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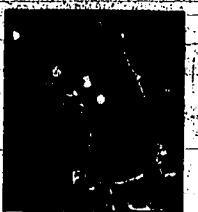
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Sheriff: Suspect opened fire

Jim Weaver describes 'point-blank' shootout, suspect's friends wary

By Mark Holcz
Times-News writer

JEROME - From distances at which most people have casual conversations, they killed and died.

That's how Jerome County Sheriff Jim Weaver described the shootout he and Undersheriff Jocelyne Roberts were engaged in on Jan. 3 - a shooting that left deputies and a suspect dead.

"This was point blank," Weaver said during a news conference Wednesday. "We were in a gunfight to the death."

George Timothy Williams, 47, opened fire on Weaver, Roberts and Cpls. James Moulson, 30, and Phillip Anderson, 23, the instant officers came through a door into the living quarters of Williams' home at 255 Atherton Ave. in Eden, Weaver said. Williams, Moulson and Anderson died at the scene.

But relatives and friends of Williams Wednesday distributed a flier suggesting that officers fired more shots than they needed to. Authorities have not said how many times Williams was shot, and Weaver Wednesday offered only a rough outline of what had happened in Williams' house on Jan. 3.

Weaver's account of the shooting contained some new details, but left some questions unanswered:

• A suspect person, who Weaver would describe only as a "wildman," was in the house, but not involved in the gunfight.

• Williams knew who he was shooting at. "At one point, the suspect looked me right in the face - and knowing full well who we were - continued to fire a gun at my deputies," Weaver said.

• When asked if either deputy had been hit by friendly fire, Weaver was vague.

"I was there when one of my deputies fell at my feet," he said. "I could tell which direction he'd been hit from."

• For the better part of a year, Please see SHOOTOUT, Page A2



Jerome County Sheriff Jim Weaver ponders an answer at a news conference Wednesday during which he provided some details of a fatal shooting in Eden which left a suspect and two Jerome County sheriff's deputies dead.

Tax plan returns millions

Kemphorne offers details, includes help for businesses

By Mark Warbis
The Associated Press

BOISE - Gov. Dirk Kemphorne detailed a sweeping \$140 million tax cut on Wednesday that would pump nearly \$100 million directly into the pockets of Idahoans this year while enhancing the business climate for the state's economic expansion, now in its 14th year, continues.

"I believe that it reflects the priorities of the people of Idaho," Kemphorne said in a 45-minute budget message to lawmakers. "This package helps working Idahoans, offers relief and incentives to Idaho companies, encourages investment in rural Idaho and will offer hope to our farm communities."

The tax cut combines with an aggressive spending program that pumps tens of millions of dollars into education, drug treatment and other initiatives. Kemphorne said it is keyed to disposing of an unprecedented \$330 million surplus without subjecting the state to possible tax increases in the future should the economy turn south.

Proposals get early approval

By Michael Journee
Times-News writer

BOISE - Magic Valley lawmakers support the basics behind some of Gov. Dirk Kemphorne's budget and tax initiatives.

But they're not yet sure of the nuts and bolts.

In general, local lawmakers support a portion of Kemphorne's ideas, presented in a budget address Wednesday.

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Friends, family remember 'good man' Tim Williams

By John T. Huddy
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - While fellow officers Tuesday mourned the deaths of two Jerome County deputies with a dirge played by a bagpipe corps, George Timothy Williams' friends mourned his death differently Wednesday.

The soundtrack was the music of Williams' favorite band, The Grateful Dead, played on a stereo.

The common sound between the two services was the sound of weeping.

With emotional speeches from family and friends, Williams was laid to rest Wednesday. Williams died Jan. 3 in a gunfight that also left sheriff's Cpls. James Moulson and Phillip Anderson dead.

Wreaths of flowers adorned the front of the Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls. A picture of a calm and serious-looking Williams was propped up next to the flowers.

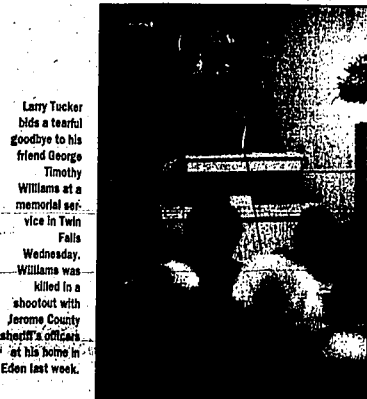
Curtis Chugg, one of Williams' closest friends, made his way to the podium amid a packed chapel of people.

Chugg unfolded his speech, written on two sheets of yellow notebook paper, put on his eyeglasses, took a deep breath and

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George Timothy Williams



Larry Tucker bids a tearful goodbye to his friend George Timothy Williams at a memorial service in Twin Falls Wednesday. Williams was killed in a shootout with Jerome County sheriff's officers at his home in Eden last week.

Creaky Navy relic arrives home with aging crew

The Associated Press

MOBILE, Ala. - A rusting relic from World War II sailed into port with a jubilant crew of elderly veterans Wednesday after a monthlong trans-Atlantic voyage that the Coast Guard had warned was too dangerous to attempt.

"Gravely is ageless," Bill Shannon, a veteran from Fort Worth, Texas, said as the naval vessel LST-325 arrived to a celebration. The 29-member crew, average age 72, was made up mostly of veterans from World War II and the Korean War. The 328-foot vessel,



A World War II troop carrier arrives Wednesday in Mobile, Ala.

which delivered troops to Normandy during the D-Day invasion, will become a museum. "This is the greatest thing I've ever done in my life, but I wouldn't do it again for all the world," said crewman Jim Edwards of Canton, Texas. "I like to have froze."

The veterans left Greece on Nov. 17 and crossed the Mediterranean in 11 days despite two storms and equipment problems. One man suffered heart problems and left for home, dying after he arrived in the United States. The crew was at sea continuously - after leaving

Gibraltar on Dec. 12. The Coast Guard had warned the crew against trying to cross the Atlantic, citing stormy weather, and the condition of the ship and its crew.

The crew rejected the advice. Capt. Robert Jorlin of Earville, Ill., described the voyage as fairly smooth, though there were steering problems and rough, cold weather off the Florida Keys this week. A failed engine also took 10 hours to repair. And in the Bahamas last week, divers had to fix a hole the size of a silver dollar in the bow.

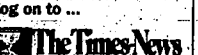


Joe Sadler, of Ketchikan, Alaska, the cook aboard the LST-325, greets his daughter Wednesday in Mobile, Ala.

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AAA Travel advertisement for cruises, featuring a 4-day trip for \$249.

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NATIONAL WEATHER

National weather summary: High 72° in Fort Isabel; Low 11° in Watertown, NY.

Map of the United States showing weather systems and precipitation paths.

Killings in California claim three; police seek suspect. NEVADA CITY, Calif. (AP) — Three people were killed and two others were wounded...

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Williams Continued from A1. spoke about his dead friend. "To know what kind of man Tim was, is to know what he loved..."

Sheriff's chronology Joanne County Sheriff Jim Weaver Wednesday offered the following timeline on the events leading up to a Jan. 3 shootout...

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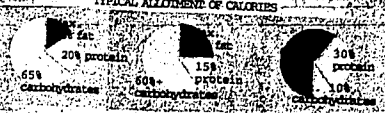
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Correction notice: BUHL — The Times-News incorrectly reported Wednesday the date of a presentation by James Woods...

Diets' long-term effects compared

If you follow the most popular diets, most diets take off weight, a new analysis found. The current knowledge of popular diets' effects.



HEALTH BENEFIT
 Possible: May not be adequate (research still limited, not large-scale).
 Positive: (well established by research).
 Controversial: Studies have found diet high in saturated fat and cholesterol raises risk of heart disease. No good evidence it does not raise blood cholesterol.

USDA: School meals are now more nutritious

WASHINGTON (AP) — School meals are getting leaner and more nutritious. Under pressure from federal officials, schools have trimmed fat, cholesterol and sodium from lunches and breakfasts and are offering children more fruits and vegetables, the government says.

A decade ago, barely a third of elementary schools offered students low-fat lunches. Now, four of every five schools do, according to an Agriculture Department report being released Wednesday.

Clinton: No monument for Arctic refuge

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton will leave office this month without making the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska a national monument, the White House announced Wednesday.

The Arctic refuge, known commonly as ANWR, has an abundance of migrating birds, polar bears, musk oxen, caribou, grizzly bears and other wildlife. Its 120-mile-long coastal plain is believed to have large oil reserves as well.

protection from oil development. Both President-elect Bush and Vice President-elect Dick Cheney have backgrounds in the oil industry, and Bush has made drilling in the reserve a major part of his proposed energy plan. Citing the authority of the 1906 Antiquities Act, Clinton has created a dozen federal monuments this year by executive order.

Monument designation provides increased protection against development.

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Government study states traditional diets appear best

WASHINGTON (AP) — When it comes to dieting, forget the fads. While requiring more effort, the traditional moderate-fat programs like those advocated by the American Heart Association and Weight Watchers are the healthiest for dieters and a proven way to keep pounds off, says a government review of diet research.

Some popular diets, such as the high-fat programs that allow people to eat lots of meat but little bread, aren't adequate nutritionally and more research is needed on their long-term effectiveness and impact on health, the report said.

The study will be conducted by the department's network of human nutrition laboratories. Such research "is long overdue, given the problems that the country is facing in terms of obesity," said Cutberto Garza, a professor of nutrition at Cornell University.

One in four Americans is obese and more than 60 percent of the population is overweight, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

NY will pay \$50 million for illegal strip searches

NEW YORK (AP) — Tens of thousands of people who claimed they were illegally strip-searched after being arrested for minor offenses could get up to \$22,500 each under a \$50 million settlement from the city.

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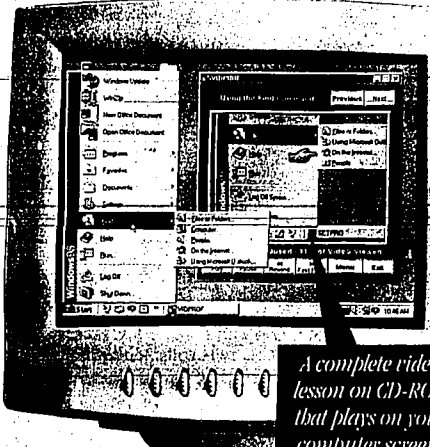
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EDITORIAL

Time to reveal basic details of Jerome County shootout

Three Jerome County men — two of them sheriff's deputies — died in a horrifying shootout last week in a town with the bittersweet name of Eden. We still don't know the details of what happened, but those details should emerge in a timely fashion.

• Why is the affidavit of probable cause — the basis for issuing a search warrant for Williams' home — still being withheld? It's a public document. Releasing it won't jeopardize anyone's investigation.

• What were the officers looking for? The search warrant was for drugs, and a trace amount of marijuana was found. Is that what the warrant was based on?

• Who was in the house? Weaver says there was a witness. Who was it? Where is that person now?

• What was the precise sequence of events at Williams' house that night?

• No one is casting aspersions. But the community is calling for answers because hard questions remain. These questions are relevant because, by the accounts of his many friends, Williams doesn't seem to have been a violent criminal. His family, along with the families of the fallen officers, all deserve sympathy for their loss.

It's been a week since three men died in a Jerome County shootout, but there are still more questions than answers.

No one in law enforcement can be certain of coming home at the end of a shift. It's this willingness to die in the line of duty that's the gold standard for keeping our society safe.

The shooting deaths in Eden occurred more than a week ago, so it's time for investigators to say what happened at the home of George Timothy Williams on the night of Jan. 3. Williams can't say, because he died in the gunfight along with Jerome County sheriff's Cpls. James Moulson and Phillip Anderson.

