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## GOOD MORNING

### WEATHER

Today: Cloudy with east winds S-15 mph. High 36. Low 20.

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# Convention center crunch

**By John T. Huddy, Times-News writer**  
**TWIN FALLS** - As the City Council continues to move closer to a decision regarding the fate of a hotel and convention center project proposal for the canyon rim, some people are urging the council to approve the plan, saying it would bring economic benefit to the city.  
The council will discuss Craig H. Nielsen's plan for a 175-room hotel and 15,000 to 25,000 square

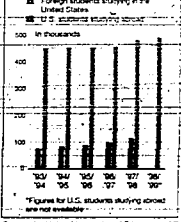
**City Council takes up hotel proposal tonight**  
foot convention center tonight—a hearing that will likely bring residents out in masses to speak their minds about the proposed project.  
And residents had no problem voicing their opinions at the last public hearing.  
“More than 40 people took to the podium to voice their thoughts about Nielsen’s plan last month.  
Some people supported the

project, saying it would bring business and economic opportunity into Twin Falls.  
Others argued that a hotel and convention center would not only ruin the aesthetic beauty of the canyon and its rim, but harm other business and ultimately ruin downtown Twin Falls.  
The issue has sparked criticism and support from all corners of Twin Falls.  
It has pitted longtime friends

and colleagues against each other in a debate over developing the canyon rim.  
City Council members agree it is a passionate issue and will be a difficult decision to make.  
But if the council doesn’t make a decision by Dec. 20—the final scheduled public hearing on the issue—that the decision will rest with the new City Council.  
The three new members of the City Council—Gloria Galan, Trip Crall, and Glenda Thompson—Please see HEARING, Page A2

## Home and abroad

The numbers of college students studying abroad and foreign students in the United States have been rising.



# GOING GLOBAL

## Survey: More college students study abroad

The Associated Press

**NEW YORK** - America's global trade in higher education is brisk these days, with more U.S. college students taking courses abroad and more foreign students — nearly half a million — enrolled in this country, according to an annual survey to be released Monday.  
The Institute of International Education's findings reflect the interlacing of the world's economies and the eagerness of students here and abroad to tap it, said Peggy Blumenthal, who supervises the institute's research.  
“Everybody recognizes the future of the world economy is becoming globalized,” Ms. Blumenthal said. “And therefore their own education needs to include an international component.”  
The private institute was created in 1919 to encourage American study overseas and to bring foreigners here to learn. The survey was paid for by the U.S. State Department's Bureau of Education and Cultural Affairs.  
The survey, “Open Doors 1998-99,” collected figures on foreign students last year, and on Americans studying abroad the year before, the latest figures available.  
In the 1997-98 school year, nearly 114,000 Americans earned college credits abroad, 15 percent more than the year before and the Northern Virginia Institute first tracked the trend in 1985-86, the survey found.  
And in 1998-99, there were 491,000 foreign students enrolled at U.S. colleges and universities — up 2 percent from the year before and a record since the institute first counted foreign enrollment in 1988.  
Columbia University topped the list with foreign students making up 20 percent of enrollment, or 41,655. Next was Boston University, 4,447 students for 15.2 percent, and the University of Southern California, 4,278 or 15 percent.

The U.S. sent the most foreign students, 51,000, followed by Japan, 47,000, and South Korea, 43,000. California, New York and Texas got the most foreign students, the survey reported.  
While overall foreign student enrollment splits roughly between graduate and undergraduate programs, 81,000 were taking undergraduate courses at community colleges — a 32 percent jump in six years.  
Increasingly, foreign students aiming for bachelor's degrees spend their first two years at community colleges, said Todd Davis, who did the survey. “They're using our community colleges the same way Americans do,” he said. “They get a gritty good, solid education and low costs.”  
Northern Virginia Community College had 2,984 foreign students among its 60,000 students in the last academic year.



Tom Rivallino, chief mechanical lead engineer, points to the main radio antenna on a scale model of the Mars Polar Lander at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif. An incorrect orientation of the antenna could be one cause for the lack of communication with the spacecraft, Rivallino said.

# Third day passes with no signal

## NASA engineers haven't given up on Polar Lander

**The Associated Press**  
**PASADENA, Calif.** - NASA engineers listened in vain Sunday for a signal from the Mars Polar Lander and tense mission officials said after three days of silence, time was running out in the effort to contact the craft.  
“Clearly the team is getting more frustrated, certainly, and more tense about all of this,” said operations manager Richard Cook.  
The \$165 million lander was supposed to have signaled immediately after Friday afternoon's

## Administrator defends NASA's 'faster, better, cheaper' approach

**The Associated Press**  
**PASADENA, Calif.** - For a third day, no signal was heard from the Mars Polar Lander.  
Critics say the \$165 million mission may have been in trouble even before it left the launch pad 11 months ago.  
Weeks before the craft began its descent toward the Red Planet, questions were being raised about the mission and whether it might be dooned by tight budgets and understaffing.  
And the embarrassing Sept. 23 loss of the lander's \$125 million sibling spacecraft, the Mars

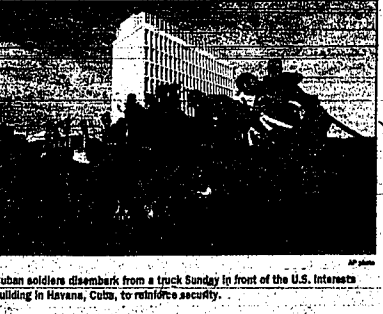
## Administrator defends NASA's 'faster, better, cheaper' approach

**The Associated Press**  
Climate Orbiter, is not far from the minds of engineers and scientists at JPL, the space agency's lead center for planetary exploration.  
NASA investigators later determined that engineers failed to convert data into metrics in a critical navigation program, causing the satellite to fly far too close to Mars. It's believed to have burned up in the atmosphere it was to study.  
The 43-page report released Nov. 10 did not stop with the metric mix-up, however. It faulted

# Cuba's Castro insists rescued boy be returned

**The Associated Press**  
**HAVANA** - President Fidel Castro demanded Sunday that the United States return a boy rescued at sea to his father in Cuba within 72 hours, warning that the Cuban people would lose patience and a major wave of begin mass demonstrations.  
Waving Cuban flags and chanting political slogans, about 500 members of the Communist Youth held the first such protest Sunday night outside the U.S. Interests Section in Havana — the American government's Cuban mission.  
“There will be millions of people in the streets demanding the boy's freedom,” Castro said, speaking to state radio and television. “It is difficult to hold back the population with the state of irritation” generated by the case

of 5-year-old Elian Gonzalez.  
Castro accused the U.S. government of kidnapping a p p p n g Elian, who was found clinging to an inner tube floating off the coast of Florida. He promised a “battle for world opinion” to bring the child home.  
In an earlier move Sunday, the Cuban government stationed several dozen soldiers outside the U.S. Interests Section in Havana. Typically, there are about four soldiers outside the mission.  
“Elian, our friend! Cuba is with you!”  
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Cuban soldiers disembark from a truck Sunday in front of the U.S. Interests building in Havana, Cuba, to reinforce security.

# THE REGION

**Carnas Prairie**  
 High 32 Low 15  
 Cloudy, 50 percent chance of snow. Snow likely Tuesday.

**Treasure Valley**  
 High 29 Low 28  
 Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of snow or rain. Cloudy Tuesday.

**Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley**  
 High 28 Low 16  
 Mostly cloudy with slight chance of snow. Snow likely Tuesday.

**Eastern Idaho**  
 High 31 Low 16  
 Mostly cloudy with slight chance of snow. Same Tuesday.

**Northern Idaho**  
 High 38 Low 30  
 Partly cloudy with light snow Tuesday. Increased chance of snow.

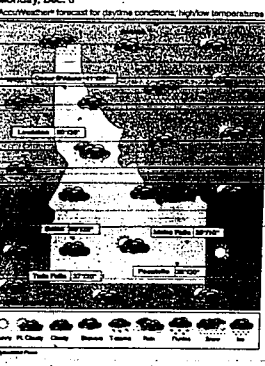
**Northern Utah**  
 High 35 Low 25  
 Partly cloudy today, with clouds increasing overnight. 50 percent chance of snow Tuesday.

**Northern Nevada**  
 High 37 Low 23  
 Partly cloudy. Clouds increasing overnight. Mostly cloudy Tuesday, with chance of snow.

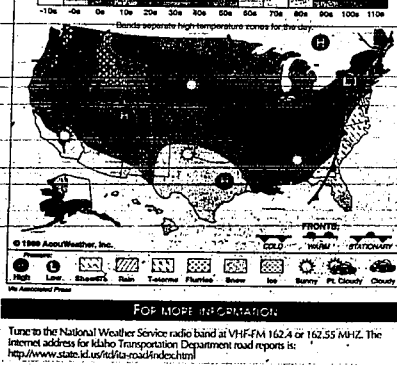
# MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
High 37 Low 20 Cloudy, with east wind 5-15 mph.	High 36 Low 18 Cloudy, with 30 percent chance of snow.	High 30s Low teens Mostly sunny.	High 30s Low teens Partly cloudy.	High 30s Low teens Partly cloudy.

## Idaho weather



## National weather



**INDEX** FIRE DANGER

INDEX: 1 - The BLM has issued a fire report for the eastern Snake and public lands users to use caution.

2 - Sunset today 5:05 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow 7:54 a.m. Sunrise phase Nov. Dec. 7, first quarter, Dec. 16 full, Dec. 22; last quarter, Dec. 29.

**ACROSS THE NATION**

Idaho: A weak weather disturbance moved through the state bringing light snow showers to the central and northern mountains Sunday afternoon. Otherwise, high clouds prevailed across much of the state.

Temperatures at 2 p.m. ranged from 22 in Idaho Falls to 45 in Lewiston. It was 36 in Coeur D'Alene and 30 in Twin Falls.

The system was expected to leave the state Sunday evening producing little in the way of additional snow. The active pattern will continue as disturbances move across the state.

Elsewhere: Rain fell from the Gulf Coast to the Great Lakes on Sunday, fanned by a band of snow that stretched across the upper Midwest.

Rain fell heavily in places from central Tennessee through central Kentucky and across the Ohio Valley states into Michigan and Wisconsin.

Lighter, scattered showers extended southward from the Tennessee Valley to the Gulf Coast. Light rain also moved into western sections of Pennsylvania and New York as the system moved eastward.

- The Associated Press

# YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Twin Falls	Precipitation
Yesterday - 31 - 11	Yesterday in Twin Falls - 63 - 24
Last year - 30 - 22	Month to date - 24 - 24
Normal - 33 - 22	Year to date - 16 - 16
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**Idaho**

Location	Max	Min	Pcp.	Idaho's High/Lows
Boise	36	23	0.00	45 degrees Lewiston
Burley	36	15	0.00	Stanley
Coeur d'Alene	36	23	0.00	53 degrees
Grangeville	m	m	m	St. Petersburg, Fla.
Hagerman	m	m	m	Low - 11 at Laramie, Wyo., and Lakes City, Idaho
Idaho Falls	33	-1	0.00	
Lewiston	45	27	0.00	

**Comfort factors**

Malla	37	10	
McCall	24	2	
Rocklaid	26	3	
Salt Lake	28	10	
Stanley	23	4.5	
Sun Valley	m	m	

The reporting season has ended for the year. A heavy blizzard of Idaho returns in March.

**The Nation**

Location	Max	Min	Pcp.
Allentown	25	19	
Anchorage	35	21	
Boston	59	41	1.13
Chicago	41	40	2.83
Dallas	42	12	
Denver	42	12	
Des Moines	36	58	5.37
Detroit	38	23	
Honolulu	81	73	0.1
Los Angeles	62	42	
Indianapolis	57	57	7.79
Kansas City	33	34	4.48
Las Vegas	69	49	6.69
Miami Beach	77	70	1.18
Milwaukee	34	24	6.65
Minneapolis	62	47	0.07
New Orleans	67	66	0.07
New York	43	34	0.02
Oklahoma City	43	34	0.02
Omaha	70	27	
Phoenix	67	51	
Pittsburgh	50	42	1.18
Portland, Ore.	50	42	1.18
Reno	54	28	4.42
San Diego	56	26	0.04
Salt Lake City	31	16	0.1
Seattle	48	43	2.24
Spokane	38	26	0.04
Wash. D.C.	49	44	0.04
Yuma	69	47	

**Canadian Cities**

Calgary	46	25	
Edmonton	40	35	
Toronto	55	46	
Vancouver	50	37	

# Lander

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definitely in extra time," Cook said. "We're not there yet. I think we will be, come Tuesday morning."

Sunday's first communications window opened at 10:50 a.m. PST and closed 10 minutes later without any transmission from the surface of the Red Planet.

The Lander, if working properly, was supposed to have switched radios to relay a signal through NASA's orbiting Mars Global Surveyor. But the mapping spacecraft only sent its own data and none from the Lander.

Sunday's only other communications opportunity, using the original radio, was scheduled for 9:40 p.m. PST to 11:55 p.m. PST.

Lack of any signals since shortly before Friday's scheduled landing left mission officials with hope only that the little craft survived the touchdown and, on its own, was taking steps to establish contact.

# Cuba

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you!" the young communists chanted during a hurling demonstration. "Fidel! Fidel! Fidel!"

The reason for the move was not clear; generally there are only about four soldiers outside the mission. Calls requesting assistance from the mission, were referred to Washington.

State Department spokesman James P. Rubin said last week that Cuba had asked the U.S. mission in Havana on Nov. 27 for the child's return. But the case was referred to the Florida state courts because they take precedence in custody disputes, he said.

Greeting the Cuban delegation at the airport upon their return from the World Trade Organization meeting in Seattle, Castro blamed the U.S. government for the boating accident, which killed Eilan's mother. The Coast Guard has said 13 people were aboard and 10 died, while Cuban officials said 14 people were in the boat.

The overload and powerboat they had been traveling in sank during the 90-mile crossing to Florida. The boy was found Nov. 25 just off Fort Lauderdale. The U.S. Coast Guard described the incident as a case of illegal alien smuggling.

"The United States is the only one responsible for the tragedy produced by illegal departures," Castro said to the accuser.

Eilan's father, Juan Miguel Gonzalez, 31, said his ex-wife took his son out of Cuba without his knowledge.

Eilan's father and four grandparents have asked Cuba's Foreign Ministry for help in getting the boy back. The U.S. government has released the boy to his great-uncle and grandaunt in Miami.

American officials said a Florida state court should decide whether Eilan should be raised in the United States or return to his father and grandparents in Cuba.

# Cheaper

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ed navigators for taking short cuts and not knowing enough about the lander. It also found that too few people in Colorado, the program, and that they were overworked and undertrained.

Investigators also reported that questions about the orbiter's trajectory raised by navigators were not relayed to other groups within the project, including the spacecraft's builders at Lockheed Martin's plant in Colorado.

