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Today: Partly cloudy, slight chance of rain, high 48. Same tonight, low 30.

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The nitty-gritty



Idaho Gov. Dirk Kempthorne gives his annual State of the Budget address Wednesday at the Capitol in Boise. The budget includes no tax increases.

Kempthorne unveils budget details

By Bob Fick
Associated Press
BOISE - Buoyed by a solid state economy, Gov. Dirk Kempthorne outlined a \$1.8 billion general tax budget on Wednesday that proposes shelling \$54 million in the state's savings account.
Even with diverting the bulk of the surplus away from programs and projects, Kempthorne said the blueprint for 2000-2001 maintains a quality school system, expands job creation efforts and continues the commitment to public safety.
'It is a budget that is balanced, and it is a budget that contains no tax increases,' Kempthorne

said in the second budget message of his term.
'I believe it reflects the priorities of the people of Idaho.'
One major change for education is the governor's decision to have public schools absorb the escalating cost of the 1995 property tax relief package.
Until this budget proposal, the Legislature had maintained the commitment to fully finance that piece of the school package separately from annual increases in basic state support for education.

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Kempthorne's plan siphons \$4.1 million from the direct aid allocation to cover the higher cost of tax relief caused by rising property values.
But the centerpiece of the budget package - parking most of the surplus in the Budget Stabilization Fund - left many unsettled in the nation's most Republican Legislature.
While hard-pressed to disagree with putting money away as a hedge against tougher times, they questioned the magnitude of the

deposit, especially when little more than cash for pay hikes and increased workloads was provided to post-secondary and vocational education and other agencies.
The governor's proposal also served to antagonize lawmakers already aggravated by his push to dump the state's tobacco settlement payments - \$30 million this year - into a special trust with only the interest earnings on it available for spending.
Together, more than \$84 million would be swept from the budgeting table where many spending demands have been shown to the back burner for years by the Legislature's conservatism.

Education plan receives lukewarm reception

By Michael Jouvee
Times-News writer
BOISE - Education may be taking the front seat this year in Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's vision for the future, but Magic Valley legislators and state education authorities are cautious to praise the governor's proposals just yet.
The governor's Wednesday budget address to a joint session of the 55th Idaho Legislature, the nuts-and-bolts follow-up to the idealistic framework of his State of the State speech on Monday, outlined Kempthorne's proposed \$1.8 billion state budget and gave legislators an idea of the

governor's priorities for the fiscal year 2001.
High on that list of priorities is a remedy for safety and health risks at Idaho school campuses.
Calling it the state's 'moral obligation' to give Idaho students a safe and healthy learning environment, Kempthorne proposed the Legislature set up a safety loan program for school districts to draw from for fixing

dangerous or unhealthy situations on their campuses. It is estimated that between \$25 and \$48 million would be needed to complete the task statewide.
The state, in turn, would pay the interest on those loans through a \$2.5 million annual allocation that Kempthorne said would total between \$40 million and \$50 million over 20 years.
'That's the incentive we're

offering,' Kempthorne said Wednesday. 'If schools are willing, we'll help them clean the slate on unsafe conditions, and make sure it stays that way.'
Of Kempthorne's \$1.8 billion budget for education, \$873 million is earmarked for K-12 programs with the remainder going to higher education. Of the total budget, 65.5 percent is designated for education.
Depending on who you ask, Kempthorne's proposals for continuing the 'Generation of the Child' are either too far-reaching or not far-reaching enough.

'The jury's still out on that one.'
-Rep. Leon Smith, R-Twin Falls

DEADLY BLAZE

Seton Hall student Virginia Wanamaker ponders a reporter's question Wednesday outside the student center in South Orange, N.J. Wanamaker escaped from her dorm using a ladder during a fire that killed three students and injured about 60 others. For more, please see page A4.



Report: New nutrition guidelines might include benefits of alcohol

The Associated Press
WASHINGTON - Nutrition experts revising the government's dietary guidelines want to tell Americans to limit sugary drinks and sweets and cut down on foods rich in saturated fats such as meat and dairy products.
The guidelines also would specify for the first time who might benefit from moderate consumption of alcoholic drinks - primarily middle-aged men and women - according to a draft obtained by The Associated Press this week.
The revised standards also will put more emphasis on eating whole grains, fruits and vegeta-

bles, and include food safety.
First published in 1980, the guidelines are revised every five years to reflect the latest developments in scientific research.
'I think the dietary guidelines will actually ... provide consumers advice that's a little stronger and more straightforward.'
- Margo Wootan, nutrition advocate

Federally funded nutrition programs, including school lunches and Meals on Wheels, are required to adhere to the recommendations, and they are also widely used by professionals and dietitians in advising consumers.
'Really when they come up for revision it seems like an opportunity for the food industry to weaken them,' said Margo Wootan, with the Center for Science in the Public Interest, a nutrition advocacy group. 'This time I think the dietary guidelines will actually ... provide consumers advice that's a little stronger and more straightforward.'

Robbery suspect nabbed

Man being held in Vegas might have robbed TF bank

By Brian Haynes
Times-News writer
LAS VEGAS, Nev. - A suspect in last week's robbery of a Twin Falls bank was being held in a Las Vegas hospital Wednesday following a police chase and shootout.
Utah man Mark J. Simonich, 39, who is also a suspect in a Mesquite, Nev., bank robbery, was in the hospital because of injuries he suffered in the Sunday shooting.
His medical condition was unavailable.
Simonich fits the description of the man who on Jan. 12 robbed Zions Bank inside Smith's grocery store at 1913 Addison Ave. E. Three days later a man matching Simonich's description robbed Nevada State Bank inside a Smith's grocery store in Mesquite, a news release from the Twin Falls police said.
Local FBI agents were heading to Las Vegas to interview Simonich, Twin Falls police officer John Wilson said.
Simonich was arrested early Sunday after leading Las Vegas police on a chase through part of the city, the Las Vegas Review-

Keep waste plant out, officials told
By N.S. Nokkettved
Times-News writer
TWIN FALLS - People don't want it, the government hasn't shown it needs it and incineration is the wrong way to treat...

That was the message state and federal regulators got Wednesday evening at a public hearing on a permit application for a radioactive waste treatment plant at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory.

The state Division of Environmental Quality and federal Environmental Protection Agency propose issuing a permit for treating solvents and PCBs at a plant operated for the federal government by BNFL Inc. - the American subsidiary of the British government-owned British Nuclear Fuels Ltd.
The Advanced Mixed Waste Treatment Plant would sort, treat and prepare for shipment about 3 million cubic feet of plutonium-contaminated waste that also contains solvents and PCBs. About one-fourth of the waste would be incinerated.
People who spoke at the Wednesday public hearing were skeptical of claims that the plant...

Murder in Greenwich

Kennedy nephew faces murder charge

BRIDGEPORT, Conn. (AP) — A nephew of Robert F. Kennedy was charged Wednesday with bludgeoning a girl to death with a golf club in 1975 when he was 15, providing the long-awaited break in a case that frustrated police in wealthy Greenwich and raised suspicions of a Kennedy cover-up.

Michael Skakel, 39, flew to Connecticut from his home in Florida and surrendered at Greenwich police headquarters after a warrant was issued for his arrest in the slaying of Martha Moxley. Because of Skakel's age at the time of the crime, the case will be handled, at least initially, in juvenile court.

"Michael has stated all along he did not do this," said his lawyer, Michael Sherman. "He had no knowledge of it. He had no part in it. He is not guilty."

Because Skakel was a juvenile at the time of the crime, it was not immediately clear Wednesday what penalty he could face.

Martha was beaten with a 6-iron and stabbed in the throat with a piece of the club's shattered shaft. The club was quickly matched to a set owned by the Skakel family, who lived across the street in Belle Haven, an exclusive gated community in the rich New York suburb of Greenwich.

But the investigation kept hitting dead ends, and police were accused of apathy and ineptitude. A special prosecutor quit partly in frustration over unproven claims



Martha Moxley, left, is shown here in 1974, a year before she was murdered. Michael Skakel, right, is shown here at a younger undetermined age.

there had been payoffs aimed at thwarting the probe. Skakel's father, Rushton, is the brother of Robert F. Kennedy's widow, Ethel. As the years went by and no arrests were made, rumors of a Kennedy cover-up circulated in Greenwich. The idea that someone might have gotten away with murder in this community of wealth and privilege made the case the subject of a TV movie and inspired the novel "A Season in Purgatory" by Dominick Dunne in 1993 and the nonfiction book "Murder in Greenwich," by former Los Angeles Detective Mark Fuhrman, in 1998.

Investigators got their big break during the past year, when one man grand jury heard testimony from former patients at the Elean school, a substance abuse treatment center in Maine that Skakel

attended from 1978 to 1980. Prosecutors filed court documents that said Skakel admitted killing Martha to fellow students at Elean.

Prosecutor Jonathan Benedict said juvenile law prevented him from identifying the suspect. But Sherman confirmed it was his client.

The case could get stalled in juvenile court for a year or more if Skakel's lawyer fights prosecutors' bid to transfer the case to adult court.

Martha was killed on Oct. 30, 1975. She had visited the Skakel home along with several other teen-agers after a night of partying. She left, apparently bound for home, but never made it. Her body was found the next afternoon under low-hanging fir trees on her family's property.

Both Michael Skakel and his older brother, Thomas, then 17, were considered possible suspects, along with others, including a tutor who had just moved into the Skakel house the day of the killing. The Skakel family stopped cooperating with police in 1976.

For a long time, authorities focused on Thomas. It was not until years later that they took a second look at Michael, after he changed his story about his movements the night of the killing. In 1995, in an interview with private investigators hired by his family, Skakel placed himself near the murder of the girl.



Michael Skakel arrives at Greenwich, Conn., police department Wednesday to turn himself in on an arrest warrant in connection with the 1975 murder of 15-year-old Martha Moxley.

Health care subsidiaries to pay big

BOSTON (AP) — Subsidiaries of a national kidney dialysis chain have agreed to plead guilty to fraud and kickback charges and pay \$485 million in civil and criminal penalties, federal officials announced Wednesday.

The agreement is the largest health care settlement in the department's history.

The settlement with the Massachusetts-based National Medical Care Inc. includes a criminal fine of \$101 million for wide-ranging misconduct, according to federal officials. Also included are \$385 million civil fines, penalties and restitution for fraud related to Medicare and other government health care programs.

The settlement includes allegations that company officials used Medicare and other government health insurance programs to pay for hundreds of needless tests for patients suffering from kidney disease, a condition that frequently requires patients to receive dialysis, officials said.

Part of the scheme involved misrepresenting patients' losses to justify using an expensive nutritional therapy when the loss actually had nothing to do with their kidney disease, officials said.

Lawsuit seeks Cuban boy's stay

MIAMI (AP) — Attorneys for the great-uncle of Elian Gonzalez filed a federal lawsuit Wednesday challenging the Immigration and Naturalization Service's ruling that the 6-year-old boy must be returned to his father in Cuba.

The lawsuit, called Elian Gonzalez vs. Janet Reno, seeks to overturn the INS decision. The INS' top official has ruled that Elian should be sent back to his father. The boy was rescued at sea by the Coast Guard after his mother and stepfather drowned Nov. 25 trying to reach the United States.

Last week, Attorney General Janet Reno filed an INS deadline to return the boy to his father in order to give Elian's relatives in Miami time to challenge the INS decision in federal court.



Jay Sekulow, Chief Counsel of the American Center for Law and Justice, and activist Lella Jeanne Hill, his client, talk to reporters outside the Supreme Court Wednesday concerning anti-abortion protests.

Justices express doubts on 'sidewalk counseling'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Supreme Court justices appeared divided Wednesday on whether limits on "sidewalk counseling" by anti-abortion protesters violate their free-speech rights in the name of protecting patients' privacy.

Several justices expressed doubts that a Colorado law "outrages protesters' speech" by requiring them to stay eight feet away from people entering health-care clinics unless the person consents.

"You certainly can convey anything you want to convey orally from a distance of eight feet," Justice Sandra Day O'Connor said. "This isn't some unusual provision."

But some justices were troubled that the law could apply broadly to any such activity outside a building, even when a medical office is only one of many offices in a large building.

"You're curtailing a lot of other activity that may not be relevant to the health-care facility," Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist said.

Justice Antonin Scalia asked, "In the public forum outside in the street, can we have a law that enables people to turn off unwelcome speech?"

Outside the court building, Lella Jeanne Hill, one of those who challenged the law, held up a postcard with a smiley face on it and said, "I think we're going to have our First Amendment rights this summer." Rep. Diana DeGette, D-Colo., who wrote the law as a Colorado state lawmaker, said protesters outside clinics are not as low-key as Hill was Wednesday. "They do not hold up smiley faces," DeGette said. "We don't think it's too great a burden to ask the protesters to stay eight feet from patients and try to physically or psychologically block them."

The justices are expected to rule by July on the Colorado law, which affects protests within 100

feet of clinic entrances. The law, upheld last year by the Colorado Supreme Court, bars people from approaching within eight feet of anyone — without their consent — to protest, counsel or hand them a leaflet.

"There is a problem at health-care facilities, a problem of intimidation and violence," said Justice Department lawyer Barbara D. Underwood, arguing in Colorado's support.

Clinton touts largest proposed plan since Medicare was created in 1965

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton on Wednesday unveiled a whopping \$110 billion package of health insurance initiatives in his final year in office, asking the Republican-dominated Congress to approve during an election year costlier versions of programs that died on Capitol Hill last year.

The less expensive versions died in part because of the president's own veto of the Republicans' \$792 billion tax-cutting plan. The new Clinton plan is the largest proposed investment in health care since Medicare was created in 1965.

White House establishes drug policy for TV

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House drug policy office has established guidelines to clarify its arrangement with television shows and other media outlets that want government financial credits for inserting anti-drug messages into their programs.

Under the new rules, the government will not review program episodes for such credits until after the episodes have aired or been published. The office also pledged that it would keep separate the process of granting financial credits from simply offering guidance to networks or producers who seek advice on how to portray drug-abuse situations.

proposed investment in health care since Medicare was created in 1965. "These proposals are a significant investment in the health of Americans, another step toward giving every American access to quality health care," the president said. About 44 million Americans lack health insurance, and the president's proposal would cover about 5 million of them. The largest ingredients of Clinton's plan are a \$3,000 long-term care tax credit, costing \$28 billion over 10 years, and a \$76 billion proposal to insure 4 mil-

lion parents of children who receive health coverage under Medicaid and the state Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).

Sensitive to the politics of a presidential campaign year, the president credited Vice President Al Gore with helping shape the administration's plan. He said Gore and his Democratic rival, former Sen. Bill Bradley, both have proposed health programs more extensive than his own.

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New Jersey dorm fire kills three, injures 62

SOUTH ORANGE, N.J. (AP)—Fire broke out at a university dormitory early Wednesday as hundreds slept, killing three people, injuring 62 and sending terrified students crawling in pajamas through smoke into the freezing cold.

Six Seton Hall University students were critically burned. One of them suffered third-degree burns over most of his body.

Many of the 640 residents of Boland Hall went back to sleep when they first heard the alarm about 4:30 a.m., thinking it was another in a string of 18 false alarms set off in the six-floor building since September.

But many soon heard screams for help and smelled the smoke.

"I opened the door just to check," Yatin Patel said. "All the ceiling tiles were coming down. I saw a ceiling tile fall on someone."

It was panic. Everybody was just "Go! Go! Go!" said Nicole McFarlane, 19. She was treated for exposure because she left her room in only a short nightgown, a jacket and hiking boots.

The cause of the fire was under investigation.

The tragedy cast a pall of grief over the campus of the Roman Catholic school 15 miles southwest of New York City. Classes for the 10,000 students were canceled for the week. A memorial service was planned for later Wednesday. Sports events also



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were postponed through today. "There's not much you can say at this time," said Newark Archbishop Theodore McCarrick, who came to offer support. "We're glad we're people of faith. The mystery of God's work is always a great mystery."

Pentagon begins investigation into missile interceptor malfunction

WASHINGTON—The Pentagon said Wednesday it may take several weeks to determine why a prototype missile interceptor—a key part of its proposed national missile defense—failed to hit its target over the Pacific Ocean.

Up to the expected moment of impact Tuesday night, the interceptor appeared to be on track to the target, a mock warhead launched from Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif., Pentagon spokesman Cheryl Irwin said Wednesday. "It was extremely close," she said. But there was no immediate indication of what went wrong, she added.

The interceptor, a high-tech "kill vehicle" designed to destroy a missile warhead by ramming it head-on, was launched from Kwajalein Atoll in the Marshall Islands about 20 minutes after the target lifted off from Vandenberg.