Closure is still some distance off and officials say that releasing more information would compromise their investigation. Perhaps, but the valley is awash with rumors and it's time for the truth to come out.

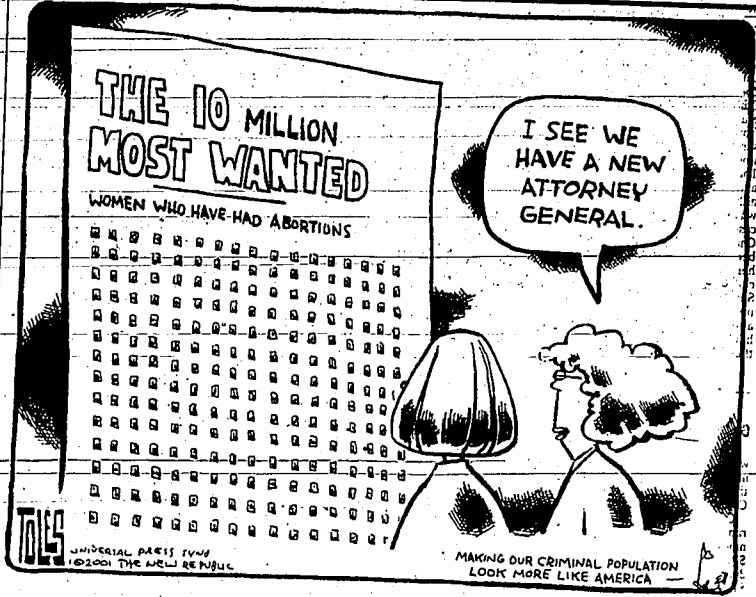
Nothing less than the credibility of Jerome County law enforcement is at stake.

Jerome County Sheriff Jim Weaver took an important first step by holding a press conference Wednesday. He answered some questions, but other basic questions remain:

The Idaho State Police is conducting an investigation, but an independent inquiry — without fear or favor to anyone — may be needed to settle some questions beyond doubt. The most appropriate forum would be a coroner's inquest.

That will take time, but everyone must be assured the facts are aired and the truth is heard.

At this point, all the community knows is that three men died in a sheriff's raid gone bad. Law enforcement officials have said they'll explain what happened. It's time for the truth to emerge.



Bush must handle the McCain factor

Laura Ingraham

For weeks, the nation's editorial pages and television pundits have been opining on the many challenges facing President-elect George W. Bush: a weakening economy, a divided Congress, an impatient public and stalled Middle East peace talks, to name just a few. Yet Bush's biggest obstacle might come from the fellow who gave him a headache last year at this time: John McCain. How Bush handles the McCain Factor will presage whether he will be seen as a strong leader or a tentative one.

McCain has made it clear for months that a campaign-finance bill will be the first legislative agenda item to cross over the president's desk. While Bush favors limited campaign-finance reform, he has resisted the McCain sweeping "soft-money" ban touted by McCain, which most Republicans believe would give Democrats a permanent political upper hand.

But what about all those campaign appearances McCain made on behalf of candidate Bush? Why did McCain want to hand Bush such a thorny bill before the new president has even figured out how to use the White House telephone system? What about party loyalty for a president who will need all the support he can get amid Democrats on Capitol Hill who are thirsty for electoral relief in 2002?

In a word — fuhgeddaboutit. Remember, it was McCain who last month ruffled GOP feathers by publicly speculating on various "power-sharing" ideas that would give Democrats chairmanships of some congressional committees. In the end, McCain will always do what's best for the McCain agenda. The more vulnerable Bush appears in these legislative wrestling matches, the more

formidable McCain will appear — good news not only for McCain and his supporters, but also for Democrats.

Some will argue that Bush's most prudent course would be to sign off quickly on most of McCain's campaign-finance bill, thus establishing himself as a true, bold reformer. Hogwash.

Washington insiders and media elites have been working overtime since the election was decided to lobby Bush toward "bipartisanship" and "consensus-building" with "independent thinkers" on Capitol Hill like McCain. This is the alluring drumbeat that Bush must resist dancing to, for far from strengthening his hand, it will serve only to jeopardize his standing in the country and around the world. Bush should be perceived as a malleable follower, not a forceful leader, which is good for Democrats and McCain but disastrous for Republicans and Bush.

So, President-elect Bush, here are some tips for dealing with the McCain Factor.

• Take your own agenda and promote it, hard. No visits to the rocks in the first six months; no fishing trips, unless it's fishing for support for the education and tax reform that were the twin towers of the Bush campaign. Do not leave a news vacuum for McCain to fill.

• When McCain tries clever procedural maneuvers to advance his agenda, let Hill soldiers Trent Lott, Dennis Hastert and Mitch McConnell deal with him. If the Republican leadership can crack down on McCain, you won't have to take the heat. Think Bill Clinton. Every time there was a new embarrassing revelation

about his Energy or Justice department, he was three layers removed. It was a "Richardson problem" or a "Reno problem." Never a "Clinton problem."

• Be patient. This dynamic will take a while to work out. President Truman couldn't resist battling Sen. Joe McCarthy, which only made McCarthy more prominent in his maniacal efforts to expose America's Communists. Yet President Eisenhower took a more sanguine approach to McCarthy's antics, and eventually McCain discredited himself. Similarly, neither you nor your top aides should feel compelled to publicly respond to the latest McCain move.

In the end, McCain has a lot in common with Ross Perot. He claims to stand for "the regular guy," and appeals to that segment of the population. But most Americans are either conservative or liberal, which is why so-called nontraditional candidates such as McCain, Bob Kerrey, Bill Bradley, Bruce Babbitt and Perot never caught on.

With all the trumpets and prestige inherent in the Oval Office — it won't be much for Bush to overshadow McCain. But it will take political resolve. As much as McCain is loved by the media, he is loathed by conservatives who soon forget his politically expedient grandstanding against the "religious right" in South Carolina (which was hailed by Democrats and the media, of course). And as Bush seemed to remember in his selection of John Ashcroft as attorney general, it is his conservative base that elected him, even if by the narrowest of margins.

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LETTERS

Restore drug treatment funding

Imagine a person rushing into a police station, eyes wide with fear. "Help me! There's someone out there trying to kill me!"

The sergeant looks up and says, "I wish I could help you, but due to recent cutbacks, unless you meet certain criteria, we can't do anything for you."

"What criteria?"

"Unless you are a juvenile, a pregnant woman or the mother of small children, you don't qualify. If you would like, I can put you on a waiting list and we might be able to help you in six to 12 weeks."

Public access to drug and alcohol treatment in Idaho has been cut by \$2.9 million for the coming year. This means the possible closure of current facilities and a further reduction in services to those who need it most. We are now providing only a "triage" level of care for certain categories of persons, turning away hundreds of desperate people. If you have a drug problem in Idaho and do not have health insurance coverage, basically, you are out of luck.

This is a time when we have a \$260 to \$300 million projected surplus and corrections is demanding \$88 million for new prisons.

The facts speak for themselves. Eighty-five percent of those in prison are there for drug-related offenses. Treatment, even at a conservative 30 percent effectiveness level, saves more than \$7 of taxpayer money for every dollar spent helping people break their addictions. This doesn't even begin to count the cost of public safety and well-being.

The answer seems simple. One percent of the budget surplus directed to treatment of drug and alcohol addiction would help keep hundreds of people out of prison. Our elected officials see allocating money for treatment (a.k.a. "welfare") as political suicide and money for corrections as being "tough on crime."

We need to tell our elected officials that we will forego adequate funding for drug treatment. Many of them would personally support this but hesitate to take a stand without their constituents behind them.

If we don't respond to people seeking help to break the cycle of addiction, we will continue to meet them on our streets, in our businesses, public places and even our homes, and the cost will be tragic.

JIM FRISBIE
Twin Falls

Thanks for 'Mushers' story online
 Thank heavens for the Internet. How great it was to see the story of the "Mushers." Curt McEwen is my nephew. Enjoyed reading about him.
 JANET FRANKLIN
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ATV users threaten hunting

As someone who subscribes to and practices fair chase, I find the use of all-terrain vehicles in the art of big-game hunting offensive. Concerning such, I am deeply troubled by the underlying issue: the demise of fair chase principles constitutional and sovereign to our sport. The convenience of ATV technology has cultivated behavioral attitudes that exhibit lack of self-control in hunting endeavors. Yielding to the unethical hope that hyper-technological assistance will deliver their hunting objectives, ATV users today are abandoning the principle of fair chase.

Such activity is threatening our sport on two major fronts. First, by the negative perception the non-hunting majority is levying against all hunters as off-road users trample principles of fair chase. Secondly, by the unethical message these ATV users are conveying to our hunting

community, your sport's only future: the message that the ethics of our sport, fair chase, is excusable in the name of convenient technological progress and legal ignorance.

Existing Title 36 statutes address the illegality of hunting from motorized vehicles. However, they fail to deliver a unifying theme of fair chase intent. Nowhere in the "Big Game Seasons" rule books is fair chase mentioned and its lawful intent embodied. This, combined with lax agency travel plans, allows an ATV user to legally drive across expanses of unroaded public land vegetation to reach big game, leave the vehicle to shoot an animal and claim the ATV was used for transportation but "was not hunted from." No law was broken except the most sovereign hunting law of all, fair chase.

The principle of fair chase defines our sport and, therefore, cannot be compromised. We must address the ATV issue

directly through the avenue of fair chase. No other approach may cure what we must realize is not a technological or a modern problem but a mental one. As with any sport, if the principles of the game are preserved in the minds of the players, the sport will live on. Otherwise it will not.

It's time to resurrect as sovereign the fair chase principle in hunting. By educating our young, reinforcing to our best and legislature to the rest the guiding principle behind hunting and the ethical prerequisites of the title, "hunter." In legislative eyes of the non-hunting majority this law may bring to our sport a pressing integrity desperately needed.

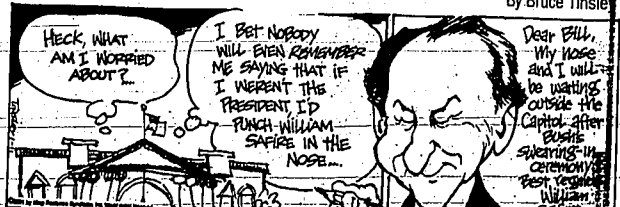
Good luck.
 (Editor's note: Bob Jossatis is a rangefinder management specialist for the Natural Resources Conservation Service.)

LETTER

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Mallard Fillmore



Linda Chavez reaps what the GOP sowed

From the Los Angeles Times

The withdrawal under pressure Tuesday of Linda Chavez, George W. Bush's nominee for Labor secretary, is a full circle to the Baird and Kinba Wood, two Clinton choices for attorney general in 1993 who were removed from consideration after disclosures that they had hired illegal workers to work in their homes. There are differences, of course, and chief among them is that — although it remains unclear whether the woman in Chavez's case was actually an employee — Chavez should certainly have been more forthcoming during her vetting process. That the disclosures took Bush by surprise Sunday became a big part of the problem. The lack of disclosure also fed reports that she may have tried to hide or diminish the arrangement.

Senate Republicans' silence after the disclosure, just as a collapse of Democratic support for Baird and Wood did in their nominations in 1993.

Chavez had fully described her relationship with Guatemala immigrant Martha Mercado during her background investigation. It could have excluded her from consideration, in part because of the Labor Department's special responsibility for worker protections. She also took a hard line on the issue, most notably in a 1993 PBS interview that now haunts her with charges of hypocrisy. Chavez said: "I think most of the American people were upset during the Zoe Baird nomination that she had hired an illegal alien. That was what upset them more than the fact that she did not pay Social Security taxes."