The Polar Lander's mission also came under unprecedented scrutiny because the same organization people who designed the orbiter were behind the latest mission as well.

Officials denied the report, was an indictment of the agency's mantra of building a faster, cheaper" spacecraft to explore the solar system. They

pointed to successes like 1997's Pathfinder and Global Surveyor missions.

NASA Administrator Dan Goldin said that the agency would stick with its approach.

"Would you rather go back and spend \$2 billion to send them up over 10 years and lose one of them?" he said. "When we started, we said we'd push the boundaries and we'd lose some, but we haven't lost this one yet."

At the Mars Lander is lost forever. The momentum to study the planet was set down in a position that has kept its dish antenna from pointing at Earth, or that it settled into a soft surface.

# Overview of Craig H. Neilson's Canyon Park hotel and retail outlet project

What does the project entail? The project is a 100,000-sq-ft hotel and retail outlet project located on the east side of the Magic Valley. The project is a 100,000-sq-ft hotel and retail outlet project located on the east side of the Magic Valley. The project is a 100,000-sq-ft hotel and retail outlet project located on the east side of the Magic Valley.

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# Hearing

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are scheduled to take office Jan. 3.

Councilwoman Elaine Steele said she doesn't expect a decision tonight.

Following tonight's public hearing, which could last a few hours, the council will ask Neilson representatives questions about the project, Steele said. Those questions, if not answered tonight, will be brought back and answered on Dec. 20, when a decision will likely be made by the City Council, she said.

The idea of tonight's council meeting is to "try to bend them as much as we can," Steele said, "in order to reach a good compromise."

But Neilson representatives have said the project, as it stands now, is the best possible plan for the city and the canyon. A show or rather than taller hotel would create a wall along the canyon's rim.

Some people, including Twin Falls resident Sam Adler, have suggested putting a park along the canyon's rim instead. While it is a nice idea, a park would not bring economic benefits to Twin Falls like a hotel would, Neilson representatives said.

for business generally," he said. "Typically what happens is that competition comes and that competition brings with it new customers. I think we will benefit."

But some remain adamant about their views, saying the hotel would hurt business in the city.

Twin Falls resident Lee Jones expressed her views at the last hearing.

"Neilson's hotel project will affect the small business owners," she said. "They say it won't affect downtown or Old Town. Let's be realistic. It will."

The council will also discuss other business items at their meeting tonight, including:

- A presentation by the Twin Falls Police Department regarding their Y2K preparedness.
- A consideration of bids for a franchise for the Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Department.
- A consideration of a proposed ordinance change to the Airport Advisory Commission's quorum definition.

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**Former California Chief Justice Bird dies**

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) - Rose Bird, the first woman to serve on California's Supreme Court and whose opposition to the death penalty prompted voters to elect her as chief justice, has died. She was 63.

Bird died Saturday from complications related to breast cancer, she died at the University Medical Center, said Sidney Feinberg, a retired appeals court judge and a longtime friend of Bird's.

Bird was appointed to the court's top job in 1977 by then-Democratic Gov. Jerry Brown and became one of the most controversial figures in the court's history, mainly because of her opposition to the death penalty.

In 1989, Brown appointed her to the court. She was the first justice ever removed by California voters through a referendum election.

She was defeated after the Republican governor at the time, George Deukmejian, lost a holding primary to Brown. Brown appointed her to the court. She was the first justice ever removed by California voters through a referendum election.

While on the court, Bird led a liberal majority that strengthened environmental laws and consumer rights and broadened injured parties' right to sue.

PHOTOS OF THE CENTURY

Report: Agency misspends funds



Nothing has changed Oklahoma City like the April 19, 1995, bombing of the Murrah Federal Building. Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols were convicted of the bombing, which killed 168 people. The Times-News will publish memorable photos from this century in this space every Monday.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The National Institute of Mental Health uses just over one-third of its budget for research into severe mental illness and spends more to study AIDS than schizophrenia, according to two advocacy groups.

A study being released Monday cites what the groups contend are examples of money misspent on vague behavioral research by the premier mental health agency of the National Institutes of Health.

But the NIMH director, Dr. Steve E. Hyman, said much of the contested spending is directed by Congress or involves important basic research. Also, he said, the agency has recently budgeted \$100 million over five years for four new clinical trials on severe mental illness.

they said is misdirected spending by the mental health institute.

Spending more on AIDS research, \$60.2 million, than on schizophrenia research, \$57.1 million. About 5.6 million Americans suffer from schizophrenia, while fewer than a million are infected by the AIDS virus.

Spending only 12 percent of the NIMH budget on actual clinical and treatment research of severe mental illness, which is estimated to cost the nation \$74 billion in direct and indirect costs.

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The report was issued by the Stanley Foundation Research Programs, which supports research on schizophrenia and manic-depressive illnesses, and the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill, an advocacy group for treatment of severe mental illnesses.

"The NIMH has lost its way in the research woods," said Dr. E. Fuller Torrey, a co-author of the study and executive director of the foundation research programs. "NIMH is not doing what it is supposed to do. Their priorities are completely sideways."

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Labor leader welcomes breakdown

WASHINGTON (AP) — The head of the nation's largest labor federation welcomed the collapse of World Trade Organization talks in Seattle and the failure to agree on a new round of negotiations. "No deal is better than a bad deal," AFL-CIO chief John Sweeney said Sunday.

President Clinton "would be of the same opinion," responded Commerce Secretary William Daley, adding the administration never would have signed a deal that "did not benefit the United States."

"We think that what was done in Seattle as far as some progress on issues was positive," Daley said, who followed Sweeney on CBS' "Face the Nation."

"But I would agree with (Sweeney) a hundred percent



John Sweeney

that we were not going to do a bad deal."

The four-day WTO session was to have begun development of an agenda for worldwide talks on trade relations, but it broke up early Saturday in disarray.

Raucous, sometimes violent, demonstrations and stern police reactions kept Seattle in turmoil during the conference. But the lack of success inside meeting rooms was attributed to squabbling among negotiators unwilling to compromise on tightly held positions.

Many delegates, especially those from poor countries, objected to suggestions by Clinton that the WTO should set labor and environmental conditions and punish countries that ignore them.

"We had 40,000 workers and their families gathered in Seattle peacefully protesting and trying to set a focus on worker rights, human rights, and environmental protection," Sweeney said.

"No deal is better than a bad deal. I look at it more optimistically in terms of how the focus has been set on issues that are important. We all support trade, and we all recognize globalization, but it's about time that the WTO took into consideration worker rights."

Defending the agency was the National Mental Health Association. In a letter of support sent to Hyman, the group contends the new report focuses too closely on conditions that affect only adults.

"We are appalled by the dismissal of the mental health needs of the vast majority of Americans who suffer from mental illnesses that are not on NAMI's limited list," said the letter signed by the mental health association's president, Michael Faenza.

In the report, Torrey and others cited these examples of what

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FBI arrests men in alleged plot to bomb propane storage facility

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Federal agents have arrested two anti-government militia members in connection with an alleged plan to blow up a huge propane storage facility, federal officials said Sunday.

The arrests on Friday came after a nearly year-long investigation by the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force into a potential threat against the Suburban Propane facility in Elk Grove and other nearby sites in the Sacramento area, U.S. Attorney's Office said in a statement.

The other threatened sites were identified Sunday.

The facility stores about 24 million gallons of liquefied propane fuel and is located about a mile from a subdivision, Suburban Propane spokesman John Fletcher said.

Authorities believe the alleged plan was designed to spark 1992-style riots, a source close to the investigation told the Bee. "Can we be certain they would have carried it out? We don't know. We had to believe it through their own words going to do it."

by the FBI about two months ago about a potential threat, Fletcher said.

Company officials said most of the fuel is stored in two non-pressurized tanks at 50 degrees below zero, and that if the tanks were ruptured the propane would likely pool within protective dirt berms. They said it could only ignite after it had considerable time to warm and mix with the air.

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## AROUND THE VALLEY

# Director takes final bow

# Buckled in over seat belts

### Expect more enforcement from Twin Falls police

By Brian Hayes  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - If you're not buckled up the next time you're pulled over in Twin Falls, don't expect a simple warning.

The Twin Falls Police Department wants to boost seat-belt use in the city, and it plans to do so by issuing more \$5 tickets for seat belt violators while mounting a year-long education and awareness campaign, said Sgt. Bill Hanchey.

The campaign, which will run through October, was made possible by a \$40,000 federal grant. The money will be used to buy new equipment, pay for overtime and educate residents on the benefits of seat belts.

The grant and campaign came after a recent Office of Highway Safety survey showed Twin Falls drivers had the worst seat-belt usage among Idaho cities with at least 15,000 people, Hanchey said. Following a campaign in 1992, Twin Falls was No. 1 in Idaho with nearly a 70 percent seat-belt usage rate, but that number has dwindled to 39 percent in recent years.

Among the department's goals is to double the number of seat-belt tickets handed out because warnings don't work, he said.

"If we see people without seat belts on, we're going to stop them for it," Hanchey said. Officers can pull a vehicle over if the driver is not buckled up, but another violation must be ticketed before a seat-belt ticket can be issued. That means officers will look for other violations to ticket along with the seat-belt violation, Hanchey said.

If drivers don't have any other violations, officers will give them educational materials, he said.

"I hope the public realizes our main motivation is a concern for their safety," he said. "And it's not just a motivation, it's our responsibility."

Throughout the campaign the police department will take surveys to track seat-belt use. The next one is planned for Dec. 18, when officers will perch high over Blue Lakes Boulevard in the fire department's tower truck in the Prime Cut restaurant parking lot.

Hanchey hopes the seat-belt usage rate will reach 55 percent by this time next year.

"There's a big cost to all of us when there's an accident and someone gets hurt who didn't need to get hurt," Hanchey said.

Many injuries would be prevented if vehicle passengers just took a second to put on their seat belts on, he added.

"It's that simple."

Times-News writer Brian Hayes can be reached at 733-0931. Ext. 238, or by e-mail at bhaynes@magicvalley.com.



Carson Wong is engulfed by well-wishers backstage Sunday after his last concert as the director of the Magic Valley Chorale.

# Emotional performance caps off 19 years of work

By Jennifer Swanson  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - The biggest ever, the most attended ever, and some say the best ever... Carson Wong directed the Magic Valley Chorale before an overflow crowd during his final performance Sunday in the nearly 1,000-seat College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center.

Wong, 61, who will continue teaching voice at CSI, concluded his 19 years as "chorale director with Handel's 'The Messiah' and his famed Hallelujah Chorus sung this year by a 157-member choir.

Immediately following the performance the Chorale presented Wong with a gift certificate to a travel agency, and CSI President Jerry Meyerhoefer recognized Wong as a consummate professional.

It's the first time that the Chorale has performed before a full house at the auditorium, said Sterling Crothers, a longtime Chorale member who served as an usher Sunday. Sunday's performance was nearly as full.

"Part of that I'm sure is the love for Carson and his retirement," said Roger Vincent, who founded the Chorale in 1973.

Vincent, who has sung in most Chorale concerts since its beginning, said Sunday's show probably was the group's best. It gave him a feeling of great pride to have started something that has grown into what the Chorale was Sunday, he said.

Before leaving the stage, Wong thanked the choir and community for their support and wished his successor Joe Casperson well. After the performance an

informal reception line formed in the hallway as people stole a moment to shake Wong's hand.

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# Elko plans holiday celebrations

By Karen Howell  
Times-News correspondent

**ELKO, Nev.** - It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas and Elko has several holiday events planned.

The Elko Chamber of Commerce will sponsor the annual Parade of Lights Saturday. The colorful Christmas parade will make its way through downtown Elko beginning at 5:30 p.m. The parade will begin at the chamber office on Idaho Street and proceed west to Third Street.

The parade will feature more than 30 entries this year and

# Putting a halt to 'jake brakes'

Buhl mulls noise ordinance

By Mary Lou Potts  
Times-News correspondent

**BUHL** - The use of "jake brakes" on city streets prompted the City Council to look at amending the current noise ordinance to declare certain noises public disturbances.

The ordinance had its first reading last month and is expected to bring some challenges from residents.

The ordinance states it is unlawful for any person to cause, or any person in possession of property to allow to originate from the property, sound that is a public disturbance.

The change to the ordinance came in response to complaints

# Meeting set

The Buhl City Council will have an open house on changes to the city noise ordinance at 7 p.m. Dec. 13 at City Hall.

# vehicle sound systems within 50 feet of the vehicle.

"Several complaints have been registered by citizens about 'boom boxes' being played while parked in lots or streets," said Mayor Barbara Gletson.

"This ordinance was created to counteract the complaints coming from residents about public disturbances."

A violation of the noise ordinance would be a misdemeanor and punishable with a fine up to \$500 and up to six months in jail.

The provisions would not apply to regularly scheduled and city approved events at parks, streets, parking lots or halls such as public address systems for games, concerts, rodeos or street dances.

Under the proposed ordinance, the following sounds would be considered public disturbances:

- Loud music from a vehicle sound system within 50 feet of the vehicle.
- Loud music from a portable sound system within 50 feet of the vehicle.
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# A role fit for a Snow Queen: Nutcracker to hit stage

## Teen-ager to mark end of annual dancing tradition

By Lorraine Walker  
Times-News writer

**BURLEY** - "The Nutcracker" has always been something special for 17-year-old Kimiko Noriyuki.

She has danced since she was five and been a part of the classic Christmas ballet since she was 12.

This year is as the students of the Centre Stage Studios of Dance and Performing Arts perform the show, Noriyuki will dance one of the leading roles... the Snow Queen.

But this year is a little different for Noriyuki. It's her last. She has core-to-love friends in the performance as a family, she said.

# Performance set

"We've been together a long time," Noriyuki said. "This is like a tradition for us. It starts off the Christmas season."

At age 12, Noriyuki played the leading part of Clara. This year, as the Snow Queen, she heads up the group of snow flakes who greet Clara in her dream.

"One year they are one thing, then the next year they get to try out for something else," said

Jennifer Sager, director of the production.

Noriyuki has always loved dance and said it will be hard to leave the group. She will be away at college next year.

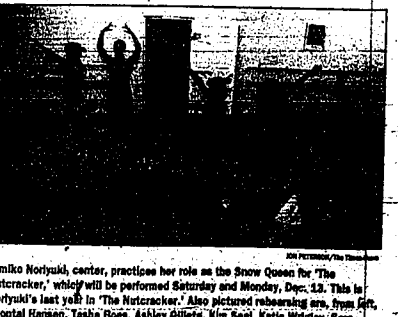
"I don't think I will be back for 'The Nutcracker,'" she said.

While she plans to major in dance in college, the experience she has had here has been one of the best experiences of her life, she said.

"It has prepared me for a lot of things," she said. "You have to work so hard to pull it off, it has helped me become focused and dedicated."

