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Powell retreats from 1996 bid

Knight-Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — Upon hearing the news that Colin Powell would not seek the presidency, one Democratic strategist spoke for the rest of the Washington establishment: "There are going to be champagne corks popping all over town."

For the inside players in both parties, the general's precipitous retreat from battle is a godsend: At least in the short run, it appears that everyone benefits.

President Clinton benefits, because he was getting hammered in the polls by a war hero with no character blemishes. Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole benefits, because he was toiling in the shadows of a guy with charisma and an outsider image. Dole's lesser rivals benefit, because most of them would've been the first casualties in a Powell offensive. And the GOP benefits, because now it won't have to face a bloody war between Powell moderates and diehard conservatives.

But even seasoned political sources admit privately that Powell's decision leaves them feeling deflated. They know that his presence would have made life tougher for the more conventional candidates. But they also believe that he would've pumped some life into the race — and that his absence will deeply disappoint an electorate that is hardly enthusiastic about a Clinton-Dole matchup.

In fact, said national political analyst Larry Sabato, the Powell announcement "virtually guarantees a major third party effort. The moderate, independent, swing voters that liked Powell are still out there. A sizable number of people find Clinton-Dole to be unappealing. They want an alternative. With Powell in the race, that demand would have diminished. But now it's, 'Oh my God, can't we do better than these two?'"

The problem is that a third-party movement is only as strong as its standard-bearer.
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Colin Powell, wife Alma
'A calling I do not yet hear ...'

Americans air disappointment

The Associated Press

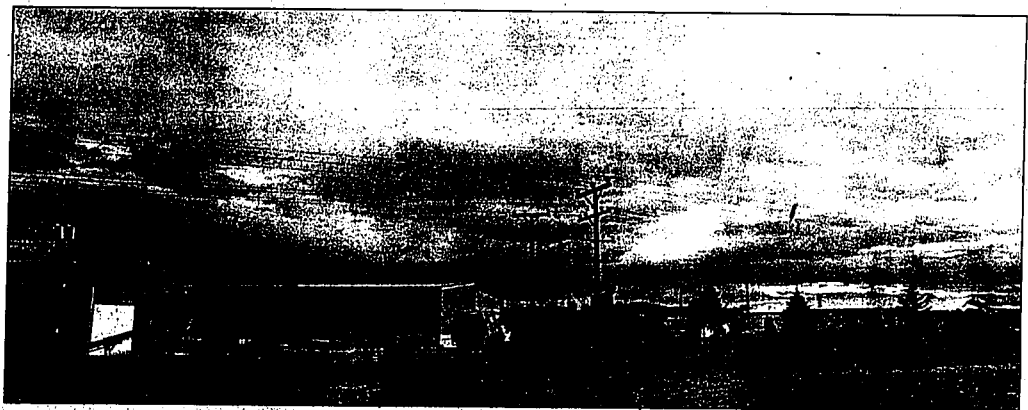
ALEXANDRIA, Va. — The four-star general's uniform was gone.

The venue was a tacky, low-ceilinged Ramada Inn ballroom, the sort of place Colin Powell would have to haunt for the next year if the decision had been to run for president.

But he's not, and his announcement in this Washington suburb brought out an atmosphere of anti-climax across America and a disappointed sense of what-might-have-been.

In Charleston, W. Va., Evelyn Luoni caught that mood: "It will be less interesting without him."
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Too close for comfort



Noise and the close proximity of the Murtaugh company Haytech to its residential neighbors are causing friction.

DUDDY CHARLES MANGIONE/The Times-News

Dust annoys Murtaugh firm's neighbors

**By Virginia S. Garber
Times-News writer**

MURTAUGH — Angela Neiwert's home is blanketed by hay dust and plagued by 24-hour noise during summer months.

She loses sleep, and clouds of dust have intensified the hay fever she had conquered for years, she said.

The Murtaugh woman and her husband live next to Michael Thompson's Haytech, which manufactures alfalfa pellets for sale around the world. The pellets are a high-protein feed for a variety of livestock.

Ten houses sit within a half-mile of the

hay-cubing business north of Murtaugh, and many residents are upset about the odor of burning hay waste and the noise of machinery, according to Gene Rambo. Rambo farms land all around Haytech and lives several hundred yards away.

"This has been a dirty, stinking, dusty interference on our quality of life," said Rambo, who said he intends to round up his neighbors to attend a second public meeting on the issue tonight.

"I'm going to get them all there this time," he said.

Haytech and its neighbors will air their differences before the Twin Falls County Planning and Zoning Commission at tonight's public hearing. The meeting be-

gins at 7:30 p.m. at 246 Third Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

In a mid-October hearing, planning commissioners tabled Thompson's application for a conditional land-use permit, saying that the businessman and his neighbors should look for a compromise before commissioners act on the permit request.

Two changes in Haytech's operation would eliminate Neiwert's complaint, she said. If the business stops running 24 hours a day and encloses the hay grinders that create much of the dust, "I think we could get along just fine," Neiwert said.

But restarting the operation each morning costs too much time and money —

about two hours and one or two tons of hay, according to Thompson's attorney, Brit Groom of Shoshone.

A structure tall enough to cover Thompson's top-loading grinders isn't economically feasible, Groom said. And the business has nine other sources of hay dust, some impossible to eliminate, he said.

His client "wants to be a good neighbor," but he also needs to make a profit, Groom said. The hay-cubing business brings over \$1 million annually into the local economy from places as distant as the Far East, he said.

Haytech adds value to a local product
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Jerome, Twin Falls leaders plan meeting on bridge

**By H.R. Weixel
Times-News correspondent**

PERRINE BRIDGE — A symbolic meeting of Twin Falls and Jerome city councils and county commissioners will be held in the middle of the Perrine Bridge at 10 a.m. today.

"This is something we've wanted to do for a long time. It's going to be the start of a cooperative effort between us all for the good of our communities," said Roy Prescott, Jerome County Commissioner.

Commissioners and council people from Twin Falls will walk from the south end of the bridge as officials from Jerome start

their walk from the north approach to the bridge. Both groups will meet in the middle.

"For a number of years it's been the north and the south with Twin Falls being the big kid on the block. But now we have new people, new attitudes and we all agree we want to serve the public like they deserve to be served," said Dennis Maughan, Twin Falls county commissioner.

Said Prescott, "We want this to be the beginning of working together on issues that affect us all. We want to get rid of disagreements that never seemed to get resolved because we, and I mean both groups of elected officials, didn't tackle a

problem cooperatively."

Jerome Mayor Gerald Ostler said, "We see a lot of good coming out of this, because as far as I can remember, this is the first time we all wanted a show of cooperation."

The public is invited to "come and see what this is all about," said Prescott.

Beautification of U.S. Highway 93 from Interstate 84 to the Perrine Bridge will be the first cooperative project tackled by both communities.

A Twin Falls beautification committee, with Rex Lytle as chairman, has been working on the project for about two years. "A bike and jogging path, with clumping

of trees and wildflowers" are included in the plans, according to Lytle.

A federal grant has been approved to assist in the funding with some matching funds required. Fund-raising events will be scheduled to raise additional money.

The beautification project has been appropriately named Valley Connection," Prescott said.

"This has really bonded the two communities as they are working together to promote and get the project underway. For instance, the Jerome Recreation District has in their long range plans a bike path leading to Jerome that will eventually join this one," Lytle said.

Hatcheries may endanger more Northwest salmon

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Emphasis on raising salmon in hatcheries, once thought the key to their survival, is helping push many naturally spawning salmon species to the brink of extinction in the Pacific Northwest, the National Research Council said Wednesday.

"It isn't enough to focus only on the abundance of salmon. The long-term survival of salmon depends crucially on a diverse and rich store of genetic variation,"

the council said in a new report. "We have already lost a substantial portion of the genetic diversity that existed in these salmon species 150 years ago."

The report concludes that saving wild salmon will require measures addressing their migratory life cycle, from cutbacks in ocean fishing as far away as Alaska to prohibitions on logging and livestock grazing near inland mountain streams.

The council, which is the research arm of the National Academy of Sciences, found that some current salmon policies

"are based on deep ignorance."

Not enough attention has been paid to the biological traits that allow the wild fish to swim to sea, then return to their home stream, sometimes 1,000 miles from the ocean, according to the report.

Plus, hatchery fish have at times exceeded the capacity of streams to support them and wild species.

The study warns that salmon are so bad off — now extinct across 40 percent of their breeding range in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana — that potential-

ly hundreds of varieties could eventually be endangered.

SNAKE RIVER sockeye salmon and Sacramento River winter chinook already have been declared endangered.

Two seasonal runs of Snake River chinook are threatened and the National Marine Fisheries Service is considering listing various varieties of coho, steelhead and sea-run cutthroat trout.

The hatcheries were constructed to make up for spawning habitat lost to construction of hydropower dams.

Weather

IDAHO Weather

Thursday, Nov. 9
AccuWeather® forecast for daytime conditions and temperature

City	Temp
Coeur D'Alene	43*
Lewiston	45*
Boise	49*
Idaho Falls	49*
Twin Falls	50*
Pocatello	52*

Shows: Rain, Snow, Partly Cloudy, Sunny, Partly Cloudy, Cloudy
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Idaho forecasts

Magic Valley

Windy today. Rain likely. Highs around 50. West winds 20 to 30 mph gusts to 35 mph. Tonight cloudy. A chance of showers. Lows 30 to near 35. Friday mainly cloudy and colder. A chance of showers. Highs around 40. The ultraviolet index forecast is 2, a minimal exposure level.

Extended regional forecast

Saturday and Sunday cloudy with a chance of valley rain and mountain snow each day. Lows in the 20s to the lower 30s. Highs in the 40s.
Monday partly cloudy. A slight chance of valley rain and mountain snow east. Lows in the mid-20s to the mid-30s. Highs in the 40s to the lower 50s.

Wood River Valley

Periods of snow today accumulating 1 to 3 inches. Colder. Highs in the upper 30s. Windy on Camas Prairie. Tonight snow showers likely. Lows around 20. Friday mostly cloudy. A chance of snow showers. Highs in the mid-30s.

Treasure Valley

Breezy and colder. Showers likely. Highs in the mid-40s. Northwest winds 10 to 25 mph gusts to near 35 mph by afternoon. Lows around 30. Friday mostly cloudy. A chance of showers. Lows in the mid-30s. Friday partly cloudy. A chance of showers. Highs around 40.

Northern Nevada

Mostly cloudy east with a chance of showers mainly over the mountains. Snow level 5,000-6,000 feet. Continued overcast with drizzle over upper 50s. Tonight partly cloudy with isolated snow showers over north-east mountains. Lows in the teens and 20s. Friday partly cloudy and continued cold. Highs in the 40s to lower 50s.

Northern Utah

Winter storm watch tonight through Friday morning. Cloudy with rain likely today. South winds 15-25 mph becoming northwesterly in the afternoon. Highs near 55 cooling into the 40s during the afternoon. Tonight rain changing to snow. Breezy. Lows 30 to 35. Friday cloudy with snow at times tapering off in the afternoon. Much colder with high winds over 30s. The ultraviolet index forecast is 2, a minimal exposure level.

Idaho weather summary

Satellite images and charts showed a storm moving along the panhandle and central mountains Wednesday. The storm was centered in Montana with an associated cold front invading the Gem State. Cloudy conditions dominated the entire state with sunshine in the southeast due to higher pressure south of Idaho. The combination of the disturbance in Montana and higher pressure south of Idaho will generate extremely high winds.

NATIONAL Weather

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Thursday, Nov. 9:

FRONTS: COLD WARM STATIONARY
Pressure: HIGH LOW SHOWERS RAIN T-STORMS FLURRIES SNOW ICE SUNNY PT. CLOUDY CLOUDY

Temperature extremes

Idaho: High, 65 degrees at Pocatello. Low, 20 degrees at Fairfield.
Nation: High, 88 at Hemet, Calif.; Low, -3 at Devils Lake and Garrison, N.D.

National temperatures

City	Max	Min	Pcp
Albuquerque	68	39	.....
Albany	51	40	.....
Boston	49	42	.....
Chicago	32	23	.....
Dallas	56	38	.....
Detroit	m	29	.....
Dos Mochos	30	18	.....
El Paso	36	26	.....
Honolulu	89	74	.....
Houston	73	53	.....
Indianapolis	35	27	.....
Kansas City	41	25	.....
Las Vegas	75	47	.....
Los Angeles	61	61	.....
Memphis	48	39	.....
Miami Beach	87	67	.....
Milwaukee	31	27	.....
Minneapolis	28	19	.....
New Orleans	66	56	.....
New York	41	31	.....
Oklahoma City	58	32	.....
Omaha	38	25	.....
Phoenix	81	56	.....
Pittsburgh	37	29
Portland, Mo.	41	41
Portland, Ore.	30	27
Reno	70	30
St. Louis	38	30
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San Francisco	71	59
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Spokane	56	32
Washington	46	44

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Almanac

Idaho

City	Max	Min	Pcp
Boise	59	46	.01
Burley	64	31	.01
Fairfield	51	20
Gooding	57	28	.....
Hogerman	55	28	.....
Idaho Falls	59	33	.....
Jermore	59	36	.01
Lewiston	61	51	.01
Malden	m	21	.....
Malta	m	28	.....
McCalla	m	29	.....
Pocatello	65	40	.01
Santon	59	29	.....
Stanley	m	m	.....
Sun Valley	48	23	.....

Twin Falls

City	Max	Min	Pcp
Yesterday	59	30	tr.
Last year	42	23	.....
Normal	53	27	.04

Precipitation

Month to date: tr.
Normal mo. to date: .36
Water year to date: 1.09
Normal year to date: 1.48

Comfort factors

Humidity at noon: 35 pct.
Barometer at noon: 30.12 F

Skywatch

Sunset today 5:22 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 7:23 a.m.
Lunar phase: Full, Nov. 7; last quarter, Nov. 15; new, Nov. 23; first quarter, Nov. 30.
Visible planets: Jupiter, Mercury, Evening: Mars, Jorning, Saturn, Venus.

Powell

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It is likely that Ross Perot's new party will run a candidate, but who? The Powell race appears to clear the way for other wild cards to emerge, but one top Democratic strategist believes the opposite might be true:

"That's also deflating is the message Powell has left behind," the strategist said. "If I'm a possible (third) candidate, and I see Colin Powell stepping down — despite all the favorable polls, despite the fact that he has all the forces of nature arrayed on his behalf — then I've got to think, 'If even he can't do it, then who else possibly could?'"

Maybe nobody. Which would suit the main contenders just fine. Powell was beating Clinton by as much as 16 points in the latest surveys. David Gergen, a former Clinton aide who also served three GOP presidents, said that "folks over here (at the White House) were very much focused on Powell, and

Dust

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While the dust is ideally situated near a rail siding, Groom said.

Thompson met with the Neiwerts on Wednesday, but Neil Neiwert and Thompson both declined to comment on their discussion.

Complicating the matter is a conflict between county and state laws, according to Planning and Zoning Director Don Howard.

A local ordinance stipulates that a conditional-use permit granted by the county is tied to the individual or entity that applied for the permit, Howard said.

In 1988, another business was permitted to cube hay in the current Haytech facility, he said.

But according to state law, the permit for a particular kind of operation stays with the land, Howard said. Before Thompson leased the land for his own cubing business, the site was used for other types of hay processing from 1991-1994, he said.

Thompson applied for a new conditional use permit in an attempt to comply with local law, Groom said. But the attorney still questions whether the application is legally reviewed.

If Haytech is out of compliance or causing hardship, Thompson said, he's willing to do something reasonable to eliminate complaints. "In an agricultural community, there's give and take," he said.

Thompson lives in Jerome, and that's something that Rambo said he resents.

Blustery conditions, snow sweep across Northwest

The Associated Press

Snow was scattered across the northern tier of states from the Rockies to the Great Lakes Wednesday, while snow and wind blew through parts of the Northwest.

Cold air covered much of the area from the northern Rockies eastward across the northern Plains into the Great Lakes region.

Snow fell in eastern Montana, leaving 3 to 4 inches along the Canadian border, and scattered snowflakes were reported throughout the Dakotas.

The cold air blowing across the Great Lakes produced persistent lake-effect snow showers in northern Lower Michigan.

To the west of the cold air mass, strong wind blew along the northern Pacific Coast, gusting to nearly 60 mph at times from Astoria, Ore., into northwestern Washington.

Wind also was increasing farther inland over the Snake River Valley of southern Idaho, and across the northern and central Rockies. Gusts to 55 mph hit parts of Wyoming.

Cold air was pushing snowfall to lower levels in the mountains of the Northwest, with up to a foot of snow possible at higher elevations.

During the night, snow also was likely in the highest mountains of Idaho, Montana and northern Wyoming, moving into northern Utah and Colorado on Thursday.

Elsewhere in the West, however, Reno, Nev., has run up a record dry spell, with no measurable precipitation in the 113 days since July 18. The previous record was 111 days, set in 1954. Weather records in Reno date back to 1886.

In the Southwest, a cold front had mostly pushed out into the Atlantic, after producing severe weather Tuesday that included tornadoes and damaging thunderstorms in the Carolinas and Georgia.

However, part of the front still trailed across southern Florida, producing weakening thunderstorms.

The lowest wind chill, the rating based on the combined effects of wind and temperature, was 23 below zero at Grand Marais, Minn.

Americans

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She's a Democrat, she said, but might have voted for Powell anyway. "I just think he would have been different. He's not a politician."

People's comments reflected the source of his appeal — that he is not a politician. "Just came across clean," said Anthony Coleman, a black real estate broker from Littleton, Colo.

"Too good to be president," said Lucy Campbell, 71, of Arlington, Texas, visiting her stepdaughter in Tulsa, Okla. "We should use his ability in another way."

"It's a shame," said Ann Gendmark, 26, a political science graduate student at the University of Pittsburgh. "He seemed to embody what a lot of people want — a middle road. He's sort of the like of the '90s."

"Oh, sucks," said Les Buckley, a black lawyer in Indianapolis, and a Democrat. "I was ready to support him."

Basil Blackburn, 70, who is white and owns a hamburger place in "dot-mat" Tulsa, Okla., expressed relief.

"Oh, he's not running," Blackburn said. "Then that's a great thing. That relieves my mind a whole lot. This country is not ready for a black president, not the way things are going now. Look what's happened with O.J. Simpson, and the guy who did that Million Man March in Washington. ... He's a fine man, a good general. But if he's got any skeletons, they'd find them. He has everything going for him. He doesn't need these kind of problems in his life. We've never had a military man make a great president, anyway."

At Sarah Pishko's Prince Books

Idaho lottery

BOISE (AP) — Winning numbers drawn Wednesday in the Powerball game are:

3-9-14-18-28; Powerball 15 (three, nine, fourteen, eighteen, twenty-eight; Powerball fifteen). Estimated jackpot: \$22.5 million.

BOISE (AP) — Winning numbers drawn Wednesday in the Tri-West Lotto game are:

4-5-22-26-27-28 (four, five, twenty-two, twenty-six, twenty-seven, twenty-eight). Estimated jackpot: \$250,000.

Idaho road report

BOISE (AP) — The Idaho Department of Transportation Wednesday reported wet roads in the Panhandle. Some mountain highways were icy.

Road conditions:

- U.S. 95 — Riggs-Moscow, wet. Interstate 84 — Dry.
- Idaho 55 — Horseshoe Bend-Donnelly, icy spots; rain; Donnelly-New Meadows, wet, rain.
- U.S. 20 — Mountain Home-Fairfield, dry, wet, rain; Fairfield-Ashton, dry; Ashton-Idaho Falls, icy spots.
- U.S. 93 — Nevada-Hite-Arco, dry; Arco-Salmon, wet, rain; Lost Trail Pass, wet, broken snow floor, rain.
- Idaho 75 — Shoshone-Ketchum, wet, rain; Galena Summit, wet, rain, snow.
- Interstate 86 — Dry.
- Interstate 15 — Dry.

Correction

An election story in Wednesday's paper incorrectly reported some Ruppert election results. Mayor Dwinelle Allred received 886 votes or 78 percent of the total. Of 2,370 registered voters, 1,137 voted Tuesday.

The Times-News regrets the errors.

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Briefly

VA takes new look at gulf war illnesses

WASHINGTON — The health consequences of serving in the Persian Gulf War will be studied in a new Veterans Affairs study comparing veterans who were in the Gulf with those who served elsewhere. The nationwide survey will seek information on the health problems of 15,000 gulf war veterans and a control group of 15,000 who served outside Southwest Asia during the 1991 conflict. "I need our veterans to help me get to the bottom of this issue," VA Secretary Jesse Brown said Wednesday in urging veterans who receive questionnaires to return them promptly.

FDA backs effectiveness of AIDS drug

SILVER SPRING, Md. — AIDS patients taking the drug d4T got reassurance Wednesday that it could slightly improve their survival time. The Food and Drug Administration conditionally approved d4T in June 1994 because it increased advanced patients' immune cells. But under Federal law, manufacturer Bristol-Myers Squibb still had to prove that translated into a real benefit — either a longer life or more time until the disease progressed — or the drug could be withdrawn from the market.

Wednesday, an FDA advisory committee voted 4-3 that d4T works, albeit slightly. The vote makes d4T, sold under the brand name Zerit, the first conditional AIDS drug to qualify for full FDA approval.

Study: Spider silk makes better sutures

MIAMI — Spiders, symbols of fright and death, may not be such bad guys after all: says a scientist who has found that one variety spins silk so remarkably strong and germ-resistant that it could someday be used in sutures.

The orb-weaver spider, a common, nonvenomous arachnid, spins filaments that are stronger than those of silkworms, whose silk often is used in surgical thread, said Dr. M. Delwar Hussain, an assistant professor of pharmacology at the University of Wyoming.

The spider's silk might also someday help hold torn tendons and ligaments together while they heal, Hussain said Tuesday at meeting in Miami Beach of the Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists.

Scans link errant brains, schizophrenia

NEW YORK — Scientists have identified brain circuits that appear to make schizophrenics hear voices and see things that aren't there. The finding may help scientists develop better treatments for hallucinations.

Researchers studied six schizophrenic patients: five who heard voices and one who heard voices and saw things. The patients lay in a PET brain-scanning machine and were told to push a button when they heard voices.

Using new techniques to scan the brains and analyze the results, researchers found that during the hallucinations, interconnected areas deep within the brain's core and other areas on the surface were activated. When the network of core and surface areas is turned on, "the brain is creating its own reality and believing it," said Dr. David Silbersweig, a neurologist and psychiatrist at the New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center.

Venue change sought in Klaas trial

SANTA ROSA, Calif. — Prosecutors have asked that the murder-trial of the man accused of killing 12-year-old Polly Klaas be moved to San Jose.

Richard Allen Davis, 41, is accused of kidnapping Klaas from the bedroom of her Petaluma home on Oct. 1, 1993. Her body was found about two months later. A judge ordered the trial moved out of Sonoma County, which is north of San Francisco, because of pretrial publicity.

Compiled from wire reports

Runoff set in San Francisco mayoral race

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Can Willie Brown, once called the most powerful black politician in America, find a way to finish potholes on Potrero Hill?

More important, can the former speaker of the California Assembly oust Mayor Frank Jordan, whose made slow in a sloucher with two radio disc jockeys was the high point of his otherwise colorless campaign? Brown thinks he can in his Dec. 12 runoff.

"This is the race we were looking for," he chuckled Wednesday. "I want to stuff this turkey by Thanksgiving."

Jordan professes to be unimpressed, pounding away instead at Brown's image as a behind-the-scenes deal-maker with friends in the tobacco industry, gaming industry and just about every other industry.

"I think on this issue of credibility and integrity, there's so many things that have to be brought out," Jordan said ominously in a post-primary interview.

Welcome to quirky — San Francisco's five-week runoff election, where most of the rules of poli-



Brown

Jordan

tics are reversed — and the rest are broken anyway.

The most liberal big city in the country held true to its colors in Tuesday's election, giving the liberal Brown 63,155 votes or 34 percent; the even more liberal Roberta Achenberg 50,609 votes or 27 percent; and Jordan, a politically moderate former police chief, 59,451 votes or 31 percent. Five other candidates divided the remainder.

For good measure, San Franciscans also crushed an effort to remove the late labor leader Cesar Chavez's name from a street and chose their most left-leaning supervisor as the top finisher in the district attorney's race, which also will

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— Frank Jordan

'People want someone with life.'

— Willie Brown

require a runoff.

Brown has confounded skeptics who wondered whether a man who spent 14 years as Assembly speaker and leaves fast cars and \$1,000; Armani suits had the taste for a door-to-door campaign over bus maintenance and homeless services.

He did. He endured a 60-debate primary schedule and has offered to repeat it over the next five weeks. Most important in style-savvy San Francisco, while Jordan campaigned in a suit and tie, Brown sported a turtle-neck and beret.

Do San Franciscans want a mayor with pizzazz? "People want someone with life," Brown joked.

And his aura of backroom power — he once proudly proclaimed himself — "The Ayatollah" — of the

Assembly! — surprisingly doesn't hurt in this ultra-Democratic city, which also prides itself on being "The City That Knows How."

In a testament to that power, Achenberg endorsed Brown in her concession speech without even a phone call between the two camps. No begging for support in this campaign.

"It was the most amazing, stand-up thing I've ever seen in a long time," marveled Brown, complimenting himself and his new ally in one sentence.

Flash, style and that aura of power — Jordan hopes to turn his lack of it into an asset for his now, decidedly uphill re-election battle. His biggest campaign issue has been his pledge to roust the homeless from streets and parks.

Maine voters reject issue restricting rights for gays

Los Angeles Times

BANGOR, Maine — After months of acrimonious debate, voters Tuesday narrowly rejected a proposal that had been widely viewed as the latest national skirmish on whether homosexuals should have specific legal protection from discrimination.

The statewide referendum would have blocked new laws and repealed existing local ordinances that extend civil rights protection to people not already covered by Maine's Human Rights Act, which bars discrimination based on race, color, sex, physical or mental disability, religion, age, ancestry, national origin, familial status and marital status.

No mention was made in the referendum of sexual orientation, but opponents contended that the measure's intent was to turn back efforts to include gay men and lesbians among the groups whose rights are protected by law. For instance, passage of the measure would have removed such protec-

tion already on the books in Portland, Maine's biggest city with 65,000 people. When the vote was counted late Tuesday, the measure was defeated, 54 percent to 46 percent.

Titled Question One on the ballot, the issue became the primary topic of political discussion in Maine coffee shops and on talk radio as the election approached.

People on either side of the referendum said that this New England state was the latest front in a continuing national battle over gay rights that has been waged in Oregon, Iowa and Colorado.

A group called Concerned Maine Families gathered 67,000 voter signatures to put the initiative on a ballot that included seven other measures, including bond issues and a law to require the use of seat belts.

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Scientists seek new telescope to spot life

DURHAM, N.C. (AP) — Astronomers have proposed launching a new space telescope into orbit near Jupiter to help answer one of mankind's most basic questions: Are we alone?

As scientists envision it, the telescope — actually, an array of telescopes — would be out far enough to detect faint images of any Earth-like planets outside our solar system and identify any telltale sign of life.

"You can't think of a more basic question," Edward Weiler, chief scientist of NASA's Hubble Space Telescope, said Tuesday.

University by the Council for the Advancement of Science Writing.

Angel and Arizona colleague Neville Woolf have proposed four 1.5-meter telescopes mounted on a beam that would extend slowly like a giant, single-blade fan, with its four large, polished eyes directed at a nearby star.

The telescope array would have to be near Jupiter to put it outside of the dust that muddies the view from the closer reaches of the solar system, Angel said. It could be built to open up and assemble itself in space, or it could be launched in pieces and assembled on the space station, he said.

"Are we alone? Are we the only living thinking things in the universe?"

Weiler will soon assume the management of NASA's effort to search for other planets — a project NASA Administrator Daniel Goldin has identified as one of the space agency's principal goals in coming years.

Roger Angel, a telescope builder and astronomer at the University of Arizona, discussed one leading telescope proposal at a briefing held at Duke

At this early stage, the cost of such a mission is unclear, Angel said. But he gave a rough estimate of \$1 billion to \$3 billion. And Weiler said the telescope would probably cost less than the Hubble, in 1990s dollars.

Weiler said the necessary technology already appears to exist, but putting all the pieces together and making them work, even if pursued aggressively, could take maybe 15 or 20 years.

Hubble observes possible black hole in Milky Way

WASHINGTON (AP) — Peering deeply into a spot seen from Earth as a single blur of light, the Hubble Space Telescope has discovered either a black hole in our galaxy or an equal rarity: thousands of stars rushing toward the core of a globular cluster.

"I like bees swarming to their hive," is how the Space Telescope Science Institute described the stars' convergence Wednesday. "This runaway collapse... long theorized by researchers but never seen in such detail, may have lasted a few million years — a flash in the 12 billion-year life of the cluster."

The area is in an ancient globular cluster known to astronomers as M15, about 37,000 light years away, in the constellation Pegasus. In the vacuum of space, light travels 5.88 trillion miles in one year.

"It's a dense star cluster, like a mini-galaxy," said Paragya

Guhathakurta of the University of California at Santa Cruz. "Stars in globular clusters are almost as old as the universe. If any globular cluster in our galaxy is suspected to have a black hole, M15 is the best candidate."

To determine whether a black hole or a collapsing core is causing the phenomena, the Hubble would have to be re-aimed at the cluster to make spectral analysis of the light. The images, taken last April, alone can't distinguish between the two, Guhathakurta said.

"Spectra can tell us how far the stars are moving, whether they are moving toward us or away from us," Guhathakurta said. The telescope is orbiting 368 miles above Earth and outside its sky-obscuring atmosphere.

Guhathakurta and fellow researchers will request more time on the telescope, which has astronomers lining up years in advance.

Russians to join U.S. Bosnia force

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — The United States and Russia agreed Wednesday to allow Russian troops to join international peacekeepers in postwar Bosnia as part of an American division.

They would, however, be under the direct control of their own general outside the NATO chain of command.

"What we agreed on today was a solution for the military control of a Russian brigade that will be operating in an American division," Defense Secretary William Perry said after announcing the agreement with Russian Defense Minister Pavel Grachev at NATO headquarters.

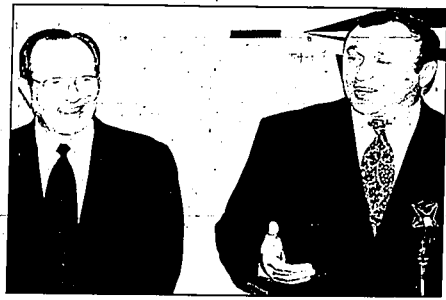
However, political control over the overall Bosnian operation had yet to be worked out, Perry and Grachev said.

They described the line of command this way: American Gen. George Joulwan, who is NATO's supreme military commander for Europe, would have "operational control" over the entire division, including the Russians.

Perry insisted that Joulwan wears "many hats" and this does not amount to NATO command over the Russians.

The U.S. division commander would outline the tactics that the U.S.-Russian division would use to carry out Joulwan's orders. But the specific orders to the Russian troops would be made by a Russian general.

The agreement amounted to putting the Russians under NATO orders but not under NATO leadership, said a senior U.S. official, speaking on condition of anonymity.



Russian Defense Minister Pavel Grachev, right, and U.S. Secretary of Defense William Perry agreed Wednesday at NATO headquarters in Brussels to allow Russian troops to participate in international peacekeeping in postwar Bosnia.

Largely for domestic political reasons, Russia, which is not a NATO member, does not want to appear to be taking orders from its former Cold War enemy, Moscow also is hostile to NATO's announced plans to expand eastward to possibly include such former Soviet allies as Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic.

Perry said there was time to decide the political question, which would include under whose mandate and under what conditions the force would operate. He noted that a peace treaty had not yet been

reached among Bosnian factions meeting in Dayton, Ohio.

"This plan preserves the unity of command, but does not require the Russians to be under NATO command," Perry said.

The United States, its European allies and Russia itself have wanted Moscow to join the main peacekeeping force that will go into Bosnia once a peace accord is reached. But Russia insisted that its troops not be under NATO command.

Grachev said all of Russia's requests had been met in the arrangement, Perry, in response to a question intimating the United States had given into the Russians, said. "We did not give up."

Joulwan and Russian Gen. Leonid Shevtsov are to work out details of the Russian participation with the planned 60,000-member NATO force. Perry and Grachev also planned a working dinner Wednesday.

Russia earlier agreed to send in a force of about 2,000 to do such work as build roads and repair bridges alongside similar American and possibly other forces working outside the NATO structure.

Hanging over the Perry-Grachev meeting was a leadership vacuum in NATO and the uncertainty of peace talks among Bosnians, Croats and Serbs in Dayton, as well as the domestic unpopularity of the Clinton administration's promise to send U.S. ground troops to Bosnia as peacekeepers.