White House press secretary Joe Lockhart said it was too soon to say what impact the failure would have on the decision whether to move forward with the program.

New compounds might be able to repair spinal cord

Researchers have used protein combinations to repair damaged nerves in rats, raising hopes that the technique can someday be used to restore mobility to paralyzed people and help others recover from back surgery.

The proteins, known as nerve growth factors, were given to rats whose nerve roots had been crushed. The nerves eventually reconnected to the spinal cord, restoring the animals' ability to sense heat and pressure.

The British researchers are now conducting experiments to determine if older injuries can be healed using the compounds. "We do know the acute injuries in rat are treatable. So, we are not without hope in that respect," said Dr. Matt Ramer.

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Nation in brief

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Military veterans serve less jail, prison time, says study

WASHINGTON—Those who have served their country may be more prone to serve their laws, according to the results of a government study.

On average, male military veterans are incarcerated half as much as those who have never served in the armed forces, said a study from the Bureau of Justice Statistics, a division of the Justice Department.

An average 937 male veterans are in jail or prison per 100,000 veteran residents, compared to an average 1,971 men incarcerated per 100,000 non-veterans, said the study released Tuesday.

—compiled from wire reports

Yet another conspiracy theory at work? Illinois officers see UFO

Los Angeles Times

MILLSTADT, Ill. — It drifted ever so slowly over grain fields and railroad tracks and modest little houses, silent and stealthy in the dead of night.

It was immense: As long as a football field. Two stories tall. Triangular, like an arrowhead. Bright lights winked from its rear. Red lights shimmered on its belly.

And no one has any idea what in — or out of — the world it was.

Four police officers on patrol in four rural towns all saw it. So did at least one civilian. Each witness independently described the object the same way. Each was baffled.

Southeastern Illinois, it seems, has a genuine UFO mystery to chew on.

Was the government testing some top-secret, slow-moving, lit-to-the-max mega-blimp? Was nearby Scott Air Force Base trying a quirky new weapon? Did four police officers hallucinate simultaneously? Or were extraterrestrials scoping out the heartland with a 4 a.m. fly-by on Jan. 5?

"It's going to be a long while before we determine what went

on that night," said Colm Kelleher, who studies UFOs at the National Institute for Discovery Science in Las Vegas.

Folks out here don't seem too taken with the mystery. They tend to be pragmatic sorts; they worry about their jobs and their farms and the weather, not giant flying arrowheads. Some think it was an alien craft. Others nod knowingly to secret military projects. Either way, it doesn't much affect them.

But the sightings have electrified UFO researchers nationwide.

A team of Las Vegas investigators led by a former FBI agent spent several days interviewing witnesses here. And at the National UFO Reporting Center in Seattle, Director Peter Davenport calls the case "a UFOlogist's dream" because the officers make "excellent to unimpeachable" witnesses.

Based on his interviews so far, Davenport says the UFO "clearly does not appear to be compatible with any conventional terrestrial aircraft that we know of."

The catch is "that we know of." Even big-time UFO buffs have to admit that it's possible the mystery craft was a top-secret,

man-made experiment. The Stealth bomber, for instance, was test-flown in the Midwest for eight years before the Pentagon officially unveiled it.

During that time, local UFO societies got dozens of reports of black delta-shaped ships zooming overhead, said Forest Crawford, an Illinois UFO researcher.

"If it was up to me, I'd like (this latest sighting) to be a giant alien craft," Crawford said, "because those are more fun to investigate." He thinks it most likely, however, will turn out to be some sort of stealth blimp.

Not that the government is about to 'fess up, if in fact it was involved.

A spokesman for Scott Air Force Base says personnel there know nothing about the UFO. (Then again, if it was a classified military project, "I can't imagine that we would know," Lt. Col. Allan Dahncke said. "If we did, it wouldn't be so secret.")

The Federal Aviation Administration is similarly clueless: Air traffic controllers "didn't see anything, didn't hear anything, didn't catch anything on radar," spokeswoman Liz Cory said.

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Hedy Lamarr dies at home...

World's most glamorous woman dies

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) - Hedy Lamarr, Austrian-born actress whose exotic glamour and sex appeal sparked a string of hit films of the '30s and '40s, was found dead in her home Wednesday. She was 86.

Widower loses more than just wife; friends turn cold shoulder

DEAR ABBY: My late wife and I were married for more than 60 years. My reason for writing is to express how shocking it is to find many friends and relatives have given me the cold shoulder since my wife's funeral. I cannot understand why.



DEAR ABBY: Abigail VanBuren

The isolation and sense of loss at a time of life when one needs support and encouragement have been hard to cope with. The funeral expenses and the need to curb my activities because of the decrease in income are heavy enough changes to absorb, but the reaction by people I thought were friends hits even harder.

Is there a specific reason for these cold shoulders and lack of phone calls - just when the opposite is needed? Several of these previous "friends" are strong church attendees.

I served my country in World War II and was wounded twice. During my years of service, I never met any servicemen who turned their backs on me.

DEAR HURTING: I accept my sympathy for the loss of your beloved wife. I'm sure the loss is compounded by the isolation you are now feeling.

tion you are now feeling. However, since I do not know the friends and relatives you mention, I cannot guess at the reason they have dropped away just when you need them most.

In the same batch of letters as yours, I received another that touches on the same subject. I think you'll find it informative.

DEAR ABBY: I recently lost my dear husband, who died very suddenly. The grief following such a tragedy is indescribable. My salvation has been to keep busy and to join a grief support group.

The reason I am writing to you is to urge anyone who has suffered a devastating loss to find a grief support group and join. The first meeting or two is very hard, but stick with it and you will find solace in the friendships and the sharing of your feelings. It was

stated at one of our meetings that "We are a group of people who belong to a very exclusive club that no one wanted to join, but each of us paid the dearest price on Earth to join." All of us in this group agree that the best medicine for our grief is our weekly meetings.

I encourage all people who are grieving to find a grief support group. Ours was formed by a coalition of churches. Following the death of my husband, the mortuary, the hospital and my church all told me of grief groups. They are out there, and you don't have to look too far to find them.

DEAR GRIEVING BUT SURVIVING: Thank you for a timely letter filled with excellent advice for anyone who has suffered the loss of a loved one. You may never know how many people you have helped today by providing such a detailed road map for where to go for help in coping with the loss of a loved one.

Often just being in the company of those who are coping with the same experience can be a lifesaver.

Look into wining, dining special person, Sagittarius

IF JANUARY 20 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You are sensitive, emotional, loyal to family. You appreciate good food and every once in a while you are tempted to cook. Capricorn, Cancer person play major roles in your life, could have these letters, initials in names - B, K, T. During this year there will be many short trips, romantic involvement associated with marriage. March and December will be most memorable.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Attention revolves around home, family, domestic adjustment that could include change of residence, marital status. Find ways of insuring protection of loved ones.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Live slow, steady winning game. Avoid tendency to see people, relationships as you would have them be instead of in a realistic light. Pisces plays mysterious role.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Accept challenge that requires knowledge of building, architecture. You will amaze yourself with how much you know about these subjects. Cancer native involved.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Study Gemini message. Gather information, have facts at hand, be ready for debate. Before the day is finished you'll know definitely who's on top in reality.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Your best qualities shine forth. Creative juices stir, you'll love and be loved. Highlight originality, innovativeness, derring-do. Aries and Gemini are rivals.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):

HOROSCOPE Sydney Omarr

Focus on variety of proposals that include career, marriage. Luscious dinner will include broiled lobster. Cancer native will again prove a good chef.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Laugh at your own foibles, investigate and discover, open lines of communication. Unusual entertainment involves politics, emotional desires. Gemini, Sagittarius in picture.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You're ready to fight if cause is right. People sense this, will avoid irritating you. One member of opposite sex makes declaration of love. Settle down.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You have greater mobility, more freedom of thought, action. Read, write, discuss belief with teacher. You exude personal magnetism, aura of sex appeal.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): At first you believe you're found valuable item. Upon checking, however, turns out to be imitation of real thing. Don't be discouraged. Libra involved.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Help uncover mystery, fight those who want to ban, censor, whitewash. Spread truth, let others see the beauty of lying on the right side. Virgo represented.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): People appreciate your psychic qualities. You'll be trusted to handle financial maneuver that could make you rich. Do not back away, you do have what it takes.

Aristotle defines women in dim light

There's no wood in petrified wood. What was Britain called before it was named Britain? A. First known name was "Albion." So called by Celts or Gauls, presumably as they looked out toward the White Cliffs of Dover.

Aristotle defined women as "mutilated males" without souls. Why he so long was regarded as a bright fellow I do not know. Women didn't think he was all that smart.

There was another kind of

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"straw man" - besides the scarecrow - in early America. Ship captains paid cash to kidnappers by body count for the drugged and drunken men they shanghaied in port cities. Those hired shanghaier sometimes threw in

a few "straw men" - stuffed sacks dressed in men's clothing. In the ship's dark depths, the captain's body count often couldn't tell the difference.

Report is 72 percent of the people subconsciously try when they walk to synchronize their steps to their heartbeats.

What one physical characteristic more than any other prevents otherwise qualified women from getting modeling jobs? A. Oversized thighs.

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Omega Code Friday 7:00-9:15 Sat-Sun 12:15-2:30-4:45-7:00-9:15

Stuart Little Daily 1:00-3:30-5:00-7:45-9:00

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Teen-targeted ads take a lewd turn

Sex sells. For retailers, there are no secrets. Wherever there are teen-agers able to influence a market, retailers capitalize on the hormones coursing through teenage bodies.

This isn't a new pitch, but in some sense it has become different from the recent past. There was a time not so long ago when the pitch was well understood but more subtle: Having clean teeth increases sex appeal. Buying X as opposed to Y drives girls to apoplexy.

Starting with the Calvin Klein underwear ads, the sales pitch has changed from the indirect "connect the dots approach" to the blatant display of sexual arousal.

Of course this is only one dimension of culture in which the envelope has been pushed to an extreme, but it deserves a closer look.

Abercrombie & Fitch was known for preppie, understated garments for much of its history. The company went through a difficult period in the 1980s, when those with traditional tastes turned elsewhere for adornment.

At the point of bankruptcy, the company transformed itself from an Ivy League look to a sexy, vanguardish company in search of teen-agers.

It found that market in spaces so popular with the company today that the musical group LFO in "Summer Girls" sings: "I like girls that wear Abercrombie & Fitch, I'll take her if I had one wish."

The Abercrombie & Fitch catalog, featuring models in various stages of undress, is now sold and has become a revenue producer for the company. It's among the hottest retailers in

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the country. Several consumer groups have challenged the "Naughty or Nice" catalog, but the criticism has been brushed off by company spokesmen who insist the advertising is aimed at a college audience, not minors.

This claim is at least partially disingenuous, since company officials know teen-agers are driving the company's success and regard Abercrombie & Fitch among the "coolest" brands around.

Critics contend, appropriately, I think, that the advertising is part and parcel of a barrage of sexual messages aimed at teen-agers. These include every manifestation of so-called culture from film and music to clothing.

Fearful the criticism might influence sales, the company did recall its summer catalog and apologized publicly to those offended. The company also has agreed to a minimum age requirement of 18 for purchase of the catalog.

The negative publicity hasn't adversely affected sales. In fact, after the summer catalog was recalled, paid circulation soared and it became a collector's item.

But there is a price overlooked in the advertising blitz: The overt display of sex is influencing behavior. In the United States, sex is being engaged in at an earlier age than ever before.

Teen-age pregnancies may be down slightly, but that's due in large part to contraceptives. By any measure, teen-age sexual promiscuity is increasing. Sex as intimacy, as a prelude to

marriage and a lasting relationship is being converted into an item of clothing, to be worn today and discarded tomorrow. Meaning and feeling are foreign concepts, the anachronistic sentiments of yesteryear. Is it any wonder men and women in their twenties are burned out and blasé about any form of intimacy? Women often feel used, caught on the horns of a dilemma in which popularity and self-consciousness are in a continuing struggle.

A&F's advertising is not innocent. It's a function of a marketplace so entranced with sales it has lost sight of public responsibility.

Taking advantage of teen-age propensities is not a new condition, nor is the company alone in making this appeal. But the obvious exploitation of youngsters through explicitly sexual ads is contemptible, whenever the retailer may be.

These ads reinforce and confirm the arguments adopted by prime-time television, where sexual expression is invariably good, where lasting relationships are unnecessary and anyone who opposes the zeitgeist's sentiments is uptight. An extraterrestrial examining this condition would have to assume sex is a commodity sold like soap.

A&F may be on the road to financial success as a result of its sex image, but it is also taking teen-agers down a road of despair and disappointment. That's an enormous price to pay for financial profits.

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TV audiences? Dumb and dumber

ANDY ROONEY

If you look hard enough for signs of hope, you usually find them. Two recent news stories appeal, in a perverse sort of way, to my appetite for good news.

First was a report that said producers of game shows that have proliferated on television in the wake of "Who Wants to be a Millionaire" are worried that too many might end up killing all of them.

That's the first bit of good news. I keep wishing that rating organizations like Nielsen, which rank television shows based on the number of people who watch, would come up with a different system. It would rank television shows, not by the number of people who watch, but by the cumulative intelligence of the viewers.

I suspect the collective intellect of game-show audiences would not put any of them at the top of the ratings chart.

If a show had 10 million viewers with an average I.Q. of 100, it would rank behind a show that only had eight million viewers with an average I.Q. of 135. The show with the most intelligent audience would rank No. 1 and be able to charge most for its commercials on my somewhat elitist theory that the smartest people usually make the most money and are, therefore, better able to buy what is advertised.

The second hopeful sign is that New York Gov. George Pataki is pushing to open up his state to

\$50 billion. There are now 260 casinos on Indian reservations alone. The day is coming when there will be one casino for every Indian.

Every dollar that goes to the operators of gambling casinos doesn't go to the people who make a legitimate product or provide a service we need. Indian casinos suck off huge amounts of money from our economy and give back nothing but benefits for a few Indians so gambling proponents can point to this when challenged.

When the U.S. government sets out to tax its citizens, it demands the most from the richest among us. If you're rich, you may not like that but you have to concede that it makes sense. The rich can take some consolation from the fact that lotteries get some of it back for them by siphoning it to the poor. Of all the people who buy lottery tickets, most make \$10,000 or less.

One of the best things state lotteries do is provide a place for the poor to spend their welfare checks. For the states, the money goes out of one pocket and into another.

If Nielsen figures a way to rate television audiences by their I.Q.'s, they might come up with a statistic showing that the dumbest people are the best customers the casinos have.

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Open the files on Raoul Wallenberg

Fifty-five years ago this month, Soviet agents in Hungary arrested a young Swedish diplomat, Raoul Wallenberg.

Wallenberg already had become a legend for saving tens of thousands of Hungarian Jews from Nazi death camps in the final months of the war. His disappearance remains one of the greatest unsolved mysteries of the 20th century.

Wallenberg was only 32 and without any diplomatic training when dispatched in July 1944 to Nazi-occupied Hungary to save as many of Budapest's remaining 200,000 Jews as possible. During his six months in Hungary, Wallenberg pursued that mission passionately and with extraordinary intensity. He created a Swedish protective document called the Schutzpass that he distributed, with the help of a small group of assistants, to thousands of Jews whom he found on deportation trains or on death marches. And, remarkably, he faced down the notorious Adolf Eichmann and the occupying Nazi forces in Hungary to help prevent a pogrom in Budapest's central ghetto.

Only one week before his arrest, Wallenberg told a colleague: "For me there is no choice. I've taken on this assignment, and I'd never be able to go back to Stockholm without knowing inside myself I'd done all a man could do to save as many Jews as possible."

Wallenberg's heroic efforts saved the lives of an estimated 100,000 Jews. He was an angel of mercy — and that's why his disappearance continues to haunt us.

Why was Wallenberg arrested on Jan. 17, 1945, and what happened to him after he entered the infamous Soviet gulag?

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These answers are hidden in Russia, in Soviet-era archives that remain shut and in the minds of aging witnesses who have yet to reveal what they know. Scholars accessing Soviet-era archives in recent years have found them remarkably well preserved. The Wallenberg files most likely received the same meticulous care. During the Soviet era, inquiries about Wallenberg were met with alternating and contradictory responses. The Kremlin first acknowledged that he was in Soviet hands, then denied any knowledge of him, then claimed he had died of a heart attack and finally asserted that his death could not be explained. Since the 1991 collapse of the Soviet Union, Moscow has been silent. Rumors abound, but to this day we don't know with certainty whether Wallenberg is alive or dead.