While Noriyuki plays the supporting role, the star this year will be 12-year-old Whitney Lix

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Kimiko Noriyuki, center, practices her role as the Snow Queen for 'The Nutcracker,' which will be performed Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 13. This is Noriyuki's last year in 'The Nutcracker.' Also pictured (clockwise from left): Shontal Hansen, Tasha Boes, Ashley Gillette, Kim Seel, Katie Wright, Sara Barclay, Andrea Moyes and Bethany Anderson.

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# Buhl City Council to discuss corridor

**BUHL** - The City Council and the Buhl and Wendell Highway Districts will discuss the Buhl-Wendell corridor at a special meeting today.

The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. at Buhl Middle School. The meeting is open to the public.

# Blaine commissioners meet today at courthouse

**HAILEY** - Blaine County commissioners will meet at 8:45 a.m. today at the courthouse.

The meeting is open to the public.

# Dietrich City Council schedules meeting today

**DIETRICH** - The City Council will meet at 7 p.m. today at City Hall.

The meeting is open to the public.

# Public is invited to attend Gooding council meeting

**GOODING** - The City Council will meet at 7 p.m. today at City Hall.

The meeting is open to the public.

# Hollister City Council sets meeting today

**HOLLISTER** - The City Council will meet at 7 p.m. today at City Hall.

The meeting is open to the public.

# Filer council will hear departmental reports

**FILER** - The City Council will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at City Hall.

The council will hear police, fire, zoning, water, sewer, library and streets reports. The council will also hear a treasurer's report.

Also on the agenda is a report on the annual audit and consideration of a draft sign ordinance.

The meeting is open to the public.

# Wood River school schedules book sale

**HAILEY** - Wood River Middle School is holding its annual book sale until 4 p.m. today.

The book sale is open to parents and students and there are variety of books for sale, including favorite children and adult books, cookbooks and Christmas books. Calendars are also available for sale.

# Ketchum officials slate Highway 75 discussion

**KETCHUM** - The City Council will discuss a Highway 75 corridor study at 6 p.m. today at City Hall.

The council will discuss a plan to widen the highway between Haley and Ketchum. The council will also discuss the public process for a review of the Ketchum Comprehensive Plan.

The meeting is open to the public.

# Ketchum planners set public hearings for Dec. 13

**KETCHUM** - The City Planning and Zoning Commission will hold several public hearings beginning at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 13 at City Hall.

The agenda includes a public hearing on Thunder Spring-Warehouse L.L.C.'s application to subdivide Thunder Spring Parcel A.

# Sun Valley Avalanche Center has new number

**SUN VALLEY** - The Sun Valley Avalanche Center's new number is (208) 622-0099.

The center will provide a daily avalanche and mountain weather advisory on the hotline and at its website at www.svac.org. The website also includes other kinds of avalanche information and class schedules.

The annual women's avalanche class will be held from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday at the Community School. A field session is scheduled Saturday.

Those interested in signing up for classes may call the Sun Valley Avalanche Center.

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CSI TODAY ON THE AGENDA

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Today Veterans Affairs follow-up and evaluation of veterans who served in the Vietnam War... CSI Booster Club lunch... 1 p.m., Taylor 277.

Tuesday Advanced Regional Technical Education Council meeting, 7 a.m. to noon, Taylor 277... Helping Hands Administrative Update, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Aspen 108.

Wednesday School-to-Work breakfast, 7:30 to 9:30 a.m., Taylor 277... Car vs. Bleacher Collapse EMT Mass Incident class, 10 a.m., Taylor 277.

Thursday Herrett Center presents "Last Glow" painting exhibition and reception, 7 to 9 p.m., Jean B. King Art Gallery (through Jan. 22).

Friday Magic Valley Estate Planning Seminar, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Taylor 277. Cost is \$115 per person.

Saturday ACT test administration for Magic Valley students, 7:30 a.m. to noon, Shields 101-105, 108-110, 113-118.

Sunday Magic Valley Bible Church, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Evergreen A05. CSI Department of Music Wind Ensemble Concert, 8 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium.

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SERVICES

Kerri L. Hanson Rogers, of Gooding, service at 10 a.m. today at the First Christian Church in Gooding (Demary's Gooding Chapel).

Gordon W. Geiger, of Twin Falls, funeral Mass at 11 a.m. today at St. Edward's Catholic Church in Twin Falls (White Mortuary).

Robert L. Clements, of Hagerman, service at 11 a.m. today at the Hagerman Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; friends may call from 10-11 a.m. today for the service at the church (Demary's Gooding Chapel).

Myrtle W. Fisher, of Burley, service at 11 a.m. today at the Payne Memorial Chapel in Burley; friends may call from 10 to 10:45 a.m. before the funeral at the Payne Mortuary.

Jerry D. Johnson, of Hansen, service at 2 p.m. today at Parker's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

Lavar Blomhorn, of Buhl, memorial service at 2 p.m. today at the Farmer Funeral Chapel.

Marvin La Roy Hunt, of Burley, graveside service at 2 p.m. today at the Rupert Cemetery; friends may call from 10 to 10:45 a.m. before the funeral at the Payne Mortuary.

John Nicholas Mohaff, of Twin Falls, Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. Tuesday at St. Edward's Catholic Church; friends may call from 4 to 7 p.m. today at Parker's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls; a vigil service will follow calling hours at 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Keishia Reneca Maassen, of Gooding, service at 2 p.m. today at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Gooding; friends may call from 1 to 2 p.m. today at Demary's Gooding Chapel.

Chase Lee Searle, of Raft River, service at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Raft River LDS Chapel with Bishop Mark Webb officiating; Burial will follow in the View Cemetery in Burley; friends may call Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m. at Hansen Mortuary; Burley Chapel and from 9:30 until 10:45 a.m. at the church on Wednesday.

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Disney donates \$5,000 to youth endowment

BOISE (AP) - As Idaho remains the first state in the nation to attempt to independently fund its state high school championships through a private entity, the Walt Disney Corp. has sent \$5,000 to Idaho's Youth Endowment for Activities Foundation.

Lillian Bounds Disney, Walt Disney's wife, was born 100 years ago in Spaulding, Idaho. She grew up in Lapwai on the Nez Perce Indian Reservation and married Walt Disney in Louisiana on July 13, 1925. Lillian died on Dec. 15, 1997, 31 years to the day of her husband's death.

He also said Idaho has not held a statewide music championship sponsored by the Idaho High School Activities Association since 1952 and fully funding the Idaho Youth Endowment could change that.

DEATH NOTICES

Victi Eddings RUFERT - Victi Eddings, 29, of Rupert, died Saturday, Dec. 4, 1999, at the Park View Care and Rehabilitation Center in Burley. Arrangements are pending and are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary.

Eldon Nightingale HAZELTON - Eldon Nightingale, 52, of Hazelton, died Saturday, Dec. 4, 1999, at his home. Services will be held Tuesday, Dec. 7, 1999, at 10:30 a.m. at the Valley View Mennonite Church, 3225 North 1900 E. Filer. Concluding services will be held at the Hazelton Cemetery at approximately 1 p.m. Friends may call at White Mortuary from 6 to 9 p.m. on Monday.

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WENDELL Sereno's Family Medical Center... Bob was born on July 6, 1936, at St. Valentine's Hospital in Wendell, the son of Chester and Dorsey Rice. He married his high school sweetheart and best friend Betty Rice (Abe) Franklin of Twin Falls. They lived in the Magic Valley area raising four children, Vickie, Gerald, Bill and Jerry. Missing a leg as a mechanic all his life, he still enjoyed tinkering with cars and traveling with his wife. After accepting the Lord as his Savior he joined in worship with the Hagerman Christian Center. Bob's body was buried in the Lord's rest to be with his Lord when he called him on Dec. 3, 1999, at the age of 63. Bob is survived by his wife, Betty Rice of Wendell; four children, Vickie (Abe) Franklin of Twin Falls; Sandra (Dana) Lepler of Boise; William (Verta) Rice of Marsburg; Jerry (LeeAnn) Rice of...

Two Falls, seven granddaughters, one grandson, one great-granddaughter and four step-grandchildren; his mother, Dorothy, Rico and his brother, Wayne Rico, both of Wendell. He was predeceased in death by his father, Chester Rice. A Celebration of Bob's Life will be held on Friday, December 10, 1999, at 11 a.m. at the Hagerman Christian Center with Reverend Jim Davis officiating. Private interment will take place at the Wendell Cemetery. Funeral and cremation arrangements are under the direction of Donary's Wendell Chapel. The FAMILY DESKS that in lieu of flowers memorial contributions be made in Bob's name to the Herschel Miller Scholarship Fund to help at-risk teens at the Teen Challenge Academy. They can be contacted at: Teen Challenge of Idaho, 11826 FarView Ave., Boise, Idaho 83713; (208) 375-4636; idaho@idc.com

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HOW THEY VOTED

Jerome rec district offers special interest classes

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Senate votes

1) AGRICULTURE - The Senate Nov. 17 rejected 27-71, an amendment to impose a moratorium on mergers and acquisitions between food and agriculture companies.

2) COAL

The Senate on Nov. 18 approved, 56 to 23, an amendment to allow mountain coal mining operations to continue dumping waste into rivers and streams for two more years.



measure would undermine existing environmental protections. Craig and Crapo voted in favor of the amendment. 2) BUDGET - The Senate on Nov. 18 approved, 74 to 25, a final omnibus spending bill that provides more funds for education and health programs, provides \$12 billion of previously cut funds to Medicare and provides funds for the U.S. to repay debts to the United Nations.

House votes

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JEROME - The Jerome Recreation District is offering a variety of special interest courses this fall for people of all ages. Several computer courses begin this week. "Introduction to the Internet" will be offered from 7 to 9 p.m. Mondays beginning today and continuing through Jan. 10 at Jerome High School.

Idaho man does precision work for firms

OROFINO (AP) - Each time Boeing puts together a 777 aircraft, they have Jack Newsome to thank. Newsome, 55, has been a machinist for 35 years and 12 years ago he went out on his own, serving a high-tech niche market.

The tiny parts Newsome creates in his workshop provide the accuracy people count on when they buy their plane tickets. Some of the parts he manufactures through his shop, N & N Machine, are machined to within a thousandth of an inch.

Noise

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Sound from motor vehicle sound systems such as the players, radios and compact disc players operated at a volume so as to be audible greater than 50 feet from the vehicle itself.

Times-News correspondent Mary Lou Potts can be reached at 543-9854.

Big game may not fare well this winter

BOISE (AP) - The dry spell from June through October in much of southern Idaho recalls memories of 1989, when hunting was followed by a rough winter and mule deer numbers crashed.

This year's weather patterns have disrupted the habits of wildlife biologists on big game body fat and change estimates, according to the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

Agency biologists in southern and eastern Idaho see little reason for annual concern, however.

The Panhandle received good levels of moisture throughout the year, leaving big game science habitat lush and the animals in top condition.

Eastern Idaho saw summer moisture in most areas, counterbalancing already good habitat.

Biologist Brad Compton, Pocatello, keeps track of the measurement of body fat by weighing mule deer bucks at a well-established method for estimating the

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- Lou Nelson, wildlife manager

readiness of game animals for the coming winter.

Compared to 1989, the end of a long stretch of drought years and declining habitat conditions, 1989's average body fat measurement came to about double. This suggests "excellent fat accumulation," Compton said.

The trend, it can be carried from year to year by game animals

and the last few years in eastern Idaho have produced good forage conditions and mild winters. Compton also said the herds there are ready to withstand at least a normal winter.

Western Idaho experienced good spring rains and resulting range conditions after several years of steady recovery from drought years. But summer dried the vegetation and early fall brought no rains to start a green-up to better range.

Wildlife Manager Lou Nelson said these factors mean "fewer groceries available for deer and elk when they leave the high country sometime later this year."

"Most of the animals assessed in the southwest this fall ranked "fair" to "poor" in body condition.

"These herds aren't going into the winter months with much in the bank," Nelson said. "Pile a tough winter on top of that and deer and elk could have a difficult time."

Annual elk range closure is put in effect

FAIRFIELD (AP) - The time along the South Fork of the Boise River drainage unit of Featherville to Couch Summit is closed to snowmachines and other motorized traffic for the protection of wintering elk.

National Forest officials closed the area Dec. 1.

John Shelley, resource specialist for the Fairchild Ranger District, said the roads would have been closed by snow.

Repeated disturbance can result in elk deaths if these reserves are exhausted.

Young animals and those in poor condition are most likely to be affected.

Vehicle closure signs are posted east of Featherville on the Ketchum-Featherville Road, at Couch Summit, on Little Smoky Road and on the Willow Creek Road.

Violators are subject to fines.

Nutcracker

Continued from A4 Goodrich, who has been dancing since he was three.

In the story, Clara's is a little girl at a party, Goodrich said.

"Ever since I was five, I've been a nutcracker," it comes alive and takes her to Candyland," she said.

Goodrich has been in "The Nutcracker" for five years. She has also had a part in several other local ballets. She was chosen for the role in September and has been amazing the children in Utah to groups.

Guest dancers are Polly Carter from Spanish Fork, Utah, in the role of the Sugar Plum Fairy and

Nathan Cottum from New Jersey dancing the role of Cavalier.

Local Marie Washburn will be Fairy and Jeanette Baker will dance as Mother Ginger. Richard Dull, drama teacher from Burley High School will play the role of Snowflake.

John Thompson, Jessica Beck, Amanda Moses, Luis Anderson, Andrea Myers, Elizabeth Bellmore, Amy Thomas, Hilary Parish and Sara Barclay also have parts in the production.

"We've got some real talented people in this area," Sager said.

Elko

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awards will be presented to the best family, business and organization entries. Santa Claus will catch a ride on a firetruck and a warm-up party will be held following the parade at the Western Folklife Center at 501 Railroad St. There is no admission charge.

The Elko Community Orchestra will present its annual Christmas concert at 7 p.m. Sunday inside the Great Basin College Theater. Local musicians will perform traditional Christmas music and classical pieces. Admission is free though donations will be gratefully accepted.

Times-News correspondent Karri Terrell can be reached in Elko at 775-738-2733.

Director

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helped hold it together. The spring show that typically attracts less singers than the winter concert has nearly doubled over the years to between 60 and 70 members. The 157 singers in this weekend's concert formed the Chorale's largest choir yet.

Heidi Carsten was one of Wong's many former students in Sunday's audience.

"He made you want to perform well. You felt like the end product was really worth the effort. And I think he made everyone feel in a way like they were professionals," she said.

She is disappointed, she said, to see him retire.

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## MORNING LINE

### SPORTSQUOTE

"You're taking away from my son's and my daughter's education."

*Carolina Panthers linebacker Kwon Gwame, in the second season of a two-year, \$5.5 million contract, after being fined \$7,500 by the NFL for an illegal hit to the head of Atlanta quarterback Chris Chandler.*

### TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Girls' basketball  
ISDB at TFCA  
Boys' basketball  
Magic Valley Christian at Camas County  
ISDB at TFCA

### IN BRIEF

#### Vandals fall short in toumney championship

MANHATTAN, Kan. — The Idaho women's basketball team fell short of a championship title Saturday losing to favored host Kansas State University 81-69 at the fifth annual Commerce Bank Wildcat Classic Tournament.