In Dayton, talks among leaders of the three factions in Bosnia were in their second week with no indication of a breakthrough.

Senate delays its hearings on abortion

WASHINGTON (AP) — Abortion-rights senators won their effort Wednesday to delay Senate action on a bill banning some rare late-term abortions until hearings are held.

Before a vote could be taken to send the bill to the Judiciary Committee, the measure's sponsor heeded the advice of Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., and gave up his effort to prevent hearings.

"Sen. Dole and I have discussed this and while neither one of us thinks this is necessary, we do think it may not be a bad idea in that the more one learns about this horrible procedure, the harder it is to defend it," said Sen. Bob Smith, R-N.H.

The Senate voted 91-6 to give Judiciary 19 days in which hold hearings.

"There is no question about the chilling effect of this medical procedure," said Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., an abortion-rights candidate for the Republican presidential nomination, who led the effort to defer the measure by sending it to the Judiciary Committee for hearings.


"It is something that has to be understood thoroughly on all sides," he said.

President Clinton opposes the bill. The House has already approved it.



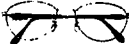



Opponents in the Senate objected to the delay, saying hearings weren't necessary since the House had already devoted a day to testimony.

Sending the bill to committee would "get it out of the spotlight," said Sen. Bob Smith, R-N.H. "They don't want to see what happens in this grisly, disgusting procedure," he said of those favoring delay. "That's why they want to move it off the floor."

Smith, who sponsored the bill, threatened to attach it to other legislation unless it was given a vote on its own merits.



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Fatal romance in 8th grade

Romeo and Juliet story follows forced separation by mother

MIAMI (AP) — Two eighth-grade sweethearts, forbidden by the girl's mother to see each other, apparently drowned themselves in a canal.

They left suicide notes that told of their undying love, their desperation and their hope of being together in another world.



Davila Flores

The bodies of Maryling Flores, 13, and Christian Davila, 14, were found Tuesday in the murky, weed-choked waterway just a few blocks from the school they attended. Neither could swim.

"I can't go on living. I've lost Maryling," Christian said in a note his parents found Sunday. "I'm escaping from the realm of reality into the darkness of the unknown. Because reality is, I can't be with Maryling."

Maryling left more than six suicide notes, police said.

"You'll never be able to understand the love between me and Christian," she said in one addressed to "Mom and Dad." "You don't let me see him in this world, so we're going to another place. Please don't cry for me, this is what I want."

They were always happy, said one pupil, Hedy Barrios. "They were always hugging."

"Children see the outpouring of grief and love for someone who has taken their own life," explained Dr. Michael Herkov, a psychiatrist at the University of Florida's Shands Hospital in Gainesville.

He said the number of teen suicides in the United States has jumped about 400 percent between 1915 and 1980.

There were 2,151 suicides by youths ages 10 to 19 in 1992, the last year for which statistics are available, said the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Only 304 of those were younger than 15.

Seven weeks ago, a 21-year-old woman and her 17-year-old boyfriend clasped hands and stepped off a ledge of a seven-story parking garage in Oklahoma City. There were no suicide notes or any other indication of why Nikki Bly and Eric Stoneburner took their own lives.

exactly what happened. It's a fair assumption" the two jumped 15 feet into the Tamiami Canal together, Quintero said.

Their bodies were found a few hundred yards apart, but the canal has a swift current when the flood-control gates are open.

Police wouldn't identify the parents, and the principal at the young lovers' school wouldn't talk to reporters.

In his note, Christian quoted from an 1892 Italian opera, "The Players," by Ruggiero Leoncavallo. It's the story of a man who kills his wife and her lover. Christian wrote: "Applaud, friends, the comedy is over. I love you all."

Christian mistakenly attributed the quotation to Beethoven.

School authorities sent crisis-intervention counselors to Ruben Dario Middle School to help students. A psychiatrist warned parents about the possibility of copycat suicides.

Outside the school, some students cried before classes started Wednesday.

Police listed the drownings as a homicide-suicide, which is routine when investigators don't know

under investigation Wednesday, but detectives believe the three-year medical student, who worked part-time at gritty Kings County hospital in Brooklyn, was killed by a powerful tranquilizer.

The drug apparently was fentanyl, which has a history of abuse within the medical community, said a police source who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Three syringes — one used, two still full — were found underneath and around the body, the police source said. Police were investigating the possibility that the drugs came from hospital supplies normally accessible only to doctors and

Model student dies; drug overdose suspected

NEW YORK (AP) — Jennifer Timbrook's smiling face was on the cover of her medical school's recruitment brochure.

"Most schools use models," said Steve Villano, administrator of the state College of Medicine. "We used a true model student — her."

That image collided Monday with a different one in the dynamic, 32-year-old Timbrook died in a hospital X-ray darkroom, apparently of a drug overdose.

Police found needle tracks on her arms and legs, indicating the "model student" from the Midwest was no first-time user.

The cause of death remained

nurses, not medical students.

The revelation that Timbrook could have been an abuser stunned her family, colleagues and classmates. They said that there was nothing unusual about her behavior and that they never suspected she had a drug problem.

Dismay and disbelief shrouded the Brooklyn campus and hundreds of students and faculty members turned out for an impromptu memorial service.

"We had no clue," her father, the Rev. Max Timbrook, said from Mitchell, Ind.

"She wanted her mother and I to go to Kenya with her" for a medical

seminar, he said, recalling a recent phone conversation with the youngest of his five children. "She was looking down the road."

The road for Timbrook began in rural Indiana, in a family bent on Indiana University basketball and the Bible, she wrote on her medical school application. A junior high school field trip to the Chicago Museum of Science and Industry sparked her interest in medicine.

As part of her training, Timbrook worked at Kings County, a 1,200-bed, public hospital that treats some of the poorest and sickest patients in the city, including AIDS sufferers, gunshot victims and drug-addicts.

Lawyer Kerner under fire by GOP senators

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Republicans assailed a Treasury Department lawyer Wednesday, saying her disclosure to higher-ups of sensitive information from a Whitewater ethics investigation was "absolutely inexcusable."

The GOP-led Senate Whitewater Committee found ammunition for its attack on Treasury attorney Francine Kerner from the investigator who oversaw the ethics probe last year.

James Cotto, the Treasury Department's assistant inspector general for investigations, said Kerner gave witness depositions to Kenneth Schmalzbach, another

attorney in the department counsel's office, which was under investigation.

"I objected from the beginning to our giving transcripts to anyone until the investigation was complete," Cotto said.

Ultimately, depositions from the ethics probe were provided both to the office of the department's general counsel and to the White House before investigators finished their work in July 1994.

Cotto also testified that Kerner recommended changes in the final investigative report that led him to believe she was trying to protect her boss, then Treasury General Counsel Jean Hanson.

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International experts assist FBI lab probe

WASHINGTON (AP) — An international team, including two Canadians and a Briton, will help investigate an FBI chemist's allegations of bias at the FBI crime lab.

The Justice Department's inspector general, Michael Bromwich, named the team of five forensic scientists Wednesday.

The investigation grew out of FBI Special Agent Frederic Whitehurst's allegations this fall that the crime lab was biased in favor of prosecutors and even manufactured evidence.

His concerns called into question several high-profile government cases, including the bombings of the Oklahoma City federal building and the World Trade Center and a Georgia mail bomb scheme against federal judges. He also questioned the work of an FBI expert involved in the O.J. Simpson murder trial.

The FBI's investigation into Whitehurst's claims has found no evidence of problems in 250 cases reviewed. That probe is continuing.

The five team members "represents a variety of forensic science disciplines and an extraordinary wealth of experience," Bromwich said in a statement.

Nicholas S. Cartwright, the leader of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police's science and technology branch and manager of the Canadian Police Research Centre. He has extensive experience in the forensic applications of analytical chemistry.

Paul B. Ferrara, director of the state of Virginia's Division of Forensic Science. He is a nationally recognized expert in DNA analysis

who is a member of the National DNA Advisory Board.

Douglas M. Lucas, a former director of the Centre of Forensic Sciences of Canada's Ontario province. Lucas is a past president of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences and chaired its ethics committee for 12 years.

Gerard Murray, principal scientific officer of the Northern Ireland Forensic Science Laboratory. He is considered one of the world's leading authorities on the analysis of explosive residues.

Richard L. Schweobel, who recently retired from Sandia National Laboratories, a U.S. government facility in Albuquerque, N.M. At Sandia, he was responsible for nuclear weapons safety and reliability, and led a scientific team that conducted an independent assessment of the April 1989 explosion aboard the USS Iowa.

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Opinion

Editorial

Chenoweth's bank loan worthy of scrutiny

In trying yet again to explain a questionable campaign loan (once more, with feeling!), Rep. Helen Chenoweth uttered a memorable quote this week:

"... I think a person is as good as their word, and the day I can't be relied on — because I'm a reliable person — is the day I should no longer be congresswoman."

Well, reliable is as reliable does. Chenoweth has had a remarkably hard time getting her story straight on this matter.

A year ago, West One Bank lent Chenoweth's campaign \$40,000. But Chenoweth didn't report the money as a bank loan. In three different campaign finance disclosure forms, over an eight-month period, she described it as a personal, unsecured and unguaranteed loan from Chenoweth to her campaign.

Not till August did her treasurer acknowledge it was a loan from the bank. In October, Chenoweth amended her disclosure statement to say it was a bank loan — unsecured and unguaranteed. Finally, on Friday, she filed a completely revised statement, declaring it was a secured loan, guaranteed by Chenoweth.

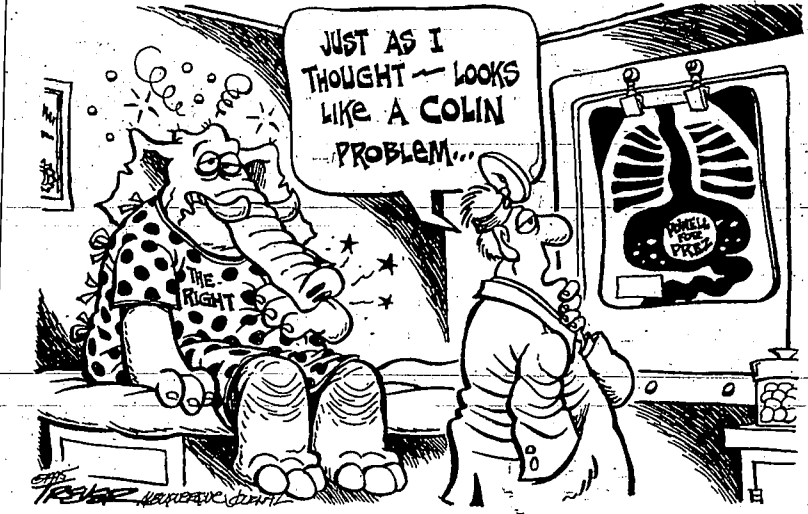
It could be argued that these errors and corrections are just technicalities — small fumbles by a rookie staff learning the complex ropes of campaign finance reporting.

But Chenoweth, despite her freshman status in Congress, has been a political insider for years. She knows or should know, the importance of accurate disclosure. She should understand that voters have a right to receive accurate, timely information about where campaign money comes from. Whether intentionally or not, she withheld and obscured some vital information for more than 11 months.

Chenoweth seems to suffer from a common occupational disease of political ideologues: the mistaken belief that a grand goal justifies ignoring the rules along the way. She called the bank-loan issue "a tempest in a teapot." Her position seems to be that, as long as her cause is holy, the details don't matter.

More details: In a radio interview on Tuesday, Chenoweth declared that the loan arrangement was totally above-board, because her campaign staff cleared it with lawyers at the Federal Election Commission. Later, her campaign attorney said Chenoweth had misspoken. The campaign had checked with the Republican Congressional Committee, not the FEC.

Why the mistake in the radio interview? "It was very clear she was very tired," Chenoweth's lawyer said. Oh, if fatigue is the problem, Chenoweth definitely should get more rest.



Letters

Waste trains worry youngster

As a 14-year-old resident of Shoshone, I am very concerned about the trains passing through our town just a few blocks away from my home.

I read about the Chernobyl accident in the 1980s and now fear it more, especially with Shoshone having a bold history of derailments.

In my opinion, if another state decides to use nuclear energy, it should dispose of it in their own land. ELIZABETH PAYNE Shoshone

Keep an eye on public officials

Once upon a time, being elected to public office was a mark of good character, a statement from the rest of us that we held these people in high esteem. Being elected was once a sacrifice, both financial and personal, made out of a desire to help our nation develop. Now it is simply a bid to join our "electable nobility." I'm not too naive to believe that they were all "Dudley Dorights," but at least they kept their darker motives under cover. Now they call a press conference and try to justify their actions to us, and the saddest thing of all — we believe them. We do this because it is easier than writing a letter to the paper or to wait outside in the cold for a train to sink through town in the dark of night.

If our modern-day "flim-flam men" can make us feel that they are sincerely interested in our needs as a state or even as individuals, we "hire" them. We give them a comfortable salary and an opportunity to become powerful and financially enhanced (a salary they feel free to raise whenever they catch us asleep at the switch).

Why are so many people surprised when one of these officials sells us out? They themselves are for sale.

When I start reading that our Congress has targeted its own perks and paychecks for cuts and overhauls, then I will start to listen with an open mind to what they have to say again.

It truly does my heart good to see Idahoans stand up and demand an accounting for the actions of our governor. However, don't be duped into thinking that Crapo was the rope that tripped over. Remember, these are high stakes these guys are playing for, and if a man will sell out his stakes for a few dollars, one person more or less is expendable.

We really have only ourselves to blame for this mess. For too long, we have made the mistake of letting the hired help run the store without checking up on them. No one in business would do that, and if you have taken a look at the state of our nation lately, you will find that there has been a lot of irresponsible management for a while now.

This is our country, and we have a lot of responsibilities that go along with all of our rights. We need to start paying attention. RONDA MCDRUMMOND Twin Falls

Thanks a lot for waste deal

I would like to thank our new friend, buddy, pal? "back stabber" Phil Batt.

Bats — or Batts — are blood suckers! (And don't think he's not!) I wonder if he can spell potato — potato? I think Idaho has had its "fill" of you! Let's get this "T" out of Idaho before more T-T-T-T Trains!

Oh, by the way, don't drink the water — at least for 40 years! Thanks again buddy, pal, friend?

KARL HERBST Twin Falls

Batt doesn't deserve all blame

I, too, am opposed to the "treaty" the federal government signed with our governor; however, Phil Batt is getting more blame than he deserves.

For many years, our senators and representatives, along with legislators and businessmen from eastern Idaho, have virtually stumbled over each other pressuring Washington to send ever-larger appropriations to the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory. Why should we be surprised that apparently billions of those dollars was used to prepare permanent storage for nuclear wastes?

I only know of two people, then-Gov. Andrus and Bill Chisholm, who had the foresight to challenge Washington on this issue. All Mr. Chisholm got for his effort was bricksbats and fims. RICHARD WESTENDORF Twin Falls

Phone connections too rough

How do you call Rupert in the Czech Republic? First you go to the police station, then you wait 20 minutes for them to juggle the connection, then you listen hard for voices above the pop and crackle. Count your Magic Valley blessings, boys and girls!

But on the other hand, God has set up a global internet phone system with direct access single-number dialing. Digital information transfers across invisible fiber optic cables from every "house" instantly to internet nodes named 24 hours by hosts of angels. Only one problem — you gotta install your own phone.

I still want to call Rupert without being nickel and dimed to death. The US West god is not quite so beneficent. If she were, she would realize the incredible advantages that would fall out of such beneficence: from business productivity to personal satisfaction of 100,000 users.

As it is, my dollars leak away from the valley, enticed by myriad 800 numbers whilst I have to pay to call Bob's hardware store 10 minutes away. I call my friends in Connecticut more often than with friends in Rupert. It's cheaper.

The future is already written. As internet nodes for computers buy local access and enable communications across the globe, so too will soon come sophisticated computer-assisted nodes in Rupert and Burger which will altogether bypass Mother Bell's nickel-and-dime system of long-distance dialing with bulk-rate access choices and virtually unlimited time. A crude form of competition already exists, with intermediary packagers like Gem State Long Distance and many others.

I'd say we're less than five years away. So, US West, if not for purely altruistic reasons, at least for the sake of enlightened

self-interest, you'd better wake up and smell the coffee — or it's gonna burn before you get out of bed.

PHIL AUTB Berger

Local calls too expensive

I have watched with interest the efforts of Jean DuFek in requesting toll-free calling. My interest is both personal and professional.

My perspective is somewhat unique. In my position as a school administrator, there is considerable need to contact other schools in order to get school records and information about students who are transferring to our school. Today, with open enrollment laws, both parents working — sometimes in towns other than where they reside, it is sometimes necessary to contact parents in cases of emergency and in normal day-to-day operations. Additional reasons that we contact other schools include the process of scheduling athletic and other extra-curricular events and getting and sharing curricular and educational information. When the number of phone calls and faxes is totaled, they are substantial. If toll-free calling within the Magic Valley was allowed, the savings to individuals and institutions would be significant.

On a personal level, my wife and I have children who live in Alexandria, Va.; in Talkeena, Alaska; Boise, Idaho; and Seattle, Wash., and call us frequently. In reviewing our bill, I find we can call our kids more cheaply than we can make a call from Jerome to Twin Falls per minute. CARROL MATTHEWS Jerome

Idaho highways deteriorate

Last week, the train wreck with the school bus in Illinois brought out the National Transportation Department. There were seven young people killed, which makes it worse because they were just beginning life. What was wrong there that caused the accident is going to be fixed and some rules will be changed. Remember, seven people were killed before a known dangerous situation will be fixed.

We also have a very dangerous situation at the intersection of U.S. Highway 93 and Interstate 84. Trucks have a very difficult time trying to get off of I-84 onto U.S. 93 and again trying to get back on to I-84. This causes a backup on the inside, southbound lane of U.S. 93.

Even a truck driver can sit there just so long before he or she gives up and slowly moves the nose of the 18-wheeler out into oncoming traffic. You may not have seen what happened next but you can get a pretty good idea by looking at the skid marks on the pavement.

Unless the Legislature adds more money to help bring Idaho highways up to a higher standard, there will have to be a major wreck or seven more people killed at the intersection of U.S. 93 and I-84 before the dangerous crossing will be fixed. Why do we always have to operate under crisis management? RALPH B. PETERS Jerome

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Country's right direction starts with citizenship

Ronald Reagan once told me, "Some people think this job is all-powerful, but I'll frequently give an order and see it frustrated — two or three levels down."

What an incredible admission by the supposedly most powerful man on earth. A person who could order nuclear bombs to fall anywhere in the world could not be sure that an order he gave on less consequential matters would be followed lower in the bureaucracy.

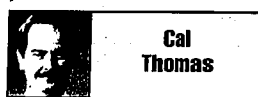
Yet many Americans view the presidency as having the power to change our individual and collective lives for the better. Colin Powell had been positioned in the press and by voters to make a run for the presidency, but he was a reluctant messiah. His flirtation with running (and our flirtation with having him run) again revealed a people willing to fall for a theatrical technique developed in ancient Greek drama: *dans ex machina*, the god from the machine. At the critical moment in these plays, when no human could resolve a conflict, an actor portraying a Greek god would be lifted onto the stage in a contraption to redeem the moment.

Is that what we are seeking? And isn't this an impossible requirement to place on any human being who has so little power to change human inclinations through speeches and proposed legislation?

Powell couldn't save us, even if he had run. Neither will Bob Dole, Phil Gramm, Pat Buchanan or anyone else running for President, including Bill Clinton. Those who promise to — or pretend they can — are like the false prophets of ancient Israel, whose doom followed their lies and presumption to speak for God.

A real prophet, Ezekiel, said to his fellow Israelites on God's behalf, "You live among rebels who could know the truth if they wanted to, but they don't want to; they could hear me if they would listen, but they won't, for they are rebels."

What is the relevance of that for today? Simply this: that no leader can lead a people where they do not wish to go. Leaders can tell us what we should do and



Cal Thomas

who we ought to follow, but they can't make us, even if they are dictators. Ask the former Soviet leadership. Ask the Chinese Communists when their empire ultimately collapses, because, while they can intimidate human beings, they cannot crush the human spirit. So if Communists cannot force people to willingly embrace Marx, how can political moralists force rebellious and immoral (or amoral) people to embrace virtue and righteousness?

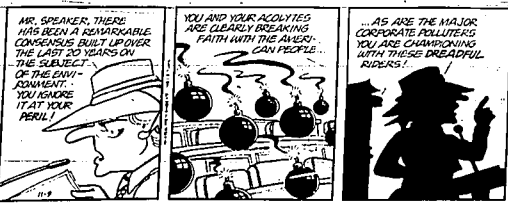
When leaders speak of our social ills, from crime in the streets to lust in the heart, they speak of things nearly beyond the reach of government. More prisons have not reduced crime. More spending to fight poverty has not lessened the number of poor people. And what laws can we expect that will put families back together and, when back together, will cause a man and a woman to invest fewer hours building their careers and more time building the character of their children?

The ultimate proof that outsiders can't save us if we do not wish to be saved is found in how the authentic Messiah was treated. Even those who disbelieve His credentials may acknowledge His righteousness. Yet He was crucified by a "wicked and adulterous generation" who "had no king but Caesar."

It is important to have good leadership. But it is more important to have good "followership." If the people are good, their leadership will reflect their goodness. But if they are seeking pleasure and comfort and other temporal goals, they will get leaders that indulge them in their wrong-headed pursuits.

Cal Thomas is a Los Angeles Times columnist.

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Opinion

Effort to end federally funded lobbying heads wrong direction

Ernest Istook's first name could be an apt adjective. The second-term Republican congressman from Oklahoma is notably intense, particularly about a measure bearing his name. It is designed to dramatize, and somewhat alter, the fact that the most powerful interest group lobbying the federal government is the federal government.



George F. Will

Every year thousands of nonprofit groups, and many businesses and individuals, get billions of dollars of federal grants and contracts. Many recipients spend money on lobbying or other political activities. The fact that money is fungible makes a mockery of the longstanding legal prohibition on using federal funds for lobbying.

Istook's measure would restrict the amount of their own money that such recipients of federal funds could spend on political advocacy, however that might be construed, if they receive "any federal funds... or other thing of value," however that might be construed.

You begin to see the problems. Granted, Republicans are rightly infuriated when Planned Parenthood, which does nicely at the federal trough, intervenes in elections with mailings targeting right-to-life candidates.

And it is disgusting that the National Council of Senior Citizens, which gets 96 percent of its funding from the federal government, boasts about its multifaceted political assault (half a million letters and postcards flooding Washington, a toll-free telephone number connecting callers with congressional offices, a \$2 million media campaign) on Republican plans for restraining the growth of Medicare and Medicaid spending.

But Istook's measure would do something conservatives should not countenance: It would make lawyers happy. It would do so by creating the sort of thing conservatives are supposed to be rectifying: It would erect

a litigation-breeding regulatory regime of baroque complexity regarding political expression. By doing so it would lend legitimacy to the liberals' itch to spin more webs of restrictions on political speech in the name of "campaign reform."

Which is to say, Istook's cure might be as bad as the disease. But merely by proposing his measure he has served the public good by calling attention to the disease of faction in its modern form.

The Constitution's framers, especially the most important framer, James Madison, worried about "factions," meaning groups pursuing, through government, interests adverse to the interests of other groups or to the public good. Madison's solution reversed the hitherto prevailing belief that free government could flourish only in a small setting. An "extensive republic" with a churning multiplicity of factions - the more the merrier - would, Madison argued, avoid the abuses of a stable and oppressive majority.

But no framer anticipated today's society in which much the largest faction is government itself. Istook's amendment is a response to that fact, which has been illustrated by facts galloped by John Payne, an independent scholar who has taught at several universities.

Payne studied 14 House and Senate committee hearings, involving 1,060 witnesses, and concluded that "the persuasion process in Washington is highly inbred." Six percent of the witnesses were senators or representatives, 47 percent were other federal officials and 10 percent were state and local officials.

So 63 percent were government petitioning itself for redress of its grievances. Government's grievances are never that it possesses too much money or power.

Another 33 percent of the witnesses represented what purport to be private sector institutions but which are partly extensions of the government. Such groups - the National Education Association, the Sierra Club, the League of Women Voters, among others - are partially-funded by government contracts and grants.

No wonder Washington has had a self-reinforcing "culture of spending." The wonder is that citizens have not demanded adoption of the Heritage Foundation's proposal that witnesses testifying before Congress should be required to divulge the amount of federal funds their groups receive. Citizens have not demanded that because the problem was largely invisible until Istook's amendment highlighted one facet of it, which he calls "welfare for lobbyists."

Although Istook's measure is neutral regarding the content of the political activity it would prohibit, it is a facet of conservatism's legitimate self-defense, often referred to as "defending the left." Lobbyists fueled by federal funds are rarely on the right.

Defunding the left should involve not only removing liberal lobbies like Planned Parenthood and the National Council of Senior Citizens from the public payroll, but also ending the Legal Services Corporation, public television and the arts and humanities endowments.

But the way to defund the left is by defunding it, not by emulating it, which is what Republicans in Congress will be doing if they allow their justifiable indignation about federally funded lobbying to propel them waist-deep into a swamp of regulation.

George F. Will is a Washington Post columnist.

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Briefly

Murtaugh basketball game now Wednesday

MURTAUGH — The girls' high school basketball game between Murtaugh and North Gem scheduled for Saturday has been changed.

The teams will play Wednesday at Murtaugh High School. The junior varsity game will start at 5 p.m., with the varsity following.

Jerome basketball game moved back to Tiger gym

JEROME — The girls' high school basketball game between Jerome and Emmet scheduled for Saturday has been moved back to Jerome.

The two teams will play at the high school gym with the junior varsity game starting at 6:30 p.m. and the varsity following.

BSU lineman pleads guilty to disturbing the peace

BOISE — Stone Fifita, a starting defensive lineman for the Boise State football team, pleaded guilty Tuesday to a reduced charge of disturbing the peace.

In April, Fifita was charged with misdemeanor battery involving a concave at-a-bar. He was arrested the week before the Utah State game for failure to appear and missed the game.

Garden City Prosecutor Jeff Nona said he had a weak case and he offered to let Fifita plead to a lesser charge. "We could not prove beyond a reasonable doubt that he battered somebody," he said.

Fifita, 20, is a 6-1, 295-pound junior and two-year letterman from Corvallis, Ore.

Magistrate Judge Michael McLaughlin placed Fifita on probation for six months with a \$251 fine. Fifita also agreed to attend an anger-management class.

Fifita practiced with the team on Tuesday.

Media, coaches pick Utah State for Big West hoops title

LOS ANGELES — Utah State was chosen Wednesday in polling by coaches and the media to defend its Big West Conference men's basketball title.

Utah State led the coaches poll with 96 points, including six first-place votes. In the media poll, the Aggies had 386 points, including 27 first-place votes.

The Aggies finished the 1995 season with a 21-8 record and a 14-4 league mark, winning the conference title for the first time in 15 years.

The first four places were identical in both polls. Utah State was picked to win, followed by 1995 Big West tournament champion Long Beach State in second, Nevada third and Pacific fourth.

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Spoilers in Southside?

With no clear favorite, A-4 sub-district wide open with possibilities

By Kevin Miller
Times-News writer

In the topsy-turvy world of Class A-4 Southside sub-district girls' basketball, Nostradamus couldn't find a sure thing this winter.

Three teams — Murtaugh, Raft River and Hagerman — have been considered as favorites while a fourth — Oakley — deserves credit based on the talents of the conference's best player, Catherine Hale. Castleford and Hagerman may not have the talent to contend

for the conference title, but those two may well be the deciding factors in the run for the championship hunt. Both are capable of winning any night of the week.

And just winning the regular season means nothing, of course, unless you're peaking at the right time going into the sub-district tournament. The top team out of the tournament gets an automatic berth to the state playoffs (with seeding pending the outcome of a game with the top seed from the Northside). The second seed from the sub-district tournament also meets their Northside counterpart for a chance to advance to state.

Castleford coach Laurie Howard summed it up: "It's going to come down to who's on and who's not."

Murtaugh Red Devils
Anger is a great motivator. Coming off



BUDDY CHARLES MORGAN/The Times-News

Playing tough against Burley and Minico in pre-season exhibition games, Nikki Whitaker and the Raft River Trojans proved they are a team not to be taken lightly.

a season where Murtaugh put everything together in the second half of the season, only to finish third in the conference tournament, the Red Devils want some revenge.

"These girls aren't happy that we took third in the conference tournament," third-

year coach Jim Hamblin said. "Losing it and not quite getting (to state) is going to be a driving force."

Sophomore sensation Tobee Bell will control any driving the Red Devils do. An

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Football squads still in hunt

By Larry Hovey
Times-News writer

Five Magic Valley teams are within a victory of gaining the state finals in their respective classifications in the Idaho football playoffs.

At least one won't make it because Murtaugh is playing Raft River.

There's a chance for each of the other four but, by and large, they couldn't have it much harder.

Pairings — B2

The playoffs are particularly interesting in the Class A-3 division where geographical regular-season scheduling has brought the state's only three undefeated teams to the semifinals.

Saturday's schedule has Kimberly (8-2) meeting Lapwai (9-0) at 11 a.m. (PST) in the University of Idaho's Kibbie Dome and Glenns Ferry (10-0) meeting Teton (9-0) at 12:30 p.m. at Idaho State's Holt Arena.

Murtaugh (4-5) and Raft River (7-1) square off at 1 p.m. in Malta while Carey (10-0) and Cambridge (10-0) play in Cambridge at the same time.

Three of the five — Glenns Ferry, Raft River and Carey — go into the weekend carrying conference titles. Kimberly, 8-2, and Murtaugh, 4-5 and the defending A-3 11-man king, round out the list.

Glenns Ferry and Carey bring some great winning tradition to these games. Neither has lost anything but one state final in the last three years and both won championships last season.

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Unbeaten Eagles head south for Regional action

By Larry Hovey
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho women's volleyball team has completed a 57-0 season and is ranked No. 1 in the nation.

All of which leads Coach Ben Stroud to say "we haven't won anything yet."

He is speaking of Friday afternoon when his Eagles open their quest for third straight regional and national championships.

The way is a little tougher this year than when the Eagles won their first title, in that it is a single elimination from the first game of regionals through the national finals. Any team can win a single-elimination tournament. Usually the best team wins a double-elimination tournament.

Last year was the first time Region 18 moved to a single-elimination format. Under single-elimination, CSI would not have won its first national title in 1993, because that year the Eagles lost their second match at regionals and came back through the losers' bracket to earn a trip to nationals.

"I guess this (regional format) was adopted because it follows the national bracket," Stroud said. He is fully aware that the change makes

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Twin Falls racer Fairbanks defends title, eyes Southwest, Northwest tours

By Lynn Baird
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Stock car racer Darin Fairbanks streaked from beginner to two-time intermountain champion in a hurry.

Of course the Twin Falls driver who holds the speed record in his class at the Magic Valley Speedway is accustomed to getting places fast.

Over the weekend, he picked up his trophy and winner's check in Salt Lake City for his second consecutive Intermountain Racing Series title, retaining the only Idaho driver to win the series title, which runs at tracks in Idaho and Utah.

Fairbanks, 30, holds the late model stock car track record at Magic Valley Speedway and is a former track record holder at Sunnyside Speedway in Springville, Utah.

Fairbanks and his 1985 Chevrolet Monte Carlo qualified among the fast four cars in nine of the 10 races he attended this season. He also had completed every lap run in 1995 until the last three laps of the final race of the season. An engine failure ended Fairbanks' season while he was leading the race.

Fairbanks' race driving started four years ago at Magic Valley Speedway with him behind the wheel of a NASCAR Winston Racing Series Pro Stock car. He won both rookie of the year and the season

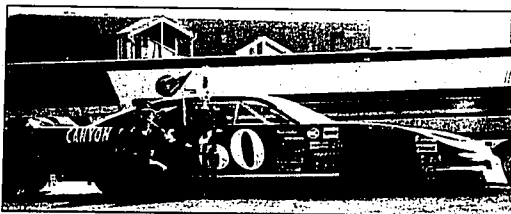


Photo courtesy DARIN FAIRBANKS

Twin Falls stock car racer Darin Fairbanks poses with the trophy he earned for his second straight Intermountain Racing Series title.

championship in 1992.

The next season was even better, as he again took the track championship and finished third in the prestigious Pacific Division Series trophies to a growing collection.

"We are talking to a sponsor that hopefully will let us run some NASCAR Southwest Tour and Northwest Tour events next year," he said.

In the near future, Fairbanks and his crew plan to run some events at the Winter Heat Series in Tucson, Ariz., and then the Phoenix Cooper Cup in February.

