit

By Pat Marcantonio  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — Inquisious. That's how Marty Mead describes a staph infection which hit her earlier this fall.

"I was in great shape and ate well," said Mead, a well-known participant in the community music scene.

On Aug. 13, she underwent same-day surgery at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center for a cyst on the back of her leg.

"It was so simple, and after a week, I had the stitches taken out," Mead said. But within a few days, her leg swelled and began to hurt.

"It got worse and worse until I could barely walk," Mead said.

To fight the bacterial infection, she took three antibiotics, underwent two more operations and was hospi-

### What is staph?

Usually short for staphylococci bacteria, staph is a frequent cause of bloodstream infections, pneumonia and surgical site infections. Staph is commonly found on the skin without producing any disease.

Source: Centers for Disease Control

talized for two weeks. No one knows the cause of the infection, she added.

Rhonda Bright, Magic Valley Regional spokeswoman, said the hospital can't discuss specific cases because of patient confidentiality.

Mead's infection is gone, and she has been returning to her active life-style. She credits her good health for helping her through the illness.

But Mead said she learned the hard way about the seriousness of infections. She encourages people to watch for them.

"It sneaks up on you," she said. "I was lucky."

# THE REGION

### Comas Prairie

**High: 48 Low: 26**  
Partly cloudy this morning with a chance of rain in the afternoon. Scattered showers tonight. Rain likely on Tuesday.

### Treasure Valley

**High: 56 Low: 29**  
Mostly cloudy but mild with a chance of rain showers late in the afternoon. Light winds. Rain showers begin Monday.

### Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley

**High: 40 Low: 25**  
Partly cloudy this morning with a chance of rain in the afternoon. Scattered showers begin. Rain likely on Tuesday.

### Eastern Idaho

**High: 48 Low: 26**  
Partly cloudy this morning with scattered showers this afternoon. A chance of showers tonight.

### Northern Idaho

**High: 52 Low: 34**  
Partly cloudy with westerly winds 5 to 17 mph. Scattered showers with scattered showers tonight.

### Northern Utah

**High: 53 Low: 32**  
Partly cloudy and mild. In evening, clouds on mountain peaks. Light showers. Highs in the lower 50s.

### Northern Nevada

**High: 56 Low: 35**  
Mostly cloudy but mild with a chance of rain this evening.

# MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>High: 55 Low: 35</b> Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain this evening.	<b>High: 50 Low: 32</b> Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain.	<b>High: 40 Low: 30s</b> A chance of valley rain or drizzle.	<b>High: 50s Low: 30s</b> A chance of mountain snow showers.	<b>High: 56 Low: 30s</b> Partly cloudy.

### Idaho weather

Monday, Nov. 16

AccuWeather forecast for daytime conditions. Highs/temps shown.

### National weather

The AccuWeather forecast for noon, Monday, Nov. 16.

AccuWeather forecast for daytime conditions. Highs/temps shown.

# YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Twin Falls	Precipitation
Yesterday: 58 - 19	Yesterday in Twin Falls: .04
Last year: 45 - 15	Month to date: .64
Idaho fall: 48 - 26	Normal mo. to date: .64
	Water year to date: .75
	Normal year to date: 1.37

### Idaho

City	Max	Min	Pcp
Boise	61	41	....
Burley	58	33	....
Fairfield	m	m	m
Hagerman	m	33	m
Idaho Falls	57	33	....
Jerome	m	m	m
Lawton	61	41	.01
Malad	57	25	....
Mesa	57	31	....
McCall	41	28	tr
Pocatello	57	29	....
Salmon	55	28	....
Shoshone	51	31	....
Sun Valley	m	m	m

### The Nation

City	Max	Min	Pcp
Albuquerque	64	37	....
Atlanta	67	46	.22
Chicago	50	46	....
Dallas	64	44	....
Denver	74	39	....
Des Moines	49	33	....
Detroit	50	42	....
Honolulu	85	74	....
Houston	64	58	....
Indianapolis	51	36	.04
Kansas City	56	33	....
Las Vegas	68	43	....
Los Angeles	69	52	....
Memphis	59	53	....
Miami Beach	84	71	....
Minneapolis	47	39	....
Missoula	58	31	....
New Orleans	61	52	.75
New York	61	52	....
Phoenix	67	44	....
Omaha	54	33	....
Philadelphia	50	47	....
Pittsburgh	50	47	....
Portland, Ore.	57	43	....
Portland, Me.	64	51	....
Reno	62	42	.34
St. Louis	51	42	....
San Antonio	65	32	....
San Francisco	59	52	.01
Seattle	56	42	....
Spokane	56	42	.04
Washington	67	48	....
Yuma	82	55	....

### Canadian Cities

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Calgary	12	23	....
Montreal	44	41	....
Ottawa	20	41	....
Vancouver	51	48	....

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Minimal  
Burn time: 60 minutes

### ROAD INFORMATION

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### ACROSS THE NATION

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Nation: Light snow fell on the extreme northern Plains on Sunday, and rain was scattered over the Northwest and the Southeast.

### SKYWATCH

Sunset today 5:15 p.m.  
Sunrise tomorrow 7:32 a.m.  
Lunar phase: New Moon, 19th day. Moon 10% lit. Dec. 15: 3rd quarter. Per: 21.

# Arafat warns of armed conflict between Israel, Palestinians

JERUSALEM (AP) — Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat on Sunday hinted at armed conflict with Israel, warning darkly that "our rifle is ready," and repeating that he will declare statehood next year.

In a rare address to Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Arafat's comments were a "declaration of war on the peace process."

Barilani said The Associated Press that Netanyahu "views such statements with the utmost severity," and would bring them up with his Cabinet meets later this week.

The escalation of rhetoric came as U.S. envoy Dennis Ross sought to jump-start the latest Middle East peace accord.

An Israeli official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said that Israel has asked the United States, which mediated the recent peace agreement, to condemn Arafat's comments.

And in comments certain to heighten tension, Foreign Minister Ariel Sharon called on Jewish settlers Sunday to grab West Bank hilltops before the sides reach a permanent territorial agreement.

"Everyone there should move, should run, should grab more hills, expand the territory. Everything that's grabbed, will be in our hands, everything that we don't grab, will be in their hands," Sharon said at a meeting with members of the right-wing Tsomet party, a coalition partner in Netanyahu's government. His comments were broadcast on Israeli radio.

The United States has called on Israel to refrain from building settlements or changing the current status of the West Bank and the latest peace accord says both sides will not carry out unilateral actions.

Barilani said Sharon's comments didn't conflict with the accord because Sharon was referring to hilltops which neighbor Jewish settlements that Israel already considers part of existing settlements.

Settlers have begun placing trailer homes on several hilltops adjacent to settlements to stake their claims, but Sharon's comments were the first indication those actions have government approval.

In the West Bank, a Jewish settler was slightly injured in a drive-by shooting close to Palestinian-held territory. Shlomo Dror, a spokesman for Israel's liaison unit to the Palestinians, blamed the shooting on Palestinian militants bent on derailing the peace process.

"There are some Palestinians there who want to stop this process," Dror told The Associated Press.

Soldiers also clashed with a group of Palestinians who tried to prevent a bulldozer from beginning work on a bypass road for Jewish settlers. The road will require the confiscation of 40 acres of Arab land in al-Khader, near Bethlehem.

About 30 soldiers beat back 20 protesters, who responded with a hail of stones

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U.N. weapons inspection team, said he was ordering the inspectors to return on Tuesday.

Clinton acknowledged that deep skepticism surrounds Saddam's promises, but he argued that holding back from a military strike is the best long-term strategy.

"If we take military action, we can significantly degrade Saddam Hussein's ability to develop weapons of mass destruction and to deliver them," Clinton said. "But that would also mark the end of UNSCOM," the U.N. special commission on Iraq.

With National Security Advisor Sandy Berger, Defense Secretary William Cohen and Gen. Hugh Shelton, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, at his side, Clinton said U.N. Secretary-General Annan shares his understanding of Iraq's obligations.

At the United Nations, Annan said Clinton's "statesmanlike response" will be welcomed by the international community.

A senior administration official said Sunday that Clinton gave the go-ahead to begin the operation Friday morning.

But shortly before U.S. missiles were to be launched Saturday morning, news reports from Baghdad indicated the Iraqi government was prepared to hold on. Clinton put the mission on hold, and attack plans began forming for a later hour.

The president spent much of the day in the Situation Room, weighing options with Vice President Al Gore and members of the national security team.

After the White House and British officials rejected Iraq's first statement over the protests of disarmament inspectors, Iraq produced two additional letters clearly stating it would cooperate unconditionally with the inspectors and renouncing past declarations limiting their work.

Clinton conferred again by telephone Saturday night with members of his team, British Prime Minister Tony Blair and French President Jacques Chirac. At 3 a.m. Sunday, Berger asked Shelton to scrap the attack plans.

Iraq averted the attack by mere hours. "It was close. Very close," Secretary Cohen said.

He said the U.S. military will "maintain a steady force" in the region "that is more than adequate to deal with Saddam Hussein."

But Cohen said the buildup might not reach full planned strength because the United States already has plenty of air power in the region, with more than 170 aircraft, one aircraft carrier and about two dozen other ships.

Before Clinton's announcement, Iraq's ambassador to the United Nations, Nizar Hamdon, said Iraq will cooperate fully with UN inspectors.

Hamdon said Saddam had stopped his government's cooperation with the inspectors out of frustration over U.N. economic sanctions limiting Iraq's economy, resulting international pressure forced a change of strategy.

# Bacteria

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St. Luke's Regional Medical Center in Boise. Three VRE cases showed up during a follow-up study a year later.

"Which may not seem like a lot but to move that quickly in a community was pretty rapid," she said.

What's frightening is when MRSA and VRE trade genetic information and spawn a new generation resistant to everything, said Patricia Heath, infection control nurse at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. So far, one case of this new super bug has been reported in Wisconsin and one in Japan.

**Building the tougher bug**

You may be building your own drug-resistant bacteria. If you don't take prescribed antibiotics as directed, only half the bacteria may be killed.

"Then that bacteria learns how to fight (antibiotic) off," Heath said. "You have to go to a

pharmacy antibiotic," she said. "But I do think we need to caution people these organisms are there and are increasing and what we tend to see nationwide spreads to our community."

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Drugs. Strains that have taken that route include E.coli and salmonella.

Antibiotics also are applied by some fruit growers to prevent infections in trees.

**More reporting**

Hahn said the state is considering adding drug-resistant diseases to the list of reportable illnesses. First she'll check with other states that collect the data to see what they've done with it.

Bradshaw believes there will be more reporting of super bugs.

"I don't think we need to scare people, but people are becoming scared," she said. "But I do think we need to caution people these organisms are there and are increasing and what we tend to see nationwide spreads to our community."

ness is properly washing your hands.

"If everyone would learn to wash their hands at the appropriate time, I wouldn't have a job," Heath said.

**Changing role**

Technology has changed the work of infection control in the past 10 years with quick tests, said Nicole Bradshaw, St. Luke's Regional Medical Center epidemiologist. Ten years ago, the emergence of HIV and AIDS also spurred more precautions.

Years ago, infection control just meant keeping records of infections. Today, it's a more aggressive job of investigation, control, prevention and education, she said.

"The infection control person 10 years ago doesn't do what I do today. They didn't do a lot of prevention. The focus has really changed," she said.

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### Workers at risk

While patients face the risk of infection, so do the hospital workers.

"We are at risk because we work with the very sickest people," Anderson said.

The two hospitals reported no serious illnesses among their employees, reflecting work on worker precautions, they say.

Federal worker regulations require protection against communicable diseases, such as tuberculosis, Anderson said. Another tool is educating workers and patients, the infection control nurses say.

Their best advice to prevent ill-

NATION

# U.S. military keeps the pressure on

Despite Iraqi  
backdown,  
U.S. continues  
buildup

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. B-52 bombers arrived in the Persian Gulf over the weekend as part of the American military buildup aimed at threatening Iraq, but other warplanes were diverted to Europe instead, Air Force officials said Sunday.

In announcing that Iraq agreed unconditionally to allow U.N. weapons inspectors to do their work, President Clinton said Sunday that the buildup of about 400 warplanes by Thanksgiving was necessary to ensure Saddam Hussein meets his obligations.

But Defense Secretary William Cohen said the buildup might not reach full planned strength because the United States already has plenty of firepower in the region, with more than 170 aircraft, one aircraft carrier and about two dozen other ships.



United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan, left, confers with U.N. Security Council president, Deputy U.S. Ambassador Peter Burleigh, on Sunday during Security Council deliberations at U.N. headquarters. The U.N. Security Council met to continue consultations on a response to Iraq's offer to resume cooperation with inspectors, and its subsequent clarifications that the offer was without additional demands.

Military strength can be "increased at a moment's notice if we have to do so," Cohen said. Lt. Col. Bill Darley, a Defense Department spokesman, said

Sunday night that warplanes that had yet to leave the United States would be held in the country. "Stuff is kind of frozen in place wherever it is, pending develop-

ments," he said. Some of the diversions were due to "a lack of clearance" for some of the aircraft to land in the region, said a senior defense official, who spoke on condition of anonymity. The official wouldn't say who denied the clearance.

Defense officials weren't saying where the warplanes were supposed to land in the Gulf region. Previously, American jet fighters and bombers have used bases in Qatar, Bahrain, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and some of the other Gulf states.

Around Thanksgiving, two aircraft carriers, more than two dozen ships, some 700 warplanes and about 45,000 U.S. troops were supposed to be in the Gulf as part of the buildup. Ground forces would include 4,500 in Kuwait prepared to defend against any Iraqi action if the U.S. troops are sent as previously planned.

# D.C. cops shoot, kill at high rates

WASHINGTON (AP) — Police in the nation's capital fire their weapons at a rate more than double those in New York, Los Angeles, Chicago or Miami and kill a higher proportion of people than comparable police forces elsewhere in the country.

An investigation by The Washington Post showed that throughout the 1990s, more people were killed by District of Columbia police officers per resident than died at the hands of police in any other large American city.

"We shoot too often, and we shoot too much when we do shoot," Terrance W. Gainer, the executive assistant police chief, told the newspaper.

In the last five years, the Post said, Washington's officers fatally shot 57 people, three more than police in Chicago, where the police force is three times as large and the population five times larger.

Deaths and injuries from police shootings have resulted in almost \$8 million in court settlements and judgments against the district in the last six months, the report said.

The spate of police shootings in the district this decade is closely tied to the training and supervision of officers and the way the department investigates cases and holds officers accountable," the newspaper said.

It said police shootings began to rise at the same time the department added a large number of new, ill-prepared recruits and adopted the light-trigger, highly advanced Glock 9mm handgun as the department's service weapon.

# Jockeying starts over massive tobacco settlement

NEW YORK (AP) — Public health advocates said Sunday the proposed \$206 billion tobacco settlement being reviewed by the states falls short of delivering a comprehensive approach to discouraging smoking.

But they declined to recommend whether the states should embrace the settlement. In anticipation that the deal will be endorsed, they were mobilizing to make sure states use the money to discourage tobacco use.

"We think it's a positive step forward in the war on tobacco, but it's not the answer and doesn't itself provide a national tobacco control policy," said Diane Canova, speaking for the American Heart Association.

She said federal legislation is still needed to give the Food and Drug Administration authority over tobacco products.

Anti-smoking activist Bill Novelli of the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids said local public health officials were being urged to make sure the states "isn't diverted to non-public health areas."

"There is going to be a huge food fight over these dollars," he said.

# Dense fog causes 74-car pileup; 2 die

KINGSBURG, Calif. (AP) — High speeds combined with dense fog were blamed for a 74-vehicle chain-reaction crash that killed two people and injured 51 others.

Six people, including a 7-year-old boy, remained hospitalized Sunday, one day after the mile-long pileup that left twisted heaps of cars and trucks on Highway 99 in California's Central Valley. Injuries included broken bones and burns.

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### THE VALLEY

#### 2 Gooding men die in Saturday crash

RICHFIELD — Two Gooding men died Saturday evening in a head-on collision at 100 W. 420 North in Lincoln County, according to an Idaho State Police report.

Jesus Alarcon, 26, and Trinidad Canchola, 25, both died at the scene after the car Alarcon was driving west crossed into the east-bound lane and collided with Canchola's car at about 6 p.m., according to the report.

The crash was still under investigation Sunday, and it hadn't been determined whether alcohol was involved.

#### Federal officials will discuss INEEL cleanup

TWIN FALLS — Federal officials plan a public meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday to discuss cleanup at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory.

The meeting will be at the Shilo Inn on Blue Lakes Boulevard North. An informal session will precede the meeting from 4 to 7 p.m.

The meeting will cover cleanup at the Idaho Nuclear Technology and Engineering Center, an INEEL facility formerly known as the Idaho Chemical Processing Plant. Forty areas at this site have been identified as posing risk to human health and the environment.