Idaho (2-4) led by five at the half, but was unable to contain the Wildcats in the second half. The Vandals were led by senior All-American candidate, All-Niemce who finished with 21 points and six rebounds.

#### Ingraham, Robinson lead Steelheads to win

BOISE — Todd Robinson and Cal Ingraham each had two goals to lead the Idaho Steelheads to a 6-2 victory over Colorado Saturday night. Idaho improved to 10-9-1 and moved into second place in the northern division behind Tacoma, whom the Steelheads host Friday.

#### Bengal men improve to 2-1 with big victory

FOCATELLO — The Idaho State University basketball team took a 21-point lead into the locker room at the half and carried it to a 53-27 victory over Western Montana Saturday night.

Ammer Johnson led four players in double figures with 17 points; Kevin Sweezy added 14 points, Stephen Brownchipp in 13 and Chad Tracy finished with 10 points. Bradley scored two points for the Bengals.

#### Glenns Ferry falls to Melba on the road

MELBA — Glenns Ferry's girls' basketball team fell behind early and couldn't recover, despite a strong second half, in a 63-42 non-conference loss to Melba Saturday night.

The Lady Pilots allowed a 12-0 run by the Mustangs to open the game and trailed after one quarter, 13-5. And by halftime, Glenns Ferry was down 39-14.

"We couldn't get our shots to fall," Lady Pilots' coach Deanna Brock said. "As we played the second half, the kids never gave up."

In fact, Glenns Ferry outscored Melba 28-24 in the second half, during which Brock said her best players forced a lot of turnovers and picked it up defensively.

Glenns Ferry was paced by junior forward Cassie Lamb, who tallied 14 points and 11 rebounds.

Next up for the Lady Pilots is Wood River at home on Friday.

# Let the bowls begin

## Florida St., Virginia Tech headline Bowl Championship Series

**The Associated Press**

No mystery, no intrigue, just this simple fact: No. 1 Florida State will play No. 2 Virginia Tech for the national championship in the BCS Bowl for years to come.

In the second season of the Bowl Championship Series, the system of rating teams using polls, computers, strength of schedule and losses worked perfectly.

As expected, the Seminoles (11-0) and Hokies (11-0) finished first and second in the final BCS standings released Sunday, matching their finish in the AP media poll's final regular-season rankings. The USA Today/ESPN coaches' poll ranked the teams ranked 12, as did seven of the eight computers used by the BCS.

"They've been there so many times and we're kind of the new kid on the block," Virginia Tech coach Frank Beamer said. "Hopefully, you'll get to like us. This is a good group, a hard-working group. We've met every challenge this year but we've not had a challenge like Florida State."

Florida State, national champion in 1993, will be playing in its third national title game in the past four years. Coach Bobby Bowden said he's just happy for another shot, but "I'd just as soon be No. 2 going in. There's a little more incentive. But the idea is to get there and whoever wins the game is going to be No. 1."

Even No. 3 Nebraska (11-1), which dominated Texas 23-6 on

Saturday to win the Big 12 title, conceded the Florida State-Virginia Tech matchup was the right one. The Cornhuskers, who lost their title chance two weeks ago with a shaky overtime win over Colorado, will play No. 6 Tennessee (9-2) in the Fiesta Bowl on Jan. 2.

"We'll live with the system," Nebraska coach Frank Solich said after his team avenged its only loss of the season.

In the other BCS games, it's Southeastern Conference champion No. 5 Alabama (10-2) vs. No. 8 Michigan (9-2) in the Orange Bowl and Big Ten winner No. 4 Wisconsin (9-2) vs. Pac-10 winner No. 22 Stanford (8-3) in the Rose Bowl on Jan. 1. The payout for each team in a BCS game is about

\$12.5 million, which is usually split among the conference members.

The Crimson Tide (10-2) beat No. 10 Florida 34-7 Saturday night to earn their place in the Orange Bowl — their first trip to the game since 1975, when coach Mike Dumas played on the team that lost to Notre Dame 13-11.

The Gators (9-3), meanwhile, will play No. 9 Michigan State (9-2) in the Florida Citrus Bowl, and No. 14 Texas (9-4) was matched against No. 24 Arkansas (7-4) in the Cotton Bowl.

In the final BCS standings, Florida State had 2.24 points, Virginia Tech 6.12 points and Nebraska 7.42 points. Last week, the Hokies had a 1.54-point lead over the Huskers.

## WINTER SPORTS PREVIEWS

### 1999-2000

## Jackpot boys, girls tip it off

**The Times-News**

**JACKPOT, Nev.** — As the Jackpot basketball seasons begin, two things appear certain: The boys, who lost only one player to graduation off a team that qualified for the state tournament, look strong, while the girls have a challenge ahead of them with no team members more mature than a sophomore.

Here's a look at the Jaguars:

**Jackpot girls' basketball**  
Coach: Russ Hoffman, third season  
Assistant: Shelly Heister  
1998-99 record: 2-1  
Returning starters: P Lacey Siebert (soph., 5-5), F Veronica Romero (soph., 5-5)

Others to watch: P/F Jani Furst (soph., 5-4), G Kathy Ruiz (soph., 5-3).  
Outlook: With several girls the same size, coach Hoffman will be able to make adjustments as needed throughout the season. Defense looks to be the team's strongest.

With a lack of size and experience, Jackpot will probably struggle at the varsity level at the beginning of the season. The team to beat in the conference: art Owyhee, Smith Valley and Gerlach.

Coach Hoffman says: "Most of the players are ninth and 10th graders. We'd probably be a great JV team, but will struggle offensively at the varsity level. Also, most of the girls are under 56, and we play mostly teams that are much taller."

**Jackpot boys' basketball**  
Coach: Roger Wallock, fifth season  
Assistant: Tom Kert  
1998-99 record: 16-7  
Returning starters: F/G Roy Torero (sr., 5-10, first team all-division), F/G Juan Gonzalez (sr., 5-8, honorable mention all-division), G Carlos Perez (jr., 5-8), G Alberto Valdes (sr., 5-5)

Others to watch: F/C Temo Alvarez (sr., 5-8), C/Dusty Heister (sr., 5-10), G Ismael Avila (sr., 5-7), John Clymens (sr., 6-1), F Ramon Cardoso (jr., 5-10).

Outlook: The Jaguars return four of eight letters from last year's team that qualified for the state tournament. They lost only one player to graduation. Roy Torero is a legitimate threat to play in or out, despite the fact he played on an all-star team in Hawaii last summer and only needs 314 points this season to become Jackpot's all-time leading scorer.

Photo See JACKPOT, Page 4B

## Manning bests Marino in AFC East clash

### Indy takes two-game lead with big victory

**The Associated Press**

MIAMI — Standing alone on the sideline, Dan Marino watched the game's final play, then unsnapped his chin strap and slowly walked off the field, head down in defeat.

He didn't see center Peyton Manning leap in the air to lead the Indianapolis Colts' celebration.

"That's the highest I've ever jumped," Manning said later.

Manning and his teammates barely withstood a gallant comeback by Marino, and Mike Vanderjagt's 53-yard field goal as time ran out beat the Miami Dolphins 37-34 Sunday.

Marino, his career in jeopardy, threw three touchdown passes and rallied Miami from a 14-point deficit in the second half. But Manning hit Marvin Harrison with completions of 16 and 18 yards in the final 30 seconds to set up the winning kick.

"Never say it's not over until it's over," said Manning, giving Gino Berra's famous phrase a twist.

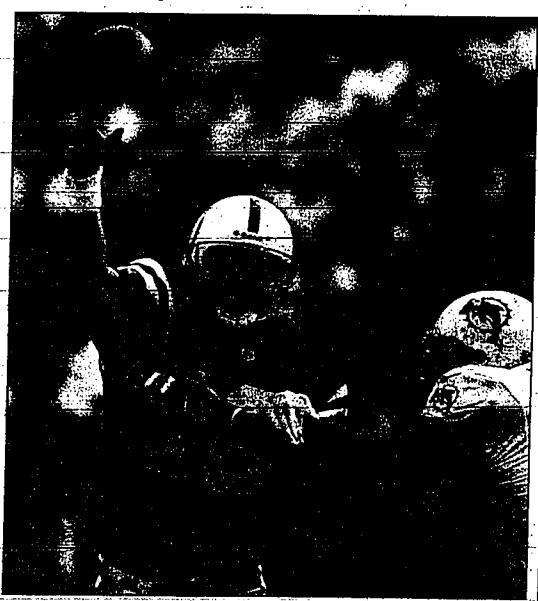
The Colts (10-2) took control of the AFC East with a two-game lead over Miami and Buffalo. Indianapolis has won eight in a row since losing at home to the Dolphins on Oct. 10.

"This was a huge test for us, the biggest test of the season," Indy coach Jim Mora said. "Miami (8-4) was left to scramble for a wildcard berth. The Dolphins shared the NFL's best record before losing three of their past four games."

"The way the AFC is, we're fighting just to make the playoffs," coach Jimmy Johnson said.

At least the Dolphins resolved their quarterback situation. Marino, 38, missed five games because of a neck injury, then threw five interceptions in his last two games.

But he erased doubts about his arm strength and job status Sunday, completing 24 of 38 passes for 313 yards. The touchdown passes — 24 yards to Gronde Gadsden, 33 yards to Marvin Harrison and 1 yard to Stanley Pritchett — were Marino's first since the



Indianapolis quarterback Peyton Manning studies Miami defender Jason Taylor during the first half of the Colts' 37-34 win over the Dolphins Sunday afternoon.

injury. But he took little consolation in the comeback, and his tense postgame news conference lasted just four questions.

When asked about watching the winning field goal, he responded with perhaps the angriest sound bite of his 17-year career.

"These questions are ridiculous," he said. "I'll tell you how tough it is. You work your butt off all week and then you lose a game like that by three points... That's how tough it is. But you wouldn't know, would you?"

## Summitt earns 700th win as Tennessee mentor

**The Associated Press**

MADISON, Wis. — With flowers from her best man and a kiss from her son, Pat Summitt celebrated a victory for the 700th time in her unmatched coaching career.

Semeca Handall's 19 points led five. Last season's figures, as No. 3 Tennessee beat No. 25 Wisconsin 85-62 Sunday, giving Summitt her 700th career victory.

Wearing a wide-collared purple suit and her customary flower during the game, Summitt was beaming by the final buzzer. The 47-year-old coach became the youngest in college basketball to win 700 games and just the second woman to do so.

"It feels like I've been watching from the sidelines in my life," Summitt said. "I thought we played a great game, and the fact that it happened with the way we played in this game, that's the most important thing."

The Kohl Center crowd of 11,866, the fifth-largest ever to see a women's game, stood and cheered Summitt as

her players gathered around for a giant bear hug and presented her with a bouquet of yellow roses. Her 9-year-old son Tyler also was on hand, cheering from the bench.

"It's special, and you can reflect on it a little, but tomorrow's another workday," Summitt said. "This season isn't about how many wins I can get. It's about how we grow as a team."

Summitt joined 16 men's basketball coaches and one women's coach — Texas' Jody Cooper, who got her 730th career victory Saturday — in the 700-wins club.

Summitt got wins 530 through 600 in three years and two days, while wins 600 through 700 came in three years and 12 days. With a seemingly inexhaustible supply of recruits, Dean Smith's college basketball record of 679 wins easily could fade to Summitt within the next decade.

"I don't like to predict things like that," Summitt said. "But if our teams play at the level I expect them to, milestones like that will arrive whenever we look for them or not."



Tennessee women's basketball coach Pat Summitt shows directions to her team Sunday as Lady Volunteers play. Kristen Clement looks on.

## North Carolina women nab NCAA soccer title

**The Associated Press**

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Another NCAA women's soccer final, and another North Carolina championship.

The Tar Heels won their 15th title in 18 years, beating Notre Dame 2-0 on Sunday.

Meredith Florence scored in the 80th minute to break a scoreless tie and Beth Shepard scored in the 80th minute for North Carolina, which lost 1-0 to Florida in last year's final.

Notre Dame (21-4), which won the title in 1995, finished second for the third time. It was just the second time this season the Irish were shut out of letters.

North Carolina (24-2) improved to 61-3 in NCAA tournament play, and finished her year with an 18-game winning streak. The Tar Heels have allowed 12 goals this season, just two in the second half, and have 19 shutouts, including 14 by freshman goalkeeper Jenni Brunson.

The contest drew an NCAA women's soccer final record crowd of 14,410.

The scoring began when freshman Kim Patrick crossed the ball to the top right corner of the penalty box, where Florence kicked it into the left corner of the net past a diving Lacey Beene.

"I knew chances would not come often," Beene said. "I had to refocus and remember that the next chance [got] had to stick it."

Later, Raven McDonald dribbled the ball down the right side, then centered it to Shepard, who tapped it past Beene from 10 yards out.

"They caught us a man short in the back," Beene said. "We were trying to press forward."

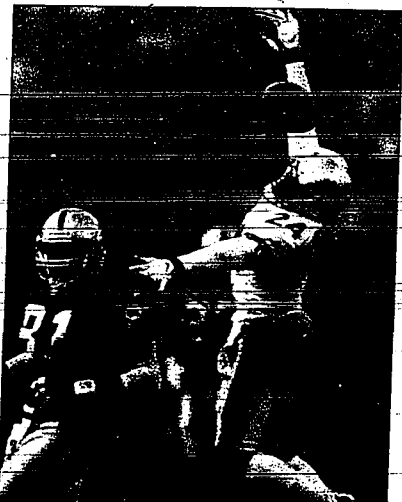
The Tar Heels had two other scoring opportunities in the first four minutes of the second half. After Bush worked the ball into the box, she centered it and Florence just missed an open shot. The ball was kept alive though, and Jenna Kluegel took a shot that Beene punched over the net.

Notre Dame's best chance to score in the second half came in the 64th minute when Jenny Hight got off a shot from the top of the box that Beene was able to stop.

SPORTS

Raiders' defense stymies Seattle

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — As Oakland coach Jon Gruden...



Seattle cornerback Shannon Springs bats the ball away from Oakland receiver Tim Brown during the Raiders' 30-21 win Sunday.

Overcoming a broken wrist...

The loss trimmed Seattle's lead in the AFC West...

Seattle (8-4) was unrelentingly by turnovers for the second straight week.

Just when they looked like a lock for a postseason spot, the Seahawks are beginning to resemble the woeful Seattle teams that have missed the playoffs...

Adding to Seattle's woes, cornerback Chris Canty was taken off the field on a cart late in the game.

Brown became the third player with 1,000 yards receiving in seven consecutive seasons.

Rams 34, Panthers 21

At Charlotte, N.C., Kurt Warner passed for 351 yards and three TDs...