What makes Wallenberg's arrest and disappearance inexplicable is the fact that the Soviet Union was an American ally during the war and suffered enormous losses in its effort to help destroy the Nazi regime. This makes the need to know all the greater.

The United States has a special interest in pressing Moscow to solve this puzzle. While working in the Swedish Embassy in Budapest, Wallenberg was employed by the U.S. War Refugee Board, belatedly established in 1944 by the Roosevelt administration to try to save European Jews.

In 1981, through an initiative of Rep. Tom Lantos, D-Calif., whose wife, Annette, was one of the thousands rescued by

Wallenberg, Congress granted honorary U.S. citizenship to Wallenberg — only the second time in history that Congress had taken such action. The U.S. Postal Service issued in 1997 a postage stamp in his honor, and his bust stands in the Capitol Rotunda.

But Washington has yet to adequately press Moscow at the highest levels to open the Wallenberg file. As William Korey, a scholar on Soviet affairs, commented recently, "It is now 55 years since a U.S. secretary of state expressed, however indirectly, any concern about Wallenberg's disappearance."

Far too much time has passed. Solving the Wallenberg mystery must become a priority in our bilateral relations with Russia. Acting Russian President Vladimir Putin can demonstrate his goodwill by opening fully the Soviet-era files in which the answers — and the truth about Wallenberg's fate — can be found.

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Russian troops fight street to street in Grozny

GROZNY, Russia — The Russian military resumed its drive to conquer Chechen rebels on Wednesday, with troops fighting street by street in the capital Grozny while helicopter gunships and tanks roared in the mountains.

Lt. Gen. Gennady Troshch, Russia's deputy chief commander in Chechnya, announced Wednesday that the war was expected to be over by Feb. 25, although "nobody is giving the forces any firm deadlines for ending the operation," the Interfax news agency reported. He did not explain how he arrived at that date.

Federal forces pushed toward the center of Grozny from several directions, trying to squeeze rebel fighters into an ever-tightening circle, the military said. It was impossible to verify the army's claims of progress. Reporters are constrained from moving freely about the capital because of the danger and the restrictions imposed by both the Russian and Chechen sides.

But an Associated Press reporter watched Wednesday as Russian forces in a northwestern neighborhood called Mikromayon-3 seized several shell-punctured, five-story apartment buildings. They failed to take nearby nine-story buildings, from which Chechen snipers kept up a steady barrage of bullets.

Grozny has been a bastion of rebel resistance throughout the war, which has entered its fifth month, and its capture would give the Russian forces a boost after a series of surprise counterattacks by the rebels.

Turks uncover 15 bodies of kidnapped businessmen

ANKARA, Turkey — Police discovered 15 bodies on Wednesday, bound hand and foot, strangled and left in a coal bin and garden of an Istanbul house, reportedly by militants trying to form an Islamic state in a Kurdish region of Turkey.

The bodies, believed to be those of kidnapped businessmen, were found after police questioned two senior members of the militant group Hezbollah captured following a shootout in Istanbul this week. The group is not related to the Lebanese militia of the same name.

The businessmen were all connected to an Islamic charity group and disappeared after allegedly leaving for meetings with members of Hezbollah. It was not clear why the men agreed to attend the meetings.

Algerian minister says 80 percent of rebels back peace

ALGIERS, Algeria — About 80 percent of the Muslim rebels fighting an insurgency in Algeria surrendered under a government peace offer, the interior minister said Wednesday.

It was the first official assessment of the success of President Abdelaziz Bouteflika's plan for "civil concord," under which Islamic insurgents could surrender by Jan. 13 in exchange for partial amnesty.

The 80 percent figure does include members of the Islamic Salvation Army, or AIS, which called a cease-fire in October 1997 after striking a deal with military authorities.

Former Italian premier Bettino Craxi dies in Tunisia

ROME — Bettino Craxi, a Socialist whose record term as Italy's premier in the 1980s saw him defy the United States but

hold off the powerful Communists, died Wednesday in Tunisia, his self-exile for years after corruption convictions. He was 65.

Craxi's son, Bobo, himself now a Socialist politician, confirmed his father's death. The former premier's lawyer, Gianni Guiso, said in Milan that Craxi died at his seaside villa in Hammamet, Tunisia, of a heart attack. Craxi, who served back-to-back terms as premier from August 1983 to March 1987, had been in poor health for years, suffering from heart trouble and other complications of diabetes.

During his tenure as Italy's first Socialist premier of the republic established after World War II, Craxi stood up to the United States in 1985, refusing to hand over the Palestinian commandos who hijacked the Achille Lauro cruise ship and killed an

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elderly American passenger. But Craxi also defied Italian Communists — the largest Communist Party in the West and a big vote-getter in Italian politics — by allowing NATO nuclear-tipped missiles to be installed in Sicily.

Poachers kill at least 15 elephants in four months

NAIROBI, Kenya — Poachers in northeastern Kenya have killed at least 15 elephants since September, and police and rangers have killed at least six of the gunmen, the Kenya Wildlife Service said Wednesday.

In a statement, KWS said anti-poaching forces have arrested 10

poachers suspected of killing elephants for their ivory and have seized eight firearms in the last two weeks.

KWS blamed the increased poaching on the relaxation of a 10-year-old international ban on all trade in ivory and other elephant products. Zimbabwe, Botswana and Namibia have been permitted one-time limited sales of the products.

Oil spill near Rio de Janeiro contaminates beaches

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil — At least 130,000 gallons of crude oil spewed out of a broken pipeline, polluting beaches and endangering plant and animal life in what authorities called the worst ecological disaster to hit Rio de Janeiro state in a decade.

The spill occurred Tuesday,

when part of a 12-mile pipeline from the Duque de Caxias refinery sprung a leak near the coast, causing the oil to gush onto beaches and into Guanabara Bay, said Petrobras, the government-owned oil company.

State environmental officials said the leak was caused because Petrobras' pipelines are old and poorly maintained.

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SPORTS

Raft River's early lead stops Vikings

The Times-News

RAFT RIVER - The Class A-4 Raft River Trojans established their lead with a 1-4 first quarter...

"After the six-quarter, the rest of the game was a ball game," said Raft River coach Randy Spaeth...

Beem and Callen are both out due to injuries. For Raft River, Hannah Hansen led the scoring with 15 points...

The Trojans (11-6 overall, 7-1 conference) host Murtaugh Friday...

Jerome 55, Pocatello 47 POCATELLO - The Tigers improved to 11-0 in Region III competition...

Jerome (16-1) built a 10-point lead in the fourth quarter, but Pocatello hit a couple of three-pointers...

"We were able to make enough to win," said Jerome coach Michelle Skyles.

The Tigers Region III schedule continues in Minico on Friday.

Highland 47, Minico 40 No details reported

Wrestling Gooding 56, Declo 18

DECLO - The Class A-2 Sematurs were dealing with some sickness and injury, but still found the strength to roll over the A-3 Hornets Wednesday night.

"I'm just still pleased that the guys are wrestling," said Gooding coach Mark Stearns.

Of the few highlights for Declo, heavyweight Lance Oesterhout

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recorded his 100th high school win.

Gooding (9-0 in duals) next competes at the Wendell Duals Friday night, then heads back to Wendell Magic Valley Tournament.

KIMBERLY 45, Wendell 34

KIMBERLY - In a dual that came down to the final match, Justin Erving pinned his opponent in the 275-pound class to give Kimberly the win.

"We were lucky to get a pin there," said Kimberly coach Troy Palmer. "They've got some quality kids. We matched up with Wendell pretty well."

KIMBERLY (5-3 in duals) next wrestles at the American Fall Tournament this weekend.

Oakley 60, Glenns Ferry 24 Oakley 43, Filer 30 Filer 60, Glenns Ferry 18

FILER - The Wildcats had the lead against Oakley when 160-pounder Jonathan Carter got high and pinned Gerardo Vega, giving Oakley the momentum it needed to beat Filer.

Wildcats Josh Sutherland (119) and Donovan Wisner (215), both ranked third in the state, won with pins, and Todd Billington (185) ranked fourth at the state, had two pins on the night.

Filer's Mike Egner (112) pinned Jed Hutchison, who has "been on a tear," said Filer coach Gordy Schroeder. "Egner stepped up and pinned him when we needed it."

"It was a good enough for Oakley/Raft River," Schroeder said. "They are a good squad."

Filer (6-2) wrestles this weekend at the Magic Valley Classic in Wendell. Next Thursday they host Oakley and Kimberly - Filer's only two losses of the year.

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Hot Hands advertisement for a leading area high school girls' basketball players.

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Steals Player Avg. table listing players like S. Serrano, Glenns Ferry, J. Anderson, Gooding, etc.

Three-pointers Player Avg. table listing players like A. Williams, Shoshone, N. Waters, Glenns Ferry, etc.

visiting Spartans dwned Twin Falls 4-1 at the Bowldrome. Andrea Stansell rolled a 190 for Twin Falls...

Wendell 5, Jerome 0 JEROME - At Jerome Bowl, visiting Wendell got the best of the Jerome varsity Wednesday with a 5-0 win, 461 pins to 307.

Gooding 4, Kimberly 1 GOODING - In varsity bowling, Gooding defeated Kimberly 4-1 led by Jessica Bodenhofer's 14.

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Serena Williams shrugs off jet-lag with win MELBOURNE, Australia - As if she finally heard the alarm go off, Serena Williams awoke from lingering jet-lag midway through her second match in the Australian Open and began to look like a champion.

Seattle signs Oliver to minor league contract SEATTLE - Looking for insurance for catcher Dan Wilson and Tom Lamplin, the Seattle Mariners on Wednesday signed free agent Joe Oliver to a minor league contract.

Daly era begins in Los Angeles PHOENIX - The Fox era of running the Los Angeles Dodgers officially ended Wednesday when baseball owners approved transfer of control of the team to former movie boss Bob Daly.

Five-player deal Is on the burner in Miami PHILADELPHIA - Miami and Philadelphia were close to a five-player deal Wednesday night that would send Jamal Mashburn to the 76ers for Larry Hughes, Billy Owens and two other players, three league sources told The Associated Press.

Local Special Olympics athletes to compete ALBION - Pomerelle ski resort will host Special Olympics' Idaho Region 5 and 6 Winter Games on Friday, Jan. 28.

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Table with columns for Player, G, FG, FGA, Pct., 3FG, 3FGA, Pct., FT, FTA, Pct., Pts., Avg., Reb, G, Ast, G, TO, G, SUG

Alstott

"This is why I'm here. I don't feel pressure. I feel determination. I feel hunger. I feel motivation," Alstott said of his increased role.

While he only had two 100-yard games and fell short of a goal of gaining 1,000 for the season, the first-year player said it means much more to him to be on a team that has a chance to go to the Super Bowl.

To beat St. Louis, the Bucs will have to solve the NFL's best run defense. The Rams yielded just 74.3 yards per game and haven't allowed an opposing runner to rush for 100 yards in 19 games.

Notes: Sports Illustrated will be in town this weekend profiling CSI for an upcoming story on junior college basketball.

Bruins

The Bruin defense was solid, keeping the Diamondbacks in single digits all four periods.

"It all came down to execution," he added. "In the second-half, we executed the offense better. We got some steals and got into an offensive flow."

ence games next week. If they top the Bobcats, they would host a first-round game when regional finals begin the first week of February.

"Every year has been different. There have been different roles," the fallback said.

"I've come a long way, learning from other athletes, other celebrities throughout the league, watching a lot of tape and just realizing how fortunate, how lucky, I am."

CSI

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To build that tempo, Bate said his team will have to contend Friday with a North Idaho squad that likes to shoot from the perimeter.

"This is a big weekend in the league," Zeck said. "With two wins we can get right back into the mix of things in a hurry."

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SPORTS

Cheers greet Casey's cart - and scorecard

BERMUDA DUNES, Calif. (AP) - Casey Martin parked his cart and walked up the 18th green with a limp that has become a way of life.

In his debut Wednesday as the first PGA Tour member on wheels, Martin calmed his nerves by chipping in for eagle and wound up with a 4-under 68 at Indian Wells to trail David Tom.

The majority of the gallery following Martin under a hot desert sun belonged to the media, curious to see how the 27-year-old Stanford graduate who sued the PGA Tour for a right to ride would perform.

"When there are a lot of cameras, you don't want to do anything stupid," he said.

Golfer becomes first to play on wheels

Not to worry. Aside from missing a 14-inch putt for his only bogey of the first round, and not converting several other birdie chances, Martin didn't look like a player in his first tournament since earning his PGA card three months ago.

"I could have really gone low if I had made some putts," he said.

The lowest round on a windless day belonged to Tom, a two-time winner last year who opened with a 9-under-63 at Indian Wells, one of four courses used in the 90-hole tournament.

Former PGA champion Bob Tway was among those at 64. The group at 65 included Glen Day and Steve Pate, the runner-up last year and victim-of-the-

greatest closing round in PGA Tour history.

That belongs to David Duval, who returned to the PGA West course for the first time since his 59. Duval was nine strokes worse on Wednesday.

"This course seemed like they added a few holes," he said.

Still, his 68 left him right in the thick of the tournament with four rounds to play. It also left him tied with Martin, who played his first round under a microscope.

"I get nervous before I play, even if it's a 25 Nassau with my buddies," he said to 27 reporters who surrounded him after his round. "But I was more nervous because of you all, and wanting to play well."

He held up his end of the bargain.

gain.

Martin didn't expect to be treated like any other PGA Tour rookie, and that certainly wasn't the case on the first hole. After splitting the fairway with a 3-wood, he glanced at a rule sheet and then asked a tour official to clarify a situation that pertained only to him.

Was his caddy allowed to ride with him between the 18th green and first tee?

The nerves showed on No. 11, his second hole, when Martin lipped out from 14 inches Three holes later, he came up short on the 463-yard par and chipped in for eagle from about 25 feet.

"That settled me down a little bit," he said.

Martin made another 25-foot birdie from just off the green at

No. 17, and added birdies on Nos. 7 and 8 to get to 68.

The second round will be packed with irony. Among the three amateurs he gets on Friday is Dick Ferris, the chairman of the PGA Tour policy board who testified against Martin two years ago when Martin sued for the right to use a cart.

"As an individual, Casey ... I think he's wonderful," Ferris said after his round. "We also feel walking is an integral part of the tour."

Martin and Ferris chatted during a delay on the 16th tee, and Martin said he expects no problems on Friday.

"I think he's a nice guy," Martin said.

"He also went out of his way to testify against me. We'll be friends out there. I just won't read his putts for him."



Under the watchful eye of television cameras, Casey Martin of Eugene, Ore., drives his golf cart away from the 10th tee Wednesday at Indian Wells, Calif.

YOUR SPORTS

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LIBERATION



The Liberty seventh-grade girls' basketball team went undefeated in the Twin Falls City League and placed second in the championship game. Front row: Rigl Olander, Alyson Lang. Back: coach Brian Harrison, Jenni Rice, Kelsey Edwards, Wandi Hedberg, Whitney Potter and Jayme Hamilton.

TRACKING THE LOCALS

Paula Pettinelli John Burley High School, 1984 BURLEY - Paula Pettinelli John, a former Burley Olympian and NCAA Division I All-American in 1988-89, was inducted into the Weber State Athletic Hall of Fame this month at the Ogden Marriott Hotel in Ogden, Utah.

John was honored for her women's track and field accomplishments.

While attending Weber State University, Paula's Big Sky athletic accomplishments included being named three-time Big Sky All-Conference in the high jump, taking fourth place in the Big Sky in 1988 and second in 1989, and meriting three-time All-Conference Academic team recognition. She's also second on the Big Sky Conference Indoor all-time list, finished seventh at the NCAA national meet in 1988, was the NCAA Indoor High Jump Champion in 1989, and is the WSU indoor record-holder in

the high jump, with a mark of six feet. She is the only female athlete in any sport on Weber State history to be an NCAA Division I national champion, and the only indoor female track and field athlete in the Big Sky Conference to be an NCAA champion.

She graduated from Weber State University with a degree in English, and currently lives with her husband and four children in Santsquinn, Utah.

Leah Moore Wendell (Buhl H.S.) MCMINNVILLE, Ore. - The freshman Moore ranks fifth in free-throw percentage in the Northwest Conference this week, having shot 76 percent to help her Linfield College Wildcats to a four-game winning streak. The school can equal its longest win streak ever Friday with a win at Willamette.

BOWLING

Area scores by the winners

BOYS' BOWLING
MAGIC BOWL, TWIN FALLS
MENS SERIES: Steve McQuinn 700, Jeff Johnson 657, Rudy ...
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MENS SERIES: Dewey Smith 471, Don ...
LADIES SERIES: Terry Ward 418, Gwen ...
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Area junior bowlers compete on scratch tour

The Junior Scratch Bowlers Tour made their monthly stop at the Bowladrome this month, and several Magic Valley junior bowlers participated.

