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New councilwoman credits women for victory

Southeast precincts also played pivotal role

By William Brock
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Buoyed by strong support from women and a 2-1 landslide in the southeastern part of town, Elaine Steele broke into the City Council's all-male lineup by defeating Mayor Jeff Gooding in Tuesday's election.

Steele will be the first woman on the City Council in four years when she takes office in January. As the council's newest member, she is unlikely to be chosen as mayor by her colleagues.

In an interview Wednesday, she said her campaign began as "an exercise in giving voters a choice" — and wound up ousting Gooding by 365 votes.



Elaine Steele

Jeff Gooding

"I think being a woman helped," Steele said Wednesday. "Women do add a different perspective, and I know a lot of women were backing me." Steele also credited an aggressive door-to-door campaign — and a little help from two real estate offices — with catapulting her onto the council. Bravley Realty and Coldwell Banker Western Realty pounded the pavement to promote her campaign, Steele said.

Election roundup — C1

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The Bravley firm was publicly opposed to a recent City Council decision to rezone 110 acres southeast of town for a railroad switching yard and industrial park.

Tuesday's election results — which are still unofficial — show Gooding won in only four of the city's 20 precincts. Gooding carried his own precinct in northeast Twin Falls, 206 to 185, and

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Plastics company molds to area in 1 year

By Pat Marcantonio
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — From a white steel skeleton, workers unroll layers of yellow insulation at Eastland Drive and Osterloh Avenue.

Two more workers carry long sheets of blue metal for the walls of the new Clear Shield National plastics molding plant.

Other workers set down gray concrete blocks or hammer spikes into railroad tracks, the sound shaking the air.

"It's exciting to see a new facility from the ground up," said Ken Becker, manager of the plant-to-be. This is the first one of the 23-year company veteran has guided "from scratch."

Just one year ago, the Wheeling, Ill., company announced its selection of Twin Falls as the site of its fifth plant. The company makes plastic spoons, knives, forks, dining kits and straws for the fast-food big names, such as Subway, Kentucky Fried Chicken, Dairy Queen, Taco Bell and Burger King.

Wearing a hard hat, Becker pointed to the future site of three machine units that will inject plastics into molds for cutlery and three units where plastic is pulled through to form straws. If business gets going, there is room for expansion.

Not only is the company raising steel in Twin Falls, but a staff. For months, Connie Johnson was the only employee at the machine-warehouse manager.

But the company has brought in Becker, Michelle Ryan as human resource director and Twin Falls native Don Zuck as maintenance manager. The latter are in Wheeling for training.

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Marty Fugus attaches a support to the roof of the new \$13 million manufacturing plant on Eastland Drive. The company, Clear Shield National, hopes production will begin in the new facility by March.

Tornado blows evidence into Whitewater prosecutors' hands

The Associated Press

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — In a bizarre Whitewater discovery, a repair shop owner opened the trunk of a tornado-damaged car and found a cashier's check for more than \$200,000 payable to Bill Clinton from his former partner's savings and loan, from jury witnesses say.

The damaged car was once driven by Henry Floyd, a former courier for Madison Guaranty Savings and Loan.

The discovery this spring of the 1982 check and thousands of other documents missing for a decade has opened a new line of inquiry by prosecutors into whether Clinton testified accurately about his relationship with James and Susan McDougal and their failed Arkansas S&L, the witnesses said.

The president swore under oath last year that he "never borrowed any money" from the McDougals' failing Madison Guaranty S&L.

Witnesses say markings on the cashier's check, which bears no Clinton endorsement suggesting that the source of the funds was McDougal's S&L, and that the proceeds may have been deposited in one of two Arkansas banks where the



A check and other documents were retrieved by Whitewater prosecutors from a car that Henry Floyd, a former courier for Madison Guaranty Savings and Loan, used to drive.

Clinton's dad business. The president's private lawyer scolded at the discovery on Wednesday. "Documents found in the trunk of an old and long-abandoned used car may have the authenticity and credibility of a newly discovered and freshly written Elvis autobiography," attorney David Kendall said.

Charter schools plan receives lukewarm local response

Concern expressed, not hostility or resistance

By Liz Wright
Times-News writer

SUN VALLEY — Considering the audience, a potentially hostile one, a charter schools proposal received a surprising reception Wednesday.

Officials expressed concern, but not much outright resistance, to the charter schools plan, during an Idaho School Boards Association convention Wednesday.

That reaction boded well for the passage of charter school legislation, which the Legislature is expected to debate this winter.

"I think the reason there was not much friction is because the Legislature addressed most of our concerns," said Terrell Donich, Twin Falls School District superintendent, who attended the meeting at Sun Valley Lodge.

The charter schools bill would allow anyone to establish a charter school with public funds for up to five years. Private and parochial schools could not convert to a charter school. Districts

House OKs IRS overhaul

Bill passes 426-4

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — With strong bipartisan support, the House approved a bill today to restructure the IRS, a long-mooted bill building on the political momentum of hearings that put the spotlight on taxpayer abuses and mismanagement.

By a 426-4 vote, the House approved a bill to create a new outside management board at the Internal Revenue Service and give taxpayers more than two dozen new rights.

An architect of the bill, Rep. Rob Portman, R-Ohio, said the vote was "the first time in 45 years that we have attempted as a Congress to enact fundamental reforms at the IRS."

Republicans made it clear the IRS reform is a step in a broader campaign for fundamental tax reform.

"It is almost universal. People are tired of the current tax code. They're tired of how the IRS runs it," said House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga. "It's not fair to simply say it's about the IRS as an institution. It's also about the code they are trying to enforce."

But Democrats repeatedly said the problems at the IRS were created by Congress, which has written a tax code of nearly 10,000 pages.

"If you're not for IRS reform on appropriations bills and tax bills, it will not be able to happen," said Rep. Steny Hoyer, D-Md.

The legislation drew from a bipartisan panel that delivered a detailed blueprint this summer on revamping the tax agency.

But the bill gained momentum following Senate Finance Committee hearings in late September where IRS abuses were vividly described by agents and taxpayers. House leaders on both sides of the aisle spoke glowingly of the bill.

"This will result in a more civilized enforcement of an uncivilized tax code," said House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas.

The House's top Democrat, Dick Gephardt of Missouri, described the bill as "an important step towards increasing the accountability of the IRS and shift the balance of power back toward the taxpayer."

The bill passed the House Ways and Means Committee last month by a vote of 33-4, after the Clinton administration suddenly reversed course and endorsed the measure.

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could develop their own charter schools without the administrative procedures seen by some as barriers to progressive education.

"It takes away all the excuses to some extent," said Rep. Lee Gagner, R-Idaho Falls, a member of the House Education Committee, which hosted the meeting.

Charter schools would not be able to levy taxes or have bonded indebtedness. Only 12 schools could be set up in Idaho per year — including just two in each of six statewide regions, and only one in a single school district.

Students would be required to take standardized tests. Many school officials questioned the legislation, but few leveled against it.

One of the chief compromises would allow a school board to authorize a charter school. That leaves a board in control of whether any such schools are established and the curriculum and facility plans. Charter school proponents could appeal a board's rejection, if approved. Please see SCHOOL, Page A2

Nichols had same anti-government writings as McVeigh, agents testify

DENVER (AP) — FBI agents testified Wednesday that their search of Terry Nichols' Kansas home turned up anti-government writings similar to those found in Timothy McVeigh's car shortly after the Oklahoma City bombing.

One piece of paper found in Nichols' home referred to the government raid on the Branch Davidian compound near Waco, Texas, and contained the Thomas Jefferson quote: "The tree of liberty must be refreshed from time to time with the blood of patriots and tyrants."

The same quote was on a T-shirt McVeigh was wearing when he was arrested.

When that document was shown to jurors, Nichols tapped his index finger firmly on the defense table. His lead attorney, Michael Tigar, put his arm around Nichols to calm him.

Defense attorneys immediately tried to show jurors that many people were critical of the Waco raid on April 19, 1993, which killed 94 members of the sect died. Authorities believe the Oklahoma bombing was carried out on the two-year anniversary of the raid to shock the government.

At another point, Tigar noted that one seized document was a copy of a March 15, 1993, letter published in The Wall Street Journal that referred to Waco



Oklahoma State Highway Patrolman Charlie Hanger holds the T-shirt that Timothy McVeigh was wearing after a traffic stop. Hanger testified Wednesday in Federal Court in Denver.

and "equates federal agents with Nazi SS agents exterminating Jews in World War II."

"Do you think The Wall Street Journal is a subversive publication?" Tigar asked FBI agent William West.

"Of course not," West replied. Prosecutors spent most of Wednesday trying to show Nichols hated the government and shared his beliefs with

McVeigh, who was convicted and sentenced to die for the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building that killed 168 people and injured hundreds more.

Later, a man who employed Nichols to work on his ranch said Nichols once suggested citizens should overthrow the federal government because it had become too big and abused its power by killing innocent people at Waco.

GOP claims momentum going into 1998 campaign

The Associated Press

Trumpeting statewide victories in Virginia and New Jersey, Republicans swept off-year voting and claimed bragging rights heading into next year's pivotal midterm elections. "The tax-cut philosophy is alive and well in this country," one of the GOP's winners proclaimed today in summing up an election with heavy pocketbook overtones.

In New Jersey, GOP Gov. Christie Whitman won a cliffhanger re-election in the marquee race of 1997, defeating a surprisingly strong Democratic opponent and overcoming disenchantment among some conservative Republicans.

Republican victories were powered by heavy national party spending that Democrats couldn't match. But paid off on New York's Staten Island, among other races, where a GOP newcomer easily retained custody of the sole House seat at stake in Tuesday's elections.

Signs hanging in the windows at Republican headquarters in Washington, D.C., declared: "Clean sweep!"

President Clinton said voters simply stuck with the parties that were already in power in most races.

"Economy's up, crime's down, people think the country and the states and the communities are going the right direction, and the incumbents all benefited," he said today. "They won in the places that they had before. And we win the places we had before in urban areas where we had elections."

Republicans earned an unprecedented sweep of Virginia's three top offices. Former Attorney General Jim Gilmore won the governor's race, riding opposition to the state's car tax. Democrats kept one lever of power, denying Republicans control of the House of Delegates.

GOP Mayor Rudolph Giuliani marked to re-election in New York City, one of many mayors of



New Jersey Gov. Christie Whitman, flanked by son, Taylor, left, and her husband, John, raises her hands in victory after a narrow election victory Tuesday.

both parties returned to office by satisfied voters. Mayors of Cleveland and Detroit were among those re-elected.

Summing up the night's results in a celebratory morning-after news conference, House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., said the elections showed Republicans were "truly becoming a national party with a national reach."

"Great momentum!" crowed Republican Party Chairman Jim Nicholson. He predicted the anti-tax message that worked for the GOP in Virginia could be played nationwide next year.

Democrats signaled they had gotten the message.

"You cannot allow Republicans to get the advantage on taxes," said Vermont Gov. Howard Dean, chairman of the Democratic Governors Association. "You have to neutralize them on that issue."

Shut out in all the top races, Clinton's party was left to find solace anywhere it could.

The president called it "remarkable" that his party came close against Whitman, who eked out a win, 47 percent to 46 percent, over Jim McGreevey.

New Mexico welfare reform puts the bite on state's recipients

Los Angeles Times

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — For welfare recipient Roberto Lucero, things have only gotten worse since PROGRESS came to New Mexico.

That is the acronym for Gov. Gary Johnson's welfare reform plan, which made this state the only one that cuts federal housing subsidies in determining a person's eligibility for benefits. It also considers the incomes of everyone living in a household — even though the other money may not be available to the person in need.

The plan was recently scrawled by the state Supreme Court on the grounds that Johnson imposed it without approval of the legislature. And state officials have yet to hammer a compromise — and reprogram welfare computers — in a manner that complies with federal regulations.

So for the time being, New Mexico's Human Services Department is trying to enforce a confusing blend of PROGRESS and the now-defunct Federal Aid to Families with Dependent Children in what remains the only state without a federally sanctioned welfare reform plan.

The situation has left many of the 17,800 New Mexicans who

live benefit check to benefit check feeling fearful and confused.

For the 42-year-old Lucero, it has meant a drawn-out battle with welfare officials who are demanding confidential information on the income of the woman from whom she has rented a room for seven years. Her roommate is 73 years old and recovering from a series of strokes.

"PROGRESS screwed everything up."

— Jeanette Jordan, welfare mom

Health and Human Services, would not go that far. "There seems to be an extraordinary number of discordant voices in the Land of Enchantment," Khafren said. "But we see it as an internal issue to the state of New Mexico, and we hope they resolve it soon. Our aim is not to cut off federal funds to the state, which could mean a lack of assistance to needy families."

In the meantime, advocates of the poor have filed a lawsuit against Johnson and state welfare officials, accusing them of foot-dragging in developing a welfare reform plan amenable to both the governor and the Legislature.

And the combative original head of PROGRESS, Duke Rodriguez, resigned last month amid allegations he received money from a firm that collected millions of dollars in Medicaid payments from the state welfare department.

"PROGRESS screwed everything up," said Jeanette Jordan, 28, a mother of two whose welfare benefits were temporarily slashed when case agents began counting her federal housing subsidies as personal income.

"They cut my benefits completely in August and then reinstated most of them," she said. "It's crazy, but I'm afraid to ask about it."

Providing welfare officials with that information could mean the loss of benefits for Lucero's 15-year-old son.

"When it started, PROGRESS made for some clever billboard signs and bumper stickers," Lucero said. "Now, it's producing the horror stories of a bureaucracy gone Frankenstein. It's like living with an abuser who controls his victim with continual uncertainty — you never know what he's going to do or how it will affect you," she added. "I can only think that Governor Johnson has ambitions of riding into a national spot by having the first poor-free state."

Michael Khafren, spokesman for the federal Department of

Hurricanes don't make much wind in '97

MIAMI (AP) — For hurricane forecaster William Gray, 1997 has been a tempest in a teapot.

For the past 14 Atlantic hurricane seasons, the Colorado State University professor has forecast with pretty good accuracy the number of hurricanes and tropical storms. This year, Gray has been very off.

He said his predictions were "an absolute bust because the El Nino just came in stronger than we thought."

Gray had forecast a slightly busier-than-average season with 11 tropical storms, seven of them forming into hurricanes. He predicted three major hurricanes, or those

with winds of at least 111 mph.

But as of early November, the season has produced only seven tropical storms and three hurricanes, only one of them major.

The season runs from June 1 through Nov. 30, but November storms are rare. The height of the season is in late August and early September.

The major hurricane was Danny, which drenched the Gulf Coast around Mobile, Ala. with an astonishing 40 inches of rain, then slashed north and east, flooding parts of North Carolina. Its weakened remains finally headed back out to sea in Virginia. Three

deaths were blamed on the storm in North Carolina.

"Without El Nino, we probably would have had an above-average Atlantic hurricane season," said Jerry Jarrell, acting director of the National Hurricane Center near Miami. "With El Nino, we're a little bit below average. The difference between above-average and a little bit below average is probably three or four or five storms."

The quieter season has meant a lot more to people along the East Coast, the Gulf and the Caribbean.

Astronomers learn why sun is hotter on outside

Night-Rider News Service

WASHINGTON — Astronomers announced Wednesday that they have solved a 55-year-old puzzle: Why is it hundreds of times hotter outside the sun than inside?

In an answer, they said, it's that the sun is surrounded by the equivalent of an electric blanket to keep it cozy from the bitter chill of space. The blanket is heated by magnetism, however, not by electricity.

Alan Title, director of the Stanford-Lockheed Institute for Space Research and leader of the international research team, called it "the Sun's Magnetic Carpet." About 50,000 magnetic spots sprinkled across the sun's surface pump a continuous flow of heat and energy from the interior

up into the corona, the outermost reaches of the sun's atmosphere.

The spots were discovered last year by a two-year-old orbiting solar observatory called SOHO that NASA and the European Space Agency jointly operate. SOHO is stationed about 900,000 miles from Earth.

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Panel gives limited OK to acupuncture

BETHESDA, Md. (AP) — A National Institute of Medicine expert committee gave limited medical endorsement Wednesday to acupuncture, saying that the ancient Chinese needle-treatment is effective for relieving surgical pain and chemotherapy nausea.

A statement evaluating the usefulness of acupuncture by a

panel of scientists selected by the National Institute of Health said "there is clear evidence that needle acupuncture" is effective in treating surgical and dental pain and relieving nausea, but there is less evidence that it is effective against ailments ranging from tennis elbow to carpal tunnel syndrome.

"The data in support of

acupuncture are as strong as those for many accepted Western medical therapies," the panel's report said.

The report moves acupuncture, which has occupied a shadowy fringe on the edge of American medicine for more than 20 years, to a treatment that can be reasonable chosen by U.S. physicians.

Study links cancer to sexual infections?

BOSTON (AP) — Sexually transmitted infections may cause most cases of anal cancer.

Anal cancer has increased substantially in recent decades, especially in women, although it is still rare. About 3,400 cases are expected to be diagnosed in the United States this year.

Experts suspect that among possible triggers of the disease is

the papilloma virus, which is also thought to cause nearly all cervical cancer in women.

A study in Thursday's issue of the New England Journal of Medicine strongly links anal cancer with having a relatively large number of sex partners and with anal intercourse.

The data "strongly suggest that in the majority of cases,

anal cancer is a sexually transmitted and thus potentially preventable disease," the researchers concluded.

The study, conducted by Dr. Morten Frisch and others from the Statens Serum Institute in Copenhagen, was based on a review of 324 women and 93 men with anal cancer, in Denmark and Sweden.

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Doctors: Multiple births create multitude of problems

The Washington Post
CARLISLE, Iowa — The major problem in such cases as Bobbi McCaughey's is the likelihood of premature birth, before the babies' organs, especially their lungs, are fully developed. The stress on the mother almost always means premature delivery; triplets, for example, arrive six weeks early on average.

"The lungs are not even developed completely at the time of birth in a normal nine months," said Watson Bowes, professor of obstetrics and gynecology at the University of North Carolina School of Medicine. "The immature air sacs in the lung don't exchange air. They can't oxygenate well."
 —All things considered, the doctors said, it's crucial that the moth-

er carry the fetuses as long as possible. But there is no drug that can inhibit labor for much more than 48 hours. Bobbi McCaughey has gotten plenty of bed rest, and checked into the hospital on Oct. 15, where a team of 40 doctors and nurses await her first contraction. Each of her seven babies now weighs a little more than two pounds, and although her due date is in January, the babies can

arrive at any time. "The longer she carries them, the better the babies' chance of survival," Bowes said.
 Despite McCaughey's success so far, doctors do not foresee a trend toward larger multiple births. "I sort of doubt if we'll see more of this," Bowes said. "Doctors are being encouraged to limit the number of babies, because there is such a high morbidity."