The facility processed spent reactor fuel from 1952 to 1992. Proposed plans are available at the INEEL Community Relations Plan office: (208) 526-4700 or (800) 708-2680.

#### Student travel goes up for review by CSI board

TWIN FALLS — The subject of safety in student travel will return to the College of Southern Idaho's board meeting today for further review.

Administration is asking the board to consider safety issues concerning van use, and whether college-sponsored groups should travel overseas given the climate for international terrorism.

In other business, Representatives from the city of Twin Falls will discuss the city's development of a bike trail and whether a portion could go through campus, and the board will review the college's financial audit from the previous fiscal year.

The board will meet in executive session at 4 p.m. to review a real-estate matter. Following the executive session, it will meet with CTA architects of Boise to discuss the campus master plan.

The regular meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. in room 258 of the Taylor Building. The public is welcome.

#### Group to consider effort to amend law

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Human Relations Council will consider today starting a petition drive to support an effort to amend state malicious harassment law.

The Idaho Human Rights Commission wants lawmakers to revise the law to extend beyond race, gender and religion to include sexual orientation.

In other business, council members will report on their meetings with school district officials. Members encouraged schools to emphasize tolerance of differences during Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday and Idaho Human Rights Day in January.

Council members will discuss organizing a community event, "Let Us Forget," in honor of King's birthday.

The council meets at 7 p.m. today in the College of Southern Idaho Taylor Building, room 258.

#### Hagerman City Council to hold workshop

HAGERMAN — The Hagerman City Council will hold a special meeting at 7:30 p.m. today at Hagerman Elementary School.

The meeting is a workshop with the School Board to discuss use of the city park as the football field. The public is welcome.

Compiled from staff reports

# TF woman rises to federal post

## She will work on the National Advisory Council on Migrant Health

By Pat Marcantonio  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Gloria Galan and her family used to be the crops.

They planned onions in Texas, worked in sugar beet fields in Idaho and gathered potatoes in Colorado.

If a family member or a fellow migrant worker fell ill, there was little information about where to harvest help.

Galan's experiences and her interest

in helping people have led to an appointment to the National Advisory Council on Migrant Health by the secretary of health and human services.

"It's nice to have your voice heard," said Galan, 42, of Twin Falls about the appointment. "Someone has given me this opportunity for my voice to count."

Her term begins Nov. 26. She will replace Marta Hernandez of Burley, who



has spent two years as the council's vice chairwoman, said Susan Hagler, a council staffer.

For almost nine years, Galan has served on the board of the nonprofit Family Health Services which runs health-care clinics throughout the Magic Valley. She is vice chairwoman.

One of her fellow board members is Hernandez, who suggested Galan apply for a spot on the national council.

"She said, 'You're a go-getter,'" Galan said.

She submitted a resume and three letters of reference.

"I never imagined I'd get accepted," said Galan, a pharmacy technician at Dick's Pharmacy.

Galan may be better known as the founder and driving force behind the Hispanic Heritage Fiesta. This will be the

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# Red Cross sends Idahoans to storm-torn areas

## Tops in response

By John Zebrowski  
Times-News writer

RUPERT — Doug Griffiths is a radio buff. An ancient ham radio sits on his desk, waiting for an opportunity to begin broadcasting around the world. Nearby, a newer version squawks with conversations from closer to home.

Since he was disabled from his job at the J.R. Simplot plant in Heyburn 10 years ago, Griffiths has become an expert in radio communication, a key member of the area's disaster relief team.

At the end of the month, Griffiths expects to pack his radio gear and fly south. He's not sure where he'll be heading — perhaps Nicaragua or Puerto Rico. As a member of the Red Cross, the location is not his decision. Wherever it is, he knows the conditions will be terrible.

"These countries have been hit extremely hard by all the storms that have come down there," said Griffiths, who heads the area's Civil Air Patrol. "They asked me if I was willing to help. They didn't say where, they didn't say what I'd be doing. But I'd be needed. I said I can handle that."

Griffiths is one of more than 30 volunteers from Idaho to head to areas devastated by a series of deadly storms that began in September with Hurricane Georges. No other U.S. state, outside those directly affected by the storms, has lost a higher percentage of its Red Cross members to help.

While Red Cross officials express pride in this fact, the fallout from one of the deadliest seasons ever has hurt. With most of the state's Red Cross chapters running deficits, the storms that hit the southern United States and Caribbean with torrential rains and heavy winds will make the situation worse.

Now, it seems, it is the Red Cross in need of help.

Rick Mitchell, the Idaho state coordinator, said demand for



Doug Griffiths, an amateur radio operator, plans to take his equipment with him to Nicaragua or Puerto Rico, where he will aid disaster victims.

Red Cross services has risen dramatically in Idaho over the past five years. When the organization restructured three years

ago, increasing the number of people covered, coming up with enough money to cover expenses became even tougher.

Add to this the fact that Mitchell expects to lose 25 percent of Christmas-time donations to storm relief, and the situation

begins to look a little grim.

"All of a sudden we've got some problems," he said. "We may have to lay some people off and delay hiring others. Most every chapter in the state lost money this year. Right now, we're just trying to hold the line."

The story is the same across the country. The national Red Cross budgets \$60 million per year to handle disaster relief. But after Georges rained into the Gulf Coast, that amount and more washed away in the rain. That storm alone cost the Red Cross \$100 million, Mitchell said. Congress has helped some, but not enough.

"We're all in need of raising some serious money," said Horst Koepfen, Idaho field services manager. "We've always had disasters, but the scope has never been this devastating. You would think by now it's all over, but now we have to face our winter storms. It doesn't look like it's going to end."

But Mitchell and Koepfen insist this is not a time to panic, but rather a time to recognize the dedication of Idaho volunteers. Koepfen, who grew up in Germany and has worked for the Red Cross for 30 years, credits Idaho's character.

"Compared to the rest of the states, Idaho is still in frontier state," he said. "People are much closer connected, perhaps more charitable. They put a greater responsibility on themselves to respond to neighbors when the call comes."

Mitchell said that the current financial problems will have no effect on the Red Cross' ability to respond to a crisis. As long as there are volunteers such as Doug Griffiths, he said, people will answer the call for help when it comes.

Griffiths is waiting for the call to come.

"I expect this will be one of the hardest jobs I'll ever do," he said. "But I expect it'll will also be the most enjoyable. There is nothing better than when someone comes up who lost everything and says thank you. It's better than \$1,000 in the bank."

# Parties to water dispute agree to mediate

## Settlement of Nez Perce claims could affect other water issues in Idaho

By N.S. Nokkentved  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — All the parties disputing Nez Perce water rights claims in the Snake River have agreed to pursue a mediated settlement.

Everybody appears willing to work out a mediation schedule,

presiding Justice Daniel Hurlbutt said following a hearing last week in the Snake River Basin Adjudication court.

Nez Perce claims to water in the Snake River as part of the Snake River Basin Adjudication could affect irrigation and other water development in much of the state. And settling those claims may affect other key water issues facing Idaho.

The tribe says an 1855 treaty granting fishing rights implies a federal reserved water right to

sustain the fishing rights. Idaho Power Co. and other water users have protested the tribe's claims and have agreed to pursue a mediated settlement. But the state — also protesting the claims — has said there would be no benefit to mediation.

This week the Water Resources Board decided the state would support the concept of a mediated settlement of Nez Perce water rights claims. The board is the negotiating agent for the state in water matters.

The state has some reservations. Deputy Attorney General Steve Strack said:

"We would not accept a resolution based on a federal reserved

water right," Strack said. "It has to be based on something other than that."

The Idaho Water Users Association Inc. supports mediation if a settlement can be reached, and if it keeps Idaho irrigators as whole as possible. Executive Director Sheri Chapman said:

Mediation may also solve some water-quality issues, Chapman said, and "at least identify whether we have an opportunity to settle it with mediation."

But the Nez Perce claims are inextricably linked to issues including dam breaching, federal requests for 1.5 million acre-feet

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# Officials discuss shift of livestock inspections

## Plan is an option for resolving water quality issues related to livestock operations

By N.S. Nokkentved  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — State officials still are discussing an agreement to turn over routine compliance inspection of livestock operations to the state Department of Agriculture.

That authority rests with the state Division of Environmental Quality — except for dairies, regulated by the Agriculture Department under a separate agreement.

As part of the discussion, one or several drafts of an agreement have been written to turn over inspection of livestock waste management systems to the Department of Agriculture.

Under one proposal, department annual health inspectors would evaluate waste collection, treatment, handling, disposal and

procedures for complying with the Clean Water Act. Department officials would respond to complaints about livestock waste management report to DEQ any discharges that present a hazard to human health and the environment, and approve design, construction, location and operation of live-

stock waste management systems according to state guidelines.

The state has four animal health inspectors, said Mary Patten, head of the department's dairy bureau.

But such an agreement still is in discussion, and is among the

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# TF council hears Costco fuel station appeal today

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls City Council today will hold a public hearing regarding Costco Wholesale's appeal of the city's planning and zoning commission's recent denial of the company's request to open a fuel pump station.

"The station would be on Costco's property at 731 Pole Line Road. The hearing begins at 6 p.m."

Another public hearing will follow, regarding a rezoning office/urban-residential property at 858 Eastland Drive for commercial and retail use.

During its regular meeting, which starts at 5 p.m. in City Hall, the council will consider a request by the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department to construct a building at 760 Harold St. to store marine and trail patrol equipment. The council also will consider 1999 water meter bids.

The public is welcome to both sessions.

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ON THE AGENDA

The Times-News

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

TODAY

Blaine County commissioners, 8:45 a.m., courthouse. Bliss School Board, 7:30 p.m., school library. Bull City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall. Burley City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall. College of Southern Idaho Board of Trustees, 5:30 p.m., board room, Taylor Administration Building. Filer School Board, 7 p.m., Healy Elementary School. Gering City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall. Hagerman City Council special meeting, 7:30 p.m., elementary school. Hansen School Board, 7 p.m., school district's office. Heyburn City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall. Jackpot Advisory Board, 5:30 p.m., Jackpot Fire Station training room. Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse. Ketchum City Council, 6:30

p.m., City Hall. Murtaugh School Board, 6 p.m., high school library. Twin Falls City Council, 5 p.m., City Hall. Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.

TUESDAY

Buhl School Board, 7 p.m., school district's office. Castelford School Board, 7 p.m., school library. Filer Planning and Zoning Commission, 7:30 p.m., City Council chambers. Hagerman City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall. Hailey Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., Hailey Town Center. Jerome City Council, 7 p.m., City Council chambers, 100 E. Ave. A. Jerome School Board, 7 p.m., Jerome Civil Club Memorial Library. Magic Valley Regional Airport Advisory Board meeting, 11 a.m., Joslin Room at the airport terminal. Minidoka County School Board, 7 p.m., school district office in Rupert. 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 School Board, 7 p.m., administrative office,

201 Main Ave. W.

WEDNESDAY

Bliss City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall. Blaine County Hospital Board, 7:30 p.m., hospital conference room. Blaine Ferry City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall. Minidoka County Planning and Zoning Commission, 8 p.m., courthouse. South Central District Health Department Board, 2 p.m., 1020 Washington St. N., Twin Falls. Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse. Twin Falls Public Library Board of Trustees, 5 p.m., library board room. Wendell City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.

THURSDAY

Bellevue Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., City Hall. Kimberly School Board, 8 p.m., high school library. Sun Valley City Council, 4 p.m., City Hall. Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse. Gooding County Memorial Hospital Board of Directors, 8:30 a.m., conference room at the hospital. Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.

FRIDAY

Hospital Board of Directors, 8:30 a.m., conference room at the hospital. Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.

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

TODAY

ALAnon weekly meeting, noon, Shields 208. Booster Club luncheon, noon, Taylor Building Cedar 277. CSI Magic Valley Symphony practicing-prof workshop, 4 p.m., Fine Arts 121. CSI and Vet Tech Magic Valley Veterinary Medical Seminar, 5 p.m., Evergreen A05. CSI Board of Trustees meeting, 5:30 p.m., Taylor Building Pine. Magic Valley Human Relations Council monthly meeting, 7 p.m., Taylor Building Pine.

TUESDAY

Phi Theta Kappa meeting, 1 p.m., Shields 116. CSI Student Information recreation meeting, 4:30 p.m., Taylor Sage. Volunteers Against Violence board meeting, 5:30 p.m., Taylor Building Pine 258. Referral Services alcohol education and traffic safety school, 6 p.m., Shields 116. Baptist Student Ministries weekly meeting, 6:30 p.m., Taylor Building Pine 258. "Mars" showing, 7 p.m., Herrett Center planetarium. Idaho Division of

Environmental Quality water quality and Mid-Spike volunteer group, 7 p.m., Taylor Building Cedar. K&T Steel Invitational men's basketball tournament, 6 and 8 p.m., CSI gymnasium. Narcotics Anonymous, 7 p.m., Desert 112. "More than Meets the Eye" showing, 7 p.m., Herrett Center planetarium. Jazz Ensembles and Combo, 8 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium. CSI women's basketball at Casper Pizza Hut Invitational in Casper, Wyo.

WEDNESDAY

CSI and T&I autobody advisory meeting, 11:30 a.m., Desert 113. Military testing, 5:30 p.m., Shields 208. Magic Valley Arts Council board meeting, 7 p.m., Desert 113.

THURSDAY

CSI South Central Health public forum, 6 p.m., Taylor Building Sage and Cedar. K&T Steel Invitational men's basketball tournament, 6 and 8 p.m., CSI gymnasium. Bureau of Land Management South Central Idaho Fire Coop, 7:30 p.m., Aspen 108. CSI women's basketball at Casper Pizza Hut Invitational in Casper, Wyo.

FRIDAY

Idaho State University education workshop, 8 a.m., Taylor Building Cedar. CSI and T&I diesel advisory meeting, 11:30 a.m., Desert 113. CSI Center for New Directions back-to-school workshop, 1 p.m., CND 118.

CSIARTEC Region 4 educators, Albertson's grant proposal, 1 p.m., Canyon 119. K&T Steel Invitational men's basketball tournament, 6 and 8 p.m., CSI gymnasium. Narcotics Anonymous, 7 p.m., Desert 112. "More than Meets the Eye" showing, 7 p.m., Herrett Center planetarium. Jazz Ensembles and Combo, 8 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium. CSI women's basketball at Casper Pizza Hut Invitational in Casper, Wyo.

SATURDAY

CSI Continuing Education NAIC Forum for Investors Education Fair, 7:30 a.m., Evergreen Building. Military testing, 8 a.m., Shields 208. "Mars" showing, 2 and 7 p.m., Herrett Center planetarium. "More than Meets the Eye" showing, 4 p.m., Herrett Center planetarium. K&T Steel Invitational men's basketball tournament, 6 and 8 p.m., CSI gymnasium. CSI women's basketball at Casper Pizza Hut Invitational in Casper, Wyo. Multiple Sclerosis Society support group meeting, 12:30 p.m., Shields 103. Fall Choral Concert, 3 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium.

Northern Utah airport to close; some aviators cry foul

TREMONTON, Utah (AP) — Just in time for its 50th birthday, the Tremontion City Airport is closing as the result of a government decision some aviators say was made behind closed doors. City council members decided in July to close down the municipal airport, which was built in 1948. Council members last week voted to allow an extension for the facility until Jan. 1, 2000, to give aviators additional time to make mov-

ing plans. But on that day, the airport will turn off the lights, close the hangars and clear the runway forever. Hansen, an aviator from Thatcher, said the decision was "back-handed and close-door." He feels closing the airport has something to do with an arrangement to bring a Malt-O-Meal plant to the city. "It's a game of numbers," said Mitch Roland, an aviator

at the airport for 26 years. "We are a minority. We just don't have enough voice to make a difference." Councilman Junior Lish said that with Tremontion's industrial and residential growth, the city needs the 116 acres of airport land for other projects that benefit the entire community, not a select few. "We need to see that the community doesn't grow into violence and grow too big," Lish said.

6 U. cheerleaders allege bias, financial and ethical violations

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The University of Utah is investigating its cheerleading program after an official complaint was filed by six former cheerleaders who allege gender discrimination, financial irregularities and ethics violations. The main target of the investigation, cheerleading coach Jeff Parkin, says the discrimination and ethics allegations are false and that his finances are supervised and approved by the

university's athletic department. Whitney Averett, Wendy Webster, Megan Vincent, Andrea Mathison, Julie Belinger and Trinity McDermid say they lost their cheerleading scholarships — then about \$1,400 per year but currently \$1,800 — in April when Parkin dismissed them without notice from the squad despite assurances their spots were secure. They claim the denial of due

process has jeopardized their college careers and interfered with cheerleading-scholarship opportunities at other universities.

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Some names omitted at patients' request.

Admitted Rosie Lloyd of Burley. Released Bailey Lambert of Rupert, Eileen Hollinger of Burley.