Troy Holland of Burley took top honors in the Classic Division. He rolled 1,537, averaging 192 for the first eight games, and added a 227 in the step ladder finals for a 196 average for the tournament.



In the B Division, Carl Ott of Twin Falls, who was participating in the tournament for the first time, was sitting in third place after eight games. He rolled a 216 game to win Game 1 of the step ladder finals, advancing to Game 2, where he rolled a 248. In the championship game, his 119 was bested by only 17 pins, giving him a second-place finish. His average for all games bowled was 180. Congratulations to all, and keep 'em rollin'!

HOLIDAY TESTING



RUPERT - Cirincione's Martial Arts School in Rupert recently held its Christmas testing. One-hundred thirty-five students (pictured above) from Burley, Rupert and Twin Falls tested for a wide range of belts, with six of those students testing for the rank of black belt. More than 1,200 spectators showed up to support the testing students.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Ketchum to discuss new post office

KETCHUM - The Ketchum City Council will hold a special meeting at 7 p.m. on Jan. 27 to discuss the new post office.

U.S. Postal Service officials will present information about the new building.

The meeting will be held at Ketchum City Hall and is open to the public.

Ketchum plans free cross-country ski tour

KETCHUM - The 13th annual Ski the Rails cross-country ski tour will take place on Jan. 29.

The free affair begins at 10 a.m. Skiers may start at Second Avenue in Ketchum and ski south along the Wood River Bike Path towards Bailey. Or they may begin at East Fork Road and ski north to Ketchum. Historical signs will be posted along the way and brochures will be given out detailing the history of the area.

A shuttle bus will be available from 9:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. to take skiers to and from posted locations.

Drinks and snacks will be provided at four aid stations along the way. A hot lunch of chicken or veggie enchiladas will be available for \$8 at Cafe at the Brewery. Brewery beer will also be available for \$2.

The event, which draws about 300 men, women, kids and dogs each year, is a celebration of the trails, according to Blaine County Recreation District Director Mary Austin Crofts.

For information, contact the Blaine County Recreation District at 788-2117.

Nevada congressman to hold mobile office tour

WELLS, Nev. - Congressman Jim Gibbons, R-Nev., will hold a "mobile office tour" to assist Nevada residents with any problems they are encountering with federal agencies.

Gibbons and his staff will be at the Wells Fire Station at 516 Seventh St. from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday to discuss current legislative issues, take orders for U.S. flags and provide information about tours in Washington, D.C.

"Representing one of the largest and most populous congressional districts in the country is one of the unique and exciting challenges that I face," Gibbons said in a news release. "This statewide mobile office tour is yet another way for our office to accomplish our combined goals of accessibility and effectiveness for our constituents."

Paul mayor, council take oath of office Tuesday

PAUL - City Clerk Lois Landrum on Tuesday administered the oath of office to incumbent Mayor Randy Jones and new City Council members Brent Stimpson and Garth Baker.

The city presented gifts to retiring council members Maudelou Croswold and Tom Culley for their time and dedication.

Lois Landrum, Richard Rau and Kent Fletcher were reappointed city clerk, city manager, director and city attorney, respectively.

CSI offers construction course beginning Monday

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho Trade and Industry Center, in partnership with local Associated General Contractors, is offering a 10-week Basic construction course beginning Monday.

Concrete will be the focus of this course, which will be held Mondays and Wednesdays from 8:30 to 3:30 p.m. through March 29. Elements of the course will include an introduction to concrete and reinforcing materials, foundations and formwork, forms, reinforcements, handling and placing, and tilt-up wall systems.

Scholarships are available for high school seniors and older who have basic construction skills. Interested high school students will need a letter of recommendation from their high school or shop teacher.

Completion of the course will earn the participant a nationally-recognized certificate, job placement assistance, a 10% discount card, and possible higher entry level into the construction industry.

The cost for the course is \$380, which includes all books and materials. For more information, call Paula Greene at 733-9554, Ext. 2302.

Compiled from staff reports

Ag lab's future looks brighter

By Michael Journee
 Times-News writer

BOISE - A Twin Falls food-testing lab will receive state funding to the tune of \$100,000 annually if Gov. Dirk Kempthorne and Magic Valley legislators have their way.

Kempthorne asked the Legislature to give the Idaho Food Quality Assurance Laboratory the money Wednesday, while outlining his proposed \$1.8 billion state budget to a joint session of the Legislature. The annual budget address followed up Monday's State of the State address, in

Governor agrees to fund \$100,000

which Kempthorne first suggested resuming state funding for the lab.

The lab, operated under contract by the University of Idaho on the College of Southern Idaho campus, tests the safety of Idaho farm commodities. The data generated by the lab is often used to promote Idaho products in other states and countries. Funding comes principally from the Idaho-Potato Commission, which contributes \$200,000 annually to the lab's

work. The remainder of the funding comes from other growers' groups.

"As I said Monday, if it says 'Made in Idaho,' it means 'quality,'" said Kempthorne, who has said the lab is essential for building on the state's strong reputation for producing good products.

Several Magic Valley legislators are in a strong position to back Kempthorne's initiative, as members of the Legislature's Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee. JFAC creates pro-

posed state budgets and recommends them to the Legislature for approval.

Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome, sits on JFAC and the Idaho Food Quality Assurance Institute, a committee that oversees lab operations. Rep. Randy Hansen, R-Twin Falls, also sits on JFAC. Both believe JFAC support for the lab is strong.

A third Magic Valley legislator, Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, is a JFAC vice chairman. The lab and institute is sched-

uled to present their case for the money to JFAC at the beginning of February.

Wayne Theisen, president of the institute, said the state money would be used to put staff salaries on more solid footing. Salaries depend on the contributions of the growers' groups.

The money would also be used to upgrade lab equipment, Theisen said.

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HAVING WAY TOO MUCH FUN



St. Edward's Catholic School fifth-grader Hannah Hart loses control of her beanbag during physical education class at the Twin Falls City Park Wednesday afternoon.

Crapo to recover fully from surgery

By Barney McManjal
 States News Service

WASHINGTON - Revealing for the first time that he is battling cancer, Idaho Sen. Mike Crapo said Wednesday he is expected to make a full recovery from prostate surgery performed Jan. 7.

Crapo, R-Idaho, was diagnosed with prostate cancer in late December following inconsistencies in a November physical examination. He underwent surgery to remove his prostate.

"The surgery was completely successful and Sen. Crapo is making excellent progress in recuperation," said Dr. Paul J. Christenson, chief of urology at the Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md., which performed the surgery.



Mike Crapo

Crapo said he was thankful physicians detected the cancer in an early stage. He expects to make a full recovery in four to six weeks.

"I'm feeling good," said Crapo in a statement Wednesday. "I am looking forward to a full recovery and returning to Idaho as soon as possible."

When a blood test taken along with his regular physical examination indicated that Crapo could have cancer, the senator received treatment to make sure the test

Police investigate fatal car accident

By Ruth Streeter
 Times-News writer

BURLEY - No citations have been issued yet as Idaho State Police officers continue to investigate a fatal car accident in Minidoka County Tuesday night.

Galen K. Meyer, 47, of Rupert, was killed when a pickup headed in the same direction attempted to pass another car, braked and swerved into Meyer's path, according to an ISP news release.

The accident occurred just before 8 p.m. as all vehicles were headed eastbound on Idaho State Highway 25. According to the news release, the driver of the pickup, 17-year-old Robert G. Greer, of Paul, tried to pass the other vehicle and put on the brakes

which locked. Greer's pickup rotated and Meyer's car struck his passenger-side door.

The vehicle Greer was attempting to pass was not involved in the accident.

No citations have been issued yet, said ISP Sgt. Jay Jensen. Any decision to issue a citation will be made jointly by the ISP and the Minidoka County prosecutor's office, Jensen said.

Meyer died at the scene. He had not been wearing a seat belt but was not ejected from the vehicle, Jensen said. Greer was taken to Minidoka Memorial Hospital where he was treated and released.

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Paul's ordinance says Super Bowl could be bust

By Lorraine Cawener
 Times-News writer
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 Times-News correspondent

PAUL - James "Red" Croswold wants to have a private party on Super Bowl Sunday at his bar, Red's, but the city of Paul won't let him.

The Paul City Council on Tuesday denied Croswold's request for a permit to host a private party at the bar.

"There will be no money exchanged for the sale of liquor. The persons involved in the private party will bring their own alcohol and consume it on the premises," Croswold told the council.

Paul's alcohol ordinance states that no beer or wine will be sold between the hours of 1 a.m. and 7 a.m. or after 8 p.m. on Sundays.

There isn't a special permit for this type of activity and an

amendment to the city ordinance would be necessary, said Kent Fletcher, attorney for the city of Paul.

But Croswold said the issue goes much deeper than just changing an ordinance. "I am a Councilman Layne Harper expressed his feelings on the issue."

"I don't want to see bars open on Sunday," Harper said. "Croswold said he wouldn't be pulling people out of church to attend a Super Bowl party at Red's, which is the only bar left in Paul since The Office and Mike's Place both closed during the last week of 1999."

"They don't support our bars or a lot of our businesses," he said. "If it has to do with alcohol, they won't do it."

Mayor Randy Jones doesn't agree with Croswold. "We try to accommodate busi-

nesses in Paul," he said. "Red runs a real good place. There has been no problem."

The type of business Croswold runs is not the issue, Jones said. "Even if he wants to give alcohol away he can't in a licensed

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- Randy Jones, Mayor

establishment," Jones said. "He will have to get it straightened out with the legislature."

Croswold has been asking the council for a permit for private parties for two years, Jones said. But Jones said changing the ordinance to allow for per-

mits would open the door for drinking every Sunday and "that is something people don't need in Paul."

Jones said the city is bombarded with calls whenever the issue of alcohol consumption has come before the council.

Croswold said he doesn't think the city has to change the entire ordinance just to issue a permit for one party a year. And he said allowing the permit may also keep the streets safer. He said his customers drive to Twin Falls and he worries about them driving home after drinking on Super Bowl Sunday.

Croswold said most of his customers are farmers who just want a day to relax and watch football.

Randy Ball, a farmer and a Red's customer, said watching the Super Bowl and socializing

with friends is important to a lot of people in Paul.

Red's regulars are not bad people, Croswold said. He said he's made a number of improvements since buying the bar two years ago.

"We completely cleaned it up," Croswold said. "This bar has had a bad rap in the past. It was known for drug busts and fights."

But things have changed, he said. "We've weeded all those people out," Croswold said. "But cleaning up the bar's reputation did not help Croswold get a permit for his Super Bowl party. He said he plans to keep trying."

"They've won the battle, but they haven't won the war," he said.

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Jackson resigns as Rupert police chief

By Lorraine Cavener
Times-News writer

RUPERT — Police Chief James Jackson turned in his resignation to the city of Rupert on Wednesday.

The resignation is effective immediately.

Jackson didn't give any details as to why he resigned, only that he has other interests he wants to pursue.

"I cleaned my garage today," he said of his first day out of uniform. "There are lots of things I need to do."

He said the police chief job could be difficult.

"It is hard to meet the balance between what the job demands and what the public wants," he said. "There is no big mystery."

He said there weren't any hard feelings between himself and city officials. He said he still considers Mayor Audrey Neiwerth a friend.

"I'm leaving with good feelings," he said. "I met with Audrey and discussed it with her. I gave her a hug when I left."

Neiwerth has a tough road ahead of her, Jackson said.

"She's an honest, caring person," he said. "I think highly of her."

Neiwerth and the City Council would not comment on Jackson's resignation.

"Mum's the word," Neiwerth said.

City Attorney Rick Bollard added another layer of mystery about the reason for Jackson's unexpected resignation.

"In the broadest sense, philosophical distinctions were mutually recognized," Bollard said. "The city recognizes the benefits he conferred upon the city."

But Bollard would only hint at why Jackson resigned.

"There are other notions

regarding management," Bollard said.

But Jackson said there were no underlying reasons for his resignation.

"It's time to do something else for a while," he said.

Jackson didn't say just what his future plans were.

"I don't want to let the cat out of the bag," he said. "I've enjoyed working in Rupert, but it's time to move on."

Jackson took the police chief position 20 months ago after serving as Blackfoot's police chief for five years. He had worked in one capacity or another in Blackfoot law enforcement since 1975.

Jackson and his wife, Chris, who has been the Rupert Renaissance coordinator for about a year, may be moving from Rupert soon, he said.

"Chris will hate to leave her job," he said.

Chris Jackson would not comment on her husband's departure

from his job. She has helped steer the Rupert Renaissance committee through an organizational period. Several revitalization projects have come to fruition under her leadership, including beginning renovations of the old Wilson Theater. She has not given the Rupert Renaissance notice and she has not said she is leaving the job.

The city of Rupert will soon post the position and begin seeking a replacement, said a news release from the city of Rupert.

Plans for management of the police department in the interim have not been made and will be announced as further information is available, the news release said.

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Bighorn sheep might find new home in hills

By Ruth Streater
Times-News writer

BURLEY — In early February, weather permitting and pending permission from the seven-member Fish and Game Commission in Boise, 30 California bighorn sheep will be coming to the hills of Cassia County.

Following a Tuesday public hearing in Burley during which Fish and Game staff examined the issues, the agency decided it still believes Jim Sage Mountain is an appropriate recovery area for reintroducing bighorn sheep population.

"We're real excited. We've worked real hard on this project," said Randy Smith, regional wildlife manager with the Jerome office of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

But opponents of the reintroduction have one more chance to give their input in a public hearing before the commission the day before Fish and Game makes its own recommendation.

Fish and Game has entered into a memorandum of understanding with the Bureau of Land Management, the Forest Service, Idaho State Department of Parks and Recreation, Cassia County commissioners and the Foundation of North American Wild Sheep.

About 40 people, many of them agency officials, attended Tuesday's meeting. Five people in the audience spoke out against the proposal.

One of the reintroduction's biggest critics is the Idaho Wood Growers Association. The association and Fish and Game differ on

whether there is adequate winter habitat on Jim Sage Mountain to keep the bighorn sheep from seeking cover on lower ground, where they run the risk of coming into contact with domestic sheep. They also disagree about whether or not current populations of domestic sheep are too close to the proposed recovery areas, and would come into contact with wild sheep looking for food and breeding stock.

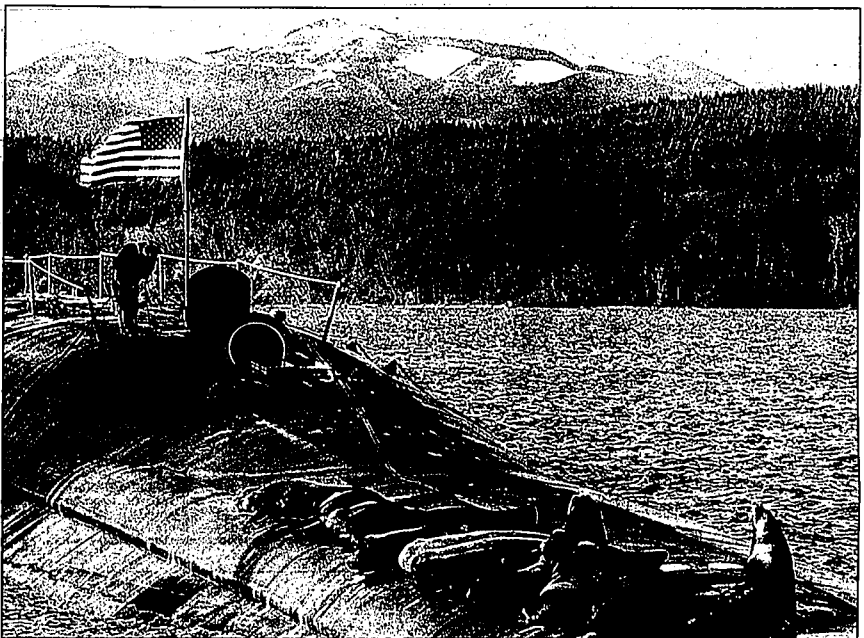
Because domestic sheep carry a strain of pasteurilla that can be transmitted to wild sheep, the association is concerned that the environmental community may someday pressure sheep ranchers to shut down if disease becomes a significant problem, says Stan Boyd, executive director of the association.

But because it is important to Fish and Game that wild sheep avoid contamination, the agency says it has been very careful in securing an appropriate location for reintroduction.