Texas executes another prisoner

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — A man convicted of raping and beating to death his 59-year-old cousin became the 33rd Texas inmate executed this year.
 Ana Lanti, 43, professed love for his family and friends and said he was happy to have found God before getting a lethal injection Tuesday night for the Dec. 19, 1985, attack on

living on death row and I got to make a lot of friends," Lanti said while strapped to the death chamber gurney. "A lot of them feel anger and hatred. A lot also feel love and forgiveness. I feel like that."
 At least seven other condemned men in Texas have execution dates this year and at least three others already have execution dates for 1998.

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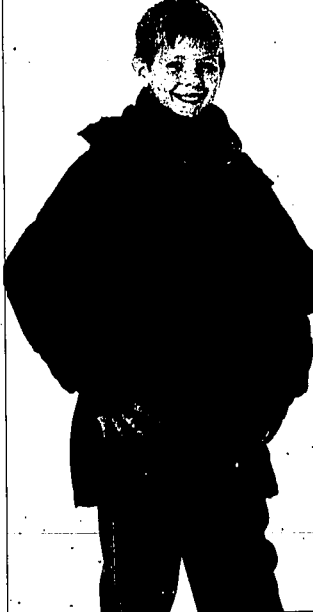


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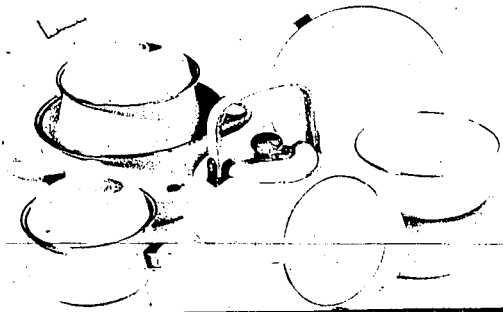
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EDITORIAL

School districts should stop subverting Idaho voters' will

It ain't over till we win.

Thus, the long and arduous fight of Idaho school districts is pursuing its vision of fair and equal funding for public education in Idaho.

The districts' long-running campaign to have courts tell the Legislature and local property taxpayers how much they must spend on public schools ran into 4th District Judge Daniel Eismann, who dismissed their lawsuit last week.

In effect, Eismann slam-dunked the claim that the state Constitution allows the judiciary to supersede the appropriations function of the legislative branch.

That's the second time in three years that a Boise-area judge has reached a similar conclusion. But the two dozen plaintiffs in this case have vowed to fight on in the courts.

Why?

The state Constitution does require a free and thorough education. But nowhere does it contain a proviso disenfranchising the Legislature. Pretty clearly, the authors of that wise document intended that appropriations should be the responsibility of the folks who are elected to appropriate state legislators.

Nor does the Constitution include a loophole for districts that can't get bond issues passed. That's why two-thirds of voters must agree to raise their taxes to build new schools.

By the districts' logic, if school officials believe funding for education is inadequate, then their judgment should be accepted as expert opinion by the courts and the public.

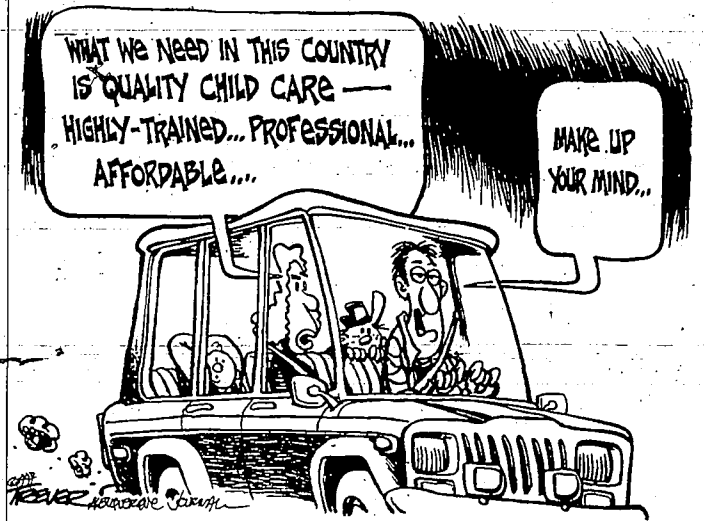
Of course, it's tough to convince 105 lawmakers and 400,000 school district patrons statewide that they ought to spend more. Much better to find a sympathetic judge.

Clearly, that's not what Idaho's founding fathers had in mind, and the districts and their lawyers know it. But they keep trying anyway.

This never-ending judicial end run is nothing more than a shabby attempt to subvert the will of the voters. Eismann should be commended for recognizing that fact.

For their part, the plaintiffs in this case should stop calling for extra rulings after they've plainly lost the game.

The hard fact is, if they want more money, they'll have to do it the hard way: Prove that they need it.



Sometimes unintended results are good

Statistics and probabilities can be puzzling, even paradoxical, as the mad knave who wrote "Very, very, very few people die at ninety-two. I suppose that I shall be safer still at ninety-three."

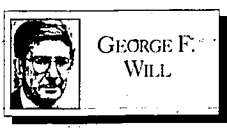
Another example: In the movie "Fathers' Day," Billy Crystal wants Robin Williams to facilitate a deception by pretending to cry. Crystal suggests that Williams imagine that he is a tragic hero like Dou Gehrig. Williams asks, "Who's that?" Crystal, dumbfounded, says, "Everybody knows Lou Gehrig—the baseball player, he died of Lou Gehrig's disease."

Williams, flabbergasted that someone named Lou Gehrig died of something named Lou Gehrig's disease, exclaims: "Wow! What are the odds on that?"

Which is prologue to today's subject: What were the odds in 1987 that the increases in states' speed limits would result in decreasing statewide fatality rates? Here's a story about the vagaries of statistical analyses and social policies, a story with a happy ending.

Two scholars who can explain the counterintuitive results of increased speed limits are Charles Lave and Patrick Elias of the department of economics at the University of California at Irvine. The story they tell begins with the 1973 Yom Kippur War, the oil embargo, and the federal law capping states to enforce 55 mph limits. Federal highway funding would be reduced for states not meeting compliance requirements, which included speed monitoring programs and reports of the proportion of drivers violating the new limit.

The primary reason for the 55 mph limit was fuel conservation, and when the energy crisis passed, Americans grew restless. In 1987, states were allowed to raise their limits on rural interstates and 40 adopted 65 mph limits. Opponents stressed not conservation but safety, pre-



dicting carnage. Their mantra was, "Speed kills."

Concerning developments immediately after 1987, Lave and Elias note that convincing the evidence is a more complex task than some analysts realize. Their conclusion is that, up to a point, higher speed limits save lives.

After 1987, the higher speed limit reduced statewide fatality rates by 3.4 percent to 5.1 percent, compared with the rates in states that did not raise limits. True, the actual number of fatalities continued to increase after 1987, but the volume of traffic increased even faster. The critical measurement is fatalities per vehicle mile traveled in the state.

Some studies found that raising speed limits on particular highways increased, or did not decrease, fatalities on those particular highways. However, such studies failed to gauge the ways in which all of a state's highways comprise a single interdependent system, and that highway systems and safety systems also are interdependent.

Lave and Elias say the 55 mph limit caused the misallocation of traffic and of police resources. The federal government had demanded strict compliance with the 55 mph limit, which forced state highway patrols to concentrate on speed enforcement on the interstate highways, which have the densest concentration of high-speed traffic. But these are also the safest highways.

And state police patrol resources were then decreasingly available for such safety programs as truck inspections and drunk driving checkpoints. Furthermore, many drivers who wanted to speed switched to less traveled, less patrolled, but less safe roads.

The 55 mph limit might have decreased fatalities on some roads by increasing patrolling and decreasing traffic volume from what it would have been without that limit. However, the effect on a state's total highways system was apt to be a net subtraction from safety.

Raising speed limits lured some drivers back to safer, more heavily patrolled roads, and allowed highway patrols to shift resources back to the programs they thought most effective. And it decreased a real killer—speed variance among vehicles.

Many collisions occur when cars are overtaking and passing one another. Speed variance among drivers increases when speed limits are set so low that there is a high rate of noncompliance. Raising speed limits reduced turbulence in the traffic stream, leading Lave to say, "Variance kills, not speed."

When in November 1995 Congress empowered states to set such limits as they chose, fatalities did not increase the 10 percent to 14 percent predicted by the Cassandras who foresaw 4,400,000 extra deaths per year. Neither did fatalities increase even the 2 percent to 3 percent that would have been expected, extrapolating from recent trends. Instead, Lave concludes that fatalities have declined slightly (0.14 percent) even as total vehicle miles increased 2 percent.

This is a cautionary tale about the complexity of discerning reality in a welter of statistics. It also is an encouraging tale. Sometimes the unintended consequences of a policy—in this case, increased safety from speed limits that were increased for reasons other than safety—are good.

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LETTERS

Provide constructive criticism

In pursuit of its adopted mission, "ensuring academic excellence, ethical behavior and personal responsibility," Mindoko School District receives many suggestions. A recent letter to the editor from Mr. Blacker suggests a change in priorities. I agree that organizations should re-examine priorities and make changes according to reliable information. Unfortunately, Mr. Blacker's suggestion is based upon misinformation rather than reliable information.

Mr. Blacker's letter of Oct. 29 implies that the Mindoko School District requires teachers to teach an unrealistic curriculum which includes oppressive reporting requirements. He refers to teachers as "too busy" dancing around curriculum requirements to be allowed to do that (their job). He accuses the district of mandating new curriculums to its teachers and of "spending tens of thousands of dollars" to study the successes of others. He implies that he gained this information in his children's parent-teacher conferences.

The facts are: 1) the two teachers involved in the parent/teacher conference are not opposed to the reporting requirements of the curriculum and do not feel that they are too busy dancing to do their jobs; 2) the curricula in Mindoko District are developed by teachers; 3) the district is not spending tens of thousands of dollars to study the successes of others.

I appreciate and share Mr. Blacker's concerns regarding quality education. I merely ask that he extend our district the same professional courtesy he would expect in his role as a public school teacher.

Provide constructive criticism, check the "facts" and spread information rather than misinformation.

NICK HALLETT
Superintendent
Mindoko School District
GREG LOWE
Principal
Heyburn Elementary School

Dig past government's snob job

The American people have been subjected to the biggest political snob job in history, as both political parties continue to deceive us. Each claims to be concerned about government waste and bureaucratic controls. Each claims to have programs to balance the budget by 2002. The truth is that both are engaged in increasing the spending and

enlarging the controls. Both are surrendering our national defense and security. Both are legislating to please the minorities and misfits. Neither has any real intent to reform our system.

For instance, our Republican Congress is increasing the budget 8 percent for the Environmental Protection Agency to approximately \$7.4 billion dollars annually. The Department of Housing and Urban Development will enjoy a \$23.6 billion budget, a sharp increase, with much money funding wasteful social programs to reward faithful political backers and friends. A 12 percent increase for the Education Department, 9 percent for the IRS, 35 percent for bilingual education, and 100 percent for Section 8.

The little raise which they have given themselves for loyal service to us really entails an increase of a billion more dollars to be paid to 250,000 bureaucrats and themselves in retirement programs. These perks are not noticed, since the annual salary increase is so nominal and the first in five years.

In order for you and me to finance our own runaway finances, we must do two things: stop the spending and increase our work habits. Neither of these concerns the politicians since give-away programs without personal responsibility woo voters.

What they are doing with our foreign policies makes me boil. They have convinced us that the world communist movement is dead. We have been disarmed ourselves, believing that the example will cause Russia, China, Cuba and the rest of the communist world to follow. This is stupid or planned surrender.

These countries are not disarming. For instance, Russia this past year has spent \$12.8 billion for new weapons systems and has a \$19 billion total defense budget. These include direct-energy weapons, higher generations of smart weapons, deep penetration munitions and electronic warfare technologies. The funds for these fearful endeavors come primarily from American foreign aid, International Monetary Fund and World Bank, all basically coming from us American taxpayers.

If we fail to divorce ourselves from the social programs and become self-reliant again, our country will finish its downfall. What will be left for us will be ash and rubble.

NOLAN VICTOR
Twin Falls

Response to a ridiculous letter

This letter is in response to the ridiculous comments made by Glenda Lekey of Kimberly in her letter to the editor printed on Oct. 24, 1997.

Obviously, Ms. Lekey's agenda is not railroad safety but her displeasure with the proposed railway relocation and inter-terminal center.

I assure you that the Eastern Idaho Railroad's employees are highly skilled individuals and trained in engineering construction and design as well as Federal Railway Administration track-safety standards and maintenance-of-way rules.

The Eastern Idaho Railroad has as good or better safety record as its predecessor, and its safety record bears this out.

I have to wonder what training Ms. Lekey has had in railroad maintenance and repair or if she even understands what class of track she was looking at when she made her so-called observa-

LETTERS

tions about the Eastern Idaho Railroad.

The fact is that the Eastern Idaho Railroad is required to inspect and repair its trackage according to the Federal Railway Administration's track-safety standards, and it's a shame that citizens appearing to have alternative agendas are allowed to make accusations bordering on the absurd just because they are opposed to the railway relocation.

Ms. Lekey, your end does not justify your means. The railroad is only trying to be a good neighbor to all the communities it serve, and if you and others are opposed to the relocation, please address it properly and deal with the facts. Don't attack the railroad.

In closing, I would like to suggest that if you are indeed concerned with safety, stay off the tracks—as the first thing we teach our employees is to expect a train in any direction at any time.

RON J. SETSER
Manager of Track Maintenance

Eastern Idaho Railroad Rupert

Gambling should be outlawed

Lottery, bingo, craps, blackjack, horse racing, football and hockey. What do they all have in common? They are all gambling.

In the Monday, Oct. 20, 1997, Health and Fashion section, Nevada is mentioned as the unhealthiest state and also a gambling state. Millions of people gamble with their life savings. Most of them walk out empty handed. In movies they tell you gambling is good. In Vegas Vacation, Clark Gable loses something like \$3 million and by luck, he gets it back. In the real world it doesn't happen like that.

Gambling should be outlawed. Please write about how you feel.

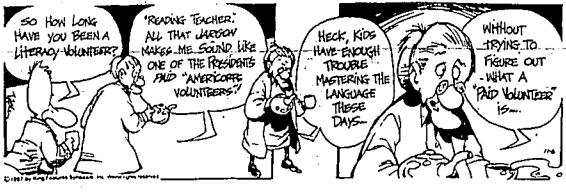
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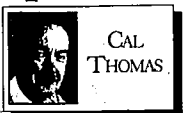
'Off-year' election lessons for the Republican Party

The "off-year" election as if there could be any such thing in the case of perpetual politics produced some profound lessons for the Republican Party as it is prepared to head them. Although pundits and analysts are fond of saying that you can't discern national trends from state and local elections, this time it may be possible.

The Virginia governor's race was won by a non-charismatic candidate named Jim Gilmore who correctly understood the depth of hatred voters have for a person whose property tax on their cars and trucks. Challenger Don Beyer, who owns a car dealership, made the fatal mistake of suggesting Virginia couldn't afford to raise its taxes to keep more of their money. He lost badly.

In New York City, Mayor Rudolph Giuliani became the first Republican in 56 years to win a second term. He did it largely because of his successful battle to reduce crime. People feel safer in the streets. Cabdrivers can speak English and avoid Republicans to get the New York is again a fun place to visit. Giuliani got the credit.

Lower taxes and crime have always been bread-and-butter issues for Republicans. When they stick with them, they win. When they don't, they lose. As Vermont Democratic Gov. Howard Dean noted, "You cannot avoid Republicans to get the advantage on taxes." But they have the advantage, because Democrats cannot credibly advocate tax cuts and smaller government without losing their base.



On social issues, Virginia's Jim Gilmore again showed the way. Despite the torrent of commercials claiming Gilmore wanted to outlaw abortion, the candidate stuck to parental notification before a minor child can have the procedure, a position favored by about 80 percent of voters. In other words, he didn't get ahead by opinion, but he met opinion and gave voice to it.

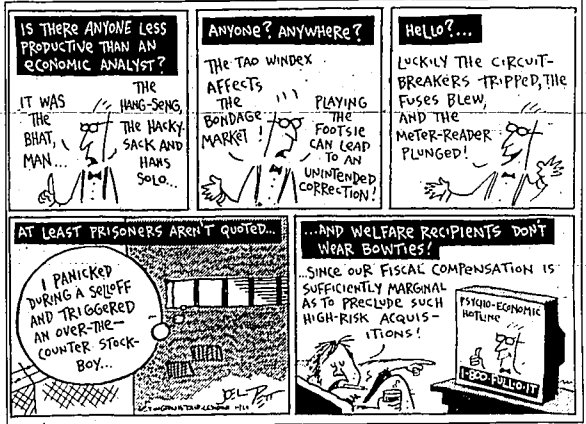
New Jersey Gov. Christine Todd Whitman has a better chance at a second term by strongly opposing restrictions on partial-birth abortion, something most voters favor. She got away with it largely because of her full-throated promise to cut taxes, but she wouldn't win a national race with that position, and couldn't win the presidential or vice presidential nomination without changing her stand.

University of Virginia political analyst Larry Sabato correctly notes that Republicans won by choosing "irritant issues." The personal property tax is a ready-made issue for the GOP. On all of these, the IRS, the deterioration of public schools are irritants. How to repair not the schools but education in general is a ready-made issue for the GOP. On all of these, Republicans could hold the advantage if they stuck with them and refused to be intimidated by the familiar class-warfare and empty-compassion rhetoric

of Democrats. Republicans can't dismantle big and oppressive government overnight. But this election shows that they can do it by increments if they realize time and history are on their side. What are on the state. What are on the state. What are on the state. What are on the state.

Republicans need to frame every issue in positive images and terminology so it appears that they don't hate government but are for empowering people. This is the best government ever devised by human minds. It is much like a high-performance automobile that breaks down because of poor maintenance. There's nothing wrong with the car, only with those who have failed to take care of it. Government needs new management to fix what's wrong and to enhance the limited number of things government does best. That strategy will help Republicans maintain and perhaps expand their base in the House and Senate, with the right nominee (please, not one who is "next in line") perhaps win the White House in 2000.

Cal Thomas is a Los Angeles Times columnist.



Congress' pork payoff

Hold on to your wallet. It wasn't for nothing that Congress rolled over and played dead in so many of the battles over fiscal year 1997's "balanced budget." The price of political harmony and "bipartisanship" has just come due. And the invoice will read: Paid In Justice.

Like a diner who justifies binging at the dessert tray because he ate salad for dinner, lawmakers have landed the spending bills for fiscal year 1998 with more pork than I have seen in nearly a decade of budget watching. Irony is that the act of "balancing the budget" has removed the pressure on Congress to trim the fat.

To give you an idea of what I mean, take a look at the Economic Development Initiative, a program intended to help local communities "create" jobs for people with low incomes.

SCOTT A. HODGE

gives them grief, well, they'll just say they were trying to help poor people get jobs!