Giants 41, Jets 28

At East Rutherford, N.J., Kerry Collins threw three TD passes...

Bengals 44, 49ers 30

At Cincinnati, Jeff Fisher tied his career high with four TD passes...

Ravens 14, Titans 14

At Baltimore, Tony Banks threw a career-high four TD passes...

Lions 33, Redskins 17

Desmond Howard, signed by Detroit on Saturday after being waived by Green Bay...

Cardinals 21, Eagles 17

Jake Plummer directed the Cardinals (6-6) to two touchdowns...

SPORTS IN BRIEF

ESPN, baseball go to court today

NEW YORK — Unable to resolve their dispute over the placement of late-season Sunday night baseball games...

Flyers skate past St. Louis 3-2

PHILADELPHIA — John LeClair scored two goals, including the game-winner with 4:35 left in the third period...

Australia beats France to win Davis Cup

NICE, France — Australia won the Davis Cup on Sunday, with Mark Philippoussis beating Cedric Pioline of France...

Chiefs 16, Broncos 10

AT DENVER, Tamarick Vanover returned a punt 80 yards for a touchdown...

Patriots 13, Cowboys 6

FOXBORO, Mass. — The New England Patriots picked a very good time to beat the Dallas Cowboys...

McEnroe captures Honda Challenge crown

LONDON — John McEnroe won the Honda Challenge seniors event for the third straight year Sunday when Henri Leconte quit in the second set because of a back injury...

Nuggets slip past Knicks

NEW YORK (AP) — Bryant Stith blocked Latrell Sprewell and Denver with 6 seconds left and jumper, after trailing for almost the entire night...

MILWAUKEE, Mavericks 97

Bucks 103 — Sam Cassell dominated the game with 16 points and a career-high 18 assists...

Jackpot

Continued from A-7 scores. Jackpot will again be big, and many teams with a big offensive post player could give the game problems...

NBA

A last-minute rally that cut Milwaukee's 21-point fourth-quarter lead to 97-91 on four seconds to play.

Raptors 98, Spurs 82

TORONTO — Vince Carter scored a career-high 39 points as the Toronto Raptors beat the San Antonio Spurs...

Hornets 103, Sonics 81

SEATTLE — Derrick Coleman scored 26 points as Charlotte beat Seattle.

Els cruises to victory

SUN CITY, South Africa (AP) — At long last, Ernie Els got this one right.

After seven tries for the title, he won the Million Dollar Golf Challenge in his home country.

Daly, Davies win JC Penney Classic in sudden death

PALM HARBOR, Fla. — John Daly or Laura Davies knew their chances were slim heading into Sunday's final round of the JC Penney Classic.

Nicklaus' win Father-Son Challenge in playoff

NAPLES, Fla. — Jack Nicklaus made a 10-foot birdie putt on the third extra hole to claim the final title of a 65-year-old champion.

Two golfers teamed up for a 7-under-par 64 Sunday in model

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Golf

Used alternate-stroke play to come from five shots behind and force a playoff.

The winners, who will share a \$440,000 check, claimed the title when Nicklaus made a 30-foot birdie putt on the par-3, 17th, third playoff hole.

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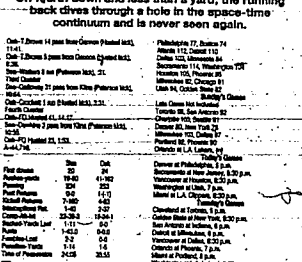
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## OTHER VIEWS

### Free speech has a price and there is often a cost

From the Miami Herald

Let us celebrate those few belated blows for civility that come our way. Coca-Cola recently dropped its advertising on the World Wrestling Federation because of objections to the WWF's raucous "story lines." And an Ohio radio station has suspended a talk-show host for saying that the Rev. Jesse Jackson wants to be assassinated, elevating himself to a martyr, and "all we need is a shooter." That said management, crossed the line of taste and appropriateness.

Both moves generated controversy. The WWF chairman called Coke's advertising pullout "an affront to free speech." And some talk-show fans insist radio hosts have the right to say provocative, even nasty things about public figures.

Nonsense. Pro-wrestling may have some "right" to be crude and offensive, so, perhaps, do radio talk-show hosts. But they don't have a "right" to advertising support from those offended by it.

All public speech carries with it the cost for its consequences. And those consequences might include losing advertising business or, in the case of the radio host, losing the enjoyment of an employer's broadcast license.

While the First Amendment places

constraints on government's censorship of speech, Americans - businesses and individuals - are free to decide what speech they'll support with their dollars.

In this case, Coke had been targeted for a boycott by the conservative Parents Television Council because of its advertising support for the WWF. Now, Coke responds by withdrawing its

wrestling show (although a spokesman denies it is needed to be prodded into action by the PTC boycott).

This can be a delicate balance. When pressure groups and speech collide in the commercial arena, there's a danger - a real one - that

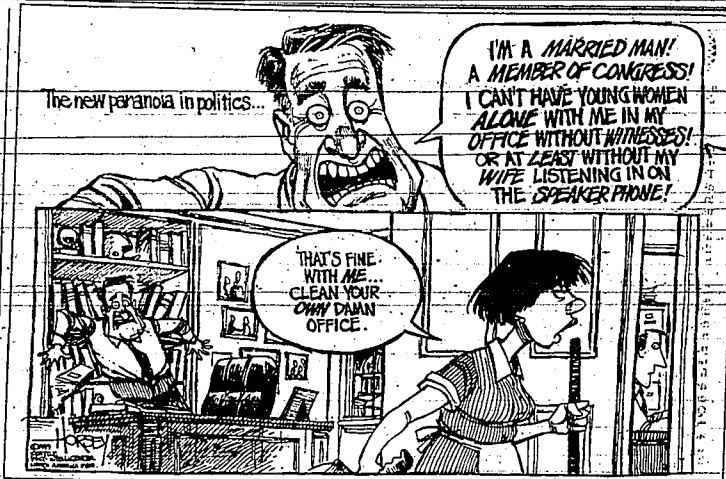
medium will steer away from programs with unpopular points of view. Television in the 1960s was regarded by many as "a vast wasteland" for this very reason.

At times this has meant a chilling of brisk political conversations about issues. But in the case of the WWF and the loose-lipped radio host, market pressure may bring a welcome change.

Raucous words and crude entertainers shouldn't be the only ones talking about their free-speech "rights." Consumers ought to ask advertisers what their dollars are supporting in the mass media and why they're doing

They have rights, too.

*While the First Amendment places constraints on government's censorship of speech, Americans are free to decide what speech they'll support with their dollars.*



## TF is lucky to land artist-in-residence

In spite of The Times-News' excellent on-going coverage about a grant received by the Magic Valley Arts Council, a nonprofit agency whose sole purpose is to support the arts in Magic Valley, there may still be some misunderstanding by certain members of the community.

The project is called "Artists & the Community: America Creates for the Millennium." One art organization in each state and province in the United States was chosen by the Mid-Atlantic Arts Foundation in Baltimore, Md., to receive a grant of up to \$50,000 to bring an artist to the community to create a work of art to celebrate the millennium. The grant from the MAAF will cover the artist's stipend. The amount the artist receives depends on the length of the residency. There are funds from the National Endowment for the Arts included in the "pot of money," but the MAAF has obtained funds from other sources as well. There are no funds coming from Idaho public money.

The application process for the artists was complex and extensive. The MAAF sent out the call for media art organizations and artists to announce this opportunity. More than 800 nationwide applied for this residency. The MAAF short-listed artists represented every artistic discipline from dance to theater.

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Dorrie Yule

to murals to sculpture. In short, we were given a list of artists to choose from. The Magic Valley Arts Council decided to use this grant for public art. We interviewed several of the interested artists and chose the artist we felt was best suited to the project. If Idaho artists had been rostered, we certainly would have considered their applications. We feel fortunate that our chosen artist, Ted Clausen, also "chose" Twin Falls. He was similarly recruited by other communities.

This is a "residency" project as opposed to a "commissioned" project. That means the artist will live in the community for up to six months as he builds the sculpture. This incredibly gifted artist will be available to do educational projects with the schools and local artists, as well as other community interactive projects. We have set up an advisory board of local people to work with the artist on the conceptualization of the sculpture itself.

The two sites that remain under consideration for the sculpture are the city-owned property on Main Avenue in front

of the Wells Fargo Bank and the City Park. Wells Fargo's name is not "affixed" to the project. However, Wells Fargo has, on several occasions, financially aided institutions and businesses. Indeed, it is willing to be involved in the process of building this sculpture.

The MVAC is strongly committed to supporting our local artists. We recently opened a gallery so local artists would have an outlet to sell their work. But we also believe that to have a nationally recognized artist of Clausen's caliber to create our first public sculpture in Twin Falls is a great coup. We hope that this sculpture will inspire local entities to commission our many talented local artists to install more public art of all types in the future.

It is my hope that citizens of Twin Falls will become involved. I welcome your questions and suggestions, and invite anyone to participate in meetings of the advisory board. This is an exciting opportunity, and although there are some divisive issues facing Twin Falls at this time, this isn't one of them. I am confident that this is a project that everyone, once they have correct, complete information, will enthusiastically support.

Dorrie Yule is the executive director of the Magic Valley Arts Council.

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## LETTERS

**Who's going to fill Mildon's shoes?**  
It's so refreshing to see the folks pull together and honor a great man, husband, father and friend. I see most flags at half staff, including the sign at North's, "Jim we will miss you." I'm sure there were others.

The memorial service was the best I've seen. The kids lining the street by the school says a lot about the soul passing by. The true measure of a man or woman is the impact on lives in community in which they live.

Jim Mildon touched many lives. He set a high standard, now let's see who will follow. There is a big hole in Twin Falls. It may take all of us to fill it in.  
NATHY PETERSON  
Twin Falls

**Fan writes Molly Ivins back**  
When are you going to bring Molly Ivins back to your editorial pages? She is an astute observer of politics, with a sharp sense of humor. She is non-partisan, happily skewering politicians of all descriptions for their self-interest and bumbling. In contrast to the thoughts of the uniformly stodgy, conservative writers whom you favor, her columns bring freshness, energy and clear thinking to political discussions.  
STEPHEN POPPING  
Twin Falls

**Don't let Christmas come too early**  
I agree 100 percent with Katelyn Brown's letter Nov. 26 concerning the holidays. Why can't Thanksgiving be just that without Christmas overshadowing it? Both holidays have their own special meaning and should be enjoyed and celebrated separately.  
Maybe we have forgotten the true meaning of Christmas. Santa is in the mall

at least one week before Thanksgiving. When we are shopping for our Thanksgiving feast, Christmas music is playing, and some of the holiday is driven by the almighty buck instead of the true spirit of the holiday. It is sad, isn't it?

With this of my chest, I hope you all had a happy Thanksgiving and wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy 2000!  
STEVE SELLERS  
Twin Falls

**Mandela has work to do**  
I note in The Times News on Nov. 29 that Nelson Mandela plans to be a world peacemaker and try to solve the Middle East problems and all the conflicts on the African continent, and I wonder, as a South African citizen, why he does not start his work in his own country. There, crime has escalated greatly over recent years and is now virtually out of control.

Respect for human life and the property of others is totally missing in the "new" South Africa. Every year since 1994, more people have been murdered in criminal violence than the total political killings stretching over 13 years. Women, children and men are being molested and raped at a rate of one a minute - 240,675 reported rapes have occurred in the last five years. No longer is rape carried off by one individual, but there is a phenomenon now of gang rape often accompanied by brutal murder. This was the fate of a friend and colleague of mine recently - an elderly lady doctor of 78 years whom I had known since meeting her in a mission hospital in the 1950s.

Not even the deputy president's wife is safe, allegedly robbed and raped recently. And this in a country where AIDS incidence is escalating daily. What about starting at home, Mr. Mandela?  
KELCE WEAVER  
Twin Falls

### Guns don't kill on their own

I am responding to a letter that was written on Nov. 7 by Mr. Andrew Himpfle. It concerned stopping the manufacture of guns.

I just want to ask this individual if he really thinks that stopping the manufacture of firearms will stop the killing? If he really thinks that it is the guns that go out and kill people all by themselves. Just like all the cars that carry drunk drivers killing all of those people. There are more people killed by cars than by guns. Are you going to outlaw cars? I really don't think so.

If you get the guns outlawed, do you think people will not find another way to kill? Will you outlaw all of the knives, baseball bats, clubs? If you think about it, it takes people to kill people. None of these items will kill on their own. So before you go out saying to stop making guns, think about how many ways people can kill.

It is sad that they do, but until you start punishing people and holding them accountable for their actions, killing will continue.  
TERRY R. MILLER  
Twin Falls

### Find solution to the stink

It's time for a solution to our stink problem. I get very upset when I know that the children at Hollister have to tolerate manure odors to play outside at recess

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and there isn't any consideration for the beautiful homes built in the Bob Barton Highway area. People have lost the value of one of their most important investments and live in an environment that is very nearly intolerable. As this intensifies every year, think of what it will be in 10 years, and when the dairies move out, who gets the bill for the clean up? The dairy near Ruff River has become so putrid that it is almost necessary to wear a gas mask to travel our freeway. I have been told that this is only a 1,000-cow unit where most new dairies are many times that. Groundwater in Gooding is already being contaminated, and there is no estimate of how long it will take for the contamination to work its way out. By the time we are able to detect groundwater pollution, there will be years of pollution heading for our water table. With all this evidence, why are our people in charge allowing more of the same? Why isn't there a declared moratorium on new dairies and cleanup required for how long it will take for the contamination to make the laws, why are they wringing their hands? Other states have solved this problem. It is not something that will go away.

If this is not bad enough, we have an open sewer running through two of our city parks. One in an eastern fall created enough E-coli bacteria to kill one child and make several others seriously ill. We expect our ranchers using our range lands to respect the use of the creeks running through these lands and

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to keep them clean. Why is Rock Creek an exemption? Do we have to have children die before we see the light? A wastewater line on each side of the creek with a suitable riparian strip in the areas where animals are contaminating the creek would clean this up overnight, and if it didn't, any other cause would stick out like a sore thumb.

Remember, inaction and silence means consent. If you love Idaho, this is a no-excuses situation.  
MATT SMITH  
Twin Falls

### 7-eleven made light choice

On behalf of South Central District Health Department, the American Cancer Society and the Magic Valley Tobacco Free Coalition, I would like to congratulate 7-eleven on the removal of your tobacco advertisements. The tobacco companies spend billions of dollars advertising each year. This has a direct relationship to the number of new tobacco users every day. It is estimated that 3,000 youth become regular users of tobacco each day. One-third of those will die prematurely due to their addiction to tobacco. Thank you for helping reduce the exposure of tobacco advertisements that are seen by youth.  
SUEAN REESE  
Tobacco Control Coordinator  
South Central District Health Department  
Twin Falls

## Doonesbury



By Garry Trudeau

## Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley

# Where to find buzzwords of the millennium

**O**XFORD, England — Can you guess the year in which these terms started to appear in print: gray market, upskill, softnomics.