"I really like to run at new tracks," he said.

He's since added those two Intermoun-

Cordova shades Anderson for AL rookie honors

Los Angeles Times

That Las Vegas casino will have to find somebody else to park cars this winter, Marty Cordova figures he will be too busy basking in the afterglow of winning American League Rookie of the Year honors.

Cordova, an outfielder who hit 24 home runs and drove in 84 runs for the Minnesota Twins, squeezed past California Angel left fielder Garret Anderson Wednesday in the closest voting in 16 years.

A year ago, Cordova and Anderson each took off-season jobs — Cordova at a friend's casino and Anderson at a retail store — as minor league players often do.

Neither will be going back, but Cordova said he might have returned to the casino if he hadn't won the rookie of the year award.

"I just bought a house and the stuff that goes inside it isn't free," Cordova said from his Las Vegas home. "Just because I'm one year in the major leagues doesn't mean I'm set for life."

Cordova and Anderson each got 13 first-place votes in balloting by the Baseball Writers Association of America. But Cordova received 13 second-place votes and one for third for 165 points with Anderson getting 10 seconds and four thirds for 99 points.

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Marty Cordova of the Minnesota Twins receives official word at his home Wednesday in Las Vegas he was named American League Rookie of the Year. He has 24 home runs and 84 RBIs on the season.

Voting for the 1995 American League Rookie of the Year Award, with first, second- and third-place votes and total points on a 5-3-1 basis:

Player, Team	1st	2nd	3rd	Total
Marty Cordova Minnesota Twins	13	13	1	105
Garret Anderson California Angels	13	10	4	99
Andy Pettitte New York Yankees	1	1	8	16
Troy Percival California Angels	1	2	2	13
Shawn Green Toronto Blue Jays	—	2	2	8
Ray Durham Chicago White Sox	—	—	3	3
Julio Tavarez Cleveland Indians	—	—	3	3
Jon Nunnally Kansas City Royals	—	—	2	2
Tom Gooden Kansas City Royals	—	—	1	1
Brad Radke Minnesota Twins	—	—	1	1
Steve Sparks Milwaukee Brewers	—	—	1	1

Game down gritty in San Antonio Rookie
SAN ANTONIO (AP) — David Robinson scored 31 points and the San Antonio Spurs held the Vancouver Grizzlies to the fifth lowest point total in NBA history in a 111-62 victory Wednesday night.

Pro basketball
nigh with a pair of clutch 3-pointers in the third quarter Wednesday night at the Orlando Magic beat the New Jersey Nets 130-122.

Bullets 110, Hornets 96
LANDOVER, Md. — Gheorghe Muresan scored 13 of his career-high 31 points in the fourth quarter Wednesday night, and the Washington Bullets overcame 38 points by Glen Rice in a 110-96 victory over the Charlotte Hornets.

Heat 89, Rockets 82
MIAMI — Keith Askins hit a pair of free throws to break a tie with 1:02 left and the Heat improved to 2-0 for the first time in their eight-year history by beating two-time defending champion Houston.

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It was the closest vote since John Castano of the Twins and Alfredo Griffin of Toronto tied for the award with seven first-place votes apiece in 1979. The next year, the form was changed to a system where writers make three picks, worth five points for first, three for second and one for third.

Sox in 1983.
Cordova also became only the third Twin to hit 20 home runs and 20 hits, joining Kirby Puckett in 1986 and Larry Hise in 1977. "The thing I'm most proud of was the 20 homers, and 20 steals," Cordova said. "I think I had a pretty good last month of the season. It ended on a good note for me, and the Angels went to a slide."

Football

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Glenns Ferry draws Tejon which the Pilots, basically hasn't had a tight game all season. Its lowest point total all year was 28-6 against Firch with 32-13 over Sugar-Salem, a Class A-2 playoff entry, next. Glenns Ferry's low production was 33 against Wendell.

Playoff pairings

BOISE — Here are the pairings, sites and starting times for the second round of the Idaho state football playoffs this weekend.

Castell (Time TBA)
Class A-3 Kimberly vs. Lapwai, Kibbie Dome, 11 a.m. Saturday. Glenns Ferry vs. Tejon, Holt Arena, 12:30 p.m. Saturday.

look at their roster. They have 37 kids on the team, 10 of them over 200 pounds. They are deep enough that they platoon their offensive and defensive lines, in our last game we played basically nine people both ways.

CSI

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His Eagles considerably more vulnerable to that "one big moment" for the opposition. And there probably is as much opposition in regionals as they'll find in a state or even a six-pack-ranked Ricks College and, at one-time seventh-ranked, Utah Valley State College are in the field.

Southside

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all-conference selection as a freshman, the 5-10 Bell was Murtagh's leading scorer averaging 12 points per game, and the team's second-leading rebounder.

Scores and stats

NBA standings
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlanta Braves 1
Miami Orlando 1
New York Phoenix 1
Boston Portland 1
Chicago Sacramento 1

NBA scores
Sacramento 108, Toronto 106
Miami 109, Phoenix 103
Boston 100, Portland 89
Chicago 100, Sacramento 88

Sports on TV/Radio

Television
Event Station Time
Golf, Senior Tour Championship ESPN/13
Pro Wrestling, WWE at Caesars WGN 8:30 p.m.

Radio
Event Station Time
College basketball, W. Wyoming at CSI KEZ/95.7 FM 6:30 p.m.

Baseball

AL rookies of the year
Player R H HR RBI
1949 Saverio 471 84 144 181 306
1950 Chuck 437 72 102 143 228

High school girls' preseason poll
Here are the Idaho high school girls' basketball preseason poll results for the 1995-96 season.

Transactions

BOSTON RED SOX — Signed to free agent pitcher...
NEW YORK YANKEES — Declined to exercise...
CINCINNATI REDS — Agreed to terms with...
CLEVELAND INDIANS — Signed...
PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Signed...

Hockey

NHL standings
At Last!
Team G W L OTL Pts
1. Philadelphia Flyers 25 16 7 2 39
2. St. Louis Blues 25 15 8 2 32



Conchita Martinez of Spain returns a shot to Natalie Tauziat of France during their second-round match of the Advanta Championships Wednesday in Philadelphia. AP photo

Sabatini wins; other top seeds bumped

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Mary Pierce and Chanda Rubin lost in straight sets Wednesday in the second round of the \$800,000 Advanta Championships.

Pierce, the No. 3 seed, fell 6-3, 7-5 to Zina Garrison-Jackson, winner of three of their last four meetings.

Rubin, the No. 8 seed, lost to qualifier Meredith McGrath 6-3, 6-1. McGrath advances to the quarterfinals against top-seeded Steffi Graf, winner this year of the U.S. Open, Wimbledon and French Open.

No. 2 Conchita Martinez, the 1993 Philadelphia champ, fared better, ousting Natalie Tauziat of France 4-6, 6-1, 6-4.

In the lone evening singles match, No. 3 Gabriela Sabatini withstood Brenda Schultz-McCarthy's tough serves to win 6-3, 7-6 (7-4) and reach the quarters.

In a first-round match, Lori McNeil defeated Shaun Stafford 6-3, 6-2. Stafford was replacing Rina Joe Fernandez, who withdrew because of a back injury.

Pierce, after losing the first eight points of the second set and falling behind 0-2, challenged back and moved ahead 5-4. But Garrison-Jackson held serve the next game and reached 6-5 with an overhead after Pierce double-faulted.

In the seventh game, Garrison-Jackson got to match point with an ace and won when Pierce returned a serve into the net.

Rubin fought off five set points at 5-3 in the opening set before losing on the sixth to McGrath's overhead smash. McGrath won the second set from 2-1, taking it on the second match point on Rubin's netted drive.

Tauziat attacked well and won the first set against Martinez by serving a love game. Martinez came back strong and won the last five games of the second set. In the third set, Martinez wasted two match points before hitting an overhead smash beyond Tauziat's reach.

Schultz-McCarthy had 10 aces against Sabatini. The Dutch player recovered from a 3-1 deficit in the second-set tiebreaker to make it 3-3. On the next point, Schultz-McCarthy made a leaping high volley near the net, but the ball bounced off the frame of the racket and cost her an almost certain point.

Lively closings wrap up in King fraud trial

NEW YORK (AP) — A prosecutor's charge that Don King's testimony in his insurance fraud trial was "absurd" and full of lies so upset the boxing promoter's lawyer that he told jurors in closing arguments Wednesday he might cry.

As boxer Mike Tyson watched a six-week trial that had produced snoring and yawns from spectators who watched prosecutors try to prove King faked a boxing contract to collect \$350,000 in insurance money for a 1991 cancelled fight.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Craig Stewart launched his closing argument with an attack on King's credibility and urged jurors to use his own words to find him guilty of nine counts of wire fraud.

"It's not fair and square to take a solemn oath to tell the truth ... and then tell you a story that has no relationship with the truth," Stewart told the federal jury in Manhattan.

As boxer Mike Tyson watched with other spectators, Stewart said King's testimony over three days actually clarified the prosecution's case.

King admitted it would have been wrong and deceptive to add a clause to a contract for the cancelled bout after the fight was scrapped, Stewart said. "The question then becomes, ladies and gentlemen, was he a part

NFL owners grapple with moves

GRAPEVINE, Texas (AP) — Try as they might to put a positive spin on the Browns move from Cleveland to Baltimore, NFL owners were clearly shaken by a statement that even the commissioner admits through the loyalty of fans.

"This is more than just a public relations job," Paul Tagliabue said Wednesday as the owners' two-day meeting ended. "It's a deep psychological jolt to fans of the NFL, not just fans of the Cleveland Browns."

It was clear that a lot of owners were more than a little disheartened by the Art Modell's decision to move the Browns, a symbol to many of instability in a league that prides itself on being the least troubled of any of the major sports.

But it also seemed clear they would let their friend and longtime owner make the move he feels is financially necessary.

Making matters worse is the fact that waiting in the wings are several other teams that want new cities, or at least new stadiums.

There was little action taking during the meetings — owners decided to put off realignment until after the 1996 season, raised Super Bowl ticket prices to a high of \$350 and dispensed of a few mouskeeping matters. Tagliabue also said it was unlikely there would be expansion until the next century.

But the meetings were dominated by the movement of the Browns, the prospective move of the Oilers from Houston to Nashville and the perceived instability that represents.

There is also increasing concern about the difference in revenue-producing ability between "haves" and "have-nots," the "haves" in this case being teams with good stadiums and favorable lease arrangements as much as teams in major markets. "The state of the league is very strong," Tagliabue said. "What makes this unfortunate is that it comes at a time when we should be conce-

trating on what's taking place on the field. In the past, we've dealt with these problems in the offseason."

It will take more than this off-season to resolve them all.

"Obviously, this is a wake-up call to cities that have sports franchises," said Pat Bowlen, owner of the Denver Broncos, who themselves are seeking a new stadium to replace Mile High, where the team leads the NFL in consecutive sellouts.

While Modell has the spotlight, the owners also had to consider the Houston situation. Bud Adams, the Oilers' owner, said he hoped to sign an agreement this weekend that could bind the team to Nashville as early as 1996.

There also is the possibility that Tampa Bay could move, perhaps to Orlando.

If all three relocate after the season, it would mean five franchise shifts in the next two years, or 18 percent of the 28 pre-expansion teams.

Young optimistic about starting in key matchup against Cowboys

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP) — Steve Young, a reluctant expert on shoulder injuries, says he thinks he'll be back to run the San Francisco 49ers' offense Sunday at Dallas.

"I don't know if there's a way to prevent a sprain like this, but I know that the sprain that has kept him out of the past three games will be completely healed."

"I'm not looking to be 100 percent. I don't have to be 100 percent to go play football," Young said Wednesday. "There's a gray area in there and once I reach that gray area, I'm going to push to play football."

"I intend to be ready to play football on Sunday."

Young, sidelined since being injured Oct. 15 in a loss at Indianapolis, said the same thing last week but wound up sitting out the 49ers' 13-7 loss to expansion Carolina.

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San Francisco quarterback Steve Young says his shoulder won't be completely healed by Sunday, but expects it to be in good enough shape to play. AP photo

San Francisco's Steve Young says he expects to be in good enough shape to play against the Dallas Cowboys on Sunday, but admits his shoulder injury is still a concern.

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Receiver hopes to set record

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Michael Irvin wants to set the NFL record for consecutive 100-yard receiving games Sunday with San Francisco's Jerry Rice watching.

"I'd love to break the record in a game of that magnitude," Irvin said on Wednesday. "It would be cherrry on a pie to do with Jerry on the sidelines. I'd love for Jerry to be there when the announcer announces it and hears the cheer."

One of the sidelights to Sunday's meeting between the Dallas Cowboys and the 49ers is a rematch of the NFL championship game in whether Irvin can set one of the few records Rice doesn't hold.

Irvin has 100 yards receiving in seven consecutive games — a mark set in 1961 by Charley Hennigan and Bill Groman, both of the Houston Oilers.

Irvin talked of his respect for Rice, who became the NFL's all-time leader in career receiving yards last month.

"I'd say Jerry is the greatest receiver ever to play the game," Irvin said. "My job is to be the best receiver Sunday."

Irvin said it will be interesting for him to watch Rice have to go one-on-one with Deion Sanders for a change.

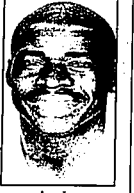
"That's an interesting challenge for both guys," said Irvin, who had numerous battles with Sanders when his teammate played for the 49ers and Atlanta Falcons. "I'll have the best seat in the house for it. I'll be sitting on my helmet watching that match-up."

In six games against the 49ers, Irvin has gone over the 100-yard receiving mark twice, including a 12-catch, 192-yard day in Week 10, descending in the 38-28 NFC championship loss to the 49ers.

"I thank San Francisco for setting us straight about making us referees," Irvin said. "Hopefully, we can return the favor. We just have to watch getting too emotional for this game. We have to be smart about it."

Irvin admitted he was getting a kick out of the 49ers' four-loss season.

"I've enjoyed seeing 'em struggle," he said.



Irvin

Pac-10, Big Ten may have spot in national-championship scheme

SEATTLE — The Pac-10 and Big Ten football champions could be assured a place in the national-championship scheme this year, according to a Pac-10 Conference official.

"A lot of parties would have to sign off," Jim Muldoon, an assistant commissioner of the Pac-10, said Tuesday. "But next year is not out of the question."

Muldoon said the Pac-10 and Big Ten champions play in the Rose Bowl regardless of their status in national polls — began a year ago. Penn State, the Big Ten champion, was excluded from the national-championship scheme because the Rose Bowl was not part of the bowl coalition. This year, unbeaten Ohio State could be in the same situation.

Several plans are expected to be discussed at a meeting of Pac-10 athletic directors this week in Los Angeles.

Muldoon said nothing of substance could be expected until the Pac-10's regular meeting Dec. 7-10 in San Francisco.

Muldoon identified two plans that might be considered.

"If the Big Ten or Pac-10 has the No. 1-ranked team at the end of the regular season, and an alliance-affiliate conference has the No. 2 team, those teams would meet in the Rose Bowl. If the top-ranked team was part of the alliance and No. 2 came from the Big Ten or Pac-10, those teams would play in an alliance bowl."

The Rose Bowl would become part of a four-bowl alliance rotation and would stage the national-championship game every fourth year, whether or not it included a Big Ten or Pac-10 team. It would continue to match the Big Ten and Pac-10 champions the three other years, unless one of them was ranked No. 1 or No. 2 and was diverted to another alliance bowl.

The present alliance bowls are the Fiesta, Orange and Sugar.

The Fiesta is scheduled to have what would be a national-championship game this season if a Big Ten or Pac-10 team is not ranked No. 1 or No. 2 at the end of the regular season.

Among the parties that would have to "sign off" on any change in the present Rose Bowl structure is the Tournament of Roses, which encouraged the Pac-10 and Big Ten to stay out of the coalition alliance. Muldoon said the Tournament of Roses position has softened to the point where "they're willing to listen."

Any new plan also would have to be approved by the two leagues, the bowl alliance and its member conferences, and the television networks.



Army cadets get Navy's goats — the hard way

WEST POINT, N.Y. (AP) — When three of Navy's mascot goats turned up missing over the weekend, it didn't take long to figure out who stole them.

"We knew Army cadets were involved," Navy sports information director Tom Bates said, "because they cut through two fences to get to the goats, and 15 feet away there was an unlocked gate."

Spoken like a true enemy. The truce is over. The service-academy pranksters are at war again.

Five years after the academies began making annual pacts to halt the mascot-stealing shenanigans because they were getting out of hand, Army has gotten Navy's goat again. The kid trio disappeared from a Maryland farm 15 miles from Annapolis during a pre-dawn raid Sunday by a contingent of West Point seniors.

"The goats are missing," Army public affairs officer Maj. Jay Ebbeson said. "And West Point cadets are behind it, I'm afraid."

Ably all that is known is that the goats are somewhere in the Hudson River highlands near West Point. The cadets say they intend to keep them until the Army-Navy game in December, but the Army brass may have a say in that.

"The cadets know where they are," said Brig. Gen. Robert J. St. Onge, in only his seventh week as commandant of the cadet corps. "I am depending on the cadet chain of command to find those cadets who know, have them come forward and tell us where the goats are. We will, as soon as possible, after we've ascertained through our veterinarians that the goats are healthy and can travel, take them to Annapolis with the appropriate apologies."

"I cannot guarantee that they'll have them before the game, but my intent is they'll have them much, much sooner than that."

The cadets said the goat-napping was payback for a 1991 Navy raid on West Point that netted all four of Army's mascot mules.

This is a major coup for the cadets, who were duped big-time in 1990. They stole a goat they thought was Bill XXVI, the Navy mascot.

"Instead, they got 'faux goat' — an ornery character who was drummed out of Annapolis because of his bathroom habits."

Navy wasn't the only weekend victim. High in the Colorado Rockies, Air Force was recovering from the theft of the Commandant-in-Chief's Trophy, the symbol of football supremacy among the service academies, Army invaders stole the hardware from the Falcons' trophy case and left a hand-scribbled note — "We took it early 'cause we're going to win it anyway" — in its place. A security guard discovered the empty case this Sunday.

This is serious business, folks. The Air Force public affairs officer the theft to a "tragedy ... on the same level of shock and outrage" a security guard discovered the empty case this Sunday.

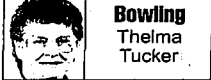
"We're a little bit concerned," Air Force coach Fisher DeBerry said during a break in preparation for Saturday's game against Army. "Really, it was just a prank in the spirit of the game. I'm sure the culprits are some Army exchange students we have here. It'll probably turn up sometime."

DeBerry was right. In an about-face, group of exchange students from West Point returned to the Tuesday morning to Lt. Gen. Paul E. Stein, who accepted it with a forced grin.

Irwin bowls top score

John Irwin, bowling in the Consolidated League for the Real Plus, says he has met the bowler's dream, a perfect 300 game.

Irwin has been bowling since he was eight years old and 31 years later this is his fourteenth 300. He has rolled four 297 games, three 289's, one 287 and one 280 game. His 700 series are 150 plus. He has rolled five 800 series' 843/821/815/806/801. The 843 was rolled when he was 24 years of age on the CSI Invitational League with games of 290/278/275.



Bowling
Thelma Tucker

His highest average held was 224 during one of the seasons when he was on the Pro Tour. The average he has won many tournaments but one that will live in his memory forever was in 1984 when he drove to Dickinson, North Dakota in what he described as his 1972 "Tuna Boat" Chevy. When he got to the airport, Dan Porter Scratch Classic he was driving a 1984 Mazda B2000 Sundowner pickup, thanks to the 300 game he bowled in the 6th game of qualification.

Irwin wasn't finished, however. He repeated the feat when he wiped out two-time defending champion Doug Stoiz 300/224 in the Championship match. Those two 300's were his seventh and eighth. Kevin McLaughlin, John, My number 15's not far behind.

The scoring was great as the Idaho State Seniors Championship Tournament got underway this past weekend.

In the women's A division (70 and older) Joan Moore of Kamiah holds onto the lead at 1,345. Low in the money is Dot Van Hook, Twin Falls, 1,283. On the men's side, Ray McCreary, Coeur d'Alene, is first with 1,442 and Clem Olsney, Blackfoot, is low in the money with 1,299.

Tom McLaughlin, Twin Falls, is first at 1,264. Janelle Baird, Carmen, rolled a 383 taking her first place in the B female division (65-69). Virginia Mulkey, Twin Falls, is low in the money with 1,329. The men's A division leader is William Purcell, Caldwell, 1,278 and Byron Jennings, Blackfoot, is low in the money rolling 1,217. At 1,326 Trudy Stephens, Pullman, Wash., leads in the C division female (60-64) and Donna Owens, Stites, is low at 1,274 in the division. Edwina Nitz, Stites, leads the pack at 1,460 and Charlotte Smith, Lewiston is low in the money with 1,311. Ralph Davida, Heyburn, leads the men's side at 1,371 and Del Leslie, Boise, is low in the money at 1,315.

The tournament continues this week-end with the final squad going on at 3:30 p.m. Sunday at Rupert Bowl.

When the tournament is over each of the four men and four women winners will receive a prepaid ticket to the National Senior Tournament in May 1996. The women will travel to Buffalo, N.Y. and the men to Salt Lake City, Utah. Each winner will also receive \$300 to help defray the cost of their travel.

Traveling to the State Qualifying from Rupert Bowl for the Merit Tournament are Bob Bywater, Doug McQueen, Dean Fassett, Jeri Gunn and Jeanne Larson.

Dean Dorland took both sets of the Sweeper last week at the Magic Bowl 502/484. Second on the first set won to Dave Horton 493, and on the second set Bob Leazer took the second place prize with a 451.

High game pots were won by Dorland 252, Jerri Miller 239, Horton 277. Second place pots went to Dorland 232 and Brian McGregor 245.

During Moonlite Bowling at Sunset Bowl Brian McGregor rolled a 298 game. Not having any big money shots McGregor finally got a 520 shot on his last ball leaving the 4-7 split for his 298 game.

PINS OVER AVERAGE ON A SERIES: Bill Palmer 138; Morris Johnson 129, Rhonda Breke 128, Brad Siegel 123, Ciolla Lopez 122, Bonnie Tolman 110, Dean Dorland 110, Juan Adams 106, Jerry Lorenz 206, Megan Schultz 97, Michelle Parke 96, Marie Bourn 92, Vern Smith 93, Rex Brittain 92, John Flynn 91.

Thelma Tucker writes a weekly bowling column for The Times-News. You can contact her at 733-4357.

Scores and stats

Rodeo

Following are the results of the Magic Valley Rodeo Association Jockey Nov 5

Open Breakaway Roping
Curtis Sparks, 4:27, Randy Rogo, 4:02, Eric Williams, 3:57.

Steer Breakaway Roping
John Wright, 3:52, Heather Olson, 3:30, Brady Rogo, 3:34, Brock Brodie, 3:22.

Junior Breakaway Roping
Chance Gardner, 4:27, Randy Rogo, John Wright, 4:02, Eric Williams, 3:57, Kasey Whitaker, 3:52, Greg Olson, 3:47, Jason Gardner, 3:42, Kelly Doherty, 3:44.

Head Start
Kasey Whitaker, 3:55, Kasey Whitaker, 3:55, Kasey Whitaker, 3:55, Kasey Whitaker, 3:55, Kasey Whitaker, 3:55, Kasey Whitaker, 3:55.

Sunset Bowl, Buhl

MEN'S SERIES: Ron Avery 502, Curt Quance 488, Steve Espinoza 636, Bud Whinnam 630, Bob Soovel 628, Ron Owen 587, April Poirer 636, Rick Rogers 609, Jay Sanderson 568, Mike Eckhart 603.

MEN'S GAMES: Bud Whinnam 255, Keith Kelly 235, Brock Adams 240, Curt Quance 214, Tom Holmboe 227, Ron Avery 236, Mike Eckhart 235, Tracy Hart 234, Van Vandenberg 233, Tom Sanderson 233.

WOMEN'S SERIES: Jodi Finney 571, Karen Zwickel 549, Kristi Graham 547, Peggy Armstrong 531, Kaye Jones 500, Deb Cole 509, Kasey Whitaker 500, Julie Eckhart 500.

WOMEN'S GAMES: Jodi Finney 214, Debbie Graham 214, Kaye Jones 212, Kasey Whitaker 209, Peggy Armstrong 209, Deb Cole 209, Julie Eckhart 209, Carrie Jones 209, Mary Davis 206, Christine Strickland 198, Dana Evans 186.

Jerome Bowl, Jerome

MEN'S SERIES: Ken Stow 717, Kevin Stow 682, Mike Eckhart 650, Al Brooks 635, Steve Austin 658, Don Sattler 628, Steve Eckhart 628, Josh Perloff 627.

MEN'S GAMES: Josh Perloff 275, Frank Messenger 268, Ken Stow 266, Dan Palmer 265, O. Val 265, Brooks 254, Max Tschert 248, Vern Sanderson 247, Chris 247, Chuck Marshall 242.

WOMEN'S SERIES: Leslie Vandenberg 606, Susan Sloop 603, Candace Sloop 595, Cora Conner 592, Sharon Chatterton 595, Reese Toole 595, Karen Armstrong 595, Claudine Crenk 541, Bara Smith 540.

WOMEN'S GAMES: Candace Sloop 220, Bara Smith 220, Leslie Vandenberg 215, Reeds O'Neil 218, Karen Aird 212, Pat Tullis 216, Corra Conner 212, Susan Sloop 210, Tony James 209.

Rupert Bowl, Rupert

MEN'S SERIES: Steve Dwyer 792, Bob Bywater 604, Cory Koppa 601, Jeremy Koppa 587, Greg Larson 639, Larry Tompkins 638, David McCreary 623, Vigi Winters 630, Don Lovelace 605, Rick Parker 601.

MEN'S GAMES: Steve Dwyer 260, Bob Bywater 260, Cory Koppa 260, Jeremy Koppa 260, Greg Larson 260, Larry Tompkins 260, David McCreary 260, Vigi Winters 260, Don Lovelace 260, Rick Parker 260.

WOMEN'S SERIES: Bonnie Murphy 627, Beth Beck 568, Nancy Wisoch 364, Dawn Fassett 360, Stacy Bryant 342, Mary Johnson 342, Shelley 341, Cori Fawell 330.

MEN'S GAMES: Steve Dwyer 260, Bob Bywater 260, Cory Koppa 260, Jeremy Koppa 260, Greg Larson 260, Larry Tompkins 260, David McCreary 260, Vigi Winters 260, Don Lovelace 260, Rick Parker 260.

Bowlwalk, Twin Falls

MEN'S SERIES: Dean Dorland 654, Bill Palmer 705, Bob Leazer 627, John Hain 682, Mark 627, Maura Johnson 645, J.V. Mitchell 645, Cory Moore 643, Eddie Chappe 610, Pat Leazer 627.

MEN'S GAMES: John Hain 300, Pat Leazer 286, Maura Johnson 286, Cory Moore 286, J.V. Mitchell 286, Eddie Chappe 286, J.V. Mitchell 286, Cory Moore 286, John Hain 286, Pat Leazer 286.

WOMEN'S SERIES: Linda Kalske 120.

Send in your local spots items

Do you know of a local sporting event that ought to be in the paper? Fax it to 734-5538. Items should include first and last names and hometowns for all people mentioned, the date and place of the event and whatever scores or places won for the participants. Include a name and number where Karen can get more information if needed.

your Sports



Heyburn's Carquist shines in gymnastics invitational

HEYBURN - Allison Carquist won four events at the Teddy Bear Gymnastics Invitational Monday at Rainbow Gymnastics.

Competing with the level 5 gymnasts in the 7-8 year-old division, Carquist won the vault, beam, floor and all-around competition. She also finished third in the bars.

Seventy-seven gymnasts representing eight different clubs from Idaho and Utah participated in the invitational. The next competition for the Rainbow gymnasts is Dec. 2, in Boise.

Allison Carquist performs.

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The Idaho National Engineering Laboratory (INEL) Draft INEL Comprehensive Facility and Land Use Plan

An INEL Comprehensive Facility and Land Use Plan has been drafted and is available for public review. The plan provides a brief history of the INEL and presents information on current and future programs and initiatives, land acquisition and current land use, and future plans for INEL land and facilities. Text, tables, and maps present and depict construction plans, demolition plans, building utilization, and long-range land use. The plan will be used as baseline information to support cost-effective and environmentally conscientious use of INEL land which has been set aside to support research and development activities directed by the United States Department of Energy.

The public is encouraged to provide ideas and suggestions about the plan's content and planned facility and land use at the INEL. Copies of the draft INEL Comprehensive Facility and Land Use Plan are located in the repositories listed below. Address written comments to Craig L. Jacobson, Lockheed Idaho Technologies Company, P. O. Box 1625, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83415-3670. Comments received prior to November 14, 1995, can be considered for application to this year's final publication. Comments received after November 14, 1995, will be considered for application to the next annual update of the plan. Additional information and/or copies of the plan can be obtained by calling (208) 526-7018.

REPOSITORIES:

INEL Technical Library, DOE-ID Reading Room, 1776 Science Center Drive, Idaho Falls
Marshall Public Library, 113 South Garfield, Pocatello
Shoshone-Bannock Library, HRDC Building, Bannock and Pima Streets, Fort Hall
INEL Boise Office, 816 West Bannock, Suite 306, Boise
University of Idaho Library, University of Idaho Campus, Raymond Street, Moscow
Boise Public Library, 715 South Capitol Boulevard, Boise
Twin Falls Public Library, 434 Second Street East, Twin Falls
Idaho Falls Public Library, 457 Broadway, Idaho Falls

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Magic Valley

Around the valley

Lewd conduct charges place man in court

TWIN FALLS — A man charged with trying to kill his common-law wife appeared in court Wednesday on a charge of having sex with a teen-age girl.

Authorities say Julian Garcia Hernandez, 27, of Eden, bragged to a teen girlfriend about having broken the skull, nose and ribs of Virginia Marie Torrez of Rupert — he even showed her where he tried to drown Torrez in the Snake River, according to an affidavit written by Detective Chuck Dudley of the Twin Falls Police Department.

The girl, of Twin Falls, was being interviewed by Jerome County Sheriff's Department following Torrez's beating on Sept. 11 when she mentioned she met "Mr. Hernandez through a friend and they started dating and having sex in May, the affidavit said.

Hernandez was arrested after hiding in a tree near a cornfield on Sept. 29. He is charged with attempted first-degree murder and kidnapping in Jerome County.

Wednesday, Hernandez was charged with felony lewd conduct with a minor under 16. Bail was set at \$5,000, and a public defender was appointed. He was being held Wednesday evening on a \$100,000 bond at Jerome County Jail.

Last month, Torrez testified Hernandez beat her because he believed she was romantically involved with his friend. Jerome authorities found a photograph of the teen-age girl in Hernandez's pocket after his arrest, scantily clad and posing seductively, the affidavit said.

Veterans day to close banks, government buildings

TWIN FALLS — Do your errands today — your bank may be closed Friday, along with many offices around town.

The county courthouse and state government offices will close on Friday to observe Veterans Day.

City Hall will be closed Friday, but public works and emergency crews will be on duty. City Manager Tom Courtney said. Garbage collectors will follow their normal schedules Friday, he said. City offices will be open normal hours on Monday.

The post office will be open on Friday but closed on Saturday, and carriers will not deliver mail Saturday.

The state's liquor stores will be open normal hours on Friday and Saturday, according to the Idaho State Liquor Dispensary.

Jurors convict Telluride man in kidnaping, shooting case

TWIN FALLS — Jurors convicted a Telluride, Colo., man Wednesday evening of kidnaping and shooting his former girlfriend last year.

Peel, 48, stood emotionless while the court clerk read the verdict: guilty of aggravated battery, aggravated assault and second-degree kidnaping. Jurors added "enhanced" convictions because Peel used a handgun during the crimes.

Prosecutors had charged Peel with first-degree kidnaping, which carries the burden of proving he intended to kidnap her. Peel's ex-girlfriend fell to her knees sobbing with relief outside the Twin Falls County Courthouse following the verdict. She had testified that Peel woke her up with a hand over her mouth and a gun to her head on Sept. 25, 1994. Peel drove her down a dirt road, then shot her in the arm when she tried to drive away.

In May, Peel was indicted by a grand jury on charges he tried to hire another inmate to kill his ex-girlfriend, but those charges were dismissed when the inmate escaped from the Minn-Cassia jail.

A first trial against Peel ended in a mistrial in May when new evidence was found near the scene of the crime. Fifth District Judge Daniel Meehl will sentence Peel; no hearing date has yet been set. Peel could face up to 90 years in prison.

PolicĂe close Filer Avenue after accident causes gas leak

TWIN FALLS — A shrieking gas leak prompted police to close a portion of Filer Avenue Wednesday night after a pickup truck crashed into a front yard and uprooted a tree.