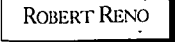
Lawmakers not only pumped the spending level up to \$138 million, they also divided it up among 120 specific, parochial projects for special interests back home. Here are just a few of the projects lawmakers funded so they could brag about them at election time:

- \$50,000 to Norristown, Pa., for recreational park development and open space preservation.
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- \$1 million to the World Congress on Information Technology in Fairfax, Va.
- \$1.5 million to the Southwest Pennsylvania Consortium for Higher Education for data collection applicable to social public policy.
- \$500,000 to the Clark County Heritage Center in Springfield, Ohio, for acquiring, remodeling and equipping the Old Marketplace.
- \$1 million to Mandeville, La., to develop a trail head along the Mammy Trace Rails-to-Trails.
- \$900,000 to the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago, to restore a USGS submarine.
- \$1.5 million to the Geyservision Visitors Center in Sonoma County, Calif., for an "intermodal transportation center."
- \$3.2 million to enlarge and update the Scarborough Library at Shepherd College in Shepherdstown, W.Va.
- \$2 million for economic redevelopment in Ogden, Utah.
- \$2 million for renovation of the Albright-Knox Art Gallery in Buffalo, N.Y.
- \$400,000 for completion of a regional landfill in Charles Mix County, S.D.
- \$2.5 million for construction at the Bushnell Theater in Hartford, Conn.
- \$1.35 million for the renovation of the Paramount Theater in Rutland, Vt.

A puzzle: Why did Richard Nixon invade his own privacy with tapes?

A whole new carload of Nixon tapes have been transcribed, and they are irresistibly predictable in their reinforcement of Richard Nixon's already impregnable position as the most distinguished politician in American history.

But they are useless rubbish as a solution to the enduring riddle of the Nixon presidency, which is: What madness possessed him to allow the taping in the first place? I am unconvinced by arguments he thought the tapes might be valuable. I can't buy the explanation that Nixon really believed the tapes could be discreetly sanitized and selectively released to vindicate his place in history or defend him against inquisitors. Nixon would have done as well to infect the White House with rattlesnakes on the theory they would bite only his enemies.



ROBERT RENO

Henry Kissinger and Alexander Haig, who, tend like, flattered and encouraged his self-pitying ruminations about the certain disaster that would befall America if his traitorous enemies were allowed to destroy him.

Even Nixon's dog comes off unloved when his bark interrupts the president, who has just yelled, "Christ, impeach the president on Tom Deans's word!"

"King, (explicitly deleted) get off me," he commands the faithful setter King Timahoe. This is not the sort of self-indulgent garbage any sane man preserves for history.

Why, for instance, didn't Nixon, in the knowledge the tapes were being turned, try to build a Nixon legend by so frequently accuses the press of ignoring? All we get is Kissinger making statements he knew to be ludicrous, such as, "You have saved this country. The history books will show that when no one knows what Watergate means." Does anybody really believe that, between himself and Nixon,

Kissinger ever had the slightest doubt about who actually saved the country, and still does with his every grateful pontification?

The mystery is why don't we hear Nixon, every time he is with a range of a microphone, yelling, "I just love Jewish people, always have," or, "Haldeman, I don't want anybody breaking laws around here." Where is Nixon telling Haig that "we'll show those liberal (explicitly deleted) and (explicitly deleted) intellectuals. We won't have the IRS audit them. We'll double their refund checks, won't leak into their offices. It'll drive them nuts when they see how fair and aboveboard we are."

Maybe these are things he refused to disclose to Haig in his retirement, perhaps with the help of the faithful Rose Mary Woods.

In the end, I suspect Nixon had the same psychiatric disorder as that fellow who got on daytime TV and confessed to lusting after goats, to doing all the weird and embarrassing things Venetian blinds were invented to conceal. These people have a severe compulsion to invade their own privacy.

Robert Reno is a Nevada columnist.

The earliest tapes proved Nixon's complicity in Watergate and his habitual use of profane language. Subsequent releases revealed him to be a vulgar anti-Semite. These new ones detail how he put a minimum price tag of \$250,000 on ambassadorships and provoked a homicidal Greek dictator. They also reveal the stout-hearted support of men like

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Jerome

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More than that, it creates a terrible fire hazard. It is a hazard to hunters and hikers who try to pick their way through acres of deadfall. It also makes the forest grass practically useless to cattlemen and sheepmen as well as for the deer and elk herds.

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Strike talks resume; truckers disrupt traffic

Unions, owners seek end of 3-day conflict

PARIS (AP) — Striking truckers threw up their first barricades in Paris on Wednesday, briefly disrupting traffic in the French capital, while unions and owners held talks aimed at ending the 3-day-old strike. Union leaders expressed optimism as they went into the talks, and owners reportedly made a concession on the way work hours are calculated. Strikers have built about 150 barricades since the strike began Sunday night — in most cases letting private motorists through while halting commercial traffic. Gasoline stations were dry along much of France's Atlantic Coast, and frustration was increasing in neighboring countries. Food and fish were starting to spoil, garbage was going uncollected in at least one major city and some factories were short of parts.



Striking truckers march on a highway, creating a traffic jam several kilometers long outside Bordeaux in southwestern France Wednesday.

result of the strike, garbage collection had been interrupted in the city since Tuesday. The French Labor Confederation warned owners against using violence to end the strike, but also called on strikers "to keep their calm and to avoid any provocation." New contract talks offered

hope of an agreement. For the first time since the strike began, the Union of Transport Federations, which represents 80 percent of the nation's trucking companies, agreed to take part. France Info radio reported that during talks Wednesday morning, the owners dropped efforts to calculate hours on an annual basis.

"It's true the climate appears good for the negotiation, but at the same time our members are suffering attacks," said Joel Lecoq, secretary general of the French Labor Confederation. Local governments commanded gasoline to assure fuel for emergency services. Gas was being rationed in many regions.

AIDS epidemic looms on Russia's horizon

Los Angeles Times

ST. PETERSBURG, Russia — Under the chilly brick archways of the Right-Bank Market here, the Russian-style dance of death that experts say is bringing an AIDS epidemic to this huge country is in full swing. Police patrol the market in this old imperial capital, watching for narcotics sales, eyeing the scared boys waiting for a fix. But right under their noses, Magomed, a grimy dealer with a mischievous grin, waves his hands in a conjurer's gesture — a dark opium lump, the size of a pingpong ball, appears and disappears. Police, widely viewed as corrupt in Russia, apparently see nothing. "The police seem to protect the dealers, though every now and then they do pull in an addict," said Grigory Latsybeva, a doctor and coordinator of the Return-Foundation, a grass-roots outreach group working with addicts in St. Petersburg. "We often compare their behavior to lions around a herd of antelope: They prow, they growl and occasionally they move in for the kill. But, mostly, what goes on here is an elaborate show."

Since 1995, the human immunodeficiency virus that can develop into AIDS has started spreading in the huge drug-taking community here with little awareness of the dangers of infection from sharing needles and the home-brewed "black" opiate mixed with human blood. "The epidemic has begun," Mikhail Narkevich, the Russian health ministry's National AIDS Program Coordinator, proclaimed gloomily. In the first half of this year, the number of officially registered HIV-positive Russians more than doubled, rising by 2,985 to 5,560. These figures are low by Western standards, but the steepness of the increase is startling. "The new cases we've seen this year are almost all drug addicts," said Grigory Vos, head of the AIDS Center for Russia outside St. Petersburg. "... By the year 2000, 1 million Russians could have HIV," including 300,000 women and the 40,000 to 50,000 babies they'll have. But officials seem unable, or unwilling, to deal with the explosive implications. Just as police do little to halt drug traffic, doctors, hospitals and government agencies squabble over who should treat HIV-positive drug users. Funding for medicines is in short supply. No state program

Country takes few illness precautions

Los Angeles Times

ST. PETERSBURG, Russia — Russian society has become more permissive since the Soviet collapse, but Russians do little to protect themselves from the harmful consequences of their experiments with sex and substances. Although theirs is the second most sexually active nation after the United States, according to a recent survey by London International Group, a condom manufacturer, Russians are apparently less prone to the notion of such prophylactics and ranked 12th out of 15 countries in how often they used them. And, indeed, syphilis infection rates today are more than 50 times higher among teenagers than they were five years ago.

has been created to treat the sick. Narkevich said Russia was working on preventive efforts and he hoped the state would create an AIDS-fighting program. But it has no plans to equip hospitals with special wards or doctors with training ahead of the feared explosion of AIDS cases. He could get no breakdown of his budget apart from saying "it's too small." In St. Petersburg, a port city of 5 million people where the first HIV-positive drug user registered only last fall, there are 5,000 drug users officially listed at hospitals. But sociologists' surveys carried out for the hospital drug department indicate about 70,000 users and 600,000 occasional experimenters; and police figures, based on the amount of narcotics sold in town, are pegged at a startling 150,000 users. "Naturally, this is a very acute problem today, because this vast array of drug addicts is just waiting for a huge explosion of AIDS," said Leonid Shpilnyenya, the city's head narcotics expert. "In 1996, we had the first seven HIV cases among drug addicts but now hardly a week goes by without a drug addict turning out to have signs of HIV." Drug-related HIV has spread north through Russia, moving from Ukraine through southern cities such as Krasnodar to northern cities such as Kaliningrad where more than 1,500 drug users are now HIV-positive.

Court blocks payout for forced Nazi labor

BONN, Germany (AP) — Those who survived Nazi forced labor at Auschwitz are not entitled to additional compensation, a court ruled Wednesday, upholding German government policy. Judge Heinz Sonnenberger said German laws exclude wage payment for Third Reich slave laborers whom the government has already compensated for their imprisonment. The ruling, which came on claims by 22 former slave workers at the Auschwitz death camp, was a blow to thousands of other survivors of the Nazi forced labor system.



Klaus von Muenchhausen

work and then make believe nothing happened," said John Lemberger, director of the

"It is one of the last gasps of survivors as a group to get what is due to them, not because of money but as an admission that it is not permissible in the 20th century to enslave people, profit from their work and then make believe nothing happened," said John Lemberger, director of the

Amcha support group for Holocaust survivors in Israel. Klaus von Muenchhausen, who has represented the plaintiffs in more than five years of legal wrangling, said he would appeal. The Bonn state court awarded money "only to one woman because she was unable to apply for restitution from the German government while living behind the Iron Curtain. Still, even Rywka Merin did not have a specific claim to back wages, but rather was compensated \$8,700 for her imprisonment at Auschwitz. It was unclear whether this

opened the door for more such claims from Nazi survivors in Eastern Europe. But Germany's finance ministry, which handles reparations issues, said it may appeal to overturn Merin's award. While Germany has paid more than \$58 billion in reparations to Nazi victims, it has refused to honor claims by slave workers, who were technically working for private companies. The plaintiffs were forced to work at the Union munitions factory under Nazi SS guard while imprisoned at the camp during 1943-1945.

Suspected British spy ship found after disappearance 24 years ago

OSLO, Norway (AP) — A suspected British spy ship that vanished nearly 24 years ago went down in the Arctic near a top-secret NATO listening post, according to a television documentary being aired this week. The wreckage of the Gaul, a fishing trawler many believed was actually used to spy on the Soviet Union, was found in August by a Norwegian-British television team off northern Norway. The fate of the ship and the 36 crewmen that vanished with it in February 1974 has been the subject of years of speculation. A British commission concluded that it went down in a storm, while others have claimed that it was sunk or even captured dur-

ing a spy mission. The vessel was found under 890 feet of water about 70 miles north of Hammerfest along Norway's northern tip. That is a region in which NATO-member Norway's waters meet those of Russia. In a documentary being aired Thursday by Norway's state broadcasting network NRK, the ship is shown lying upright near a once-secret underwater cable. The cable was part of a 125-mile underwater system used by NATO to listen for engine noise from Soviet submarines in the Barents Sea, said NRK's radio division, which previewed the documentary Wednesday.

Pollution in Indian cities gets deadlier

NEW-DELHI, India (AP) — Pollution in Indian cities is getting deadlier. Nearly 53,800 people were estimated to have died in 1995 because of lung and cardiovascular diseases linked to pollution in 36 Indian cities, according to a new study by the New Delhi-based Center for Science and Environment. The center based its estimate on government pollution statistics and a mathematical model devised by the World Bank. In the capital of New Delhi — among the most polluted cities in the world — 9,659 deaths were estimated to be caused by polluted air in 1995. In the eastern port of Calcutta, the annual pollution death rate increased to 10,700 in 1995 from 5,726 four years earlier.

Bishop-carrying convoy attacked

SAN CRISTOBAL DE LAS CASAS, Mexico (AP) — Gunmen fired on a convoy carrying two Roman Catholic bishops in rebellious Chiapas state, wounding three people in the caravan, their diocese said today. Bishop Samuel Ruiz Garcia, the Catholic cleric who some here accuse of fomenting a 4-year-old Indian uprising, escaped unharmed late Tuesday along with his adjunct bishop, the church statement said. The caravan of church leaders, who have played a prominent role in efforts to end the rebellion, was targeted by bursts of gunfire in northern Chiapas. No one immediately claimed responsibility for the attack, the latest example of the violence afflicting the southernmost state.

Iranian executions draw concern of U.N. investigator

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The number of people executed in Iran doubled between 1995 and 1996 and may double again this year, a U.N. special investigator says. In a report to the General Assembly this week, special investigator Maurice Danby Copithorne also said improvements in Iran's human rights situation have been "imperceptible, or at least so modest as to represent little substantive improvement." Copithorne noted that the U.N. Human Rights Commission said earlier this year that the number of executions in Iran last year "had reportedly at least doubled" since 1995. He provided no fig-

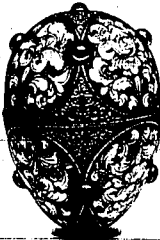
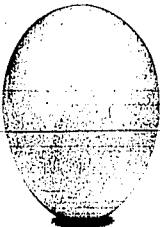
ures. He said Iranian media reported that 137 people had been executed between January and September, "a rate of increase that if continued to the end of the year would likely constitute a further doubling." "In addition, there continue to be troubling reports of disappearances and deaths under suspicious circumstances," he added. "Public hanging also appears to be on the increase." President Mohammad Khatami's election last May had been seen as a mandate to ease social restrictions in place since the 1979 overthrow of Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi.

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IN BRIEF

Canyon Conference names top v-ball players

Filer coach Ed Richards was named volleyball coach of the year for the Canyon Conference. Four players off his team were also named all-conference players.

All-conference football selections completed

The Canyon Conference selected Glennis Ferry coach Bill Brock as football coach of the year. Following is a list of players chosen for all-conference status.

Local playoff football games scheduled

Four local football teams are still alive in their search for a state championship. In A-1 action, the Twin Falls Bruins host the Idaho Falls Tigers Saturday at 2 p.m.

SPORTS LINE

For the latest scores call 734-6326 and follow the news instructions. The Times-News

Top senior volleyball players put on All-Star showcase

By Matt Pember Times News Writer

TWIN FALLS — The best senior volleyball players from around the valley squared off Wednesday in an All-Star event at Twin Falls High School.

While the competition was as tough as expected, the tournament was more about comradery and fun. It was a chance for individual athletes from District 4 to act as ambassadors for their teams and towns.

Just being chosen was an honor. Just ask Camas County Musher Michelle Croner.

"I think it's pretty amazing," Croner said of being selected. "There were a lot of good players on our team."

But Croner wasn't worried about her teammates back home being jealous. "They're all pretty much happy for me," she said.

Croner served the winning point in her second match of the evening and helped her team come back from a 13-3 deficit to win the match 18-16.

But Croner said the competition wasn't nearly as daunting as the pressure during the season or at district.

"It's more fun," she said. "You don't worry as much, you just go out and do what you can do."

Croner was part of the winning Northwest team. The Northwest team, which included players from Hagerman, Wood River, Camas County and Gooding, went undefeated in the round-robin tournament.

The Northwest team went on to beat the Southwest team (Twin Falls, Filer, Wendell and Buhl) 15-13 and in the most impressive victory of the night, came back from a 10-point deficit to beat the Southeast team (Murtaugh, Burley, Declo, Valley and Hansen) 18-16.

The Northeast team placed second, beating the Southwest 15-11 and the Southwest 15-12. The Southwest recorded one win, beating the Southeast 15-13.

But the most important thing for the girls was the chance to play and show off the talents that earned them their spot in the All-Stars.

"I had so much fun," Croner said.

Sports writer Matt Pember can be reached at 733-9931, Ext. 229.



Filer's Naomi Richards gives a spitting effort on a dig Wednesday night at Twin Falls High during the all-star volleyball games that pitted the best seniors from District 4 against each other in friendly competition.

Book features Twin Falls ballfield

By Matt Pember Times News Writer

TWIN FALLS — Baseball diamonds should be as immaculate and well-kept as a cathedral, some baseball fans might say.

It takes hard work and a lot of time to keep a diamond up to par.

So, it'll come as no surprise that Twin Falls baseball coach Mike Federico and part head coach Dan Creek spent a lot more time at the ballfield than practice and games called for.

Two years ago the coaches were out spending their Sunday afternoon, like they did most Sundays, making improvements on the high school baseball diamond when they were approached by a man who wanted to take a picture of the diamond.

The man said that he was a groundskeeper and was traveling the country putting together a book about some of the more quality facilities in the country.

Creek and Federico agreed and returned to their work, putting up the new foul poles and never gave the man a second thought.

Twin Falls High School Alumnus Shane Quessel was attending St. Cloud State University Minnesota working towards his masters degree in recreation, when he came upon a book that featured the Twin Falls High School baseball field.

Quessel picked up a copy of the book, "A Pictorial Guide to Quality Groundskeeping" by Orlando, Fla., resident Floyd Perry. The book featured five — five leagues to college — from around the country that best exemplified certain areas of groundskeeping.

The Twin Falls dugout was featured because it was well built and had an air of privacy for the team.

Federico was proud that this was one of the few northwest fields named in the book and said that there had been a lot of hard work put in to make the field as beautiful as it is today.

"We've turned this into one of the nicer on-campus facilities in the state," said Federico.

Now, the proof is in writing.

Gridders head into playoffs

Highland leads final poll

The Associated Press

Glennis Ferry watched its season end the same way it ended last year, a playoff loss to Parma, and A-3 has a new look in this week's Idaho Associated Press high school football poll because of it.

With their losses, the Pitons and last week's No. 2 North Fremont fell out of the final poll of the season, as voted by the state's sportswriters and broadcasters. That allowed undefeated Homedale to jump two spots to No. 1, thanks to a first-round playoff victory over Polbs — B2 Kimberly.

Parma and Grangeville moved up and newcomers Fruitland and Kamiah rounded out the top five.

Highland's regular season-ending victory over Idaho Falls kept the Rams a unanimous choice for the top spot among the state's largest schools. It also dropped the Tigers two spots to No. 5. Capital's double-overtime squeaker over crostown rival Boise kept the Eagles in second, ahead of Centennial and Skyline, both easy winners last weekend.

In A-3 Division II, Lake City beat Coeur d'Alene and was a near-unanimous choice for No. 1. Sandpoint jumped two spots to second with a 49-35 decision over Post Falls, and Lewiston dropped to third following a 35-33 loss to Hillsdale, Mont.

