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## YESTERDAY'S NEWS

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### "Back To Fundamentals" Is Fashion Trend Today Stressed in Basic Blouses

Looking "pretty" is definitely pre-war

Frills and fur-bellows belong to the passé fuss-budgets of yesterday and have no place in today's busy scheme of things, when the feminine vocabulary is largely composed of such phrases as "jigs and fixtures," "the dog watch," or the "assembly line."

The USO entertainers in this city, and just plain patriotic Helena women who are doing their bit in the war effort, want clothes that are geared to the present-day tempo of living in the hustle and bustle of wartime activities...

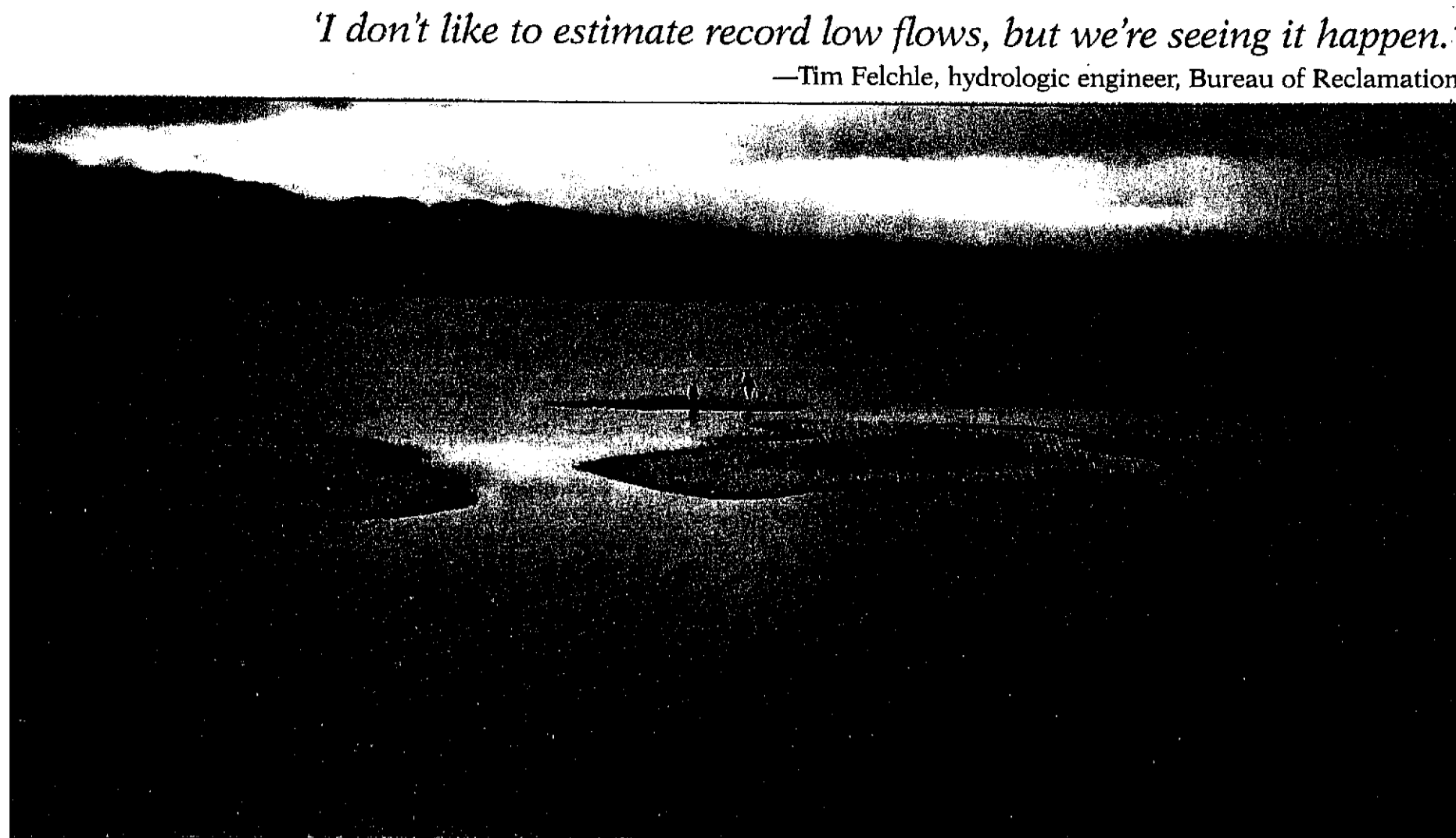
Blouse fashions, fads and fancies may come and go, but like the tailored suit that is always good, the new Baribon blouses go on forever.