Chavez's defense had been that her housing of Mercado was charity for a woman in trouble, not the employment of an undocumented immigrant. As one online political pundit put it, is this the definition of compassionate conservatism — to bring illegal immigrants into your house, put them to work and then not pay them?

Chavez put a lot of energy into pointing morally superior fingers: Vice President Al Gore, for instance, had no business supporting campaign finance reform because of his own campaign finance record — "It's the lying, stupid," she said. And Bill Clinton, "liar in chief," had during the Monica Lewinsky scandal "attacked the integrity and independence of the judicial system, and if he gets away with it, the separation of powers — fundamental to American democra-

cy will be irreparably weakened." As she bowed out Tuesday, Chavez declared "a search and destroy mission" against her. It's

what comes of parties sowing the politics of personal destruction, and in the end, it's a political nuclear arms race that no one can win.

The Times-News: Your guide to living in the Magic Valley

LETTERS

Gas prices are out of line

In my travels over the past few weeks, I've become more and more frustrated at the rise in the gasoline prices in the Mini-Cassia area. Gas has been in the \$1.40 range in Pocatello for several months. On Dec. 27, gas was \$1.24 all over Salt Lake. On Dec. 30, it was \$1.34 in Jerome and \$1.40 in Wendover. The cheapest gasoline though this period in the Mini-Cassia area has been \$1.59, and it has been considerably higher for months. I've traveled a lot over the past years and gas is always higher in this area than about anywhere in the Northwest. I'm finally writing now because this is the worst it's ever been.

As people in this area, we need to stand up and be heard. I encourage you to write to your congressmen and to the attorney general and letters to the editor. Nothing will change if we remain apathetic and only complain to each other. In a farming community that's already facing a slumping economy, this injustice really compounds the problem. VAL CHRISTENSEN Rupert

Heroes serve community
I now know why they call you

part of Idaho the Magic Valley, I have a new appreciation for its residents. I was in the Magic Valley to help with funeral services for the two fallen officers from the Jerome County Sheriff's Office.

These two fine officers, Cpl. James Moulson and Cpl. Phillip Anderson, died doing what they loved to do. Working in and for their communities, enforcing laws and making a difference in the lives of people they served. A tragedy such as this will not soon be forgotten, nor should it be. These fine young men and their families will remain in our hearts forever.

It also bears repeating that the family of Timothy Williams has suffered a great loss, and our thoughts need to be with them as well.

While in the Magic Valley, I was overcome by the sincere outpouring of care, concern, respect and love. So many individuals helped, called, donated or otherwise lent their talents and resources to showing respect. To all involved, thank you so much for your kindness.

Flags at half staff wherever I went, people crying when they realized I was representing the fallen officers, free motel rooms for officers and families, business reader boards expressing words

of sympathy and so much more. You can tell a lot about a community when you see how it comes together and operates in a crisis, and you folks were magical.

I know the officers would say they are not heroes. While I would disagree, I also believe the people of the Magic Valley displayed heroic qualities. What a class act. Magic Valley, you should be proud of yourselves.

Many would say that there are too few heroes in today's world. We have lost two, yet there are others doing heroic work in your cities every day because they care and they want to serve. Thirty years of working in law enforcement allowed me to see people and circumstances at their worst and, thankfully, at their best. I have learned that heroes are where you choose to find them and are often in every-day life. I know about heroes, for I have worked with many. I have just lost two, and I have met many more as you have welcomed me and my brothers and sisters into your communities and your hearts. The Idaho Sheriffs, Association and I stand in awe of your kindness.

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(Editor's note: Bill Lynn is the executive director of the Idaho Sheriff's Association.)

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Nominee has long ties to the tobacco industry

WASHINGTON (AP) — President-elect Bush's choice to head the Department of Health and Human Services has visited three continents at the expense of a major tobacco company, including a trip to Australia that involved a scuba diving excursion with a tobacco lobbyist.

Wisconsin Gov. Tommy Thompson also has received tens of thousands of dollars in campaign contributions from tobacco interests and has been criticized for delaying Wisconsin's entry into the lawsuit against tobacco companies.



Gov. Tommy Thompson Received funding from tobacco industry

After that lawsuit was settled, Thompson proposed spending only \$5 million of Wisconsin's \$170-million-a-year share on smoking prevention. He ultimately signed a bill that gave much more money for tobacco.

Nevertheless, Alicia Peterson, a spokeswoman for the Bush transition team, said Thompson "has a record of opposing youth access to tobacco and tobacco products."

Others note Thompson signed different tobacco tax increases in his state and supported a ban on smoking in the state capitol.

Peterson said Bush selected the Wisconsin governor for HHS because he is "a national leader in welfare reform and health care reform."

Thompson's well-documented links to the tobacco industry, particularly Philip Morris, have caused little outcry among public health advocates as he awaits a confirmation hearing before the Senate Finance Committee.

"His record in Wisconsin raises concerns about his commitment to reducing the toll from tobacco," said Bill Cort, executive vice president of the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids. But, he added, "Now that he has been nominated to lead the nation's top health

perhaps even the front-runner — though they said that is sometimes hard to gauge with Bush.

Republicans also mentioned for the post include Elaine L. Chao, former deputy transportation secretary and the wife of Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky.; Stephen Goldsmith, former Indianapolis mayor, and former Rep. Jim Talent, just defeated for Missouri governor.

The Bush transition team, meanwhile, expressed annoyance that special interest groups opposed to Ashcroft had gained access to opposition research on him done by the late Gov. Mel Carnahan's Missouri Senate campaign.

Education choice finds little opposition from senators

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate appeared set to give easy approval to Rod Paige as education secretary, but the former Houston schools chief had to reassure top Democrats that private-school vouchers wouldn't be a priority in the new administration.

"What I am trying to find is what works," Paige, a self-described supporter of "parental choice," told the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee on Wednesday. "I think there is room for us to talk about this."

because Democrats have temporarily lagging schools, the financial means to go a different school — including a private institution. Paige, who has run the Houston schools since 1994, supported private-school vouchers in limited form.

Some conservatives worry that Paige and Bush might retreat from the issue. Today, before

meeting with business leaders to discuss education reform. No teachers or representatives of the teachers' unions, which fiercely opposed vouchers and supported Bush opponent Al Gore in the campaign, were invited to the forum at Blair House.

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Paige offered assurances at his nomination hearing for the incoming Bush cabinet that he would try to work with Democrats as well as fellow Republicans on testing, targeted funds for poor children, teacher training and school repair.

Paige, 67, who as Houston schools chief raised student test scores and used teachers to relieve overcrowding, said school choice can take many forms such as charter schools — which are special public schools freed from government rules in exchange for promises of higher student achievement.

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Bush looks for new Labor nominee, visits Pentagon

WASHINGTON (AP) — President-elect Bush moved quickly on Wednesday in search of a new candidate for labor secretary after the abrupt withdrawal of his first choice. Bush's team also moved a vigorous search for another contentious nomination, that of former Sen. John Ashcroft for attorney general.

A day after Linda Chavez withdrew her name from consideration for the labor post, Bush summoned Eloise Anderson, former social services director in Wisconsin and California, to Washington to be interviewed.

Top Bush officials said Anderson is a leading candidate for the job,

perhaps even the front-runner — though they said that is sometimes hard to gauge with Bush.

Republicans also mentioned for the post include Elaine L. Chao, former deputy transportation secretary and the wife of Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky.; Stephen Goldsmith, former Indianapolis mayor, and former Rep. Jim Talent, just defeated for Missouri governor.

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News organizations agree to count the disputed Florida ballots

Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — A group of the nation's largest news organizations, including The Associated Press, CNN and Tribune Publishing Co., owner of the Chicago Tribune, announced this week it has retained the National Opinion Research Center to conduct an in-depth inventory of 180,000 uncounted ballots from the presidential race in Florida.

The group plans to produce a database that will detail the nature of the uncounted Florida ballots from all 67 counties, including so-called undervotes where no vote for president is recorded, and overvotes, where two or more votes for president are recorded.

The research center, the group said, will not attempt to deter-

mine the outcome of the Florida vote, nor will it assess whether any particular ballot contains a "vote." Rather, they will simply describe the marks on the ballots.

Each news organization will be free to interpret the vote data as it chooses, creating the potential for conflicting readings of the Florida tally. When the examination is complete, participating news organizations will be able to categorize the nature of the rejected votes and put those up against the recorded vote.

Some newspapers and political parties already are involved in examinations of ballots in individual counties, especially in South Florida.

This effort, however, is the first to examine uncounted ballots in all Florida counties.

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Carson Sofro Community School boys' basketball

Picking a top player in the basketball court isn't difficult. At 6-foot-6, he's usually the tallest player on the floor. And as the Cutthroats' main offensive threat, he usually has the ball in his hands. Sofro leads the Class A-4 Northside Conference in scoring with 20.7 points per game and 12.6 boards per game. He is also the Community School's leader in blocked shots and 3-pointers.

"He's a skillful player," Community School coach Mike Wade said. "He shoots well from the perimeter and he's good at spotting the open man when he's double- or triple-teamed."

Sofro has been the Cutthroats' leading scorer in eight of nine games this season, tallying six double-doubles while racking up major minutes on a team that generally plays only five players a contest.

"He's a strong post player," Wade said. "He does a great job of sweeping the boards as well as scoring. We try to establish him early in every game so the defense has to respect what he's able to do in the post."

And while his 41 percent shooting isn't overwhelming for a player that can most often be found near the basket, he hits a solid 71 percent from the free-throw line.

"I've always been a good shooter," Sofro said. "It's probably the most natural part of my game. I've had to work a little harder at my free throws, but 3-pointers have just become easier. I've been able to do."

The thing he hasn't been able to do is dunk a basketball in a game. Despite being able to reach eight-and-a-half feet into the air, he still can't slam a ball until last summer after spending time in the weight room.

Now he can do it with ease.

"Coach has a rule," Sofro said. "I can't dunk in a game unless we are up by 20 or down by 20."



Carson Sofro

Sources: Vick's turning pro, but could do a 180

RICHMOND, Va. — Michael Vick came to Virginia Tech with little fanfare and big dreams. His two electrifying seasons in Blacksburg changed the Hokies forever.

Now Vick is ready to leave school two years early and enter the NFL draft — with a possible \$5 million windfall as the first player selected.

Vick called a news conference for today at the Newport News Boys & Girls Club, and friends said it was to announce that he's turning pro.

Vick has not been available for comment since speculation grew that he has decided to leave, but a Hokies player close to Vick, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said Vick told him he is entering the draft.

"He's going to be one of the



Michael Vick

great ones in the NFL. If I had any draft picks, I'd give them up for the next couple of years to get him," said former NFL coach Mike Ditka, now a

time family friend and staff member at the Boys & Girls Club, said economic and Vick's belief that he can continue to grow as a quarterback while earning a paycheck weighed heavily.

Yet Johnson, who said he has known Vick since age 6, will wait to hear Vick's announcement for himself before feeling certain that Vick is bound for the NFL.

"He's a young kid. He might wake up tonight and change his mind. It's a strong possibility he will turn pro, but not 100 percent," he said.

Vick met with super agent Leigh Steinberg, Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Donovan McNabb and others since returning home from school, and the sure thing made it too hard to

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Hornets hang one on 'Cats

Declo girls collect 10th straight victory

BURLEY — Declo High's girls' basketball team has a nice little string of wins going.

Ten of them, to be precise.

Jamie Chatburn and Whitney Anderson combined for 32 points Wednesday to make sure the streak reached double-digits, leading the Lady Hornets to a 54-43 win over Class A-1, Div. II Burley.

Declo coach Kim Johnson said the plan on offense "was to feed Chatburn under the rim. The strategy worked as the junior connected for 19 points.