The biggest jump of the week came when A-2 Weiser beat Middleton and leaped three spots to No. 2 behind unanimously top-ranked Snake River. Two-time defending state champion Snake River won its 33rd game in a row, just one behind the unofficial state record of 34 set by Borah in the 1960s.

Despite a season-ending loss to Preston, the Bohn Indians stayed in the No. 3 spot. Marsh Valley entered the poll at No. 4 after a 33-6 playoff triumph over Jerome, and Emmett jumped into the polls at No. 5.

There was no change in the two A-4 spots. Hagerman was again the unanimous top pick in the 11-man poll, while Carey held onto its No. 1 ranking by one vote over Deary.

Street anxious to compete in Olympics

The Washington Post

SALT LAKE CITY — On her way down a mountain in Chile, during a training run designed to test her surgically repaired left knee, Olympic silver medalist Picabo Street skied to a stop, her knee throbbing. She sat down in the snow, covered her face with her hands, and began to sob.

Street's knee has improved from that day in early September, when a training setback and frustration boiled over so violently she had to be consoling off the slopes by a coach. But even as she gradually returns to racing form — she said last week she is about 93 percent recovered from a torn anterior cruciate ligament suffered last December — she can't help but notice the speeding approach of the 1998 Winter Games in Nagano, Japan, which begin in early February.

"She's already talked about the fact of winning a gold medal and I say, 'Be quiet,'" said Jim Tracy, the U.S. women's downhill coach. "It doesn't do any good — let the pressure fall on somebody else. She's in rehabilitation now, training, and she'll be there until she's at 110 percent of her ability. But once the gates open, she'll be flying. People will be amazed."

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Orioles manager quits hours before being voted AL manager

The Associated Press

BALTIMORE — The American League's manager of the year is looking for a team to manage.

Davey Johnson ended his feud with Baltimore Orioles owner Peter Angelos by quitting Wednesday, just hours before he was voted AL manager of the year.

Johnson, who led the Orioles to an AL-best 98-64 record, had been fighting with Angelos since the team was eliminated by Cleveland in the AL championship series.

"I thought I needed to do this. There have been some strained relationships," Johnson said. "It's been a great two years for me. I love the city of Baltimore, the fans have been great. We

didn't get in the World Series, but hopefully they will get in next year without me." Johnson, who had finished second three times in voting for NL manager of the year but never won, received 10 first-place votes, twice as many as anyone else. He received 88 points, 38 more than the second-place finisher, Buddy Bell of the Detroit Tigers.

Then again, he lost what he often called his "dream job" — managing the team with which he broke into the majors as a rookie second baseman in 1965.

Asked to describe the day, Johnson quipped, "Oh, it had its ups and downs." Two days after the World Series, Johnson's agent met with Angelos a ketchu requesting a contract extension or a buyout of the final year. A day later, word leaked that Johnson ordered Roberto Alomar to pay \$10,500 in fines to a charity that retains Johnson's wife as a fundraiser.

Johnson, who led the Orioles into the playoffs in both his seasons, sent Angelos a letter Wednesday morning asking for a decision on his fate by the end of the day "to put this matter to bed."

After receiving Johnson's letter of resignation, Angelos would not put the

medal contention in Nagano. Of course, she also fully intended to make her way down that slope in La Parra, Chile, before pain encouraged her to take a seat in the snow. The pain, it was later discovered, was caused by scar tissue from her December surgery. It gradually disappeared with dryland training.

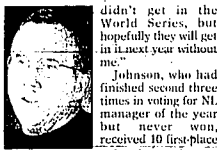
"I'm a racehorse," said Street, who had a similar knee injury in 1989. "I didn't want my leg telling me I can't go. We're in excellent now."

Street's ski racing season approach es its late November start. She has come to realize that her ongoing rehabilitation will intersect with her Olympic Games preparation.

Street eventually adjusted to the slow pace of rehabilitation. Besides the full tear of her anterior cruciate, she also suffered a partial tear of the medial collateral ligament. But once she returned to the slopes in early July, as giddy as a child about being back on skis, she expected swifter progress.

"She's really had to swallow a few hard pills and some she hasn't wanted to," Tracy said. "She likes to do what she sets

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SPORTS

Miami Heats up Boston

BOSTON (AP) — Jamal Mashburn scored 32 points, including 10 in a row in the fourth quarter, as the Miami Heat beat the Boston Celtics 90-74 Wednesday night.

Tim Hardaway had 14 points and 10 assists for Miami. Antoine Walker had 20 points and 13 rebounds for Boston, but was only 8-of-24 from the field.

Mashburn, who like Walker played for Boston coach Rick Pitman at Kentucky, had nine rebounds and his highest point total of the season against his former coach.

The Celtics have lost three consecutive games since their upset of the defending NBA champion Bulls on opening night. The past two losses have been by a combined 48 points.

Hawks 93, 76ers 88

PHILADELPHIA — Dikembe Mutombo had 20 points, 16 rebounds and eight blocks as the Atlanta Hawks remained undefeated in the first regular-season game for female official Dee Kuntner.

Steve Smith had 22 points and Christian Leontien 20 as the Hawks improved to 4-0, their best start since 1986.

Allen Iverson had 21 points and 11 assists, while Clarence Weatherspoon had 19 points and 14 rebounds for the 76ers, who remained winless in three games.

Kuntner became the second woman to work a regular-season NBA game. Violet Palmer was the first last Friday.

Hornets 110, Mavericks 103

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Glen Rice scored 28 points and Dell Curry 23 as the Charlotte Hornets defeated Dallas, spoiling the Mavericks' bid for their best start ever.

Khalid Reeves scored 24 and Michael Finley had 20 for Dallas, which was trying to match the 1995-96 Mavericks by winning the first four games.

Pacers 99, Pistons 87

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Rick Smith scored 12 of his 25 points in the fourth quarter to lead the Indiana Pacers over the Detroit Pistons.

Grant Hill had 29 points, eight assists and eight rebounds for the Pistons.

Chris Mullin scored 18 points for Indiana, and Reggie Miller added 14.

Nets 112, Warriors 96

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — The New Jersey Nets improved to



San Antonio Spur Jason Jackson (3) goes airborne with help from teammates Corey Alexander, left, and Carl Herrera while defending Vancouver Grizzlies Blue Edwards during first-half action on Wednesday in San Antonio.

3-0 for the first time in franchise history by beating the Golden State Warriors behind a balanced scoring attack.

The Warriors led by 4-0 under new coach P.J. Carlesimo, matching the team's worst start ever.

Chris Gatling had 21 points and Sam Cassell added 19 for the Nets, who won only 26 games last year in John Calipari's first season as coach.

Donyell Marshall scored 21 points for the Warriors. Latrell Sprewell had his second straight sub-par game, scoring only four points in 2-of-11 shooting.

Sprewell scored only 12 the previous night after averaging 35 in his first two games.

Bulls 94, Magic 81

CHICAGO — Michael Jordan had 29 points and 17 rebounds as the Chicago Bulls continued their mastery of the Orlando Magic.

Including a sweep in the 1996 Eastern Conference finals, Chicago has beaten Orlando 11 consecutive times by an average score of 84-88.

The New York Times' defending-NBA champion Bulls, who will be without injured Scottie Pippen for

about two more months, are 3-0 since being stumped at Boston in the season opener.

Rony Seakley had 34 points and Penny Hardaway 20 for the Magic (1-3), who are off to their worst start since 1992-93.

Spurs 87, Grizzlies 79

SAN ANTONIO — David Robinson scored 22 points and Tim Duncan added 19 Wednesday night as the San Antonio Spurs held off the Vancouver Grizzlies 87-79.

The Spurs didn't sweat the verdict until guard Jason Jackson threw an inbound pass in the Grizzlies' front court and drove for the layup and an 85-78 lead with 21.5 seconds to go.

Robinson added 17 rebounds for the Spurs, who improved to 3-1.

Jackson, playing more than usual for the injured Vinny Del Negro, added 15 points off the bench.

Vancouver, which beat San Antonio in three of four meetings last year, was led by Anthony Johnson's 19 points. Otis Thorpe added 16 points and nine rebounds.

Hurricane goalie shadowed by assault charge

GREENSBORO, N.C. (AP) — Four days after being charged with beating his wife, Carolina removed from the lineup for Wednesday night's game against Detroit. However, the team said he could play by week's end.

Couch Paul Maurice said the decision to bench Burke against the Stanley Cup champions was a "hockey decision" and was not related to the assault charges.

The 30-year-old star goalie practiced Wednesday morning with the Hurricanes, then went through an individual workout.

Burke was charged Sunday night with assaulting his wife Leslie during a domestic dispute, police records show. He spent 21 1/2 hours in jail before being released. Leslie Burke said during a 911 call that her husband pulled out some of her hair and had beaten her before.

Hurricanes general manager Jim Rutherford refused to comment prior to the game on the content of the charges. "I don't think it would be right for me to comment on any of that," Rutherford said.

Burke, a four-time team MVP, and Tracy Kidd have been alternating in the nets for Carolina and it would have been Burke's turn in goal Wednesday night.

Burke's roster spot was filled by Mike Fountain, who was called up from the minors.

Street

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Manager

Continued from B1. Ash said Wednesday he intends to interview Johnson for the managerial job with the Blue Jays.

"We'd like to talk with him," Ash said. "Certainly he's been successful and had good results with three different clubs... I think anyone with that track record you have to want to talk to."

Said Johnson: "That's good news to me. The Blue Jays have a fine young team. They have a great future. I'd like to talk to them."

There was speculation the expansion Tampa Bay Devil Rays might also be interested, but general manager Claude Lacombe said no. "Davey Johnson is one of the most successful major league managers in recent years, but because we are extremely pleased both with our interviewing process and with the quality of our five final

probation for her attitude. This year, as the most veteran female skier, she has been determined to assume a mature leadership role.

She chastises herself for spilling her emotions in public. "I have to be more professional than that," she said. "I have to be in control and look at the big picture all of the time."

Street has made every attempt to prepare herself for the Winter Games. Soon after her surgery early this year, she went to Nagano and skied the Olympic course — riding on the back of a truck — on the bank of a river. She stepped to survey several spots.

"I've already got two or three seconds, spots I know I've already got an edge on everybody, just because people don't think, and I do think," Street said. "I was good in geometry in school. That was one of the signs I was going to be a good downhiller."

The turning point in her career is usually considered the eighth place she won in a 1993 World Cup downhill. The following year, she captured the bronze medal at the World Series. Street won a silver in an unexpectedly dominant year for the U.S. team. Diann Roffe-Stein-

etter added a gold in the Super G and Tommy Moe won a silver and gold. Freestyle skier Liz McIntyre added a silver in moguls, giving the United States five medals, tying its highest tally-five at the 1984 Winter Games in Sarajevo.

"I didn't really hit me that hard until I got off my (return) flight in either New York or Chicago," said Street, who expects to continue in skiing long enough for the 2002 Winter Games in Salt Lake City. "Two game attendants met me at the airport. I realized, wow, my life has changed."

Since that success, however, Street and Moe each suffered knee injuries. Moe, who suffered his injury 3 1/2 years ago, says he feels completely healthy. Roffe-Steinmutter retired. Hilary Lindner, the most decorated female skier in United States history, also retired. The decorated U.S. ski team had a terrible season on the World Cup circuit last year.

"I'm looking for the top 20 or top 15 through December," Street said. "Then, in January, that's when the hammer comes down and I start expecting myself on that podium in every downhill race."

ists, he will not be considered for our manager's position," Lamar said.

The Devil Rays have narrowed the field to Ted Simmons, Larry Parrish, Larry Rothschild, Rick Brown and Jim Lumer.

Johnson is looking for an owner who can acknowledge success and show his appreciation. "I must say that your individual success in the work you've performed over the last two years in guiding the Orioles to the playoffs and in delivering a wire-to-wire division championship is discouraging to say the least," Johnson wrote Angeles.

Johnson told the owner he did not believe there was a conflict of interest involving the Alomar fine, but admitted the charity he chose could create the appearance of impropriety.

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AT THE END OF THE SEASON



The 6th- and 7th-grade soccer team, coached by John and Darlene Blar and Jeff Ross, chalked up three wins and two ties during the 1997 fall season. Coaches and team members were honored at a banquet at Gertle's on Oct. 27.

TRACKING THE LOCALS

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Travis Holfield
SALEM, Ore. - Travis Holfield,

one of Willamette University's quarterbacks, completed 30-for-44 passes for 114 yards in the Bearcats 54-0 drubbing of Puget Sound.

Holfield is a freshman on the 8-0 Willamette team. The Bearcats are ranked No. 3 in the latest NAIA national poll.

A WINNING TEAM



The fourth-grade boys' soccer team from Harrison Elementary posted an 11-1 record this season. Members include from left to right: (front row) Aaron Torres, Max Chapman, Brian Payne, Edin Gonzalez, Anthony Newby, Shawn Bybee, Einar Gashumova, (middle row) Cassey Johns, Corey Williams, Karl Hunter, Kenny Steelman, Jeremy McClure, James Mace, Brent Little, (back row) coaches Dave Little, Deb Chapman, Julia Williams.

Blackwood to play on Team Idaho

TWIN FALLS - Kirk Blackwood, a senior at Twin Falls High School, has been selected to play on the "Team Idaho" baseball team which will be traveling to Arizona to play in the Fall Classic Baseball Tournament on the 7-9 of November in Phoenix.



Let us know
Do you know of a local sporting event that ought to be in the paper? Tell us about it! Call Karm Baumber at The Times-News, 733-0931, ext. 229, or drop it by our office at 132 3rd St. W. Copy also can be mailed to P.O. Box 546, Twin Falls, 83303-0546 or FAXed to 734-8558 or send e-mail at: twnews@comnet.net. Items must arrive at The Times-News by noon, Wednesday, for publication the same week.

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Bowlers at state senior tournament compete for spot in national tourney



BOWLING
Thelma Tucker

Half the entrants in the Idaho State Senior Championship Tournament bowled this past weekend and the rest will be converging on the Bowldrome this Saturday and Sunday, vying for the \$3,825 prize fund.

The tournament is divided into eight divisions, four for men and four for women. Leaders in each division and the scores to beat are: A division (age 70+) Charles Buck, Coeur d'Alene, 1438 and Virginia Ropp, Blackfoot, 1412. B division (65-69) Rich Farnsworth, Twin Falls, 1339 and Louise Budeay, Idaho Falls, 1380. C division (60-64) Richard Gwynap, Boise, 1353 and Gail Rose, Nampa, 1432. D division (55-59) Dutch Lincoln, Lewiston, 1336 and Duree Allen, Nampa, 1271.

When the tournament is over not only will share in that prize fund (1 for 6 in each division), but the champions will receive a prepaid entry to the National Senior Tournament in May at the Bowling Stadium in Reno.

A no tap tournament is on going during the Senior Tournament at the Magic Bowl. Walk-in entries are permitted. Squad times are at 9 p.m. and noon on Saturday and at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. on Sunday. This is a doubles event and entrants must be at least age 55 at time of bowling.

competing for the opportunity to bowl at the state level on Nov. 15 at Lake Hazel Lanes in Boise. Five of the 49 ladies will be going. Sharrl Barkk rolled a 734, Carole Buckner 716, Suzanne Nesmith 709, Angie Willess 693 and Birgit Allred 686.

YOURSCORES AND STATS

VOLEYBALL
(Advantage for home team unless otherwise noted)

Boys A	1-2
Boys B	1-3
Girls A	1-3
Girls B	1-3
Coed	1-3

BASKETBALL
(Home team score in front, unless otherwise noted)

Boys	1-2
Girls	1-2
Coed	1-2

BOWLING

Men's Singles	231
Men's Pairs	328
Women's Singles	205
Women's Pairs	295
Coed Pairs	300

Bowldrome, Twin Falls

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Ambulance driver cited for speeding after crash

GOODING - A Gooding County Ambulance driver was cited for speeding after clipping a hay truck while transporting a patient Tuesday evening.

There were no injuries in the collision, and the patient made it safely to a hospital in a second ambulance that responded to the accident scene, Idaho State Police Cpl. Jerry Floyd said Wednesday.

Avonmore West driver doesn't appear badly injured

JEROME - An Avonmore West driver who wrecked in a canal bank Tuesday was kept overnight in the hospital, but does not appear to be badly injured, company officials said Wednesday.

Gary Schoolcraft, 44, of Richfield was taken to St. Joseph's Family Medical Center in Jerome after his fully loaded semi tanker truck left U.S. Highway 26 and crashed into the Miller-Gooding canal east of Shoshone Tuesday morning.

Sun Valley City Council to canvass votes today

SUN VALLEY - The Sun Valley City Council will meet at 3 p.m. Monday for one of its final meetings in the city.

Ketchum City Council sets special meeting Friday

KETCHUM - A special meeting of the Ketchum City Council will be held at 11:50 a.m. Friday at City Hall, 480 East Ave. N.

Public hearings for park on tap for Hailey council

HAILEY - The Hailey City Council will hold a regular meeting at 6 p.m. Monday in the meeting room at Hailey Town Center.

Dairy controversy highlights zoning hearing

By N.S. Nokkentved Times-News writer
TWIN FALLS - Dairymen want density restrictions on livestock operations taken out of a proposed county zoning ordinance; critics want the restrictions expanded.

Want to participate?
What's: Public hearing on Twin Falls County's proposed zoning ordinance.
When: 7 to 9:30 p.m. today.
Where: Shields Building, Room 117 and 118 at the College of Southern Idaho.

ty's agricultural economy.
The sphere of influence of livestock operations as described in the ordinance won't control the density of livestock operations in the county, said Lewis Eilers, head of the Idaho Dairyman's Association.

stock operations in relationship to the number of homes within a mile of the operation. It lets home buyers, real estate agents and livestock operators know where and how big an operation could be built, said Bert Redfern of the Twin Falls County Farm Urban Network.

HOPING FOR A JAIL BREAK



Mike Mathews makes a call from 'jail,' hoping to raise \$500 dollars in 'bail' Wednesday. The money Mathews and his fellow 'innates' raised during his stint benefits the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in the first 'Captured for Kids' fund-raiser held at Boot Scooters in Twin Falls. The hospital specializes in childhood cancer research.

Jerome health office gets go-ahead

The Times-News
JEROME - A new health department building goes up next spring in Jerome.
The board of the South Central District Health Department voted last week to proceed with construction of the 4,970-square-foot building at a total cost of \$563,897.

Construction bids go out in mid-January with construction starting next spring and completed by fall 1998.
To finance the project, \$200,000 will be borrowed from the Idaho Health Facilities Authority, a state-approved agency that helps finance health projects through sale of tax-exempt bonds.

building, the health department determined it could take on the Jerome project, Juntunen said.
'What they did was analyze our ability of how much we can handle in our operating budget over those periods of years,' she said.