And incidentally, that "shirt tail" trouble that we women have with blouses is resolved forever. The new mannish shirttail on these blouses is shaped to "stay put" and it takes care of that little problem nicely...

We've been talking a lot lately about patriotic jewelry and now listed among the newest of new in this accessory line is the service emblems you can wear pinned to your lapel, on your blouse, or wherever you choose. If your service man is in the Navy there's a tricky little emblem featuring the Navy insignia — and also the like for the army, marines or air corps. You'll find them in sterling silver or gold plate.

Helena girls are dipping into their grandmothers' beauty recipes for a few home hints. One we know puts a cup of cornstarch in her bath and another keeps her hands smooth with cocoa butter.

If you belong to the gun-chewers, you'd best play squirrel and lay a stick away now and again, says one Helena miss. "If I'm lucky to get a package of my favorite gum, I put two sticks away out of every package, wrap them in oil paper, and they'll be there for a rainy day."



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Low water levels at Canyon Ferry Lake create some temporary islands as fishermen Tony Herbert and Roger Schultz throw their lines earlier this week.

# LOW WATER MARK

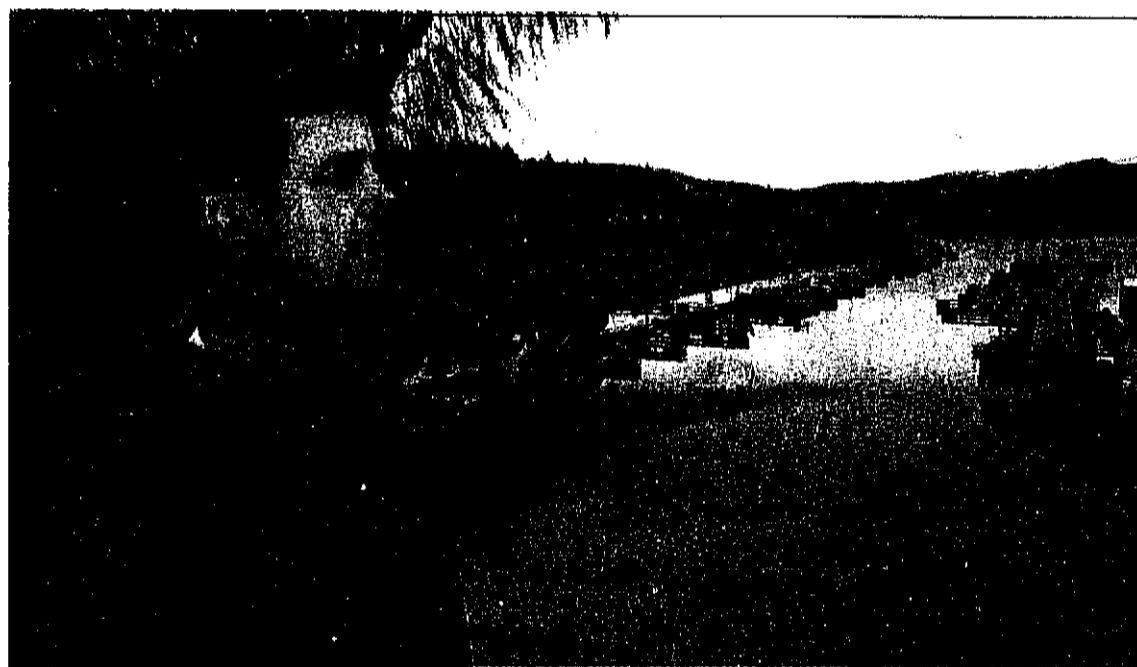
## ■ Canyon Ferry waters are at their lowest point in years — and odds are they'll only be getting lower

By MARTIN J. KIDSTON  
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The only sailboat docked at Kim's Marina on Canyon Ferry Lake last week sat moored beyond the breakwater, where its keel wouldn't scrape the bottom.

With only two weeks until Memorial Day, the docks and marinas at Canyon Ferry are resting in low water. The boat ramp in one bay no longer extends to the lake. Some boat slips are sitting in mud.

Not since 1997 has Greg Axtman, owner of Kim's Marina, seen the water so low. He remembers people walking across the lakebed that year to sift through the rubble of a once-flooded



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Kim's Marina owner Greg Axtman talks about plans to extend the marina boat dock as a way to deal with the low water situation at Canyon Ferry Lake.

farmhouse.