"She is doing well underneath," Johnson said. "She is gaining a lot of confidence and knows that she can now play with the big girls under the basket."

Playing a tough defensive set within the first two minutes of the opening period, Declo showed its prowess on the strength of a trio of steals by Whitney Anderson and another by Amy Zollinger. Amy Allen pitched in a 3-pointer, and the Lady Hornets led 7-4 midway through the quarter.

Burley's Alissa Sorensen and Alisha Wilkinson combined for a field goal and a bucket to tie the game, but Declo's Lindsey Smith answered with a pair of field goals of her own to snake Declo to an 11-9 advantage to end the first period.

Three minutes into the second period, Burley opened a 14-13 lead thanks to a Liz Brice deuce and a 3-pointer from Wilkinson.

But that was the last time the 'Cats savored a lead.

Sparking an 11-5 run, Declo again asserted its presence underneath. Anderson pitched in a trio of baskets and Allen and Jessie Thompson each added one of their own.

Declo's 25-19 halftime advantage was a precursor to the remainder of the contest.

"We played hard but I think we just ran out of gas," Burley coach Gordon Kerbs said. "We had some kids really play with a lot of heart out there."

Managing to keep the Declo lead from growing in the third period proved a daunting task for Burley. Netting six of her 19 in the quarter, Wilkinson tried desperately to spark a Burley run.

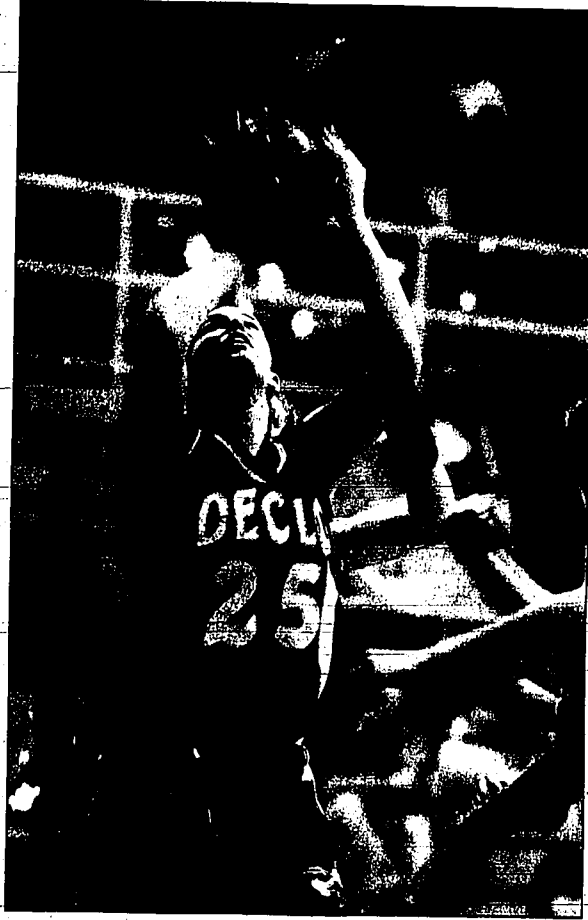
But with three minutes remaining in the period, Declo pulled away by seven points, and that proved to be the backbreaker.

"I think when they went up seven in the third, it was the crucial turning point for us," Kerbs said.

"But these kids really played hard tonight," he added. "Ashley left it all on the court tonight. She had nothing left at the end of the game."

Though his team is 0-6 in District IV-VI play and 4-12 overall, Kerbs said Burley has entered a positive learning period.

"We have made some really great progress. We will see things really start to come together," he said.



Declo High's Jamie Chatburn goes up for a layin against Burley on Wednesday night. Chatburn scored a game-high 19 points to key the Lady Hornets' 54-43 nonconference win.

Candace Laib Glenns Ferry girls' basketball

At the beginning of the season, the Glenns Ferry High School girls' basketball team had the unenviable task of finding a way to replace last season's steals, leader and floor general, Susi Barcoo.

Enter senior co-captain Candace Laib.

"She has really matured as a player this year," coach Kelli Johnson said. "Last season, when she'd get frustrated, you could see it on the court. But this year she is able to control that."

Laib leads the Magic Valley in steals with 4.16 per game and ranks fourth in rebounds with 6.19 a contest. In two victories against Melba this season, the Pilots' 5-foot-10 standout pot poured in 29 points and grabbed 30 rebounds.

"And in a loss to Idaho City last night, she scored 31 points, pulled down 13 rebounds and had four steals."

"I have more confidence this year," Laib said. "And I feel more capable of helping out my team."

Part of that confidence has come with a better shooting touch. Though she is most valuable as a defender, Laib has been a solid shooter and is able to score in bunches when the opportunity arises.

"I've really worked at developing my outside shot," Laib said. "This year I'm thinking quicker and reacting faster to what's happening."

Laib's maturation on the court has helped the Pilots to a 9-9 record so far this season, and may help her play the game at the next level.

She is interested in attending Weber State to play basketball and softball.

"Basketball has always been my love," Laib said. "And with this being my senior year, I know I have to give it all I have."



Candace Laib

Time of the Tiger

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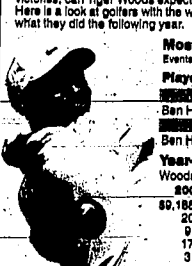
Tiger Woods arrived in Maui for the winners-only Mercedes Championship, along with 32 other players who picked up the trophy in a 2000 season that Woods dominated, the few people could have imagined.

His nine victories were the most since 1950. No one since Ben Hogan in 1953 had ever won three straight majors. No one in history had won a U.S. Open by 15 shots, or finished 19 under in a major championship the way Woods did at the British Open.

Ten years from now, are we going to look at 2000 as an unbelievable year, or is that the mean? Dennis Paulson said, "Is that what he's going to do for a long time?"

Paulson pondered that question late Tuesday afternoon after hitting a few pitch shots to the 18th green on the Plantation Course, the same hole where last year he matched Ernie Els' finish of eagle in regulation, made in the playoff, and won on the next hole

New year, same Tiger?



category except one — he hit 71.2 percent of his fairways, down from 71.3 percent in 1999. What a slacker.

He won more money, more tournaments, more majors. His adjusted scoring average was 67.9, the lowest ever: His actual average of 68.17 shattered the record of Byron Nelson in 1945.

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Ben Hogan	1948	13 (32)	8 (24)
Ben Hogan	1948	10 (20)	1 (3)

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With Idaho conquered, Kempel looks to Utah

MIDWAY, Utah — Nina Kempel is the most visible American woman in a sport that's nearly invisible in America.

But the lack of star power won't stop her from pursuing glory — and perhaps an Olympic medal — in cross-country skiing.

Kempel collapsed Wednesday after finishing 14th in a 5-kilometer pursuit at the Nordic World Cup circuit visited the course for the 2002 Winter Olympics. But as she gasped for breath on the snow, she also was celebrating her best-ever World Cup finish in the event.

Kempel, of Anchorage, Alaska, was 1 minute, 54 seconds behind winner Katerina Neumannova of the Czech Republic. Italians Gabriella Paruzzi and Stefania Belmondo finished second and third.

The pursuit isn't Kempel's specialty. She's more of a distance specialist, excelling at the 15- and 30-kilometer races that she won at last week's U.S. Nationals in McCall.

And Kempel knows what she's talking about when she proclaims her love for cross country. As a 30-year-old Dartmouth graduate with a degree in government, there are other things she could be doing.



Nina Kempel competes in the International Bki Federation World Cup Cross-Country competition Wednesday at the Soldier Hollow ski complex in Midway, Utah.

Problem is, she can't break away from skiing. "I still enjoy it. I really, really love doing it," she said.

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Sonics lower boom on Wizards

WASHINGTON (AP) — Gary Payton scored 20 points, and Ruben Patterson had 19 points and 12 rebounds as the Seattle SuperSonics edged Washington 104-101 on Wednesday night and extended the Wizards' losing streak to five games.

Reserve Vin Baker added 16 points for Seattle, which has won two straight after a four-game losing streak.

The Sonics without a furious Wallace led the league's longest losing streak to a 12-point fourth-quarter deficit.

Trail Blazers 93, 78ers 75
PHILADELPHIA — Damon Stoudamire thoroughly outplayed Allen Iverson, Rasheed Wallace found a way to get his shot over the league's best shot-blocker and the Trail Blazers extended their winning to nine.

So lopsided was the contest that the Sixers' sellout crowd — just their third of the season



Seattle's Ruben Patterson goes up for a shot in front of the Washington Wizards' Ivan Howard during the third quarter Wednesday at the MCI Center in Washington.

just under six minutes left.

Celtics 88, Heat 76
BOSTON — Paul Pierce scored 28 points as Boston snapped a six-game losing streak with a victory over Miami to give coach Jim O'Brien his first NBA win.

Raptors 110, Pistons 85
AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Morris Peterson scored 18 points in a successful homecoming to lead Toronto over Detroit.

Peterson, a resident of nearby Flint and a member of Michigan State's 2000 NCAA championship team, played in Michigan for the first time since being drafted by Toronto in the first round. Detroit lost its third straight, and sixth in seven games.

Mavs 106, Twolves 88
MINNEAPOLIS — Dirk Nowitzki scored 28 points and Michael Finley added 26 as the Dallas Mavericks won their franchise-record seventh straight road game.

Lightning strike Leafs

TORONTO (AP) — Ryan Johnson, Brian Holmgren and Freddie Modin scored as the Toronto Lightning ended a six-game losing skid with a 3-1 victory Wednesday night over the Toronto Maple Leafs.

The Lightning gave new coach John Tortorella, who replaced fired Steve Lutz on Saturday, his first victory with the team. Tampa Bay allowed five straight goals in a 7-4 loss to the Chicago Blackhawks in its first game on Sunday.

Lightning goalie Dan Cloutier made 26 saves.

Igor Korolev scored his 100th career goal for the Maple Leafs, who have just three wins in 13 games.

Avalanche 4, Blue Jackets 2
COLUMBUS, Ohio — Joe Sakic added to his league-leading points total with a goal and an assist as the Avalanche beat the Blue Jackets.

The Avalanche have won all five meetings this season with the two expansion teams, beating

NHL
Columbus four times and Minnesota once by a combined score of 19-6.

Bruins 2, Canadiens 1
MONTREAL — Joe Thornton and Tom Sweeney scored and Sergei Gonchar assisted on both goals as the Boston Bruins won consecutive games for just the second time this season.

Boston hadn't won back-to-back games since Oct. 7-11, when the Bruins posted victories in their second, third and fourth games of the season.

Devils 5, Coyotes 1
EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Alexander Mogilyev scored twice and Bobby Holik broke out of a long drought with a pair of goals as the New Jersey Devils extended their unbeaten streak to 10.

Petr Sykora also scored and

Sergei Brylin had three assists for the Devils, 7-0-3 in the NHL's longest current unbeaten streak. New Jersey is 16-3-5 in the last 24.

Stars 3, Thrashers 2
ATLANTA — Marty Turco stopped 21 shots for his third straight victory in place of Ed Belfour and Brett Hull scored twice.

Belfour left the team in Boston on Saturday after a disagreement with coach Eric Tipton and was suspended. The 35-year-old goalie rejoined the team Tuesday, but with a backup against Atlanta. He is expected to start Friday night against Detroit.

Wild 3, Capitals 0
ST. PAUL, Minn. — Scott Pellier had a goal and an assist, and Manny Fernandez stopped 17 shots, extending the Wild's home unbeaten streak to nine games.