Area for day cares set to expand in Ketchum

By Susan Bailley Times-News correspondent
KETCHUM - Not everyone at Monday's council meeting was pleased to know day-care businesses soon could be in more neighborhoods here.
'I don't want to see these businesses in residential areas,' Ketchum resident Randi Dubois said in a public hearing before the City Council.

The council chose not to waive the customary three readings for the day-care ordinance. Residents have been working with city government on changing the law to allow more flexibility for day cares since November 1996.
Ketchum resident Pam Ritazu, a proponent of expanded zoning for day care, said Monday she thought the council purposely was stalling the process.
'We need relief desperately in this area, and parents need relief.'

day-care operations into three categories: a center serves 13 or more children, a facility six or more; and a home, up to six children.
Under the new law, facilities and centers would be allowed by conditional-use permit in the area immediately surrounding Hemingway Elementary School. All types of day care would be allowed in the tourist area, and multifamily-zoned sections of Ketchum could have homes and facilities.
In the light-industrial zones, day care would be permitted on-site for employees of businesses. Any day-care operation in the recreational zones would need to apply for a conditional-use permit from the city.

Voters revamp council

Jerome ousts 2 members
By Mark Heinz and Pat Marcantono Times-News writers

JEROME - The last of the Magic Valley's election novices trickled in Wednesday, with voters picking a new local City Council in Jerome and ousting an incumbent mayor in Buhl.



Charles Correll

Jerome voters ousted two council members and moved a third member into the mayor's office.
Running unopposed, Councilman Dennis Moore was elected mayor with 599 votes, a 64 percent majority.
Miscellaneous write-in candidates for mayor appeared on 197 ballots.



Joe Skaug

Newcomers Charles Correll and Joe Skaug pushed incumbents Elza Hall and Charlotte Jackson out of four-year council seats, and also won out over four other challengers.
Correll held a long lead over his nearest competitors, capturing 424 votes, appearing on 45 percent of the ballots.
Skaug received 287 votes, or 36 percent.

Other council candidates included Marjorie Schmidt, 269 votes; Brad Davidson, 222 votes; Bill Alford, 190 votes; Hall, 169 votes; Jacobson, 160 votes; and Jim Samarasig, 84 votes.

It was definitely one of the more exciting City Council elections I've seen in 31 years here,' Skaug said Wednesday.

Even so, the outcome wasn't too surprising, Skaug said.
'I predicted that Charlie and I would be the two candidates,' he said.
Skaug - who garnered many of the write-in mayoral votes - and Moore

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Good views at a premium: Council to rule on 'sights'

By Susan Bailley Times-News correspondent
SUN VALLEY - As neighbors cross cedar together and empty lots become house sites, the issue of preserving mountain views crops up with greater urgency here.

OSHA cites school contractor

By Karen E. Nalezinski
Times-News writer

BURLEY - The Idaho Falls construction company working on the new Burley High School has been cited for an accident that happened at the site in September.

Bateman-Hall Construction was fined \$4,000 for a fall that sent David Hill of Rupert to the hospital.

The Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration issued the citation on Oct. 27, after a three-week investigation.

OSHA said safety nets were not provided when workplaces were more than 25 feet above the ground or water surface, or other surfaces where ladders, scaffolds, catch platforms, temporary floors, safety lines, or safety belts

would not work.

Bateman-Hall received a similar citation on Sept. 6 for an incident in St. Anthony.

At the time, the company was fined \$5,000, but during an informal conference it was reduced to \$2,500, said OSHA Area Director Ryan Kuemichel.

Both citations were categorized as "serious," he said.

"It's not that uncommon, we issue a lot of these citations in this state," Kuemichel said.

"Sometimes things change from minute to minute so lot of the time safety equipment doesn't catch up with the construction site."

Kuemichel added Bateman-Hall has taken care of the problem, but he hasn't heard back from the company since the citation was issued.

Bateman-Hall project manager

Don Whitehead said he had no comment because he wasn't aware of the citation.

The citation says Bateman-Hall has 15 days to either pay the fine or contest it.

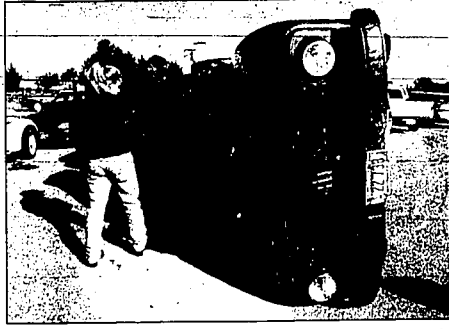
It may also request an informal conference during that time, to refute all or part of the citation's claim.

Bateman-Hall Site Superintendent Robert Clemmens would not comment on how Hill fell, or about his condition. Instead he referred questions to Bateman-Hall Project Manager Lanny Wilding, who said little about the incident.

"His condition hasn't changed," Wilding said. "I think he's still in a nursing home but I don't know where."

Hill and his family could not be reached for comment Wednesday.

OH BROTHER!



KAREN E. NALEZINSKI/The Times-News

Sixteen-year-old Andra Ross looks over the damage of her brother's International pickup on Wednesday morning. She was driving it during her lunch break, and collided with Chyanne Anderson's blue Ford Festiva in Minico High School's parking lot. One of Anderson's passengers, Malissa Koch, was the only person injured; she was treated at Cassia Regional Medical Center and released.

Council

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according to the city administrator.

Suresh Shivadasani, of 319 Juniper Road, filed an appeal in September to a planning board decision allowing his neighbors at 310 Juniper to move their building plat higher on the hillside. His attorney, Michael Donovan, plans to question whether building envelopes designed within a planned subdivision legally can be altered.

Donovan said Nick and Carol Parker requested changes in

their building envelope based on a hardship from diminished views of the foothills below Bald Mountain in the event their neighbor Edgar Blair constructed a planned addition to his house at 308 Juniper.

For the planning board to grant a variance, hardship must exist. Donovan says a decreased view of a nearby hill doesn't constitute a hardship.

"Building envelopes were already designed," Donovan said. "They shouldn't be able to change that based on hardship.

An impact on views is not hardship."

Twin Creeks lots were plotted long before they were sold.

Shivadasani himself used the view argument in appealing the Parkers' plans. In September, Shivadasani said his appeal was based largely on diminished views from his property if the Parker house were constructed 60 feet higher on the hill.

The Parkers said they feel frustrated and victimized by the process.

"We've been going through

this since April," Nick Parker said. "He's not losing a Badly view, he's losing a foothill view. You don't own the view corridor."

Carol Parker said she and her husband expected to have finished building their house at 310 Juniper by now. They question whether an impaired view is just causing to prevent them moving forward after the planning board approved plat changes.

The final decision rests with the City Council.

Bomb threat shuts down federal building post office in Washington

RICHLAND, Wash. (AP) — A bomb threat that turned out to be a hoax prompted officials to shut down the city's federal building and post office for most of the business day Wednesday, officials said.

A man who telephoned the Crondollet Behavioral Health Center on Tuesday night claimed the psychiatric hospital or the nearby federal building would be the target of a bomb at noon Wednesday, authorities said.

The federal building and adjacent post office were open for a couple hours Wednesday morn-

ing before officials ordered both buildings evacuated.

About 50 Crondollet patients and staff members evacuated the hospital for a half-hour just before noon.

Authorities said they found no suspicious devices in any of the buildings. The post office and federal building remained closed in the afternoon and were to reopen Thursday.

Some Richland business and residences went without mail Wednesday because of the post office shutdown.

No arrests were made.

Elections

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declined to speculate about the implications the large number of write-ins.

Instead, they emphasized the importance of finding someone to fill Moore's council seat.

"Marjorie, Schmidt ran a strong third place. I'd like to see her appointed," Skung said.

Moore said he'll try to cast a wider net.

Each of the newly elected officials and remaining councilman Ralph Pappas should nominate a fourth council member, Moore said.

He said he'd also welcome suggestions from the public, but the council seat should be filled by Jan. 1.

Moore also said he'll schedule two work sessions each month to get the new council members ready in time for swearing in, on Jan. 1.

The work sessions will be open to the public, Moore said.

City officials will also get some customer relations training through the College of Southern Idaho during the coming months, so city hall can be run more like a customer service business, he said.

Correll had little to say, except that he plans to spend the next few months researching the issues.

"It's sobering to realize what the responsibilities ahead are," he said.

In other election results that were unavailable by *The Times-News*' Tuesday deadline:

Buhl: In another election upset, longtime Mayor Ted Pence lost to Barbara Gierten. Gierten received 457 votes, or 64 percent, for the four-year term. Pence had 243 votes.

The winners of a four-year council post were Jim Wilton with 385 votes, or 54 percent, and incumbent Irving Terdy with 373 votes, or 52 percent.

Other candidates were Katie Wonenberg with 230 votes; Linda Loehr with 218 votes and Dave Bailey with 94 votes.

Incumbent Charles Geska won a two-year council term with 431 votes and no opposition. Loehr received 88 write-in votes.

Filler Mayor Russell Sheridan Jr. won re-election to a four-year term by a two-vote margin.

Sheridan had 115 votes, or 30 percent, Challenger Carol Fort got 113 votes, followed by Councilman Jeff Webster with 92 votes and Wanda Shaffer with 54. Don Barkley received two write-in votes.

Barkley won a four-year council seat with 155 votes, appearing on 40 percent of the ballots. Bob Parent also won with 171 votes, or 44 percent.

When the winners were incumbent Councilman Gary Detrick, with 152 votes; Shirley Galley, 130 votes; Robert Crawford, 69 votes; and L. Merl Schmo, 40 votes. There were two write-in votes for Mike Newsome.

Hollister: Mayor Karla Edwards was re-elected with 46 votes, defeating write-in candidate Tad Bogner, who tallied 36 votes.

Incumbent Jack David was re-elected to a four-year council seat, capturing 56 votes. Write-in Diana Walker received 22 votes.

Times-News staff writer Mark Heinz can be reached in Jerome at 324-6962; *Times-News* staff writer Pat Marantotto can be reached at 733-0931, Ext. 242.

Dairy

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might lose sight of property responsibilities.

David Mead of Twin Falls spoke about the importance of agriculture to the local economy, saying homes and agriculture don't mix.

Robert Brinsford of Twin Falls suggested the county look closer at dry land outside the boundaries of the Twin Falls Canal Co. as potential residential land.

Others are concerned that the ordinance, which restricts residential development in agricultural areas, infringes on the private-property rights of landowners.

County residents three years

ago decided it was important to protect the agricultural base of the county's economy. Protecting agricultural land from residential development became the centerpiece of the county's comprehensive plan passed in 1995.

The proposed zoning ordinance would put that plan into practice. But some say it goes too far.

Once completed, the proposal would be sent to the county commissioners for additional consideration and public hearings before it becomes law.

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

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MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

Hailey city attorney admits wrongdoing

Crabtree says he failed to exercise 'any judgment'

By Susan Bailey Times-News correspondent

SUN VALLEY - Hailey city attorney Steve Crabtree admits he was guilty of indiscretion, prompting a disturbing the peace charge filed against him this week.

Crabtree said that day and pleaded guilty to the incident. "While walking my family's dogs that night, I pursued one of the dogs down a driveway into an area I should not have entered," Crabtree said.

Snyder said she and her son watched Crabtree stand outside the house for about 10 minutes. By-the-time police arrived, Snyder's son had forcibly prevented Crabtree from leaving the property.

Crabtree said the entire incident was "unfortunate." "I accept responsibility for my acts," Crabtree wrote, "and I apologize to those affected by my actions."

Resort area reports rise in tourist inquiries

By Susan Bailey Times-News correspondent

KECHUM - People are asking about the resort more than they did last summer, but actual arrivals weren't so impressive, say the latest Sun Valley Chamber of Commerce figures.

"Sun Valley Winter," featuring photographs from the resort's early days. The chamber also keeps a website at www.visitunvalley.com for inquiries.

Jerome to allow parking in downtown alley

By Dixie Thomas Reale Times-News correspondent

JEROME - Parking will be allowed in a downtown Jerome alley, and trash containers there will have to go.

Other businesses were concerned about congestion in the alley ways in the area. The proposed ordinance received its final reading to a nearly empty council chamber.

reading of an ordinance, which would set fines for dogs running at large, impoundment fees, dog license fees, fees for euthanasia, and impoundment fees for dogs brought to the Jerome City Animal Shelter from outside the city, and allowing the issuance of a lifetime dog tag.

Public works director Bob Curbish said he has located all utility lines in the area and everything is in order to vacate the street.

Filer's 'dinosaur' water system may be replaced

By Nicole Gilbert Times-News correspondent

FILER - The city of Filer may get a new water system at long last. "We're looking at the only dinosaur this side of Hollywood," said Scott Bybee of J-U-B Engineers Inc. at the City Council meeting Tuesday night, referring to the existing water system.

new BMX track, said Councilman Jeff Webster. Amalgamated Sugar has donated 7 1/2 acres between Midway and the railroad tracks for the bike park.

Bombers transferred to federal facility

SPOKANE (AP) - Three Idaho men sentenced to life in prison for pipe bombings and bank robbery in the Spokane Valley were transferred to the custody of the Federal Bureau of Prisons on Wednesday.

Jerome police chief to serve on public safety group

The Times-News

JEROME - Police Chief James R. Dahl was selected to serve on the five-state Western Regional Oriented Public Safety, as one of 30 police, sheriff and local-government officials, said a city news release.

fund ed this year by the U.S. Department of Justice. The institute's mission is to provide an integrated approach to the adoption of community-oriented, police and problem-solving philosophy throughout Washington, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming and South Dakota.

Dahl will attend a training conference in Seattle Dec. 6-9, paid for by WRICOPS.

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Utah official, Babbitt link arms for monument's sake

CEDAR CANYON, Utah (AP) - When Secretary of Interior Bruce Babbitt and Gov. Mike Leavitt spoke about Utah's new national monument at a symposium here, it sounded as if they had swapped speeches.

and state employees, are rooted in the politics behind the monument designation. The two spoke on Tuesday, the last day of the Science and the Monument Symposium. Their comments were reported by the Deseret News.

Leavitt called the monument "the most spectacular land God created."

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IDAHO/WEST



Elko County rancher Peter Scheidemann is shown in Las Vegas, Nev., at his XJ Ranch where he raises 100 bison.

New York executive leaves office for life on a bison ranch

JLGS, Nev. (AP) — Rancher Peter Scheidemann peers at the horizon as he drives his old Ford pickup over clumps of sagebrush. "Where are those characters?" he said. "You would think we could find 2,000-pound animals."

The truck chugs to the top of a hill, and Scheidemann kills the engine. Warming themselves in the afternoon sun are 100 woolly bison — American plains bison — magnificent-looking animals. Perhaps even more than Nevada's wild horses, the bison are living representatives of the spirit and heritage of the old West.

An American plains bison pays close attention to visitors to the XJ Ranch south of Elko. Buffaloes retain the instincts of their ancestors and have been known to stampede when they feel threatened.

"They like it up here because of the view," he said. "They like to see what is going on around them."

Scheidemann calls several of the animals by name, but buffaloes are not the type of critters one pets on the herd.

They possess the instincts of

their ancestors. Pay special attention to the bulls, Scheidemann warned. One never knows if a sound will induce the big guys to charge.

Although the animals recognize Scheidemann as the nice man who brings loads of hay, he never would walk into the middle of a herd. He prefers observing the creatures from the safe confines of the rear of a pickup.

"I call that one Crooked Horn," he said. "She's a sweetie. Last winter her beard got frozen and fell off."

In the Indian summer weather, Crooked Horn's black coat is short. By January, temperatures at the 7,500-foot elevation will drop to 30 degrees below zero, and winds will swirl at speeds of 50 mph. She will survive only because of a thick winter coat. Her beard will grow back in two or three years.

Ten years ago, Scheidemann was an executive in New York with Hills Brothers' coffee. Today he is Nevada's largest buffalo rancher, and his nearest neighbor is 19 miles away.

Tired of the urban rat race, Scheidemann decided to buy

the 120-year-old Nevada cattle ranch, which was advertised in the Wall Street Journal in 1989.

"I'd loved the Ruby Mountains as a kid," he said. "I hiked through these hills when I was a student at the University of Utah."

Scheidemann found he could remain a coffee broker — heading the three-piece suits for jeans — by using e-mail, fax machines and computers. But the 642-acre ranch was too small to turn a profit with cattle.

He investigated raising elk or reindeer but settled on bison.

"It's a new industry," he said. "And it's a lot of fun."

Buffaloes reached North America during the Pleistocene Epoch 1.8 million years ago by way of a land bridge across the Bering Sea.

The 2,000-member National Bison Association has seven Nevadans as members who might own buffaloes.

"I don't know anybody else in the state who has bison," Scheidemann said. "Ted Turner has 10,000 head (in Montana)."

Salmon River perfect setting for instructing educators on nature

POCATELLO, Idaho (AP) — Indian Hills Elementary School Principal Arlene Peterson knows teamwork is important.

She found out how important while rafting down the Salmon River's Rainer Rapids last month in a flotilla that included 21 other field educators.

She accidentally fell out as her raft dipped into a hole.

Two of her quick-thinking boat mates grabbed her by the life jacket collar and hoisted her back into the raft — soggy but smiling.

On shore a few minutes later, she recalled what went through her mind during the dunking.

"I was worried about losing that paddle," Peterson said.

Jerry Myers, the teachers' guide with two decades of professional experience on the river, thought fast when Peterson went over the side. He plucked her paddle from the water and handed it back to her after she

reclaimed her seat.

"We were just asking Jerry where's the hole?" fellow rafters Diane Hulse said, grinning.

"He said 'you'll see it.' And then we were in it."

Hulse teaches at Grace Elementary School.

Along the 25-mile river journey, the teachers from schools around southern Idaho participated in three days of workshops taught mostly by Pocatello's Hawthorne Junior High School faculty and Myers.

Participants learned lessons geared toward developing effective ways to use natural settings to teach.

They agreed that nature can inspire curiosity, imagination and a strong drive to learn in elementary and middle school children.

The teachers admired and discussed pictographs painted on a rock wall at Legend Creek in the 1700s by the Sheepsteater Shoshone who used iron oxide,

beard grease and red ochre.

They pulled the rafts ashore at Lantz Bar, a fruit orchard established in the early 1900s. It's on a south-facing slope, spans an area about the size of a city block and is 10 miles downstream from the nearest road.

They studied how Frank and Jessie Lantz developed a miner's homestead and a few fruit trees into a profitable orchard. The couple sold produce to snow operators who sold supplies to people living along the river during the Great Depression.

Now the U.S. Forest Service supports volunteers Andy Klimch and Keri Evans, who take care of the orchards and offer informal tours to about 2,100 of the river's roughly 8,000 annual floaters.

A couple of hundred feet uphill from the orchard cabin, Hawthorne Junior High School science teacher Ray Sweigert showed the teachers an example of nature's dynamic power.

Micron reaches out to students

Tensions between firm, U of I diminish

MOSCOW, Idaho (AP) — Hard feelings between the University of Idaho and Boise-based Micron Technology are fading away. The microchip giant says it needs well-trained employees and the university can be a big help.