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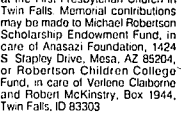


Michael B. Robertson

Michael B. Robertson, age 50, of Twin Falls, passed away Wednesday, Nov. 11, 1998, at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise following a sudden illness. Michael was born Aug. 17, 1948, in Twin Falls. The son of Donald and Isabel Robertson, he attended Idaho State University, where he graduated with a degree in journalism. Following graduation, he worked in the newspaper industry in Twin Falls, Burley and Great Falls, Mont., before becoming president of Idaho Financial Consultants in Twin Falls. He was also a publisher and co-publisher of several books. Michael enjoyed a mastery of fly-fishing, hunting, golf, photography and cooking. He was a devoted husband and father, and a truly wonderful friend to many.

Michael is survived by his wife, Catherine of Twin Falls; daughter, Angela of Missoula, Mont.; son, Gregory of Twin Falls; mother, Isabel of Twin Falls; sister, Patricia Robertson; brother-in-law, Beodard Boston; and niece, Nicole Sister of Caldwell. He was preceded in peace by his father, Donald. As we face the days ahead without him, we will remember how he gave his talents, his best thoughts, humor and boundless energy to his friends, family, clients and new acquaintances. Since he remains in our hearts, you will honor him by blending his gifts of love with our

own and passing them on to those we love and meet. A memorial service is scheduled for 1 p.m. Monday, Nov. 16, 1998, at the First Presbyterian Church in Twin Falls. Memorial contributions may be made to Michael Robertson Scholarship Endowment Fund, in care of Anasazi Foundation, 1424 S. Stapley Drive, Mesa, AZ 85204, or Children's Children's College Fund, in care of Voleno Claiborne and Robert McKinstry, Box 1944, Twin Falls, ID 83303.



George Henry Nye

George Henry Nye, 72, of Twin Falls, died Thursday, Nov. 12, 1998, as the result of an automobile accident. George was born Feb. 7, 1926 in Twin Falls, the son of John Hollister and Alice Gertrude Andrews Nye. He was the youngest of five children. He attended school in Twin Falls and after graduation, he entered the navy at age 17 to serve his country during World War II. He returned to the Magic Valley and married Betty Jane Westall on May 14, 1949. He was converted and baptized a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints on Dec. 15, 1956. He and Betty were sealed for life and all eternity in the Salt Lake City LDS temple on June 10, 1959. They had two children in their family, Deborah, and George Jr., David, Kathy and John.

After the navy, he worked in the coal business with his brothers at Nye Brothers City Fuel in Twin Falls until 1964. He and Betty farmed in Hunt, north of Eden, from 1960 to 1984. They returned from the farm and moved to Twin Falls, where they have resided since. Dad and Mom were eternal companions, workmates and best friends. He served in many callings in the church, some of which included working with the deacons, bishop of Hunt Ward, mission leader, temple worker and stake missionary. He and Mom had been working at the Boise temple and were on their way home at the time of the accident. He was very proud of his children and grandchildren. Some of the fondest memories of our Dad center around family trips to Disneyland and the family trip this past summer rafting down the Salmon River. Dad told us that this was the "funnest" day of his life. This past spring he and mom took a trip to Mesa, Ariz. to see their oldest grandson receive his Eagle Scout award. This was a very proud moment for him. Dad was loved by all who knew him, everyone considered him a friend. George is survived by his wife, Betty, of Twin Falls; two daughters, Deborah (David) Butler of Twin Falls and Kathryn (Michael) Tow of Idaho Falls; three sons, George (Karmelo) Nye Jr. of Buhl, David (John) Nye of Mesa, Ariz., and John (Shelli) Nye of Boise. He also survived by 16 grandchildren: Rebecca, Alisha, Kelsey; Josh, Austin and Alexis; Tow, D. Ashlee, Darric, Hali, Janessa, Daxton, Chelsi and Kristina Nye; David and Daron Butler. He was preceded in death by two brothers, his parents and two sisters. Services for George will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 17, 1998 at the LDS Third Ward Chapel on Elizabeth st. with Bishop Randy Welch conducting. Burial will follow at Twin Falls Cemetery. Friends may call at White Mortuary from 4 to 8 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 16, 1998 with the family greeting friends from 8 to 8 p.m. and from 12:45 to 1:45 p.m. at the church on Tuesday, Nov. 17. The family suggests memorials to the LDS church missionary fund to Bishop Randy Welch, 2779 Hiawatha Way, 83301 or the Boy Scouts of America.

DEATH NOTICES

Jesus C. Alarcon

GOODING — Jesus C. Alarcon 25, a Gooding resident, died Saturday Nov. 14, 1998 as a result of a car accident west of Johnny's County Store in Lincoln County. Services are pending at Demary's Gooding Chapel.

Trinidad Canchola

GOODING — Trinidad Canchola, 25, a Gooding resident, died Saturday Nov. 14, 1998 as a result of a car accident west of Johnny's County Store in Lincoln County. Services are pending at Demary's Gooding Chapel.

SERVICES

Margaret Leah Cowger of Filer, 10 a.m. today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Jackie (Jack) David Tolman of Jerome, 11 a.m. today at the Jerome 3rd Ward LDS Chapel on East Avenue. Friends may call from 9 to 10:30 a.m. today at the church (Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel).

Michael B. Robertson of Twin Falls, memorial service at 1 p.m. today at the First Presbyterian Church in Twin Falls.

LjJenne Ketterling of Rupert, 2 p.m. today at Rupert United Methodist Church; friends may call one hour before the service at the church (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Cecile I. Loucks of Burley, friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel; burial at 3 p.m. Saturday at the Montecito Memorial Park in California.

William Barnum Mallory of Hailey, vigil at 7 p.m. today at St. Charles Catholic Church; Mass of Christian Burial at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the church (Wood River Chapel in Hailey).

Robert Eugene Gill of Burley, 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Burley United Methodist Church at Almo and East 27th Street; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the Payne Mortuary in Burley; one hour before the funeral Tuesday at the church.

Del S. Hiatt of Twin Falls, 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Twin Falls LDS 5th Ward Chapel on Main Street; friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at White Mortuary.

Marcus Bishop Skeem of Chehalis, Wash., and formerly of Twin Falls, graveside service at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls; friends may call from 11 a.m. to noon Wednesday at White

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# Cake by Bake

## Malta woman puts the icing on a new venture

By Heidi Tuttle  
Times-News correspondent

CONNOR CREEK — A childhood birthday gift led to a career and now a business venture for a local woman.

Andrea Bake is the new owner of the Connor Creek Store, where she practices cake-decorating skills honed since girlhood. "I have a goal of catering every wedding in Malta and making every wedding cake," Bake said.

Sylvia Grush, Bake's mother, was driving past the Connor Creek Store and noticed a "For Sale" sign and an opportunity. "Dad called me and said the Connor Creek Store was for sale and would I like to buy it," Bake said.

Bake and her husband, Alan, were hesitant at first. They had good jobs in Reno, Nev. But after looking at the building and considering the potential clientele, Bake was sold. They gave notice to their employers and moved home to Idaho.

"Dad is my banker and I'm so glad he helped me get started," Bake said. "I love it here."

The store wasn't the first assist that Bake's mother received from her parents. When Sylvia Grush brought home a cake-decorating set for her daughter's 12th birthday, "Little did I know what I had started," Grush said.

Young Andrea's first creation was a pink frosted teddy-bear cake for her sister Rosanne, made with two round pans and six cupcakes. She set a goal of decorating a wedding cake before graduating from Raft River High School.

Her break came during her sophomore year, when she was asked to enter the junior prom. Impressed by the results, a local woman asked young Andrea to make a cake for her daughter's wedding.

"She did it and it was gorgeous," Grush said.

After high school, Bake majored in culinary arts at Ricks College. While there, Bake decorated wedding cakes for Mother's Week refreshments. She also helped plan and prepare faculty luncheons and worked in the campus bakery.

Bake graduated with honors and then faced a unique challenge. She catered her own wedding reception.

"My first catering experience was at our



Heidi Tuttle/Times-News

Andrea Bake of Connor Creek adds the finishing touches to Anley Bartschi's birthday cake last week. Bake has decorated cakes since she was 12. As she covers cakes with frosting, lifelike roses and precise borders, her hands move with an artisan's fluid motion, coloring and embellishing an edible masterpiece.

"I'll never forget moving the 300-pound cake. It was so big we had to open the church's funeral doors." Before moving to back to Idaho, Bake worked at a cake shop in Reno. She decorated an average of eight wedding cakes each week.

Now, residents of the Raft River valley are once again enjoying Bake's creations. Alice Bartschi ordered two birthday cakes for her 10-year-old twins, Montana and Anley. One cake featured a doll, the other an elk. "They were absolutely darling and besides that they taste good," Bartschi said. "I'm just glad she's back."

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## Kerchoum City Council meets to discuss PUD amendments

The Times-News

KEPCHOUM — The Kerchoum City Council will meet at 9:30 p.m. today at Creehill.

Public hearings include the application to amend the Skywood Planned Unit Development residential permit assessment services and development agreement. Skupenski Homeowners Association's application to remove a section of creek path between Chalmers Drive and Sawtooth Lane, and proposed amendments to the zoning ordinance for seasonal-care parking lots.

Planning and zoning business includes amending the PUD ordinance to require a minimum

lot size of 1.5 acres for affordable housing projects; a draft ordinance regarding skier parking lots application to subdivide block 5, River Ridge Townhouses Phase 3 into two sections; application to subdivide lot 1 block 1, Zark Park Subdivision into two townhouse sublots; and an application to subdivide block 4 lot 7, Warm Springs Valley Subdivision into two townhouse sublots.

Other business includes discussion with the Bill James Activity Center regarding the lease agreement for the Park-N-Ride Lot; and a presentation of needs assessment and proposal for schematic design services for a street building.

## Blaine County Commissioners meet at old county courthouse

The Times-News

HAILEY — Blaine County commissioners will meet at 9:45 a.m. today at the old county courthouse, 206 First Ave. S.

An open public comment session will be followed at 9 a.m. with discussion of the senior center block grant.

A public hearing will be held at 9:30 a.m. regarding Lane Ranch Subdivision No. 11 amended proposal to amend the zoning envelope 345 feet to the west and reconfigure it from a square to a rectangle.

A public hearing will be held at 11:45 a.m. on a plan amendment for lots 1 and 4 of Crosses Creek Subdivision to alter a common lot line—increasing the size of lot 2 to 7.4 acres and increasing lot 4 to 23 acres.

The commission will discuss planning and zoning issues at

10:30 a.m. and again at 3:30 p.m. The commission will be in executive session from 11 to 11:30 a.m. to discuss indigent applications, and administrative and budgetary matters at 11:30 a.m. and again at 4 p.m.

At 1:30 p.m. a public hearing will be held for a conditional-use permit and stream permit to construct a bridge across the East Fork of the Big Wood River for Subdiv. to Lot 66A of Willowood Subdivision.

At 2:30 p.m. will be a public hearing for a stream-alteration permit to reclaim and stabilize about 95 feet of riverbank of the East Fork of the Big Wood River on lots 67 and 67A of Willowood Subdivision. The project includes realigning the river channel to original channel location, reclaiming the land eroded by the present meander pattern and protecting the new river bank.

## Water

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of water, and releasing of Idaho Power Co.'s hydroelectric operations on the river.

The submission of one issue would affect the other. And water users are concerned about federal requests for additional water from the Upper Snake River Basin.

Recovery plans for endangered salmon include 12.5 million acre-feet of water from southern Idaho. One acre-foot is enough water to cover one acre, one inch deep — 325,850 gallons or 42,500 cubic feet.

Those plans also consider broaching four dams on the lower Snake River at Washington state. But that may not be the answer.

of Idaho irrigators, Chapman said. "The federal government's thirst for Idaho's water doesn't disappear if you breach the dams," he said.

Water users don't know how much the government would want, and until that is clarified, water users wouldn't support such a drastic measure, Chapman said.

The adjustment would resolve more than 180,000 water rights claims in 38 of the state's 44 counties. Hurlbut hopes to have a resolution on track before he steps down from the bench at the end of the year.

Times-News staff writer N.S. Niekirk can be reached at 733-0931, Ext. 237.

## Shift

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options to resolve water-quality issues, related to livestock operations, department Director Pat Takasugi said.

After an agreement was reached concerning the dairy industry, the Idaho Livestock Association has been considering a similar concept covering beef cattle. Executive Director Sara Branch said.

Despite the apparent differences between the industries, she said, "we will have the same goal." As far as enforcement, times already in place are being implemented.

The association will take up the issue at its convention this week in Idaho Falls. If an agreement is adopted,

there should be a full and open public discussion, said Doug Howard, the DEQ regional administrator in Twin Falls.

Under a similar agreement, the Agriculture Department regulates dairies. But department inspectors have the authority to suspend a dairy's permit to sell its milk, and thus can force compliance.

It is not clear whether the department would be able to force compliance any better than DEQ can now. There appears to be no mechanism to force compliance, Howard said.

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## Assisted-living group will hold reception

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Assisted Living Support Group will hold a legislative reception from 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesday in the Great Room at BridgeView Estates.

Discussion will include the upcoming Home and Community-Based Medicaid Waiver legislation to be presented to the House and Senate Joint Finance Appropriations Committee. The waiver will enable elderly individuals to access Medicaid-funded services in their home or assisted-living environment. The public is welcome.

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10th year of the event which celebrates Hispanic culture. "It's taken off," she said.

She also was a former member of the Magic Valley Arts Council, is a member of the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare mental health advisory board and was nominated last year for the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce Person of the Year Award.

Galan has an associate arts degree from the College of Southern Idaho and hopes to become an elementary-school teacher or substance-abuse counselor.

"I love people and I like meeting their needs," she said. "It makes me feel good, like I did my part."

That's what makes the national appointment exciting to Galan — the prospect of helping on a larger scale on an issue very familiar to her.

"I've been there. I've been a migrant," she said. In 1972, her family settled in Idaho after years of farm work in several states. On the migrant trail, she saw health problems ignored or home remedies applied.

"You don't know the doctors. You don't know clinics are available," she said.

Health information to migrants has improved, Galan said. Family Health Services has a program that reaches out to migrant families.

"They will pick you up and take you to the clinic. Before, you never heard about that," she said. Galan also sees the council,

## About migrant farmworkers and their health

Legislatively mandated to advise, consult and make recommendations to the secretary of health and human services on the health of migrant farmworkers and their families.

15 members appointed to four-year terms, meet three times a year.

Highest work-related and mortality rate in nation.

Less than 20 percent reached through public health services.

Estimated 1.5 million migratory workers and 2.5 million seasonal workers nationally. About 30,000 migrant and seasonal farmworkers in Idaho annually.

Most can incomes well below federal poverty level.

At greater health risk of malnutrition, infectious diseases and exposure to pesticides.

appointment as a personal journey, take every opportunity there is to improve my life and my future," she said. "If I can get involved I can open doors for Hispanics, for migrants for anybody."

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## Idaho agency works on system to speed up child support payments

BOISE (AP) — The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare is working on a system that will electronically transfer child support payments into parents' bank accounts or state-issued debit cards.

"The benefits of this are obvious," said Bill Walker, Health and Welfare spokesman. There will be "quick turnaround in getting the checks to the families and decreased costs to the taxpayer in terms of using postage," Walker said.

Parents will be able to use support payments within about two days after the state receives money from the other parents, Walker said. The state now takes about four days to process and mail payments, and then parents must wait several days for checks to clear.

Child support recipients are often single mothers who live payment to payment and who rely on the money to feed, clothe and house their children.

Antonia Cruz of Burley, a mother of five, said she likes a similar electronic system the state uses for food stamps. Those benefits are automatically transferred to a state-issued debit card she and other recipients use at grocery stores.

There is no need for paper stamps and no worrying about loss or theft, Cruz said.

Other mothers who get child support said the faster turnaround time will make it easier to pay bills.

State workers recently began reprogramming their computers to make the change to electronic transfers, Walker said. The new system probably will be in place in six months.

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## MORNING LINE

### SPORTSQUOTE

“It involves the reassignment of duties. Unaffected workers will be assigned to the heads. Affected workers will get the shaft.”



— *Comedy writer Alan Ray on Callaway Golf Clubs laying off 700 employees*

### TODAY'S SCHEDULE

**Girls high school basketball**  
 8:55 a.m. TPCA  
 Carnes County at MVCHS  
 Hansen at Carey  
*Most junior varsity basketball games begin at 6 p.m. with the varsity following.*

### IN BRIEF

**McDowell starts strong, but clutch fails**  
 POMONA, Calif. — In the clutch, the clutch gave in. After beating Tony Pedregon off the starting line by .02 of a second and leading him at midtrack of the standing quarter-mile, Jerome drag racer Mitch McDowell had to shut down due to a malfunctioning clutch and ended his run at the NHRA Winston Finals. Pedregon, the No. 2-ranked driver in the world, finished in 5.11 seconds at 264 mph, while McDowell slowed to 207 mph in 5.45 seconds. McDowell set a personal speed record in qualifying and held the 11th spot in Sunday's finals — his best position ever. He will next race in February in the 1999 season opener on the same Los Angeles County Fairgrounds track he raced this weekend in the season finale.