The answer is 1993.

You may be surprised that what seem like the buzzwords of the 1990s were already being used almost a decade before. This is not unusual in the world of new words — if you want to know what words you will be using during the early years of the next millennium, start looking at newspapers today because the chances are that those words have already started to appear.

As chief editor of the Oxford English Dictionary, I am often asked how the dictionary goes about the business of recording new words. The answer is that a host of researchers comb through published material, from the tallied press to scholarly tomes, for instances of new words (and new meanings of old words) entering the language. Quotations are noted and recorded, and when a new word is added to the dictionary the quotations that best document the history of the word in question

**JOHN SIMPSON**

were chosen to illustrate it. Much of the work is done by paid readers, but I should not neglect to mention the wealth of material that comes to us from volunteer contributors who spot new terms and send them to us for consideration.

Over the years, thousands of contributions have been provided by amateur word sleuths. One of the most notable was American scholar William C. Minor, a Civil War veteran whose contribution to the Oxford English Dictionary was recently chronicled in Simon Winchester's book "The Surgeon of Crown Point" (Penguin), published as "The Professor and the Madman" in the United States (Harper Collins).

John Murray, the editor of the OED at the time of Minor said that he could have illustrated every word in the dictionary with quotations from Minor, who sent in at least 10,000 pieces of word evidence while confined to an English insane asylum.

In July, I renewed the appeal for new words for the Oxford English Dictionary first issued by the original editor, James Murray, 120 years ago. Hundreds of new submissions have already come in, and I would like to make this opportunity to ask readers to let us know of any words from the world of commerce that have not been included in the dictionary. In fact, I have to beg for new words — as just as interested in early examples of established terminology, especially when they are earliest than those already recorded in the dictionary. Submissions can be made through the Oxford English Dictionary's web site: <http://www.oed.com>.

Here are some recent "finds" from our reading program. How many do you know?

- amblyopia** — paralysis — caused by overstimulating quantities of information
- bleeding edge** — beyond the cutting edge
- co-branding** — collaborative marketing of two or more established brands
- cooperation** — cooperation between competitors, especially in the computer industry
- greenwash** — environmentally responsible propaganda issued by companies
- herding cats** — management jargon used to describe something difficult or impossible to achieve
- info-dump** — indigestibly large amount of information
- MBWA** — management by walking about
- MBWAY** — management by walking about without purpose
- mindshare** — consumer awareness of product
- off-topic** — not relevant (especially of web-site postings)

A first step in submitting a word should be to check whether it is already recorded in the Oxford English Dictionary. This task will become easier in March, when the dictionary will appear online for the first time.

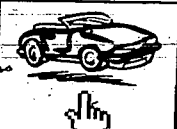
Online accessibility represents a major step in a 20-year project to completely revise the Oxford English Dictionary for the 21st century. Costing \$55 million and due to be completed in 2010, this is the first complete revision in the history of this great dictionary. The largest dictionary of English in the world, it contains

almost 300,000 headwords and more than 2.5 million quotations. Subscribers will be able to access the web site to find the latest words from any field, and the 400-strong team of lexicographers, support staff and specialist advisers will be adding to the dictionary at the rate of at least 1,000 new and revised entries every quarter. Information about how to subscribe to the online dictionary is available on the web site.

For words from 2000, watch this space — and, if you will, you, too, can help us fill the pages of

the Oxford English Dictionary with the words of the new millennium. To start you off, here are two expressions that have recently come to our attention: millennial angst and pro-millennial nationalism.

John Simpson is chief editor of the Oxford English Dictionary and resides over the world's largest dictionary in the United Kingdom. The OED, published by Oxford University Press, is regarded as the most authoritative and comprehensive English language dictionary in the world.




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## Television's outsiders are looking in

**L**ast week in Los Angeles, NAACP President Kweisi Mfume invited network television executives to a discussion. He wanted to know why there are not more minorities employed throughout the industry. His point was that minority executives (and well as producers and actors, can change the image the public gets, which benefits not only minorities but the majority as well. Because of an apparent misunderstanding over scheduling, representatives from three of the four networks walked out. Only CBS President Leslie Moonves, who flew in from Rome for the meeting, appeared before the group.

A couple of things need to be said about this meeting. First, it probably would not have happened if it had been called by conservatives. For years they have expressed concerns about the pitiful lack of morally sound programming. They would have been rebuffed with appeals to the First Amendment and "artistic integrity." When they complain they are told, "If you don't like what's on TV, turn it off, but stop trying to be a censor."

While diversity ought to be about more than just skin color (there is no difference between a member of a minority group and a member of the majority if both have the same world view), Mfume has a point. One might wish he would also take on Black Entertainment Television, with its music-video emphasis on sex and the frequent demeaning of women, as well as some radio stations that play music disrespectful of black women and the black family. But Mfume is trying to communicate something to network brass that conservatives have often said: that television is a powerful force for good or evil, and while entertainment is about ratings and making money, good and honest televi-

**CAL THOMAS**

expected to have had, a black experience. Writing about minorities is one thing. Being one is something else.

One also wishes the networks would act upon the complaints from a consistency that transcends race. It is people from many backgrounds who are tired of blatant sexual promiscuity, bad language, religious stereotyping and violence portrayed on television. Their departure as viewers of network television is the main reason ratings and market shares are falling. If network executives lack the black network, they lack the moral and conservative experience even more profoundly. How many publically conservative and sensuously religious network executives, anchors or producers can you name? Such people are more represented in the country than they are in the media culture. The gatekeepers have kept them mostly locked out.

Mfume has again reminded

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networks that they have a responsibility to the public as well as to profits. But ideology, or world view, ought to be as much a part of the quest for diversity as race and ethnicity. Otherwise, you're just putting a different face on an all-too-familiar problem.

Cal Thomas is a Los Angeles Times columnist.

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# New-wave of violence kills 31 in Indonesia

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — A fresh wave of violence between Christians and Muslims in the Maluku Islands in eastern Indonesia has left at least 31 people dead, officials said Sunday.

Sectarian violence erupted late Thursday and lasted until Saturday, a police spokesman said on condition of anonymity. Both sides used guns and petrol bombs to attack dozens of houses in Maluku, an island chain about 1,100 miles east of Jakarta.

"It has been quiet since yesterday," a police spokesman said on condition of anonymity.

The Maluku Islands, formerly known as the Moluccas, have been plagued by religious violence. Police sources have said the fighting in Maluku has claimed more than 700 lives since it first broke out almost a year ago. More than 100,000 people have fled or lost their homes in the escalating violence.

Human rights activists say more than 1,000 people have died since January.

The explosion of bloodshed only started after last year's dramatic ouster of President Suharto, the country's authoritarian leader for 32 years. Suharto used the military to keep a lid on ethnic and religious tensions across the nation of 210 million people and 13,000 islands. Agitators were often rounded up before trouble started.

About 90 percent of Indonesia's 210 million people are Muslims, but Muslims and Christians are evenly split in Maluku.

President Abdurrahman Wahid, a Muslim cleric, has appealed for reconciliation between the two communities, but they remain largely divided.

Maluku was known as the Spice Islands during Dutch colonial rule.

# Dalai Lama calls for mediation to end dispute

CAPE TOWN, South Africa (AP) — The Dalai Lama on Sunday called for two fellow Nobel laureates — former South African President Nelson Mandela and Archbishop Desmond Tutu — to mediate talks between Tibetan leaders and China to resolve a 40-year dispute.

"They can make a contribution, of course, no

doubt," he said in an interview on SABC television. "I personally would appreciate" such an offer.

The Dalai Lama is in South Africa to attend the Parliament of World Religions, which began Wednesday.

Later in the day, Mandela spoke to 3,000 religious leaders and experts at the conference.

# Japan's economy shrinks more than expected

TOKYO (AP) — Japan's economy shrank more than expected in the July-September quarter after two quarters of expansion, the government said Monday, dealing a blow to the country's hopes of emerging from its worst economic slump in decades.

The country's gross domestic product contracted 1.0 percent in the three months that ended Sept. 30, the Economic Planning Agency said.

A downturn was expected as the effect of government spending measures wear thin and consumer spending remains stagnant, but it was much larger than the 0.1 contraction predicted by economists surveyed by Dow Jones Newswires.

Japan's strong economic performance in the last two quarters had raised hopes that Prime Minister Keizo Obuchi would be able to fulfill his promise of delivering 0.5 percent growth in this fiscal year, which ends in March.

GDP is the value of goods and

services produced within the country.

The economy grew by 0.1 percent in April-June, after surging 2 percent in January-March.

The yen weakened against the dollar after the report's release, which lifted Japan's benchmark 225 Nikkei stock index up 1.05 percent in morning trading. A strong yen hurts Japan's exporters by eroding their income from abroad.

However, the yen later regained its early losses as Japanese exporters sold their dollar holdings, traders said.

The dollar climbed as high as 103.20 yen before slipping back to 102.40 yen in late morning trading.

Kenneth Landon, senior currency analyst at Deutsche Bank in Tokyo, said that while the GDP data will provide some short-term stability to the dollar-yen exchange rate, the figures were too old to radically alter current market pricing.

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Photographer Logan Castor is the newest member of The Times-News' newsroom. The 23-year old graduate of the University of Montana studied photojournalism there and spent a year and a half at the Ohio Institute of Photography and Technology. Logan grew up on her grandmother's ranch in St. Ignace, Montana, and worked as a photo intern at The Missoulian. She was an assistant commercial photographer in Ohio; one of her last projects there is published in this month's GQ magazine.

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# Flooding kills 69 in Vietnam

HANOI, Vietnam (AP) — Rescuers scrambled to get food and life vests to inundated areas in central Vietnam after a new round of flooding left 69 people dead, government officials said Sunday.

Four days of heavy rain has unleashed 5.5 feet of water on some parts of the region, which is still struggling to recover from massive flooding in November.

"These are people just starting to get their lives back together, and now, two weeks later, it's been washed away again," said John Geoghegan, head of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.

The military has responded with emergency assistance, deploying more than 5,000 soldiers based in the region to help. On Sunday, helicopters made a total of 10 airdrops of food and supplies to stranded flood survivors.

Weather forecasters were predicting more rainfall over the next several days, and officials expected casualties to rise.

The National Committee for Flood and Storm Control put the initial damage estimate at \$14.3 million.



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Section B

## Defective sea lions and yores

It is with great verisimilitude that we present another installment of "Ask Mister Language Person," the column that answers your common questions about grammar, punctuation and unwanted body hair. This is the ONLY language column to receive the coveted Lifetime Bathroom Pass from The American Society of University Professors Who Are Never in Their Office.

We will commence the onset of today's column by beginning with our first question, which concerns a basic rule of business grammar:

Q. What is the proper way to begin a formal letter?

A. The proper beginning, or "salutation," for a formal business letter is: "Dear Mr. Or Ms. Bob Johnson As The Case May Be." This should be followed by a small dab of imported mustard.

## HUMOR

Dave Barry

Q. What if the person's name is not "Bob Johnson"?

A. Then he or she will just have to change it.

Q. What is the correct way to conclude a formal business letter to a cable-television company?

A. "I Split 'On Your Billing Department."

Q. Like millions of Americans, I cannot grasp the extremely subtle difference between the words "your" and "yours"?

A. Top grammar scientists are often confused by these two words, which are technically known as "divines," or words that appear to be identical and are rhymed shells. The best way to tell them apart is to remember that "your" is a contraction, which is a type of word used during childbirth, as in: "Hang on, Marlene, here comes your baby!" Whereas "yours" is, grammatically, a profane infraction, which means a word that is used to score a debating point in an Internet chat room, as in: "You're loser, you moron!"

Q. What about "yore"?

A. That refers to "the days of yore," when there was a lot of yore lying around, as a result of pigs. Also in those days, you might lament their personal regions by wearing "codpieces," which were pieces of actual cod.

Q. Yore telling us.

Q. What is the correct usage of the word "compunction"?

A. It may be defined as a medical term ("a compunction of the left exterior vesicle") or in the name of a rock band ("DeWayne Hunt and the Compunctions of Soul").

Q. Speaking of music, does it bother you suspicious that "Barry Manilow" and "Bee Gees" are, in addition to sounding like they alike, have "conveniently" never once appeared on stage together?

A. It is time to end the charade.

Q. While viewing ESPN's Sept. 18 broadcast of the Indiana-Kentucky football game, did you hear an example of language that is so excellent that it causes you to spew beer from your nose?

A. Yes. The color commentator referred to a former coach as "a living legend when he was still alive."

Q. Can you give some other examples of powerful language, or other legends?

A. Certainly.

Trudy McDaniel sent in the instructions for putting together a "Heck, I'm wearing ESP's Sept. 18 advisory to be two people during assembly."

Doug Gordon sent in the instructions for a set of Tuna-bread drums, containing this warning: "Stay away from the drum set if an earthquake occurs."

Dave Zarro reports that his self-imaging this year's offering: "I Lost 40 Lbs. In Two Months! Call For Free Samples!"

Fred Merrill sent in a story from the *Sight Crisis* magazine's Sentinel, concerning a man who was arrested when he attacked some sea lions "because they consistently defecated on his leg."

GOT A QUESTION FOR MISTER LANGUAGE PERSON? He will do his best.

Dave Barry is a humor columnist for the Miami Herald.

# FOUL-MOUTHED FIDO



Twin Falls veterinarian Susan Preston examines the teeth of Cowboy, Doug's dog. Dogs need lots of chewing to keep their teeth clean, but the wrong kind of chew toy can damage your pet's teeth, Preston warns.

## Chances are that your dog or cat has gum disease

### More pet dental facts

By Steve Crump  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — Your vet would really like you to brush your pet's teeth. Even if your pet is a cat.

Right? You reply, "Why don't I see if I can just get the sutures and tetanus shot now?"

"You can learn how to do it," says Zigmund Szanto, a Twin Falls veterinarian.

"But I think it's more important that you get their teeth cleaned regularly."

Dental hygiene for dogs and cats? Take it seriously.

And not just because Rover's halitosis can make a visitor's eyes water from 30 paces.

"An animal's mouth is like a human's mouth. Full of all kinds of nasty bacteria," says Susan Preston, another Twin Falls veterinarian.

"The difference is you brush their teeth; most pets never get their teeth cleaned."

Bacteria from the mouth can enter an animal's bloodstream, leading to heart-valve disease, kidney disease and chronic lung disease, Szanto said.

"In general, the older the animal, the greater the risk of those kinds of problems," he said. "But cleaning needs to be started when the pet is 3 years or a puppy."

Tooth cleanings and polishes are performed under anesthesia and cost from \$20 to \$100 locally, depending on the size of the animal, and should be done once a year.

"Some pet owners are reluctant to take the risk of having an older animal put under anesthesia," Szanto said. "It's a judgment call."