There was some unhappiness between the university and Micron in 1995 when pressure from Micron led the Idaho Board of Education to transfer control of cooperative engineering programs in Boise to Boise State University.

Opponents of the move feared that might erode the quality of the Idaho engineering program, since it would mean less funding at Moscow.

Jay Hawkins, a Boise State

graduate, is vice president of operations at Micron. He said the tussle over engineering programs was sore point for some Micron workers, since many of them are University of Idaho graduates.

"That hurt the feelings of a lot of employees," he said. But that's the past history. "I don't see the tension anymore. Things change so rapidly," he said.

Hawkins recently visited the Moscow campus to touch off a three-year partnership between Micron and the university's business school. He isn't shy when it comes to stating his company's motives. Micron needs well-trained employees.

"It's really selfish from our standpoint," he said.

Randy Byers, business department chairman, said the program has changed to meet industry needs.

"We have built this in response to the demands of the people that hire UI students," he said. "We didn't just willy nilly decide to change the program."

At least three members of the business faculty will have an internship at Micron next summer.

Student internships are particularly key for Micron, Hawkins said. They create a funnel from the school to company for future workers. He said Micron isn't looking just for "DTM genius-ees" either; there's a need for other disciplines.

Micron Electronics, a separate company that sprouted from Micron Technology, has a particular need for marketing students. Micron Technology makes chips and other hardware; Micron Electronics makes and sells computers.

Solar projects go to Idaho Power subsidiary

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — For the second time, the government of Brazil has awarded an Idaho Power Co. subsidiary a contract to provide solar energy systems in that country.

The Brazilian Ministry of Mines and Energy awarded a \$2.6 million contract to Idaho Power Resources Corp. to design and deliver about 700 photovoltaic systems, generating electricity

from sunlight, totaling more than 400 kilowatts of capacity. The systems will be used in a variety of applications including residential use.

In June, the subsidiary won a \$1.4 million contract for 400 photovoltaic systems with total capacity of 200 kilowatts. The systems will provide power for residential installations in villages in 15 Brazilian states.

Larry Crowley, president of Idaho Power Resources, said there's a big market in Latin America and worldwide for solar and other environmentally sound, renewable energy resources.

He said the international solar energy market is growing by more than 20 percent a year.

"The global demand for electric power is great; the need is urgent ..." Crowley said.

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Companies team up in genetic defect search

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Myriad Genetics and Valley Mental Health are teaming up to search for genetic defects that may be responsible for mental disorders.

The collaboration pairs Myriad's genealogy database with 100,000 patient records collected during the past 30 years by Valley Mental Health.

When the database and the patient records are matched, scientists hope to be able to study the inherited component of nervous-system disorders such as depression, bipolar disorder and dementia, including Alzheimer's disease.

"That will help them search for the genes that may be involved. We know that a certain portion of (central-nervous-system disorders) are inherited. We want to find out to what extent they are inherited," said Myriad spokesman William A. Hockett.

Other studies across the nation have suggested several genes may be responsible for certain types of mental illness, including major depression — also known as bipolar disorder — and schizophrenia.

To conduct such research, scientists study families that have

an inherited tendency toward the illness. They then track hundreds of genetic markers, which are readily identified bits of DNA.

Identifying genes associated with mental illness may provide insight into the root cause of the disorders, enabling researchers to develop new treatments.

Identifying the genes also may lead to earlier diagnosis and treatment of mental disorders.

"This collaboration is remarkable because of the potential to benefit all involved," said Michael Stevens, director of psychopharmacology research at Valley Mental Health. "By triggering major advances in the diagnosis and treatment of central-nervous-system disorders, the suffering and disability they inflict on millions of people could be reduced, and in many cases perhaps eliminated."

Myriad entered into a similar deal with Intermountain Health Care last summer. That arrangement affords the research company access to 500,000 medical records. Coupled with Myriad's database, those records will help researchers search for genes associated with mental-health disorders.

Essay contest has coastal motel as prize

OCEANSIDE, Ore. (AP) — The motel has 16 units, perched on a hilltop with possibly the best view on the Oregon coast.

There are elk and eagles, and on their twice-yearly migration, gray whales frolic just off the beach, practically in the motel's front yard. It's only 85 miles from Portland.

Want it? The motel, The House on the Hill, it could be yours free and clear if your 250-word essay on why it should be yours is selected. The deadline is Feb. 20. Just attach a check for \$150 with your entry.

Owner David Persha, a Houston insurance man, says the offer is real but that some wonder.

"They think there's a catch," Persha says. Still, he says, "I'm getting a good response."

Persha has owned the motel for 15 years.

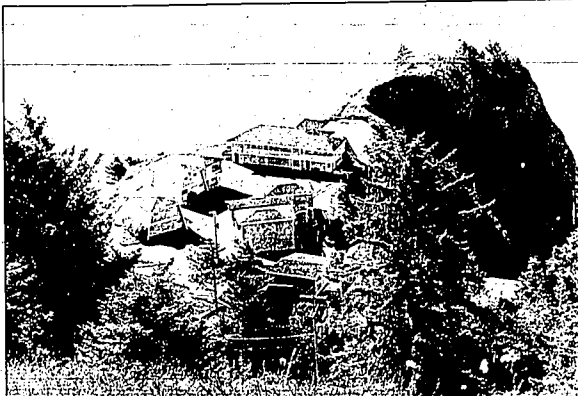
He's received about 2,000 entries and hopes for 12,000.

"But if I get anywhere near 10,000, it's a done deal," he said.

If he doesn't, he says, he'll return the entry fees.

At 10,000 entries, he'd make \$1.5 million, the amount of an appraisal done four years ago. The property is assessed at a little more than \$1 million for tax purposes.

Persha has tried to sell the motel but didn't get offers for what he thought it's worth. "Money is not the reason," he said. "I just thought so many peo-



The House on the Hill Motel in Oceanside, Ore., will be given away in an essay contest, which has an entry fee of \$150.

ple would love to own this place. Somebody will win it. Somebody will have it debt-free."

He said he is 71. "I need someone to carry the cross. I'm enthusiastic about getting younger people involved here."

The hill in the motel's name is Maxwell Point, 250 feet above picturesque Oceanside's broad and eminently strollable beach.

Every room has an ocean view, and most include views of Three Arch Rocks, where sea lions bask.

Persha got the idea for an essay contest from a Maine inn owner who did the same thing in 1993, earning \$500,000.

Filmmakers changed it to a restaurant called "The Spiffire Grill" and turned the saga into a

movie last year.

Pete Shepherd of the Oregon attorney general's office says the contest is neither approved nor disapproved by his office. It is not inherently illegal to hold a contest to dispose of property. The contest is not a raffle because skill, not chance, is involved in writing the essay.



A dog stares at a virtual pet in Salt Lake City. The virtual pets are unpopular among many educators.

Utah teachers find virtual pets to be nuisance-causing

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Teachers who are forever competing for children's attention have yet another enemy — these little virtual critters about half the size of a pager that require feeding, exercise, play time, baths and clean up after using the virtual potty all over the tiny screen.

Some schools have banned them, some allow them only at recess. But most agree they are mighty obnoxious.

"We actually sent a letter home asking that parents babysit them at home," said Carol Lubomudrov, principal of Salt Lake City's Beacon Heights Elementary. Beginning in October, if a Beacon Heights student is caught with one, the pets go to live in Lubomudrov's office until parents come and pick them up.

So far, only one has been confiscated.

Cindy Medford of Draper recently was roped into a virtual baby-sitting job by her 9-year-old son after the toys were banned at Draper Elementary.

"At first I thought these toys were a good idea. You know, teach responsibility of feeding

and watering without having a real dog that dies when you don't take care of it," she said. "It was a good thing until it started waking up all the time."

Medford said she now refuses to baby-sit and the computer dog stays home and on the shelf because her son has lost interest in it.

Once, she said, her son misplaced the mutt and it died when its beeping demands for food, play and potty cleanup went unanswered.

"We found it the next day and it was dead," she said.

At Playmates toy company in Costa Mesa, Calif., the Nano-brand pets they market do not die, they simply "leave home" and the game can be started again.

Interest in the toys is soaring and shows no signs of slowing.

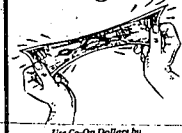
"It's what we call the P-word around here," said marketing director Tom McClure. "P" stands for phenomenon. We could literally sell as many as we could make."

Playmates markets the Nano line of cats, dogs and babies that are manufactured in China.

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— Carol Lubomudrov, principal

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Jails, libraries, rec facilities OK'd by Utah voters

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Two county jails, two new libraries and a number of recreational facilities will be quickly built in Utah after the passage of bond issues in Tuesday's elections.

Also, voters in two Utah communities returned different opinions on the benefits of growth.

Salt Lake County voters approved a \$50 million bond initiative that will allow a number of recreation facilities to be com-

pleted within the next 18 months.

"It's a clear victory for the kids in our community," Salt Lake County Commissioner Brent Overson said of Tuesday's vote.

"We're pleased that the county agreed with the plan we have."

The projects already are being funded by an 0.1 percent sales tax increase approved last year.

Passage of the measure, by a vote of 21,970 to 15,778, allows Salt Lake County to complete the pro-

jects now and pay for them later with the money generated from the tax.

All of the projects will be designed in the next four to six months, with construction beginning shortly afterward. Overson expects most of the facilities to be open by spring 1999, something that wouldn't have been possible without the bond measure.

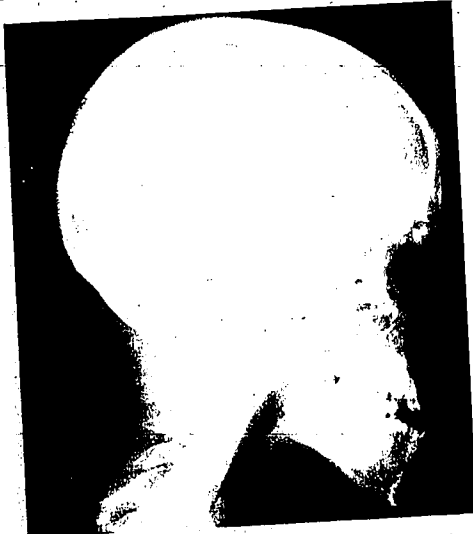
Among the facilities targeted

for receiving the money were recreation centers in Magna and West Jordan; swimming pools in Fairmont and West Valley; parks in the Cottonwood and Jordan River areas; the Murray Ice Center; and a proposed equestrian arena in South Jordan.

In Lehi, an initiative that would have capped growth in the city at 1 percent annually was defeated by a 2-1 margin, 2,072 to 328.

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For the first time in its history, Redbook magazine is featuring two different covers, seen here for the upcoming December 1997 issue.

NEW YORK (AP) — Redbook wasn't sure how subscribers would feel about a cover featuring Pierce Brosnan and his girlfriend as she breastfed their son, so the magazine put out two different covers for the first time.

The December issue that hit newsstands here Wednesday shows the breast-feeding photo while subscribers got a picture of the couple as Keely Shaye Smith simply holds the baby.

The magazine's editor in chief, Kate White, said the breast-feeding shot really moved her.

"I just thought the cover would really connect to readers that the people on the cover were a family, a couple," she said. "There's such tenderness in the photo and

it grabs you. That's what you're going for when you put something on the newsstand."

She added: "I know there's some people who are uncomfortable with breast-feeding. I did not want to force that on anyone who is a subscriber."

The magazine was mailed this week to about 2.1 million subscribers who make up about 75 percent of Redbook's circulation. It will hit newsstands nationwide later this week.

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Grammy-winning gospel singer Kirk Franklin is suing for \$2.25 million over a headfirst fall into an orchestra pit last year.

Franklin, 27, was in a coma for

several days and suffered slurred speech, headaches, an irregular heartbeat, temporary paralysis and other injuries, the lawsuit said.

His suit, filed Oct. 28 in Circuit Court, claims he fell in a dimly lit area as he walked to his dressing room from a stage at the Cook Convention Center. He's suing the management, Spectator Management Group, the city of Memphis and Shelby County, both owners of the convention center.

Franklin said he was forced to cancel tour and TV appearances for about a month after the fall on Nov. 1, 1996, depriving him of income.

"We're very sorry that the inci-

dent happened," said Pierre Landiaich, general manager of the center.

PARIS — A court Wednesday ordered Brigitte Bardot's ex-husband and his publisher to pay her \$8,700 in damages for invading her privacy in a kiss-and-tell book.

But the court threw out her request to seize copies of Jacques Charrier's "My Answer to BB," published by Michel Lafon. The book tells his side of their three-year marriage that ended in divorce in 1962.

The court ruled that Charrier broke France's tough privacy laws by publishing steamy letters. Bardot wrote to him.

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ATM fees spark revolt

After-hours convenience changes to revenue source for banks

WASHINGTON — For many, automated teller machines are a modern necessity that has closed the gap between people and their money. But the ATM also has become something else: a prominent symbol of the changing rules and costs of personal banking.

As the industry consolidates and megabanks prosper, it's getting harder — if not impossible — to find free checking and other routine services that used to be offered for no charge.

It makes Audrey Sims bob every time she makes a withdrawal. Sims, 35, works in the District of Columbia but lives two countries away, where she banks at the local credit union. She faces a dilemma common to customers at small banks and credit unions, which rarely have a network of machines of their own: Pay the fee or go without the cash.

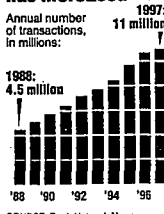
Sims reluctantly pays, but "every morning when I get my statement and see all those fees, I want to scream."

Two decades ago, when the first ATMs appeared, they were set up at local banks as an after-hour convenience and a way of cutting costs. Then they started attracting noncustomers, and in a matter of months, the machines were widely popular and could be source of revenue.

Others realized the same thing, and over the last 10 years, even nonbanks began setting up ATM machines everywhere there were people — in garages, strip malls, even restrooms.

In the process, they've become the

How use of ATMs has increased



SOURCE: Bank Network News

flash point in the debate about the new forces overhauling banking. Bankers say they are simply offering services customers demand at a reasonable price. Critics say the banks are gouging customers and that the government must step in to protect the average working man and woman.

All this for a charge that nationally averages \$1 per transaction.

The one undeniable truth is that ATMs are popular and are contributing handsomely to the bottom lines of some banks. The number of ATM transactions has soared from 4.4 billion in 1988 to 11 billion this year, according to Bank Network

News, a trade publication that tracks ATM use.

The number of ATM units nationwide has more than doubled over the same period, from 72,492 to 165,000. The number is expected to swell beyond 220,000 in the year 2000, according to Mcentric Corp., research firm in Durham, N.C.

The debate about ATM fees is rising almost as fast as the number of machines and the profits they earn. Revenue from ATM fees from consumers reached \$1.9 billion in 1996, according to a nationwide survey by the U.S. Public Interest Research Group, a consumer organization.

With increased automation come rising profits. Bank stocks are the beneficiaries they've been in some time, financial analysts say, and one reason is revenue generated from ATM fees.

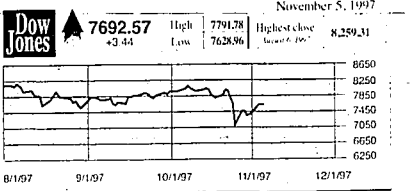
When ATMs first appeared, people avoided them because they preferred dealing with a human teller. But attitudes have changed.

"You've got to have them now," said Edward Thomas, president of the Bank of Delaware, a community bank in Maryland border. Although Thomas said his bank is not heavily into ATMs, it is adding two more, pushing its total to seven.

"They're a necessary evil for small banks," Thomas said. "Because kids and young adults are comfortable with computers and they aren't going to bank at a bank without ATMs."

But convenience has its price, which is why 28-year-old Walter Pineda tracks

Daily market roundup



Late pullback leaves Dow shy of recouping last week's loss

The Standard & Poor's 500 index, the leading benchmark for mutual fund performance, finished with enough of a gain to wipe out the remaining damage from last Monday's slide. The New York Stock Exchange composite index also wiped out any remaining trace of the big drop.

Analysts said it wasn't very surprising to see the market lose some momentum after such a volatile period.

"It is not likely that the market is going to keep running away on the upside. More likely, it will bounce around for a while," said A. Marshall Acuff Jr., equity strategist at Smith Barney.

"We're still in the process of settling down after the turmoil of past weeks," said Acuff.

NEW YORK — A late pullback left stocks barely higher Wednesday, but some market measures still managed to complete a speedy recovery from last week's seemingly traumatic tumble.

The Dow Jones Industrial average bounced back from an early 25-point dip and rose as much as 76 points during the afternoon, but retreated over the final hour to finish just 3.44 higher at 7,692.57.

That's just 23 points shy of where the Dow was before last Monday's 554-point plunge, but still more than 300 points lower than its level when the financial crisis in Southeast Asia bubbled over two weeks ago.

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NYSE (51 stocks)			AMEX (51 stocks)			NASDAQ (51 stocks)		
Name	Vol	Chg	Name	Vol	Chg	Name	Vol	Chg
Most Active	1,234,567	+0.15	Most Active	987,654	+0.10	Most Active	543,210	+0.05
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NASDAQ NATIONAL MARKET

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INDEXES

Index	Value	Chg
Dow Jones	7692.57	+3.44
S&P 500	1045.12	+1.23
NASDAQ	2156.78	+0.45

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

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Factory orders increase for 4th straight month

WASHINGTON (AP) Demand for chemical and metal products in September probed...

It was a stronger showing than anticipated by economists. September orders for durable goods...

Orders for non-durable goods jumped 0.8 percent, led by chemicals and chemical products.

Orders for durable goods were down 0.1 percent, but that was considerably better than an earlier estimate of a 0.6 percent decline.

Such laments have been richly shared by lawmakers around the country.

At least four states have outlawed or considered limiting ATM fees.

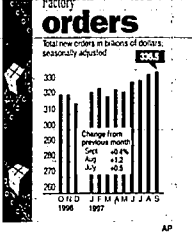
The fees have prompted Independent Rep. Bernard Sanders of Vermont to call for a "rip-off artists" and Republican Sen. Alfonse D'Amato of New York...

Congress has held hearings on the matter this year, and lawmakers hope to schedule additional hearings in the next few weeks.

Bank officials bristle at suggestions they are being unfair or anti-competitive.

Potential customers are often drawn to bigger banks because they have more ATMs and the customer can avoid fees when using their own bank's ATMs.

Big banks, such as National Bank and First Union, say the charges only apply to noncustomers who use their ATMs and that the fees only cover costs.



MUTUAL FUNDS

Large table listing various mutual funds with columns for Name, Assets, and other financial metrics.

Cold night on Yellowstone's Fawn Pass

Things were going fine until I noticed Gary had dropped the tent poles. They'd been strapped to the outside of his pack, so there was no doubt they were missing. Losing a set of tent poles is had enough under ordinary circumstances, but this was a day when it could have proven fatal. The temperature was around 25 or 30 degrees below zero and we were nearly 10 miles from the nearest road in Yellowstone National Park.