It was a shutout of the season for Fernandez, who has won his last six starts.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

BATTLING COVERAGE

Game	Time	TV
Philadelphia vs. New York	7:00	ESPN
Los Angeles vs. Portland	7:30	TNT
San Antonio vs. Dallas	7:30	ESPN
Phoenix vs. Sacramento	7:30	TNT
Memphis vs. Cleveland	8:00	TNT
Denver vs. Chicago	8:00	ESPN
Golden State vs. Houston	8:30	TNT
Utah vs. Milwaukee	8:30	ESPN
Minnesota vs. Detroit	8:30	TNT
Washington vs. Orlando	9:00	TNT
Charlotte vs. New Jersey	9:00	ESPN
Atlanta vs. Tampa Bay	9:00	TNT
Indiana vs. Milwaukee	9:00	ESPN
Portland vs. Los Angeles	9:30	TNT
Cleveland vs. Detroit	9:30	ESPN
Phoenix vs. Sacramento	9:30	TNT
San Antonio vs. Dallas	9:30	ESPN
Golden State vs. Houston	9:30	TNT
Utah vs. Milwaukee	9:30	ESPN
Minnesota vs. Detroit	9:30	TNT
Washington vs. Orlando	9:30	ESPN
Charlotte vs. New Jersey	9:30	TNT
Atlanta vs. Tampa Bay	9:30	ESPN
Indiana vs. Milwaukee	9:30	TNT
Portland vs. Los Angeles	9:30	ESPN

WEDNESDAY'S NBA BOXES

MEMPHIS vs. CLEVELAND: Memphis 118, Cleveland 112. Memphis led 75-55 at half. Memphis led 87-74 at 3/4. Memphis won 118-112.

INDIANA vs. MILWAUKEE: Indiana 112, Milwaukee 101. Indiana led 62-41 at half. Indiana led 79-61 at 3/4. Indiana won 112-101.

WASHINGTON vs. ORLANDO: Washington 104, Orlando 101. Washington led 57-33 at half. Washington led 87-74 at 3/4. Washington won 104-101.

SCORES AND STATS

IN THE BLEACHERS By Steve Moore

Time out ... Labor pains.

HOKEY
National Hockey League

WASHINGTON vs. PITTSBURGH: Washington 7, Pittsburgh 0. Washington led 4-0 at half. Washington led 7-0 at 3/4. Washington won 7-0.

ST. LOUIS vs. PHOENIX: St. Louis 5, Phoenix 1. St. Louis led 3-0 at half. St. Louis led 5-1 at 3/4. St. Louis won 5-1.

EDMONTON vs. CALGARY: Edmonton 4, Calgary 1. Edmonton led 2-0 at half. Edmonton led 4-1 at 3/4. Edmonton won 4-1.

NEW YORK vs. OTTAWA: New York 3, Ottawa 1. New York led 1-0 at half. New York led 3-1 at 3/4. New York won 3-1.

LOCAL SCHEDULE

Women's college basketball

Washington at ISU, 7:05 p.m.

Men's college basketball

ISU at Eastern Washington, 8:05 p.m.

High school wrestling

Twin Falls at Spring Creek, 5 p.m.

Wendell/Glens Ferry at Buhl, 5 p.m.

Gooding at Kimberly, 6 p.m.

Raft River/Oakley at Declo, 6 p.m.

Girls' high school basketball

Declo at Gooding, 4:15 p.m.

Bliss at Camas Co., 4:30 p.m.

Shoshone JV at Kelchum, 6 p.m.

Jerome at Highland, 6 p.m.

Richfield at Detrich, 6 p.m.

Valley at Wendell, 6 p.m.

ISDB at Carey JV, 6 p.m.

Century at Minco, 6:15 p.m.

Wood River at Buhl, 7:30 p.m.

Pocatello at Raft River, 7:30 p.m.

Boys' high school basketball

Shoshone at Kelchum, 4:30 p.m.

Castleford at Murtagh, 6 p.m.

Hansen at Raft River, 6 p.m.

Hagen at Oakley, 6 p.m.

Richfield at Detrich, 7:30 p.m.

Bliss at Camas County, 7:30 p.m.

Filer at Wood River, 7:30 p.m.

ISDB at Carey JV, 7:30 p.m.

FOOTBALL

NFL Playoffs

FC Championship: Minnesota 38, Houston 35. Houston led 28-28 at half. Houston led 35-28 at 3/4. Houston won 35-28.

AFC Championship: Pittsburgh 16, Oakland 9. Pittsburgh led 7-0 at half. Pittsburgh led 16-0 at 3/4. Pittsburgh won 16-9.

NFL Injury Report: Drew Brees (ACL), Matt Ryan (ACL), Tom Brady (ACL).

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WASHINGTON vs. PITTSBURGH: Washington 7, Pittsburgh 0.

ST. LOUIS vs. PHOENIX: St. Louis 5, Phoenix 1.

EDMONTON vs. CALGARY: Edmonton 4, Calgary 1.

NEW YORK vs. OTTAWA: New York 3, Ottawa 1.

CELTICS 88, HEAT 76

Player	PTS	REB	AST
Paul Pierce	28	8	3
Alvin Robertson	12	3	4
Ray Allen	10	2	1
Mitchell Wiggins	10	2	1
Jeff Green	8	3	1
Sam Cassell	4	1	2
Delonte West	4	1	0
Ronney James Spivey	3	1	0
Scottie Redick	2	1	0
Mike James	2	1	0
Greg Stiemsma	1	1	0

Wizards 104, Sonics 101

Player	PTS	REB	AST
Gary Payton	20	4	5
Ruben Patterson	19	12	1
Vin Baker	16	3	1
Alan Anderson	10	2	3
Keith Van Horn	8	2	1
Shelvin Ross	4	1	2
Robert Williams	4	1	0
Greg Scalet	2	1	0
Dwight Howard	1	1	0

Trail Blazers 93, 76ers 75

Player	PTS	REB	AST
Damon Stoudamire	18	4	5
Reggie Miller	14	2	3
Steve Blake	10	3	2
Greg Oden	8	4	1
Nate Lesh	4	1	0
Anthony Davis	4	1	0
Travis Grant	2	1	0
Chad Brown	1	1	0
Alvin Smith	1	1	0

Mavericks 106, Twolves 88

Player	PTS	REB	AST
Dirk Nowitzki	28	8	3
Michael Finley	26	4	5
Jason Terry	12	3	4
Josh Powell	10	2	1
Devin Brown	8	2	1
Justin Gargas	4	1	2
Joe Smith	4	1	0
Greg Scalet	2	1	0
Dwight Howard	1	1	0

ON THE AIR TELEVISION

Golf, Mercedes Championship: ESPN 5 p.m.

Golf, basketball, Illinois at Iowa: ESPN2 5:30 p.m.

NBA, Pacers at San: TNT 6 p.m.

NHL, Buffalo Sabres at LA Kings: ESPN2 8 p.m.

College basketball, USC at UCLA: FSPT 8:30 p.m.

College basketball, Long Beach St. at Utah St.: ESPN 10 p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S SPORTS TRANSACTIONS

NFL Transactions: Dallas traded Matt Bryant to the Titans for Mike Anderson. The Titans traded Matt Bryant to Dallas for Mike Anderson.

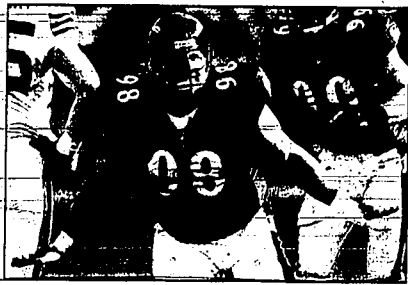
College Football Transactions: USC traded Matt Bryant to UCLA for Mike Anderson. UCLA traded Matt Bryant to USC for Mike Anderson.

SKIING

Ski Report: Conditions are excellent at most resorts. Skiers are encouraged to wear seatbelts and to drive safely.

ONE BIG BIRD

Tony Siragusa's favorite things include eating, tackling Raiders



Baltimore lineman Tony Siragusa does a dance for the benefit of fans following a play during an NFL game against the Cleveland Browns in Baltimore Nov. 26. He finds enjoyment in just about everything, whether it's hunting, eating or tackling running backs.

Bills name Donahoe new president, GM

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. (AP) — Tom Donahoe, an executive who helped rebuild the Pittsburgh Steelers in the 1990s, was hired Wednesday as president and general manager of the Buffalo Bills.

NFL notes

coach Norv Turner to join their coaching staff, but that didn't keep them from hiring one of his former assistants — Russ Grimm.

Grimm, who starred at Pitt before spending 20 years with the Redskins as a player and an assistant coach, joined the Steelers on Wednesday as offensive line coach.

Falcons hire Johnson as D-line coach

FLOWER BRANCH, Ga. — Bill Johnson, defensive line coach at Arkansas, has been hired for the same position with the Atlanta Falcons.

The job became open when Bill Kollar left to become line coach for the St. Louis Rams.

Johnson also has coached at Texas A&M, Louisiana Tech, Miami and McNeese State.

He got both: The Ravens added two years to the one season he had left on the old contract and upped his salary.

Because Siragusa is a big, jolly defensive lineman with a clever nickname and an uncanny ability to stop the run, he has an NFL net worth compared with former NFL heavyweights like — William "Refrigerator" Perry.

Siragusa takes exception to that. "You can't compare me to the Fridge," he said. "I'm lean and agile. But that's what you guys do, compare this to that. Someday in the future, you see a nice little chunky Italian kid from New Jersey playing ball, I hope you compare him to me."

That may never happen. Siragusa eats a lot, picks on his teammates and rarely gets serious during the week. All that changes on game day.

Siragusa, on facing the Raiders' fans: "I'm looking to take my helmet off, put a big bull-eye on my head, see if I can catch a couple bottles of pop coming at me. Maybe I can drink it after the game."

His appreciation for those enthusiastic fans goes a long way toward explaining his outlandish personal life.

YOUR SPORTS

YourSports Desk: 733-0931, Ext. 229 (Hours: 2-11 p.m.)

A 300 for 2001 is season's second

Tim Soran Sr. recorded the first 300 for Twin Falls on Jan. 3 in the Twin Falls Bowling Association. It was the second for the 2000-01 season. Tim arrived for bowling with his intention that night to be the "E" — "Enjoy the camaraderie and sociability of the game. I've never taken the game as seriously as some."



Let's Go Bowling Thelma Tucker

his high series to date, a 752. With a 198 average, in addition to the 300 ring, he will receive a 100-pins-over-average watch from ABC. Tim's bowling career started in the late 1960s when he was in high school. He joined his first league 27 years ago and has been bowling on the Smith's Roofing Team for the past 20 years. His teammates on his memorable night on the Valley League at the Magic Bowl were Brad Eslinger, Scott Frazier, Mike Olson and Cory Lucero.

ations and Steve is the administrator. Following our interview, Tim was told, "Now that you've rolled one, we'll be expecting more." After a brief hesitation and a grin from ear to ear, he said "Sure" very convincingly. Tim, may you do just that! In other bowling news: Starting today, a new league will be forming at Sunset Bowl in Buhl. It's called the Christmas League — the idea being you can start saving now for Christmas and have a great time bowling at the same time. Bowling fees for the league will be \$5.75, with \$3.75 paying for the three lines of bowling and \$2 placed on deposit to build toward Christmas 2001. On Dec. 1, the money will be drawn out and distributed to the bowlers. The minimum to deposit each week is \$2, however, you may deposit more if you desire. The league will be mixed singles and sanctioned with ABC/AWPC. Call Susan Boud at 543-6835 to join. It's been reported that the YABA leagues will be starting Single Rivals events (679-2695) at the Magic Bowl in Twin Falls. Call and get those kids bowling! Contact Thelma at 733-4357 or by email at tucker@magicball.com.