And if you're wondering whether Rover needs to go in, the doggie doctor says, "It's back his lip and take a look."

"If the gums are red, that's probably gingivitis," Preston said. "That can be a very serious problem."

Catcheeked gingivitis in YOUR mouth would probably cost you some teeth, and the same applies to pets.

"I've taken them back out of older dogs that smelled so bad you couldn't stand to be in the same room," Szanto said.

Oral hygiene is the first line

of defense, Szanto and Preston agree — although dog owners need to be careful about giving dogs the wrong kinds of bones

and hard chew-toys that can shatter and cut the animal's gums and mouth or damage the teeth, Preston said.

Cats and dogs rarely get cavities because their diets are generally low in sugar.

But by age 3, more than 80 percent of dogs and 70 percent of cats show some signs of gum disease, a result of plaque and tartar. Symptoms include:

- inflamed or bleeding gums
- yellow and brown tartar along the gum line
- persistent bad breath
- a change in eating or chewing habits

• pusning at the face or mouth- depression

Left untreated, inflammation of the gums can lead to tooth loss and even to abscesses of the heart, liver and kidneys (as bacteria travel to those organs by way of the bloodstream).

Smaller dogs are such as Pekingese and Shih Tzu are most likely to

develop tooth problems because their teeth are crowded, creating a perfect environment for plaque.

Although outdoor dogs are especially apt to break their teeth, aggressive chewing on hard objects, such as cow hooves, can cause any dog to break a tooth. Untreated, the broken tooth can cause a furuncle (tooth abscess — an infected passage from inside the mouth to the surface of the dog's face).

Aggressive chewers should be given rawhide or other toys that soften as the dog works them over.

— Sources: The American Veterinary Dental Society; the American Veterinary Medical Association, Daily Press of Victorville, Calif.

### How to brush a pet's teeth



1. Lift the lip to expose the teeth.

2. Gently brush the teeth on the outside of the tooth (the side that touches the cheek). Cut or dog, your pet's tongue is rough enough to polish the inside of the tooth.

3. Concentrate on brushing the outside of the tooth (the side that touches the cheek). Cut or dog, your pet's tongue is rough enough to polish the inside of the tooth.

— Source: Knight Rider News Service

It doesn't matter much whether you feed the dog or the cat canned or dry food, the vets say, although a few brands of

Please see PETS, Page B2

## Patterns send Barbie back to colonies

## HEALTH NOTES

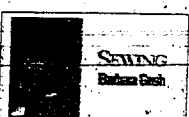
As a grandmother, I'm aware of the popularity of the Millennium Barbie doll this holiday season. But some of us look back with nostalgia at fashion cars gone by and prefer to dress Barbie in vintage clothes instead.

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Estrogen brainstorm

The female hormone estrogen may help reduce the risk of Alzheimer's disease in younger women. So say Dutch researchers, who think estrogen helps inhibit the build-up of senile plaque in the brain. Comparing women with and without Alzheimer's, the researchers found that those who didn't have the disease had made greater use of estrogen in both the contraceptive pill and postmenopausal hormone-replacement therapy.

Wake-up call

A new national survey found that 75 percent of people over the age of 45 whose sleep is interrupted report getting up at least once a night to go to the bathroom. And, more than half

of those people get up at least twice a night. "These findings mean that doctors have to add overactive bladder to the possible reasons for a patient's disrupted sleep," Joyce A. Walsleben, director of the Sleep Disorders Center at New York University School of Medicine, said.

A burning pain

Doctors have long known that popular painkillers such as aspirin and ibuprofen can sometimes cause serious stomach ulcers. Now new research presented to the American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists suggests the drugs may play a role in chronic heartburn, too.

— Compiled from wire reports

HEALTH & FASHION

# New drug may lessen flu's duration

The Baltimore Sun

One minute you feel fine; the next, your head throbs and your muscles and joints ache. You feel hot, then cold. Wake and dazed, you can only burrow in bed and cough-and-sneeze-and-muffle for the 10 days it takes for the virus to run its course.

Influenza strikes fast and hits hard.

After it does, there's little any doctor can do to help. That is, until now.

Last month marked the debut of a new prescription drug called Relenza. Relenza has been shown to shorten the duration of the flu by an average of 1.5 days. In addition, the drug has been shown in clinical trials to be effective in reducing the spread of influenza among family members by as much as 79 percent.

Relenza's generic name zanamivir - has been approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration only for treatment, not prevention, of the flu.

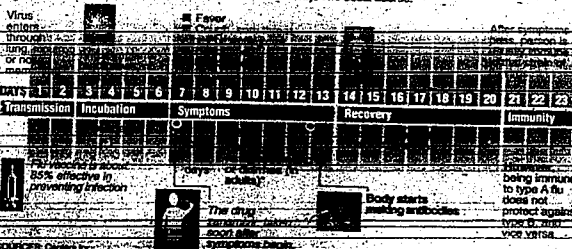
But with flu season upon us, the debut of the drug is good news to anyone who fears the onset of influenza.

The sickler you are, the better Relenza works, its developers say. "The earlier the treatment and the sicker the patient, the greater the clinical benefits," Dr. Frederick Hayden of the University of Virginia, says of Relenza. There's no pain in using it with mild fever and minimal symptoms.

In addition, Relenza reduces complications from the flu, says Hayden, who headed clinical trials of the drug. "With zanamivir there's a reduction in bronchitis and pneumonia of about 40 percent," he says.

## A case of flu, from beginning to end

The two main types of influenza, A and B, act the same way. The usual course:



Relenza is a powder that is inhaled using a hand-held breath-activated device and delivered to the surface of the lungs, the primary site of flu infection.

Patients orally inhaled 10 milligrams of Relenza twice a day for five days. Prices ranged from \$42 to \$58 for this treatment.

Isn't that a lot of money to pay for two days of wellness? "That depends," says Hayden. "What are two days worth to you?"

Relenza is the first flu medication effective against both influenza A and B, notes Dr. Bush Karron, associate professor of international health and pediatric medicine at the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health. Yet consumers should be advised that the drug is not without its shortcomings.

Influenza is caused by viruses that infect the respiratory tract. The two most serious types of the virus are Influenza A and B, which are spread through the air.

Flu viruses are constantly changing over time, usually by mutation. These changes enable the virus to evade the immune system of its host, so that people are susceptible to influenza virus infection throughout life.

The flu can be especially harmful to people over age 65 and to those with chronic heart, lung or kidney disease, diabetes, compromised immune systems or severe anemia. These people are at risk of developing severe complications.

# Keeping you out of stitches: More uses found for laparoscopy

Knight Ridder News Service

Latest on the list of "keyhole" surgeries are gastric and coronary bypasses and placement of the metal rods used to straighten the spine and treat scoliosis.

The minimally invasive surgery now is used routinely to remove diseased gallbladders and appendices, extract fibroids and ovarian cysts, repair hernias, perform tubal ligations and reverse them, obtain biopsies, assist in hysterectomies, treat endometriosis and open blocked

veins causing male infertility.

Laparoscopy uses a scope with a tiny light and camera attached, a TV monitor and at least two tiny incisions for the hollow metal tubes through which miniature surgical instruments are inserted and manipulated.

Laparoscopy is credited in large part with the fact that nearly half of all surgery today is ambulatory, or performed on an outpatient basis.

Many doctors believe traditional open surgery will be nearly in 10 years because laparoscopy spares the patient much of the trauma of open surgery, can be done with much less anesthesia and greatly reduces recovery time. It also saves money because hospital stays are shortened or eliminated.

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# Dark-skinned people face greater risk when using lasers for hair removal

**DEAR PAULA:** Can you help with some information about the use of laser for hair removal? I've heard so many claims about different machines that I am somewhat confused.



with the various machines for hair removal. Keep in mind that hair-removal lasers can only affect hair in its growth stage, which is inconsistent for each hair follicle; it takes repeated treatments to see a longer-lasting effect.

**DEAR DEENA:** If you are confused about lasers, join the crowd. It is a confusing issue, with each dermatologist or plastic surgeon espousing his or her own preferences and experiences, usually based on the machines they own. The main piece of information you need is that there are no laser machines approved by the FDA for permanent hair removal.

By the way, it is also important to ask about the machine type. For example, the Ruby and Alexandrite lasers - these are specific types of laser machines - are reported to have more difficulty with darker skin tones and present more risk of side effects.

SoftLight is a Yag Laser and you can expect 75 percent hair regrowth at three months. EpiLaser is a Ruby Laser long-pulse and you can expect 90 percent hair regrowth at six months. EpiTouch is Ruby Laser dual mode, and you can expect 40 percent to 80 percent regrowth after three months. EpiLight is a flash lamp, and you can expect 40 percent regrowth at three months.

The other important fact you need to know when it is that darker skin tones are at risk of pigmenting or hyperpigmentation from all laser or light-emitting machines when it comes to hair removal. Darker skin is more likely to absorb pulsed light in any laser treatment. It is essential to test-treat a few areas to minimize the risk of any unwanted side effects. Do not trust a salesperson who doesn't want to do a test run, especially if you have darker

skin coloring. In terms of efficacy, according to an article in the May 1999 Cosmetics & Tolerances, based on one treatment, you can expect the following outcomes

Paula Begun is the author of "Don't Go to the Cosmetics Counter Without Me (4th edition)" (Beginning Press, \$19.95). Write to her at 13075 Gateway Drive, Suite 160, Sparks, Wash. 98168 or check out her Web site: www.cosmetics.com

# Fewer doctor visits is linked to infections

The Washington Post

Infectious diseases - from AIDS to the common cold - send 129 million patients to doctors in the United States each year, but the frequency of such visits appears to have leveled off after increasing throughout the 1980s, according to new federal figures.

In recent years, infectious diseases have accounted for nearly one in five visits to the doctor, the figures show. Except in the very young and the very old, the rate is higher among female patients than males. Children under 5 go to the doctor for diagnosis and care of infectious diseases more often by far than any other age group.

Upper respiratory infections, which show symptoms such as sore throats and runny noses; account for the largest percentage of doctor visits by patients with infectious diseases. Ranks next in frequency are ear infections; lower respiratory infections, including influenza; and skin infections.

Previous studies found that the death rate from infectious diseases rose 38 percent between 1980 and 1992 and that infectious diseases accounted for an increasing proportion of hospitalized patients.

# Pets

Continued from B1, pet-foods - TD, for example - seem to inhibit the growth of dental problems.

In some respects, cats are more prone to some dental diseases than dogs, she added, so it's useful for a kitty owner to get a primer on feline tooth-care early on in the May 1999 issue of "Pet Care."

Oral hygiene is a subject that more pet owners are concerned about nowadays," Preston said. "And they should be."

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# Post-polio syndrome: The old is new again

**Los Angeles Times**

LOS ANGELES — Back in the 1950s, pioneering orthopedic surgeon Dr. J. McQuinn Perry performed spinal surgeries that helped paralyzed polio patients regain mobility after emerging from the iron prisons of mechanical ventilators.

Today at 81, Perry is seeing them again. Grown men and women who thought they'd beaten the stealthy infection that struck terror in them and their helpless parents decades ago and pushed the United States into a "war" but fruitful search for a vaccine.

"Patients are coming back to me" (whom) I treated in '55 and '56," Perry says in the clinic at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center in Downey, a city in southeast Los Angeles County, which serves people whose polio is tormenting them anew.

"You don't look back. You look at what you can do to help them."

Perry's goal is to stave off the deterioration, pain and muscle weakness wrought by post-polio syndrome, a little-understood aftereffect of polio. Slowly and methodically, it reveals the gains that surgery and rehabilitation achieved for thousands infected by the polio virus. In about half of polio survivors, the symptoms "turn up when muscles that compensated for polio damage give out unexpectedly."

Among the patients Perry has followed is Richard Boyd Daggert, 59, of Downey. When Daggert was 15, Perry fused his spinal vertebrae. He walked unaided for 30 years. But post-polio landed him in a wheelchair. The helped him obtain Daggert, president of the Polio Survivors Association, calls Perry "the most knowledgeable polio physician anybody knows."

Officially, Perry is retired and off the Rancho Los Amigos payroll. But you'd never know by the hours she keeps.

Despite quiet struggles with advanced Parkinson's disease, the grandame of polio physicians battles to draw patients from around the globe 40 years after the Los Angeles Times named her 1959 Woman of the Year for medicine.

Parkinson's has slightly thick-

## Trouble redux

What is it? Post-polio syndrome, which occurs 20 to 40 years after the original infection. It affects about 80 percent of polio survivors. Symptoms include muscle weakness, fatigue, joint pain, and difficulty breathing. It is caused by the reactivation of dormant polio virus.

What doctors can do: The syndrome has no cure, but treatment can help with pain and fatigue. Physical therapy, occupational therapy, and assistive devices can be helpful. Medication can help with pain and fatigue.

Resources: The International Polio Network has a World Wide Web site with current listings of clinics and health professionals by state, as well as background on the disorder. At <http://www.postpolio.org> and can be telephoned through the organization that manages the site, Gazette International Networking Institute in St. Louis; at (314) 534-0475.

ened her rapid-fire speech, slowed her rise from chairs, forged her to take a rest at midday.

As she says: "You can do anything you want, but you can't do everything."

## The Times-News

**TWIN FALLS** — A cardiopulmonary resuscitation class will be offered from 4 to 7 p.m. today in the doctors' meeting room at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. Fee is \$11. To register, call 737-2007.

**TWIN FALLS** — An informational series, "Hope for the Holidays," is scheduled for 7 to 9 p.m. Mondays, including today, Dec. 13 and Jan. 30, at the Sacred Life Center, 500 S. Oak in Kimberly. The series is facilitated by Joan Dalton Boyd and offers insights into coping with grief and loss. The presentation is free through a grant from the MVRMC Hospice Foundation Fund. For more information and to register, call 423-4904.

**TWIN FALLS** — The Arthritis Lupus Support Group will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday in the "cross" meeting room at MVRMC. The presentation "Introduction to Tai Chi" will feature the video "Tai Chi Chuan" by Marshall Ho'o. Family and friends are invited to attend. For more information, call 737-2050.

**TWIN FALLS** — "Sex, Drugs and OSHA" for Employees will be presented from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Education Center at MVRMC. To register or for more information, call MVRMC Occupational Health at 737-2908.

**TWIN FALLS** — The Co-Dependency Group will meet from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at Canyon View West Group Room. Fee is \$10. For more information, call 734-6760.

# TO DO FOR YOU

**TWIN FALLS** — The Here and Now Bereavement Support Group will meet at 1 p.m. Dec. 16 at Hoopie Visions, 1300 Kimberly Road. For more information, call Flo at 735-0121.

**TWIN FALLS** — The Sunrise Care Center and Rehabilitation Alzheimer's Support Group will meet from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Dec. 15 at the center, 640 Filer Ave. W. For more information, call Becky Jacobson at 734-8645.