**MVRMC presents Reindeer Ramble on Dec. 5**  
 TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Foundation is presenting the seventh annual Reindeer Ramble on Saturday, Dec. 5. The 2-mile walk and 2- and 4-mile runs will start at 10 a.m. at the former Waremart location at 1708 Kimberly Rd. Registration is \$15 by Nov. 27 and \$18 on race day. Children under 12 can race for \$10. Proceeds from the event will go toward the MVRMC Breast Cancer Endowment and area Quick Response Units. For more information, call 737-2481.

**Spots left in local basketball league**  
 TWIN FALLS — There is room for additional teams in the Twin Falls Recreation/Jerome Recreation District City 1999 Women's Basketball League. The season starts the week of Jan. 4 and goes through the end of March. Ten games will be played, plus a double-elimination tournament. Games will be primarily on Fridays at 7 p.m., 8:10 p.m. and 9:20 p.m. The cost is \$460 per team and fees are due by Dec. 18. Information packets are available at the Twin Falls rec office, 136 Maxwell Ave., from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily Monday through Friday. For more information, call 736-2265.

**ISU football coaches' wives hold food drive**  
 POCATELLO — The ISU Football Coaches' Wives Club and Women's Support Group are hosting a food drive Nov. 21 before Idaho State University takes on Cal State Northridge in the football regular-season finale. Everyone planning on attending the game is encouraged to bring non-perishable food items. Each donor will be eligible to receive a \$5 discounted ticket to the game. Last year, the club collected more than 1,300 food items that were donated to five local families. In addition to the items, Waremart also donated fresh turkeys to the First Security Games donated tee-shirts.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

## Woman's commitment helps popularize tennis

By **Damen Clow**  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Tennis players, fans and parents in the Magic Valley already know how lucky they are to have Carrie Reed.

All of a sudden, the rest of the country does, too.

In the span of a month, Reed has been honored by the United States Tennis Association at both the sectional and national levels.

At the annual Intermountain Section meeting Oct. 23 in Jackson Hole, Wyo., Reed was presented with the 1998 Jan Dowse Award, named in honor of the late Utah Tennis Association Executive Director and given to the section's Volunteer of the Year.

The award also meant an all-expense paid trip to Houston Nov. 6 for the USTA Recreational Tennis Leadership Workshop.

"To me, the point wasn't to get Carrie a trip to the national workshop," said Tracy Carpenter, who nominated Reed for the award.

"That was nice and everything, but it was mostly in recognition of what she's done and how everyone in Twin Falls works together, which is another amazing thing."

While she was unable to attend the Texas convention, it was there where she was named the 1998 National USTA Community Service Award winner.

"They really wanted someone who had a track record in developing and volunteering at different levels of their organization," said Carpenter, the Idaho Tennis Association's executive director.

"I know that there are people who have volunteered for the USTA for the last 35 years. It's such a volunteer-focused organization, and that's what I think is so great about Carrie getting the award. She's volunteered at so many levels and in so many aspects."

Last summer, USA Tennis provided free spot lessons around the country. In Boise and the surrounding communities, the promotion attracted 750 people.

In Twin Falls, a town roughly one-quarter the size of the Treasure Valley, Reed's programs attracted nearly 600 people, and she is already working on her 1999 vision.

"I want to expand the USA Tennis program to include boys and girls scouts, YMCA summer camps, the South Park area and special populations," Reed said.



Carrie Reed, front row, 2nd from right, the National USTA Community Service Award winner, has spent years popularizing tennis in the Magic Valley, among youngsters and adults alike.

## Heisman campaign for a silent QB

### Coach barred Kansas State's trophy candidate from talking to reporters

The Associated Press

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Has there ever been a Heisman Trophy winner who was not allowed to speak at the awards ceremony?

If Bill Snyder has his way, that scenario could be shaping up for Michael Bishop, No. 2 Kansas State's excitable and immensely talented senior quarterback who the coach has barred from talking to reporters.

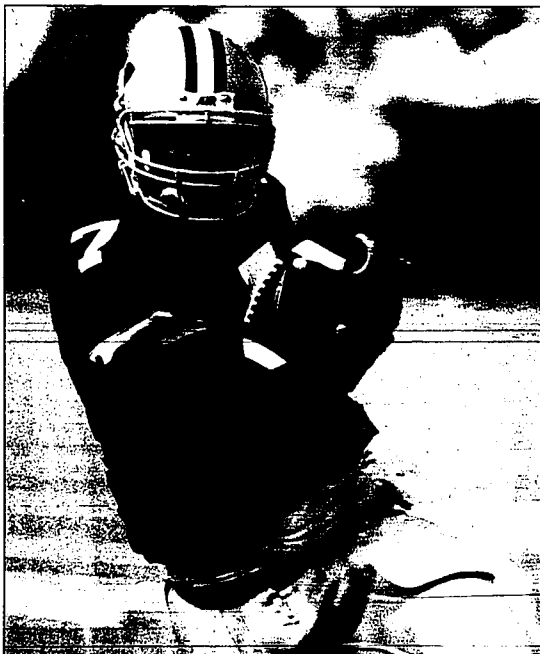
Saturday, after Bishop ran for two touchdowns and passed for two more in a breakthrough 40-30 victory over No. 17 Nebraska, Bishop was not permitted to join his teammates in the interview room for the fifth straight week.

The ban started after the Colorado game Oct. 10 when Bishop was quoted as saying teammate Frank Murphy had told him he might go 80 yards the first time he got the ball. The Colorado game was Murphy's first since transferring from junior college.

Bishop was barred from talking to reporters for about a month last year after Snyder thought Bishop made inflammatory statements that rival coaches could have used as bulletin board material.

Many have criticized Snyder for hurting Bishop's chances for the Heisman Trophy, although he did allow Bishop to say a

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Kansas State quarterback Michael Bishop passed for 306 yards and ran for 210 yards in the Wildcats' 40-30 win over Nebraska Saturday. After barring Bishop from talking to reporters, coach Bill Snyder is pitching his quarterback as a Heisman Trophy candidate.

### Tennessee barely clings to No. 1

The Associated Press

It's getting closer at the top of The Associated Press' Top 25 college football poll.

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win over Arkansas was No. 1 for the second straight week but Kansas State made up lots of ground with its 40-30 victory over Nebraska on Saturday. The Volunteers (9-0) received 37 first-place votes and 1,709 points, while the Wildcats (10-0) collected 29 first-place votes and 1,699 points from the 70 sportswriters and broadcasters on the AP panel.

Last week, when they became No. 1 for the first time in 42 years, the Vols had 46 first-place votes and 1,718 points. Kansas State had 19 first-place votes and 1,677 points.

After Sunday's balloting, the Wildcats trailed the Vols by just eight first-place votes and 10 points. Next Saturday, K-State is at Missouri and Kentucky visits Tennessee.

UCLA (9-0) remained No. 3 after extending the nation's longest major college winning streak to 19 games with a 36-24 victory over Washington. The Bruins had four first-place votes and 1,618 points.

Florida (9-1) and Florida State (10-1) were 4-5 heading into their showdown Saturday at Tallahassee, Fla., as the top seven teams remained unchanged.

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## Raiders kicker redeems himself in 20-17 victory

The Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Even after Oakland Raiders kicker Greg Davis made a 38-yard field goal in the final 12 seconds against the Seattle Seahawks, he still felt the pressure.

As Davis walked off the field after the Raiders' 20-17 victory Sunday, cornerback James Trapp told him: "You know, I wouldn't want to be you." The comment struck a nerve.

"And I didn't want to be me," he said. "It's the toughest thing in the world."

Just before the end of the first half, Davis had missed a 39-yard attempt, but he redeemed himself early in the fourth with a 26-yard field goal. Then he was faced with the tiebreaking kick at the end of the stress kicked in.

"Realistically, you miss that kick and you don't have a job Monday," he said. "People don't understand that. Your job depends on it."

With running back Napoleon Kaufman hobbled by a sore ankle,

Harvey Williams ran 25 yards to give the Raiders (7-3) a 17-10 lead with 3:50 to go. But the Seahawks (5-5) marched 65 yards on their next series to tie the game on Warren Moon's 12-yard scoring pass to Christian Fauria. A 2-yard run by Ricky Watters on fourth down kept that drive alive.

The Raiders had tied the game at 10 with 8:17 left on Davis' first field goal. Desmond Howard contributed their other touchdown, a 63-yard punt return just before halftime.

Holles went 20-for-31 for 266 yards, but had two interceptions. Moon finished 17-for-33 for 220 yards, but was intercepted three times — including one by Charles Woodson on the final play of the game.

Todd Peterson had a 22-yard field goal and Joey Galloway scored on a 56-yard punt return for Seattle.

It was the Raiders' second win over

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Oakland Raiders kicker Greg Davis (40) is tackled by Seattle Seahawks safety Jay Bellamy (22) and linebacker Anthony Simmons in the first quarter Sunday in Oakland, Calif. The Raiders went with Seattle's Seahawks in the last 21 seconds of the game 20-17.

# Heisman

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few words on ESPN this week. But on Sunday Snyder did, for the first time, make a Heisman pitch for his senior quarterback.

"Those kind of awards are based on what a guy does for a season," Snyder said. "I'm a product of an amazing turnaround of a program that until last month still had more total losses than any other major-college school."

"The season's almost to come to a close, and it's pretty obvious what he's done for this football team over an extended period of time," Snyder said.

Texas running back Ricky Williams, generally thought to

be a Heisman front-runner, was held to just 43 yards in his team's 48-7 loss to Kansas State on Sept. 19.

"Ricky Williams is a tremendous football player. I understand that," Snyder said. "But when you talk about a football player, you talk about a lot of dimensions. To me, Michael has all the dimensions. He can run it. He can throw it. He's got involved on every snap. He's got great leadership ability. He's got competitive, you can see it. It's pretty evident," Snyder said.

Bishop, the Big 12's leader in total offense, has rushed for 12 touchdowns and passed for 20

lead the Wildcats (40-0, 7-0 Big 12) on their first run for a national championship.

In Saturday's victory, which snapped Nebraska's 29-game winning streak over the Wildcats, Bishop ran for 140 yards and passed for 306. But he also lost three fumbles on consecutive possessions, in the first half and threw his first interception of the year.

His 11-yard touchdown pass to Darrell McDonald with 5:25 left gave the Wildcats a 30-27 lead. Linebacker Jeff Kelly's 23-yard return after a Nebraska fumble, with three seconds left accounted for the final score.

# College

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Even with the loss to Tennessee, the Razorbacks (8-1) moved up one spot from last week. The Irish (8-1), 300-win

ners over Navy, returned to the Top 10 for the first time since their first regular-season poll.

In the USA Today/ESPN coaches' poll, the top five teams were Kansas State, Texas A&M, UCLA, Florida and Florida State.

Michigan, the defending national champions, moved up four spots to No. 11 this week and

can clinch a return trip to the Rose Bowl with a victory over Ohio State on Saturday. The Badgers (9-1) fell five spots after their loss.

Snyder's No. 17 ranking is the school's lowest since it finished the 1990 season ranked No. 24. The Huskers fell to 8-3 after their loss to Kansas State.

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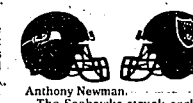
The Seahawks in the past three weeks, Seattle, which beat Oakland last week and is trying to threaten Oakland's hold on second place in the AFC West, was penalized 14 times for 141 yards.

Cornerback Fred Thomas was called for roughing the passer, giving the Raiders 15 yards on the series that led to Davis' final interception.

"First, you can't make dumb plays at the end of the game like we did. I thought we could have had a chance to win if we didn't make the penalties in the end," Seahawks coach Dennis Erickson said. "We did a lot of dumb things that cost us the game."

Earlier this week, Raiders coach Jon Gruden hinted he might give Heisman Trophy winner Woodson a chance at wide receiver, in addition to his regular role as cornerback.

But Woodson, who won the Heisman as a two-way player at Michigan, was too busy on the field, especially after the Raiders' secondary was decimated by injuries to cornerback Eric Allen and safety



Anthony Newman.

The Seahawks scored early. Galloway scored on his first return just 64 seconds into the game.

Just before the start of the second quarter, Albert Lewis intercepted Moon's pass near the Raiders' goal line. Two weeks ago, Lewis intercepted Moon and ran it back 74 yards for a touchdown as Oakland won 31-18 at Seattle.

Seattle's Dean Wells repaid the Raiders with an interception in the second quarter. Wells picked it off on the Raiders' 36-yard line, and returned the ball 25 yards. Three plays later, Peterson kicked his field goal.

The Seahawks caused more problems for the Raiders late in the quarter, when he forced Kaufman's fumble as Kaufman prepared for the end zone. The ball was picked up by Seattle's Jay Bellamy on Dec. 1.

On the ensuing series, Allen intercepted and ran back 16

yards. But Davis' 30-yard field goal attempt went wide left.

The Raiders' drive continued until 1:30 was left before halftime, when Howard — another Raiders' Heisman winner from Michigan — ran back Jeff Feagles' punt for 20 yards.

"The middle was so open I had to choose which way to run," Howard said. "I said to go left, and that was the only decision I had to make."

Notes: The Raiders defense had allowed only one fourth-quarter touchdown in this season. Willie Moon's scoring pass to Fauria ... Tim Brown has caught at least one pass in 86 consecutive games for third on the NFL career list ... Moon needs three more TD passes to pass Johnny Unitas for third on the NFL career list ... The Seahawks, who had three sacks, came into the game with an NFL-high 37 sacks ... Allen has an interception in five consecutive games ... Galloway has eight touchdowns against the Raiders, the most against any Seahawks ... Heisman winner Willie Williams strained a hamstring during the game.

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# FOOTBALL

NFL Standings

AFC EAST: Patriots 10-5, Jets 8-7, Bills 7-8, Colts 6-9, Dolphins 5-10, Browns 4-11.

AFC NORTH: Steelers 10-5, Ravens 8-7, Bengals 6-9, Browns 4-11.

AFC SOUTH: Colts 6-9, Titans 5-10, Jaguars 4-11, Panthers 3-12.

AFC WEST: Broncos 10-5, Raiders 8-7, Chiefs 6-9, Oilers 4-11.

NFC EAST: Cowboys 10-5, Redskins 8-7, Eagles 6-9, Giants 5-10, Packers 4-11.

NFC NORTH: Packers 4-11, Bears 3-12, Vikings 2-13, Saints 1-14.

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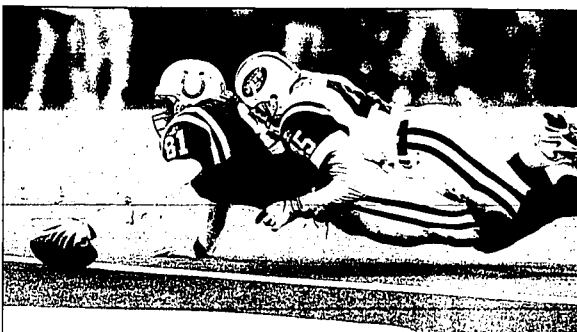
# Falcons take over 1st place in West

ATLANTA (AP) — Atlanta took over first place in the NFC West on Sunday, using its defense to secure Chris Chandler's clinching a 31-19 victory over San Francisco on Sunday.

The 49ers (7-3) have dominated the West since 1990 and blown out Atlanta through most of the '90s. The Falcons (8-2) captured their only division title 18 years ago and have been one of the league's poorest franchises since entering the NFL in 1966.

Ray Buchanan set up a touchdown with an interception and Jessie Tuggle on a fumble recovery, the Falcons gave up two long touchdown passes by Steve Young that closed the 49ers to 24-19 with 5:09 remaining.

But on second-and-8 from the Falcons 22, Chandler went deep to Steve Watson for the touchdown that sealed it.



Indianapolis Colts tight end Marcus Pollard carries New York Jets defender Otis Smith on his back as he scores the touchdown that tied the game in the final seconds of the fourth quarter at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis Sunday. The extra point gave the Colts a 24-23 upset win over the Jets.

## Dolphins 13, Panthers 9

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Karim Abdul-Jabbar rushed for 127 yards, the best outing by a Miami player since 1996, and the Dolphins ended a three-game road losing skid by winning at Carolina.

The Dolphins (7-3), who took over first place along in the AFC East when the New York Jets lost, finished with season highs of 184 yards.

Miami blew fourth-quarter leads in each of its previous two road games, but had no such problems in the Panthers (9-0).