Fish and Game officials will take their recommendations before the commission Jan. 27. If the commission approves the reintroduction, Fish and Game will trap the sheep in John Day River Canyon and on Aldrich Mountain in Oregon during the first week in February, and release them in Parks Creek Drainage on Jim Sage Mountain, Smith said.

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REALLY MARTHA, NEXT YEAR WE'LL VACATION ELSEWHERE



Several sea lions bathe in the sun on top of the Trident submarine USS Ohio Tuesday, while Petty Officer 1st Class Rob Regular connects the sub-to-shore electrical systems at Naval Submarine Base Bangor, Wash.

Crapo

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result was not caused by another ailment.

Doctors at the Naval Medical Center told Crapo he had cancer shortly before Christmas, and within two weeks, they had decided to remove his prostate.

While prostate cancer victims can seek radiation treatment in addition to surgery, Crapo is not expected to need additional treatment.

Although early indications suggest the surgery was a success, a Magic Valley prostate specialist warns that Crapo will need to be examined annually before doctors can say the cancer is completely gone.

Twin Falls urologist Richard Zobell said his prostate cancer patients usually return for checkups every three months in the first year, every six months in the second year, and every

year for up to 10 years thereafter.

"Prostate cancer is a slow-growing cancer," Zobell said. "So in order for treatment to be effective, it may take some years before we know if the cancer is gone."

Crapo encouraged others to seek annual exams.

"I encourage everyone to make use of the simple tests that are available to detect these kinds of problems early on," Crapo said.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, prostate cancer is the second most commonly diagnosed form of cancer among men, after skin cancer. It is also the second-highest cause of cancer-related death in men, after lung cancer.

Crapo spokeswoman Susan Wheeler said the senator chose to keep his condition private until the results of his treatment were known.

Montana wildlife director pulls resume

HELENA, Mont. (AP) — The director of Montana's Fish, Wildlife and Parks Department has withdrawn as a candidate for the top wildlife job in Idaho.

Pat Graham, 47, said on Wednesday that he made the decision based on professional and personal considerations, but did not specify them.

"Right now, I want to finish the jobs we started here in Montana," Graham said.

He was identified last month as one of three finalists for the job of director of the Idaho Fish and Game Department.

Meanwhile, ousted director Steve Mealey has an April 13 court date to try and regain the job he held until the Fish and Game Commission fired him last March.

At the time, Graham said he

was solicited for the position and was not job hunting. But he said he wanted to explore the possibility and assess whether he wanted to make a significant contribution to the Idaho agency.

In withdrawing his candidacy, Graham said he was impressed "by the professionalism of Idaho's agency and the optimism and energy of its commission. While the Idaho department faces some significant challenges in the short term, I feel very optimistic about its future."

His Montana appointment ends next January when the administration of Gov. Marc Racicot completes its second and last term.

Other finalists for the Idaho job are Bruce McCloskey, 47, current director of the Colorado Division of Wildlife, and Rodney W. Sando, 58, of the U.S. Fish

and Wildlife Service and former Minnesota director of natural resources.

The 500-employee, \$50 million Idaho agency has been without a director since last March when the seven-member Idaho Fish and Game Commission fired Mealey. The same day, outraged legislators announced they would not consider Fish and Game's request to increase sportsmen's fees by \$4.4 million to help ease the agency's deepening financial woes.

Even if a new director is named later this month, Acting Director Jerry Mallett is expected to continue leading Fish and Game through the end of the legislative session that started Monday as officials try again to win approval of fee hikes.

Mealey's lawyer, former Idaho

attorney general David Leroy, said Wednesday he was taking depositions from Fish and Game Commissioner John Burns of Salmon and former Commissioner Jeff Siddyway of Terreton.

Siddyway said he would ask 4th District Judge Michael McLaughlin for a summary judgment finding the commissioners had violated Idaho's Open Meeting Law by allegedly holding secret sessions and firing him in a closed meeting last March.

Mealey currently is the consulting administrator for the Boone and Crockett Club, a Missoula, Mont.-based organization which has a long history of big game taken by rifle hunters. Leroy said Mealey's salary is comparable to what he made with Fish and Game.

Jerome

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ed enrollment for 2006 is estimated at 3,168 students, and "we are overcrowded now," Gibson said.

In addition to building a new school, the district plans to sell all or part of its land north of town on North Lincoln Street, and the old Washington Elementary School building. The school district had Washington school, located on South Lincoln, appraised at \$350,000, Cobble said. It will be sold at public auction.

In other business:

Leonard Bay, project manager for Starr Corp., said the eight-

classroom addition to the high school is five weeks behind schedule. The school can expect to move into the addition during spring break, Bay said.

The classroom construction is covered by a \$1.25 million emergency supplemental override levy passed by voters in June 1999.

"The School Board voted to provide the transportation and pay salaries of the junior varsity coaches for the Jerome Baseball Association and the after-school soccer program. Those costs were estimated at about \$13,000 per program.

Kempthorne to withhold decision on Nampa school

BOISE (AP) — Gov. Dirk Kempthorne on Wednesday agreed that improvements must be made at the Idaho State School and Hospital in Nampa, but he continued to withhold judgment on just what the solution is.

"Something has to be done," the governor said. "The current conditions are not suitable out there."

But the special committee assessing the institution, which had planned to wrap up deliberations this week, has put off a final meeting, hoping to get Kempthorne's view before moving

ahead. It is evaluating a full-scale rebuilding program with a \$1.5 million price tag against a scaled-back \$6.5 million proposal that is coupled with a campaign to expand community-based programs.

The governor is been cool to putting the campaign for expanded community based programs into law, but Rep. Bill Sali of Meridian said Kempthorne might be willing to at least boost the official nature of the coalition running that effort by having a representative of his staff at its meetings.

Student with tuberculosis withdraws from U of I

MOSCOW (AP) — University of Idaho officials have notified at least 170 students and faculty that they may have been exposed to a student with tuberculosis.

The risk of infection from casual contact in a classroom setting is "relatively low, but not absent," Vice President for Student Affairs Hal Godwin said Tuesday. "We are working with the health center to make sure we reach everyone who needs to be reached."

The university sent letters Friday to students and others

who shared classes with the infected student. It received confirmation of the student's condition last week.

The period of possible exposure ran from approximately mid-September to mid-October. People receiving notices are encouraged to have a skin test to determine if they have been infected.

The infected student, who was originally diagnosed by university student health services, was enrolled for the fall semester but withdrew Nov. 2.

MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

Gooding OKs city raises

By Alma Wilson
Times-News correspondent
GOODING - The City Council on Monday approved a \$51.45 per month salary increase for 23 full-time city employees.

The City Council voted unanimously to approve the pay raise and Reed requested an executive session to further discuss the issue.
Also Monday, the council approved City Superintendent Todd Bunn to spend \$2,054.96 on a new environmental flow sampler.

February appreciation dinner in Jackson. Employees will pay for bus transportation.
The council said it was impressed the youth entries in the city logo contest. The council will choose the winning logo in the near future.
The council approved Police Chief Paul Brown to attend the a conference in Boise.

Hagerman approves drainage system

By Gina Mulder
Times-News correspondent
HAGERMAN - The drainage problem at the intersection of Lake and Second streets may soon be water under the bridge.
The City Council on Tuesday approved a plan to install a drainage system to divert water from the road and carry it to a ditch west of town.
The project will cost about \$9,000 and will include a storm drain and pipe, two catch basins and asphalt patch. The city will break ground on the project when weather permits. The project will take about 45 days to complete.

pipe and drain and got that much taken care of, we can find out maybe in later years it won't be so expensive to seal coat or put down blacktop," Mayor James Norwood said.
The lack of drainage has always been a bit of a problem at the intersection, but was manageable until the new high school was built, Norwood said. Now, after the area has been saturated by snow or rain, the water has nowhere to go but to the middle of the two streets.
Council members agreed they would like to see the school district pick up about half of the repair costs.
"I know we're part of the problem and we (the school district) want to be part of the solution," said Hagerman School District Superintendent Lee Mitchell. "The water creates problems for us at the school so we want to see this matter taken care of."

Mitchell said he would take the plan and the cost estimate back to the School Board and report back to the city.
Also Tuesday, the council approved Librarian Wilma Butigan's request to apply for a \$6,500 grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. If approved, the money would be used to purchase two new computers. The Gates Foundation would also provide technical support to help set up the systems and train library staff. Butigan said the only cost to the library would be for computer tables and about \$150 in electrical work.
In other action Tuesday, the council approved a catering permit for the Fireman's Ball scheduled Feb. 12 at the Legion Hall.

Jackpot fire crews won't fill casino tanks

By Sam Feltman
Times-News correspondent
JACKPOT - Fire Chief David Hutchinson told the Advisory Board on Tuesday that he'd received a written notice from Elko County Ambulance Director Bill that the Jackpot Fire Department will no longer be filling oxygen bottles for the casinos because "oxygen is considered a drug and the liability is just too great."

medical director. He will replace Dr. Kevin Kral who is retiring from the position.
Also Tuesday, Jackpot Tourism Director Terri Dunn told the board that she recently attended a Cowboy Country Tourism Board meeting.
She said the board, which is funded in part by the Nevada Commission on Tourism, was very helpful and will assist her in promoting northern Nevada across the nation.
Dunn said the focus is to promote tourism in Nevada other than gambling. Dunn said she's working on a calendar of events for Jackpot and will be applying

for grants to help fund those events.
Other Advisory Board business:
• Sherri Summers has stepped down from the board creating a vacancy. Board members are appointed by Elko County commissioners.
• The board approved Western Resource Management's request to change the zoning of the 18-acre Terrace Subdivision located near the golf course from open space to residential.
Times-News correspondent Sam Feltman can be reached in Jackpot at 775-755-2351.

Gas additive found in Panhandle water

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) - A "60 Minutes" report on a gasoline additive fouling ground water has provoked calls to Idaho environmental regulators.
Bill Madigan, public works director for Post Falls, was one caller.
Madigan knew about the substance in Sunday night's television news report, methyl tertiary butyl ether. Added to gasoline, it creates cleaner-burning cars.
But he was surprised to hear it

forced Santa Monica, Calif., to shut down most of its drinking water wells.
Concerned, Madigan called the Idaho Division of Environmental Quality Tuesday to find out if the additive was in water supplies.
Idaho and Washington do not require water suppliers to test for the additive that leaks into ground water from underground storage tanks. And the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency does not consider it a

drinking water contaminant yet.
But a recent study showed at least three places in northern Idaho where ground water holds significant levels of the additive.
Surprised regulators, who did not expect the additive to turn up, said the results are cause for concern. The additive is a suspected cancer-causing agent.
And eight northeastern states increased pressure Wednesday for Congress to give them greater authority to regulate the additive.

Castleford schools honor King Jr.

By Loretta Burkhardt
Times-News correspondent
CASTLEFORD - The School District set aside its regular curriculum on Monday to honor slain civil rights activist Martin Luther King Jr. and the accomplishments of the nonviolent resistance of the 1950s and 60s.
Under the direction of school counselor Gelianne Choate, students read excerpts from King's "I Have a Dream" speech before attending five 30-minute workshop sessions.
Participating teachers began the day by reading Choate's hand-out which reminded students that "today is an important day in recognizing human rights and the way we treat one another. It is not about the black race or the white race, rather, the human race."
During the True Colors session, students worked in small groups to brainstorm the subject of discrimination. Topics included race,

disabilities, social class, gender, appearance and ethnicity.
"The workshop" teaches awareness of the many ways we discriminate... and the students come up with their own ideas about ways to overcome the bias," Choate said.
Forty students in the Round Table meeting talked about cultural discrimination.
In that discussion, led by Connie Kinyon, 11th-grader Krystle Wengreen shared her feelings about being uncomfortable in her visit to Australia, where Americans are referred to as "Yankies."
"On the day I left... the headlines in a newspaper - 'Barbecue the Yanks' (due to high tariffs imposed on lamb exports)," Wengreen said.
Art teacher Randy Maves used art posters with the titles "Accept," "Believe," "Dream," "Love," and "Pride" on which groups of students added pictures

related to those words.
"My hope (for the outcome of the project) is kids learning to work in new situations, having new ideas, taking a chance with (someone) they've never worked with," Maves said.
Other sessions included "A Time for Justice," "Music Exploration" and an afternoon assembly.
Superintendent Kelly Murphy said students probably learned a lot by being in school on the national holiday.
"Instead of a holiday away from school, I believe the primary way to honor (Martin Luther King Jr.) is to be in school where the kids can learn about the struggle... experience it in a personal way... and get a feel of the importance of what really happened," Murphy said.

Castleford offers reading program

By Mickey Brown
Times-News correspondent
CASTLEFORD - A new reading program will be available to kindergarten through eighth-grade students, starting Monday.
"We've talked about this type of program before, but we didn't have the resources," Principal Andy Wiseman told the Castleford School Board Tuesday. "The \$4,000 grant from the Idaho Community Foundation has now enabled us to begin."
The program will be held after regular school hours, 3:15 to 5:30 p.m., on Mondays and Wednesdays at the Red Barrel Community Center.

If response to the program exceeds the center's capacity, the program will be moved back to school grounds.
"Participating students will be able to receive help on homework and be encouraged to read for fun," Wiseman said. "The concept of the more you do, the better you get, will be reinforced."
Directors Jacklyn Machado and Stacy Kinyon will offer the program, with additional aides provided by the Castleford Parent Teacher Youth Organization and community members.
Also Tuesday, Superintendent Kelly Murphy reviewed student progress in the Waterford Early

Reading program.
The computer-based reading program, in its second year at the school, involves kindergarten through second-grade students.
"The children move at their own speed and are charted on progress both as an individual and as a class," Murphy said. "It allows us to track each child's progress and the classes. It's quite a program and the children love it. In addition, each child receives 52 books they can take home, which ties into the curriculum."
In other board business, discussion of a discipline policy was tabled until the board's next meeting, scheduled for 7 p.m., Feb. 15, in the school library.

Buhl educators tackle enrollment trends

By Mary Lou Potts
Times-News correspondent
BUHL - Buhl School District administrators and faculty have an ongoing concern about declining student enrollment, and they're tracking why students leave the district.
High School Principal Terry Adolphson outlined a 1 1/2-year enrollment trend during Tuesday's School Board meeting.
Since the 1996-97 school year, 267 students have pulled out of Buhl schools, although the numbers have declined each year. So far this year, 28 students have pulled out of school.

Families who move out of town or out of state.
• Dropouts.
• Students who enroll at the College of Southern Idaho or opt for a General Educational Development diploma.
• Homeschooling.
Changes could also be linked to a large migrant work force in the area.
Using five-year enrollment data, the class of 2000 had 138 students registered in 1995. About 72 students are slated to

graduate in June.
In other business, Superintendent Rick Hill discussed the policy on a working relationship with local law enforcement. I'll said Sheriff Wayne Tousey is scheduled to talk with students to explain the policy. No date has been set.
The board agreed to endorse a proposed recreation district project, which is being pushed by the Building Buhl's Future economic development group.

Tests target why Forest Service workers fell ill

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) - Test results provided no answers to what sickened employees at the Panhandle National Forests supervisor's office, where a sewer backed up last month.
Workers from MCS Environmental Inc. in Spokane, Wash., tested for mold spores and bacteria, and all registered "below expected levels," MCS division manager Ron

Knutson said.
The building has been closed since Jan. 11, about a month after sewage bubbled up through floor drains. A janitorial crew cleaned up the sewage, but employees continued to smell a musty odor and some experienced watery eyes, runny noses and sore throats, spokesman Dave O'Brien said.
A crew from Action Carpet and

Upholstery Cleaning in Hayden Lake fumigated the building. The following day, an employee who spent just 20 minutes in the building had to be taken to the emergency room, O'Brien said.
Carpets from the building's hallways and areas soaked by the sewage have been removed, he said. The office will reopen as soon as new carpet is installed - probably within a week.

Report: Loss of fish bodies ill for Idaho

BOISE (AP) - An economist who studied the impacts of salmon and steelhead fishing on Idaho's economy is warning that the loss of the fish could be devastating for small communities.
"Rural communities are being hammered by the impacts on the fishing community," Don Reading said. "Should the fisheries be lost, then one more important economic option will be lost."
Reading presented his study results Wednesday to members of the Idaho Travel Council and Department of Commerce. He conducted the research for the Idaho Fish and Wildlife Foundation.
"Salmon and steelhead fishing were Idaho's first natural resource industries and still today hold tens of millions of dollars of economic potential for our state each year," Sandy Emerson, the Fish and Wildlife Foundation's president, said in a statement.