The accident on the northwest corner of Filer and Fillmore brought several firefighters and police officers out on a rainy night to control gawkers and alert nearby residents. As of 10 p.m., however, there was apparently no evacuation of neighboring homes.

Police at the scene said the gas leak was apparently in the gas line serving just one house.

Scoutmaster faces more sex charges

TWIN FALLS — A former Filer high school teacher accused of repeatedly sexually abusing boys in the 1960s — many times at Mormon Church and Boy Scout functions — has been charged in connection with sex crimes in two additional Idaho counties.

Ronald Alan Jenkins, 52, faces at least three felony charges of lewd conduct in Custer and Franklin counties, said LaMont Anderson, a specially appointed prosecutor who heads the child-abuse resource team for the Idaho attorney general's office.

The new charges involve the same victim as charges earlier filed in Twin Falls County. There, grand jurors indicted Jenkins in March on three counts of lewd conduct after the victim testified Jenkins molested him at Mormon Church and Scout facilities, the affidavit said.

State prosecutors filed charges this month after the victim told an investigator Jenkins molested him at least nine times in six counties across Idaho, according to an affidavit

Flu adds aches to coughs and sniffles

By Julie M. McKinnon
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — At Robert Stuart Junior High School, typically 55 of the school's 880 students are absent: There were 148 out Monday, 151 out Tuesday and 145 out Wednesday.

Over Jerome, the classrooms of 21 to 27 students at Jefferson Elementary School may have a student or two absent on any given day. Now, six to nine desks are empty in every classroom.

Flu season — the time when most respiratory illnesses aren't influenza but the term is used to describe them all — has started its surge about two months early, hitting school-age children the hardest.

"I can see the difference in the hallway," said Robert Stuart Principal Craig Ainsworth, noting there are occasional days with high absenteeism. "I think it's more this year.

"It seems like this is exceptional."

Jerome Middle School Principal Dave Zumwalt said the absences are another by-product of families with two working parents: Children come to school sick, get sicker, and spread their illnesses around instead of staying home from the beginning.

On Friday, 134 of Jerome Middle School's 545 students were out, but the absentee rate has returned to about the normal 25, Zumwalt said.

"It just slowly built up to that big blow out on Friday," he said. "This was the worst I've seen it."

Staying home is the best thing sick people can do not only for themselves but for others around them, said nurse epidemiologist Cheryl Becker of the South Central District Health Department. Getting enough sleep and eating a balanced diet also are important, she said.

Usually, influenza cases do not show up until mid-December, but illnesses were cropping up in mid-October this year,

Becker said. Along with runny noses, sore throats and coughs associated with other respiratory illnesses, influenza is characterized by an acute onset of muscle aches and fevers, she said.

Four children in Blaine and Twin Falls counties — ranging in age from 3 months to 18 years — have confirmed cases of influenza A, Becker said.

While schools have had high absentee rates, officials at two local manufacturing plants — Amalgamated Sugar Co. in Twin Falls and Moore Business Forms in Jerome — said Wednesday the number of employees calling in sick is about normal.

In Twin Falls, absenteeism has been worst at Lincoln Elementary School, where 85 of the school's 570 students were out Tuesday, said district clerk Rose Steffens. Illness typically runs its course throughout the district, where overall absenteeism was at its high last week, she said.

A couple of weeks ago, Blaine County schools had a lot of students absent; one

day about 200 of Wood River High School's 683 students were out, said district clerk Cathy Zaccardi.

"There's still quite a few kids running around with sniffles and stuff, but it's not nearly as bad as people thought it was," Zaccardi said. "We had a lot of people calling and asking why we hadn't closed the school."

Zaccardi said the district's superintendent and county's public-health nurse agreed there is no reason to close school unless an increase in absenteeism happens right before a long break so students can recover fully.

Steffens said a Twin Falls school won't be closed unless there aren't enough teachers to staff it, and there hasn't been much of a problem with that this year.

"We have some teachers who are ill, and we have substitutes who replace our teachers who are ill," Ainsworth added. "Certainly, if we don't have any teachers, we'll have to shut it down."

Oakley firefighter risks life, saves resident from burning cabin

By Kevin Miller
Times-News writer

OAKLEY — The third time Oakley volunteer firefighter Troy Greenwell crawled into a burning home Monday night, sealing hot embers from a collapsing ceiling fell on top of him.

While backing out from the fire, he told himself that anyone inside the house at 244 N. Main Street was already dead, and he didn't want to add himself to the list.

As he felt his way towards the back door, Greenwell heard the cries of mourning family members just outside the door. Then he heard the wheezing moan of a man trying to breathe in the super-hot air.

Someone was alive in the inferno after all.

Greenwell knew he had to make one more try to rescue the man trapped in his burning home.

Crawling back into the house, under flames licking less than a foot above their heads, Greenwell and fellow volunteer Joe Stringham pulled an unconscious Carl Covington out of the burning house and to safety Monday night.

The fire in Covington's rented home, which had most of the historic log cabin, apparently started in the living room, Fire Chief Harlo Clark said. Fire investigators think a cigarette burning near a couch caused the fire, he said.

The living room, kitchen and outdoor porch were completely engulfed in flames when firefighters arrived at the house shortly before 6 p.m.

Nearby, neighbors were restraining Jim Willyard, Covington's son-in-law, from rushing back into the burning building.

Willyard told firefighters that Covington was still in the house.

"He knew he was in there somewhere," Clark said. "He couldn't find him during his attempts."

Firefighters Greenwell and Stringham crawled in through the back door of the burning building, armed with only a 1/2-inch hose and fire retardant clothing. The fire kept them from finding Covington during their first three attempts.

"We go in there, even with the hose they couldn't advance very far at all," Clark said.

On the fourth try, a high-powered fan helped blow flames and smoke away from Greenwell as he made his way into the house behind a fine spray of water.

During earlier rescue attempts, Greenwell had ignored a door to his left, thinking it was just a closet, he said. But on the last time in he opened the door, reached inside, and felt the unresponsive body of Covington.

Greenwell felt Covington's chest, felt it expand as the man tried to breathe, and called Stringham to help pull him out.



Kevin Miller/The Times-News
Since pulling an unconscious man from his burning home Monday night, Oakley volunteer firefighter Troy Greenwell is learning to deal with being called a hero. Carl Covington, who was rescued by Greenwell, is recovering from burns suffered in the fire.

"All I can say is, I'm sure glad I went back. As soon as I heard the family, I knew I had to try one more time," Greenwell said.

"We probably pushed our luck there" by going back into the burning house, Clark said.

Covington, in his mid-50s, suffered burns to his lungs. He was taken to Cassia Regional Medical Center then flown to the University of Utah Hospital's burn

center where he is listed in critical but stable condition.

After Covington was pulled to safety, firefighters directed their efforts at the blaze, Clark said. Aided by deputies from the Cassia County Sheriff's Office, the Oakley Fire Response unit, and ambulance crews, 14 firefighters worked for nearly four hours to put out the fire and save part of the home, Clark said.

Colorado water expert lays out resource's history in the West

By Liz Wright
Times-News writer

Millions of acres of erstwhile desert are now productive cropland, and stable communities have grown up. In some of the West's harshest outposts, he said.

"We carved societies out here, out of rivers as much as the land," Wilkinson said.

But the rhythms of the West have been thrown out of balance as intensive water use has altered the environment. Many once-bountiful fish and wildlife populations have dwindled. Much of the water development was funded by American taxpayers, but farmers and others employed in the water-use community have reaped many of the rewards, Wilkinson said.

"Western water ... as it developed, shut out a lot of other interests," Wilkinson said, noting that 80 percent of Idaho's water is dedicated to agriculture. Any

Water development in the past 140 years has changed the social landscape of the West dramatically, Wilkinson said.

Wilkinson spoke Wednesday night to a crowd of about 70 people at O'Leary Junior High School. He will speak at O'Leary again tonight at 7 p.m.; the presentations are part of a four-day church conference on Western issues.

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Stennett: Waste deal conflicts with resolution

By Steve Koehler
Times-News correspondent

WENDELL — State Sen. Clint Stennett, D-Keetchum says Gov. Phil Batt acted against the intent of a legislative resolution when he signed a nuclear waste agreement with the federal government.

Stennett and Reps. Wendy Jaquet, D-Keetchum and Tim Ridinger, R-Shoshone, explained their positions on nuclear waste to the Wendell Chamber of Commerce Wednesday.

"Last year the Legislature passed a resolution that said no more nuclear waste will be brought into Idaho until a permanent repository is opened," Stennett said. "Nothing has changed. No permanent repository has opened."

Stennett argued that Batt can't act unilaterally, can't just say the state will accept nuclear waste.

"I don't think the governor is operating under legislative intent," Stennett said. "The people spoke through the legislature and said, 'We don't want (nuclear waste) until a proven repository is open,' and (yet) we're getting it."

Stennett said he wrote the attorney general last week asking if the Legislature can overturn the governor's decision. He didn't get an acknowledgment of his letter, Stennett said, so he wrote the attorney general again Tuesday asking when a decision would be made.

U.S. Sen. Larry Craig, with his position in a Republican-controlled Congress, could help stop the nuclear waste shipments to Idaho, Stennett said.

It's important for Idahoans to make the nuclear waste issue a national issue, Ridinger said. The federal government has spent millions of dollars studying a waste storage site in New Mexico but nothing has happened, he said.

"We need to still be vocal about (nuclear waste storage) until the rest of the country realizes there is a problem," Ridinger said. "If it's safe to store over our aquifer, it should be safe to store it where it's created."

Jaquet also spoke out against the agreement.

"I would have preferred keeping (the nuclear waste issue) tied up in the courts," she said. "I think that would have given us the time to leave it in the areas where it's being generated."

The trio's next town meetings on upcoming legislative issues will be Nov. 21: a public drop-in at 10 a.m. at the Wood River Inn in Gooding, followed by the Chamber of Commerce luncheon at noon. At 5:30 p.m. the delegation will be at Sullivan's Country Kitchen in Fairfield.

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Waste deal takes 1 more step

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — Another key element of Gov. Phil Batt's nuclear waste deal has fallen into place with the signing of a consent order guaranteeing Idaho will not become a dump for so-called low-level mixed waste.

The order, signed by state and federal officials last week, incorporates guidelines of the National Governors' Association that prohibit storage of so-called mixed waste in the same state where it is processed.

Death notices

Nathan A. Tanner
BURLY - Nathan A. Tanner, 81, of Burlly, died Wednesday, Nov. 8, 1995, at the Burlly Care Center.
The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Hansen Mortuary, Burlly Chapel, 321 E. Main St., in Burlly, with Bishop Dalton Elquist officiating. Burial will follow at the Pleasant View Cemetery, Burlly. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday and one hour before the funeral on Saturday at the funeral chapel.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Hansen Mortuary Burlly Chapel.
Myrtle Elison
OAKLEY - Myrtle Elison, 94, of Oakley, died Wednesday, Nov. 8, 1995, at the Parke View Care and Rehabilitation Center in Burlly. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by the Payne Mortuary in Burlly.

Peter F. Dzakovic
TWIN FALLS - Peter F. Dzakovic, 45, of Twin Falls, died Wednesday, Nov. 8, 1995, at his home on Wilmore Street of cancer.
A graveside service will be held at 11:30 am Friday at the Magic Valley Veteran's Cemetery, south of Hansen. Arrangements are under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Services

Edith Mary Belcher, of Shoshone, 10:30 a.m. today, Shoshone Assembly of God Church, (Demary's Shoshone Chapel).

Muriel "Polly" Mary Syster, of Twin Falls, 1 p.m. today, White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Magie Lake Reservoir and formerly of Buhl, wake, 1 p.m. Saturday, West Magie Lake Resort.
Thomas "Tom" Wayne Rackham, of Twin Falls, 2 p.m. Saturday, Kimberly LDS Stake Center, 3857 N. 3500 E. Viewing, 4 to 8:30 p.m. Friday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls and from 1 to 1:45 p.m. on Saturday at the church.

Aletha Rose Rezz Lytle, of Twin Falls, 11 a.m. today, Twin Falls Seventh Day Adventist Church, (Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

Ruby Mae Overman, of Paul, 1 p.m. Friday, Paul United Methodist Church, 127 W. Clark St., Viewing, 6 to 8 p.m. today at the Payne Mortuary in Burlly and one hour before the funeral on Friday at the church.

The family will greet friends from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Friday at White Mortuary.
Ross E. "Gene" Davis, of West

Hospitals

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
Some names are omitted at patients' request.
Admitted
Brenda Nickels and Cody Deddie, both of Twin Falls.
Released
Josepina Montroy of Twin Falls; and Jessica Vonette Howard of Jerome.

Mortuary Burlly Chapel).
Merbeth "Polly" Mary Syster, of Twin Falls, 1 p.m. today, White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Egleston and Zackery Toner, both of Heyburn; Michelle Rathe and Jackie Sanchez, both of Rupert; and Cherise Gentry of Declo.

CASSIA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
Admitted
Karen Christiansen and Samuel Hunt, both of Paul; Yvonia Gilindo, Goldie Paz and Patricia Rodriguez, all of Rupert; and James Gordon of Oakley.
Released
Winnifred Arrowwood, Floyd Hare, Eldilia Navezar and Inez Zollinger, all of Burlly; James Bevard of Paul; James

Ruby Mae Overman, of Paul, 1 p.m. Friday, Paul United Methodist Church, 127 W. Clark St., Viewing, 6 to 8 p.m. today at the Payne Mortuary in Burlly and one hour before the funeral on Friday at the church.

Birbs
A baby was born to Mr. and Mrs. Elias Paz, Michelle Rathe and Patricia Rodriguez, all of Rupert; and Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Christiansen of Paul.

MINDOKA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
Admitted
Vivian Cooper, Susan Russman, Skylar Raye Anderson and Priscilla Fuller, all of Rupert; and Raymond Mata of Burlly.
Released
Florence Garner, Ira W. Coleman, Sacarna Delacruz and Alicia Castro, all of Rupert; and Raymond Mata of Burlly.

Obituaries

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Bernis Waite of Hagerman; 42 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by his wife and two brothers.
The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10, 1995, at the Almo LDS Ward Chapel, with Bishop Stanley Spencer conducting. Burial will follow at the Sunny Cedar Rest Cemetery in Almo. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. on Friday at the church.
The family suggests that memorial contributions may be given to Primary Children's Hospital Medical Center Foundation, 100 N. Medical Drive, P.O. Box 58249, Salt Lake City UT 84158-0249; or may be left with Payne Mortuary. Arrangements are under the direction of the Payne Mortuary in Burlly.

Jerome
Clara P. Shurtz
Clara Pearl Shurtz, 91, of Jerome, died Tuesday, Nov. 7, 1995, at the Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital.
She was born April 1, 1904, in Iona, Idaho, the daughter of Simon Meloy and Mary Walker Allen. She came to Jerome in 1914, and lived with her sister, Rose and Sam Crofts, where she met William Dennis Shurtz and they were married in Jerome on Aug. 8, 1921.
They were blessed with 10 wonderful children. Still living: Arnold Francis Shurtz of Jerome, Sara Jane Martin of Twin Falls, Joyce Pearl Flynn of Jerome, William Joseph Shurtz of Washnug, Wash., and Shirley Lorene of Pocatello, Richfield. Preceding her in death were Vernon Eugene Shurtz of Jerome, Mary Elizabeth Shurtz of Jerome, and Lavone Irene Althouse of Twin Falls and James LeRoy Shurtz Sr. and Rose Marie Shurtz both of Jerome. Clara was blessed with 40 grandchildren and 48 great-grandchildren. William preceded her in death in 1959.
She lived life to the fullest and will be dearly missed by all her family and friends.
The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Jerome 2nd Ward LDS Chapel, with Bishop Alfred Nickels officiating. Burial will follow at the Jerome Cemetery. Friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday at the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome and one hour before the funeral on Saturday at the church.

Gooding
Maria J. Uronia
Maria Josefa Uronia, 89, of Gooding, died Sunday, Nov. 5, 1995, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.
Mary was born June 25, 1906, in Elanchove, Viscaya, Spain, the daughter of Claudio and Gregoria Ascuna. She came to the United States with her mother and brother to meet her father in 1909. She lived and was educated in Gooding.
She married John Uronia in 1925, and together they farmed north of Gooding. She devoted her life to her family and was very close to them. Her family will always cherish her wonderful cooking and sense of values and good time.
She was a member of the Babcock Margaret Lodge No. 90 and the former Good Neighbor Club.
She is survived by two daughters, Frances Fuinq of Gooding and Anna Rosa of Boise; a son, George Uronia of Germany; one brother, George Ascuna of Montclair, N.J.; three sisters, Juana Elguazabal of Boise, Claudia Sabala of Gooding and Elizabeth Tale of Talent, Ore.; six grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, John; her parents; one daughter; one son; two brothers; and one sister.
A vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 13, 1995, at Demary's Gooding Chapel, Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Tuesday at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church in Gooding, with Father James F. Shinnick officiating.
The family suggests that memorials be made to the Gooding County Memorial Hospital Foundation or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Almo
Elbert L. Durfee
Elbert Lorenzo Durfee, 89, of Almo, died Monday, Nov. 6, 1995, at his home of extended illness.
He was born Feb. 12, 1906, in Almo, the oldest of 12 children of Lorenzo and Anna Abby Bruesch Durfee. He attended elementary school in Almo. He lived with his grandparents in Ogden, Utah, where he attended three years of high school. In 1925, he graduated from Albin High School and then completed an L.L. coek correspondence course in electrical engineering. Elbert served an LDS mission to the Western States Mission from January of 1929 to July of 1931. He married Grace Alton Rooker in the Logan, Utah, LDS Temple on June 8, 1933.

Almo
Elbert served in many callings in the LDS Church including bishop of the Almo ward from 1952 to 1963. He also served on the Raft River Rural Electric Board as a trustee for School District 151, and was secretary of the Almo Water Company for many years. He was a mechanic, electrician, builder, inventor and repairman.
He loved the outdoors and enjoyed frequent excursions to the mountains. He was a devoted husband and loving father.

Survivors include his wife, Grace Durfee of Almo, two sons, Elbert (Kay) Durfee and Kent R. (Janis) Durfee, all of Almo; five daughters, Carol (Lylo) Woodbury of Raft River, Dolita (Shakespeare) of Mesa, Ariz., Linda (Kennard) Chappell of Lyman, Utah, Marilyn (Gar) Elison of Kayesville, Utah, and Karma (Donald) Shakespeare of Orem, Utah; four brothers, Kenneth Durfee of Orem, Utah, Walter Leland Durfee of Burlly, and Louis Durfee and Jay Durfee, both of Gooding; five sisters, Doris Gibbons of Gooding, Alleen Jensen of Yuma, Ariz., Naomi Reed of Bountiful, Utah, LaRae Taylor of Pinesville, La.

Pocatello
Valna Hiskey
Valna Hiskey, 84, formerly of Pocatello and wife of Peter M. Hiskey, was born Feb. 11, 1914, in Grover, Utah, and died Nov. 5,

1995, in Arlington, Va. She was the mother of Beverly Ballance of Parkdale, Ore., June Hiskey of Arlington, and Dave Hiskey and two brothers, grandmother of Peter Hiskey, Michelle Smith, Paul Hiskey, Deann Larson, Bryant Hiskey, Susie Hickey, Angela Carlson and Don Hunter; and great-grandchildren of Jordan Carlson, Jonathan Carlson, Roxanne Gibbs, Sara and Joni Hunter, and Rachel, Rebecca and Michael Hiskey. She was preceded in death by her husband, Peter M. Hiskey in 1987; and a son, Peter Marie Hiskey Jr. in March 1956.
Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday at the Downard Hansen Funeral Home, 241 N. Garfield in Pocatello. The family will receive friends from 7 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Interment will be at the Mountain View Cemetery in Pocatello.



Cynthia Arrasmith, 16, testified Wednesday in the trial of her father, Ken, of Sunnyside, Wash., who is charged with murdering a Clarkston, Wash., couple who he believed raped her.

Daughter tells court of abuse

LEWISTON (AP) — The daughter of murder defendant Kenneth Arrasmith broke down as she testified Wednesday that she was sexually abused by the couple her father is accused of killing.
Cynthia Arrasmith said she was repeatedly abused when she lived with Ronald and Luella Bingham from Feb. 24 until May 7, the day before she was picked up as a runaway at a Lewiston motel with her 25-year-old boyfriend. The girl, then 15, was placed in a juvenile detention center.
She also testified that she wanted to leave the Bingham's Clarkston,

Wash., home because of the abuse.
The testimony came in the second day of the 2nd District Court trial of Kenneth Arrasmith, who is charged with two counts of first-degree murder.
The Bingham were shot multiple times with two guns May 17 at an auto repair shop in East Lewiston. Kenneth Arrasmith contends the couple had dragged and sexually assaulted his daughter.
In February, Cynthia Arrasmith and her boyfriend, who the Bingham's hired as a mechanic, moved into a trailer next to the Bingham's home.

Cynthia, who was a frequent runaway, has said previously the Bingham's treated her grandly at first, buying her clothes and giving her drugs and money. But eventually, she contends, the Bingham's drugged her, raped her, brainwashed her and made her a captive.
Meanwhile, a visiting magistrate has said that another man charged in the case likely was a conspirator in the slayings.
Kyle A. Richardson, 25, of Lewiston appeared at a preliminary hearing Tuesday in Nez Perce County. The hearing will resume Nov. 21.

Ex-Fox aide files complaint with state

BOISE (AP) — Terry Haws, fired just a few weeks into his job as chief of staff for State School Superintendent Anne Fox, on Wednesday filed a complaint alleging that Fox violated the Idaho Sunshine Law by failing to list him as an employee late in the 1994 campaign.

Haws filed the complaint with the secretary of state's office Wednesday afternoon. Fox has 10 days to file a response.

Haws said he filed the action to force Fox to deal with his claim that she owes him \$60,000 for his year's work as campaign manager. Fox later released a statement that Haws volunteered his services.
"if there was a mistake in recording the campaign funds, we are more than willing to correct that," said Fox representative Rhonda Emidson.
Later, through Emidson, Fox released a statement:
"Terrey Haws never was hired as campaign manager.

She came to me and volunteered his services, asking me to run and agreed he would donate his time as a campaign manager. There was no formal contract. There were no bills for service from Terry Haws during campaign.
The campaign was over Nov. 8 From Nov. 9 through Dec. 31, 1994,

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Magic Valley

Batt chooses panel to reduce prison costs

The Associated Press

BOISE — A nine-member panel was named by Gov. Phil Batt on Wednesday to a committee charged with finding alternatives to building hundreds of millions of dollars in new prison cells by the turn of the century.

Among the panelists are Sen. Denton Darrington of Deelo, Rep. Celia Gould of Buhl and Twin Falls County Sheriff Wayne Towsley.

"We have to do something about controlling that cost," Batt said in endorsing one of the key recommendations of his Economic Stimulus Committee. "We have to have a more pro-active stance of how we can relieve the taxpayer in this matter."

The appointment of the panel came months before the spring

timetable the administration had set last month after Corrections Director James Spalding informed the Permanent Building Fund Advisory Council that without a change in sentencing laws the state will have to double its cell space to over 6,000 at a cost of \$250 million.

Batt said he wanted the committee to come up with recommendations prior to the Legislature convening in January.

In its report, the statewide committee of business leaders urged alternatives to incarceration of non-violent offenders such as house arrest or electronic monitoring as well as work programs and privatization or consolidation of some services.

"Build prisons to accommodate the taxpayer, not the prisoner," the report said.

Controversial truck arrives in Rupert

By Kevin Miller Times-News writer

RUPERT — The city's controversial new fire truck arrived over the weekend, too late to put out the fire that burned out the re-election bids of two City Council members.

Challengers Joel Rogers and Layne Rutschke credited some of their success in unseating incumbent Rupert City Council members Steve Poreh and Pete Espinoza to the funding freeze surrounding the purchase of the new fire truck.

"I think it had an effect, I believe the voters of Rupert had the perception of not being informed when that decision was being made," said

Rogers, who received the most votes in Tuesday's city election.

The Rupert City Council issued a letter of apology to citizens in June for not holding a bond election to finance the \$214,000 firetruck. The council ordered the new truck in December, unaware that the Legislature was going to approve a 3 percent property tax cap that essentially limits the size of the city's budget.

Since the truck was already ordered and money already invested, the city has to go into debt to finance the purchase and is now forced to tighten its budget even more.

In June, Mayor Dwinelle Alfred said the purchase would cut into the city's ability to pay

other expenses. "In retrospect, the mayor and council made an error in judgement by ordering the firetruck on anticipated revenues and without requesting a bond election. For that we apologize. This experience will help us to make better decisions in the future, and we would ask for understanding by the Rupert community," the letter of apology stated.

Voters returned only one of the three City Council members who were involved in the decision to buy the new firetruck, which will cost taxpayers more than \$280,000 once a five-year financing plan is complete. Only incumbent Gar Loosli was able to hold onto to his City Council position.

Wood River school lauded for anti-drug efforts

By Barbara Neivert Times-News correspondent

HAILEY — The Wood River Middle School was one of 113 schools nationwide to be recognized for its outstanding drug education program by the U.S. Department of Education.

The school became a "Noteworthy Component-Winner" in the department's Drug-Free Recognition Program primarily for the school's success in working with community groups and agencies.

"The community is beginning to recognize it's not just a school program," said Middle School Vice Principal Ray Grosvenor. "And really, when a student's hurting, the community hurts."

It is this philosophy that spurred a

group of concerned parents to form Families in Action in 1985. The community group worked with the district's substance abuse committee to provide prevention and intervention services for students.

Over the past 10 years, this private-public partnership evolved into an army of task forces, providing a variety of services.

"Community involvement has provided curriculum kits, alternative activities for kids both on and off school grounds, and scholarships for family counseling and parent education classes."

Law enforcement involvement is high as well. Police have recently formed a Police Activities League to provide after school and vacation break recreation programs. A school resource officer counsels students and

serves as the school-police liaison for investigations.

While the efforts of these programs combined have not wiped out teenage drug use in Blaine County, they have brought change.

Grosvenor said he has seen a trend in student attitudes over the past five years. "Kids are less stressed and more willing to resist the temptations out there," he said. "Realizing this is the age group that likes to experiment, and dealing with the peer pressure that they do, a lot of kids have been able to hold their heads up and say 'no,'" Grosvenor said.

The ones who have difficulty with that are the ones who need help, he said.

Grosvenor attributes part of the drug education program success to the structure of the middle school.

Changing four years ago from a junior high to a middle school, Wood River Middle School now houses 410 seventh and eighth graders. Sixth graders will join the ranks when the new middle school is completed next year.

In the course of the change, the staff adopted a "core-team" philosophy. Each core team of four teachers meets daily to pinpoint any problems immediately and devise workable solutions.

Parent involvement at this core team level is a vital component, and Grosvenor credits this teacher/student/parent communication as a key element in the program's overall success. "Simply put, there would be little success without community and parental involvement and support," Grosvenor said.



JENNIFER BUNCH/The Times-News

As part of a disaster drill, members of the J.R. Simplot Co.'s Fire Brigade rescue Lanae Priest, a Deelo Quick Response Unit volunteer who acted out the part of a fork lift driver caught in a chemical spill at the Heyburn plant.

Mini-Cassia area practices disaster preparedness

By Jennifer Bunch Times-News writer

HEYBURN — Rescue teams from more than a dozen agencies responded to a chemical spill at the J.R. Simplot Co. Heyburn plant Wednesday.

The spill was caused when a forklift driver at the plant suffered a heart attack.

Things worsened when a pick-up truck driver outside the Simplot plant became caught up in the commotion and ran into a school bus full of kids. The pick-up was carrying a farm chemical, which also spilled.

No one was hurt — it was only a drill.

The incident was part of a Mini-Cassia area disaster preparedness drill mandated by state and federal laws.

Ambulances from Minidoka and Cassia counties were called in to practice emergency care and transport the volunteers who played injured in the drill.

Crews responded properly, identifying what they were dealing with before they reacted, said Christie Herzog, drill chairwoman who works in Poastello with Advanced Training Technology.

Chemical reactions can be unpredictable and can deal rescue crews a bad hand.

Hazardous material is the "ace of spades or joker in the deck,"

said Mike Sweeney, the Bureau of Disaster Services officer in Twin Falls who assisted area leaders in planning the exercise.

Common but hazardous chemicals used at food processing plants were mixed during the mock spill, Herzog said.

"If you have response teams that rush in without assessing the situation, they are going to become victims themselves," she said.

Identifying the chemicals in the unabled barrels took time, Heyburn Fire Chief Mike Brown said. And crews always can benefit from more training, he said.

The drill helps fulfill requirements of hospitals in both counties. Every third year a realistic drill must be held. During the other years, "table top" drills are conducted where officials, including county commissioners, gather to discuss what they would do under a particular emergency situation.

Wednesday's drill showed a need for more training for emergency response teams in handling hazardous chemicals. The exercise also showed that local response crews cooperate well and have an effective command system in place, Sweeney said.

Drill participants will meet today at the Rupert Fire Department to critique their performances.

Water

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change in current water practices is generally seen as a threat to people who've built their lives around the status quo, he said, "and we all worry about losing the uncluttered,

easy-going way of life we've come to cherish."

But change is inexorable.

Since World War II, the population of the West has soared from about 15 million to roughly 56 mil-

lion. As populations rose, a new business ethic crept into the West, Wilkinson said, and water development "became more corporate, more big business."

"It was out to earn big money, in a way that small farmers never did."

The upshot has been a gradual decline in some of the West's most profound assets — its wild places and its wild things, Wilkinson said. Perhaps the most compelling example is the plight of Idaho's Snake River salmon.

In no more than seven generations, "civilization" has driven Idaho's salmon to the brink of extinction, he said, noting that Indians had been eating salmon for more than 600 generations before white settlers arrived.

Over the past 20 years, a nascent conservation movement has attempted to lessen some of the more damaging effects of widespread water development, Wilkinson said. Efforts to keep

streams running for fish, wildlife, recreation and aesthetic values are gaining momentum, as-is a push to boost groundwater levels.

He cited success stories in several states, including preservation of the world-famous Henrys Fork fishery. There can be many other successes without much sacrifice, he said.

The key to sustaining the beauty and diversity of the West is development of a "shared community value," Wilkinson said. Such values give weight to the West's intangible qualities, while maintaining a commitment to a healthy economy.

Using the Henry's Fork preservation as an example, Wilkinson said, "The real problem solvers are local people."

Though he teaches law for a living, Wilkinson said the best answers to complicated resource issues are reached through negotiated settlements — not court fights. Cooperation, not individualism, is the key, he said.

Briefly

Jerome school plans conferences

JEROME — Jerome Middle School will hold parent-teacher conferences from 3:10 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday in the cafeteria at the middle school. Parents are invited to stop by the school during these hours to pick up their children's report cards and visit with the teachers.

Conferences at Jerome High School will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday and 9 to 11 a.m. Friday. Parents will receive their children's report cards when they enter the gymnasium to visit with the teachers. Any report cards not picked up during conference times will be distributed to students during home room Monday.

O'Leary conferences scheduled

TWIN FALLS — Parent-teacher conferences at O'Leary Junior High School will be held this week.

Conferences are scheduled for 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday and 8:15 a.m. to noon Friday. No appointments are necessary. Parents may pick up their children's reports cards in the front office before visiting with the teachers.

Public defender Wood moves office

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls County Public Defender Mike Wood and his staff moved into a new office Tuesday because of cramped quarters in their former offices at the Twin Falls County Courthouse.

Wood, his five deputies, investigator, office manager and secretary, now work in the former county probation office across from the Twin Falls County Jail, at 136 Sixth Ave. N.

County probation officers freed up the new location for Wood when they moved into the new Snake River Youth Center south of Twin Falls, said Commissioner Dennis Maughan. The county rents the "blue house" for about \$700 monthly, he said.

Wood and his staff worked out of two offices on the third and first floors of the courthouse. Maughan described the third floor office as "a little cubicle" where "they couldn't really honor confidentiality rules" with their clients because it was too small.

Commissioners are turning the third floor office into storage for office supplies and the first floor office will be used by the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department, Maughan said.

Wood's new phone number is 734-1155.

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Valley happenings

Eden seniors plan pancake breakfast
EDEN — A pancake breakfast will be served from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday at the Silver and Gold Senior Center.
Cost is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children under 12.

University women set meeting
TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Chapter of the American Association of University Women has planned its monthly meeting for 11 a.m. Saturday at the Addison West Restaurant.

AAUW President Elsie Bekemeyer and other visiting state board members will discuss the organization's programs and goals. Members and non-members (both women and men) are welcome. For more information, call 733-4917 or 543-6709.