— WASATCH WINNERS — BRANNEN ADVANCES —



The Martial Arts Excel League Tournament was held in Utah at the Wasatch Championships in Cottonwood. Members of Ottolenghi's Martial Arts Academy of Rigant and Twin Falls were in attendance and received awards. Pictured are program director Steve Grimm, second degree black belt, who received an appreciation plaque for judging; senior master Dominic Clinchione, sixth degree black belt, who also received a plaque for judging; and Manan Merrill, who received a first in sparring and runner-up in forms.



Tad Brannen shown here with instructor Keith Owen, recently advanced to Junior Black Belt in T.A.I. Kung-Fu at American Self-Defense Systems in Twin Falls. A 15-year-old student at Filer High School, Brannen has been working toward the degree for more than four years. His next goal is Adult Black Belt, which will take him two more years of study to attain.

YOUR SCORES AND STATS

Table with columns for Bowling Ball, TF Parks and Rec, and Bowling Scores. Lists various bowling balls and their specifications, and provides bowling scores for individuals and teams.

MAGIC BOWL, TWIN FALLS. Lists bowling scores and statistics for various bowlers at Magic Bowl, including names like Mike Siragusa, Steve Grimm, and others.

YOUNG LADIES, TWIN FALLS. Lists bowling scores and statistics for various bowlers at Young Ladies, including names like Jennifer Smith, Kelly Brown, and others.

Bowling Scores. Lists bowling scores for various bowlers at different venues, including Cedar Lane Pines and Magic Bowl.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Gooding woman dies in van-bus crash

Accident injures two Kimberly teen-agers

TWIN FALLS - Two Kimberly teenagers were hospitalized after a Wednesday afternoon accident outside Twin Falls.
Dusty McCallister, no age available, was taken to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, then flown by air ambulance to Saint Joseph's Regional Medical Center in Boise with injuries suffered in the two-car accident at Addison Avenue and 3900 North. He was listed in serious condition Wednesday night.

Jessica Parish, no age available, was taken to Magic Valley Regional with injuries suffered in the accident. She was listed in serious condition Wednesday night.

McCallister and Parish were passengers in a car driven by Brady Reeves, 16, of Kimberly.
At about 4 p.m. Wednesday, Reeves was turning from Addison onto 3900 North after stopping at a stop sign, said Nancy Howell, a Twin Falls County sheriff's spokeswoman. When he turned, he collided with an eastbound car driven by Joan Sargent, 63, of Burroughs.

Sargent was uninjured.
Reeves and three other teenage passengers were treated at Magic Valley Regional and released.
All six people in the car driven by Reeves were teen-agers, Howell said.
The investigation is continuing, Howell said.

Audubon chapter plans discussion on sage grouse

TWIN FALLS - The Prairie Audubon Chapter of the National Audubon Society will host a panel presentation from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday in Room 117 of the Shields Building at the College of Southern Idaho.

Anyone interested in sage grouse is invited and encouraged to attend, chapter president Dwayne Reynolds said.
Sage grouse numbers have been dropping more or less continuously for over 100 years and recently there has been serious discussion about protecting the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to list them as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act, Reynolds said.

Panel participants will discuss some of the reasons for the continuing decline of sage grouse numbers in Idaho.

Panel members will include C.H. Trost, professor of biology at Idaho State University and curator of ornithology at the Idaho Museum of Natural History, emeritus; and Mark Salvo, an environmental and natural resources lawyer who coordinates the American Land Alliance's Sage Grouse Conservation Project.

The panel also will include speakers from state and federal agencies including the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, the Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Forest Service, and the National Audubon Society.

Parks and Rec hopes for spread of 'cabin fever'

TWIN FALLS - The fever is coming - Cabin Fever, that is.
The Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Department has designated Saturday as "Cabin Fever Day."

Recreational businesses will offer several free programs, a parks and recreation department news release says.

Free recreational activities will be offered to people of all ages, in programs such as gymnastics, scuba diving, kayaking, martial arts and swimming.

To see a list of participating businesses, pick up a "Cabin Fever Guide" at local schools, or the Parks and Recreation department office at 196 Maxwell Ave. in Twin Falls.

For more information, call the Parks and Recreation office at 736-2265.

Cassia schools to honor drama teacher tonight

BURLEY - Burley High School's Richard Call, who was named drama teacher of the year in the state, will be recognized at the Cassia County School Board meeting tonight.
The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. at the district office, 237 E. 13th St.
- compiled from staff reports

GOODING - An accident Wednesday morning killed a Gooding woman, who was the wife of a Gooding Police Department lieutenant.
Florence Ann Ascuenta, 35, was killed after her 1996 Dodge Caravan was hit by a Sun Valley Express bus.
The accident occurred at 11:05 a.m. on U.S. Highway 26 near Gooding, the Idaho State Police said.
Ascuenta apparently ran a stop sign onto

the highway. Ascuenta was ejected from her Dodge Caravan. She was pronounced dead at the scene, the ISP said.
The bus was carrying 16 passengers.

One passenger, Glenda Nirof, 64, of Ketchum, was taken to Gooding Memorial Hospital, where she was treated and released. The bus driver, Phillip Hart, 45, of Boise, was uninjured.

Florence Ascuenta's husband, Andy, is a lieutenant with the Gooding Police Department.
News of Ascuenta's death has been hard

for Gooding police and residents, especially as it coincides with the loss of Jerome County sheriff's Cpls. James Moulson and Phillip Anderson, killed in a shootout at an Eden home Jan. 3.

"We're just doing the best we can. I don't know that it's really set in yet," Gooding Police Chief Paul Brown said Wednesday.

Ascuenta and her husband attended Tuesday's memorial service for Moulson and Anderson at the College of Southern Idaho, Brown said, "to show their support

to the families."
Andy Ascuenta is dealing with the loss of his wife the best way he can, Brown said.

"He's showing a lot of strength for their daughter," Brown said.
Ascuenta is also survived by her 11-year-old daughter, Anna. She operated a day care in Gooding and was active in the First Christian Church in Gooding, Brown said.

The investigation into the accident is continuing.

KNOWS-WHERE IT'S AT



Seventh-grader Tahsir Slicock, won the Vera C. O'Leary Junior High School Geography Bee Wednesday afternoon. Slicock now has to take a test from the National Geographic Society, which will then judge the completed test. The top 100 students in Idaho will compete in a statewide geography bee in March.

Spud co-op chief speaks in Burley

Struggling potato farmers hear idea for handling surplus

By Aaron Brock
Times-News writer

BURLEY - The Northwest's potato surplus has pushed prices for spuds to rock bottom, and its backers say a simple plan that it form a cooperative might help alleviate the problem.
Representatives from the fledgling co-op - the Potato Management Co., which was started last month - and Potato Growers of Idaho representatives spoke to roughly 100 area growers Wednesday in Burley.

"That surplus hangs like a great big cloud over the whole industry," said Mike Telford, a Paul grower and co-op board member. "It's a natural disaster. A natural disaster of plenty."
So the plan is to create a giant co-op that includes growers from all over the Northwest. Under the plan outlined by Telford, the co-op would take control of and dispose of 10 percent of the "open" potatoes - spuds that are not contracted or sold elsewhere.

By reducing the number of potatoes on the market, and encouraging growers to restrict planting, the co-op hopes to drive the price back up.
"I'm sick of seeing my neighbors go broke, and we can do something about it," Telford said. "Where this co-op may lead in the future is uncertain, but organizers have modest hopes for it



Keith Espin, president of the Potato Growers of Idaho, lays out a plan for a Northwest potato farmers' cooperative that could lower the potato surplus. Close to 100 area spud farmers met Wednesday in Burley to hear the proposal.

this point.
The goal is to get the price up to the production cost, said John Thompson, spokesman for the Potato Growers of Idaho. While this will not actually make any money for growers, it may keep some of them from suffering losses so great that they face foreclosure.

Several growers asked if 10 percent would be enough to reduce the surplus significantly. Perhaps not, Telford said. But it is a start, and it will reduce the surplus.
According to the proposal, each grower would pay \$500 to the co-op, and the grower will be responsible for the costs of destroying the 10 percent of their crop.

The market is bad, but it is not just bad for growers, said Keith Espin, president of the Potato Growers of Idaho. It is also

Schools survey values standards

Idaho gets poor grade for dragging behind in testing

The Associated Press and The Times-News

BOISE - Teacher wages dropped Idaho's grade down to an "F" when it comes to improving teaching quality, a new national education survey shows.

Education Week magazine Wednesday awarded Idaho the failing grade, along with North Dakota, South Dakota and Wyoming. None of those states, according to the survey, required written tests for beginning-teacher licenses last year, another factor figuring into the grade.

The evaluations come from the national publication's fifth annual Quality Counts report card that looked state-by-state at public education from kindergarten through 12th grade. The survey looks at how many successful national reform efforts are in place in each state.

Idaho received a "D+" in standards and accountability. The state, which awaits a judicial decision about the adequacy of state school funding, earned a "B" for adequacy of school financial resources. It received a "C+" for spreading those resources equally among school districts.

Public Instruction Marilyn Howard said she would give the survey a "D," because it does not measure progress the state has made.

"I don't agree with what they choose to value," Howard said. "I would rather look at whether we're making improvements and look at student need."

House Education Chairman Fred Tilman was skeptical of Idaho's low ratings.

"I wish they'd come out here and see what's really going on," Tilman said. "On some of the things where they rated us low, we've already got efforts under way."

Bryan Callahan, a media representative for the magazine, said Idaho's "F" is a result of low place in each state.

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Idaho's two congressmen land on same committees

By Megan Scully
States News Service

WASHINGTON - When it comes to roads or resources, Idahoans have a strong voice in Congress.

But on other matters, their representation might be somewhat lacking, thanks to committee assignments made by the Republican leadership in the House.

In an unusual - though not unheard of - move, the Republican leadership assigned both Reps. Mike Simpson and Butch Otter, R-Idaho, to the House Transportation and Resources committees, possibly limiting the influence the state's only two congressmen will have on legislation in the 107th Congress.

The decision to place both congressmen on the same committee is reminiscent of the last Congress, when Rep. Helen



Rep. Mike Simpson Rep. Butch Otter

Chenoweth-Hage, Otter's predecessor, worked with Simpson on the House Agriculture, Veterans Affairs and Resources committees.

Simpson, who is in his second term, will continue on the state's Agriculture and Veterans Affairs committees, but both congressmen's offices said they were concerned with the same committee assignments.

"Frankly, I was trying to get

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Heyburn folks talk about Simplot annexation plan

By Aaron Brock
Times-News writer

HEYBURN - The annexation of the J.R. Simplot Co. plant has a chance.

At an informal public hearing Wednesday, about 40 citizens and officials gave the Heyburn City Council their thoughts on the issue.
For planning and zoning purposes, it makes sense to annex the property, said Paul Aston, the city's zoning administrator.

The Simplot plant is surrounded on three sides by the city, and has the Snake River on the fourth side. Functionally, it is part of the city, said city attorney Steven Tuff.

"From a planning and zoning point of view, it is the logical conclusion that it should be annexed," Aston said. "It would be the prudent thing to make this annexation."
Annexing the 32 acres would mean another \$185,000 in

property taxes for the city, but it's money Simplot cannot afford to give away, said Dale Baker, manager of the Heyburn plant.

Simpson operates in a competitive business, Baker said, and has a small profit margin. "An additional \$185,000 in taxes would be a very significant burden," he said.

But Heyburn officials said the money would pay the city's costs for road maintenance and law enforcement, costs already incurred because of Simplot.

Truck traffic causes substantial damage to city streets, said city superintendent Roger Denker.

From 1996 to the present, the Heyburn Police Department has responded to 157 incidents at Simplot that required writing a report, Police Chief George Warrall said. In many other situations, officers were needed at Simplot, but a report

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Sawtooth Forest officials recruit staff

TWIN FALLS—Sawtooth National Forest officials need to fill aviation, fire and fuel management jobs.