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Notice of Availability
Agencies Sign Record of Decision for Cleanup of Test Area North
The U.S. Department of Energy, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and state of Idaho have signed a Record of Decision to clean up eight contaminated areas at the Test Area North of the DOE's Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory.
The contaminated areas that will be cleaned up include underground storage tanks containing radioactive and hazardous wastes, a contaminated soil site, a disposal pond, pits where materials were once burned and the site of a fuel leak. Total cost of cleanup is estimated at \$26.2 million.
Test Area North was constructed between 1954 and 1961 to support the Aircraft Nuclear Propulsion Program to develop and test designs for nuclear-powered aircraft engines. President Kennedy terminated the program in 1961 and the Test Area North facilities were converted to support a variety of other DOE research projects.
The agencies completed an environmental investigation in 1997, called a comprehensive remedial investigation/feasibility study, which looked at the extent of contamination at Test Area North and evaluated potential remedies. Of 94 potential release sites identified in and near the facilities, 11 were identified as requiring some cleanup actions to reduce the potential risk to human health and the environment. Two of those sites are being addressed in previous cleanup decisions and another is being evaluated in a separate investigation.
Citizens may request copies of the Record of Decision by calling the INEEL Community Relations Office at (208) 526-4700 or the INEEL's toll-free number at (800) 708-2680.
Additional Information
Additional information is available in the Administrative Record file for Operable Unit 1-10. The Administrative Record is located at the DOE Reading Room of the INEEL Technical Library in Idaho Falls. Copies of the information contained in the Administrative Record can be found in the Information Repository at the Albertus Library on the campus of Boise State University in Boise and the University of Idaho Library in Moscow. An electronic version of the Information Repository can be accessed on the Internet at http://inet.gov/home.html

Mutual fund gains: A house of cards?

Skeptics think technology stocks are overvalued

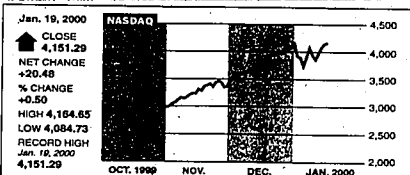
By Dunstan Prial The Associated Press

NEW YORK - As technology stocks soar higher and higher, concern is growing among market observers that mutual fund investing has become little more than a self-fulfilling prophecy built on a shaky house of cards.

The theory goes something like this: Technology stocks, especially anything related to the Internet, have benefited from a dynamic known in the business as momentum investing, a practice in which investors pile into a stock or a sector simply because it's going up.

The momentum feeds on itself through word of mouth and the ubiquitous financial media. Consequently, more and more money is targeted for that select group of stocks, pushing them yet higher.

Finally, professional fund managers - who are trained to know better - are forced to fall in line because their clients will undoubtedly question why the manager has ignored a sector that is outperforming by far all other areas of the market.



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And since most fund managers' careers depend on performance, they feel compelled to invest in the latest hot sector so as not to miss out on the astronomical gains.

"The mania 'perform or die' has turned investment managers into gamblers. They know that this is a bubble but they must perform or perish. You either perform or you die," said

Robert Parks, a longtime Wall Street economist, author and finance professor at Pace University in New York.

Parks said the current level of speculation within the technology sector represents "the biggest stock market bubble in U.S. financial history."

Year-end statistics for 1999 provide ample evidence that momentum investing has "winnowed down to a chosen few the list of stock market success stories.

Internet stocks rose an average of 176 percent last year, helping to push the technology-dominated Nasdaq composite index up an unprecedented 86 percent. Other stocks that benefited from their close ties to the Internet included electronics, which rose an average

of 113 percent; computer software and services, up 84 percent; computer hardware, up 75 percent; and telecommunications, up 72 percent.

Yet in the midst of the longest bull market in history, the sectors that dominated the U.S. economy for the last 100 years all struggled in 1999. Manufacturing rose just 14 percent; automotive stocks were up 13 percent and chemicals climbed 12 percent.

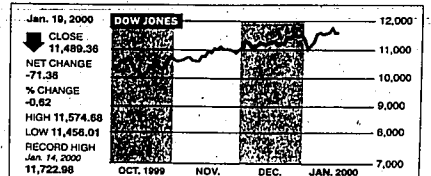
Even more troubling perhaps is the fact that more stocks lost value in 1999 than gained. In fact, 63 percent of the stocks traded on the New York Stock

Exchange, more than any of the oldest and most stable U.S. companies are listed, fell last year. The NYSE saw 1,006 stocks rise, while 1,695 declined. And nearly as many Nasdaq stocks fell in 1999 as gained. For the year, 2,135 Nasdaq stocks rose, while 2,073 fell.

Overall, 3,397 stocks rose in value, while 4,186 declined, according to Media General Financial Services, a Richmond, Va.-based market data company.

Science and technology mutual funds rose an average of 132 percent last year. No other sector came close.

Daily markets roundup



Nasdaq soars to new record despite Microsoft's plunge

NEW YORK (AP) - The Nasdaq composite index rose to a new record - Wednesday even as investors pummeled Microsoft for a profit report that met published estimates but failed to impress some Wall Street analysts.

The Nasdaq rose 20.48 to 4,151.29, its first new record since it closed at 4,131.15 on Jan. 5. The Dow Jones industrial average fell 71.36 to 11,489.36, a decline that came almost entirely from Microsoft.

Broader stock indicators were mixed. The Standard & Poor's 500 rose 0.76 to 1,455.90. Microsoft fell 8 5/16 from its 5 p.m. price Tuesday to 107. Late Tuesday, the company said it earned \$2.44 billion, or 44 cents per share, in the fiscal second quarter, compared to the 42 cents predicted by analysts surveyed by First Call/Thomson Financial.

But traders said Microsoft's "whisper number" an unofficial prediction circulated on the Internet and on trading floors was as high as 49 cents, setting up some investors for disappointment.

Shares of Microsoft were also

pressed by company officials' warning of a potential slowdown in demand for personal computers. What's more, some analysts suggested Microsoft had benefited from strong gains in its equity portfolio rather than strength in the software business.

"Microsoft made their numbers and did not change the guidance, but they got there in a very different way than expected," said Don Young, a Microsoft analyst at PaineWebber.

While they shunned Microsoft, investors returned to some big-name technology stocks that finished in 1999. Qualcomm rose 7 9/16 to 146.58 and Yahoo! soared 22 13/16 to 364.45 on Jan. 19.

"In a weaker market, Microsoft would have hurt the rest of the tech," said Gary Kalmbach, chief technical analyst at J.W. Genesis Securities in Boca Raton, Fla.

"That was not the case today."

The fever for technology stocks began last year helped boost business for online brokerage ETrade Group and DLJDirect, which both reported narrower-than-expected losses on Wednesday.

Business

Continued from C6 Business Plus II is in active discussions with a couple of companies it may try to recruit to Twin Falls with some funding help. But Wagner said he can't talk about those companies yet.

Also Wednesday, Business Plus II agreed to underwrite registration costs for up to 10 people to attend a statewide

telecommunications seminar in Boise Feb. 3-4. Those 10 probationary members will be selected by the other interested people who contact the chamber, Wagner said.

"We think this telecommunications thing is critical enough to our economic future," he said, so the committee wants to encourage locals to attend the event.

The conference on broadband telecommunications - "Connecting Idaho: Attracting High-Speed Telecommunications" will explore how high-speed service is essential to maintaining and improving the competitiveness of rural Idaho and the actions that communities can take to encourage service improvements, organizers have said.

It will be held at the Grove Hotel in Boise. The registration fee of \$75 includes meals and materials. For details, call the Idaho Innovation Center at 1-888-828-3899.

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NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Table with columns: Name, Div, Last, Chg. Lists various stocks and their performance on the New York Stock Exchange.

MARKET SUMMARY

Summary table for NYSE, AMEX, and NASDAQ. Columns include: Most Active, Gainers, Losers, and Diaries for each exchange.

NASDAQ NATIONAL MARKET

Table listing various NASDAQ national market stocks with columns for Name, Div, Last, Chg.

INDEXES

Table showing market indices: S&P 500, Dow Jones Industrials, Dow Jones Transportation, etc.

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Table listing local stocks: Albertson, American, Amsco, etc.

HOW TO READ THE MARKET REPORT

Here are the 100 most active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, the 400 most active on the Nasdaq National Market and 100 most active on American Stock Exchange. Includes a key for interpreting the data.

AMERICAN STOCK EXCHANGE

Table listing various American Stock Exchange stocks with columns for Name, Div, Last, Chg.

MARKETS

CLOSING FUTURES

Table of closing futures prices for various commodities including soybeans, corn, wheat, and livestock. Columns include contract name, price, and change.

Table of market prices for various commodities such as soybean meal, soybean oil, and various grades of soybeans.

Table of market prices for various grades of wheat, including hard red winter wheat and soft red winter wheat.

Table of market prices for various grades of corn, including yellow dent and white dent corn.

Table of market prices for various grades of soybean meal and soybean oil.

BEANS

Area based prices weren't available.

Table of bean prices for various types of beans, including navy beans and pinto beans.

GRAINS

Magie Valley grain prices weren't available.

Table of grain prices for various types of grains, including wheat and corn.

CHEESE

Cheddar cheese prices on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange.

Table of cheese prices for various types of cheddar cheese.

POTATOES

CHICAGO (AP) - Idaho Farm Bureau International.

Table of potato prices for various grades of Idaho potatoes.

MEATS

CHICAGO (AP) - Live hog prices.

Table of meat prices for various types of meat, including pork and beef.

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CHICAGO (AP) - Futures trading on the Chicago Board of Trade.

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Microsoft rejects judge's label

WASHINGTON (AP) - A federal judge rejected Microsoft Corp.'s claim that it was a monopoly because it abused its influence, the software giant says in its first formal response to the court's tough rebuke of its conduct.

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Chamber

Continued from C6 "We're really very pleased that that possibility looks pretty strong. Just as specifically positive is that the airline is cost-conscious and realizes its real competition is the automobile, he added.

FOSSIL FUELS

NEW YORK (AP) - Futures trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange Wednesday.

Table of fossil fuel prices for various grades of oil and natural gas.

Research

Continued from C6 knowledge of the business environment should lead the group, keeping the session under a few hours. The session should provide total anonymity to participants and allow them to brainstorm to gather what doesn't come out in discussion.

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Seeing, not just looking

I don't see very well, at least not when I'm looking. There is a delay between the moment I see something and the moment when I understand what it really is.

The delay between seeing and understanding can be brief. Or it can be as long as the wait between one Christmas and the next.

If it happens while I'm driving, I smile and roll my hands around the steering wheel, lean back and admit to myself that life is excellent. Those are good times. I'm usually alone and the day is behind me. I've got a clear vision then and I can see clearly what I've done. At times, I can even feel it.

Not long ago, I was driving up the interstate from Utah to Idaho. All of us know that can be a long drive and it can be boring. For folks who are looking, but not seeing, it's miles and miles of sagebrush, juniper, sand and wind. There are a few promising, distant ridge lines, but they are too ephemeral to trust.



DOG-EARED TALES
Bill Studebaker

While I drove, I began to appreciate where I'd been and where I was. I was enjoying a simultaneous, dual awareness. I had driven from underneath a dome of city lights that shined the Wasatch Front, from Ogden to Sandy, into a shroud of star light that bathes the high desert.

In the city, as I looked up, I saw pale, yellow light diffuse against impenetrable darkness. On the high road near Malta, I saw stars.

The sky was clear. The stars and moon reflected from the hood of my car. That's when my brain kicked in and I realized that a city isn't just buildings and busy streets. It's a dome of star light beyond which there is no vision.

I rolled my hands around the steering wheel and felt good about being under the stars. I put trust in the distant horizon, something I could lay my eyes on.

That's what I like to do, reach out with my eyes. I see as far as I can and as much as I can. If I take in too much, too quickly, I hope that my mind will catch up later.

Nestled in a bed of stars with the car purring perfectly, I daydreamed as I drove through the night.

I thought back to a time before the weather turned, back when it was still warm and dust would hang in the air. I was standing at the end of a dirt road. I was looking hard for a man I wanted to meet.

I was looking for Ben.
Now Ben is 85, and he and Maureen run a 500-acre ranch. I'd been in the house, logging, but in anticipation of Ben's return from checking the fencing crew, I'd stepped out onto the road.

It was the short end of the day. The light was long and the sun was far in the west. In front of me rose a pine-covered mountain. All around me were foothills that gave them the look of velvet.

I could see virtually the entire ranch, and down through the middle of it rode Ben. His horse was clipping an easy pace, but fast, the way a horse will when it knows the barn is the next stop.

Yes, it was a western scene. Yes, it was romantic. Yes, it did smack of Louis L'Amour's infinite heroes. But then standing there, I realized what I'd been seeing.

I'd been looking over a ranch with no jeep trails, cat tracks, logging roads, feed lot berms, or motorcycle ruts rifling the ridges.

That's when I came to know Ben and Mary Jane. The long, leaning western light showed strongly on their characters. I saw the ground they walked on, ground where they knew every step.

It was ground they cherish. On their faces, everyone keeps to feet—their own and their horses' hooves.

Their ranch is trackless and the atmosphere is serene. No flurry of four-door, four-wheel-drive pickups. Life on their ranch proceeds at its own's pace, not at the speed of internal combustion.

I didn't see this at first. There was a delay, then the ranch snapped into its proper perspective. I understood, many days and many miles later.

When he isn't driving down country roads, Bill Studebaker directs the Outdoor Adventure Program at the College of Southern Idaho.



In winter, when their coats turn white, long-tail weasels are known as ermine. In this phase, their coats have long been used to trim the robes of kings, nobles and judges.

Weasels: Fearsome and funny

No matter their hue, these efficient predators are truly fascinating to watch

By Stu Murrell
Times-News correspondent

Anyone who roams Idaho's woods in winter has the chance of encountering an ermine. These weasels, white as the snow itself, are curious and playful. It's common to see them pop out of their cover in one spot, utter a shrill squeak and then disappear — only to emerge from another hole somewhere else.

There are three subspecies of these small predators in Idaho. The long-tail weasel is most common, followed by the short-tail weasel. Both have black tips on their tails. The least common weasel, appropriately named the least weasel, does not have a black tip on its tail. It is also the world's tiniest carnivore, weighing a mere 1 1/2 ounces.

Not only do their coats change color with the season, so do their names. In summer, all three subspecies have tan-colored coats with yellowish-white bellies. They are typically called weasels in summer, but in winter — when



In summer, when their coats are tawny, long-tail weasels are known simply as weasels. They are commonly found in southern and central Idaho.

they turn white — they are known as ermine.

As with all members of the weasel family, they are fierce little creatures that emit a musky odor. They kill their prey by piercing the skull with sharp canine teeth. They are famous for their courage and commonly fight with

animals many times their size. The skull of one never-sey-die weasel was found with its teeth embedded in the neck of an eagle. As predators, their long, slender bodies are tailor-made for entering rodent holes. And their lightning-quick movements are perfect for cornering, capturing and killing terrified mice, rats and squirrels.

Weasels are shameless opportunists. If given the chance, they are quite capable of slipping into a chicken coop and killing several birds with sharp bites to the back of the neck. Normal-sized chicken wire isn't much of a deterrent since they can enter a hole as small as 1 1/2 inches.

The ermine's white coat has long been used to trim the robes of kings, nobles and judges; their black tails indicate persons of the highest rank. Historically, more than 50,000 skins have gone into the robes for a British coronation.

Weasel distribution in Idaho ranges from the highest mountains to the lowest deserts. Their

numbers fluctuate with the availability of prey, but they are versatile diners. If mice aren't on the menu, they'll develop an appetite for insects, birds and larger critters such as cottontails or tree squirrels.

Their favorite haunts are the holes of other animals such as rock chucks and ground squirrels. Males and females breed early in the year, but there is a delayed implantation of fertilized eggs in the uterus so that young are born in the spring — when more prey is available.

A typical litter contains four to eight young which are slow to develop. It takes 30 to 45 days just for their eyes to open. Their mothers are determined but tender guardians who carry them by the scruff of the neck when they are too young to walk.

Weasels are classed as predators in Idaho, which means they are unprotected. However, their benefit to humans far outweighs the damage they cause.

And observing their antics in the field is a delight.

Round 'em up and draw some blood

'Elk wranglers' capture critters and take samples to help understand herd's habits

The Associated Press

BANDELIER NATIONAL MONUMENT, N.M. — Rounding up elk is a rough and tumble game, but it pays \$475 a head.

Paul Wolf and handlers from Helicopter Capture Services were hired to wrangle 70 elk as part of a research project at Bandelier, west of Los Alamos, and Wolf has a shiner to show for it.

"I was tumbling around with a bull," he said, explaining the swollen right eyelid.