Jerome church women plan event
JEROME — Jerome's Presbyterian Women's organization is hosting its annual Harvest Celebration from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the Presbyterian Church, 262 E. Ave. A.

Participants can enjoy a spud bar featuring a large selection of toppings. Cost is \$3.50 for adults or \$1.25 per family. Homemade pie will be available for \$1 per slice, and coffee or punch is 50 cents. A large assortment of baked good items will be sold. Proceeds will go for a mission project.

DAR schedules no-host luncheon
TWIN FALLS — A no-host luncheon meeting of the Twin Falls Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution is planned for 12:30 p.m. Saturday at the Canyon Springs Inn, 1357 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. Erik Heidemann will present a program on patri-

tism. A collection for the service to veterans patients will be taken. For more information, call Shirley Heidemann at 423-5364.

Odd Fellows schedule chili, spud feed
JEROME — The International Order of Odd Fellow Chapter 129 will host a chili and potato soup feed from 5 to 8 p.m. Saturday at the Odd Fellows Hall, 132 E. Ave. B. Suggested donation is \$3 per person.

Appleton Grange plans dinner
JEROME — Appleton Grange No. 127 has planned a harvest sit-down dinner to begin at 6:30 p.m. Saturday at the Appleton Grange Hall, located four miles west of Jerome. Baked ham with all the trimmings will be served. Cost is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children ages 6 to 12. Advanced tickets are available. Call 324-2786 or 324-3451.

Astronomical society gathers
JEROME — A meeting of the Magic Valley Astronomical Society is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the Jerome Civic Club Memorial Library. The program will be on "Telescope Filters." A public observing will follow the meeting. Interested people are invited to bring their own telescopes and also are welcome to look through those provided. For more information, call Forrest Ray at 736-8676 or Ryan Showers at 324-7606.

The Times-News welcomes news of community events. Send material to The Times-News Valley-Happenings, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls 83403-0548. Please submit news at least a week in advance and include a phone number where you can be reached.

ISU registration begins Friday

The Times-News
TWIN FALLS — Registration for Idaho State University classes offered in Twin Falls for the spring and summer semesters begins Friday.

ISU will be offering classes that support degree programs available locally, such as bachelor of arts in general studies, bachelor of science in corporate training, bachelor in elementary education, bachelor of science in nursing, master of education and master of science in nursing.

General studies classes for the spring are archaeology of Mesopotamia, organic evolution, history and appreciation of photography, science and civilization, American West in literature, geology of North America, history of the American West, Medieval society

and economic history, general statistics, constitutional law, sociology of health and illness and non-verbal communication.

A family history writing class will be offered in Burley.

The College of Education will offer methods of teaching adults, literature for children, social science methods, developmental reading and graduate classes in curriculum foundations, education measurement, models of teaching, and leadership and administration in physical education.

Elementary health methods; graduate classes in health, public health and physical education; two

undergraduate, nursing classes and two graduate nursing classes are available through the health professions department.

Schedules are available at the ISU Center, located in Evergreen B-40 at the College of Southern Idaho and at CSI Outreach centers in Gooding, Hailey and Burley. Interested students also may call 736-2101.

Spring semester begins Jan. 11, 1996.

All classes are open to enrollment for all interested people. Special discounts are available to students over age 60. Cost is \$78.50 per undergraduate credit and \$101.50 per graduate credit.

Legionnaires plans events

The Times-News
TWIN FALLS — Several important events planned by the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 7 will be held this week and next week.

A public ceremony to recognize Veteran's Day is set for 11 a.m. Saturday at the Twin Falls City Park. Gary Berneseolo from the Idaho Veterans Home will speak.

The unit's regular meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday at the American Legion Post Home on Seastrom Avenue. Gifts and donations for the Boise Veterans Convoy should be brought to this meeting.

Nov. 18 is the day of the Veterans Convoy to Boise. Unit and Post members are urged to make donations and also join the convoy.

For more information about these events or further instructions on the convoy, call Helen at 734-1435.

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Ugly word usage riles woman

DEAR ABBY: Giving grammar lessons is not your forte (strong point), but I'm getting really bugged with the use of "reared" and "raised."



Dear Abby
—Abigail VanBuren

Abby, children are "reared" — not "raised" as are chickens, etc. And people are invited "to," not "for," dinner. (How do you want them — boiled or fried?)

—BARBARA TABLER, SANTA BARBARA, CALIF.

DEAR BARBARA: Thank you

for your input; however, in "The Careful Writer," by the late Theodore M. Bernstein of The New York Times, is the following: "RAISE, REAR: At one time, a war raged (and some skirmishes still

go on) against the use of "raise" to describe what parents do to children. The battle cry was, "You raise pigs, but you rear children."

However, in this country at least, the war is over; we "raise" both pigs and children, and some parents will testify that you can't always tell the difference."

And as for inviting people "to," not "for," dinner, we've come a long way since cannibalism was practiced, but in terms of word usage, you may be right.

Balance, hearing subject of hotline

The Times-News

SALT LAKE CITY — Balance and hearing issues will be the topic of the November Desert News/Intermountain Health Care Health Hotline, offered from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday.

Answers will be available for such concerns as what can be done to help with balance problems, is balance related to hearing and where you can get help with a balance or hearing problem. Questions will be answered free of charge by Don Worthington, Ph.D., a balance specialist and audiologist, and Janene Burton, a physical therapist. Both are from the IHC Hearing and Balance Center in Salt Lake City.

Dizziness and balance problems can affect individuals of any age but tend to be more of an issue for older adults.

More than 40 percent of people over the age of 40 will have balance difficulties at some time during their life.

Approximately 200,000 hip fractures occur annually when people over 65 are involved in falls and accidents. The toll-free number, 1-800-925-8177, can be called from anywhere in the Intermountain Region.

The hotline is a free community service provided by the Desert News and IHC, a charitable, community owned, nonprofit health organization based in Salt Lake City that serves the health needs of Utah, Idaho and Wyoming residents.

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West

Anti-growth prevails in Colorado

The Associated Press

Front Range voters in Colorado sent mixed signals on how they want their communities to grow, and across the Continental Divide gonzo journalist Hunter S. Thompson led a successful drive to kill expansion of Aspen's airport.

Tuesday's election became a referendum on growth management in many communities.

In Boulder, a proposal to put a 1 percent limit on residential and business development was defeated, 13,282-11,131. They decided a city ordinance that was less restrictive did enough to preserve the quality of life in the college town.

In Aspen, voters rejected a proposal to widen the Pitkin County Airport's only runway by 50 feet to accommodate "Boeing 737s and other similar aircraft."

Spurred by Thompson's claims that widening the runway to accommodate big jets would end the small-town appeal of the mountain resort, voters overwhelmingly defeated the proposal, 2,824-1,893.

Across the Continental Divide in Golden, voters decided growth was threatening their quality of life and approved a 1 percent limit on residential building. The vote was 1,882-1,326. Supporters said the town would lose its independent identity and turn into a sprawling suburb if development was not curbed.

But opponents claimed the sprawl would come anyway; with nearby cities annexing right up to Golden's borders.

A 1-percent growth limit in Longmont was rejected, 8,286-2,793. Voters decided the cap could hurt this developing town of 36,000.

But in Lafayette, voters said yes — 1,404-1,354 — to restricting residential building to 3 percent growth annually.

In El Paso and Douglas counties voters were split over how to accommodate growth that already has occurred.

El Paso County voters overwhelmingly rejected a 2 percent tax increase to pay for more prison beds, despite a plea from the county sheriff that the money was needed to protect the growing community.

In Douglas County, voters were willing to raise taxes for roads and a new justice center in the county, one of the fastest-growing in the country.

Douglas County voters approved a 0.43-percent tax for a \$45-million justice center, which included offices and more prison space.

Virginia City landlord Bovey to sell property

GREAT FALLS, Mont. (AP) — Portions of Virginia City were acquired and preserved by Charles and Sue Bovey, and bequeathed to their son, Ford Bovey. But Bovey says he can't afford to keep the historic town, with its boardwalks and original wooden storefronts.

Missoula attorney Mill Datsopoulos said Monday the price tag "will be in excess of five million."

For years after the discovery of gold in Alder Gulch in 1863, nearby Virginia City was the hub of Montana commerce. It also served as territorial capital for 10 years, and it remains the

Madison County seat. Much of Virginia City was acquired and preserved by Charles and Sue Bovey, and bequeathed to their son, Ford Bovey. But Bovey says he can't afford to keep the historic town, with its boardwalks and original wooden storefronts.

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Idaho

Batt abandons further property tax cuts

BOISE (AP) — Idaho's slowing economic expansion and continuing demands on increasingly restricted state resources prompted Gov. Phil Batt to abandon plans Wednesday for any further state-paid cuts in property tax.

Batt also said that while he still believes more cash is needed to reverse the deterioration of Idaho highways, he currently has no plans to propose any kind of fuel tax or vehicle registration fee increase when he gives lawmakers his 1997 budget plan in January.

And he said he would press for bringing school districts under the consolidated provision law that restricts budgeting to four days a year. But the governor said he would not support reducing the two-thirds supermajority needed to pass school bonds, largely because he does not believe it would clear the Legislature. Simply moving school bond elections to one of the four major voting days each year,



Batt

who pushed through a \$40 million state-financed property tax cut last winter as partial fulfillment of a campaign pledge.

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report of his Economic Stimulus Committee, said the state's financial situation will not permit continuing the property tax-cutting program. He had previously said there would be no money in the 1997 state budget to implement phase two but had never indicated the assault on the property tax was over.

"The reality is there is not a lot of room for further state property tax relief," Batt said. "Without raising some of the other taxes, I don't see how we can do it."

The governor said that did not mean he was no longer concerned about the resentment to property taxes — a resentment some mainly comes from a vocal but small minority of Idahoans. Because it comes from homeowners, he said he would consider increasing the benefits under the so-called circuit breaker property tax relief program, under which the state now pays up to \$800 in annual property taxes for the elderly poor and disabled.

He said, should heighten their indignity and credibility with skeptical voters.

"During the campaign I had ambitions of going further with property tax relief," said Batt, who pushed through a \$40 million state-financed property tax cut last winter as partial fulfillment of a campaign pledge.

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Batt also said he would introduce legislation recommended by the committee to using a rolling three- or five-year rolling average for property evaluations if it is deemed constitutional. Using a rolling average, the committee said, would eliminate sharp upward spikes in annual property evaluations on which tax bills are based.

The governor's position on the fuel tax was also somewhat unexpected after he said in his State of the State speech in January that he would address the problem of highway maintenance funds being eroded by inflation and two days later promised that action after departmental efficiencies and a more representative board were implemented.

He secured the expanded board and the department has been scaling back administrative and other expenses to put more cash on the roads, and has repeatedly said over the past six months that there is a need for still more money to

address a multibillion-dollar backlog of highway work.

His committee recommended a combination of higher fuel taxes and higher registration fees that exceed \$20 million a year in revenue. But on Wednesday, Batt said he would not prejudice what is necessary, mentioning instead the deliberations of a House-Senate committee on the highway needs question. That panel is expected to make a decision next week.

At the same time, however, the governor said he continued to support the need for more money. "I recognize that's a tax increase, but these user fees have to be adjusted for inflation," Batt said. "They can't continue on the same numerical value of the tax as inflation erodes it."

Batt did refer to legislative opposition to this hike in highway user fees during this year's election-year session, something that administration officials said surprised the governor.

Police continue search

NORTH FORK (AP) — Searchers are checking the icy waters of the Snake River as they hunt for an elderly manager of a North Fork motel.

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Canyon County racist, study says

CALDWELL (AP) — A portrayal of Canyon County as racially divided is unfair, contend Caldwell's mayor and an aide in charge of organizing a group to address local community relations.

Mayor Dick Winder said Tuesday Boise State University sociologist Richard Baker failed to conduct his research in a "statistically defensible manner" when he interviewed Canyon County residents about their attitudes and experiences with racism.

Baker's research, conducted between August 1990 and October 1991, was published last spring in a book titled "Los Dos Mundos." The book, based on nearly 400 interviews, portrays a community where Hispanics suffer racism and Anglos harbor ill feelings toward Idaho's fastest-growing ethnic group.

The 1990 census found Idaho's population is about 5 percent

Hispanic. Canyon County is home to 12,000 Hispanics, about 13 percent of its population.

Robert Vasquez, Winder's assistant and the man in charge of organizing a new Canyon County Community Relations Committee, said he was "astounded" by the book and its findings.

"My interpretation of Mr. Baker's book was that it was very predetermined," Vasquez said Tuesday. "He has no supporting evidence for his conclusion that Canyon County is racist."

Winder said he called for the ethnically mixed community relations committee in part to respond to Baker's book. But he also intends for it to become another way local leaders can share solutions to common problems.

"That doesn't mean we're working just with the Hispanics or just with the troublemakers; we're working with everybody to improve our quality of life."

Kuna voters approve bond issue

KUNA (AP) — With the July 28 death of two volunteer firefighters fresh on their minds, Kuna Rural Fire District voters approved an \$850,000 bond issue to pay for a new fire station and pumper truck.

Turnout was heavy Tuesday, and firefighters stood by watching as voters waited in line for up to 45 minutes.

"I expected a fairly large turnout, but I never anticipated anything this large," Acting Fire Chief Darwin Taylor said. "People have a lot of feelings about this."

Kuna volunteer firefighters Bill

Buttram, 31, and Josh Oliver, 18, died in the Initial Point Fire when their 40-year-old brush truck stalled in the path of flames.

"It was an emotional issue," Acting Assistant Fire Chief Scott Kiesig said. "There were a lot of people who, after the Initial Point Fire, came in and said, 'You guys need better equipment.' Some people read about the 40-year-old truck and came into the station — for the first time finding out what we had."

A federal investigation into the fire pointed to the lack of adequate equipment not only in the Kuna department but in volunteer fire

departments statewide. Not long after the federal report was released, Kuna Fire Chief Richard Cornwall resigned. He had been with the department for 32 years.

Tuesday's vote marked the first step toward improvements for the department, Kiesig said.

"They can't continue to grow," he said. "We'll be able to serve the public better and faster."

Kenneth Oliver, Josh Oliver's grandfather and a former Kuna fire district commissioner, praised the outpouring of support for the bond issue.

Attorney General recommends false report laws

BOISE (AP) — Attorney General Alan Lance wants an advisory committee to recommend a new law to make it a crime to make false reports of domestic violence.

Lance met with the Domestic Violence Task Force on Tuesday. He formed the committee last March to develop plans for improving domestic violence laws.

"Idaho's domestic violence laws are inconsistently interpreted and applied throughout the state," Lance said.

Making it a crime to make false reports of domestic violence would add credibility to the efforts to stop violence, Lance said. And if the practice of making false reports isn't stopped, people won't take it seriously, he said.

Lance also suggested making it a

felony to commit aggravated assault or to recklessly cause injury to a woman known by the assailant to be pregnant.

"When the task force is done, its recommendations go to Lance, who will present them to the next session of the Legislature."

Crash kills Idaho teen

COTTONWOOD (AP) — An Idaho Falls girl was killed when the car in which she was riding slid broadside into a pickup truck on a slushy area of U.S. Highway 95 three miles south of Cottonwood.

Sherianne Tracy, 14, died at the scene of the accident about 7:45 a.m. Tuesday, Idaho State Police said.

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World

Police arrest 2 suspects in Rabin murder

TEL AVIV, Israel (AP) — The leader of an anti-Arab group and another suspect were arrested in the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin, police said Wednesday, reinforcing suspicions of a right-wing conspiracy to kill the prime minister.



Rabin

Magistrate's Court this evening shouting, "This is a political investigation. This is a dictatorship."

and details of the arrests were not released. Israel radio said the second suspect also belonged to Eyal, which has about two dozen members.

The senior secret service official charged with protecting Israeli leaders resigned today after an internal inquiry blamed serious security lapses for Rabin's assassination.

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World

Yeltsin removes bank chief

MOSCOW (AP) — President Boris Yeltsin fired the government's top banker Wednesday in a move that aimed to appease parliament but instead raised questions about Russia's commitment to lowering inflation.

Central Bank chairwoman Tatyana Paramonova has been credited with tight monetary policies that have helped bring inflation to record lows and stabilize the ruble for the first time since 1992.

Further shaking Western confidence, Paramonova was temporarily replaced by her first deputy, Alexander Khandryev, a man believed to be less committed to tight money. How long he will remain at the helm is unknown.

The reshuffle comes at a tense time for the Russian economy, now showing the first real signs of stabilization since the beginning of market reforms in 1992.

The government is negotiating up to \$12 billion in new International Monetary Fund loans and is trying to get the 1996 budget through parliament before Dec. 17 elections.

Council adds 5 new members

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The General Assembly elected South Korea, Chile, Egypt, Guinea-Bissau and Poland to the decision-making Security Council on Wednesday.

The new members will begin their two-year terms beginning Jan. 1. They replace Oman, Rwanda, Argentina, the Czech Republic and Nigeria.

Egypt was elected after Washington cabled together a majority in the General Assembly to block Libya's candidacy. Under a rotating system, Libya was to have replaced another Arab state, Oman, pending General Assembly approval.

South Korea was elected over the objections of rival North Korea.

The council, which is responsible for peacekeeping, has five permanent members — the United States, Russia, Britain, China and France — and 10 elected members.

The five elected members finishing the first year of their terms are Botswana, Germany, Honduras, Indonesia and Italy.

Cold wave claims lives in Moscow

MOSCOW (AP) — Cold winter weather has already killed 4 Russians, including nine who froze to death, health officials reported Wednesday.

Ambulances picked up 30 other people suffering from exposure over the past four days, when many Russians were off work to mark the anniversary of the 1917 Bolshevik revolution, which is still an official holiday.

Most were drunk, the Interfax news agency said.

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Hunting

Mr. Webster states that a trophy is something gained and preserved. My autumn outings have provided me, as I am sure yours have, with many experiences gained and preserved in memory. I have one mule rack which I am proud of, but my most prized memories are of the hunt — not the deer. The animal was spotted and shot in a matter of seconds.

The true trophies from that evening were the experiences gained with my son as we struggled to get the deer dressed in falling light, packed the head and hind quarters out to the truck, and then revealed in our joint accomplishment as we drove home. The next morning, both my sons and I played hooky from school and retrieved the remaining quarters from the canyon. We often talk of that hunt, but seldom is the size of the rack mentioned.

A picture of the three of us taken that morning is a far more important trophy than the antlers. I dare say few hunters who truly enjoy the outdoors and their sport have ever had a season without trophy-quality experiences.

The types of experiences are as diverse as the game pursued.

Late one evening while hunting on my fathers farm, my short-hair went on point in some broken cover. From my vantage point, I could see both the dog and a mixture cock pheasant frozen in his tracks not six feet from her nose. The colors of the bird, the dog, and the cover — softened by the setting sun — made this sight one of the most beautiful I have ever witnessed.

After about thirty seconds, the pheasant burst into the air. I never got off a shot — much to the displeasure of my dog. But to this day, the mental image of that scene is my finest pheasant hunting trophy.

A trophy experience may be a difficult and memorable stalk, despite the fact that the deer was an "average" two-point. It may take the form of a special retrieve made by a favorite hunting dog. Making a challenging shot can provide a life-long memory, regardless of the animal it killed.

Time spent with friends and experiences both humorous and unusual can make a trophy hunt out of any trip. Mounting these trophies can be difficult, particularly if the only place they are recorded is in one's memory. That's why a cheap camera at the right moment can provide priceless trophies.

Written records and accounts are another way of capturing and preserving these experiences. A short narration of a hunting trip can provide hours of enjoyment and reflection for years to come.

A wooden picture frame makes a trophy out of an enlarged photograph or a story of a favorite hunt. A handmade wooden shadow box displays the spent brass and the recovered bullet of a successful long shot. Three tail feathers as a simple reminder of a trio of pheasants or sage hens.

Take inventory of your trophies and preserve them in some way for future enjoyment.

If you do, you will never have a "trophy-less" fall or a bare wall.

A life-long hunter, Gooding school teacher David Hocklander has accumulated many fine hunting trophies — but his mind's eye is the best trophy room of all.



An idyllic spot for a moose camp, on the Snake River near Halse. The weather is fair, the setting magnificent and the area is rife with moose.

On the prowl for moose

By Stu Murrell
Times-News correspondent

"Moose! Moose!" cried my son, Eric, as three enormous black shapes materialized on the far side of the majestic river.

We were on the hunt of two lifetimes and our camp was smack in the middle of a natural moose crossing. Eric had been relaxing with a fishing pole while I was cooking deer backstraps with onions and mushrooms.

The bulky moose — a cow, calf and trailing bull — were framed by golden cottonwoods in the waning light of an Indian summer evening. It was a scene that will remain forever etched in my mind's eye.

It could've been Alaska, but it was actually eastern Idaho — and both of us had been lucky enough to draw a cow moose permit after many years of trying.

I scouted the area in early September by floating several sections of river in my 16-foot McKenzie boat, spotting nine moose along the way. It was no coincidence that our camp was criss-crossed with moose tracks.

We had a wide selection of firearms to choose from, and Eric elected to use his faithful .270. A shot to the heart quickly dropped the cow, which set up a classic stand-off. Eric cautiously approached the downed animal, but the bull moose loomed into view. They stared eyeball to eyeball, and my son turned to me.

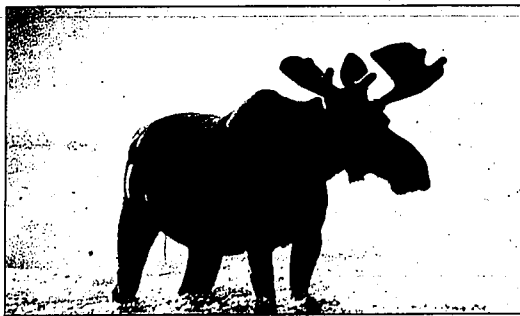
"No way am I going up to that cow," he said.

Somewhat foolishly, I offered to shoot the bull away. He that gracefully, but I don't know what I would have done if he'd charged. The big bull splashed across the river, and I snapped a picture of him staring down at our tent.

Fortunately, he didn't stomp it. The trophy that accompanies a cow moose is the large amount of excellent meat. Working by lantern light, we cut the animal into six pieces and placed them in game bags. It was 10:30 p.m. when we rowed back to camp with a boatload of meat.

Crawling into our sleeping bags, we were immediately aroused by what sounded like a 10-foot Swede throwing 30-pound rocks into the river. A beaver had taken exception to our presence and pounded his tail with a ker-splooosh! every half hour — all night long.

The splashing was accompanied by yowling coyotes, great blue heron squawks,



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The object of desire: A bull moose gulps down a mouthful of aquatic plants in Yellowstone National Park.



STU MURRELL/The Times-News

Q: Why is hunter Stu Murrell smiling? A: Because he dropped a moose next to his boat.

horned owl hoots and screech owl calls. It was a real wildlife serenade. Dawn brought more splashing, followed

by grunting at regular intervals. The sounds appeared to be headed straight toward our tent. We unzipped the door and prepared to

flee as a big bull moose plowed by, voicing his mating urge with loud grunts.

A shotgun-only season for deer was open along the river, and Eric, being an avid hunter, went deer hunting while I rested up from our long night. Drinking my morning coffee, I watched as two young bulls sparrowed across the river from me. It was another timeless picture, and they paid little attention as I snapped away.

Eric returned with a story about a cow and calf, followed by three bull moose that would have walked over him if he hadn't stepped aside. As he watched, the cow ran the smallest bull off.

Evidently, she wasn't impressed by the little fellow.

We packed our boat and headed downstream. High water earlier this year had scattered giant cottonwood trees throughout the riverbed. They were difficult to dodge with our heavy load, and I poked a 3-inch hole in the side of my drift boat. It was the first major damage I'd done to my 26-year-old boat after running wild rivers throughout the United States.

It was time to start bailing and row rapidly to shore.

Cutting a willow to size, I drove it into the hole like a bung in a barrel and kept most of the water out for the remainder of our trip.

We dropped the meat off at a friend's place, then prepared for a second voyage in quest of my moose. Boat repairs were the first order of business, followed by a hearty meal at a nearby restaurant.

We launched at dawn the next morning, savoring the continued warmth of Indian summer. We drifted easily to our campsite.

As we floated, I inspected the thick hiding cover along the river's banks. Shooting a moose through that tangle would require a substantial weapon, so I selected a shotgun loaded with slugs.

As I was returning to camp after several hours of hunting, a giant cow moose with two calves appeared on the edge of a slough 10 yards away.

Three quick shots to the chest and neck brought the animal down at a point where the boat could draw alongside. I headed the primary axiom of moose hunting, which holds: "Shoot one close to your means of transportation."

With our final moose aboard, it was a pleasure to float the river and enjoy our magnificent surroundings. Both of us agreed it would be difficult to tear ourselves away and return to the rush of daily life.

Idaho catches on to trend of charging hunting fees

The Associated Press

POCATELLO — Instead of searching for wild game, Idaho sportsmen are starting to hunt for a place to hunt.

Private hunting clubs are replacing the thousands of acres of farmland once open to all. Many traditional hunting spots in southeastern Idaho have been sold, leased or require a trespass fee paid to the owner before the shooting can begin.

Forest Service wildlife biologist Ken Timonby said the trend is only beginning. "People who see hunting as a major part of their lives are willing to invest in a farm or ranch so they can hunt it," he said.

"A group from another state will see a ranch around here go up for sale, and they will pool their money and buy it. Then

'We couldn't afford all the damage done by hunters.'

— Janet Harris, Soda Springs, on why she and her husband charge for hunting

they post it 'no hunting' and keep it for their hunting trips."

Some ranchers lease ground; others charge a trespass fee. Those costs are not regulated, so they can command whatever they want. Janet Harris, Soda Springs has been al-

lowing big-game hunters from other states to hunt her 10,000 acres in Bear Lake County for the past few years.

"The extra money is nice, but that's not why we started charging," she said. "We couldn't afford all the damage done by hunters. We closed the land because hunters were ruining our roads, shooting holes in sprinkler pipes, killing cattle. We couldn't afford not to close our land to hunting by the general public."

She charged \$60 per day last year.

The Harrises have a bunkhouse where groups of hunters may stay for about \$50 per room. "I don't cook for them," Janet said. "They seem to want to cook their own meals on the stoves out there."

for the sportsmen.

Janet Harris said her family occasionally comes across hunters who have not paid the fee.

"Some pay the trespass fee," she said, "especially if they have already shot something. If they don't pay, we call Fish and Game."

One result of privatized hunting is wildlife populations may increase because less people can cover a certain area, Timothy said.

Another result is local sportsmen are forced to depend more on Idaho's public lands, he said.

Charging fees to hunt on private land is common in many other states, and has been going on in Utah for 20 years, he said.

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Steelhead released on Idaho rivers

BOISE (AP) — Steelhead trout anglers who normally make a pilgrimage to the Salmon or Snake rivers can fish two other stretches of water this fall.

Urban anglers in Boise will have a chance to hook one of 130 adult steelhead released on Wednesday less than a mile from the Capitol.

The Payette River also received 50 fish below Black Canyon Dam near Emmet.

"We think anglers who don't normally get a chance to fish for steelhead will enjoy the chance to harvest one of these fish," said Fish and Game fisheries coordinator Sharon Kiefer said. "Our hopes are that quite a few people will take advantage of this opportunity."

The "A-run" hatchery steelhead were trapped below Hells Canyon Dam on the Snake River and are not essential to the broodstock needs of the steelhead program.

The Boise and Payette rivers historically supported steelhead runs before they were sealed off by the dams in Hells Canyon.

The number of fish past Lower Granite Dam on the Snake River below Lewiston exceeded 70,000 fish this fall, compared with 43,000 last year. Most of the fish have lived in the ocean for only one or two weeks in fresh water and are two feet in length.

Anglers are reminded that minnow trout over 20 inches in length with the adipose fin missing are defined as steelhead in the Boise River from its mouth upstream to Barber Dam and in the Payette River from its mouth to Black Canyon Dam.

A steelhead permit and fishing license are required. Big limits for the rivers are two per day, four in possession and one per season. The fall season lasts through Dec. 31.

Riding the rails takes on new meaning

TILLAMOOK, Ore. (AP) — Michael Rohde can talk for hours about why the odd sport of rail biking is poised to catch on big. Asked why it hasn't yet, he sums things up in seven words: "One train can ruin your whole day."

Rail bikes — bicycles fitted with guide wheels and outriggers to run on railroad tracks — have been around since the Civil War. The 1908 catalog of Sears, Roebuck and Co. offered a \$5.45 device for attaching bikes to rails.

In recent decades, however, riding the rails has been a sneaky and largely illegal pursuit. Big railroad companies, loathe to share their working rails with easily squished bicyclists, regard rail bikers as trespassers. Even abandoned tracks almost always are off-limits due to liability concerns.

Rohde wants to change rail biking's outlaw status. He sees riding the rails as a healthy, ecologically friendly way to get people into scenic country. He thinks he might make some money off it, too.

Which explains why, one recent autumn weekend, there were seven middle-aged guys and a fleet of strange-looking bicycles at a railroad crossing high in Oregon's Coast Range.

Rohde had accomplished what few other rail bikers have. He got permission. The Port of Tillamook Bay agreed to let him test the potential of its 83-mile freight line for running rail-bike tours.

Among Rohde's guests was Dr. Richard Smart, one of the biggest names in the small world of rail biking. Smart, a dentist from Couer d'Alene, Idaho, guesses there are 200 rail bikers in the United States, many of them riding cycles they built from his patented design.

Rohde had a great idea, Smart brought an extra bike for a reporter, and after some tedious tinkering, the group set off.

The route followed 15 miles of twisting mountain railroad, nearly all downhill, along the Salmonberry River.

It soon was clear why rail biking persists despite official discouragement: It's a blast.

This ride featured white-knuckled crossings of narrow gorges, followed by black plunges through tunnels where a novice's precarious sense of balance quickly derailed, along with the bike.

The bikes rolled for miles past a green blur of tangled forest, quiet

Nordic association plans ski meeting

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — The High Desert Nordic Association will host its first meeting of the ski season at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the conference room at Sodbuster Restaurant.

Upcoming ski outings, monthly programs and the group's trail grooming efforts in the South Hills will be the primary topics of discussion. Anyone with an interest in Nordic skiing is welcome to attend.

The High Desert Nordic Association meets on the second Tuesday of every winter month.

School planned for young hunters

The Times-News

BOISE — In an effort to help younger hunters who run afoul of hunting rules, the Idaho Department of Fish and Game is developing a remedial hunter-education class.

Students will be first-time violators between the ages of 12 and 20 who face often lengthy periods of license revocation.

The class stems from a law enacted during the 1995 Legislative session.

Violators may reduce the length of their license revocation by successfully completing the remedial class. If they do not pass, violators



Dr. Richard Smart leads a group of rail bikers along the Port of Tillamook Bay Railroad near Tillamook, Ore. Smart, a dentist from Couer d'Alene, designed the special bike.

pool and clamorous cascades. Like many rural tracks, the Tillamook railroad traverses country inaccessible by road.

"I like to go places where nobody else can," Smart said, tumbling backward to address the biker behind him as his own bike steered itself down the rails.

At 51, Smart is lean and muscled from 20,000 miles of rail-riding over the past 20 years. Cruising dormant tracks across the West, he has startled mares in Nevada, pedaled past dumbfound bears in British Columbia, and rolled through herds of cattle in Montana.

Even absent the locomotives of active lines, abandoned track poses hazards. Rocks, branches and dried-

Wyoming researcher studying non-lethal predator control

GILLETTE, Wyo. (AP) — Controlling the burgeoning population of coyotes in the West could be as simple as lacing bait with non-lethal drugs, according to a University of Wyoming researcher.

Steve Horn of the school's animal sciences department says several types of drugs should be tested as a way to control coyotes, which Idaho ranchers say killed 16,000 sheep and lambs worth over \$1.3 million last year.

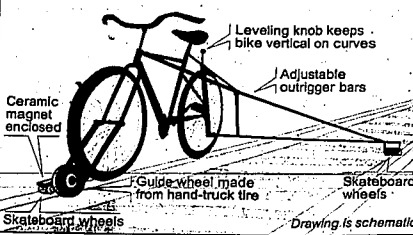
Horn said one possibility is RU486, which has been used to abort pregnancies in humans. He said it could produce similar effects in coyotes.

"This could be revolutionary because you deliver the compound orally, and it's stable," Horn said. "A single low dosage of that causes abortion on several species."

Another possibility is a Swiss drug that could leave male coyotes temporarily sterile, he said. "That particular drug stopped sperm production in male dogs," he said.

Biking the rails

This rail bike design by Richard Smart allows the biker to fold and slide up parts of the bike so it can be ridden on roads as well.