Carolina, losing for the seventh time in eight home games dating back to last season, was held to three field goals by John Kasay. Steve Beverlin, given a three-year contract extension by the Panthers earlier in the week, was intercepted twice, both by reserve safety Brian Walker.

## Colts 24, Jets 23

INDIANAPOLIS — Peyton Manning passed for 237 yards and touchdowns, including 14 yards to tight end Marcus Pollard with 24 seconds to go, lifting Indianapolis over New York.

The Colts (28) drove 80 yards on their final possession. Tight end Pollard appeared stopped just short of the end zone, but he tucked his arms into the end zone before he hit the ground, tying the game. Mike Young kicked, who missed field goal.

One of the first half led to one New York touchdown, kicked the extra point to snap the Jets' four-game winning streak.

Manning, the first pick in this year's draft, also had touchdown passes of 4 yards to Torrance Small in the first quarter and 22 yards to Marvin Harrison in the third period and finished 26-of-44 for 276 yards.

## Redskins 28, Eagles 3

LANDOVER, Md. — Skip Hicks scored three touchdowns on short runs, and the NFL's most generous defense held the league's most stingy offense to 25 total yards.

The 25-point margin of victory was the second largest in NFL history since 1950 as Washington coach Phil Simms' last four games by 25 or more points this season.

After an 11-day rest, including a 10-day hiatus at Philadelphia on Oct. 11 in the first NFL meeting between two teams in the NFC East, the Redskins (28) have won two out of three.

The Eagles (28), coming off a 10-0 win in Detroit, were held to their first win back-to-back games for the first time this season as well as their first road victory since 1996.

## Oilers 23, Steelers 14

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Al Del Greco, who failed to get on the field for a field goal attempt in Tennessee's last home game, kicked a 22-yarder with three seconds left that lifted the Oilers over Pittsburgh.

The Oilers (6-4) tucked on a final touchdown with time expired as the Steelers (6-4) tried to get the ball alive off the kickoff. They lateraled it around the field and Will Blacklock lost the ball into the end zone, where Michael Robinson fell on it.

For the Oilers, it marked the first sweep of the Steelers since 1993, when they still called Houston home. That also was the last time they reached the playoffs.

Tennessee trailed 14-13 through the entire second half until Del Greco's field goal as Pittsburgh QB Kordell Stewart turned in his best game of the season, finishing 22-of-28 for 239 yards and two touchdowns.

## Vikings 24, Bengals 3

MINNEAPOLIS — Minnesota used Dwayne Rudd's 63-yard fumble return to break open a sloppy game against Cincinnati.

The Vikings (9-1) are off to their best start since the 1975 team was 10-0. The Bengals (28) lost for the seventh time in eight games and are guaranteed their eighth consecutive season without a winning record.

They scored their only points on a drive that included 35 yards in penalties against Vikings cornerback Corey Fuller.

Flushing just six days after surgery to remove two bone chips from his right knee, Vikings quarterback Randall Cunningham was 13-for-20 for 224 yards with a touchdown, two interceptions and a 3-yard sack that gave Minnesota a 7-0 lead midway through the first quarter. It was the first rushing TD by a Minnesota quarterback in two years.

Minnesota followed Rudd's fumble return with Gary Anderson's field goal and a 61-yard touchdown catch by Randy Moss.

## Bills 13, Patriots 10

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — Doug Flutie threw 157 yards and a touchdown on the third quarter for the Bills' only touchdown, capping a drive of 47 yards.

The score ended the Bills' drought of nearly seven quarters without a touchdown, during which Steve Christie kicked nine field goals.

The Patriots pulled to 13-10 with a 37-yard pass from Drew Bledsoe to Tony Simmons with 13:11 to play. But on their final possession, Bruce Smith sacked Bledsoe twice for losses of 15 yards.

## Saints 24, Rams 3

NEW ORLEANS — Kerry Collins, making his first start for New Orleans, drove the Saints 62 yards for a touchdown on their first possession, capping it with a 10-yard touchdown toss to Cam Cleeland.

It was the first time the Saints had scored in the first quarter since the second game of the season. St. Louis (3-7) has now given up 90 points in the first quarter — the worst since NFL.

Collins, claimed off waivers by the Saints (5-5) after his bitter parting with the Panthers, is New Orleans' fourth starting quarterback this season, the seventh since Mike Blika took over last year.

## Cowboys 35, Cardinals 28

TEMPE, Ariz. — Dallas barely held off after taking a 29-10 lead as Jake Plummer passed for a career-high 465 yards and three touchdown passes.

Plummer had the Cardinals on the Cowboys 4 in the final seconds, but he threw two incompletions and a spike into the ball on first down to stop the clock with 9 seconds left after a 57-yard pass to Ray Moore.

The final pass was knocked out of Moore's hands by Kevin Smith, a time expired as the Cardinals vehemently claimed pass interference.

The 56th victory in as many games against the NFL's second-ranked Cardinals moved the Cowboys (7-3) two games ahead of the second-place Cardinals with six to go.

Emmitt Smith rushed for 118 yards in 26 carries and three scores to move ahead of Jim Brown to No. 3 on the NFL career touchdown list with 127. Only Jerry Rice and Marcus Allen have more.

## Packers 37, Giants 3

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Brett Favre became the second fastest quarterback to throw 200 career touchdown passes and reach the 25,000-yard plateau in yards, while Reggie White in Green Bay's rout of New York.

The impressive performance capped six days after Favre (7-3) won five by Pittsburgh for their third loss in five games.

The Giants (3-7) managed just three points in the first quarter. Irwin tried to force a second shot onto the green of the par 5 sixth and instead found a lake, leading to an Irwin win.

Irwin won the seventh with a short birdie putt, then made a 20-footer for another birdie and a win on the ninth for a four-hole lead.

Irwin quickly closed out the match on the back nine, winning the par 4 11th when Morgan failed to match Irwin's birdie and the par 5 12th when Morgan took a non-playable lie in the nearby desert. He couldn't reach the green in 4.

yards and scored on seven of nine offensive series in one stretch.

## Jaguars 29, Buccaneers 24

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Fred Taylor ran 70 yards touchdown with 2:40 remaining to lift Jacksonville past Tampa Bay.

It was his third touchdown of the game as the Jaguars (8-2) won their third straight and took a two-game lead over Pittsburgh in the AFC Central.

All talk of the playoffs is off in Tampa Bay (4-4), which lost its seventh straight road game. Pittsburgh would need to finish the season undefeated to match last year's 10-6 record.

The Bucs had a chance after Taylor's run, but Aaron Beasley picked off Trent Dilfer's pass on fourth-and-5 with 1:49 remaining.

On the next drive, Taylor ran for 9 yards on the first two plays and Mark Brunell converted a third-and-1 with a quarterback sneak to put the game away.

Brunell completed 22 of 37 passes for 248 yards. Taylor finished with 128 yards on 21 carries.

## Chargers 14, Ravens 13

SAN DIEGO — San Diego despite the loss of running back Natrone Means with a broken left foot.

Craig Whelan, elevated to starting quarterback when troubled rookie Ryan Leaf was benched on Monday, erased the zero from his win-loss record, improving to 1-7. He threw a 47-yard touchdown pass to Charlie Jones in the second quarter.

Eric Metcalfe Fletcher returned from a four-game absence due to a knee injury to score the game-winner on a 3-yard run with 14:37 to play.

## Lions 26, Bears 3

PONTIAC, Mich. — Rookie Charlie Batch passed for 253 yards and Tommy Vardell scored three touchdowns in Detroit's victory over Chicago.

Steve Stenstrom, making his second start in place of injured Erik Kramer, was never in such agony as the Lions (3-7), who won a Sunday game for the first time all season.

Stenstrom threw 13-of-25 for 159 yards for the Bears (7-1), who scored three fourth-quarter touchdowns to beat Detroit 31-27 with Kramer at quarterback on Oct. 4 in Chicago.

The Bears held Barry Sanders to 28 yards on 14 carries in their first meeting. But this time Sanders, wearing a full jacket to protect sore ribs, rushed 24 times for 114 yards, the 75th 100-yard game of his career.

# SPORTS IN BRIEF

## Bengal runner goes to nationals

PROVO, Utah — The Idaho State men's cross country team finished fifth of 17 teams in the NCAA Mountain Regional Championships this weekend as Emory Carr finished seventh and assured himself a place at the national championship Nov. 23 in Lawrence, Kan.

The entire ISU team has an outside chance of being selected to the championships with an at-large berth, to be decided today.

As expected, BYU and Colorado finished 1-2 in the women's race, and Colorado and Northern Arizona finished 1-2 in the men's race. All four squads received automatic berths to the national meet.

Carr, Chris Belcher (18th) and Randy Reedler (19th) earned all-west region honors for placing among the top 25 individuals in the men's 10,000-meter race. Casey Crumrine finished 50th, Van Grinnell 66th, Kris Lunn 75th and Brandon Bridges 99th for ISU.

(Jordan Vaughn was the top Bengal women's finisher with her 30th-place finish over the 5,000-meter run. Jennifer Schellenberger (40th), Pam Lunn (73rd), Christine Kohler (76th), Charly Joseph (81st), Emily Mulick (84th) and Alleen Porter (86th) rounded out the podium.

## Graf upsets Davenport to win Advanta

VILLANOVA, Pa. — Steffi Graf took a dramatic step in her tennis comeback on Sunday by stunning top-ranked Lindsay Davenport to win the Advanta Championships.

The unseeded Graf defeated Davenport 4-6, 6-3, 6-4 in a grueling two-hour match, to win her second tournament in as many tries since returning from a two-month layoff because of wrist surgery.

The loss spoiled Davenport's debut on American soil as the top-ranked player in the WTA's computer rankings. She had won her last seven matches, including a win over Monica Seles in the semifinals Saturday and the European Championships finals against Venus Williams last month.

## Kafelnikov wins Kremlin Cup

MOSCOW — Defending champion Yevgeny Kafelnikov beat Goran Ivanisevic 7-6 (7/5), 7-6 (7/5) Sunday, capturing the \$1.1 million Kremlin Cup for his third title of the year.

With the victory, Kafelnikov secured the eighth and final berth in the ATP Tour World Championship, which will be played Nov. 24-29 in Hanover, Germany.

Ivanisevic had defeated Kafelnikov in the Kremlin Cup final in 1996. The victory was Kafelnikov's third title of the year. He won at the London Indoor in February and at Halle, Germany, in June.

## McEnroe, Forget reach final

ZAGREB, Croatia — John McEnroe beat Mats Wilander of Sweden 6-0, 6-2 Sunday to reach the final of an ATP senior tournament in which Iranian Mansour Bahrami provided some humorous moments.

Bahrami lost to Bjorn Borg 6-3, 6-4. On one point, when he couldn't reach a Borg serve, he took another ball from his pocket and "returned" it. Later, they staged a mock fight in front of the refrigerator over who would take the drinks first. The argument ended when Borg jokingly threw Bahrami into the refrigerator.

Guy Forget of France will face McEnroe in Monday's final, even though he lost to Croatia's Goran Prpic 2-6, 6-4, 10-5. That's because Forget's overall results in the Croatia Classics tournament were better than Prpic.

## Martin beats Johansson in straight sets

STOCKHOLM, Sweden — Todd Martin capitalized on Thomas Johansson's sloppy serving and beat the Swede 6-3, 6-4, 6-4 to win the Stockholm Open Sunday.

Martin had lost the title much two years ago to another Swede, Thomas Enqvist. He became the first American winner of this indoor tournament since John McEnroe in 1984 and 1985.

## Earnhardt Jr. takes Busch title

HOMESTEAD, Fla. — Dale Earnhardt Jr. was the happiest guy to blow an engine at the Jiffy Lube Miami 300.

Earnhardt clinched the NASCAR Busch Series championship by taking the green flag Sunday, so it didn't matter when his No. 3 Chevrolet started billowing white smoke on the frontstretch of the 89th lap.

Jeff Burton won the second-closest finish in Busch Series history, overtaking Jimmy Spencer coming off the final turn of the 1/2-mile oval to beat his fellow Winston Cup driver by a nose. Burton's margin of victory was .01 second. Mark Martin, the Winston Cup runner-up, was third.

## 1. Kentucky player killed, 1 injured in crash

LEXINGTON, Ky. — A truck carrying two Kentucky football players on a deer hunting trip flipped on a rural highway Sunday, killing one of them and injuring starting center Jason Watts.

Another man, a passenger who was not on the team, was also killed in the early-morning accident in which the pickup truck veered off the highway and then swung back onto the road before rolling over.

Killed were Arthur Steimetz, 19, of Edgewood, a defensive lineman who transferred to Kentucky from Michigan State in August and was sitting out the season, and Scott Brock, 21, of Louisville.

Watts, the driver, was in fair condition Sunday after being airlifted to Lexington's University of Kentucky Medical Center from Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital in Somerset. ■

Compiled from wire reports

# Norman returns to golf with a bang

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. (AP) — Steve Elkington made sure that Greg Norman's return to golf was victorious Sunday.

In his first tournament back since a shoulder surgery seven months ago, Norman won a playoff with an 8-foot birdie on the 18th hole, then won the Shark Shootout on the third sudden-death hole when Elkington, his partner, hit a 9-iron into 2 feet on the same hole.

Norman and Elkington closed with a 58 in the scramble format to tie the team of John Cook and Peter Jacobsen, who tied a tournament record with a 17-under 55. Both finished at 27-under 189.

Norman didn't have to win this week to feel good about his game. His left shoulder felt strong throughout the 54-hole event, his putting was superb at times and he came up with his share of big shots throughout the day.

## Hale Irwin wins Senior Match Play Challenge

PALM BEACH, Fla. — Hale Irwin won his first tournament in eight days Sunday, crushing Senior PGA Tour rival Gil Morgan



Greg Norman of Hobo Sound, Fla., tees off on the 18th hole during the final round of the Shark Shootout Sunday in Thousand Oaks, Calif.

## Golf

6 and 5 in the finals of the inaugural Senior Match Play Challenge. Irwin, who defeated David Graham 6 and 4 in the morning semifinals, earned \$240,000 for the win at Bighorn Golf Club in

## Palm Desert.

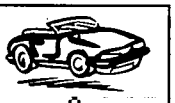
Earlier in the week, he had won the Senior Tour Championship and was a member of the winning senior tour team in the Wendy's Three Tour Challenge. Irwin's eight-day earnings reached \$687,000.

In his 27 holes Sunday, 14 against Graham and 13 against Morgan, Irwin made 12 birdies and one eagle. Twice he didn't have to finish a hole, as Graham and Morgan each conceded a hole before reaching the green.

Irwin and Morgan swapped wins on the first two holes of the finals, but Irwin eagled the par-5 third to take the lead for good. Morgan tried to force a second shot onto the green of the par 5 sixth and instead found a lake, leading to an Irwin win.

Irwin quickly closed out the match on the back nine, winning the par 4 11th when Morgan failed to match Irwin's birdie and the par 5 12th when Morgan took a non-playable lie in the nearby desert. He couldn't reach the green in 4.

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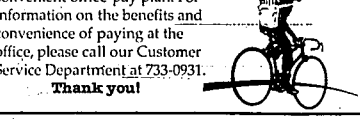
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## OTHER VIEWS

### Official governor's mansion makes sound financial sense

From the Idaho Press-Tribune (Nampa):

Gov. Phil Batt may be homeless for a while. The state has ordered its top executive to put his publicly owned Boise home up for auction later this month because with his retirement the house is considered surplus property.

Trouble is, as a member of the state land board, which oversees education endowments, Batt cannot bid on his own home. In legal terms, it's like selling his house to himself.

He sold it to the state for just under \$250,000 when he was elected four years ago.

Problems like these are inevitable until the panel that oversees the governor's residence decides to build an official residence for the state's chief executive.

The current system was established because it was thought that some governors would want the freedom to pick their own home in the Boise area. However, this route means the state might pay every four years for a new home and may not get an equal or better return when it sells.

Also, the current system leaves the state without an official place to welcome dignitaries, host official recep-

tions and conduct official business, some of the prime purposes of governor's mansions in other states.

The current system also means security headaches because each home must be individually secured and monitored. Sure Idaho's leaders are not high on any hit list, but threats are made from time to time and security is a must for any state's chief executive.