For now the farmhouse is still submerged, but not by much. Over the past week, Axtman has watched the lake levels creep down

another foot. If it falls much more, he said, his marina could be left high and dry.

"At full pool we have 17 feet of water," he said. "Now we're sitting at three to four

feet."

Tim Felchle, a hydrologic engineer for the Bureau of Reclamation, understands the concerns of Axtman and others. The calls to his office

have been constant — people asking when the water will begin to rise and by how much.

Felchle's answer is somewhat alarming. Barring a major weather event, water levels in Canyon Ferry may rise only two to five feet before dropping as much as 22 feet below full pool as summer presses on.

The lake is already 17 feet below what is considered full.

"It's just hard to predict," Felchle said. "It doesn't take too much to really improve things there. But it doesn't look too good at this time."

The numbers don't lie.

The Missouri River, which feeds the reservoir, should be running at more than 7,600 cubic feet per second this time of year.

But on Thursday morning, Felchle said, gauging stations reported inflows of only 2,400 cfs. Felchle is required to release no less

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## Dealing with celebrity wild cards

Houston Chronicle

When celebrities get busted by police, their mug shots are hardly a thing of beauty.

Unshaven. Serpentine hair. Dilated pupils. Sandbags underneath the eyes.

But now, they're all decked out — so to speak.

Las Vegas-based Starz Behind Barz is selling a deck of cards featuring the unflattering mug shots of Tinseltown's bad boys and girls with a synopsis of the perpetrator's alleged crime. Driving while intoxicated appears to be very trendy. Domestic violence isn't far behind.

The cards can be purchased at [www.starzbehindbarz.com](http://www.starzbehindbarz.com) for \$6.95.

"In the U.S., there is a fascination with celebrities, and this is an extension of that," says Smokey Burns, a managing partner.

He says the company has sold more than 30,000 decks since mid-January. "The Los Angeles area seems to like them the best," says a not-too-surprised Burns.

We noticed commonalities among the shots and grouped the celebs to see what poker-hand combinations they would give us.

A hand of past and present rappers



(Snoop Dogg, 50 Cent, Tupac Shakur, P. Diddy and Eminem) will give you three kings and a pair of aces. Nice hand.

Former and current NBA stars (Allen Iverson, Jason Kidd, Charles Barkley, Dennis Rodman and Kobe Bryant) yield a fairly worthless hand with an ace as its high card.

A hand of celebrities who look like they've been hiding out in a spider hole (Nick Nolte, James Brown, Tommy Lee, George Clinton and Wynonna Judd) brings in only a pair of eights.

If poker isn't your game, try your hand at the kid game Slap Jack and get ready to whack Hugh Grant, Robert Downey Jr., Steve-O and Matthew McConaughey.

## E-Z for u to say

The European Commission has just announced an agreement that English will be the official language of the European Union — rather than German (the other possibility). As part of the negotiations, Her Majesty's Government conceded that English spelling had some room for improvement, and has accepted a five-year phase-in of new rules which would apply to the language and reclassify it as Euro-English.

The agreed plan is as follows: In Year 1, the soft "c" would be replaced by "s." Certainly, this will make the sivil servants jump for joy. The hard "c" will be replaced by "k." This should klear up konfusion and keyboards kan now have one less letter. ("Ch" will remain the same).

There will be growing publik enthusiasm in the sekond year, when the troublesome "ph" is replaced by "f." This will reduce "fotograf" by 20 percent. In the third year, publik akseptanse of

the new spelling kan be expekted to reach the stage where more komplikated changes are possible.

Governments will enkourage the removal of double letters, which have always been a deterrent to akurate spelling. Also, al wil agre that the horrible mes of the silent "e" in the language is disgrasful and they should eliminat them!

By year 4, peopl wil be reseptiv to lingwistik korektions such as replasing "th" with "z" and "w" with "v" (saving more keyboard spas). Duringze fift year, ze unnesary "o" kan be dropt from vords kaintaining "ou" and similar changes vud of kors be aplid to ozer kombinations of letters.

After zis fift year, ve vil hav a reli sensibl riten styl. Zer vil be no mor trubls or difikultis and evrign vil find it ezi to understand ech ozer.

.....ZE DREM VIL FINALI KUM TRU!!!!

— From Jeff's Joke Page

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