Source: Dr. Richard Smart, Michael Rohde

Last year, the first time he tried one of Smart's rail bikes, he toppled and split his lip on a boulder. But he got back on, built his own bike soon after, and now is one of the sport's biggest boosters.

Rohde works in Olympia, Wash., as an analyst for the state Department of Labor and Industries. On his own time, he's an inventor and craftsman with a social conscience, forever pursuing offbeat ideas.

He built pedal-powered fathos so Ecuadorian villagers could turn tagna nuts into buttons instead of logging the rain forest. He never heard back from them. He started carving jewelry from pig tusks, hoping to slow the killing of endangered elephants for ivory. It didn't pan out.

Rohde believes rail biking is his most promising project yet. He thinks the rail-bike tour business could help develop countries exploit the popularity of eco-tourism by opening up underused and abandoned rail lines.

He has researched tracks from Russia's Sakhalin Island to the Caribbean island of Saint Kitts. These days, he's big on Portugal, where he dreams of running rail-bike tours and living in a converted rail station with his wife, Ann Storey.

Rohde hooked up with the Port of Tillamook Bay almost by accident. He was seeking track on which to test his new tandem rail bike, and to his surprise, port officials agreed. What's more, they were interested in the commercial possibilities.

"We're almost solely dependent on the timber market, and you don't have to be a genius to know that's not good these days," said Linda Smith, chief clerk for the port's railroad division.

Like rail officials everywhere, Smith worries about unauthorized use of the rails. Any rail bikes on the line would have to be with guided tours under close watch of railroad dispatchers, she said.

"As long as we can keep it safe, we feel we have an asset there that should be shared," Smith said.

Such talk encourages Rohde and Smart, who envision rail biking as a recreation fit for the masses. To be sure, there are places to ride. Half the nation's rail network, nearly 300,000 miles at its peak 70 years ago, has dropped from use.

But obstacles remain. Abandoned rails often are ripped up for scrap, and rail bikers are at cross purposes with environmental groups that turn old rail corridors into walking paths.

Rail bikers themselves don't always help the cause. Some enjoy the bad-boy image of sneaking onto rails. The midnight ride on active track, dodging rail cops and locomotives, is firmly entrenched in rail-biker lore.

There even are scurrilous reports that Dr. Smart himself has had to ditch his bike a few times as locomotives bore down. Asked about it, he answered carefully and vaguely. "It's extremely dangerous to ride on active track without permission," he said. "There are a few fools out there. But nothing to do with me."

Study takes look at DNA of grizzlies

JACKSON, Wyo. (AP) — Researchers hope to use genetic information to figure out how many trees of grizzly bears in the Yellowstone National Park area.

Steve and Marilyn French said they are independently developing a "hair trap system" to collect samples from grizzlies.

DNA from the hair roots will be analyzed to help calculate the total number of bears in the ecosystem and whether the population is genetically sound, Steve French told state and federal bear managers in Jackson recently. DNA is genetic material unique to individual animals.

Once-enough-bear-hair is collected, researchers can create a picture of the entire population, without having to trap a single bear, he said.

Such information has never before been available and it would provide a valuable foundation for directing grizzly bear management, he said.

"Everybody naturally assumed this population may not be viable because it's genetically variable," French said. "As a scientist, I'm troubled with people making these statements and having no hard data."

Bear managers have suggested importing a female grizzly to the Yellowstone area to ensure genetic diversity. French said the plan may be flawed because bears in the Lower 48 have been separated from Alaskan brown bears for at least 500,000 years.

"They have evolved unique genetic material that may be detrimental down here," he warned.

The Frenches said they are finalizing plans for studying the bears' DNA and expect to begin field work next summer. Funding may delay a full-scale ecosystem survey until the 1997 and it may be three years before enough DNA data is collected, he said.

The hair trap is not a newfangled contraption, he added. It consists of a single strand of barbed wire two feet high circling a scrub bush.

Tested show bears are not inhibited by the wire, but most lose hair to it.

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Men battled desert after jeep breaks down; 1 dies

PHOENIX, Ariz. (AP) — For eight days, Donald Wages battled the Mexican desert, sucking the moisture from cactuses, trying to catch a lizard to eat and watching his brother-in-law die in the heat.

He cursed the desolation of El Pinacate, a volcano park that had been just another leisurely destination for him and Robert Harrison on one of their annual excursions.

Their visit turned tragic Oct. 22 after they stopped for a break about 30 miles inside the park. Their jeep wouldn't start.

Wages, 61, and Harrison, 73, didn't have a map.

They relied on Harrison's past visits to the place and "gut instinct" as they made their way through the park in search of help. They had a gallon of water in an ice chest.

"We should not have gone forward," Wages said. "After walking those first couple of hours, we should have returned to the Scout where we had more ice and water. Every day we would realize the stupid things we had pulled off the day before, and then we got to the point of no return."

Harrison, from Rye, Colo., died on Oct. 27.

When Wages was rescued three days later by the Mexican Park Service — while arriving in a helicopter — only his heart and brain were fully functioning. After a few days in the hospital, he was released Monday.

"I'll never forget that man running toward me in the gully with a



Donald Wages, 61, waits at a Phoenix airport for a flight home to Oklahoma City Tuesday after spending eight days stranded in the Sonoran Desert with his brother-in-law Robert Harrison, 83, who died before the two could be rescued.

'He was in his glory. I'm just sorry that cactus was his last meal, that his bed was lava rock.'

— Donald Wages, on his brother-in-law Robert Harrison

miles southwest of Yuma, Ariz.

During the ordeal, Wages cut open cactuses for nourishment, but a lack of rain the past eight months left them mostly dry. He used hair spray to start fires.

"We were looking for protection from the elements," Wages said. "There wasn't a cloud in the sky and the heat — it was the heat that killed Bob. We tried to stay close to anything that was green."

"I couldn't even find a snake to eat. I tried to catch a lizard, but the damn things were too fast," he said.

Wages said Harrison died in the outdoors he loved and enjoyed.

"He was in his glory," Wages said. "I'm just sorry that cactus was his last meal, that his bed was lava rock."

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Author's journey up California coastline

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Californians, try following in my footsteps, says John McKinley.

Ignore the blisters. Avoid the traffic. Embrace the fiercest headwinds. And if you find you can't bear the journey's rigor, at least take note of this: The soul of your state, its glorious coast, is crumbling away.

Not literally. The disintegration is spiritual and subtle. You miss it by peering from the manmade "vista" along Highway 1.

To truly know "land's end," says McKinley, you have to inhale its sea breezes and chaparral; wipe its tar stains from your feet; marvel at the variety of its palms and pines. You have to notice where there is no coast, only concrete.

You do this best by walking.

Foot by foot, the 42-year-old writer trekked 1100 miles of coast, and ventured inland for another 600 miles of coastal mountains. He spent six years doing it, taking chunks of 50 to 200 miles at a time. He wore out three pairs of boots.

His body held up, but at times, his spirit didn't.

"The coast has been soiled, sullied, paved, polluted," he sums up in his chronicle of the journey, "A Walk Along Land's End."

The book, gracefully written, reads at once as a guide for hikers, and a conservationist's treatise. It's filled with snippets of natural history and McKinley's personal, often bitter, musings on why the coast is vanishing.

McKinley begins with a premise

jug of water, yelling 'Poquito, poquito!' like, 'don't drink too much,'" a tearful Wages said

Tuesday at Phoenix's Sky Harbor Airport. "Yes, he was a sight," he said as he waited with his wife and

daughter for a plane home to Oklahoma City. The Mexican park is about 60

few would debate: The so-called California dream lies along the Pacific.

"Other states have snowy peaks, great deserts, and tall forests," he writes, "but only California has a coast of such length and diversity: This coast exerts a powerful force on the spirit of the state."

The point of McKinley's long walk was twofold. A lifelong hiker, he sought to map out, and eventually help build, a coast-long trail that novice hikers could one day follow. But he also hoped to "embrace the entire borderland with heart and feet," and "possess it" like the missionaries and conquistadors did centuries ago.

Embrace it he did, but he often was left with little more than ghosts.

"I walk past a Seal Beach without a seal, a Laguna Beach without a lagoon, and a Crystal Cove without the slightest coastal indentation or anything crystalline," he muses, "unless one counts the trailer park of glass and aluminum situated on the cove."

Longingly, McKinley recalls his boyhood in San Clemente and surfing the waves within earshot of former President Nixon's seaside hacienda. What he finds three decades later is barbed wire along the beach, emergency escape procedures posted near San Onofre and the reckless inroads of suburbia.

"The horses and cows are gone from the land, but to my horror, the hills are not empty. Earthmovers, larger than the largest dinosaur,

lumber over the hills. ... Goodbye to the river, goodbye to the citrus orchards, goodbye to the land."

Things aren't much better to the north as McKinley, a longtime outdoors columnist for the Los Angeles Times, recalls environmental battles past and present.

Nuclear power in Diablo Canyon. A devastating oil spill in Santa Barbara. Chopped-down redwoods in the Headwaters Forest. And more subtle human defilement: "scenic turnouts," "vista points" and the power of the dollar to transform nature.

"If there is anything to do in Carmel except shop, I did not find it," he writes, disgusted along the Monterey County coast.

But McKinley manages to set aside his bitterness and his politics long enough to offer other visions.

His writing includes detailed excursions into coastal botany, reflections on wartime Mission Beach, clamming along Pismo Beach, and any number of rugged characters who've made an honest living along the shore.

There's also an odd encounter with a troupe of New Age meditators in Big Sur whose notion that "nature is but a backdrop for human potential" doesn't sit well with McKinley.

Through his journey, McKinley is trailed in his mind by Joseph Smeaton Chase, an adventurer who likewise traced the coast, 80 years earlier.

Chase's voice resonates when

McKinley seeks advice as he wearies of what he has found during his journey north. The ghost offers simple encouragement: "Keep the ocean on your left."

McKinley ultimately offers the reader his own, more urgent, advice: Californians must get to know their coast firsthand, taking particular note that those sunsets and tide pools aren't consumer goods.

"The coastline, either boutique or wild, is an historical document," he writes.

"Whether, future historians report a path of preservation or the track of a bulldozer is up to us."

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Wildlife surveys not for faint-hearted

DILLON, Mont. (AP) — It began as a routine day of rounding up elk for Graham Taylor.

After a number of successful drives that put several elk into a string of nets hidden just below a ravine on the Blacktail Game Range near Dillon, the state Department of Fish, Wildlife and Forestry biologist remembers hearing a bad-sounding clunk.

As pilot Larry Schweitzer struggled with the controls to keep the helicopter from crashing into the people milling below, Taylor had just seconds to prepare for a crash landing.

"Suddenly it went from a routine day to something much more than that," Taylor said recently, recalling the crash in 1987. "From the time I heard that noise to the time we hit the ground was probably just six or seven seconds. It seemed like an eternity."

Somewhat, Schweitzer kept the helicopter aloft long enough to take it away from the crowd on the ground.

With a sickening thud, the helicopter crumpled into the frozen earth on the sagebrush flat. It came to rest on its side. After a moment of silence, people began to yell to be careful of fire as others raced toward the craft.

Taylor found himself pinned in the aircraft, with highly explosive aircraft fuel dripping on him.

"That was most distressing," he said.

A group of people ran to the scene and literally lifted the craft off him and the pilot. Both men walked away from the scene.

They were among the lucky ones.

Since the 1950s when Montana state game biologists first began using craft in an effort to count, chase and capture wildlife, there have been five fatal accidents, some

involving multiple deaths, and many more close calls.

"We've been lucky in a lot of cases," said Joel Peterson, the regional wildlife manager for southwest Montana.

There have been a number of crashes that could have been killers, he said.

Aircraft have hit telephone wires, run out of gas, had carburetors freeze and in one case, a person even fell out of a helicopter when a safety strap broke, Peterson said.

All of the fatalities occurred when biologists were surveying big game, Peterson said. That work often involves flying low through uneven topography, where any mistake or mechanical failure can spell disaster.

"All biologists sign on with that understanding," said Taylor, now the regional wildlife manager stationed in Great Falls. "Flying is a critically important part of our jobs."

"There's no way you can be a game biologist and not fly," agreed Mike Frisina, the state biologist stationed in Butte. "I know people who have changed their career after having a close call."

He also has attended funerals for biologists and pilots whose luck ran out.

Frisina learned early that flying

was a dangerous game. In the early 1970s, while working on a research project near Augusta, Frisina was in a small airplane above the Bob Marshall Wilderness when the engine quit.

"I remember asking the pilot, 'Are we going down?' and hearing him say 'You bet, we're going down,'" Frisina said.

He also remembered the airplane flying so low over a house that a man who was working on the roof looked up. "I could see his eyes. They were so big and round," Frisina recalled.

The next second the airplane hit the top of some trees and began to tumble into the pasture the pilot was aiming for.

"When I came to it was still in the airplane and I was just frozen," he said. "It all happened so fast that I was calm until I realized the plane might burn. I came right up through the roof."

Before he knew what happened, he was standing knee-deep in a pond behind a beaver dam. The pilot picked himself off the engine, where he'd come to rest after the crash, and helped Frisina out of the water.

"When they found us, we were just holding onto each other in a daze," he said. "It was a good breaking-in for a wildlife biologist."

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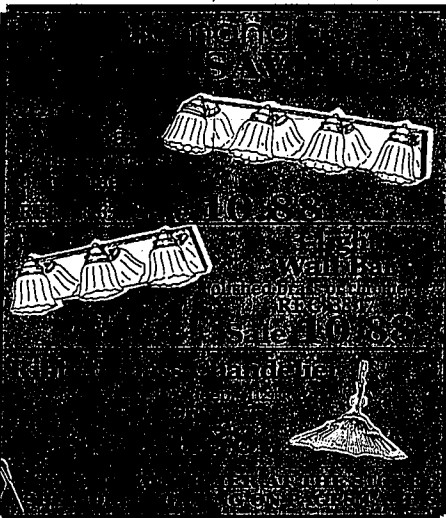
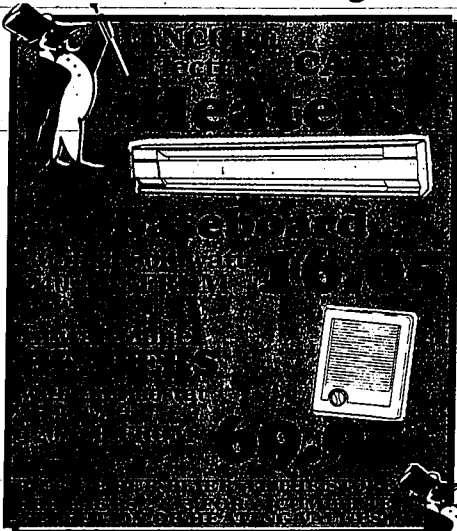
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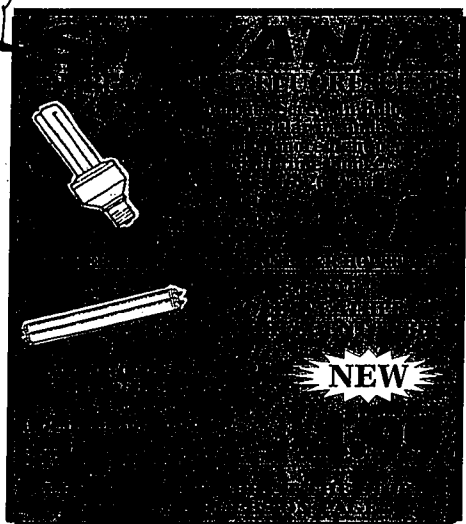


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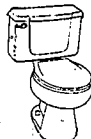
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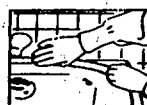


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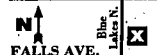
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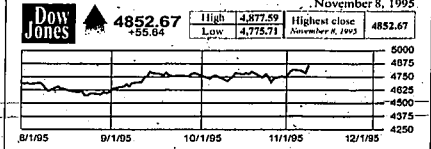
Dow rebounds to latest record

Knight-Ridder News Service

NEW YORK — The Dow Jones Industrial Average closed up 55.64 points Wednesday at 4852.67, a record high, climbing on the back of strong bond and futures markets despite a downturn in semiconductor stocks.

The closely watched semiconductors were lower across the board in a continuation of Tuesday's downturn as continued concerns about the near-term health of the sector.

But the broader market gained strongly as investors took comfort from falling yields on the bond market.



The trading clock was triggered on the New York Stock Exchange in the last five minutes of trading after the Dow rose 50 points.

"Interest rates are going down,

and people are watching that a lot," said one trader.

The 30-year Treasury was last up 25/32 at 108 10/32, yielding 6.251 percent.

Traders said much of the late gains were technical in nature as the market broke through perceived resistance levels, but the new record close encouraged investor sentiment despite declines among the technology leaders today.

Even declines on the Mexican peso to record lows did not discourage investors, leaving many to wonder whether the market will add to gains in coming days.

Delta looks to save \$2 billion with help from pilots, officials say

SALT LAKE CITY — Delta Air Lines is in a good position to slash operating costs by \$2 billion over the next three years, but its pilots must first agree to some concessions, a company official says.

Harry Algor, executive vice president of operations for Delta, said the airline hopes to reach a settlement with its pilots within the next few months that could increase their air time. The concession is considered an important element of Delta's efforts to remain competitive in an increasingly competitive business, Algor said Tuesday.

Micron 1st to sell all pre-installed Iomega drives

Alger, himself a pilot until two years ago, said that as of March the total cost to Delta for an hour of flight was \$307, second in the industry. USA's \$112 million well above American's \$126.

removable disk drives are expected to be available in PCs during the first quarter of 1996, he said.

"If a customer invests in a new PC, the last thing they want to do is discover they've run out of room for their programs and information that they intended to use on their new systems," said Peter Scamardo, vice president of product marketing at Micron.

"We believe the industry is entering an era of limited computing that can best be achieved when affordable storage solutions are incorporated into systems," he said.

Iomega's sales in the three months ended Oct. 1 of \$34.7 million were up 138 percent from \$35.6 million in the same period a year ago. Its annual sales are now running at a rate of about \$400 million.

Most active

NEW YORK (AP) — Sales, volume and price change for the 10 most active New York Stock Exchange issues, trading Monday or more than 1 million shares.

Symbol	Change
Alcoa	+1.25
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Closing futures

Symbol	High	Low	Change
Feb Live cattle	67.75	67.42	0.15
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CHICAGO (AP) — USDA — Major potato markets.

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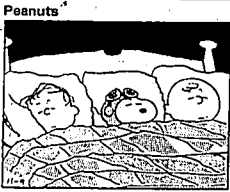
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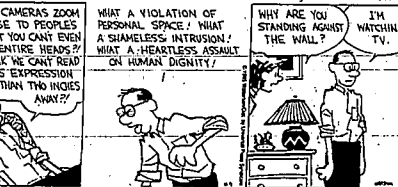
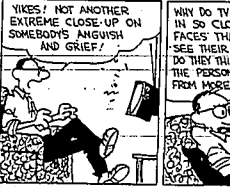
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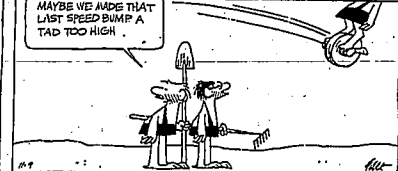
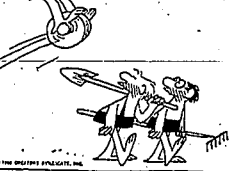


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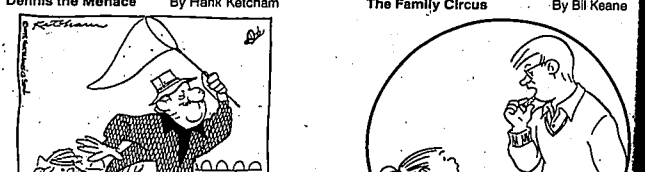
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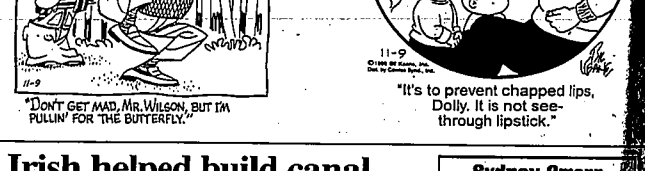
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Sydney Smarr Horoscope

Irish helped build canal
Do you list any Irish immigrants among your ancestors? If so, when did they get here? Many who showed up before 1825 did the drudgery to build the Erie Canal. For 37 1/2 cents an hour and daily whiskey. Politicians now say more women than men talk to their curs. Cannons squabbled over what kinds of fish could go into cans labeled "Sardines." A commission to settle the issue listed 21 allowable species and decreed each country could decide for itself. Upshot: Norway oftentimes uses small herring. South America goes for anchovies. Portugal and France like young pickled hares. But the limits remain pretty loose. Adolent whistling swans run away from home, knock around for a couple of years with other rebellious juveniles, then mate, settle down, and raise their own families. Such is the pattern of that species, too.

What will the Chinese call Hong Kong after they take over?
A. Xianggang.
As much as 80 pounds of bamboo a day is what it takes to keep a grown panda lively. None too nourishing, that bamboo. Yet pandas look fat. Must be the fur. If we shaved one, they'd skip it. Q. How many people will die this year nationwide when they drive their cars into trees? A. Can only tell you the recent annual average: About 3,000. Q. Why is the devastating Gypsy moth called that? A. Its larvae pick breezes on fine lines of their own silk. They travel wherever the wind takes them. You don't make jelly beans overnight, you know. Tucks about a week.

L.M. Boyd What's what?

ACROSS

- Seed capsules
- Hurt
- Brilliant
- Sign on some doors
- Stalanced one
- Mucilage
- Back
- Conduct
- Man's body of man
- Paddles
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Out and about! You'll reach many people, touch numerous hearts. Relatives involved, recent trip bears fruit, news divides. Leverage of situation in which you should not have been involved in the first place.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Courage of conviction! Break free, imprint style, be independent, creative, daring. Financial situation better than originally anticipated. Missing link located. Leo figure prominently.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Hunch pays off! Make note of your dreams, accurate interpretation could ring cash register! Intuition intellect activated - ignore jibes at your eccentricity.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Review Gemini message. Key is diversification, different modes of transportation, arranging entertainment, social affairs for associates. Break free from stereotype - let your other side shine.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Get files in order, check references, bring source material up to date. Gemini moon highlights ability to utilize powers of persuasion. Influence extends far and wide. Gemini represented.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Power struggle! You win plaudits, promotion, are given additional control over project. Focus on written material, variety of sensations, declaration of love by one who says, "You're special!"

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Suddenly others admit, "We hear the music!" Lunar position emphasizes tenderness in love, philosophy, spirituality. Individually from another land pass forth intriguing proposition.

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THE ACES ON BRIDGE

Bobby Wolff

"Man is the only animal that can remain on friendly terms with the victims he intends to eat until he eats them."

-Samuel Butler

Today's South got too friendly with his holdup plays. One holdup play on his plate was just enough.

He tried for two and the holdup play at the table.

South allowed East's club queen to win - a wise move. Had he taken it, he would have had no chance to make this game.

When East won his diamond ace, four more club winners for West would have meant one down.

South also ducked East's club 10 - a fatuous move. If West had the diamond ace and five clubs, it was fruitless to duck.

At trick three, West switched to the spade queen and South's game was history.

What happened? West didn't have the diamond ace, but he had some counting.

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NORTH ♠ A 8 7 5 3 ♣ K Q 7 ♦ 10 4 ♠ 4 EAST ♠ 8 4 2 ♣ A 6 4 ♦ A 2

Vulnerable: Both Dealer: South The bidding: South West North East 1 NT Pass 3 Pass 3 NT Pass Pass Pass

BID WITH THE ACES South holds: ♠ K 9 2 ♥ 3 10 6 4 ♦ A 5 4 ♣ Q 10

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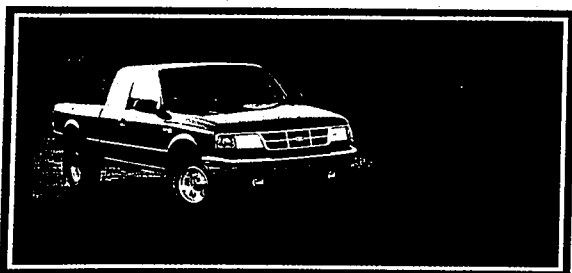
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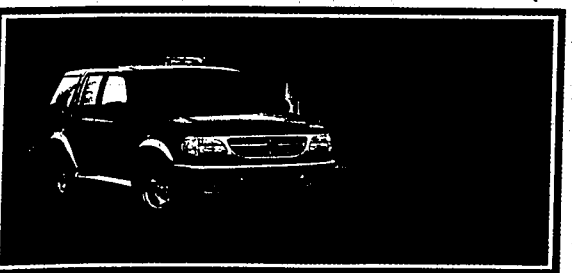
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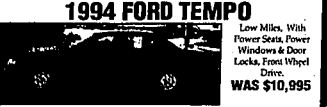
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Try all the hot ski spots this winter

**William Brock
Times-News writer**

TWIN FALLS - Every winter, downhill skiers in south-central Idaho are confronted with an enviable problem: Which full-service ski area is best?

"It's a problem that many skiers elsewhere in the nation would welcome, because there is no wrong answer."

Options range from one of the world's most legendary ski resorts, Sun Valley, to a small family operation like Magic Mountain. Other possibilities include Soldier Mountain, north of Fairfield, and Pomerelle, southeast of Burley.

If there's enough time, the best answer is "all of the above."

Sun Valley is the most expensive of the bunch but, as the old adage says, you get what you pay for. A lift ticket at Sun Valley buys access to a world-class resort that Picabo Street - one of the finest skiers on earth - refers to as her "home" mountain.

Bald Mountain is Sun Valley's principal hill, and the mountain is laced with 13 chairlifts. More than half are high-speed, four-seater mountain lifts, and the longest chairlift runs on the mountain takes only 11 minutes.

Many famous actors and actresses have hung their hats at Sun Valley over the years, and the area, from Tom's perspective, is the memorable thing about Sun Valley. The abundance of long, sweeping runs with 3,000 or more vertical feet.

For some, that many "verts" affords a golden opportunity to point their skis downhill and hit speeds of Warp 7 or more. That's OK if you stay in control and are able to stop in time to avoid other skiers.

There's also plenty of room at Sun Valley for



Photo courtesy Sun Valley/Ketchum Chamber of Commerce

Skiers of all ages and abilities will find plenty of suitable terrain in southcentral Idaho.

skiers who favor a leisurely pace, and many of Baldy's easiest routes are designated as "slow skiing" areas.

People who want to learn about the area's history might be interested in the Ski With Forest Ranger program. All abilities are welcome, so call the Ketchum Ranger District of the Sawtooth National Forest at 622-5371 for more information.

If big, bustling resorts aren't your style, then you might consider one of south-central Idaho's

small ski areas.

Magic Mountain, for instance, is as down-home and informal as you're likely to get in Idaho. The little ski area is run with a lot of enthusiasm by owners Marty and Sherrie Jacobs.

There is one chairlift, a Poma lift and a venerable rope tow that provide access to 11 runs - ranging from wide-open cruising slopes to steep mogul runs.

Cross-country skiers also have plenty to choose from at Magic Mountain, with a tiny web

of groomed trails stretching for 20 miles. There's even a backcountry trail located off of the Upper Penman trail; anyone interested in spending the night there, call the High Desert Nordic Association at 423-5442.

Everyone is welcome to stop by the Magic Mountain lodge for a bite to eat, or a restorative beverage at the base chalet's cozy bar.

On the north side of the Snake River, the Soldier Mountain Ski Area lies on the southern flanks of central Idaho's rugged mountains, just north of the Camas Prairie.

The lifts provide access to 42 runs, roughly half of which are intermediate slopes; the remainder are split between beginner and expert runs. Soldier is known for its wide, open runs where even the most safety-conscious parents can relax when their little ones hit the slopes.

Snowboarders will appreciate a new snowboarder-only area that's speckled with jumps, bumps and humps to showcase their aerial talents.

New this year is a non-skiized Sno-Cat service, to carry skiers and non-skiers to a spot 2,400 feet above the top of the final chairlift. From there, the view extends south into Utah and Nevada, and north into the vast roadless areas of central Idaho.

Adventurous skiers can hop out at the top and ski back on miles of untracked snow with experienced guides. If the weather is nasty, Sno-Cat skiers can take refuge in a large yurt owned by the ski area.

On the south side of the Snake River, Pomerelle offers 22 runs on the east slope of the Albion Mountains. Most of the runs are of intermediate difficulty, which makes the area a haven for snowboarders.

Pomerelle is well-known for its night skiing and seven of the ski area's runs are equipped with lights. Night skiing runs from 4 to 10 p.m.

Sun Valley among the finest

**William Brock
Times-News writer**

SUN VALLEY - After 60 years of operation, Sun Valley has carved out a reputation as one of America's finest destination ski resorts.

There's something for everybody - with several restaurants on Bald Mountain, standard and high-speed chairlifts and dozens of runs ranging from slow-speed bunny slopes to steep, deep and elite chutes for experts.

There's even a pair of auxiliary hills 6,638-foot Dollar Mountain and 6,678-foot Elk Mountain. If Baldy gets too hairy, at 9,150 feet, Bald Mountain is far more likely to be covered with snow; total vertical relief is 3,400 feet.

All Bald Mountain lifts begin running at 9 a.m. Those closest to the bottom run until 4 p.m. Lifts to the summit run until 3:45 p.m., while lifts to Sunrise Ridge and seven different bowls close at 2:45 p.m.

Before Dec. 15, lift tickets cost \$32 for a day of skiing, while half-day tickets are sold for \$25 after Jan. 1.

Once the early-season is over, lift prices will rise to \$49 a day, while half-day tickets will be \$35. All-day tickets for kids 11 and under are \$26, while half-day tickets are \$19.

There's been a lot of new construction at Sun Valley in recent years, and the new 300,000-sq-ft square-foot River Run Lodge is the latest addition. Sun Valley's "other" base lodge - the Warm Springs Lodge - built a few years ago, but has already been accepted as one of the nation's top day lodges.

Skiers who want to relax - but don't want to head to the base of the mountain - can get their bones lard enjoy a meal at the Seattle Ridge

Lodge, which was completed two years ago. Other on-the-hill eateries include Lookout Restaurant, and the Roundhouse Restaurant. For more information, call 726-3423.

Magic Mountain

MAGIC MOUNTAIN - It's not very big, but Magic Mountain Ski Resort makes up for its lack of size with a small-town informality that money just can't buy.

Located 37 miles southeast of Twin Falls, Magic Mountain has provided economical skiing for southern Idaho residents since 1938. A double chairlift gives access to intermediate and expert slopes on Magic Mountain, while novice and beginning skiers can use a Poma (ground-level) lift on nearby Pike Mountain.

At 7,650 feet, Magic Mountain's ski terrain typically runs from late November to April. The base chalet is at 6,500 feet, so there's about 1,000 feet of vertical relief.

Magic Mountain is open on Fridays, weekends, holidays and during Christmas school vacations. Chairlift prices are \$17 for an all-day pass, and \$14 for a half day. Poma lift passes are \$11 for a full day and \$9 for a half day. Rope tow tickets are \$2.

Children under 6 ski free at Magic Mountain, as does anyone over 70. Magic Mountain also features a rental shop stocked with alpine and cross-country ski gear, a modest cafeteria and a busy apres-ski bar. For more information, call 423-6221.

Soldier Mountain

FAIRFIELD - Located 11 miles north of Fairfield, the Soldier Mountain Ski Resort combines the informality of

a small ski area with a commanding view of the Camas Prairie.

Lift tickets are \$18 on weekends and holidays, but the price drops to \$14 Wednesdays through Fridays; after 1 p.m. lift tickets sell for \$14. Skiers content to use the rope tow get the best deal of all, because it's free.

Soldier Mountain features two double-chair lifts that provide 1,400 feet of vertical relief; elevation at the top is 7,200 feet. Lift hours are from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on weekends and holidays, and the ski season typically begins in Thanksgiving and ends sometime in April.

New this season is a Sno-Cat coach that can deposit skiers 3,600 feet above the base area - allowing lengthy, guided tours in near-total solitude. Sno-Cat tours for non-skiers are also available. Half-day prices start at \$80, while full day prices begin at \$150 - which includes a gourmet lunch.

The zenith, both figuratively and literally, of the Sno-Cat touring program is at 9,500 feet - where passengers can feast their eyes on seven different mountain ranges.