"We are doing this in response to the severe fire season of 2000 and recent legislation signed by President Clinton," said Randy Richter, a forest fire and aviation manager, in a news release.

"Over the next several months, the Forest Service will be hiring approximately 3,500 employees in firefighting posi-

Around the valley

tions," Richter said.

There will be more than one round of hiring. Applications for the first round are due no later than Jan. 19, Richter said.

The forest will fill 31 jobs during the first round. Most of these are for people with specialized skills, but there are a small number of entry level jobs.

Job openings include fuel technicians, fire prevention technicians, fire engine drivers, heliack squad leaders, fire ecologist and others.

Pay ranges from \$7.47 to \$15.52 per hour.

All applicants must be U.S. citizens and at least 18 years of age or older.

Applications and information are available at Sawtooth offices in Stanley, Ketchum, Fairfield, Twin Falls and Burley.

Commissioner to be sworn in at Mindokla Fire District

HEYBURN—Harold Mohlman will be sworn in as the commissioner for subdistrict 3 at the Mindokla County Fire Protection District meeting tonight.

The district will also discuss the upcoming February levy election.

The meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the Heyburn Fire Station, 901 18th St.

—compiled from staff reports

Shoshone will pay higher bill on dredging project

By Lorraine Cavener
Times-News correspondent

SHOSHONE—The City Council agreed to pay the remaining \$33,000 bill owed to AWS, a Logan, Utah, contractor, which dredged the city sewage lagoon more than six weeks ago.

The decision came after 90 minutes of squabbling at a special meeting Tuesday, which nearly led to a court battle.

The arguments focused on how much sludge was dredged from the lagoon and how it was calculated.

Council member Dale Sluder said AWS could not have possibly taken as much sludge from the lagoon as it said.

"I believe in paying for what we get, but I'm not sure we got it," Sluder said.

At about 9,000 gallons each, the 131 tanker truck loads of processed sewage taken from the lagoon would have had to have been overloaded to carry the 300 tons of sludge agreed upon, Sluder said. It was not possible for the trucks to have been overloaded enough to remove that much sludge.

AWS President Mark Leyda said some trucks were somewhat overloaded, but not to the extent Sluder suggested.

"You watched the trucks leaving," he said. "The tires didn't pop off and the axles didn't break."

If the trucks had carried lighter loads, the job would have taken longer, Leyda said.

The issue was not one of weight, said William Benko, a

Boise engineer hired by the city to run estimates on the sludge project.

The amount of sludge was nearly double Benko's original estimate. The sludge was more dense than what he originally estimated, which drove the cost up, he said.

Leyda defended the engineer's estimate, saying that estimating density of sludge on the bottom of a sewer lagoon is difficult even when a person has worked with sludge many years.

"Regardless of how many loads it took, we agreed," council member Lee Ross said. "If he did 300 tons, we have to pay him for 300 tons."

Council member J.R. Churchman asked Leyda if he would settle the matter for \$20,000 instead of the \$33,000 owed.

Leyda said he would not agree, because his company was low bidder for the job.

Sluder said the matter should be taken to court. Although Churchman agreed the trucks should have been weighed, he did not second Sluder's motion.

"If we take it to court it will cost a lot more money than what the bill is," Mayor Kenneth Haught said.

Ross said the bill should be paid and Churchman reluctantly agreed.

The council agreed to pay the remainder of the bill within three weeks.

—More work still must be done to maintain the 30-year-old lagoon, said John Peyman, wastewater operator for Shoshone.

WINTER WORK



With Black Pine Mountain in the background, Ron Harper stays busy baling hay south of Malta; Harper said he's staying busy during the winter months by working with the hay or by adjusting his moisture equipment.

Congressmen

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on different committees," said Oter, a freshman representative and former businessman who had hoped to get a seat on the House Commerce Committee. "The fact that I'm on two of the same committees as Mike Simpson is okay, but it doesn't give us the opportunity we were looking for to build conditions."

Simpson spokeswoman Lucy Willis said the congressman was disappointed by the committee assignments, but was looking for

ward to working with Oter on issues affecting Idaho.

"It's a concern, but it's something that can be dealt with," Willis said. "It is better when you can split up the representatives, but it gives them the opportunity to work together."

But, with dual assignments on the transportation and resources committees, Idaho's two congressmen, neither of whom has much seniority in the House, could have greater influence on two issues important to the state.

"Resources is a big issue for Idahoans. The state is affected by virtually all legislation that passes through the committee," Willis said. "And, because we are an incredibly rural state, there are a lot of transportation needs."

On the Resources Committee, Simpson and Oter said they plan to watch the implementation of a rule announced by President Clinton last week that bans construction on new roads and most commercial logging on 60 million acres of roadless-national-forest

land. Nearly 9 million acres of public lands will be affected by the rule in Idaho.

Rep. James Hansen, R-Utah, the new chairman of the Resources Committee, has promised a "vigorous congressional review" and has said he will try to overturn the rule within the 60 days provided by a 1996 law.

"The Resources Committee will play a continued role" in Congress on the issue, Willis said. "It's a fight that's not going away."

Schools

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teacher pay.

"In the mountain states, teachers generally get very low salaries. Rural schools have trouble finding teachers," Callahan said.

He added that Idaho is a victim of its close proximity to coastal states, where teacher salaries are typically higher.

Among the education recommendations Gov. Dirk Kempthorne made Wednesday during his annual budget mes-

sage to lawmakers was a \$6 million signing bonus program for new teachers, as an incentive to attract instructors. In addition, he recommended a 5 1/2 percent pay raise for all kindergarten through 12th grade teachers.

The magazine showed that Idaho spends an average of \$5,313 on each pupil. And after adjustments for regional cost differences, Education Week awarded Idaho one of the top 11 grades for resource adequacy.

Idaho received an above-aver-

age grade for how well it spreads resources among its different districts.

"This means that the rural schools are getting as much as urban schools," Callahan said. "Idaho is keeping to a standard for all kids to learn as well as others."

Idaho was rated low for not having as many student assessments as other states moving toward standards and accountability.

Education Week is giving a lot

of value to having state tests in place, Howard said. But Idaho, which has high school standards in place and will have kindergarten through eighth-grade standards before the Legislature for approval this year, is going slowly to build a strong foundation for its standards movement, she said. Other states have moved quickly and are backpedaling.

"We know what we're doing, and we think we're charting the better course," Howard said.

Gooding School Board agrees to help pay for Reno music trip

The Times-News

GOODING—The School Board this week agreed to allow the jazz band and Madrigals to attend a workshop in April and agreed to pay the expenses.

Tony Randal, provided the School Board with details of the proposed trip to Reno, Nev., April 26 through 29.

"Forty people would be going on the trip, and Randal asked for \$920, plus the transportation costs which would run \$1,100 to \$1,500."

School Board members agreed to provide the money for registration fees, entrance tickets and no more than \$1,500 for transportation.

In other School Board business: Drama coach Kyle C. Woods asked for help with travel to a

proposed drama competition Jan. 23 through 27 in Boulder, Colo. He asked the board for money for a charter bus, for a substitute teacher, and for excused absences for the students involved.

The board tentatively approved the trip but wanted to know how many students would be going and the expected costs. Pending receipt of the additional information a final decision was to be made on Thursday.

A board staff development meeting will be from 1 to 6 p.m. today in the Taylor Building at the College of Southern Idaho. Registration is at 12:30 p.m.

The Gooding Accelerated Learning Center has scheduled a fundraising spaghetti dinner for 5:30 p.m. today in the GALC building.

Wind farm comes to Northwest

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—The world's largest wind farm is about to be built on the Oregon-Washington border—450 wind turbines that will generate enough power for 70,000 homes in 11 Western states.

PacificCorp, an Oregon utility serving six states, joined wind power developer PFL Energy of Florida on Wednesday to announce construction will begin next month.

Officials say they hope to have the wind farm churning out power for the energy-hungry West before the end of the year.

Conservationists praised the

plan as a breakthrough in renewable energy and a coup for the environment. PacificCorp committed to buy raw wind power from the farm for 25 years.

The new plant—called the Stateline Wind Generating Project—will straddle the Oregon-Washington border, with 200 megawatts provided by turbines in Walla Walla County, Wash., and 100 megawatts generated by turbines in Umatilla County, Ore.

The combined 300 megawatts will make the complex the world's largest single wind energy development, PacificCorp said.

Heyburn

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has never filed.

"The Simplot company keeps us hopping," Warrell told the Council.

In addition, Warrell said, Simplot's large trucks create a traffic hazard at several intersections near the plant.

Simplot officials said annexation would not solve any roadway problems.

"Bringing us into the city wouldn't change the traffic situation that exists," Baker said.

Simplot and the city have always enjoyed a good relationship, Simplot officials said. But the city has not consulted the company about any of its intentions, said David Hawk, the director of energy natural resources for Simplot.

Some decisions should be made

with the best interests of the customer in mind, Hawk said, and the current action is not in Simplot's interest.

The City Council will accept written comments about the proposed annexation until the Jan. 24 meeting, mayor Cleo Cheney said.

In other action:

- Superintendent Roger Denker is retiring, effective

Monday, and an open house will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. Friday at City Hall.

Scott Spevak will be appointed to superintendent at that time, with a salary yet to be determined, Cheney said.

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HOSPITALS

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

Some names are omitted at the patient's request

Admitted
Andrea Ellifritz of Heyburn, Perry Ferry of Eden and Ada A. Ogel of Jerome

Dismissed
Carol Arlene Reynolds of Wendell

MINDOKLA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Some names are omitted at the patient's request

Admitted
Tamara Wair of Rupert

Dismissed
Esther Reece of Rupert

Cpl. Phillip C. Anderson of Jerome and formerly of Meridian, funeral service at 11 a.m. today at the Kuna High School gymnasium (Cloverdale Funeral Home in Boise).

Meiba Bell Egbert of Heyburn, services at 11 a.m. today at the Heyburn LDS First Ward Chapel.

Robert Y. Miller of Buhl, services at 1:30 p.m. today at the Fillemennonite Church.

Clifford Briley of Buhl, services at 11 a.m. today at Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

Cheryl Ann Underwood of Twin Falls, services at 11 a.m. today at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in

SERVICES

Twin Falls

D. Jeanne Schlagenhaupt of Twin Falls, memorial services at 11 a.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Andrew William "Andy" McRoberts of Kennewick, Wash., Mass of Christian burial at 11 a.m. today at St. Nicholas Catholic Church in Rupert (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Pam McDrummond of Post Falls, visitation from 5-8 p.m. today at Yates Funeral Home, Coeur d'Alene-Chapel, services at 11 a.m. Friday at Yates Funeral Home with private burial to follow.

Freda Little Juchau of Eden, ser-

vices at 10 a.m. Friday at the Hazelton Ward LDS Chapel. Friends may call from 8:45-9:45 a.m. Friday at the church (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Callie Jones Flegel of Twin Falls, memorial services at 1 p.m. Saturday at White Mortuary Chapel.

Bill Clifford of Hailey, memorial services at 4 p.m. Saturday at the Sun Valley Inn Limelight Room (Wood River Chapel in Hailey).

Victor Nell Boyles of Twin Falls, memorial services from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday at his home, 669 Locust St. S. in Twin Falls (Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

Teachers bring health concerns to state

OLDTOWN (AP)—Idaho Hill Elementary School teachers want to know whether the handful of cancer cases among staff is just coincidence, or if fumes from a neighboring pole yard are to blame.

Three representatives from the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality spent an hour on Tuesday night answering questions from about 40 concerned parents, teachers and residents who fear Poles Inc. may be

polluting the school's air.

Representatives from the Idaho Bureau of Environmental Health and Safety also attended.