**TWIN FALLS** — Co-Dependency Group will meet from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Dec. 15 at the Canyon View West Group Room. Fee is \$10. For more information, call 734-6760.

**TWIN FALLS** — The annual Christmas Party for all Cancer Support Groups (general, breast and prostate cancer) will be held from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Cancer Center reception area. For more information, call 737-2800.

**TWIN FALLS** — A CPR class will be offered from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday in the doctors' meeting room at MVRMC. Fee is \$11. To register, call 737-2007.

**TWIN FALLS** — An infant CPR class will be offered from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Dec. 14 in the Education Center at MVRMC. Pre-registration is not required.

**TWIN FALLS** — The BridgeView Estates Alzheimer's Support Group will meet at 7 p.m. Dec. 14 in the Day Room of the Assisted Living facility, 1628

Bridgeview Drive. For more information, call Jane Rice at 736-3933.

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# Supplement may ease bloating from overeating

**Knight Rider News Service**

In the wake of a holiday best known for gluttony, here's a medical study after our own hearts:

Recent research shows a supplement might allow us to have our cake - not to mention our turkey, stuffing, and, of course, Grandma's pumpkin pie - and eat it too.

A dose of pancreatic enzymes may prevent the bloating and generally yucky feeling many of us will have this afternoon when we push back from the holiday table, knowing full well we've eaten too much, according to a small but rigorous scientific study published recently.

The best way to avoid a problem is not to overindulge and avoid foods we know cause us

problems, according to Dr. Jamie Barkin, chief of gastroenterology at Mount Sinai Medical Center and the study's author.

"We know that - but many of us will do it anyway."

"It's like telling people to eat a low-fat diet and be skinny, but we all know that doesn't work," said Barkin. "Now at least you've got something you can do. ... Outside this country, you would be given a pancreatic enzyme. So we decided to ask the question, does it work?"

More research is needed. Pancreatic enzymes are available by prescription or in health food stores.

But Barkin cautions that many over-the-counter products probably don't contain enough enzymes to work. You need at least 30,000 units.

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HEALTH & FASHION

Your sinus problems may be growing on you after all

The Washington Post

Some of the 37 million Americans who suffer from chronic sinus infections were elated earlier this fall when researchers at the Mayo Clinic announced a startling discovery: The cause of their misery was not allergies to pollen, mold or other substances or an overgrowth of bacteria, but a reaction to fungus. Surely, sinus sufferers thought, this discovery might herald new treatments that would effectively target the cause of these infections, and not just the symptoms.

But in the weeks since the study appeared in a small journal published by the clinic, which is based in Rochester, Minn., some sinus specialists have expressed serious doubts about the study and its conclusions.

Chronic sinusitis is characterized by a runny nose, persistent congestion, headaches and dental or facial pain lasting three or more months. Doctors believe the condition is caused by allergies to dogs, pollen, mold or a myriad of substances or by a smoldering bacterial infection deep in the labyrinthine cavities of the sinuses.

In addition, chronic sinusitis often leads to the formation of nasal polyps, small benign growths that further impair breathing and can only be removed surgically.

Surgery is considered a last resort for sinus sufferers and is often not a permanent cure. Most chronic sinus infections are treated with a combination of antibiotics, steroid nasal sprays or pills and decongestants.

By contrast acute sinusitis, an infection that lasts less than four weeks, is often caused by bacteria; it is typically preceded by a cold. Acute sinus infections may clear up on their own without drugs.

There is a third type of sinus infection known as allergic fungal sinusitis—an allergy to fungi. Only about 6 or 7 percent of patients are believed to suffer from this form of the disease.

But the Mayo researchers, led by otolaryngologist Jens Ponikau, said their studies of more than 200 patients have led them to conclude that allergic fungal sinusitis is not rare at all, but is in fact the primary cause of chronic sinusitis.

The Mayo team said they found 40 different kinds of fungi in the mucus of 96 percent of 210 chronic sinusitis patients, and in all of 14 healthy patients who had no allergies or history of sinus infections.

To fight these fungi, white blood cells called eosinophils are dispatched by the body's immune system. These white blood cells irritate the nasal membranes, causing infection.

Ponikau and his colleagues David Shurtz and Eugene Kern hypothesize that in patients with persistent sinusitis, eosinophils are attacking the fungi, and as long as the fungi remain in the nose, so do the eosinophils.

DON'T TOUCH THAT PIE

There's another kind of fat to worry about

Los Angeles Times

Eating just seems to get dangerous and dangerouser, as Lewis Carroll's Alice might have put it.

It was bad enough having to worry about our intake of artery-clogging and saturated fats. But now we've learned there's another kind of fat to watch out for, one that's not listed on the nutrition label. And, of course, it's in many of the foods we love the most—in cookies, crackers and French fries and in yummy pastries and doughnuts.

It's the bad fat do four: trans fat. And gram-for-gram, it's as bad for our hearts—or worse—than lard.

Experts who study the link between food and the coronary heart disease that claims the lives of about 500,000 Americans each year have been warning about the dangers of trans fat for years. Now, the Food and Drug Administration agrees. On Nov. 12, citing mounting evidence for a connection between these mostly man-made fats and heightened blood cholesterol levels and coronary heart disease, the FDA proposed changes to the nutrition labels on foods.

Today, labels tell us how much fat is in a food, and how much of that total is saturated fat. Tomorrow's labels—if the proposal is implemented—will tell us more. Amounts of trans fat will be added to the total for saturated fat, so that the full tally of heart-unfriendly fats is clearly listed. Elsewhere on the label, the number of trans fats would be indicated.

In addition, foods won't be able to carry claims such as "low saturated fat" unless they also are low in trans fats.

Experts in heart disease and nutrition say the proposal would give consumers a true picture of the relative healthfulness of particular foods.

But they also caution us not to

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get overly fixated on trans fats in our efforts to stay healthier. We still need to guard against obesity, they say, no matter what their three extra calories come in.

And just because the evils of trans fats have been undeniably doesn't mean that saturated fats are suddenly innocent little angels. "The bottom line is it's a good proposed ruling, and the American Heart Association certainly supports it," says Alice Lichtenstein, a professor of nutrition at Tufts University in the Boston area and a member of the association's nutrition committee.

But, she adds, Americans get more grams of saturated fats than trans fats in their diet—and need to cut down on both. "We don't want to overemphasize trans fats and take the focus away from saturated fats," she says.

Food industry responses to the FDA proposal are less enthusiastic. "We're still reading the fine print of it," says Robert Reeves, president of the Institute of Shortening and Edible Oils, a Washington-based trade association. "There's a good chance of confusion to the consumer in

adding one more element to the food label," he adds. The Snack Food Association and the National Food Processors Association also emphasized the need to not confuse consumers.

What are trans fats anyway? How do scientists know they're bad for us? And what can we do now—since the labeling proposal, even if it's approved, won't likely be implemented for several years—to lower our intake?

The things that we call "fats"—butter, margarine and oils—are really a conglomerate of different molecules containing long chains of carbon atoms, grafted with hydrogen atoms. These molecules come in various forms: saturated, polyunsaturated and monounsaturated.

Saturated fats (found in large amounts in meat and dairy products) are completely filled with hydrogen atoms—no room to add any more. Monounsaturated fats (essential in olive and canola oil) and polyunsaturated fats (abundant in soybean, sunflower and corn oil) both have places where extra hydrogens can link on.

Fats rich in saturates are semi-solid at room temperature because they stack together (or "pack") in an orderly, crystalline and tightly. They tend to have a pleasing, creamy consistency.

Polyunsaturated and monounsaturated fats—liquid at room temperature—make for less appealing pastry, and cookies and crackers that lack snap. And polyunsaturated fats also go rancid over time. That's because oxygen in the air reacts with them, creating an unpleasant taste.

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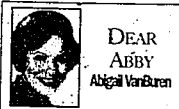
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# Toddler explores her way into danger zone



**DEAR ABBY:** We all know that toddlers can get into everything, but while I was babysitting my grandchildren, the little one did something I never would have imagined.

My son-in-law had taken my suitcase up to my room and placed it on the bed. Shortly after that, I missed my grand-daughter and went looking for her. I found her in my room with all my pills strewn around her. She had unzipped the suitcase, slipped the bag in which I keep my medicine and removed all of the caps! Fortunately, she hadn't put any of my pills in her mouth.

However, I would like to warn others about this and thought your column would be the best way to do it.

**CONCERNED GRANDPARENT, WHARTON, N.J.**

**DEAR CONCERNED:** I'm sure your helpful reminder will be appreciated by those who carry

**LONGTIME READERS IN MISSOURI**

**DEAR LONGTIME READERS:** Your delightful poem is well worth sharing, and I'm sure its message will be appreciated by countless people of all ages who feel as you do.

**Read on:** —So many of you asked us (since Yuletide's drawing near) "What do you want for Christmas? What can we give this year?"

If we say, "We want nothing!" you buy something anyway. A So here's a list of what we'd like: believe now what we say. —Pajamas for a little child, food to feed the poor.

Blankets for a shelter, and we ask but little more. —Perform good deeds and let us know. Or volunteer your time. These last are worth a fortune. And they needn't cost a dime. We have too many things now,

vases, candles, tapes and clocks. We have our fill of garments, ties, underwear and socks. Candy is too fattening, crossword books we've more than 20. We don't need trays or plates or cups.

And knickknacks we have plenty. —We've no walls-to-hang-more pictures. —We have books we've not yet read.

So please take what you'd spend us on.

And help the poor instead! Just send a Christmas card to us, tell us what you've done. We'll open them on Christmas Eve, and read them one by one.

It won't cost as much for postage as a package sent would do. —You'll need no wrapping paper, ribbons, ink or glue. —And we'll thank God you listened to what we had to say. —So we could be the instruments to help someone this way.

**ACROSS**

1 Little boy  
4 One Girardin  
10 Bull fish  
15 Audition  
16 Before it's too late  
19 Ship's records  
20 Best friend?  
21 Arroyo's fill  
22 Make less  
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24 1999 U.S. mens tennis champion  
26 Wild goats  
29 Sneaker change  
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## Inner strength will save your day, Pisces

**IF DECEMBER 6 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY:** You have a commanding voice, appreciate music, and can be gentle and tough at the same time. Taurus, Libra, Scorpio persons play major roles in your life. You could have these letters, initials or names: F, O, Y. Among this past year you felt the pain and joy of being-in-love. June was challenging but in July you made remarkable comeback. June will be your most memorable month of the year 2000.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** You underwent pressure, there are legal implications, you emerged victorious. Cancer, Capricorn persons enliven scenario.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Your questions concerning partnership, marriage will be answered. Good news regarding matters of speculation, Gemini plays role.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Be willing to revise, review and remember that hard writing makes easy reading. You'll be rubbing shoulders with important people - display humor, intelligence.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Be ready for online changes, ask questions concerning travel, romance. Find out where you are going and whether it is worth the trip. Avoid wild goose chase.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** House repairs could be taken care of that lifts a burden from you. Music plays, romance will be part of scenario, you will star. Libra involved.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Relatives relate sad stories. Be sympathetic without becoming inextricably involved. Pisces and another Virgo play featured roles. Have luck with number 7.

**HOROSCOPE**  
Sydney Bman

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Make crystal clear you are not fooling, that you intend to get to bottom of mystery. Focus on production, promoting, getting credit long overdue. Capricorn involved.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Stand tall for your rights. Do this without being obnoxious. You emerge victorious from political debate. Remember to show signs of modesty. Aries plays role.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Let go of preconceived notions - don't plagiarize - stress originality, freshness, pioneering spirit. Cylic moves up - you will triumph!

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** You will see familiar faces. Don't shun them, instead make them welcome. Parental authority challenged - be cooperative without being weak. Cancer native involved.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Popularity on the rise - you get credit for innovative procedures. Scenario features fun, frolic, vindication. Sagittarius will play top role. You get reward.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Inner strength will save the day. You have more friends than originally anticipated. Taurus, Leo, Scorpio persons play dominant roles. You win in photo finish.

## Water wakes up the playing possum

**Q. If tree trunks don't exude warmth, how come the snow always melts first around them? A. They reflect sunlight.**

**Among the lesser known quirks is the dread of knowing what comes next. Not counting the one. But a few people live with it. They won't wear wristwatches. And don't like clocks. They're called "chronophobics." They're the opposite, evidently, of people who get nervous when they go out without their wristwatches, but I don't know what they're called. Let me guess.**

**Q. How do you wake up a "possum playing possum?" A. Throw it into water.**

**Q. Are there still a lot of kangaroos in Australia?**

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

It's a physiological fact that women see better than men in dim light.

**Q. What are "polemics"?**  
A. A raging war with words, sort of. "Polemic" comes from the Greek for "war."

**Q. It was clear to almost everybody 100 years ago that New York City would never grow to a million population - just because there wouldn't be room enough to stall the horses.**

**Q. The three most common nouns in American English writing, in order, are listed as: 1. Time. 2. People. 3. Way.**

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- "Hope For The Holidays" Series \* Mondays, December 6, 13, January 10, 7 - 9 p.m., Sacred Life Center (500 South Oak, Kimberly, ID). Holiday seasons are often among the most emotionally difficult times for people who have experienced the death of a loved one. This informational series is facilitated by Joan Dalton Boyd, MA, and offers insights into coping with grief and loss. A book approach might open doors to the celebration of the memory of your loved one. The Series is free through a grant from the MVRMC Foundation Hospice Fund. For more information and to register call 423-4904.**
- Arthritis/Lupus Support Group \* Thursday, December 7, 7 p.m., Doctor's Meeting Room. "Introduction to Tai Chi" will feature the video "Tai Chi Chuan" by Marshal Ho'o. Family and friends are welcome! For more information call 737-2050.**
- "Sex, Drugs and OSHA" for Employees \* Wednesday, December 8, 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m., Education Center. For more information and to register call MVRMC Occupational Health, 737-2906.**
- Co-Dependency Group \* Wednesday, December 8, 6 - 7:30 p.m., Canyon View West Group Room. Fee: \$10. For more information call 734-6760.**
- Red Cross Blood Drive \* Thursday, December 9, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., Sage Room of the MVRMC Education Center. Appointments will be scheduled every 15 minutes. Call 737-2955 to sign up.**
- Childbirth Refresher Course \* Thursday, December 9, 7 - 10 p.m., Education Center. Pre-registration required. Call 737-2900.**
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- CPR Class \* Saturday, December 11, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m., Doctor's Meeting Room. Fee: \$11. To register call 737-2007.**
- Monthly MVRMC Board Meeting \* Monday, December 13, 6 p.m., Sage Room of the Education Center.**
- Infant CPR Class \* Tuesday, December 14, 7 - 9:30 p.m., Education Center. Pre-registration is not required.**
- Co-Dependency Group \* Wednesday, December 15, 6 - 7:30 p.m., Canyon View West Group Room. Fee: \$10. For more information call 734-6760.**

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