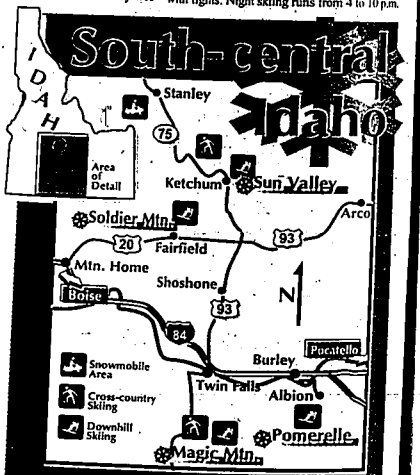
In addition to making its high country more accessible, Soldier Mountain has upgraded its facilities at the base chalet.

Rental and retail equipment is available at the expanded equipment shop, and restroom facilities have been improved. Hungry skiers have been a bite at the cafeteria, while tired skiers can recharge their batteries in front of a big-screen television.

For more information, call 764-2526.

Pomerelle

ALBION - Located 30 miles southeast of Burley, the Pomerelle Ski Resort is a place where skiers can do



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their thing day and night.

Lift tickets are \$19 on weekends, and \$15 half-day tickets go on sale at 12:30 p.m. During the week, all-day tickets are \$12. The rope tow is free, just ask for a ticket at the ticket sales booth.

Skiers 6 and younger get a good deal, because they ski free when accompanied by a parent.

The lifts begin at 9:30 a.m. and all-day and half-day tickets expire at 4

p.m. After Christmas, skiers won't have to pack it in at 4 p.m.

For \$10, skiers can buy a lift ticket that's valid from 4 to 10 p.m. Seven Pomerelle's 22 runs are lit by overhead lights, so there's plenty of room to sharpen your snowboarding fine-tune your telemarkering, or advance your aerial ski technique.

For more information, call 638 5599.

Stanley snowmobile tours find wilderness

Julie Casey Lynn
Times-News correspondent



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Snowmobile and rider take

to the air during a motorized frolic near Stanley.

Smiley Creek Lodge, located on Highway 75 in Sawtooth City south of Stanley, has snowmobile rentals, guided tours, lodging and laundry services. Rentals begin at \$99 day. Call 744-3547.

Mulligan Snowmobile Tours offers two-hour trips for \$70. Catered lunches and longer trips are available. Snowsuits and boots are provided.

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The Stanley Basin offers great snowmobile riding opportunities, as well as cross-country trips and even sledding. Stanley is typically the coldest spot in Idaho on the nightly reports. And if there is going to be snow anywhere, it will be in Stanley. Whether you're renting or driving your own machine, your first stop is

to find a trail map, which can be obtained from most Stanley businesses. A map will help you find trails to your liking and experience level and also the Big Game Winter Closure areas. It is strictly prohibited to enter these areas on snowmobiles.

Elk, deer and other wildlife have a hard time in winter, eating little and enduring bitterly cold weather. Forcing animals to run through snow saps their energy, so drivers should observe range closures and keep a distance from all wildlife.

The trail map has several tips for anyone new to the sport: Be considerate of all the other winter sport enthusiasts. Do not drive on or across the cross-country tracks set for diagonal stride (these tracks are located on the side of the machine trail). Be aware that, at any time, you may meet skiers or other snowmobile riders. Proceed with caution and courtesy. Respect private property, and carry out any litter and avoid leaving human wastes near water courses.

Travel in groups of at least two snowmobiles. Have enough fuel with some to spare and pack a compass. Inform a responsible person of your planned route and when you are expected to return; use registration boards where provided.

Snowmobile riding is a sport that young and old can enjoy, but common sense and necessary winter precautions are a must. For fee information and brochures about accommodations, trails and snowmobile rentals, contact the Stanley Chamber of Commerce at P.O. Box 8, Stanley, Idaho 83278. Or call 774-3411.

KETCHUM - Have you ever wondered what it would be like to ride a snowmobile into a winter wilderness? Idaho's Stanley Basin offers 165 miles of groomed trail for the snowmobile adventurer.

Just 60 miles north of Ketchum, it's possible to "ride all day and never run into another rider," according to Patti Williams of Sawtooth Rentals in Stanley.

Trails lead from Stanley to Smiley Creek Lodge, to Redfish Lake, to Stanley Lake and even to the headwaters of the Salmon River. Groomed trails can take you all the way to Lowman, but Williams doesn't recommend the trip because there are no gas stations in Lowman and you won't have enough fuel to return.

"It's a real advantage to snowmobile in Stanley because you can access the trails from your motel so you don't have to travel to a distant area," Williams said.

The Stanley Basin has a whole community that caters to the snowmobile enthusiast. You can ride your own or rent a machine and tour uninhibited. Guided trips that take in wildlife (from a safe distance), geology and history are also available. Extensive packages include snowmobile rentals (helmets included), nightly accommodations, meals, fuel, clothing and transportation from the airport in Hailey.

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Call me a misanthrope, but I don't like to ski in a crowd.

Pride is part of it, because I'm coordination impaired when I've got skis on my feet; truth is, I'm comically inelegant on the slopes. But there's something else behind my preference for privacy, and it centers on a desire to behold nature in its quietest, cleanest season.

That's why I love cross-country and telemark skis - but not alpine skis.

Cross-country gear pares skiing down to its very essence - a human on skis moving over snow. I don't need to buy a lift ticket, nor do I need to wait in a lift line, nor do I need to hide from supersonic jerks who treat me like I'm a salmon gate.

Instead of that, I simply drive into the hills and seek out an interesting trail that may, or may not, be groomed. It doesn't really matter. The important thing is that it's far from the madding crowd.



Force of Nature
William Brock

Out there, it's just me and a few well-chosen friends - swishing along trails that don't see much human traffic in winter. It may be cold, but we warm up quickly and begin to sweat.

(Note: Perspiration is healthy, but it can be the enemy if the weather is cold and you're wearing clothes made from the wrong material - like cotton. The best idea is to wear synthetic long underwear that wicks moisture away from your skin, covered with an outer shell of windproof, breathable material. Ideally, you should have a hat and gloves, and carry other warm clothes in your pack.)

Strenuous exercise is part of the cross-country skiing experience, so dress for success and lean into it. Aside from bicycling or playing soccer, it's the most aerobic form of exercise I get.

There's a lot of huffing and puffing, but balance is a key part of the equation. It's hard enough on level ground, but the real moment of truth comes when the trail leads downhill and backcountry skiers are presented with two options: 1) Successfully link telemark turns; or 2) Fall down.

I began studying the mysteries of the telemark turn when I moved to Bozeman in 1993, but its secrets are elusive. Sometimes that pigeon-toed kneel actually works and I swing around like I'm supposed to; other times, I simply fall down.

Ineptitude is my problem; but others can lay some of the blame on their equipment. It may not be

apparent at first glance, but cross-country and telemark gear differs in several subtle, yet essential respects.

At first blush, they appear similar because both allow the heel of the boot to rise from the ski - permitting a forward stride when cross-country skiing, and enabling telemarkers to bend their trailing legs.

The differences are in the details. Telemark gear is built for turning, while cross-country gear is made for straight-ahead travel. To that end, telemark skis typically have more sidecut than cross-country skis; it's hard to see, but sidecut gives skis a slight "hourglass" shape with a narrow waist and wider tips and tails.

Because of the forces that are brought to bear, telemark bindings are heavier than cross-country bindings. The most popular telemark bindings feature a cable that wraps around the heel of the boot, winching the toe fast

against the ski. Cross-country bindings simply pin the toe of the boot to the ski.

Telemark boots also face torsional strains that cross-country boots never encounter, so they're built stiffer and heavier. Even the poles are different with cross-country poles being longer to provide more propulsion and telemark poles shorter to provide more balance.

In simplest terms, cross-country gear is best for level and uphill skiing, while telemark equipment is superior for downhill travel. It's important to know what kind of skiing you'll be doing before you buy your gear, but for some people - like me - it doesn't seem to matter.

No matter what kind of equipment he's using, Times-New Outdoor Editor William Brock is a menace to public safety.

Skiers use free-heel skiing for uphill climbs, quick turns

Mark Weber
Times-New correspondent

Southern Idaho is known for some of the West's best resort skiing and with Sun Valley in their back yard, locals have little reason to complain.

The resort's post-lycote lodges, high-speed chairlifts and immaculately groomed slopes are legendary. Even so, the lure of adventure, backcountry powder and solitude has left Sun Valley's slopes a little less congested in recent years.

Most skiers who ply the backcountry slopes are practitioners of what is known as "telemark" or "free-heel" skiing. First developed centuries ago in southern Norway, the telemark is a graceful turn in which the turning ski is advanced while the opposite ski is trailed behind its hulk knees are bent. This is possible because of a special boot and binding combination that allow the heel to rise, thus the term free-heel.

The configuration enables skiers to climb slopes with skis attached

and avoid the dreaded "post-hole" action associated with hiking in deep snow. The telemark turn provides a stable fore-to-aft position while lowering the skier's center of gravity. This is considered an excellent combination for the changeable terrain and conditions encountered on the backcountry steeps.

One of the most accessible and popular backcountry ski areas in the region is Galena Pass. It's 20 miles north of Ketchum on Highway 75. Consistently good snow, varied

terrain and the option to leave a vehicle at the bottom make this area a favorite.

Just north of Galena Summit, a well-worn trench in the snow marks the passage of many skiers. The trail works its way up the ridge, while good ski runs drop off to either side. Classics such as "Backside," "The Cess" and "Governors Punch Bowl" offer plenty of powder and long descents to the highway below.

Good tele-skiing also can be found in the southern reaches of the Magic Valley on runs like the Pike

Mountain/Little Fork Loop near Magic Mountain Ski Area, and the many slopes above Lake Cleveland in the Albion Mountains near Panterelle Ski Area.

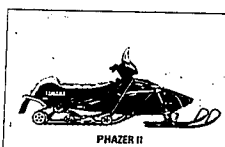
While skiing in the backcountry can afford participants the rush of blasting through trees in high-deep powder and the solitude and adventure of choosing one's own "lines," it also carries the burden of responsibility that comes with skiing on your own. Avalanches, hypothermia, and getting lost are real dangers.

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Julie Casey Lynn
Times-News correspondent

KETCHUM - A mountain silence soothes the senses as you glide along on cross-country skis. As you leave the trailhead, noises of civilization fade. Only the sounds of nature and your own-breath can be heard.

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"This will be our 14th season," said Sarah-Michael of Sun Valley Trekking. "It's a real break from the routine; it's a way to embrace wilderness in a remote setting and still have some of the comforts of home."

Sun Valley Trekking and Sawtooth Mountain Guides offer tour options for all abilities, ranging from beginners to expert backcountry skiers. You can book a fully guided tour with dinner for \$125 per person. Call Sun Valley Trekking Co. at 1-800-985-9588 or 788-9585 for reservations and information.

Most people like to put together their own groups, ski in and cook their own dinner," Michael said. "We have plenty of wood for heating and propane for cooking."

Hut rental during the week is \$20 per person. The cost is \$25 per person during holidays and weekends, which is Friday through Sunday. Trails are not marked, so



Photo courtesy Sun Valley Trekking

Backcountry yurts, such as this one along Boulder Creek, allow cross-country skiers to spend a comfortable night deep in Idaho's wild country.

first-time visitors are required to take a guide, according to Michael. The guide fee is \$125.

Sawtooth Mountain Guides specializes in backcountry skiing experiences by arranging outings for groups or individuals. Experiences range from scenic light tours to adventure skiing in remote powder bowls, according to Kirk Bachman, Sawtooth Mountain Guides director.

For information or reservations, contact Bachman at Box 18, Stanley, Idaho 83278, or call 774-3324.

Hut tour prices with dinner begin at \$125 per person per day to full guided and instruction packages that are \$200 per person per day. Brochures can be found at the Sawtooth National Recreation Area headquarters, eight miles north of Ketchum.

Galena Lodge offers two cozy huts for cross-country skiers to spend the night. Each hut has cooking facilities, so you can cook for yourself or enjoy a meal at the lodge on nights when there's a full moon - then ski back to the Gladiator Creek yurt or the Miner's Camp hut. A pull sled is

provided with each hut and snow shoes are available for non-skiers.

If your interests lean more toward dining than camping or trekking, Warm Springs Nordic Center and Warm Springs Restaurant offer yurt dining and entertainment. You have the option of cross-country skiing to the yurt on groomed trails or taking a festive sleigh ride to dinner. Make reservations from mid-November to the end of the ski season.

For information, contact Colleen Crane, owner and chef at A Winters Feast, 726-5775. A fee of \$60 for dinner includes meal, entertainment and trail pass. Crane can serve up to 15 guests in a 100-year-old Mongolian yurt made of hand-hewed timbers and yak fur hide.

Sun Valley Company's Trail Creek Cabin Sleigh and Dinner Ride leaves from the Sun Valley Inn for the winter visitor who wants to experience the nostalgic charm of a horse-drawn sleigh and dinner complete with accordion music.

The sleigh ride is \$14 for adults and \$12 for children 12 and under. Dinner is served in Trail Creek Cabin, about two miles east of Sun Valley Village. Menu prices run from \$15 to \$22 for an entree. For information and reservations, contact Sun Valley Restaurant Reservations at 622-2135. Sleigh rides start mid-December and continue through the ski season.

Rides are also available. Dinner guests meet at the Sawtooth National Recreation Area Visitor's Center, where they are taken by horse-drawn sleigh to a large rustic lodge.

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Ski Wood River Valley for cross-country fun

Julie Casey Lynn
Times-News
correspondent

KETCHUM — If the idea of gliding along on a pair of traditional skinny skis or amping the cardiovascular system on a pair of shorter skating skis sounds appealing, there are more than 140 kilometers (about 86 miles) of groomed trails winding in the northern Wood River Valley.

Starting with the creme de la creme of cross-country ski touring, Galena Lodge has 50 kilometers of trails for skiers of all levels. The tracks are set for traditional, diagonal-stride skiing as well as skate skiing.

"This year, we will have a groomer living on site and a new Piston Bully, so the trails will be well maintained," said Janet Kellam, co-director of Galena Lodge.

The lodge also offers heavy lunches and apres ski from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. The season begins Thanksgiving weekend. Dinner will be served on the nights before the full moon and on full-moon nights. A Sunday breakfast of fresh baked goods and a menu special will be provided starting at 10 a.m. For reservations call 726-4010.

Rentals for traditional and short-skate skiing and accessories are available. Private and group instruction is also provided.

The Galena Lodge clinic series will continue this year. Among the popular returning classes are the Thursday ladies day, the learn-to-ski series, snowshoe clinics, master's ski clinic and the Saturday kids series. Galena Lodge will be hosting a snowshoe demo day Nov. 23.

"Galena Lodge is a natural gathering place (for winter enthusiasts) and we'll really be promoting the snowshoe program," Kellam says. "We want Galena Lodge to be a place for everybody, not just the hard-core skiers."

The Blaine County Recreation Department maintains the 100-kilometer North Valley Trail System from Galena Lodge to the Sawtooth National Recreation Area Visitor's Center, eight miles north of Ketchum.

A North Valley Trails season pass can be purchased from the Blaine County Recreation Department; call 788-2117 for more information.

Day passes are \$7 for adults and \$2 for children. Season passes are \$60 per person, \$110 per couple and \$120 for a family of up to four members.



Photo courtesy of Sun Valley Trekking

Cross-country skiers glide along a groomed trail near Redfish Lake.

Doggie day passes are available for \$6.

For the cross-country skier who wants to enjoy the Sun Valley experience, the Sun Valley Nordic Center has 40 kilometers of groomed trail that winds through the scenic golf course. Skiing the three kilometers from the Nordic center to Trail Creek Cabin is one of the most popular ways to experience Sun Valley. A Piston Bully groomer sets and maintains surfaces for classic, diagonal-stride tracks and skating lanes.

The Sun Valley Nordic Center has an extensive ski school for group and private instruction, including programs for children.

Ski rentals, accessories, a wax room and a sun deck are also available. Refreshments are served from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily at the Nordic center, and afternoon treats are served at Trail Creek Cabin. Daily trail passes can be purchased at the Nordic center, located on Sun Valley Road just past the

Sun Valley Village. The season will begin Thanksgiving weekend or before, if weather permits, according to Hans Muehlegger, Valley Nordic Center Director.

The Nordic center will be hosting a Demo Day Dec. 2. Area merchants will have the latest equipment for free demo.

Nordic instructors will also be giving free mini clinics in all techniques.

There is a full schedule of events for the cross-country skier this year. Some of those events include the Annual Winterstart Race at Galena Lodge. The 10k and 5k events will be held Dec. 9.

The annual Boulder Mountain Tour will be held Feb. 3, 1996. A 30k race will start at Galena Lodge and finish at the SNRA.

For a complete schedule of the upcoming winter cross-country events, contact the Ketchum/Sun Valley Chamber of Commerce at 726-3423.



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Karol Kay Hope
Post Register

Yellowstone National Park is the world's first national park and the largest in the United States. Sprawled over volcanic plateaus in the northwest corner of Wyoming, where molten rock is only three miles underground, Yellowstone has more than two million acres of steaming geysers, crystalline lakes, thundering waterfalls and endless vistas.

Yellowstone Park is also one of the world's great wildlife sanctuaries. More than 200 kinds of birds and 60 species of mammals live in Yellowstone. Besides the recently reintroduced wolf, buffalo, deer, elk, moose, coyotes, antelope and bear reside in the park year-round, and in the winter they migrate to thermal hot spots for the vegetation, water and heat. Wildlife viewing is one of the great pleasures of a winter visit to Yellowstone.

There's no better place to visit when the snow falls. From mid-December to mid-March, you can cross-country ski (and take lessons), snowshoe, snowmobile, snowcoach (a van on skis), hike or just lounge around the fire at one of the two hotels open all winter. It's a wonderful place to spend Christmas (but you'd better reserve now) but an even better place to spend the weekend. After all, this great wilderness is only 100 miles up the road. Just get on Highway 20 and

go north to the West Yellowstone entrance. Catch a snowcoach to your park destination.

The park is closed to automobile traffic during the winter, except for the Mammoth Hot Springs entrance, which is the north entrance out of Gardiner, Mont., off of Highway 89. Park headquarters is in Mammoth Hot Springs. Entrance to the park is \$10 per day per vehicle. You can go in on the snow from any ranger station entrance for \$4 per person per day for hikers, snowmobilers and bus passengers. The park's snowcoaches can take you anywhere in the park from any entrance, and fees depend on where you're going.

LODGING — Only two hotels are open during the winter in Yellowstone: Old Faithful Snow Lodge near the Old Faithful Geyser (to which you have to snowcoach — no autos) and Mammoth Hot Springs Lodge, near the Mammoth Hot Springs Terraces, to which you can drive. Both locations provide casual dining, pleasant lodging and entertainment on the weekends (after the new year). You can ice skate or take a hot tub at Mammoth. You can rent a rustic cabin at Old Faithful.

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Mushers get set for Ashton race

Patsy Garz for the Post Register

ASHTON — The first Ashton sled dog race was held March 4, 1917, from West Yellowstone, Mont., to Ashton. The race was supposed to take about six hours, but the racers faced a raging blizzard for the entire 55 miles. Mushers were forced to spend the night in the mountains, leaving several hundred disappointed spectators wondering where they were.

Each year the crowd steadily grew and by the fourth race it was estimated that Ashton was bustling at the seams with more than 10,000 spectators. All the hotels and other available rooms were filled to capacity, but a large number of these people parted through the night and never slept anyway.

Lack of snow in 1934 forced the mushers to run on wagons on the paved road. There were no races during World War II, but they resumed in 1948. In 1949, a huge blizzard not only canceled the races but closed the railroad and schools for several weeks.

The races resumed in 1950 but were run intermittently during the years until 1993, when organization was taken over by the Ambassadors Cup Sports Foundation in

Ashton. Once again, the race is gaining in popularity each year.

The 1995 race had 34 mushers from across the United States and as far away as Canada and Germany. Race organizers are making plans for the 1996 American Dog Derby, to be held Feb. 23-24 in Ashton.

Junior races for mushers 18 and younger have been added and proved to be very popular. Mattie Snodgrass, 7, of Dubois, Wyo., won the junior race in 1995.

Mutt races and weight pulls are also scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 24.

The mid-distance race now starts on Main Street in Ashton. Mushers go across the farmlands, into the Targhee National Forest and around the Jackass Loop Road, heading back to town. Part of the race is run on Friday and part on Saturday. The total distance is about 125 miles. The minimum purse is \$4,000.

Registration for mushers is still being taken. For information on the mid-distance race, call Don Marozz at (208) 652-7285; for junior races, call Patsy Garz at (208) 652-3377; and for information on the mutt race and weight pull, call Beth Towell, (208) 652-7248.

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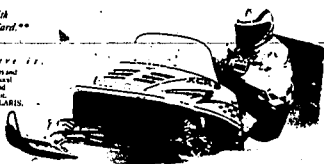
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Island Park offers lots of winter sports

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If one glistening, cold winter morning when there's a foot of snow on the ground and you feel like getting out in it, hop in the car and head for Island Park. This small resort town on Highway 20 is about an hour away, smack in the middle of the Targhee National Forest just before you cross over into Wyoming and Montana and Yellowstone National Park. It's surrounded by some of the best cross-country skiing and snowmobiling country in the world.

With elevations of 6,000 to 10,000 feet, the snow pack comes quickly to the Island Park area, averaging 6 feet all winter. The famous Henry's Fork of the Snake River stays ice-free in the winter, heated by the warm springs that

feed it. The river weaves through open flats and lodgepole forests, and not a few ice-fisherman have brought home dinner on a winter afternoon. Restaurants, gas stations, grocery stores, cabins and motels are open to visitors all year. Snowmobiles and cross-country skis can be rented from a number of shops in town, many of which have trails starting out their back doors, or across the street. Rates run from \$72 to \$120 a day plus insurance, depending on the size of the snowmobile.

More than 600 miles of groomed and marked snowmobile trails are accessible from Island Park, most in the Targhee National Forest. Groomed trails lead to Big Springs, where Henry's Fork begins, and up to Two Top Mountain on the Continental Divide where you can gaze down into Yellowstone. On open flats,

through pine forests, around natural snow sculptures, these trails take you far out into the forest for a day of incomparable beauty.

Cross-country ski and snowshoe trails run all through the parks too. Seventy-five miles of groomed and marked trails have been created by the National Park Service for cross-country skiing, split up into loops of varying length and difficulty. Seasoned skiers will have a great time but beginners won't kill themselves either. Wildlife fills the Targhee forest. Moose and elk, trumpeter swans, ducks and Canada geese, bald eagles, deer, coyote, even skunks are everywhere, and if you can't see them, you can see their tracks. Don't forget your camera.

The U.S. Forest Service and the Idaho Parks Department maintain the ski trails exclusively from user fees. Last year, nearly \$6,000 was



Robert Bower/Post Register

Tips for the trail

FIRST AID KIT - first aid book, two 2-inch wide gauze rolls, moleskin for blisters, two triangle bandages, six sterile pads, lip ointment, sunburn cream, band-aids, butterfly bandage, ace bandage, 2-inch first aid tape, safety pins.

REPAIR KIT - screwdriver, tape & epoxy, spare ski tip, extra binding parts (wire bail, cable, screws), steel wool, match sticks (to repair screw holes), small vice

grip or pliers.

EQUIPMENT LIST - Water, map and compass, waterproof matches, candle/fire starter, extra energy food, small flashlight, extra bulb/batteries, whistle, knife, first aid kit, repair kit, plastic tarp, nylon cord, wax kit (if using waxable skis), gloves, hat, gaiters, extra clothing, sunglasses, sunscreen, camera, film.

SAFETY TIPS

Bring all the equipment noted above, wear pile, wool or polypropylene clothing to keep you warm, dry and comfortable. Avoid areas beyond your capacity and don't ski alone. Monitor weather reports, avoid avalanche areas and tell someone who's not going with you where you're going and when you plan to return. Get off the trail before dark.

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raised by the Park and Ski Sticker program. For \$15 a season, you can purchase a sticker for your car which allows you to drive to the trail entrance, get out and start skiing any time during the winter season. A non-season pass is \$2 per car per day, and can be purchased at the ranger stations.

BEAR GULCH/MESA FALLS

(Also known as the Canyon Rim Ski Trails), closest to Idaho Falls.

Location: 62 miles north of Idaho Falls

Closest town: Ashton, Idaho - 7 miles

Trails: 3 loops, 9-15 kilometers of groomed trails

Trail fee: Park and Ski Sticker

Trail map: Ashton Ranger Station, (208) 652-7442

Main attraction: Mesa Falls overlook and view of the Tetons.

Head for Ashton up Highway 20. Take Mesa Falls Forest Highway 47 to the trailhead, 7 miles northeast of town. The snowmobile and cross-country trails begin at a shared trailhead and run parallel to Lower and Upper Mesa Falls. The cross-country trail then separates from the snowmobile trail and travels along the canyon rim before returning to the trailhead. The first mile is very steep, and the winds along the canyon can be very strong. This trail is recommended for intermediate to advanced skiers.

FALL RIVER RIDGE

Location: 65 miles north of Idaho Falls

Closest town: Ashton, Idaho - 10 miles

Trails: 3 loops, 13 kilometers of groomed trails

Recommended: all levels

Trail fee: Park and Ski Sticker

Trail map: Ashton Ranger Station (208) 652-7442

Main attraction: view of the Tetons

Head for Ashton, 55 miles north on Highway 20. The Fall River Ridge Park and Ski area is 10 miles east of Ashton on the

Cave Falls Road. The various loops are good for beginners and intermediate skiers, rolling through hills dotted with meadows, lodgepole pine and aspen. A small plowed parking area is provided. A moose herd lives here too, and if you are cautious and avoid confrontations, they'll leave you alone.

HARRIMAN STATE PARK

No snowmobiles are allowed in Harriman State Park, just cross-country skis, snowshoes and sleds or toboggans.

Location: 73 miles north of Idaho Falls

Closest town: Ashton, Idaho - 20 miles

Trails: 5 loops, 35 kilometers of groomed trails

Recommended: all levels

Trail fee: Park and Ski Sticker, or park entrance fee of \$2

Trail map: Park headquarters (208) 558-7368

Main attraction: wildlife

Head 75 miles north on Highway 20. Harriman is 20 miles north of Ashton.

Twenty-one miles of marked trails are open, with 10 miles groomed. Harriman is a wintering ground for the trumpeter swan and other wildlife fill the park. A warming shelter and restroom are at the trailhead.

BRIMSTONE/BUFFALO RIVER

Location: 80 miles-north of Idaho Falls

Closest town: Ashton, Idaho - 25 miles

Trails: 4 loops, 15 Km of groomed trails

Recommended: all levels

Trail fee: Park and Ski Sticker

Trail map: Island Park Ranger Station (208) 558-7301

Main attraction: view of Box Canyon

Brimstone is 80 miles north on Highway 20. The trailhead is 1/4 mile north of the Island Park Ranger Station on Highway 20 near Pond's Lodge. The terrain varies from gentle grades to downhill runs through groves of trees. You can see Island Park Reservoir, Box Canyon and the Buffalo River.

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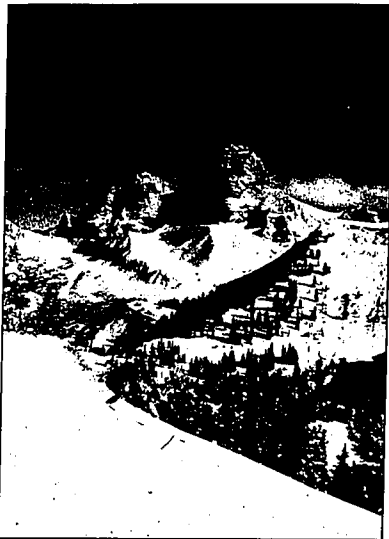
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Winter in the Tetons means ski, ski, ski

Skiers at Grand Targhee get loads of great powder and a pretty terrific view, too.

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Karol Kay Hople Post Register

French trappers came upon the Grand Teton Mountains from Oregon, looking for a way to the east. Standing in the valley somewhere near Ashton, Idaho, they were no doubt struck speechless by the three high, pointed mountains that run north and south on what is now the Idaho/Wyoming border. The trappers named them "Les Trois Tetons," or The Three Breasts. Today they are called The Grand (14,000 feet), the Middle and the South.

More than a century later, anyone who sees this mountain range will experience the same reverence, and, like the Frenchmen, will wonder how anyone could get through them, much less to the top of the Grand Teton.

Fortunately for modern-day skiers, three world-class ski resorts have carved out some of the best skiing in North America on the Grand Tetons.

GRAND TARGHEE SKI AND SUMMER RESORT, Alta, Wyoming

Ski season: mid-November to mid-April; open daily 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
(800) 827-4433
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On the western slopes of the Teton range, at almost 7,500 feet, Grand Targhee Ski and Summer Resort has been declared by Snow Country Magazine as having the "best snow in America." For what is the longest ski season in the Tetons (averaging 150 days a year), Grand Targhee gets more than 500 inches of natural snowfall annually, more than double that of Aspen or Vail.

The highest summit is over 10,000 feet, and the snow stays dry and powdery. Because the resort sits on the western slopes of the Tetons, you can ski 300 acres of groomed snow in the warm afternoon sun. There are two skiable mountains totaling 3,000 acres of terrain, three double-chair lifts and one surface lift. The longest groomed run is 2.78 miles. Ten percent of the slopes are rated for beginners, 70 percent for intermediate and 20 percent for advanced skiers.

Another 1,500 acres of powder skiing are accessible by snowcats, which leave daily from the base for a full day of guided powder skiing. Special skis for gliding down this untracked powder have finally been invented, and are available at the resort.

Along with skiing lessons for the whole family, other activities include snowshoe tours through the wildlife refuge, dog sledding, cross-country skiing, sleigh ride dinners, day trips to Yellowstone Park, sled rides through the National Elk refuge and glider flights over the Tetons.

The Grand Targhee base village offers five restaurants, an apres ski nightclub, specialty shopping, ski shops, child care facilities, a general store and a liquor store.

RATES

Hotel rooms: \$75-\$450 day
Lift tickets: Full day for adults \$32, half day \$22; full or half day for children 6-14, \$18; Children 5 and under, and seniors over 70, ski free.

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Ski season: Dec. 2 through April 7; open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily (307) 733-3316 (Jackson Hole Chamber of Commerce) for reservations and information.

Jackson Hole, in Teton County, Wyo., is on the east side of the Grand Tetons. It is part of the largest undeveloped ecosystem in the temperate zones of the earth. Less than 3 percent of Teton County is privately owned; the other 97 percent is within the Grand Teton National Park, the Bridger-Teton National Forest and the National Elk Refuge.

Settled in the mid-1800s, Jackson Hole was long the center of a flourishing cattle industry. Some of its original buildings remain standing. In 1920, Jackson Hole elected the first all-woman town government in the United States.

In 1939, the first ski tow in the U.S. was built on Snow King Mountain just outside of Jackson Hole, and in 1965, the Jackson Hole Ski Area in Teton Village opened, offering full resort facilities and some of America's best ski terrain. Jackson Hole has since developed into a world-renowned winter sports center and an all-season recreational resort area.

Just 12 miles from Jackson Hole, Teton Village offers base lodgings, restaurants, bars and shopping. Scheduled buses run back to Jackson Hole. Average snowfall is 384 feet per season. Base elevation is at 6,300 feet at the foot of two skiable mountains: Apres Vous,

with a summit at 8,500 feet and Rendezvous Mountain, summit 10,500 feet. The vertical rise is about 4,000 feet.

There are almost 2,500 acres of skiable terrain at Jackson, 10 percent for the beginner, 40 percent for the intermediate skier and 50 percent for the advanced skier. The longest run is 4.5 miles, and 22 miles of trails are machine-groomed nightly. There is one aerial tramway, two quad chair lifts, one triple chair lift, four double chair lifts and two surface lifts. They can transport over 8,000 skiers an hour.

Other activities at Teton Village include group and private ski lessons, cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, sleigh rides through the National Elk Refuge, guided snowshoeing in the Grand Teton National Park, ice-fishing, helicopter and snowcat skiing, and more.

RATES

Hotel rooms: on the expensive side, but available all over Teton Village and the Jackson Hole area. Lift tickets: Adults: All lifts \$45 day, chair lift only \$42 day; children under 14 and seniors over 65: All lifts \$24, chair lift only \$21; half day rates available (afternoon only)

Economical package deals are available.

SNOW KING RESORT, Jackson Hole, Wyoming

Ski season: Nov. 23 through April 7; open 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily.

Night skiing: 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

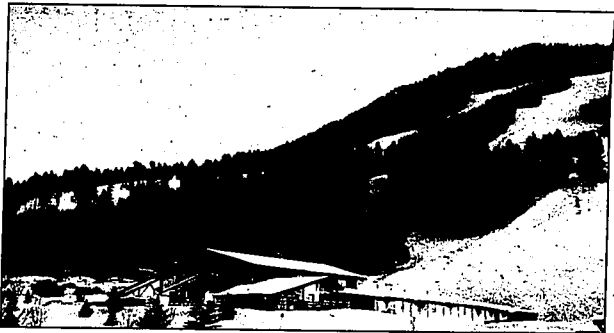


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Snow King resort's new day lodge and indoor ice skating rink add more activities for winter fun.