It was Day One of a 21-mile ski trip from U.S. Highway 191 to the park's headquarters at Mammoth Hot Springs. Gary and my partner and I were planning to spend the night just east of Fawn Pass, which, at 9,100 feet, was bound to be a frosty spot.

We were a dozen years younger then - stronger, stupider, and better suited for suffering. Good thing, because there was suffering a-plenty on that trip.



FORCE OF NATURE

William Brock

We'd hatched the idea of a trans-Yellowstone trip a few weeks earlier. To prepare for the return leg, we'd dropped my car at Mammoth a couple of days beforehand.

Then it got cold. Yellowstone-style cold.

The mercury headed Down Under and it was bone-chillingly cold when we left Bozeman that morning. There was a fourth member of our party, Bob, and he was skipping the approach vehicle.

We rode to the trailhead in silence, each of us wondering if we were really going to leave the safety and comforts of Bob's battered Bronco. Once at the trailhead, we donned our skis and gingerly tested our equipment.

No one dared say a discouraging word, lest our fragile confidence be like a breached cank. Each of us, I think, was hoping someone else would denounce our scheme as foolhardy.

Then Bob said it: "Too cold for me. I'm heading back."

Don't ask why, but the rest of us stood and watched as Bob climbed into his truck and drove away. Now we were stranded, committed, and cold.

With nothing else to do, we shuddered our packs and set the tent.

After a while, the exertion warmed us and we were as comfortable as humans can be at 25 below zero. We skied across a bog where moose often browse in warmer weather, then entered the forest-slopes and began coming to grips with Fawn Pass.

We were a few hours into the journey when I noticed the tent poles were missing from Gary's pack. He dropped his pack on a flash-frost I told him, and there was a hint of fear in his eyes.

When Gary gets worried in the woods, I start to worry. He is a big, strong guy - a fireman and commercial raft guide - who skied extensively in the Canadian Rockies and taken month-long canoe trips north of the Arctic Circle.

He lit out like a greyhound, retracing our tracks with a feverish intensity. My brother and I waited, and as we waited, we got cold.

Gary finally returned, poles in hand, and we set off again.

Darkness was closing fast as we crested Fawn Pass, but we could see the area looked ominously ripe for an avalanche. One by one, we skied through the gap and traversed north to escape the probable slide path.

We pitched the tent and reheated the elk steppoff we'd brought for dinner. It was cold the instant we laddled it from the pot, so we gobbled it down as fast as possible. Then we settled in for a long, uneasy night.

After the war, everyone's a general - and now I know we were almost suicidally stupid for not digging a snow cave. Our thin nylon tent didn't retain any heat, but a snow cave would've been dozens of degrees warmer.

As it was, the temperature got down to 35 below in West Yellowstone that night - and our high, lonely campsite was undoubtedly even colder. It was, by far, the most on-the-edge night I've ever spent.

My brother, nestled inside two down sleeping bags, awoke to find the water bottle between his knees had frozen solid.

We survived, but we were definitely shivering the next morning. With little ceremony, we struck camp and - relying on wobbly telemark technique - skied out to Mammoth.

Fittingly, the victory six-pack I'd left in the truck was frozen solid.

Outdoors Editor William Brock still uses the same sleeping bag he bought in 1976.



FREEDOM OF THE HILLS

Far from the madding crowd, southern Idaho nomad Bill Powers takes a strong line to the top of Cache Peak in the Abilón Mountains.

Backcountry skiers venture beyond the chairlifts

By Mark Weber
Times-News correspondent

STANLEY - Solitude, scenery and self-reliance are the essence of backcountry skiing.

People who are drawn to backcountry skiing often are looking for an experience far beyond the confines of chairlifts and groomed cross-country ski trails. For most people, the defining aspect of "backcountry skiing" isn't the skiing - it's being in the backcountry.

It is the lure of wild places and breathtaking scenery that draws backcountry skiers into the mountains during the harsh and often unforgiving winter.

Southern Idaho's nearby mountains provide almost limitless potential for backcountry skiing. Whether your idea of solitude and scenery is the dense forests and jagged peaks of the Sawtooth or Pioneer mountains, or the high-desert ranges of the Jarbidge and Goose Creek mountains, skiers are always guaranteed an unforgettable experience.

A trip into the backcountry, or "tour" as it's known, can be as much a sightseeing excursion as a skiing adventure. In winter, when the mountains are cloaked in a crystalline veil and all traces of humanity are hidden, even tracks left by skiers the day before can be obscured by a new snowfall. It is this trail-breaking, route-finding aspect - coupled with cold, crisp air - that sets backcountry skiing apart from warm-weather outings.

There is no right or wrong way to enjoy a backcountry tour; everything is OK as long as it's safe. Skiers can go almost anywhere they want, whenever they want, and they are only limited by their experience and skill.

For some, a bright sunny day spent striding through a forested valley in deep powder snow may be the ideal backcountry experience. For others, traversing a jagged and exposed ridge in storm may be the ticket.

Although backcountry touring can be an end in itself, nearly everyone who does it winds up enjoying a free ride courtesy of gravity. After chuffing to the top of a peak, or simply cresting a mountain



In a realm far beyond hotels and chairlifts, Bill Powers surveys the Jarbidge Mountains from a spot near his snow cave.

The checklist

- Backcountry skiing requires some special preparations:
 - ✓ Windproof and water-proof shell clothing, over perspiration-wicking layers, extra hat, gloves and socks.
 - ✓ Adequate food and water.
 - ✓ Compass and detailed map.
 - ✓ Repair kit for bindings and skis, including a spare ski "tip" to make a broken ski functional.
 - ✓ Safety equipment, including an avalanche probe pole, electronic avalanche "beeper," Star of David, and a "slope meter" to determine the angle of dangerous-looking slopes.
 - ✓ A space blanket, candles, and fire starter can prove invaluable if you're forced to huddle for warmth. Wrap some duct tape around your poles; it's versatile stuff for impromptu repairs.

pass, many backcountry skiers find their reward when they slice elegant turns down virgin slopes. Backcountry skiing can be fun and majestic, but don't underestimate the dangers. Mistakes made in the dead of winter can be punished by death.

Hypothermia and avalanches are two of the most obvious perils of backcountry skiing, but even getting lost can have dire consequences.

Given the stakes, trying to learn basic map-and-compass skills in a blizzard miles from the nearest

road is a losing proposition. Scouting a safe route through avalanche-prone terrain is another skill not to take for granted.

As the Boy Scouts say, "Be prepared." If you're not prepared, you should at least be able to recognize when you're getting in over your head - and turn back before things go wrong.

This is where the third "S" of backcountry skiing - self-reliance - becomes a factor. In the vast majority of cases, you and your companions will be the only people in the area, so being able to fend for yourself is crucial.

Experienced backcountry skiers typically are veteran outdoors travelers with solid wilderness skills. They pay attention to the wind, temperature, rate of snowfall, steepness of terrain, and myriad other details to minimize their exposure to danger.

Moreover, most backcountry skiers are strong skiers who cut their teeth at commercial ski areas and on designated cross-country trails. Having been there and done that, they've moved on to bigger challenges with bigger consequences for failure.

If you're new to the game, but you're game anyway, do your best to make up for lost time.

Read up on backcountry safety and survival, take a field course if you can, and make your first few trips with people who know more about backcountry skiing than you do. If you can't rustle up any friends with solid backcountry experience, it can pay - rather than cost - to hire a professional guide.



With the Big Wood River steaming in the background, a lone skier glides along the Boulder Mountain Trail.

The great escape North Valley trails system goes from near death to life

By Julie Lynn Casey
Times-News correspondent

KETCHUM - Want to slip away from life's cares and ski through the woods on groomed cross-country trails?

If that's your ambition, then Galena Lodge should be your destination. It's the perfect place to get a little exercise, then enjoy a hearty lunch.

The Wood River Valley's winter reputation is built on alpine-skiing, but its cross-country skiing is equally good. No less an authority than Snow Country magazine, in its September issue, declared the North Valley trails to be "arguably the best in the United States."

Twenty miles of groomed trails wind through the Wood River Valley from Galena Lodge to the Sawtooth National Recreation Area headquarters, seven miles north of Ketchum.

The trail network was created in 1992 by a group of volunteers committed to high-quality, affordable skiing.

Altogether, 140 kilometers of groomed ski tracks encompass Lake Creek, North Fork, Billy's Bridges, Galena Lodge and Boulder Mountain trails, according to the Blaine County Recreation District.

"It's always been our mission to provide affordable recreation," said Mary Austin Crofts, executive director of the Blaine County Recreation District. Toward that end, day passes are \$7 for adults, and \$2 for children and dogs.

Regular visitors might want to buy season passes, which run \$70 for adults, \$120 for couples, and \$130 for families. Doggie season passes are \$10.

(Don't scoff at doggie passes; 711 of them were sold last season.) The trail system is totally supported by pass sales and public donations. No tax subsidy maintains the trails or equipment, according to Crofts.

Passes are available at the recreation district's office in Hailey, and at several outdoor equipment shops in the valley. For more information, call 788-2117.

Galena Lodge and the surrounding trails are slated to open Nov. 22. For a daily trail report, call the North Valley Trails hotline at 726-0662.

If your tastes run more toward a winter hike than gliding on skinny skis, Galena Lodge offers a small network of trails for snowshoeing. Rental snowshoes are available at Galena Lodge.

Galena Lodge nearly passed into folklore in 1993 after a succession of failed attempts to operate it as a profit-making enterprise. The U.S. Forest Service was ready to tear down Galena Lodge or move it.

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OUTDOORS

Magic Mountain caters to families, fun day trips

By Mark Weber
Times-News correspondent

HANSEN - Back in 1938, Magic Mountain had the only ski lift in southern Idaho. Nearly six decades later, the diverse little ski area is as popular as ever.

Twenty-seven miles south of Hansen on Rock Creek Road, Magic Mountain is barely an hour's drive from downtown Twin Falls. Its location in the South Hills makes it one of the Magic Valley's most convenient ski areas.

The area features one double chairlift, a Poma lift and a rope tow. These offer access to 700 feet of vertical relief spread over 326 acres of skiable terrain.

Lift tickets are \$18 for a full day and \$14 for a half day. A 10-day punch pass is \$100 at Elevation Sports and Claude's Sports in Twin Falls.

A full-day ticket for Magic Mountain's Poma lift is \$11, while a half-day ticket is \$9. If you're content to stick with the rope tow, it'll cost you \$2. Anyone over 70 or under 16 skis for free.

As befits a small-ski area, the lifts operate on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The average annual snowfall is around 125 inches, so skiers and snowboarders of all ages and abilities can find what they're looking for at Magic Mountain.

Skiers and snowboarders can expect to see the Poma lift on Pike Mountain operating on a regular basis this year, which will mean more available terrain and shorter lift lines.

Magic Mountain will host the Winter Special Olympics this season.

Skiers and snowboarders can look forward to varied terrain, with about 30 percent of the runs suited for beginners, 35 percent for intermediates, and 35 percent for advanced skiers. Also, snowboarders can enjoy a modest "half-pipe" located at mid-mountain, and experienced skiers can stretch their legs on more than 15 miles of nearby trails.

Magic's 11 designated trails run the gamut, from wide and gentle to steep and bumpy. For first-time skiers, the Mini Magic rope tow is a good place to start. After mastering a few of the basics, most skiers will want to move over to either the chairlift or the Poma lift.

For intermediate skiers and snowboarders looking to push their limits, it's hard to beat runs like Lower Magic Bowl and Wizard. Wizard mixes short, steep sections with cruising terrain to keep things interesting. Lower Magic Bowl starts out steep, then eases off before the trail gets narrow and passes under the lift.

Magic's untamed black diamond runs can challenge even the best skiers and snowboarders. If you think you're pretty good,



MARK WEBER/The Times-News
Hansen residents Elijah and Jessica Weber hang on grimly as they master the mysteries of the rope tow at Magic Mountain.

then try your luck at Tricky - which tumbles down a steep pitch near the top of the chairlift.

If you're into moguls, Lift Line is the perfect place to show off your skills. This narrow bump run cuts a path directly beneath the chairlift, so you are guaranteed a captive audience. It's an excellent place for anyone who wants to go for glory, but be forewarned: If you take a spill and have a "yard sale," you can expect to hear a

few chuckles from above.

If your skills are solid and you prefer adrenaline in large doses, then head for the cliffs on and down these rock outcrops provide a nice launch pad for those looking to earn frequent-flier miles.

Don't let Magic Mountain's diminutive size fool you. This area has plenty of expert terrain for those with advanced skills.

Soldier put up fight

By William Brock
Times-News writer

FAIRFIELD - In the southern reaches of the Soldier Mountains, not far north of Free Gold Creek, there's a modest ski area with a famous owner.

The Soldier Mountain Ski Resort is partly owned by Hollywood action-hero Bruce Willis, but its roots are firmly embedded in small-town Idaho. Full-day lift tickets are \$25, while half-day passes are \$18; a 10-day pass runs \$199.

The area has two chairlifts that provide access to 1,400 vertical feet of terrain spread over 1,147 acres. For skiers who prefer to think small, there's a 300-foot rope-tow.

Skiers who prefer to think big can ride a six-seat far above the chairlifts. At \$149 per day, Snowcat skiing isn't cheap. But a trip to the top allows skiers to sweep through 3,760 vertical feet en route to the base area.

The \$149 fee also entitles skiers to stop for lunch and liquid refreshment in a heated hut. Even with a lengthy lunch stop, an aggressive skier can rack up 10,000 feet in a single day of Snowcat skiing, said Matt Baxandall, mountain manager for Soldier Mountain.

There are 36 groomed runs on the chairlift-served portion of the mountain. Most are suited for intermediate skiers, while the remainder tend to favor beginning skiers and snowboarders, Baxandall said.

Soldier Mountain typically opens in early December.

The coming season probably will be Soldier Mountain's last as a two-chair ski area.

"Plans have already been approved for a third chairlift that would stretch to the top of Monument Peak, Baxandall said. At 1,200 vertical feet, the proposed chairlift would be Soldier Mountain's highest.

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Oblivious to the grandeur before them, skiers pause to look before they leap into 'College' on Bald Mountain.

Sun Valley snowmakers get a jump on Mother Nature

By Julie Casey Lynn
Times-News writer

SUN VALLEY — When the first snow falls, many people wish that Indian Summer could last a little longer. Then it gets colder and people break out the ski equipment.

At this point, Indian Summer is the last thing on anyone's mind. Instead, most folks are ready to step onto their boards and launch into a high-speed alpine ski run.

Come snow or shine, there will be skiing on Sun Valley's Bald Mountain. The automated snow-making system has been pumping snow onto the slopes since late October.

Of course, the man-made stuff could become moot if Mother Nature dumps a big, wet storm on the mountain. Either way it's pretty likely the slopes will open 4-6 days before Thanksgiving, according to Sun Valley spokesman Jack Sibbach.

"If we have a reasonably cold

Sun Valley on the cheap

❑ Skiing in Sun Valley before the Christmas crowd arrives is a whole lot less expensive than it is after the holidays. Before Dec. 19, an adult day pass will be \$33. After that, a regular adult lift ticket will cost \$52.

❑ Another way to save money is to buy early-season bulk tickets for \$26 apiece. Early-season bulk tickets must be purchased before Nov. 24; they are valid from Dec. 1 to Dec. 24, and after April 1.

❑ There is a final way to ski Sun Valley for less — and that's with an Idaho Card. Card holders can buy daily lift tickets for \$22 until Dec. 19, and \$33 thereafter. Idaho Cards cost \$45 for the first card in the family, \$20 for second, and \$10 for each additional card in the family. Early-season bulk tickets and Idaho Cards will be on sale at Claude's Sports in Twin Falls Nov. 22-23.

fall, it'll happen," Sibbach said.

The plan is to have top-to-bottom skiing available Nov. 26th from the River Run and Warm Springs sides — with additional runs opening as natural snow accumulates. For current snow conditions, call 1-800-635-4150.

Don't scoff at man-made snow, because Sun Valley's world-class system has the capacity to make about 20 different types of snow, according to Peter Stearns, director of snow making.

Each night, a fleet of grooming cats is dispatched to smooth the runs to perfection. Come morning, skiers are greeted with untracked corduroy trails that lead straight to cruising heaven.

For early-season skiers who are intimidated by Bald Mountain, a short rope tow will be available at the bottom of River Run. It's a perfect place to build confidence before venturing onto one of America's most legendary ski hills.

Times-News correspondent, Julie Casey Lynn can be reached at 726-7894.

Trails

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Finally, a communitywide effort was launched to raise enough money to purchase, renovate and endow the future operations of Galena Lodge.

In the end, more than \$500,000 was raised to ensure its future as a publicly owned facility, according to the North Valley Trails & Galena Lodge annual report.

The Galena Lodge-North Valley Trails Advisory Committee will host the second annual Winter Benefit and Auction at 7 p.m. Nov. 22 in the Limelight Room in the Sun Valley Village. Tickets are \$50; half is tax deductible.

Last year's benefit netted \$50,000. This year's goal is \$55,000, which will be spent toward a new \$138,500 Piston

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said Shelly Preston, trails and special projects coordinator.

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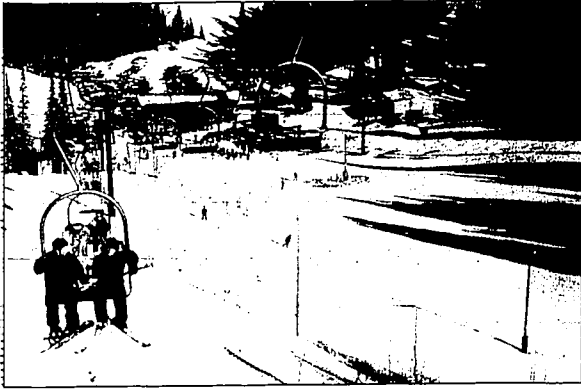
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Pomerelle Mountain Resort near Albion usually has the highest snowfall totals in the area, including Sun Valley. Photo courtesy Pomerelle Mountain Resort

Skiers, snowboarders coexist peacefully at Pomerelle resort

By Nancy Miller
Times-News correspondent

ALBION - It's been a 35-year wait, but now winter sports enthusiasts heading for Pomerelle Mountain Resort will drive a paved mountain road instead of a gravel washboard.

"Hopefully the paving will be an asset to all types of outdoor recreation," said Sandy Anderson, who with her husband Woolly has owned and operated the ski resort since 1973.

The road isn't the only thing that's changed at Pomerelle over the years.

The ski area started out lower on the mountain and was moved to the present site in 1959. The Andersons have made many improvements over the past 25 years, and the area boasts 1,000 vertical feet of skiing terrain.

"We are the winter farmers of the Magic Valley. We pack it, groom it, and make it good for the skiers and snowboarders," Anderson said.