Helicopter pilot Patrick Nolan said it would be easier if more elk had shed their antlers. Between battling bulls and wrestling with winds, Nolan is tuckered out more than usual after last weekend.

"I think considering all the circumstances, we've done pretty well," he said.

To capture elk, trappers must sneak within 5 feet of a bull young enough to lack antlers. The antlers could cause him to snap his neck when netted. Being gored is almost an afterthought, trappers say.

Over three years, a \$210,000 grant from the U.S. Geological Survey will allow researchers to better understand migratory pat-

terns and eating habits of Bandelier elk. Netting 70 could pay the crew \$33,250.

The study also addresses how elk affect Bandelier's plant life and the ruins of Indian pueblos and cliffside dwellings on the monument.

The National Park Service and Texas Tech University are collaborating on the study with help from Santa Fe National Forest, the New Mexico Game and Fish Department and Los Alamos National Laboratory.

Trappers hunt the 700-pound beasts by helicopter, leaning out the chopper's open door in a harness and firing a net in front of each racing elk until it is entangled, then leaping out of the helicopter and wrestling the critter to the ground.

Each elk is blindfolded and hobbled to prevent kicking, and a radio collar is affixed. Each bull's temperature is taken to make sure the ordeal hasn't overstressed him. If not, blood samples are drawn and sent to Los Alamos for disease testing.

The roundup began last week with 15 elk netted. Friday's total was 13. By Saturday afternoon, the crew had tagged seven more, but the elk were catching onto

the game. "The animals are getting educated," Wolf said. Nobody knows for sure how big the elk population is at Bandelier, but it seems to be growing.

In warm weather, the elk like the neighboring Boca Ranch and the Jemez Mountains. When snow buries their food, they head for Bandelier and surrounding areas.

In a separate study, a team of state and federal biologists and Los Alamos National Laboratory are also pondering ways to cope with the elk population explosion in the Jemez range.

Craig Allen, a USGS research ecologist, has written that "There is no evidence that elk were ever abundant during prehistoric or historic times in the Bandelier area."

Bandelier's 1948 "Annual Wildlife Report" estimated an elk population of five. The elk being rounded up now are not native to New Mexico. The original elk that lived here died out and were replaced mainly for the benefit of hunters.

In 1948, the New Mexico Game and Fish Department took 21 elk cows and calves and seven bulls from Yellowstone National Park and released



A crew working for 'Helicopter Capture Services' chases elk Saturday in Bandelier National Monument, N.M. The group is trying to net, collar and take blood samples from 70 elk in the park. The job could net as much as \$475 per elk.

them in the Jemez Mountains.

In 1964 and 1965, another 58 elk from Wyoming were brought in.

Elk are suspected of overgrazing and damaging archaeological sites as well as the plant ecology of Bandelier. Erosion predares these elk, however. Fire suppression and cattle overgrazing get their share of the blame.

"The world isn't coming apart because there's too many elk," Allen said.

Bandelier has 2,400 known archaeological sites, and Allen said 80 percent to 95 percent are eroding.

"The archaeological record is being smeared across the landscape," he said.

More hunting is one potential answer to the elk dilemma, but that's not allowed at Bandelier. And the elk's natural predator, the wolf, is absent.

"There isn't enough data to make sound management decisions," said Mark Wallace, an assistant professor of wildlife at Texas Tech working on the project. "The potential is here that overgrazing of habitats is (happening) but overgrazing is defined by who is managing."

OUTDOORS



With mostly barren slopes Tuesday, skiers had only one open lift to ride at Sandia peak Ski area near Albuquerque, N.M.

Snow hits some areas, passes others

Northwest fares well, Southwest is still dry

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) - It appears Northwest ski resorts will not suffer the same fate as their counterparts in New Mexico. While New Mexico ski hills are suffering through a second consecutive year of low snow, resorts in the inland Northwest are benefiting from a healthy snowpack, thanks especially to a recent series of storms moving across the area. Skiers from as far as Chicago and Minnesota are visiting Schweitzer Mountain Resort near Sandpoint. This week, holiday crowds at Schweitzer were enjoying 100 inches of snow on top of the mountain - the deepest snowpack on a list of 66 resorts in Colorado, California, Utah and Idaho.

Switchboard operator Betty Faletto could hardly keep up with phone calls. "You name it, they're calling from there--a lot of people from California, Colorado and Utah, where they don't have good snow," she said. A couple from San Diego stopped by the office at Lookout Pass Ski Area on the Montana-Idaho border. Normally, they'd be skiing in the Sierras. "They caught a plane, flew to Spokane and came here to ski," said Wyn Edholm, whose husband is general manager of the ski hill near Mullan, Idaho. "We've got tremendous snow. Everybody's happy," she said. Many Washington ski areas in the Cascade Range also reported good snow. Mount Baker had a base of as much as 216 inches, while Stevens Pass had a maximum base of 126 inches. White Pass reported a base of 130 inches and Crystal Mountain had a

base of 88 inches. Michael Berry, president of the National Ski Areas Association in Colorado, said the season is only one-third over. February and March are the big income months for most resorts, he said. Further south, meanwhile, it's a different story. Sisters Chelsea and Tiffany Dickerson were catching a quick snack in the cafeteria of New Mexico's Sandia Peak Ski Area after a morning of snowboarding lessons. Both teens longed for more snow on the mountaintop just east of Albuquerque, but managed to look on the bright side: They didn't have to fight crowds. "It's a lot easier to learn to snowboard without people around," Tiffany, 14, said. Added Chelsea, 15, "there's no lines on any of the lifts, no waiting. For the second year in a row,

New Mexico ski areas are coping with less snow than normal. Several resorts delayed their opening from late November to mid-December; Ski Rio has already closed, at least temporarily. Resorts statewide have been hampered this week with New Mexico's spring-like temperatures. Albuquerque reported a record high 67 on Monday. Santa Fe, near another favorite ski resort, had a high of 65, while the mountain community of Taos, surrounded by ski resorts, topped 57. "It's hard to get people to commit to a winter sport when there's not much winter around," said Tom Long, Sandia's ski manager. In a normal year, Sandia averages 1,000 skiers a day; this month, it's had about 200. The resort normally has 300 people on its payroll by now, but currently has about 50, Long said.

Magic Valley Fly Fishers meet tonight

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Fly Fishers will meet at 7 p.m. today at the Rock Creek Restaurant, 200 Addison Ave. W. Club member April Wilcox will be the guest fly-tyer, and the evening's program will feature a video documentary titled, "Troubled Waters." The film, produced by KTVB, airs both sides of a controversial proposal to breach four dams on the lower Snake River in order to save threatened salmon and steelhead runs. Members are asked to bring several hand-tied flies for the fly hat to be auctioned off at the club's upcoming banquet. The public is welcome.

Outdoors in brief

at Salmon Dam recently when Wasko, who has a two-pole license, caught a fish on one of his poles. He brought the fish to shore but before he could get it off the hook, another fish grabbed the bait on his second pole. He threw the first fish and pole into the snow, then reeled in the second fish and took it off the hook. He was re-baiting the hook when an eagle swooped down and grabbed his first fish, which was still attached to the hook and the pole. Then the big bird then flew across the water - carrying the fish, rod and reel. About two-thirds of the way across the reservoir, the eagle dropped its cargo. It turned around and retrieved the fish, which broke off the hook during the fall. The rod sank like a stone, but the eagle enjoyed a nice fish dinner in full view of Wasko and his friends. -Compiled from staff reports

Kimberly man rues 'the one that got away'

KIMBERLY - All fishermen are entitled to tell a good fish tale once in a while. But Ted Wasko of Kimberly said his is no tall tale and he has witnesses to prove it. Wasko and fellow anglers Herman Sievers and Ruel Ledbetter were fishing

Stranded snowmobiler lights up his machine

NEWPORT, Wash. (AP) - Stranded in the mountains, Jason Conboy made the ultimate sacrifice to stay alive. He burned his snowmobile. "I was getting pretty weak, so I started ripping parts off my sled and burning them," said Conboy, 20, of Spokane, after he was rescued Tuesday. "I even burned my helmet." The seat lasted about an hour, he said. After running out of flammable parts, he curled up in the hole the fire had formed in the snow. "I just slept right on top of the coals," Conboy said. "My boots melted." Conboy was treated at Sacred Heart Medical Center in Spokane for minor frostbite on his feet and then was released. Pend Oreille County sheriff's Sgt. Alan Botzheim said temperatures dipped to 12 degrees overnight in nearby areas and were probably colder near the summit of Baldy Mountain, elevation about 6,000 feet, where Conboy spent the night. He had been without a fire for about four hours when rescuers from the sheriff's office and other agencies reached him about 3:30 a.m. Tuesday. Rescuers on snowmobiles followed Conboy's tracks by flashlight. The slopes were too steep for a rescue toboggan, so rescuers built a fire, wrapped Conboy in blankets and waited for daylight. He was taken aboard an Air Force helicopter about 10:30 a.m.

The ordeal began Monday afternoon when Conboy and a friend, Ryan Auer, 20, also of Spokane, attempted to reach an abandoned mountaintop fire lookout tower. Auer's girlfriend, Allison Smith, waited part way down the mountain. Auer was unable to reach the top and turned back. Conboy got farther but, while trying to turn around, his snowmobile slipped down the back side of the mountain. Auer went for help. With darkness approaching, Conboy lit a fire but could not gather enough tree branches to keep it going. First he used a tool to punch a hole in a fuel line on the snowmobile and collected gasoline in the lid of a small toilet. Then he ripped plastic parts from the snowmobile and burned them with the gasoline. He figures what's left of the snowmobile isn't worth the cost of a helicopter to recover it. "Hopefully, I don't get in trouble for littering," Conboy said. His plans for the future? "Buy a bigger sled."

- Jason Conboy, Spokane

Gracious landowners keep tradition alive

By Karl Lichl
The Gazette (Colorado Springs)

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. - The sun is down, the hunting day at an end. Another Colorado pheasant hunting season is winding down - where has it gone? And so, with guns safely put away, with birds cleaned and cooled, with no more driving to and from the field, reflect on hunting tradition and to propose a toast. A certain farm to the greater Burlington region comes to mind. It was discovered the chance a number of years ago, while cruising the back roads looking for likely pheasant cover, then ringing doorbells in hopes of getting permission to hunt. It was a classic. A roadside ditch was choked with waist-high tangles of tumbleweeds, with sunflower stalks, native grasses and wild wheat,

assorted briars, burrs and a hearty residue from years of cultivation in the adjoining fields. Years of traffic along the country road had contributed their own eclectic residue to the ditch, and now it offered perfect cover for pheasants, for cottontail rabbits, for raptors large and small for a full array of game and nongame wildlife. From all appearances, the farm was prosperous. Herds of fattening cattle meandered contentedly through pivoted irrigated fields of corn stubble. Pheasants no doubt wandered among the crows, also wading far on the waste grain. An orderly row of farm machinery stood idle behind the farmhouse and the silos, almost hidden from view by massive rolls of hay. But, despite the meticulous care given the fields, the edges remained wonderfully unkempt - a prime example of the compat-

ibility of farming and wildlife. Best of all, the farmer had been affable, downright chatty in the down-home way of people who have lived their lives away from the rush of the city. "That's be OK," he had said, simply enough, when asked permission to hunt. The initial hunt had lived up to, maybe exceeded expectations. Ringnecks remained plentiful on later hunts, though sporting success never was guaranteed. But the quality of the hunt was not to be measured in quantities of dead birds. Each visit to the farm produced its share of new discoveries, rediscoveries, pleasant surprises. And with each visit, the farmer became more congenial, sometimes offering suggestions on where to find additional, hidden patches of cover, sometimes even offering a beer at the end of the day.

Hunting partners and hunting dogs changed a little from year to year, much as the fields themselves, but hunting there became a tradition. Something that was done every year, often several times a year. Other places, were hunted too, of course, but though they all held their share of rewards, they were never quite the same. And so, at the end of the day, at the end of the season, to farmers and ranchers everywhere, who in the face of growing pressure to past their property, to lease hunting rights to the highest bidder - worst of all, to sell out to ever larger corporate farming or developers - as a matter of principle keep their lands open to almost any hunter who takes the time to ask permission. To landowners past, present and future who keep the tradition of public hunting alive. This one's for you.

Pro fisherman shares his talent

POCATELLO (AP) - Yellowstone National Park's trout are in good shape, says a West Yellowstone, Mont., fly-fishing guide and well-known fly-tying expert. Bob Jacklin spends much of his time fishing the waters of Yellowstone, and is optimistic about the fishery's future. He visited Pocatello for a fly-tying demonstration. "The catch-and-release ethic that is dominant in Yellowstone complements what the national park system tries to do," Jacklin said. "Every fish in Yellowstone was born there. They haven't stocked those waters since the 1950s."

"Yellowstone is one of the last strongholds for wild fish" - Bob Jacklin. While only cutthroat trout, grayling and mountain whitefish are native to the park's waters, all the fish in the park - cutthroat, whitefish, brown trout, rainbow trout, brook trout and grayling - are "naturalized," Jacklin said. "Yellowstone is one of the last strongholds for wild fish," he said. "If the attitude of the fishermen in the park stays the same,

we'll continue to have excellent fly-fishing in Yellowstone." He estimates 90 percent of the anglers who ply Yellowstone's waters return their catch. Jacklin also speculates that higher numbers of fish came as a result of the 1988 fires that torched much of Yellowstone. He thinks the chemistry of the water changed since the fires, strengthening the fish population. "It's better now than it was prior to 1988," he said. "All the water that runs year-round in Yellowstone has wild fish," he said. "We just need to encourage people to put the fish back. That way, we'll all have some to catch."

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WHEN DEMAND IS HIGH AND SUPPLY IS LOW... PRICES GO UP!

HOW 'BOUT GIVING US AN EXAMPLE?

OKAY... MY FIRST ANSWER WAS FREEZE. THIS ONE'S GONNA COST YOU.

Barfield By Jim Davis

HERE'S A PICTURE OF MY GRANDFATHER'S ELBOW.

I SEE THE RESEMBLANCE.

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WANT TO HAVE A CATCH, DAD?

IT'S 26 DEGREES OUTSIDE, AND THERE'S A FOOT OF SNOW ON THE GROUND.

The Wizard of Id By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart

HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO VOLUNTEER TO TEST SOME NEW MEDICINES?

BUT I'M NOT SICK!

NO PROBLEM, THEY'LL TAKE CARE OF THAT.

Hagar the Horrible By Chris Browne

HAGAR, I DON'T THINK "HEY, LOOK BEHIND YOU" IS GONNA WORK THIS TIME!

Beetle Bailey By Mort Walker

MORNING, GENERAL. HOLD IT! WHY DIDN'T YOU SALUTE ME?

MY MANUAL SAYS WE SALUTE THE UNIFORM, NOT THE MAN.

WAIT RIGHT THERE.

THAT'S BETTER!

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A LITTLE LOWER AND TO THE LEFT... AHMMMM!

The Born Loser By Art Sansom & Chip

HURRICANE HATTIE, 1+2=3 AND 3+3=6...

THEN HOW MUCH IS 1+2+3?

OH, SURE, GIVE YOURSELF THE EASY ONES AND LEAVE THE HARD ONE FOR ME!

For Better or For Worse By Lynn Johnston

BOY, TALKING TO ELIZABETH TAKES ME BACK! - I'D FORGETTABLE HOW HARD IT WAS TO GET THROUGH FIRST YEAR UNIVERSITY!

I'M GLAD SHE TALKS TO YOU, JOHN.

VERA, I MUST HAVE SPENT AN HOUR WITH HER ON THE PHONE JUST NOW!

IT'S THE SAD SHE'S GOING AWAY.

DON'T KNOW, I'D RATHER NOT BE LIKE YOU WERE WHEN YOU WERE IN COLLEGE!

Blonde By Dean Young & Stan Drake

GOOD MORNING! IS THIS MR. LEON ARMFLANDER?

NO.

IS THIS MR. LEON ARMFLANDER?

NO! THIS IS MR. DAEMWOOD BUMSTEAD!!

CLOSE ENOUGH? SURE, YOU'VE JUST WON A PARTNERSHIP IN A TIME SHARE CONDOMINIUM.

Pickles By Brian Crane

2!

2-2-2!

2!

IF HE DIES WITH A HAND DRESS IN HIS HAND WE'LL WANT TO BURY IT WITH HIM.

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"WE'RE HAVIN' CAKE AND ICE CREAM?"

"I GURE HOPE MOM'S EYES ARE BIGGER THAN MY TUMMY."

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"Mommy, is this the same doctor that Grandma always goes to?"