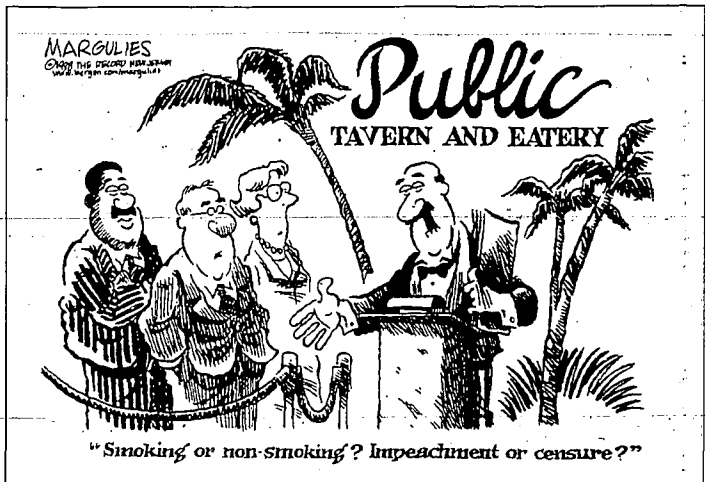
The Permanent Building Fund Advisory Council may vote to use the \$1.1 million the state already has set aside to build a mansion. The mansion may be elegant, but doesn't have to be extravagant.

If a governor still wants to have a separate residence, he or she may do so, but at least the state has fulfilled its responsibilities.

The decision to build a mansion shouldn't be a political football, either. The current system does not work well. Any party that captures the governorship would benefit. And because the money is already there, taxpayers won't be asked to cough up extra cash if the decision to build a mansion is made.

We think when all is said and done, citizens will believe the mansion is money wisely spent.

*Gov. Batt's publicly owned home must be sold but, as a member of the state Land Board, he cannot bid on his own house. In legal terms, it's like selling his house to himself.*



### Bankruptcy reform must include credit

**B**ankruptcy reform is dead! Long live "bankruptcy reform." People of good conscience, including consumers and creditors (other than credit card companies), should rejoice at the defeat of what would have been the surrender by the U.S. Senate to the credit card company-induced version of bankruptcy reform passed by the House of Representatives over the summer.

The original Senate version of bankruptcy reform, which was acceptable to the White House, would have created a more balanced approach between consumer rights and the rights of creditors than the bill passed by the House. In conference committee, Senate Republicans essentially rolled over to their more conservative House colleagues to produce a bill that was totally unacceptable to the White House, the Democratic minority and consumers.

Bankruptcy reform is necessary, since abuses under the bankruptcy system continue. The type of reform required is a balanced approach that protects both the rights of those in need of a fresh start and the prohibition of the type of abuses that have clogged the bankruptcy courts. These abuses include repetitive filings by debtors, many of whom incur huge credit card debt right before they file and the relocation by essentially wealthy

MICHAEL D. BROFMAN

debtors to states like Florida and Texas, which offer substantial asset protection.

The reform bill was the wrong approach. The credit card companies proposed a system under which consumers would be unable to file under Chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code without meeting a rigid "means test." A consumer debtor would have to prove that he or she did not have enough family income above a national standard to pay the creditors at least 20 percent of the indebtedness due over a period of five years.

This would have made bankruptcy filing of the typical lower-middle-class family in a place such as Long Island, N.Y., extremely difficult compared with debtors in less affluent areas where incomes are lower.

The family-income test also would be unfair to many married couples, because debts incurred by one member of the couple before marriage might have to be paid by the family income. The Senate version of bankruptcy reform allowed the bankruptcy courts the latitude to decide whether or not the bankruptcy filing was abusive, rather than imposing such a rigid standard.

This version of reform was supported

not only by the White House, but also by a substantial majority of bankruptcy judges and professionals, who viewed the rigid standard to be inappropriate and too heavily skewed in favor of the credit card industry.

Frankly, for the credit card industry to champion bankruptcy reform is absurd. Most consumers repeatedly receive unsolicited credit cards with special introductory rates designed to suck them into indebtedness. At no time do these inducements require any showing that the consumer has the financial ability to make the payments on other credit that they are receiving. That is as abusive as the inappropriate bankruptcy filings by individuals seeking to beat the system.

True bankruptcy reform that stops abuse of the system must also include ending the seductive granting of easy credit to consumers who have no ability to pay.

Bankruptcy reform is necessary and desirable, even for the bankruptcy professionals who handle these matters on a regular basis. So is credit card reform. Perhaps the next Congress will avoid the lure of the credit card lobby and will pass a balance of reform bill that deals with abuses by both consumers and the credit card industry.

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## LETTERS

### Student eulogizes great teacher

I was just wanting to let everyone know what a great teacher Ron Green was. I am a senior now at Minico High but attended Burley Junior High School and was a student of Mr. Green. No matter what mood he was in or how he always had time for me. I have never gotten along with teachers very well but Mr. Green was like a big brother. He is going to be missed dearly.

JEFF HORTON  
Heysburn

### Term limits raise silly issues

The Times-News editorial on Wednesday got just partly right.

Branding candidates on the ballot regarding their stand on term limits is indeed a silly idea. U.S. Term Limits' constant redefinition of what it means to support their idea of term limits will indeed most likely be thrown out as unconstitutional or copied inessentially by other issues until the '90s are hopelessly cluttered.

But saying that the '94-passed ballot measure, which has just been reaffirmed by the voters on the '98 Advisory Vote, is dangerous because we will somehow run out of qualified candidates is equally silly. There are dozens of qualified potential candidates in every legislative district in the state. Many districts never see the turnover that is constantly touted by the anti-term limits crowd. As a result, candidates who want to be in the Legislature are resigned to wait until a retirement occurs or attempt to take on an incumbent with huge odds stacked against them.

For the small rural areas that may not have other available candidates for a minor position such as school board or county coroner, the incumbent simply has to generate a few write-in votes to be re-elected. No big deal for a public servant who truly wants to continue

to serve. This fact is conveniently left out of The Times-News' railings against term limits.

The bottom line is this: Idaho legislators do not have to remove themselves from office. The voters have spoken twice on their opinion about this already. Do not succumb to media elites trying to tell you that the voters are just too dumb or ignorant to understand what we have done. We do understand and we are watching. Leave it alone.

KELLY WARTON  
President, Idaho Christian Coalition  
Burley

### Whining neighbors lack spirit

As I drive through the Magic Valley on a Friday night and see the lights of a small-town football field glowing in the dark, it warms my heart to know there are still a few people who are gathering to show pride in their communities.

Coming here from the South, it amazes me how a small town down south will have 5,000 to 6,000 people packed in the stadium, but in a town of more than 20,000 here, 500 people seem to be a great crowd.

I believe the difference starts with the people who represent our community, for example, will the mayor be at Highland on Friday or will he be home in front of his TV, happy that the Bruins are on the road so he doesn't have to listen to the horrible sound of an announcer calling the game. I am ashamed of you, Mr. Kleinkopf, and your neighbors. I do have a solution to your problem with the sound system. Take some pride in your community. Instead of complaining, grab a friend and take them to the game. Maybe you can help make enough noise that your neighbors won't be able to hear the sound system. Hopefully next time, they will be complaining of crowd noise instead!

RONEY BUSBEE  
Twin Falls

### This non-bedtime reading could scare you

ADRIAN PERACCHIO

In my job, writing about foreign policy and international affairs, I read a slew of books and papers with mind-numbing titles.

What do you do with something like "National Security Paradigms for the 21st Century: An Analytical Overview With Selected Readings." The same choice is the wastebasket. Only a misguided attack of conscience would make me put that tome on a bookshelf, where it would gather dust for the next five years, but occasionally I run across something that actually makes me sit up and read and even think. That happened with two recent studies. Bear with me briefly. They are better than they sound.

One of the studies, "Inside Terrorism," by a leading authority on terror, Bruce Hoffman, tracks the development and use of terror from its earliest recorded days. The other study, "Catastrophic Terrorisms: Tackling the New Danger," excerpted in the current issue of the quarterly Foreign Affairs, alerts us to the breathtaking damage that a single terror attack by unconventional means could wreak. Cyberterrorism, say through the implantation of computer "worms" in key systems, could bring financial and transportation networks down in ruins for days if not weeks. Social chaos could result. The lethal—and panic-inducing—effects of an anthrax aerosol bomb in a major airport or trade center are too obvious to belabor.

These studies are right on time, surfacing just as Israelis and Palestinians struggle to form a working peace process un-

der the pall of terror attacks in the Middle East and just as the United States is trying to defuse the terror threat posed by the network of millionaire Saudi exile Osama bin Laden.

Are these studies going to be read much? Of course not. One is a scholarly tract. The other is bedtime reading for hard-core policy wonks. Unless you are paid to read them, as I am, you're not likely to curl up with them. If you were so depressed, however, by a couple of thoughts would strike you. Some would be because you, and at least one would make you less likely to get a good night's sleep, particularly if you were a commuter into a busy railroad terminal.

What struck me first was how deeply the identity of political terror has, over time, become woven into our very language. Take the first recorded instance of the use of political terror, more than 2,000 years ago in Roman-occupied Palestine. Roman officials were assassinated at random by religious fanatics, the Jewish Zealots, who could conceal short daggers under their cloaks. The Zealots wanted to reclaim Palestine as God's promised land, Israel, but they lacked the military power to combat Rome. So they used terror. Sound familiar? A Roman anti-terror campaign finally drove the Zealots to the mountain fortress known as Masada, where they

committed mass suicide under a Roman siege in the year 73 C.E.

That's where the word "sealot" came from. And the word assassination came from, the second recorded instance of political terror, waged by followers of a revolutionary Muslim Shia sect who spread fear throughout Persia and the Middle East from the 11th through the 13th centuries. The Assassins took their name from the term used for the drug hashish, taken to fuel their fervor, and they bestowed that name on the world's languages.

How about this? The Thugs, followers of the Indian goddess Kali, strangled and robbed travelers from the 11th to the 15th century in India to promote their faith. Another fine linguistic addition.

For that matter, "terror" came into use after Maximilien Robespierre coined it as a means for the state to impose fear to consolidate the gains of the French Revolution.

You may muse on this when you think that terrorism is a modern phenomenon. And you may shake your head ruefully at the heavy-handed irony involved in the terror and counter-terror that goes back two millennia in the Middle East.

Perhaps it's the sheer, gut-wrenching enormity of the act that has prevented a sane human being from planning it and attempting it. But that's cold comfort. If these two studies show anything, it's that terrorism—as the New Testament says of the poor—is always with us.

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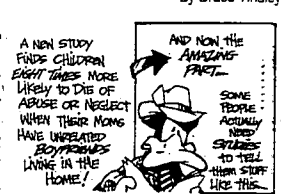
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### By Bruce Tinsley



OPINION

'The Siege': Can the Hollywood version happen in real America?

"The Siege," a new action movie starring Denzel Washington, Famke Janssen, and Bruce Willis, raises important issues that should linger long after audiences have left the theater.

The film depicts a terrorist threat in New York City. The conspirators turn out to be Arab immigrants.

As the bombings kill hundreds of people and destroy the FBI headquarters, the president declares martial law, and the U.S. Army arrives in full force. The Army cordons off Brooklyn, where many Arab immigrants live, and imprisons men of Arab ancestry—regardless of citizenship.

On the whole, the plot portrays Arab-Americans sympathetically, a multicultural endorsement to demonstrate on their behalf. A Lebanese-American FBI agent, played by Tony Shalhoub, whose son is arrested, is soon divided between family and country. The story should provoke us to ask what we as a society would do if Section became fact.

Preventing terrorism on the scale is a legitimate goal. A few Arab-Americans might be terrorists.

The problem is that panic and racial prejudice blend together to turn these reasonable beliefs into unreasonable actions.

Our government invoked "national security" to lock up Japanese-Americans during World War II and racially segregate combat troops. It was used to justify the abuses of the McCarthy era, the presidential seizure of the steel mills during the Korean War and the attempted burning of the "Pentagon Papers" during the Vietnam. It was most recently used against



Bruce Willis stars in the Hollywood version of 'The Siege.'

gays and lesbians in the armed forces, since "national security lies at the heart of the 'don't ask, don't tell' policy."

Like the U.S. government, Americans often generalize about whole groups. If a handful of persons commit crimes, we are too willing to believe that thousands of others who share only their racial background are likely to do wrong as well.

Americans also often fail to distinguish among ethnic groups, religious faiths or individuals. Iraqis, Iranians and Saudis are treated alike as "Middle Eastern." Bahai, Christians and Muslims merge into a fear of a "jihad." Unfamiliar names and accents become suspect. People are lumped into a generic enemy.

The producers of "The Siege" may have succeeded more than they intended in painting a realistic scenario. Arab-American internment camps don't seem that far-fetched, given the precedent.

During the Persian Gulf War, the FBI interrogated Arab-Americans without presenting any rationale other than assump-

tions based on ancestry. A few years earlier, the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) had developed secret plans to establish quarantine centers for Arab noncitizens. The FBI said its inquiries were justified and the INS said its memo was a draft.

Immediately after the Oklahoma City bombing in 1995, the media and the public guessed that Arab groups were to blame. When a pair of "all-American" Caucasian males were convicted by juries of their peers for the heinous act, few recalled the initial focus on Arab-Americans.

Ironically, just as "The Siege" opened, the Supreme Court considered a major case involving Arab immigrants. The FBI investigated eight Los Angeles residents for years, but found no evidence of crime to prosecute. Yet the INS sought to deport them because of their support for the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, which the INS has designated a terrorist front.

While they engaged in what would be constitutionally protected free speech if they had been citizens, the government has consistently maintained they cannot even raise their arguments because they are foreigners.

Some Arab-American groups are upset at the movie's portrayal of Arab terrorists, despite its civil libertarian message. Most media coverage so far has dismissed these complaints. Instead of assuming they are calls for censorship, they may be regarded more sympathetically as a plea for discussion.

Arab-Americans should not be left to stand alone when they stand up for their civil rights. Anyone who cares about the principles that have made our nation great ought to be proud to support their protest against discrimination.

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LETTERS

**Taxpayers deserve answers**  
I would like to have the county commissioners and Jurlison publicly answer a few questions.

It is very understanding that you often resigned as the public defender for Twin Falls County. If this is true, then why does he still occupy the same office? Why does he use county computers, county phone systems, county paid secretaries, and who pays the heat and power for his office?

It is very understanding he now receives \$90 per hour to perform defense services. Sounds to me like his resignation and the appointment of Mr. Hansen to replace him was nothing more than a method to increase pay checks and personnel.

One last question, if the county cannot pay for the upcoming murder trials and all other agencies within the county are cutting their spending, then how can Twin Falls County afford this option?

Just asking!  
CRUCK DUDLEY  
Twin Falls

**Dairies are slow to pay**  
The news on Nov. 9 extolling the virtues of industrial dairies purchasing hay, grain and corn from the farmers.

Anyone who has tried to collect money from these slow-pay dairies understands this benefit well. For 30 years before the industrial animal factories came to the Magic Valley, we sold hay, grain and corn without being at the collusive mercy of this highly organized and price sensitive dairy lobby cartel. The valley did not have to face the mega pollution and smell

that virtually renders many homes and areas unfit for human habitation.

Animal factories have made the area unattractive for the alternate use of other clean industries, and the opportunity cost of that in lower property values and low wages far outweighs any economic contribution industrial dairies have brought to the Magic Valley. Our valley is now frozen under a cloud of sulfide impregnated methane gas that ensures no other clean industry will want to locate here.

Industrial hogs and chickens see our area as a convenient dumping ground for more raw sewage, so they will most certainly come in ever-increasing numbers just as the immigrant industrial dairies have. The wages these animal factories pay are so low that labor has to be imported to take the jobs. Every time I hear that tired old "money and profit" argument, it makes me wonder how stupid the dairy lobby thinks the local folks must be.

One stands out on the porch about to barf because of the smell, and the dairy lobby stands up and brags about how much money it is making, and if they don't get it from destroying our property rights, then Sen. Craig will have us taxed and give it to dairies as subsidies or price controls or for herd reduction "kill programs" or, even worse, to build more subsidized untreated sewer ponds.

You don't have to graduate with a degree in dairy science to be able to read and cipher well enough to see this argument as a fraud. It is so weak that the Idaho Department of Agriculture and state attorney general continually sends its

pro-dairy circus all around Idaho at the taxpayers' expense trying to convince everyone how good their hocus-pocus, snake oil manure doesn't stink or pollute program works.

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WORLD

# Mitch will bring years of hardship to Central America

OJCHIAL, Nicaragua (AP) — Ricardo Santeliz looks over the land where his family's farm once stood. What had been ten tile fields of peanuts is now a wasteland of caked mud.

Where the family had grown sorghum, beans, sugar cane and soy, the gnarled roots of huge trees claw up from the earth.

"Now the situation is very grim regarding the question of food," the young man said, adding that his family would look to move elsewhere. "Here there is no hope."

Santeliz is just one of an uncounted number of Central Americans whose livelihood was destroyed by Hurricane Mitch. The disaster, which killed as many as 100,000, will be the marine region's economy for years.

Governments, overwhelmed by the need for relief work and stymied by broken communication links, have yet to calculate the full magnitude of the economic loss.

The storm destroyed as much as 70 percent of important crops such as bananas and coffee in Honduras and Nicaragua, along with most of the roads and bridges needed to carry produce from the rural mountains to central markets.