(800) 522-5464
(307) 733-5200
Fax: (307) 733-4086

Snow King Resort is six blocks south of the town of Jackson at the base of Snow King Mountain. It is one of the oldest ski resorts in the United States. Shuttle buses run back to Jackson Hole regularly, though the resort has more than 200 hotel rooms, available, two restau-

rants, an apres ski lounge and shopping. There is one triple chair lift, two double chair lifts and one surface tow. The base elevation is 6,200 feet, the summit is at 7,800 feet with a vertical rise of 1,500 feet. There are 400 acres of skiable terrain, 110 acres of machine-made snow, 300 acres of machine-groomed terrain and 110 acres for night skiing. About 15 percent of the runs are for beginners, 25 per-

cent for intermediate skiers and 60 percent for the advanced skier.

RATES

Hotel rooms: on the expensive side, but package deals are available.

Lift tickets: Adults (full day \$25, half day \$18, twi-night \$18, night \$12 and hourly \$10; junior/senior full day \$16, half day \$10, twi-night \$10, night \$8 and hourly \$7,

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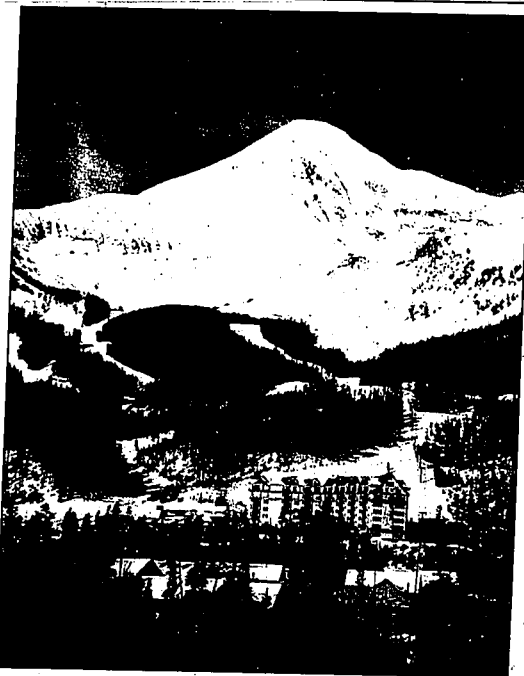


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The view of the mountain at Big Sky, Montana.

Get ready for steep slopes at Big Sky

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The resort has more than 300 hotel rooms and condominiums, 20 restaurants and night spots, poker, horseback riding, winter fly-fishing, 45 miles of groomed cross-country trails and childcare facilities.

Big Sky has 3,500 acres of skiable terrain, — 10 ski lifts, 4 surface tows and can carry more

than 17,000 skiers up the slopes in an hour. Steep ski lovers will love the Lone Peak Tram, which takes the adventurous skier to the 11,166-foot summit in four minutes. Sightseers can ride the tram both ways.

Annual snowfall at Big Sky averages 33 feet. Elevation is almost 7,000 feet at the base and 11,166 at the summit. Vertical rise is 4,180 feet, the longest run is 3 miles. Ten percent of the runs are set aside for beginners, 47 percent for intermediate and 43 percent for advanced skiers. Big Sky has the only high-speed quad in the territory.

Ski Season: Nov. 23 through April 7; open daily 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.
(800) 548-4486

RATES

Hotel rooms: \$135-\$706.

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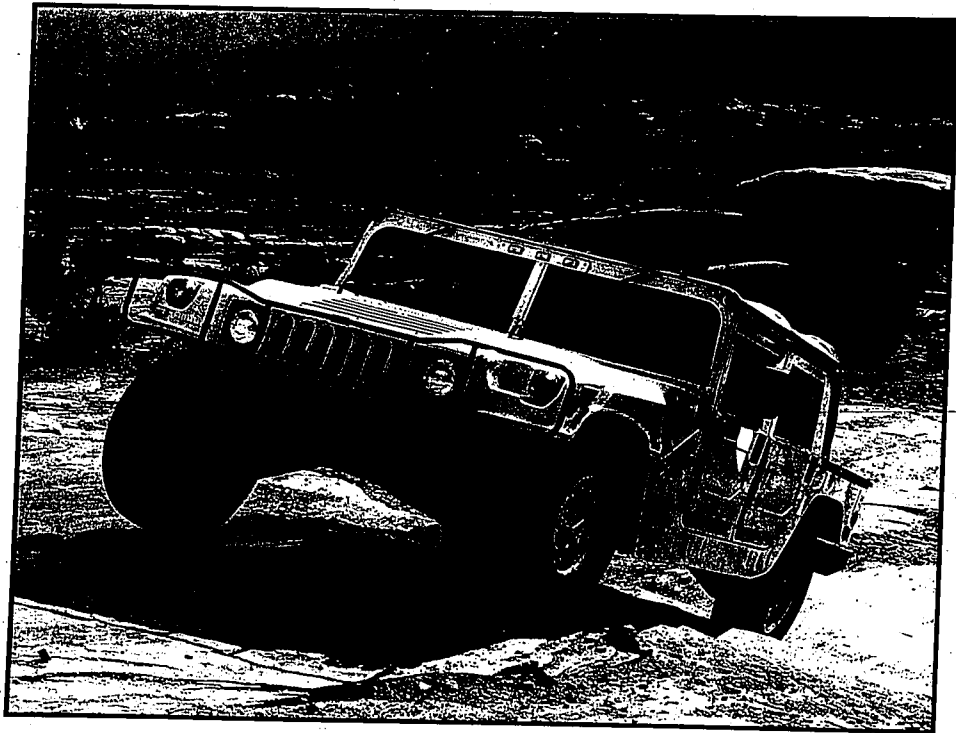
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A brief description of the areas and numbers to call for more information follow. Most resorts open in late November and receive more than 400 inches of snow annually.

- **Alta:** Majority of terrain, 40 percent, is intermediate. Also has 35 percent advanced and 25 percent beginner. It's noted for some of the best and most consistent snow in the world and receives about 500 inches of snow per year. (801) 742-3333.

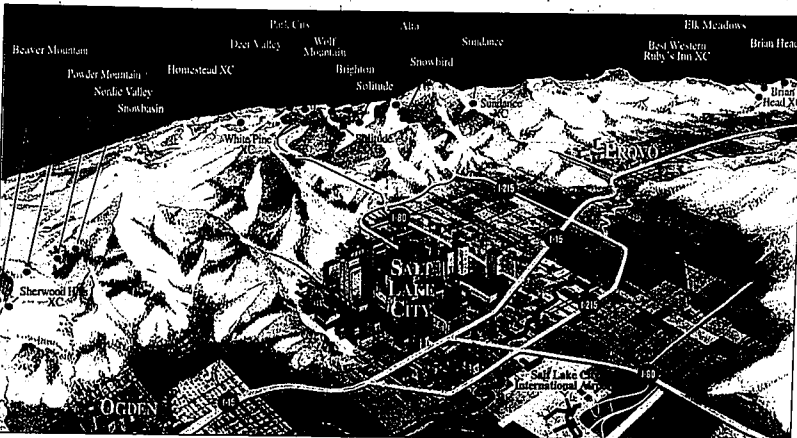
- **Beaver Mountain:** In Logan Canyon, has northeastern exposure, family-owned and operated since 1939. (801) 753-0921.

- **Brighton:** Offers two high speed quad lifts, three double and two triple chairs to serve 11,000 skiers per hour. No long lines. Lift summit reaches 10,500 feet. 1-800-873-5512.

- **Deer Valley:** \$7 million in improvements includes adding 40,000 square feet to lodge. Also snowmaking capacity has been improved on the resort's three mountains. Thirteen lifts serve Flagstaff, Bald and Bald Eagle mountains. Discounts on lift tickets for groups of 20 or more. (801) 649-1600.

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- **Snowbird:** Has new Baby Thunder Chair Lift to expand resort's beginner and intermediate terrain. Also new is free skiing for children when an adult buys an all-day chair or tram ticket. Helicopter skiing available. 1-800-453-3000.

- **Solitude:** Has a new day lodge, new condos, increased snowmaking capacity, and a

- new troll-theme children's ski school. Family oriented. 1-800-748-4754.

- **Sundance:** On 12,000-foot high Mount Timpanogos. Groomed runs vary from long-groomed runs to bowl skiing. (801) 225-4100.

- **Wolf Mountain:** Ski trails and lifts named for animal species whose existence is either threatened or endangered. Holly Flinders, who won three World Cup downhillis, is director of skiing. Runs popular women's alpine ski advantage workshops. 1-88-754-1636.

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Bear Lake's snow zone

Tammy Stephens
The Journal

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The snowmobile program is managed by the tri-county grooming committee, whose members are appointed by the county commissioners. Money to help fund the program comes from a variety of sources, including the recreation gas tax.

Registration fees for 1995-96 are \$16.50. Snowmobilers can register in several places throughout Bear Lake County. In Paris, people can register at the Department of Motor Vehicles in the courthouse, or Toland's Market.

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A series of yurts, Mongolian domed-canvas shelters, are erected each winter for skiers who want to spend the night in the Portneuf Range.

Pebble Creek, a favorite among locals for its challenging terrain, offers a 2,000-foot vertical drop on Mount Bonnevill east of Inkom. The area has nearly two dozen runs and three lifts.

Several improvements have been made at the area and expansion is being planned, too.

During the last several years, \$85,000 worth of improvements have been made to the area, including lodge improvements and parking lot expansion. A run at the top of the double chair was widened to make a smoother slope and cat tracks have been widened, too.

Long-term expansion for the area includes building a 1.5-mile long service road to the top, having a lift reach the top of the mountain, clearing a triangle of trees where Stacy's run joins Lower Green Canyon to increase skier visibility, doubling the length of Stacy's Run by cutting a new 7 percent grade, 150-foot wide run from the present top of Stacy's up to near the top of the Skyline

Peak. Other improvements are adding runs and clearing trees.

Pebble Creek generally opens in December, depending on snow, and offers midweek specials, ski lessons, and special packages for groups. For information about the area, call 775-4452.

Cross country ski trails lead skiers into the scenic Caribou National Forest south of Pocatello. Terrain is varied from smooth beginners trails to more challenging back-country powder skiing. A warming shelter is open at Elk Meadows in the Mink Creek area and the Toponce shelter is in the Rapid Creek area.

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A run at Pebble Creek after snow has coated the trees.

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No need to freeze

Tim Jackson

The Journal

An increasing number of Idahoans are discovering that snow camping is a safe, warm and fun winter sport alternative.

"It can be a romantic getaway for two for the evening," Cindy Foster said. "You have to struggle more in the winter."

Cindy and her husband Russ are former dog sled and backcountry ski instructors. Now they are avid snow and yurt campers.

Staying comfortable while snow camping requires a certain frame of mind, Foster said.

"You have to go in with an attitude that you like winter and like to be outdoors in the winter."

Once backcountry campers adopt that frame of mind, Foster recommends not skimping on the quality, or amount of clothing and gear they pack along.

"A big key is to dress warmly," winter survival and crosscountry ski instructor Dave Fields said.

Foster and Fields recommend people avoid wearing cotton when snow camping, because it doesn't insulate when wet and doesn't dry quickly. To stay warm, you must stay dry.

So they choose underwear made of moisture-wicking polypropylene. Atop that layer, they wear one or more layers of insulating material such as synthetic fleece. A waterproof, breathable outer layer such as Gore Tex helps shed wind.

Fields buys his pack boots big enough so he can wear two pairs of socks and insulating insoles. Gaiters keep snow out of boots and overalls keep hands warm and dry. Fields brings a knit cap, a balaclava and a hooded parka.

Foster always packs her down booties, so her feet stay warm and dry around camp.

Among the warmest outdoor quarters are canvas-sided yurts campers can rent in many parts of Idaho. They are equipped with wood burning stoves and wooden floors.

Foster recommends that a person sleep in a yurt their first winter night out, and that they camp with someone who's experienced.

Fields and his wife Corliss prefer to build snow shelters.

Sunscreen and sunglasses protect the eyes and skin from glare off snow.

Fields has built five different kinds: snow trenches, snow domes, snow caves and snow igloos.

The dome is one of the easiest. Fields straps out a platform, piles a bunch of gear on top of it, piles a foot of snow atop and around the gear and lets the snow set up for 45 minutes.

Then he burrows into the side and pulls the gear out. Last, he digs a cold sump at the door and burrows a ventilation hole in the opposite side. The result is a dome-shaped sleeping

space.

Even easier, but not as warm, is the snow trench.

Fields selects a wind-sheltered dip in the snow or a stand of trees where a well has formed underneath. He then hollows out a trench in the snow and spreads a tarp across the top.

Fields' favorite winter shelter is the snow cave.

He finds a cornice on the lee side of a hill that's not in danger of avalanching. To accommodate two people, the cornice needs to be deep enough to reach into with a ski pole.

Fields burrows into the side of the cornice, digs down to form a cold well, then digs up to form a dome-shaped room. He makes it roomy enough that campers don't bump the sides and get snow on them while inside.

A ground cloth and insulated pads go on the floor of any snow structure.

Last New Year's Eve, Fields, his wife and their two dogs slept in a snow cave in the forest between Swan Valley and Victor.

"It was so cold up there our dogs got into the snow cave before dark and wouldn't come out," Fields said.

Though the mercury registered 25 degrees below zero that night in Swan Valley, Fields estimates never dropped below a comparatively toasty 33 degrees above zero in the cave.

A good sleeping system is crucial to a comfortable outdoor stay in the winter, Foster said.

She uses two sleeping bags — a lighter bag rated at 30 degrees above zero outside a heavier down bag.

"You don't want a bag that's too long, because you can't heat that space," Foster said.

Foster sleeps in just her long underwear and a dry pair of socks. She keeps her clothes and ski boots in the bag with her, so they're warm when she puts them on in the morning.

"If you've got wet socks and mittens, you can put them between the two long underwear layers you're wearing and they'll dry out while you're sleeping," Foster said.

Foster always brings extra wool blend outer socks and polypropylene liner socks so she'll always have dry ones to wear.

To stay comfortable inside the shelter, Foster brings a lightweight folding camp chair. She said midnight trips to the latrine are easier if one camper brings a heavy cot everyone can borrow. Foster and Fields also consider headlamps an essential item.

Evenings in a yurt or snow cave can include storytelling, talking and games such as Pictionary or Trivial.

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Cindy and Russ Foster are experienced snow campers. They recommend packing plenty of clothing. They also say it is important to start out with a positive attitude about winter and cold-weather

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Food is key to running a happy camp

Cindy and Russ Foster consider plenty of delicious food a key to enjoyable winter camping.

They and their camping pals go all out planning elaborate hot meals they cook on portable gas camp stoves.

"Because food stays fresh in cold weather, you can really have fun with your meal planning," Cindy Foster said.

While it's still important to balance carbohydrates, proteins and fats, Foster knows it's also important to eat plenty.

"You need to eat more calories because you burn so much just staying warm, and also because you're working harder traveling with heavier gear."

Typical menu dinner items on a Foster snow camping trip include whole chickens, quails, pasta and salad greens. Campers take turns making meals.

A favorite dinner one of the Fosters' friends cooked on a recent outing was pasta fettuccini with pesto sauce, steamed asparagus, mushrooms and sun-dried tomatoes.

One of Foster's favorite daytime snacks when skiing the backcountry is crackers and cheese. Granola, figs and trail mix also provide lots of fuel.

One of her tricks is filling a water bottle with M&Ms candy.

Boarding

More understanding means greater acceptance by other downhill enthusiasts

Tim Jackson
The Journal

A lot of skiers and even people who've never been on a ski slope are thinking of learning how to snowboard this season.

"Go out to actually do it, not merely try it," avid Pocastello snowboarder Tom Hale, 47, advises first-time snowboarders.

"My first day of snowboarding may be the most challenging thing I've ever done," Hale said. "It kicked my butt."

Part of the reason learning to snowboard is tough for some, is that having both feet strapped atop only one board can feel like a restriction at first.

But most newcomers learn the sport far quicker than most people learn to ski, Hale said.

Balance and edge control come quickly, according to nine-year snowboarder Trevor Moore, 22.

Basics to remember when starting down the hill, Hale said, are much like skiing techniques: hands in front, butt down, knees bent.

Moore recommends that first-timers talk to an experienced snowboarder about some of the basics, rent a board and boots, then head for a bunny hill.

"Lessons are good," Moore said. "But it's also easy to just get out and learn on your own, I did."

The rider first learns sliding toe and heel side turns, then how to smoothly transition between them.

Next, the rider graduates from sliding turns to carving turns.

Just like with skis, snowboarders weight their inside edge — the carving edge — to turn.

The difference, Hale said, is that snowboard turns "can last forever."

Hale said that just as in skiing, snowboarders will turn better if they remember to keep breathing with every turn.

After a while, some riders like Moore learn aerial maneuvers.

Hale, with four years experience on a board, plans to try for some air this season.

When snowboarding starting blossoming in

popularity 10 years ago, some skiers complained to ski resort managers that snowboarders were rude. Some resort managers responded by banning snowboarders from certain runs, or by banning them completely from some resorts.

Moore thinks it was simply the newness of snowboarding that turned some people off.

Hale has a sociological perspective on the bans, most of which have occurred at several of Utah's major resorts.

"It's out and out discrimination," Hale said. He explained that the discrimination likely started because a vocal minority of older skiers had a tough time tolerating the unconventional dress, language and actions of some younger snowboarders.

But it's that unrestrained nature of snowboarding that also attracts a lot of riders, Hale said.

"It's that part of it that it's more than snowboarding. It's youthful, adventurous and rebellious, and that fulfills a lot of people. And it's healthy and constructive."

Hale commented on how Idaho skiers and snowboarders are getting along increasingly well these days, and that a lot of skiers are crossing over to snowboarding without giving up their twin boards.

While typical snowboarding injuries are to the wrists or ankles, they usually aren't severe. Moore believes the sport is safer than alpine skiing, where knee injuries are common. Both Moore and Hale predict snowboarding will continue to increase in popularity. Hale predicts snowboarding will become even more popular than skiing.

They say part of the reason is that both snowboard technology and the skill of the world's top riders are increasing rapidly, expanding the limits of what's possible on a board.

"Like (professional rider) Jim Rippy doing a back flip off a 60 foot cliff and landing it and riding it perfectly. It's just huge," Moore said.

Hale had a final thought on the future of snowboarding.

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New machines are faster

**Chuck Oxley
Of The Journal**

PRESTON — The mountains and valleys of Southeast Idaho will soon begin echoing with the screams of trail sleds as snowmobilers begin to once again enjoy the 175 miles of groomed trails here.

Although long-term weather forecasts indicate this winter should be drier than normal, Idaho Park and Recreation officials expect the season to get under full swing in about a month.

"There's already a foot of snow in the higher elevations, so we're starting out about normal for this area," said Parks and Recreation ranger Doug Stephens. "We'll probably begin grooming the trails in early or mid-November."

The trail system begins near Garden City, Utah, in the south and runs through ravines and canyons all the way to Eight Mile south of Soda Springs and extends northeast to the Trail Canyon Warming Hut.

There's also another series of less used trails southeast of Soda Springs, beginning at Home Canyon near Montpelier and continuing north the Bear Lake County line.

Besides the groomed trails, there are numerous "unofficial" courses marked on the map with a dotted line that take riders from off the beaten path to more remote areas.

"I think the major attraction to the trail system is access to the back country play areas off the groomed trails," Stephens said. "People ride up the hills and follow the ridges ... We have some of the most spectacular scenery in the west."

Getting out and enjoying the trails doesn't have to be expensive. Although new sleds can cost more than \$9,000, one dealer said the novice snowmobiler can get a used machine and the right clothes for as little as

\$3,500.

An even less expensive alternative is to rent a snowmobile at one of several outfitters.

For as little as \$39, a first-timer can rent a moderately-powered machine for about two hours. A full day during the weekend costs about \$115 at Beaver Creek Snowmobiling in Garden City.

The most important piece of safety equipment to carry is a good trail map, Stephens said. They are available at most local convenience store and at the park's office in Paris.

"Maps are especially important for people from out of the area. The trails are groomed and marked, but you can get turned around pretty easy," Stephens said.

As with any motor vehicle, Stephens said, the biggest danger on the trails isn't the threat of an avalanche — it's the deadly mix of speed and alcohol.

"There are no posted speed limits, so people have to use their common sense. Some of the newer machines can go more than 100 m.p.h. It's a big danger."

In Bear Lake, Caribou and Franklin counties, an estimated 1,500 riders have registered snow machines. But that only represents about half the number of actual users, Stephens said.

The cost of grooming the trails is paid for entirely by the snowmobilers fees when they register their machines with the state.

There is no permit fee paid at the park. Gas, food and lodging is available at the cities of Paris, Montpelier, Soda Springs, Bar H Bar, and the Bear Creek Lodge.

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New technology changes skiing

**Kathy Corgatelli
The Journal**

New technology is making learning to ski easier this year and warmer, mountaineering-style ski wear is making it's debut.

The company that manufactures Head downhill skiing equipment is using technology that has led to the snowboarding craze.

"For a long time the number of new skiers entering the industry was stagnant, many felt like it was a rich man's sport but on the other hand snowboarding was gaining in popularity, so the ski industry decided to get on the bandwagon," said Scott's Ski and Sports salesman Bruce Black.

This year's skis have been made to imitate snowboards that have a deep side cut for better turning.

"It helps beginners learn better because they can carve a turn easier," Black said.

The skis also have a wide shovel, or top, that helps turning too. The skis sell for about \$495 a pair.

The ski industry has also moved to materials that are more flexible in both directions. New plastic strips are also being added on to the top and middle of skis to help reduce annoying chattering.

Additionally graphics are more dramatic and three dimensional. The look is built into the ski now instead of being simply painted or affixed to the surface.

Just as important as having good equipment is dressing properly. Layering is still important

as is using a material like polypropylene or capilene to wick moisture away from the body. The material is especially important to cross country skiers who don't want to get caught wet and cold miles from their car. Expect to pay about \$50 for a long sleeve shirt.

Fleece is still popular but now comes in a variety of weights. Some fleece garments are lined making them wind proof too now. A

Gore-tex made by the Gore Company is still popular as a completely water proof and lightweight material for outerwear. Prices can range in the \$300 category. But new Gore-tex like materials are becoming increasingly popular and less expensive. Other brands using other materials are about 20 percent less breathable.

Gore-tex is second to none in quality," Black said. "It's the best in the industry."

As for the latest styles, the mountaineering look is in. Longer coats that have an adjustable waist. Black recommended choosing a garment with lots of vents at the neck, under the arms and at the cuffs.

"If you work up a sweat you can vent yourself," Black said.

Snowboarders are adopting the mountaineering look too but many still lead toward the big buggy and dark clothing. And some downhillers are sticking to the sleek skiing suits.

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Ice fishing heats up in Southeast Idaho

Desiral Rushforth Schild
The Journal

Falling temperatures are getting sportsmen all heated up about ice fishing.

This chilly activity involves cutting a hole in a reservoir's ice, dropping one or more lines in the water and waiting for any number of fish to bite. Sportsmen either use a hand drill or a gas-powered drill to cut the hole.

The sport has become very popular here in the past 10 years, said Paul Leiby, owner of Northwest Sports in Pocatello.

"The fishing is good," Leiby said. "You get more action through the ice than any other time of year."

Leland Aiken, Lee Aiken's Sports Shop owner, said new and improved clothing also plays a big part in the popularity increase.

"Now they have boots that are good to 80 below zero," Aiken said. "And, a lot of the clothing is warmer because of new materials that have been invented."

Aiken and Leiby said there are many excellent locations for ice fishing in this area.

Most of the nearby reservoirs are good fishing sites, Leiby said.

American Falls and Chesterfield reservoirs are good for trout, Weston and Lamont reservoirs are good for perch, Lamont, St. Johns and Winder have bluegill, Leiby said.

The type of lure or bait dictates what

types of fish will bite. Leiby said carp don't bite well in the winter, so they are less of a nuisance.

"American Falls should be especially good this year," he said. "The water is up and it has been well-stocked."

Ice fishing does not mean the fisherman must plan to freeze. Some buy small buildings to shelter them while they fish. The hut can be used as a sled spot and to bring needs out to the water.

Some fishermen stock their huts with all the comforts of home — even a television. Campfires are common on any ice fishing scene, Leiby said. It takes a great deal of fire to burn through ice, so there is no danger of the fire melting through.

"But, you really don't need a lot of equipment," he said. "You don't need a boat. I use a bucket to carry everything out then I turn the bucket over and sit on it."

Aiken said jigs and ice flies are popular for attracting fish. Some people also use live meal worms or wax worms.

It is important to take an extra set of warm clothing in case the fisherman falls through a spot of thin ice. Leiby also strongly suggested tying a sharp metal item like a railroad spike onto the wrist so the fisherman will have something to stick in the ice to get himself out if he falls in, Leiby said.

"It's a lot of fun," Leiby said. "I am looking forward to it."



Many species of game fish can be caught through the ice in Southeast Idaho reservoirs, but trout are probably the most sought after.

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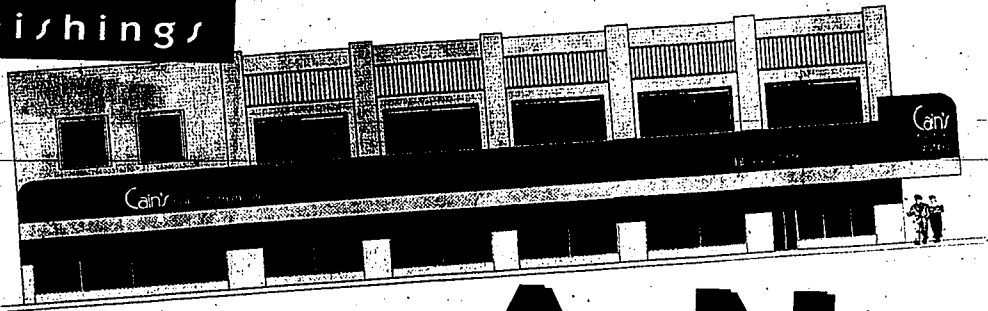
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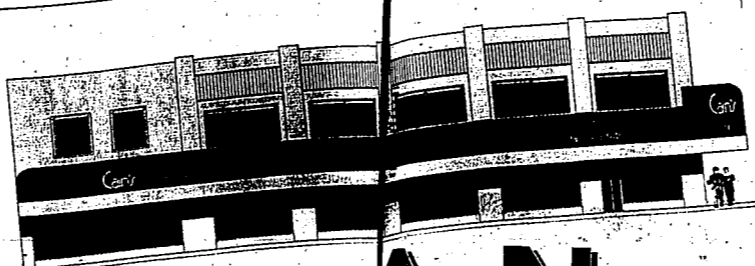
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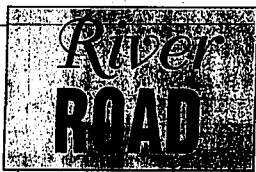
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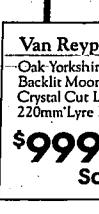
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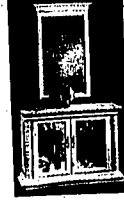


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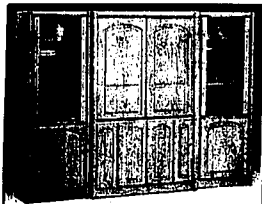


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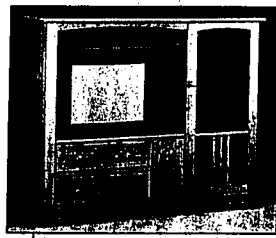


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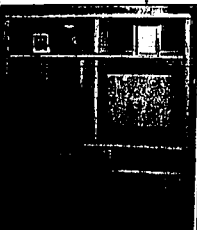
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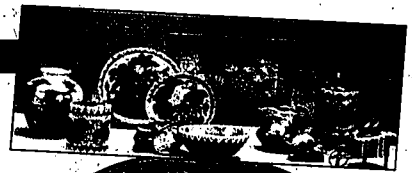


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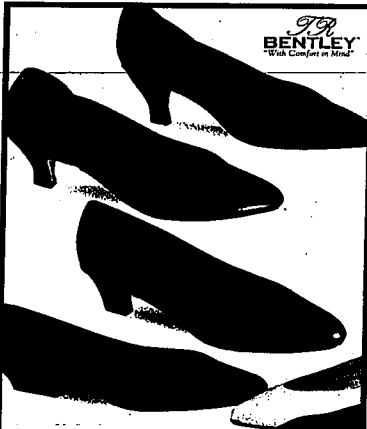
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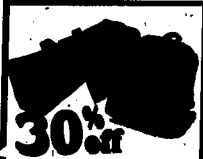
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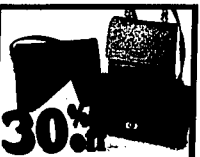
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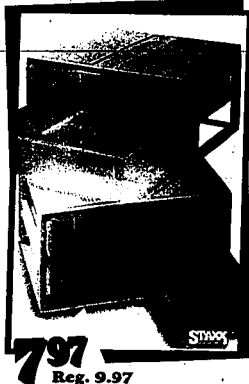


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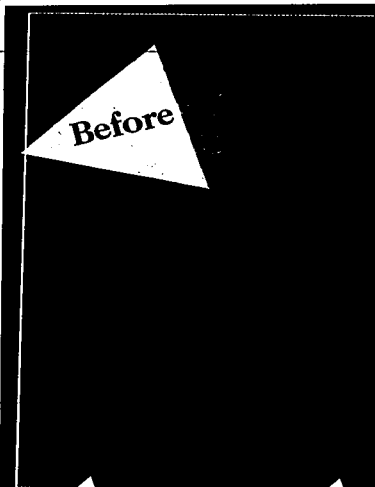
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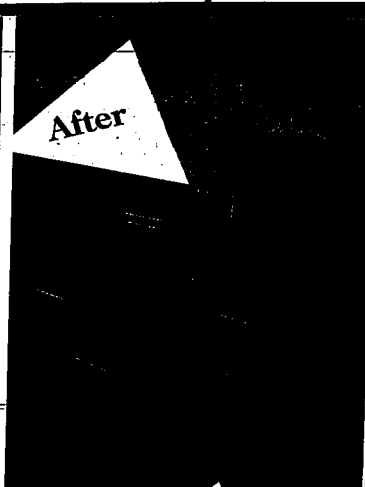
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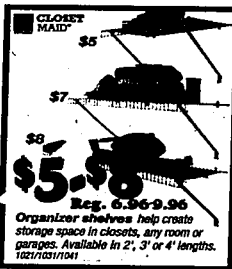
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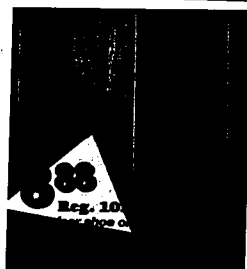
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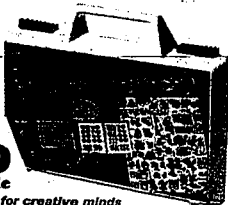
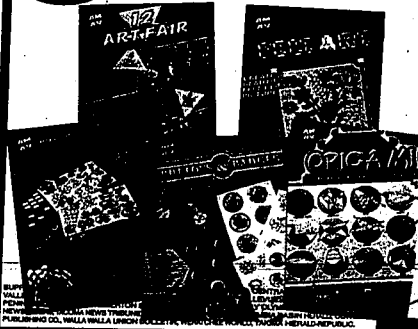


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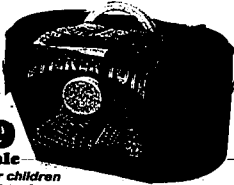
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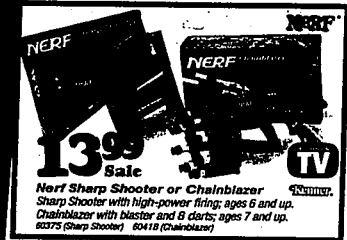
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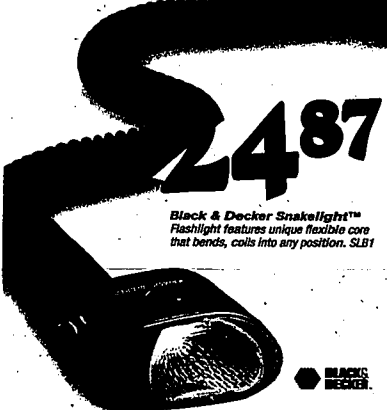
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