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AREN'T YOU IT?

I THOUGHT YOU WERE!

THIS IS WHY OUR "HIDE-AND-SEEK" GAMES TAKE FOREVER.

Zits By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott

MMFFGG!

YAWN!

GRUNT! GROWL! GRANK!

I LOVE THE SQUEL OF TESTOSTERONE IN THE MORNING!

IS THAT THAT THAT GET?

Luan By Greg Evans

IN THE PHRASE "THE ANGRY BEAR GAVE AN OMINOUS GROWL," WHAT DOES THE WORD "OMINOUS" DESCRIBE?

GROWL!

RIGHT.

HOW CUTE! YOUR STOMACH GOT A RIGHT ANSWER.

Strange Brew By John Deering

OH OH... THE GREAT WHITES ARE BACK.

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OUTDOORS



Andy Carrigan, stockbroker and member of the Fresno Longboard Surfing Association, hits the water Saturday near Santa Cruz, Calif.

Cold water daredevils

Fresno surf club heads for the coast

FRESNO, Calif. (AP) — Like any diehard longboarders, Bob Poirier and Jerry Ford are on a constant search for the perfect wave. There's only one small problem: The surf's never up in Fresno.

So here in California's Central Valley, where most people obsessed with water and weather forecasts are farmers, Poirier and Ford helped found — don't laugh, they ask — the Fresno Longboard Surfing Association.

Nearly every weekend, a contingent of these displaced desert misfits journey to some point along the faraway Pacific coast to catch a break and a short dose of the scene that most surfers would never live without.

"Everybody's surprised to hear that anyone from Fresno surfs," Poirier said recently, grabbing a midweek lunch with Ford at a chain restaurant in huge strip mall call Riverpark — no river or park anywhere to be found.

The man credited with being the nexus of a motley crew that now numbers about 30 is Bob Thompson, also known as the Surfing Judge for obvious reasons. He's a county judge, and when he's not handling child support cases, he's usually riding waves.

A story about Thompson in The Fresno Bee a few years ago caught the attention of Poirier, Ford and others who shared the judge's passion but didn't think, until then, that they would ever find friends to share their lonely pilgrimages to the shore. The roadtrips, which last 2-5 hours at a minimum and wind through flat, somewhat uninspiring landscapes, can seem as endless as a surfer's summer — only nowhere near as fun.

"It makes it pretty nice to go out to the coast with other people and talk," Ford said. "That's been one of the best parts." The club formed slowly at first, with a handful of members meeting once a week at the City Cafe,



Fresno Longboard Surfing Association members Bob Poirier, far left, Andy Carrigan and Jerry Ford head for the coast near Santa Cruz, Calif., Saturday.

a popular eatery that at the time was right across from a surf shop. They advertised in the paper and things snowballed from there. The group formalized about a year ago, and when it did, one of the main challenges was coming up with a name.

Central California or Central Valley Surfing Association were bandied about. Thompson jokingly suggested the OAFS, or the Older Adolescents Fresno Surfers, to reflect the aging pioneer members, most of them 50 or older. He was serious, though, about not making a reference to Fresno.

"One of Bob's main concerns was that if we put Fresno in the name, people would laugh at it," Poirier said.

The judge was overruled. The ranks are now dominated by professionals. Ford, the club president, works as general manager of a municipal water district north of Fresno. Poirier is a heart surgeon. Other members include a fire captain, stockbroker, teacher, attorneys and salesmen.

It is not coincidence that most of them are transplants, their careers keeping them rooted in a place where they long for the shore, too remote for them to act

on a surfer's practically built-in reflex to check the waves every and any chance they get.

Ford, who caught his first wave as a kid at the Santa Monica Pier, remembers getting a lot of flap when he left the Long Beach area, his friends warning him how his "surfing days-are-over now."

But the 57-year-old hasn't had to give up the surfing, nor the fellowship that comes with it.

Besides the weekend outings, there's surf vacations, charity events, barbecues, lunches and other informal get-togethers, sometimes just to smoke cigars.

Rocky West Texas land offers spectacular hunts

By Ray Sessor
The Dallas Morning News

SPUR, Texas — The Guitar Ranch is nestled in the rugged cap rock east of Lubbock. It looks like the wild west, and the walls of the Caprock Lodge are lined with photos of working cowboys, including ranch manager Jimbo Humphrey, a legend among chuck-wagon cooks.

Just north of the chiseled cap rock, Texas flattens into a monotonous pool-table tableau of wheat, maize, cotton and other crop lands. This is about as boring as the Lone Star landscape gets.

Boring, that is, unless you're hunkered in high weeds on a 10-acre playa lake with a cyclone of ducks swirling overhead and a swarm of geese battling the wind. They're on a course that will take them 30 yards above your position.

Out to the left, Scott Bramlett was pleading his case to the approaching flock, which consisted largely of Canada geese. Bramlett is a guide for Krooked River Outfitters. Another Krooked River guide, Terry Brandon, was calling from the right side of the firing line.

The stereophonic calls rang true, but the geese were coming, anyway. They were headed for their midday roost site on the shallow playa lake, which is a desert basin that fills after heavy rains. Bramlett had watched them for several days, and the birds never varied their routine.

Hunkered beside Bramlett was King Pugh, one of three longtime friends who had gathered for a traditional wildfowl excursion. The Texas native, a third-generation Aggie, likes to be identified as a resident of College Station. Thanks to his executive wife's career, he really lives in East Amherst, N.Y.

Both of Pugh's children were born in Illinois, a fact that so disturbed the dyed-in-the-wool Texan that he had Lone Star friends mail him dirt from chosen spots in his home state. Included was a smidgen of soil from the Texas

A&M 12th Man Monument. To the chagrin of the couple's obstetrician, Pugh enclosed the soil samples in a tidy bag and slipped them under his wife on the delivery table. Now he can claim that his children were born on Texas soil, despite what their birth certificates might show.

On their knees to create profiles in the shallow playa, Pugh's longtime pals were regularly picking green-head mallards out of the clear West Texas sky. Chuck Moreau is a transplanted Cajun who blows a duck call like Al Hirt handles a trumpet. Moreau actually lives in College Station.

Dave Lipscomb, the third and senior member of the hard-hunting entourage, used to live in College Station, but retired to Aransas Pass after selling his carpet business.

When the geese were directly overhead, Bramlett called the shot, and the results were predictable: It was a spectacular waterfowl hunt in an unlikely place. The final bag included a limit of Canada geese, plus snow geese, Ross' geese, white-fronted geese, a blue goose and three species of ducks.

Back at the 22,000-acre ranch, quail hunting guide Steve Burton was putting a party of North Carolina hunters on 12 covets of bobwhites a day. For added mobility, Burton was using a specially-rigged John Deere Gator, a six-wheel ATV. He was covering a lot more ground than Wichita Falls quail hunters Tim Gonnolly and Dan Bolen, who were walking behind their dogs and finding about half as many birds.

Earlier in the season, Krooked River clients had successfully hunted blue-winged teal, mourning doves, white-tailed deer, male deer and pheasant in the same area. Sandhill cranes are likewise abundant.

"That cap rock area of the Rolling Plains is one of the last frontiers for commercial hunting in Texas," said Roy Wilson, who founded Krooked River Outfitters.

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Forbes' ideas get plenty of play

Chances look slim for candidate to grab Republican nomination, but he has the money to keep campaigning

By Steven Thomas
Knight Ridder News Service

INDIANOLA, Iowa - He almost certainly will never be president. But magazine publisher Steve Forbes is spending enough money, time and effort to ensure that he is noticed in the Republican presidential campaign.

Forbes is poised to come in second behind front-runner George W. Bush on Monday when Iowa Republicans kick off the nomination voting at precinct caucuses. He vows to use that finish as a springboard to hound the Texas governor around the country, matching him state by state, million for million.

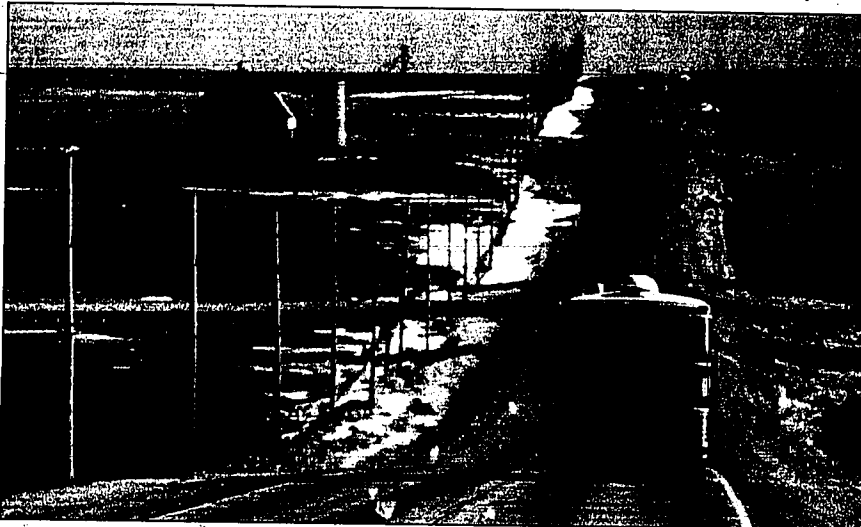
If Forbes has enough to play- enough even to outlast all the other also-rans and challenge Bush to the end - he doesn't have enough to win. Four years after he first jumped to stardom with a bold proposal for a simple flat tax, the nation is more affluent and less desperate for help. Moreover, although Republicans greeted the toothy millionaire with bemusement in 1996, this time many Forbes virulently every attacks on Bush, their best hope for victory next fall.

Yet Forbes will not go away. Indeed, he vows to keep sticking his well-manicured finger in the party establishment's eye right through to the end of the campaign trail.

"That's what the Bush people fear," Forbes said in a recent interview about his specially fitted campaign bus as it rolled across the windswept Iowa countryside. "We can go the distance and challenge him everywhere."

That is what sets Forbes apart from the other main challenger to Bush's nomination, Sen. John McCain of Arizona.

McCain, who is skipping Iowa's campaign to marshal his limited resources elsewhere, is more popular than Forbes virtually everywhere else. McCain could win the New Hampshire primary outright on Feb. 1, and polls show he is



The bus carrying Republican presidential hopeful Steve Forbes rolls through the Iowa countryside Tuesday near Auburn, enroute to a campaign stop.

the only Republican other than Bush who could win the general election against Democrats Al Gore or Bill Bradley.

But McCain is almost broke. And there is precious little time for fund raising after New Hampshire, when the primary calendar turns into a multistate sprint that demands expensive TV ads in many markets to compete. The only time Forbes needs to raise more money is the time it takes him to write a personal check.

Never elected to anything, never even willing to run for anything less than the White House,

Forbes has brought himself to the brink of political possibility by freely spending his family fortune - nearly \$54 million, and counting, in two campaigns. "It levels the playing field," Forbes said with a grin.

He spent \$41.6 million on his 1996 campaign - \$37.4 million of it his own, the rest from contributors. With it he promoted a flat tax and lambasted front-runner Bob Dole for his less-than-pure record on taxes. His personal checkbook ever ready, Forbes was able to turn down federal financing, and with it state-by-state limits on spending.

Dole survived, but had to spend so much of his limited war chest defending himself against Forbes that he hobbled out of the primaries broke and wounded.

Fearful of a similar challenge, Bush set out early in this campaign to raise enough money to defend himself and still have enough to campaign against the Democrats through the summer. Each of the two major party nominees will get about \$67 million in taxpayer money to run his fall campaign.

Even as Bush set records for fund raising, however, Forbes matched him almost dollar for

dollar in spending through the first months of the campaign. Through the end of September, Forbes had spent \$18.7 million, \$16.3 million of it his own. Bush had spent \$19.9 million.

On the trail, Forbes calls for the same tax plan he campaigned on in 1996: a flat tax of 17 percent on all income above \$13,000 for singles and \$26,000 for couples, with an extra \$5,000 exemption per dependent.

To voters like Bob Gotschald, an attorney in the small town of Indianola, that sounds pretty good. "We have to reform this system. It's too complicated,"



Steve Forbes
Pushing the flat tax

said Gotschald. "More and more people need computer programs like Turbo Tax just to file their returns."

This time, Forbes has broadened his agenda beyond taxes. He added a strong anti-abortion appeal to social conservatives. He also proposes to let people invest part of their Social Security savings in stocks and to allow parents to use tax-paid subsidies for private-school tuition.

If Forbes is a solid second to Bush here, however, he appears unable to draw nearer than that, let alone surpass the Texas governor.

"He's been rock solid with support from about 20 percent of the Republicans here, nothing more, nothing less," said Dennis Goldford, a political scientist at Drake University in Des Moines. "Nothing he's done has been able to change that."

Part of the problem is that Forbes is seen by many as unelectable. Americans rarely give the presidency to someone who has not been first tested in other elected offices. The last one was Dwight Eisenhower, but he had led U.S. forces against Nazi Germany in World War II.

BUCHANAN CROSSES OVER

Reform candidate illegally enters Mexico to make point

The Associated Press

DOUGLAS, Ariz. - Reform Party presidential candidate Pat Buchanan walked through a hole in a fence on the Arizona-Mexico border Wednesday to make a point, decrying thousands of illegal border crossings here as "an outright invasion of the United States of America."

With a dozen news media vehicles trailing him through the dusty border region near Douglas, 100 miles southeast of Tucson, Buchanan called dilapidated barbed wire fences a "disgrace" symbolizing Clinton administration apathy.

At one point he walked through a hole in the fence. Asked how it felt to be standing in Mexico, Buchanan joked. "If they get me, they wouldn't let me go."

An official traveling with him asked him to return and he quickly walked back 20 feet into the United States and told



Pat Buchanan examines the razor wire fence around Theresa Murray's home at the U.S.-Mexico border Wednesday outside Douglas, Ariz. Murray said her home has been broken into at least 30 times and that her dogs had been poisoned.

reporters he was unaware of doing anything improper. A Cochise County, Ariz., sheriff's deputy accompanying Buchanan said non-Mexicans are supposed to use authorized ports of entry

along the border.

Border-crosser apprehensions have exploded in Douglas and throughout the U.S. Border Patrol's Tucson Sector, which covers all but about 50 miles of

the Arizona-Mexico boundary.

The single-day sector apprehension record has been raised repeatedly this month and now stands at the 3,128 recorded last Thursday.

In Douglas, Buchanan stood with his back to a 10-foot-deep ditch and equally tall iron fence meant to deter border crossings, and scoffed that "even at my age I could get down that ditch." As he spoke, a few Mexicans walked along the other side of the border, paying little attention to the commotion.

Buchanan, who gave a speech in Southern California denouncing illegal immigration on Tuesday, kept up his rhetoric on Wednesday, suggesting that as president he might use the U.S. military to protect the border.

He also said he would crack down on U.S. employers who hire illegal immigrants, and he promised to install double or triple fences along the border.

The questions start to get personal for Mrs. Clinton

The Associated Press

BUFFALO, N.Y. - The questions are getting more personal every day for Hillary Rodham Clinton: Has she been unfaithful? Used drugs?

"No" and "no," she said Wednesday, a day after being asked in a TV interview if she really planned to leave her husband. It was "no" to that, too.

Mrs. Clinton, submitting to more radio and TV interviews as she nears a formal announcement that she is running for the Senate from New York, made it clear she didn't appreciate the more personal lines of questioning.

"You're going to hate me," said WGR-FM morning host Tom Bauerle in Buffalo in introducing his question: "Have you ever been sexually unfaithful to (President Clinton) and specifically ... with you and (the late Deputy White House Counsel) Vince Foster?"

"I do hate you for that," Mrs. Clinton said, according to a tape



Hillary Rodham Clinton

of the interview provided by the station.

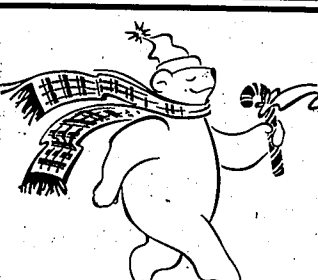
"I think those questions are out-of-bounds."

Bauerle asked again. "Of course it's 'no,'" Mrs. Clinton said.

Bauerle's next question: "Have you ever used pot or cocaine?"

"Tom, what did you have for breakfast for this morning?" Mrs. Clinton responded. "Yes," she said. "We ought to be talking about bringing good jobs to western New York and health care and child care."

"I don't know that it's fair or unfair," Mrs. Clinton said later of the questions. "It is on some people's minds, but most of what people talk to me about is the state of their families and their jobs and their schools. It's what I'm going to be talking about."



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PUBLISH: January 20, 2000

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