The Inter-American Development Bank has estimated up to 90 percent of roads and other infrastructure was destroyed in Honduras, the worst-hit nation.

Rebuilding bridges across Central America's rugged terrain could take two to four years, analysts say.

The economies of Central America's two largest nations had been hurting before the storm. The global economic crisis had forced a drop in prices for their key exports, said Francisco Larios, a senior emerging markets economist with Standard and Poor's DRI in Lexington, Mass.

Now with the damage caused by Mitch, "you're probably going to see not only recession but severe drops in growth," Larios said.

Agriculture is responsible for a quarter of Honduras' economic output and employs nearly two-thirds of the workforce. In Nicaragua, it accounts for 15 percent of the gross domestic product and employs more than 40 percent of its workforce.

# British tabloids practically hail Prince Charles' lover a queen

LONDON (AP) — Prince Charles and Camilla Parker Bowles danced the night away to celebrate his 50th birthday, and although his mother may have disapproved, Britain's tabloid newspapers on Sunday hailed his longtime love as — well, almost a queen.

"Camilla: Queen for the Night," declared the mass circulation Sunday Mirror, Britain's biggest-selling tabloid. News of the World, carried its report about Saturday night's bash under the headline "The Look of Love."

For Mrs. Parker Bowles, 51, who the late Princess Diana had blamed for the breakup of her marriage to Charles, it was a public relations breakthrough. In the past, the British press has often lambasted her — alongside unflattering pictures — as a mistress whom the heir to the throne can never marry.

Newspapers splashed pictures of Mrs. Parker Bowles arriving for the party at Charles' country mansion, Highgrove. She was accompanied by her sister, Annabel Elliott.

The Highgrove party — with a guest list dominated by a bevy of European royals and members of Charles' inner circle of rich, blue-blooded friends — followed a reception hosted by Queen Elizabeth II for Charles at Buckingham Palace on Friday night, the eve of his birthday.

His sons, Prince William, 16, and Prince Harry, 14, were at the Highgrove party. So, too, according to news reports, were Mrs. Parker Bowles' two grown children, Tom and Laura, and her ex-husband, Andrew.

# Japan's refusal affects free trade

By Tom Ichniowski

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia — In a clear setback for the global free-trade movement, the United States and 15 other Pacific nations Sunday failed to conclude a proposed \$1.5 trillion deal to reduce and eliminate tariffs on many goods because Japan would not agree.

Cooperation forum managed to paper-over their differences so they could keep working at the deal for another year but they appeared to lose a significant chance to generate momentum. In doing so, they opened the door to criticism that the whole APEC deal is not as valuable as it was once thought.

APEC's overarching goal is to have free trade in the region by 2010 for developed countries and

2020 for all members. This deal would be a significant step toward that goal.

Negotiators were forced to put the best face on what they were able to achieve: preventing the initiative from collapsing. The compromise they worked out allows APEC nations to keep the proposal intact and try again to work out a deal at a global level through the World Trade Organization.

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## How to make Thanksgiving guests go away

So this year, you agreed to host the big family Thanksgiving dinner. Congratulations! You made it.

Now, actually, hosting Thanksgiving dinner does not have to be traumatic. The key is planning. For example, every year my family spends Thanksgiving at the home of a friend named Arlene Ray, who prepares dinner for a huge number of people. I can't give an exact figure, because my eyeballs become fogged with envy. But I'm grumpy sure that Arlene is feeding several branches of the armed forces.

And Arlene is not sleeping just any old food on the table, either. She's a gourmet cook who can make anything. I bet she has a recipe for cold turkey, and then you'll see tender turkeys the size of Arnold Schwarzenegger, accompanied by a vast array of exotic herb dressings and 350 kinds of sweet potatoes made from scratch. I'm pretty sure Arlene throws her own wheat.



HUNOR  
Dawn Barry

If you were to look into Arlene's dining room at the end of Thanksgiving dinner, it would at first appear to be empty. Then you'd hear grunts and burps coming from under the table, and you'd realize that the guests, no longer able to cope with the food and gravity at the same time, were lying on the floor. Every now and then you'd see a hand snake up over the edge of the table, grab a handful of stuffing, then dart back under the table again, after which you'd hear chewing, then occur to be the sound of digestive organs regurgitating. Some guests have to be rushed by ambulance to the hospital, receiving pumpkin pie intravenously on route.

The question is how is Arlene able to prepare such an amount feast for so many people? The answer is simple: I have no idea. I'm always wondering how, when it happens. But my point is that, if you want to provide your Thanksgiving guests with a delicious home-cooked meal, one approach would be to go to Arlene's house and steal some of her food when she's busy charming the butler. She'll never notice. She has enough knives to make turkey sandwiches for everybody in Belgium.

If you prefer to do your own cooking this Thanksgiving, your first step is to calculate how much turkey you need. Home economists tell us that the average US person consumes 1.5 pounds of turkey, so if you're planning to have 14 relatives for dinner, you'd simply multiply 14 times 1.5 times 1.5 to get 31.5 pounds of turkey. Let's see, carry the two... 31.5 pounds. If you can't find a turkey that size, you should call up selected relatives and explain to them, in a sensitive and diplomatic manner, that they can't come because they weigh too much.

In selecting a turkey, remember that the fresher it is, the better it will taste. That's why, if you go into the kitchen of top professional home-maker Martha Stewart on Thanksgiving morning, you'll find her checking a live turkey with a butcher. In fact, you'll find Martha doing this every morning.

"It just relaxes me," she explains.

You'd better open up to get a frozen turkey at the supermarket. The Turkey Manufacturers Association recommends that, before you purchase a frozen bird, you check it for firmness by knocking it on the back of your hand. It should bounce three vertical inches per pound — and then take a care sample of the breast by drilling into it with a 3/8-inch masonry bit until you strike the pinhead. If supermarket employees attempt to question you, the Turkey Manufacturers Association recommends that you "gesture at them with the drill in a reassuring manner."

When you get the turkey home, you should thaw it completely by leaving it on a standard kitchen counter at room temperature for one half of the turkey's weight in hours, or roughly 19 weeks. If you see spi-

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**TN Interactive**

If you're a parent, has your experience with day care been a dream or a nightmare?

The Times-News is preparing an article about how to choose a day-care center. If you'd like to share your experiences, give us a call. Contact staff writer Steve Crump.

- By phone, 733-0931, Ext. 223
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# KNOW YOUR PRESCRIPTIONS

## For senior citizens, mixing drugs can have deadly consequences

### Take a drug inventory ...

✓ Have a "medicine check-up." Put all of your drugs — prescription and non-prescription — into a bag and take them to your doctor or pharmacist. They'll be able to identify problems such as duplicate or outdated medicines, medicines that may no longer be necessary, and medicines that should not be taken together.

✓ Don't do the doctor's shuffle. If you're getting prescriptions from more than one physician, tell your pharmacist she will help you sort out possible drug interactions and even consult with your doctors to make sure the combination of pills you're taking is safe.

✓ When it comes to medicines, more is not better; it's dangerous.

✓ Don't store different kinds of pills in the same bottle or keep old medications with new ones; it's easy to get confused.

✓ Use the same pharmacy when filling your prescriptions.

✓ Follow directions and stick to the recommended doses. If the instructions on the label don't make sense to you, call your pharmacist.

✓ There's no such thing as a small medicine. And two drugs that may be safe when taken together could be dangerous if you take too much or one of the other.

✓ Take your medications at the same time each day, as instructed on the label. If there are no instructions about when the pills should be taken, ask your pharmacist.

✓ Remember that drug reactions and interactions in older folks can sometimes be mistaken for other illnesses or diseases such as Alzheimer's — which can result in even more medications being prescribed.

✓ Pills can look a lot alike. If you're taking many different kinds at one

time, remove the correct number of pills from each bottle and place them on a plate or in a bowl. Don't just dump them into your hand. Or get a pill organizer to help you remember what to take when.

✓ If you don't know exactly what a certain pill is, don't swallow it. Some seniors neglect cleaning out their medicine cabinet for years, or they store pills in something other than the bottles they came in. When it comes to prescription medicines, guesswork can be deadly.

✓ You can't depend on the color of the pills to help you to keep them straight: A two-color capsule is just as likely to be an antibiotic as an antidepressant.

ful with white, off-white, pink and yellow-colored tablets or capsules, there are literally hundreds of different drugs, both prescription and over-the-counter, manufactured that way.

✓ Drugs have two names: the brand name and the generic name. (For example, it's Tylenol on the label, but the drug is acetaminophen.) Doctors and pharmacists occasionally use brand and generic names interchangeably, so make sure you're clear about what you're taking.

✓ Don't mix and match. If one particular drug isn't helping you, your doctor might prescribe a different drug of the same type. (For example, if the antidepressant Zoloft isn't effective for you, your doctor might give you Prozac.)

Once you get the second prescription, throw the first pills away; don't leave them in your medicine cabinet, and never start taking them again with your doctor's OK ...

✓ ... But never stop taking any prescription without your doctor's approval.

✓ Don't take drugs that were prescribed for somebody else. If you're on antihypertensive and your neighbor is, too, that doesn't mean it's all right to borrow a few pills from her until you can get your own prescription refilled.

✓ Vitamins, dietary supplements and herbal remedies can react with prescription drugs; if you're taking them, your doctor needs to know that before he or she writes the prescription.

✓ Watch the "sundown" date on the label of the pill bottle. Doctors often write prescriptions that allow a specific number of refills, or they may set a date after which you can't renew prescriptions without checking back with them first. Make sure you do that before the prescription lapses, going without medications such as blood-pressure pills and anti-seizure drugs for a while can be dangerous.

✓ If you're not feeling right, or if you develop symptoms that you think might be prescription-drug related, call your doctor. Now. (Chances are your physician



Stories by Steve Crump

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### The cost of medicine

Worldwide sales of prescription drugs should reach more than \$200 billion this year, with U.S. sales accounting for about 30% of the total.

**Sales**  
Of prescription drugs in the U.S.:  
1997 ..... \$81.2 billion  
1998\* ..... \$90 billion

**Top sellers**  
By disease treated, 1997:  
Heart disease ..... \$14.4 billion  
Mental illness ..... \$8.6 billion  
Infection ..... \$7.3 billion

\*Projection  
SOURCE: IMS HEALTH, KRT Photo; research by PAT CARR

**Brand name vs. generic**  
Estimated market split, 1997:  
Brand name ..... 80%  
Generic ..... 20%

**Top companies**  
In sales, 1997:  
Pfizer ..... \$4.8 billion  
Warner-Lambert ..... \$2 billion

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## Sometimes, food and drugs don't get along Here's bad company

What you eat or drink plus the pills you swallow can create a toxic brew in your body, or it can diminish the effectiveness of prescription medications. Here are some combinations to avoid:

- Anticoagulants (Coumadin, Furosemid) vs. foods high in vitamin K (spinach, cauliflower, Brussels sprouts, potatoes, vegetable oil and egg yolks).

The problem: Vitamin K produces blood-clotting substances, decreasing the effectiveness of these drugs.

- Antihistamines (Dimentane, Benphen, Chlor-Trimeton, Teldin, Benadryl, Benphen) vs. alcohol.

The problem: Can cause drowsiness and slowed reactions.

- Aspirin and corticosteroids (betamethasone, dexamethasone, hydrocortisone, methylprednisolone, prednisone, triamcinolone) vs. alcohol.

The problem: This combination can cause stomach irritation. If you're

taking aspirin, take it with food — and avoid fruit juice.

- Bronchodilators (Phyllocontin, Somophyllin, Slo-Phyllin, Theophyllin) vs. caffeine.

The problem: Both caffeine and bronchodilators stimulate the central nervous system, and together they're particularly potent.

- Codeine (contained in many prescription pain-relievers and cough syrups) vs. alcohol.

The problem: Codeine and alcohol combined are a potent, and potentially dangerous, sedative.

- MAO inhibitors (Marplan, Nardil, Parnate) vs. alcohol, hard cheeses, chocolate, beef and chicken livers and some other foods.

The problem: A very dangerous, potentially fatal interaction can occur between MAO inhibitors, which are prescribed to treat depression, and foods containing a chemical called tyramine. Be sure to follow your physician's instructions.

- Methanamine (Mandelamine, Urex) vs. citrus fruits and their

juices and dairy products.

The problem: These foods diminish the effectiveness of this class of drugs, which are used to treat urinary tract infections.

- Mestronazole (Flagyl) vs. alcohol.

The problem: The combination can cause stomach pain, nausea, vomiting, headache, and flushing or redness in the face.

- Tetracyclines (Achromycin, Sumycin, Pannamycin) vs. dairy products.

The problem: These antibiotics should not be taken within two hours of drinking milk or eating yogurt or cheese.

- Vaso dilators (Nitroglycerin, Nitrostat) and antihypertensives (Tenormin, Capoten, Aproveline, Aldomet, Lopressor) vs. salt.

The problem: Sodium (including the salt in processed foods) can hamper the effectiveness of these drugs. Read the package labels for sodium content.

— Source: U.S. Food and Drug Administration

Some of the most commonly-prescribed drugs in America, and other drugs with which they don't mix:

Drug	Use	Doesn't mix with ...
Procardin	heart pain,	beta-blockers, high blood pressure
Tagamet	heartburn,	Lansoprazole, Sublimaze, alcohol,
Prozac	antidepressant	alcohol, barbiturates, sedatives, CNS depressants, Marplan, MAO inhibitors, Parnate, tryptophan
Cardizem	heart pain,	Tagamet, high blood pressure, Lanoxin

— Sources: Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center, Taber's Cyclopedia Medical Dictionary

## Too-oily undereye area may cause mascara to smear

DEAR PAULA: I am frustrated with my mascara smearing under my eyes. A friend said powdering under your eyes will help mascara not smudge. Is that true?

—CONNIE, MADISON, WIS.

DEAR CONNIE: If you have tried all types of mascaras and all of them smear, it could be that your undereye area is oily, which would break down both waterproof and water-soluble mascaras. Powdering is a great option, but not if you wear lenses under the eye. They will be more noticeable if the area is made drier by powder. Ultra-matte concealers may be a far better option. I mention two reliable ones in the next question.

DEAR PAULA: A makeup artist at a cosmetics counter said I could prevent

**COSMETICS Q&A**  
Paula Begun

lipstick from bleeding if I used their concealer over my lips first. It didn't work very well, but maybe their concealer wasn't the best? What do you think?

—DIANA, ATLANTA

DEAR DIANA: Concealers can help, but you're right, it does matter which one you use. If the concealer is creamy it will bleed into the lines around your mouth as fast as any lipstick. Try any of

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### It's not candy

The Food and Drug Administration has approved a new lollipop — but don't give it to kids. The prescription painkiller drug Actia, a white lozenge on a plastic stick, can offer cancer patients relief faster than any pill. Critics fear children will mistake it for candy, and Actia can kill children. So the FDA has ordered a number of precautions, and the drug's manufacturer, Anesta Corp., is offering patients locks to put on their medicine cabinets and child-resistant fancy packs.

**Science nose**

For some types of epilepsy, an Austrian study suggests, doctors often can tell on which side of the brain a seizure occurred by noting a simple clue: which hand patients use to wipe their noses afterward. Researchers studied 101 epilepsy patients undergoing

tests before surgery. While reviewing 444 videotaped seizures, they noticed that more than half of the patients with a common type of epilepsy wiped their noses immediately after the seizure. In all but one of those patients, the hand used for nose wiping was on the side where the seizure originated.

**It's safer out there**

Public safety campaigns have helped push the nation's rate of highway fatalities to an all-time low, according to a report from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. The agency recorded 41,967 deaths (a rate of 1.6 deaths per 100 million miles) from traffic accidents in 1997, down from 42,085 (a rate of 1.7 deaths per 100 million miles) in 1996. Total deaths have been lower in some years, but given that Americans drive 2.5 trillion miles last year, the figures show that the roads have never been safer.