Pomerelle can accommodate everyone from beginners to daring mountaineers, as well as those who prefer snowboards to skis. The area is served by one triple lift, one double lift, one rope lift and a handle tow.

Once the season opens, Pomerelle will be open from 9:30 to 4 p.m. seven days a week. Starting Dec. 26, night skiing will be available Tuesday through Saturday from 4 to 10 p.m.

The price of lift tickets is holding steady at \$20 for a full day on weekends or holidays; half-day tickets are available at 12:30 p.m. on weekends for \$15. During the week, full-day lift tickets are \$15. Night skiing is \$10, while a full day-and-night pass is \$23.

The Lady's Day program, which began last season, was so popular the resort plans to offer it again this year. The four-week program includes a lift ticket, lessons and lunch for \$55. Classes are open to women at all levels of skiing ability.

A Men's Day program is now in the planning stage. Anderson added she wants to hear from men who are interested in order to create the best possible program.

A free "Learn to Ski" Day will be held Saturday, Dec. 20, begin-

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- Sandy Anderson,
Pomerelle co-owner

ning at 10 a.m. The offered is open to people who have never skied before and includes a lesson, ski rental equipment and use of the rope tow at no charge.

Also new at Pomerelle this season are "shaped" rental skis.

"These skis differ in configuration from the traditional models, with broader shovel and tail, which make learning to ski much easier," Anderson explained.

The ski area also has a new cat to groom the mountain terrain. The slopes were groomed extensively this summer to accommo-

date skiers and snowboarders, Anderson said.

Last season - which was an exceptional one - Pomerelle was blessed with 600 inches of unsettled snowfall. The average snow depth is between 475 and 500 unsettled inches.

Over the years, many school classes have trekked to Pomerelle from throughout southern Idaho. The ski area offers four to eight-week programs, and as well as field trips.

Pomerelle's ski school offers lessons seven days a week, including evenings. Ski and snowboard rental packages are available.

If you want to leave the driving to others, Pomerelle-bound buses leave Jerome at approximately 6:45 a.m. on weekends and holidays. The buses stop in Twin Falls, Burley, Rupert, Declo and Allion en route to the resort.

For further information about the Pomerelle Mountain Ski Resort call 673-5559. For a recorded message on ski conditions and other special information, call 673-5555 after 7:30 a.m.

CSI ski swap planned next weekend

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - Anyone looking to buy - or sell - used ski equipment should plan to swing by the College of Southern Idaho on Nov. 14-16.

The CSI ski swap will be held in the school gymnasium. All manner of outdoor winter equipment is welcome. For people with gear to sell, the equipment check-in period is 3-5 p.m. on Nov. 14.

The sale itself will run from 9 p.m. on Nov. 14, then continue the next day from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and conclude on Nov. 16 from 10 to 2 p.m.

For people whose gear doesn't sell, the pick-up period will be from 2-3 p.m. on Nov. 16. For more information, call 733-9554, ext. 2226.

Jerome gun club schedules event

The Times-News

JEROME - The Jerome County Rod and Gun Club will hold its monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the range northeast of Jerome.

The range will be open around 4:30 p.m. for anyone who would like to shoot a round of trap before the meeting. Both members and non-members are invited. For more information, call John L. Weston Sr. at 324-7374.

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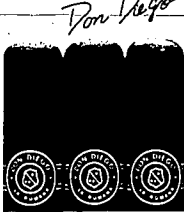


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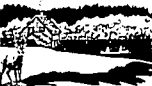
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OUTDOORS

Rail workers, friends accused of poaching

BOISE (AP) — A yearlong investigation by the Idaho Department of Fish and Game has revealed a poaching ring that involved employees of the Idaho Northern and Pacific Railroad.

Fish and Game officers will file charges over the next several months against 10 people in six states who were caught killing wildlife from trains and along the tracks. "All of them were on a train in a remote area, and they didn't think anyone was watching them," Fish and Game conservation officer George Fischer said.

The killings took place along the Emmett-to-Cascade line of the railroad based in LaGrande, Ore. Some of the poachings also

took place on an old line to Council, which has been closed for more than a year.

Idaho Northern and Pacific Railroad officials have cooperated with Fish and Game officials in the investigation, which concluded last month.

Violations include killing an eagle, killing mountain lions, unlawful bear trapping, interstate transportation of illegally taken game, hunting without a license, tags or stamps, waste of deer and waterfowl and shooting from a moving vehicle.

Each Fish and Game violation can carry a fine of up to \$1,000, a six-month jail-term and civil penalties to make up for the loss of wildlife to the state.

However, under a state law approved earlier this year, "flagrant violators" can face lifetime revocation of hunting licenses and a doubling of civil penalties.

"This will be a good test for the new law," Fischer said.

Some of those charged no longer work for the railroad or were friends and relatives of employees in other states. Arrests are expected in California, Illinois, Minnesota, South Dakota and Wyoming.

In addition to violating game laws, the employees were violating company policy against carrying guns on company trains. National transportation regulations also prohibit carrying weapons on trains.

When love of deer hunting meets obstacles

By Karl Uelis
The Colorado Springs Gazette

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — I meant to hunt deer last weekend, had every intention of being in the field when my big-game season dawned, as I have every year for more than I really care to contemplate.

I'd been tempted by an invitation more than a year ago to hunt timberline bucks with horses, but delayed making a decision.

I was on a roll. I'd received permission, through friendship, to hunt deer on a ranch property within commuting distance of Colorado Springs the past two years and had taken a respectable male deer buck each year. Why not keep a good thing going?

I applied for and in due time received a limited license for the plains deer season. I've always particularly enjoyed hunting within commuting distance of the crowds, and in a convoluted sort of way had found my hunting solitude within sight of the ever-brighter pre-dawn skies above Denver and Colorado Springs and the relentless strings of mercury vapor lights from houses already mushrooming across the prairie.

But I was not alone. Early morning winds stirred restless cottonwoods, swept through the dark pines. They conveyed a certain communion with others who through the ages also had listened for deer stirring in the shadows below.

This year, I had told myself, I would make the time - even forego elk hunting if necessary - to look for a buck of true trophy dimensions. Quality deer hunting just might be my favorite, and time was running out on my private little hot spot. Already there were houses all around. More sprouted up each year. Was it just a matter of time?

I ran into the owner in a restaurant late last summer. "Oh, by the way," he asked. "Starts your deer season?" "When's Oct. 25 ... Runs a week and a half ..."

"Oh, good. You're still OK then. I sold the ranch, but it's not official until the first of November. You can hunt until then."

For all I knew, houses would begin covering my deer spot next year. Another era was about to

end. The land where untold generations of men had hunted countless generations of deer would become yet another subdivision of trophy houses, complete with barns for trendy horses and garages for sport utility vehicles and mini-tractors.

Still, I intended to hunt, if only as a sort of last hurrah. I could drive out Friday evening, spend the night in a sleeping bag in an old barn, maybe even the old house. I'd be there at first light, as always.

I got home a little later than expected. Felt a certain forbidding. Turned on the weather channel. The forecast was for a developing winter storm, with the potential for some snowfall.

Oh, well, if I left now ... The thought of a good take-out Chinese dinner at home won't over the prospect of rounding up camping gear and heading out into the night.

I'd get up well before sunrise, instead, and drive out in plenty of time for the morning hunt. With a little luck, I'd be back in the afternoon.

The blizzard hit before dawn.

The highway was closed. Drifting snow covered back roads, ranch roads, game trails.

The snow continued to fall.

And fall and fall and drift. Hunting was out of the question - even if I could get to the hunting grounds. My season was over.

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Colorado's Garden of the Gods sprouts rock-climbing interest

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP)—The sweet sandstone pillars at Garden of the Gods are enough to inspire anyone.

At age 67, Manfred Rüttemeyer watched the technical climbers scale the various spires at Garden of the Gods and felt that gut urge: He had to try rock climbing.

And with the guidance of a seasoned climber, he is learning to negotiate the many cracks, slabs and faces of the scenic city park's jagged rock formations.

Although Garden of the Gods is inspiring, it isn't the only place to rock-climb in the Pikes Peak region.

In fact, because of its crumbly sandstone and handholds, it isn't even a favorite for area climbers. But within about a 60-mile radius of Colorado Springs are some of the best — and scenic — granite, limestone, conglomerate and sandstone rock formations offering thousands of technical climbing routes. The climbs range from gently angled scrambles to overhanging cliffs that challenge the most seasoned climbers.

As a whole, Colorado has a greater variety of rock nature routes than any other state except possibly California, according to Stewart M. Green, author of "Rock Climbing Colorado."

All technical climbing routes are rated 5-something. The first figure means that a rope is needed for safety. The second figure rates the difficulty. A 5.5 climb is for beginners, while the best can lead routes in the 5.12 or 5.13 range. A 5.10 climb is twice as difficult as a 5.9 climb, so difficulty doubles with each increment.

Here's a look at some of the more popular rock-climbing areas in the Pikes-Peak region. Turkey Rocks. The one-hour drive to this cluster of rocks off Colorado Highway 67 near Westcreek is worthwhile for those who love granite crack climbs and traditional rather than bolted routes. And it offers great climbing year-round, with more than 200 routes. The cracks start at 5.7, so the area caters to more experienced climbers.

"It's a terrible place for beginners," says Cathy McKeen, 50, of Black Forest, who started climbing on her 45th birthday and modestly rates herself a 5.9 climber. "It's the best crack climbing place in the state and the best."

One of the climbs is Gobbler's Grunt, a three-pitch (a pitch is about one 165-foot rope-length) crack rated 5.9. The first pitch is the state and the best. It's a 5.9 move, with virtually no letup until the final pitch, McKeen says.

The "crux" (most difficult move) is a lie-back (where the climber lays back from the rock) over a projecting rock or "roof" when the crack closes up. Sphinx Rock.

The most difficult crack climb in Colorado is on Sphinx Rock, just outside Pine on Jefferson County Road 126 northwest of Woodland Park, says Mike Endres, a mountaineering instructor with the Colorado Mountain Club.

"Sphinx Crack," also known as "Fate Crack," is a 5.13b/c (climbs with high-difficulty ratings are broken down into b, c and d categories that specify even more precisely how hard they are) without bolts, so it requires protection, or "pro."

There are easier routes on this rock and other rock formations in the area. Bucksnot Slab and Squat Rock, near Sphinx Crack, for instance, offer numerous climbs at easy to moderate levels, Endres says.

"You could spend a lifetime climbing back there," he says of the South Platte river drainage, which includes solid granite climbing near Pine, Conifer and Turkey Rock areas.

There are several granite rock formations and more than 250



Colorado college students James Freldestein, left, and Jeff Unger do some technical climbing near Colorado Springs this fall.

climbs in this canyon along the South Platte River just south of Lake George off U.S. Highway 24. Elevenmile is the best place for multi-pitch routes and those learning to lead climbs, Endres said.

One of his favorite routes is Moby Grape, a three-pitch climb rated 5.7 because of a difficult move at the top. The rest is much easier 5.5 or 5.6 climbing, Endres says. The climb can end after the first pitch with a two-rope rappel, or after the third pitch with a walk down.

Seasoned climbers find routes like this more fun than frightening. "I can climb it without fearing whether I'll fall," says Endres. "It's a traditional route. And it's a beautiful dihedral (open-book corner) with a crack running up the middle."

It's an hour's drive from Colorado Springs, and there is a \$3 entrance fee to the Elevenmile State Park, Shelf Road.

Lou Kalina, who has climbed in Europe, South America and nearly every region of the United States and Canada, always returns to the Pikes Peak region for some of his favorite climbing.

And Shelf Road headlines that list of favorites. In fact, Kalina established some of the routes at the Shelf Road Climbing Area.

"The more experienced climbers are going to head to Shelf Road," says Kalina, sales manager at Mountain Chalet. The limestone offers a unique climbing experience, similar to what is found in Europe. "It's kind of the rave rock to climb on right now."

It is located on Shelf Road between Canon City and Cripple Creek and offers good year-round climbing, Kalina says.

Although the area offers hundreds of routes with bolted face climbs, it's geared toward advanced climbers. Most routes start at 5.9 or 5.10. Pikes Peak is the place to go for Alpine climbing. The climbs usually start at advanced levels, 5.9 and higher and at elevations of about 11,000 feet.

The climbing areas are on the peak's northeastern slopes, accessed by the Pikes Peak Highway. Pericle Rock has nine routes, with the easiest starting at 5.7. The most popular is called

Arching Jams, a three-pitch 5.10 climb. Pericle Rock is 16.7 miles off the highway.

The other rock, Bigger Bagger, has nine climbs with the easiest routes starting at 5.9. This rock is 15.2 miles up the highway, Castellow Canyon.

Castellow Canyon, north of Castle + Rocks, offers short, bolted climbs. Finding the routes, however, can be difficult, and the

short climbs are not as rewarding as some other spots. McKeen and Endres say. Yet it is the main place to go for conglomerate rock climbing. "A guidebook is definitely a necessity at Castellow," Kalina notes. Garden of the Gods.

Through a lot of the Garden of the Gods sandstone is flaky, crumbly (it can break off in a climber's hand or under his feet) and erodes quickly so that bolts and anchors aren't always reliable, it's still popular because it's so close to town — and so uniquely beautiful.

The Garden has hundreds of routes, ranging from 5.5 to 5.12.

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OUTDOORS

Idaho pheasants thrive under protective program

EMMETT (AP) — Grace, a yellow lab, spent the day breaking through amazing pheasant habitat near Emmett, the key to a successful pheasant hunt.

After more than two decades of losing pheasant space to subdivisions and other development, biologists and hunters believe they are starting to see the loss.

Cravelsky, hedgerows and other hiding places are again popping up on the outskirts of urban areas. "I feel better about the future of pheasants," said Tom Hemker, Idaho Fish and Game's pheasant biologist.

This fall is shaping up to be as good as last year in southern Idaho and down slightly in other parts of the state. But it is still better than the early 1990s.

Hunting season sank to 102,700 birds in 1989. The number of pheasants hunters fell from 70,000 to 30,000.

Help is coming from habitat projects, like the Federal Conservation Reserve Program, which farmers are paid to set aside land and

booster the hiding areas.

The Pheasant Forever group has 12 chapters and 1,700 members in Idaho. They have raised more than \$2 million for habitat projects.

Hemker said biologists realize pheasants are by no means on a solid upward trend, but they are optimistic.

The ideal habitat is about 40 acres of cover on each 640-acre section of land.

Some bihumt or tungsten-iron. I guarantee you'll see a difference.

(Eric Sharp is outdoors writer for the Detroit Free Press. Write to him at: Detroit Free Press, 321 West Lafayette Boulevard, Detroit, or visit him at 4826, Park Row, World Wide Web site of the Detroit Free Press, at http://www.freep.com.)

They averaged two more shots before stopping a bird after dropping it. One guy chased a goose about 150 yards, using four shells to finish it. If every bird shot with steel shells required that much killing, the new non-toxic loads would be cheaper by half in the long run.

I haven't used the new tungsten-iron shot. None of the places I've checked have it, and I'm not sure I'd bother if it was available.

The new tungsten-iron shot from Federal Cartridge Co. actually packs a little more punch than bihumt, but I'm not convinced it's worth it.

Recently, No. 4 steel shells were selling in one store for \$15 per box of \$5. No. 4 bihumt was about \$15 for 10, and tungsten-iron was \$22 for 10.

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HULBERT, Mich. — The ducks on the beaver pond are a black and a pair of mallards. It's a small pond, but it's got at least one I can get within range, but first I have to cross about 50 yards where the only cover is marsh grass.

They're about three inches of water, I get to a clump of tall grass 10 feet from the pond. I'm happy to get this far, because black ducks are almost as wary as mallards.

The ducks are still dodging about 25 yards away, so I take some time to settle down. Then I stand on the shoulder the 12-gauge over-and-under as the birds erupt from the water.

The black is first off, and I drop him with a No. 4 steel at about 30 yards. Swinging to the left, I see the mallard with the second barrel at 40 yards. He drops but swims for an opening in a beaver dam. If he gets through, I'll lose him on the creek, but I reload and wait him again when he's five yards from the dam.

And as I walk around the edge of the pond to retrieve the duck, I find a second, and a third, more steel shot. From now on, it's going to be bihumt, tungsten-iron or any other new and effective blends.

I'd suggest you give some thought to making the same decision. Last year I gave several boxes of shells from the Bismuth Cartage Co. (now owned by Winchester) to friends. They liked the bihumt immensely but complained about the cost, roughly double that of steel.

OUTDOORS Eric Sharp

ated with waterfowl hunting? Bismuth shot is about 90 percent as heavy as lead; steel is about 90 percent as heavy as lead.

Bismuth shot impacts about 90 percent of the energy of lead at the 30- to 50-yard ranges at which most waterfowl are shot; steel has about 60 percent of the killing force of lead.

During early Canada goose season, I watched hunters chase crippled geese across a northern

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Personal Representative NOTICE November 6, 1997. In the DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS. Case No. SP-97-920. NOTICE OF HEARING. The father of the Pauls in or is not relevant.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Notice is hereby given by the Planning and Zoning Commission for the City of Twin Falls, Idaho, that a public hearing will be held on November 25, 1997, at 7:00 P.M., in the City Hall Council Chambers, located at 381 Second Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho, to hear a request for a zoning change from R-1 to R-2.

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THE ACES ON BRIDGE

Bobby Wolff

The who does anything because it is the custom, makes no choice.

John Stuart Mill

Every bridge player is familiar with the adage "third hand bluff" Applying this rule works well much of the time. However, sometimes one must substitute thought for rules, and today's game offers a good example.

A routine defense creates few problems for South. After West leads his heart five, East gives South the game if he plays an automatic third hand high. After East's king wins, East returns the jack to dummy's ace, and South leads his heart five. East gives South the game if he plays an automatic third hand high. After East's king wins, East returns the jack to dummy's ace, and South leads his heart five. East gives South the game if he plays an automatic third hand high.

Over which East departs from a routine defense? He holds 15 HCP, he has heard HCP in dummy, and he has heard South open one no-trump. Unless the deck is faulty, it's clear West has no face cards.

Instead of third hand high, East should play his jack at trick one. This gives South a problem. In today's layout, South can duck to counter East's shrewd move. But what if West had the king instead of East? Then South would lose his heart queen, and the game would surely fall.

After South takes his heart queen at trick one, the game must fall. When East wins his first minor-suit ace, he leads his heart king to dummy's ace. And when East wins his second minor-suit ace, he leads his last heart to West, limiting South to only eight tricks.

North 11-6 A ♠ 10 7 3 A ♠ 4 4 ♠ 7 3 ♠ 4 8 2 3 WEST ♠ 3 4 2 EAST ♠ 10 8 7 5 2 ♠ 5 2 ♠ 4 3 S ♠ 5 4 3

South 10-11 A ♠ 9 3 ♠ K Q 10 6 ♠ K J 10 9 WEST ♠ 5 2 EAST ♠ 10 8 7 5 2 ♠ 5 2 ♠ 4 3 S ♠ 5 4 3

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