HEALTH & FASHION

# Headaches may signal serious disease

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Feeling tired and sore is a normal part of growing old. But aching muscles and headaches—accompanied by a headache and low-grade fever, could be symptoms of temporal arteritis, a painful and potentially life-threatening disease. Temporal arteritis, also called giant cell or cranial arteritis, causes inflammation in the walls of medium- and large-sized arteries. The inflammation makes the diameter of the artery smaller, causing constriction or complete blockage. Any artery in the body can be affected, but the temporal artery, a branch of the carotid artery in the neck that runs along the tem-

ples on both sides of the head, is most vulnerable. Left untreated, temporal arteritis can lead to serious medical consequences. For instance, blockage of the arteries that supply blood to the eyes may cause sudden, irreversible blindness in one or both eyes. Although rare, strokes have also been known to occur. Researchers are not sure what causes this disease which afflicts one in 500 people, but many suspect that it is a disorder of the immune system. It usually strikes after the age of 50 and affects women more frequently than men. The most common symptom of temporal arteritis is a headache,

located around the temples, on one or both sides of the head. The headache, which is often worse at night, is aggravated by cold temperatures and ranges from a dull ache to a stabbing pain. A bulging, tender, pulseless, temporal artery frequently accompanies the headache. Other symptoms include facial, jaw and tongue pain, as well as scalp tenderness, weight loss, fever and depression. Facial swelling, often a warning that blindness is imminent, should be brought to a physician's attention immediately. Temporal arteritis is also related to polymyalgia rheumatica, a disorder that causes stiffness in

the muscles of the neck, shoulders, lower back and extremities. The stiffness can be debilitating, making simple tasks, such as combing one's hair or rising out of a chair, difficult. Diagnosing temporal arteritis is difficult and is based on the results of several tests. Laboratory findings often reveal an elevated erythrocyte sedimentation rate as well as an elevated C-reactive protein level. These are both excellent indicators of inflammation.

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## Begoun

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the new ultra-matte concealers, like Almay Amazing Lasting Concealer or Maybelline Great Wear Concealer. Both of these dry to a firm finish that only the greatest of lipsticks could get past.

**DEAR PAULA:** I want a sheer foundation application. I've been told that I can get a sheer application from any foundation if I apply it with a damp sponge. Do

you think that's a good idea?  
**DARA, HOUSTON**  
DEAR DARA: While you can apply most foundations with a damp sponge to get a lighter application, this doesn't work with many powder foundations, because it can cause serious streaking. In addition, you should never do this if you're using a foundation with sunscreen; applying a thin layer negates the effectiveness of the sunscreen

and dilutes the sunscreen ingredients. If you do want to try this technique, the trick is to make sure your sponge is damp and not soaking wet.

*Paula Begoun is the author of several books on cosmetics, including "Don't Go to the Cosmetics Counter Without Me" (Beginning Press, \$13.95), a no-nonsense paperback guide to brand-name cosmetics.*

## Barry

**Continued from A1**  
ders nesting in your turkey," states the Turkey Manufacturers Association, "you waited too long." Once the turkey is defrosted, you simply cook it in a standard household oven at 138.4 degrees centimeter for 27 minutes per pound (23 minutes for married turkeyeaters (fing jointly)). Add four minutes for each 100 feet of your home's elevation above sea level, which you should determine using a standard household sextant. Inspect the turkey regularly as it cooks; when you notice that the skin has started to blister, the time has come for you to give your guests the message they've been eagerly awaiting: "Runt!" Because you left the plastic wrapper on the turkey, and it's about to explode, spewing out flaming salmonella units at the speed of sound. As you stand outside waiting for the fire trucks, you should take a moment to count your blessings. The main one, of course, is that you will definitely not be asked to host the big family "Thanksgiving dinner next year. But it's also important to remember — as our Hilarious foreparents remembered on the very first Thanksgiving — that two excellent names for rock bands would be "The Turkey Spiders" and "The Flaming Salmonella Units."

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**QUESTION:** My elderly aunt lives alone and seems to have been taken in by sweepstakes telephone solicitors. What can be done?

**Dennis S. Voorhes**  
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*Next week - some solutions!*

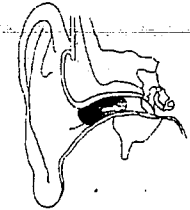
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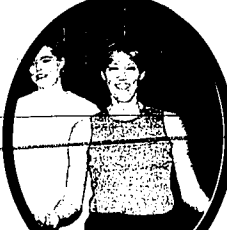
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**Spine strokes**  
Stroke both hands along spine, out toward shoulders; release pressure and slide gently along sides and back to waist

**Kneading**  
Imagine you're kneading dough. Grip fleshy areas and release with one hand, then the other; use circular movements

**Thumb circles**  
Press firmly in small circles along spine; push muscle up and out, then gently move to next spot

**Neck rub**  
With thumb and forefinger, make small, firm circular strokes up the neck. Support head with other hand.

**Shoulder circles**  
With one hand, stroke smoothly in a circle at shoulder; with the other, make a half-circle at shoulder blade

**Big back strokes**  
Press forearms from center down to buttocks and up to hairline (use light pressure on neck); hold a moment and repeat

**Leg strokes**  
Ask person to turn over. Stroke whole leg; finish at foot using both hands on instep, arch and toes

**Clall circles**  
From ankle to knee, stroke hands past each other under calf muscles; maintain contact with skin

**Gentle chops**  
Fast heaving motion makes large thigh and buttock muscles bounce gently

**More kneading**  
Stroke stomach in a slow circle, then knead soft flesh along sides

**Flissle: Chest and neck**  
Slide hands down brastrone, out to shoulders; press flat hands against back of neck and shoulder

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**SUN VALLEY** - The American Red Cross will offer three classes in Sun Valley including: Instructor Candidate Training at 8 a.m. today and First Aid and CPR Instructor Class at 9 a.m. Wednesday and Friday.

For more information on location of the class, call Sandra Jennings at 622-2986 or the Red Cross at 1-866-367-6321.

**TWIN FALLS** - The American Red Cross schedules twice-weekly Cardiovascular Resuscitation and First Aid review classes at 9 a.m. each Tuesday and 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.

**TWIN FALLS** - Magic Valley Regional Medical Center is offering occupational health education and screenings on-site at the workplace. For more information, call 737-2906.

**TWIN FALLS** - A CPR class will be offered from 6:30 to 10 p.m. Tuesday in the doctors' meeting room at MVRMC. To register, call 737-2907.

**TWIN FALLS** - A childbirth refresher course will be offered from 7 to 10 p.m. Tuesday at the MVRMC Education Center. Pre-registration is required, call 737-2900.

**TWIN FALLS** - Magic Breathers' Club will meet at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the College of Southern Idaho Senior Annex, 998 N. Washington St.

Barbara Urie of the Office on Aging will discuss senior issues including Medicare, Medicaid, legal services, nutrition and social activities within south central Idaho.

For more information, call Kurt at 734-9330.

**TWIN FALLS** - An infant CPR class will be offered from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Wednesday at the MVRMC Education Center. Pre-registration is not required.

**TWIN FALLS** - A prepared childbirth course will be offered from 7 to 9:30 p.m. on Thursday, beginning on Thursday, November 19 at the MVRMC Education Center. Pre-registration is required, call 737-2900.

**TWIN FALLS** - The American Red Cross class will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Red Cross office, 718 Shoshone St. E. All young people, ages 7 through 18, are welcome to attend.

**TWIN FALLS** - Standard First Aid (adult CPR and first aid) and sex and menarche class will be offered at 6 a.m. Saturday at the American Red Cross.

For a fee of \$20, registration for more information, call 737-2906 or stop by the office at 718 Shoshone St. E. Prepayment is required for registration in all classes.

**TWIN FALLS** - A prepared childbirth class will be offered from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Nov. 26 at the MVRMC Education Center. Pre-registration is not required.

**TWIN FALLS** - A continuing education and Adult CPR and First Aid refresher class will be offered at 7 p.m. Nov. 24 at the Red Cross office.

To register or for more information, call 737-2906 or stop by the office at 718 Shoshone St. E. Prepayment is required for registration in all classes.

To do for you: A continuing series of health-related activities, events and education information should be submitted by Thursday for publication in the following: Monday's Health & Fashion; Mail notices in The Times-News; 9 P.M. Box 516, Twin Falls, ID 83402; or deliver to our office at 1522 Third St. W.

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## Rise in esophagus cancer could be linked to smoking

ATLANTA (AP) - Obesity and smoking may be to blame for the rise in a type of esophagus cancer that has jumped more than 350 percent among white men over the past 20 years, new research suggests.

"It goes back to prevention. This data all suggests that these are tumors that can be prevented," said Dr. John S. Ensley, a specialist at the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute.

Nearly 90 percent of patients with esophageal cancer die within five years of contracting the disease.

The study, released Thursday and published in the journal Cancer, reported that annual cases of adenocarcinoma rose from 0.7 cases per 100,000 in 1974-76 to 3.2 cases per 100,000 in 1992-94.

Researchers suggested one reason for the jump is an increase in obesity among white men over 65.

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- One lucky baby born at Magic Valley Regional during 1998 will be awarded college tuition at the Idaho university or college of their choice. It's our way of welcoming you into the world, and welcoming you to our Women and Infants Center. Details on file, call 737-2900.
- If you would like a copy of the MVRMC 80th Anniversary History Document and Annual Report to the Community, call 737-2807.
- Occupational Health education and screenings are available on-site in your workplace! Call 737-2906.
- CPR Class \* Tuesday, November 17, 6:30 - 10 p.m., Doctor's Meeting Room. To register call 737-2807.
- Childbirth Refresher Course \* Tuesday, November 17, 7 - 10 p.m., Education Center. Pre-registration required. Call 737-2900.
- Infant CPR Class \* Wednesday, November 18, 7 - 9:30 p.m., Education Center. Pre-registration is not required.
- Prepared Childbirth Course \* Thursdays, November 19 - January 7, 7 - 9:30 p.m., Education Center. Pre-registration required. Call 737-2900.
- Cesarean Childbirth Class \* Tuesday, November 24, 7 - 9:30 p.m., Education Center. Pre-registration is not required.

For additional MVRMC educational offerings call 737-2902. If you require special accommodations, call 737-2102 or TDD 737-2980 at least 24 hours in advance of the event.

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FAMILY LIFE

# When children 'divorce' their parents

The Dallas Morning News

When gymnast Dominique Moceanu was recently declared a legal adult after accusing her family of mismanaging her finances, she joined a small number of youngsters nationwide who have sued to sever ties with their parents.

Though such cases are rare, legal battles such as Moceanu's are at the center of a debate over whether children ought to be given greater voices in America's family courts.

"Children should have a right to be heard in the planning of their future," says Waterbury, Conn. Superior Court Judge Charles D. Gill, a co-founder of the National Task Force for Children's Constitutional Rights.

Perhaps a symbol of the growing awareness of these types of court cases is an episode of the popular cartoon TV show Rugrats, in which Angelica "sues" her par-

ents over their insistence that she eat broccoli. In an every-parent's nightmare decision, the judge rules in Angelica's favor. (Indeed, it does turn out to be just Dad's nightmare.)

Some family advocates say they fear that if children routinely won the right to "divorce" their parents, it would undermine traditional families, turn family relationships into business relationships and allow youngsters to end parental ties simply because they disagree with their parents.

"It denigrates the family," says Laura McCloud, director of legislative and public policy for Concerned Women for America, a conservative, Washington, D.C.-based organization. "A family isn't a business."

Over the past decade, organizations and groups have sprung up to advocate that children be heard, especially in cases where their parents have neglected, abused or abandoned them. Many

times, state laws and policies that should protect the children fail to, they say.

"We have sort of a national policy that, if there is something wrong with a family, we should go in and rehabilitate the adults," says Judge Gill. "That's a good idea, but unfortunately it's our only idea. And if it goes on for too long, we end up with damaged kids. So instead of the focus being on adult preservation, we're saying it ought to be on child preservation."

In 1992, Gregory Kingsley of Florida successfully sued his mother to terminate her parental rights so he could be adopted by another family.

Gregory had recounted in court an early childhood filled with neglect, foster homes and unhappiness until he was taken in by a foster family. That family, the Russes, eventually adopted him and Gregory changed his name to Shawn Russ.

# Hard feelings follow parent's death

DEAR ABBY: Do I have a right to be angry with my late mother's best friend? (I'll call her "Mary.") Mother passed away less than a month ago from cancer. She left all her worldly possessions to me, her only daughter. I have three older brothers. We are very close and I intend to share Mother's things with them and their wives. We have never bickered over material things.

Three weeks after Mother's death, Mary and her husband, John, visited my father at home. Over coffee, Mary asked Dad if he would return a piece of jewelry that she had given to Mom. Dad replied, "Of course, take anything you need," meaning anything of Mom's. I had even sorted Mom's clothes and jewelry yet. Mary helped herself to two necklaces, four pairs of earrings, a wristwatch and my mother's birthday ring. She had even helped herself to a pair of earrings that Mom and I had made together in a jewelry class. She hadn't given any of those items to Mother.

Mary also reorganized all the jewelry and moved it from one drawer to another. I was livid. However, I politely told Mary she could keep whatever she had given Mom, but she should please return the other items. (How could she think she came before her friend's children?)

Now, Mary is pouting. She acts like I'm a spoiled, selfish person because I made her return the items.



DEAR ABBY  
Abby Warshaw

Abby, this "friend" would cry while Mom was sick, and say she couldn't deal with seeing her when she was in the hospital. She cried loudest and hardest at Mother's funeral. I don't understand her insensitivity.

Should I confront her, since she's acting like I'm the selfish one, and explain why I thought her

actions were inappropriate?

—ALICE IN FLORIDA  
DEAR ALICE: Since the jewelry was returned, I see nothing to be gained by confronting her. Her behavior was inconsiderate. However, it's possible that she misunderstood your father when he told her to take anything she needed. Give her the benefit of the doubt and try not to nurse a grudge.

## — ENGAGEMENTS — — ANNIVERSARY —

### HILL-HARRISON

BURLEY — Jack and Laura Hill of Burley announce the engagement of their daughter, Carmen Joy Hill, to Richard Pary Harrison, son of Mark and Patricia Nielson of Smithfield, Utah.

Hill graduated from Burley High School in 1992 and from Bridgerland Applied Technology Center in Logan, Utah, in 1998. She is employed at Logan School District in Logan, Utah. Harrison graduated from Skyview High School and is attending Utah State University in Logan, Utah. He is employed by Utah Water Research Lab in Logan.

The wedding is planned for



Richard Harrison and Carmen Hill



David and Lois Cooper

### THE COOPERS

Buhl — Mr. and Mrs. David Cooper of Buhl will be honored at an open house Sunday for their 50th wedding anniversary.

Friends and relatives are invited to call from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Mevin Clo Village in Buhl. No gifts, please.

Cooper and Lois Boyer were married Nov. 24, 1948, in Grand Junction, Colo. They are longtime residents of Buhl. He worked as a brand inspector.

The event is being given by their children, Elaine Sison, David Lee Cooper, Russell Cooper, Jody Cooper and Leslie Cooper. The couple has 10 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

### HOSMER-STRAUSS

OAKLEY — Michael and Cindy Hosmer of Boise announce the engagement of their daughter, Molly Mae Hosmer, to Kenneth William Strauss, son of Neil and Marva Strauss of Oakley.

Hosmer works at a bank in Boise. Strauss graduated from Oakley High School and completed a two-year mission to Brazil for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He is continuing his education at Boise State University.

The wedding is planned for Friday in the Boise LDS Temple. A reception to honor the couple will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday at the Mitchell LDS Church, 4921 N. Mitchell in



Molly Hosmer and Kenneth Strauss

Boise. An open house to honor the couple will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday at the Oakley Senior Citizen Center, 140 N. Church in Oakley. The couple will reside in Boise.



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# PLASTIC SURGERY UPDATE



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### ABDOMINOPLASTY (TUMMY TUCK)

• **THE PROCEDURE:** Every woman wants a flat, even, firm tummy, but few succeed. Pregnancies, weight gain and weight loss take a tremendous toll on a woman's body, especially in the stomach area. Repeatedly stretched and scarred, most women's bellies are loose, oversized and out of shape. Often, the situation cannot be improved much, even with a strenuous exercise program. There is a solution.

An abdominoplasty (also known as a tummy tuck) can help. Excess skin and tightening the underlying musculature gives the stomach a flatter, firmer, tighter appearance as well as a thinner waist.

The information given here is general. Because each patient is different, questions that you may have regarding your body may not be fully explained here. A consultation visit with your doctor is highly recommended to give you the best information about your specific case.

• **HOW LONG DOES THE SURGERY TAKE?** Surgery takes about 2-5 hours depending on the extent of the repair.

• **DOES IT HURT?** Some soreness and discomfort are expected but can be controlled with medication. Bed rest for 2-3 days is recommended. While in bed, legs should be bent at the thighs in order to reduce the strain on the abdominal area.

• **HOW LONG BEFORE RESUMING NORMAL ACTIVITIES?** After 2-3 days, walking and resuming daily activities may be expected with avoidance of overactivity and strain such as lifting. Activity should be limited for 4-6 weeks. Normal activity may be resumed with the surgeon's permission.

• **RISKS/COMPLICATIONS?** There are the standard risks associated with anesthesia (allergy to the medicine, increased risk if you are not healthy, etc.) which you will need to discuss with your doctor. Scars are expected but become lighter and flatter with time. The risk of infection is ever-present, any time the skin barrier is broken, but with the care that is taken by the surgeon, the staff and you, the risk should be minimal.

• **ASK:** Patients considering Abdominoplasty should ascertain that their surgeon is Board Certified in Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery.

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