The potential problem is pentachlorophenol, a pesticide used by Poles Inc. to prevent bug infestation and decay. On treatment days, fumes drift up the hill and into the school, causing students and teachers to complain of headaches, dizziness, nausea and runny eyes and noses, school officials say.

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MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

Valley school debates fate of former playgrounds

By Julio Pence
Times-News correspondent

HAZELTON - It's hard to imagine a community with too many parks, but Eden-Hazelton residents seem to be facing that problem.

The Valley School District finds itself burdened with three parks that once were playgrounds for three elementary schools within the district: Greenwood, Eden and Hazelton.

Greenwood closed decades ago, and Eden and Hazelton were closed five years ago when all Valley students - K through 12 - were housed in one complex halfway between the two towns.

Tuesday School Board members took comments from the community before they

decide how to relieve the district of the maintenance and liability of the parks - and possibly ownership.

"Why would a school have a park," board member Pete Shawver said. "Schools are in the business of educating kids."

But Eden resident Charles Solace pointed out that everyone in the community should be working toward steering youngsters in a positive direction, and one way to do that is to make sure children have activities and places to play.

"My main concern is that the parks not disappear from being a community asset," Solace said.

The board asked whether the Valley Recreation District, voted into existence about two years ago, would take ownership. Director Rob Grant said the district is

interested in using the properties for a while. But the district board doesn't have enough money to buy the properties outright at the assessed value, nor does the board want to, he said.

"We're looking at other possibilities, and within two years time we might have other options," he said. Developing a park at Wilson Lake looked like a better option in the long run than Greenwood.

"Even with the water, Wilson is not as much a liability as those trees at Greenwood," he said. The School Board has received a bid to trim a number of older trees at Greenwood that could run as much as \$10,000.

Residents who live near Greenwood said families use the park at least weekly during the warm seasons for reunions, picnics

and weddings. And that is the proof that the park must be owned and maintained by a public entity, they said.

"We don't want to take away the recreation facilities from the community," Board Chairman James Ritchie said. "We're not going to make a decision tonight. We did want to hear from the community, though, before we decide what to do."

In other business, the board also tabled a discussion about buying a van to transport small groups of students to other schools.

Superintendent Laurel Nelson was instructed to gather information on the current expense of running a large bus versus potential expenses of buying and running a used van or a new small school bus.

Date set for Aryan auction

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) - The 20-acre Aryan Nations compound in north Idaho will be sold at auction Feb. 13 to help satisfy a legal judgment.

A U.S. Bankruptcy Court judge ruled Tuesday that bidding on the neo-Nazi compound near Hayden Lake will start at \$250,000. The auction will be conducted at the federal building here.

Aryan Nations leader Richard Butler must sell the compound to pay part of a \$6.3 million judgment against him, his group and some of its members that dates from a civil trial last summer.

Victorian Jason Keenan, 7, mother and son who were attacked by Aryan Nations security guards in 1998, won the judgment Sept. 7 from a Coeur d'Alene jury. They contended in their lawsuit that Butler and the Aryan Nations were negligent in hiring and training the guards.

"We don't want to keep it, we don't want anything to do with it," Jason Keenan said Tuesday of the compound. "We want to see it go and close that chapter of our lives."

Bidders must put down a \$15,000 cash deposit and have a credit line of at least \$300,000.

Since the 1970s, the compound has been a gathering place for neo-Nazis who support Butler's white supremacist, anti-Semitic beliefs.

Tribe will open education center

LAPWAI (AP) - The Nez Perce Tribe blessed its new higher education center that will focus on helping adult professionals.

About 60 people were on hand on Tuesday as tribal elder Horace Axtell led a traditional blessing ceremony.

The education center evolved with technological help from Lewis-Clark State College and a grant from Bellingham, Wash.-Northwest Indian College. "We are all striving to reach common ground," said Kay Kilder, interim director of adult education for the Nez Perce Tribe.

Hailey subdivision inches closer to OK

By Karen Bossick
Times-News correspondent

HAILEY - A proposed subdivision along Broadford Road passed another hurdle this week. Hailey City Council gave the Orchards a list of standards it must meet before it goes before Blaine County for final approval.

The proposed 21.5-acre subdivision is in the county but within Hailey's area of impact, and it must meet certain requirements imposed by the city.

That ensures that development around Hailey doesn't degrade services or quality of life in the city, particularly in the event that the subdivision is incorporated into the city in the future.

Robert Dreyer said the Orchards, which is bordered by Friedman Memorial Airport, Broadford Highlands and the Flying Hat Ranch, will be subdivided into 21 lots.

The project will feature open space to be compatible with the larger horse ranches along Broadford Road.

Plans include trees and eight-foot undulating berms to reduce the effects of airport noise.

At least one resident of Broadford Road, however, was unimpressed by developers' intentions to preserve a rural feel with the subdivision.

Mary Anderson asked the council not to allow the subdivi-

sion and to heed the 400 individuals who signed a petition asking that Broadford Road be left rural. She urged the council to consider the effect of additional traffic on the people who walk, jog and push babies along the road.

The density issue is the county's to decide, Mayor Brad Siemer told her. The city is concerned strictly with infrastructure standards, such as sewage and roads.

Doug Werth, representing Citizens for Smart Growth, said he is concerned about individual septic tanks. But those septic systems have been approved by the South Central Health District.

Hailey Fire Chief Mike Chapman said developers' plans to switch from culdesacs to a loop road still do not satisfy the city's requirement of multiple access. There is still only one way in and one way out of the subdivision.

That problem could be solved by adding an access easement on the east, council members noted.

Council members also suggested that the plat and all sales contracts for lots within the subdivision contain a written disclosure, stating that noise from the airport could change with more and louder aircraft and changes in operating procedures or airport layout.

CLOSE CALL



Steven Bergseng of Bend, Ore., ponders the accident in which he rolled his pick-up truck twice while driving on Interstate 84 near Caldwell on Tuesday. The slick roads and speed contributed to this accident, said Canyon County Deputy Sheriff Chris Bolyard.

Woman enters plea in Idaho murder case

MOSCOW (AP) - Mary Abitz has pleaded guilty to helping Dale Shackelford cover up a double murder.

Abitz is the mother of Sonja Abitz, the former fiancée of Shackelford, who was found guilty of murdering his ex-wife Donna Fontaine and her boyfriend, Fred Palahniuk, and then burning their bodies May

29, 1999, near Kendrick.

Mary Abitz, a co-defendant with Shackelford in double murder, pleaded guilty on Tuesday to perjury and accessory to the felony crime of murder.

"I was told that if this went to trial, even if I was found not guilty, the prosecutor was probably going to file more charges against me anyway," Abitz said,

her voice breaking slightly. "This could go on for years. This is not fair to my family."

Abitz pleaded guilty under the condition of the Alford plea, taken from Alford vs. the state of North Carolina.

The case precedent allows a defendant to enter a plea of guilty but still maintain innocence.

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MORNING BREAK

Favoritism causes rift between siblings



DEAR ABBY Abby VanBuren

DEAR ABBY: About four years ago, my dad bought my mother a beautiful set of diamond rings to upgrade the set he had given her many years ago when they first married. My mother gave her smaller rings to my brother, who then proposed to his girlfriend and later married her. I thought it was very nice of my mother, and I was happy for my brother.

While my brother and I were staying at her house, my mother gave my brother her new set of diamond rings and told him to give them to his wife. My brother and I have often joked about how he is her favorite child. (For instance, one year my folks gave him a cancor and I got a dozen pairs of stockings.) There is nothing in our history that would warrant this favoritism. We both were always responsible, hard-working children and adults. I am extremely hurt and do not know how to get past the pain.

Have you any suggestions?

DESPERATELY NEEDS ADVICE: NEW ORLEANS. Tell your mother exactly how you feel and why. Allowing this to fester will only make it worse. It does appear that your brother is the favorite child - and it is not a joke. The answer you receive may not be to your liking, but it's better than not knowing. In fact, the truth may set you free.

DEAR ABBY: My best girlfriend recently informed me that her husband and his girlfriend are engaged. They plan to be married in six weeks. Apparently, her future

daughter-in-law is expecting in March. She told me that the wedding will be for immediate family members only - parents, grandparents and godparents.

They have already made arrangements to have a big wedding one year from the date of their marriage. I am unsure if I should send a wedding gift now (which would be a check), or wait until the "big" wedding. I would like to do something - what would you suggest?

We sent the couple an engagement gift as soon as we heard the news. I'd really appreciate your input, Abby.

UNSURE IN ILLINOIS: DEAR UNSURE: Since you have already given the young couple an engagement gift and you are not attending the "small" wedding, wait until you are invited to the "big" celebration before giving anything more than your heartfelt good wishes.

DEAR ABBY: You said you thought it wouldn't be easy to top the story about the 50th anniversary reception collection basket. Allow me to try.

We were invited to a couple's home for a party to celebrate their 10th wedding anniversary. When we arrived, there was a prominently displayed money tree. Of course, all the guests ended up covering the branches with "leaves" of money. Several days later, we learned that the happy couple had been in the midst of getting a divorce before the party, but needed extra cash, so they decided "why not?"

We certainly hope the divorce was a friendly one, because I don't think they have any other friends left after that scam.

DUMBFOUND IN CALIFORNIA: DEAR DUMBFOUND: Your letter is a first. Surely no one can top this one.

ACROBATS crossword puzzle grid with clues and answers.

Woody Allen's father passes away at 100

NEW YORK (AP) - Martin Knigsberg, the father of Woody Allen, has died. He was 100. Knigsberg died Monday, Allen Eichhorn, a spokesman for Allen, confirmed Wednesday.

Capricorn: Look at yourself in realistic light

IF JANUARY 11TH IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Your name was changed at least once, because of marriage. You are intuitive, drawn to the occult arts, including astrology, Tarot, Aquarius, Scorpio persons play important roles in your life.

Spears tops Mr. Blackwell's annual worst-dressed list

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Mr. Blackwell named Britney Spears the top fashion flop of 2000 in his annual worst-dressed women list Tuesday. He called her two-piece outfits "Madonna rejects."

- 1. Britney Spears: "Oops, she did it again. Her bra-topped collection of Madonna rejects are pure fashion overkill."
2. Angelina Jolie: "Fashion interrupted. Hit by a Gen-X Gothic hex."
3. Bjork: "She dances in the dark - and dresses there, too. ... Let's dub her 'Alice-in-Bunderland'."

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Post office, FedEx reach agreement

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. Postal Service and Longline FedEx announced an agreement Wednesday to work together, with FedEx carrying mail on its fleet of aircraft and the post office placing FedEx collection bins in its facilities across the country. "The Postal Service delivers Main Street and FedEx provides an air-fleet," proclaimed Postmaster General William H. Henderson. "These agreements will leverage two great networks: the extensive reliability of FedEx planes and the cost-effective retail presence of the Postal Service," Henderson said. "Whenever the public and private sectors work together, the real beneficiary is the American public," added Frederick W. Smith, chairman of FedEx. The post office expects to pay FedEx \$6.3 billion over seven years to carry 2.5 billion additional Priority Mail parcels and some first-class mail, postal officials said. The agreement takes effect in August. The Memphis, Tenn.-based delivery company has more than 600 aircraft in service, which operate a nationwide overnight delivery system. The post office has its own smaller fleet of planes. "Contracting with FedEx should save the post office considerably more than the cost, officials said, by allowing the agency to reduce or eliminate its own air fleet and perhaps reduce the amount of mail shipped on commercial airlines. "At the same time, FedEx is expected to receive \$1.26 million and \$232 million to locate its collection boxes at post offices, depending on the number of boxes eventually installed. "The post office expects to pay

Videos

Continued from C8 revenue has increased 10 percent this year, to \$12.4 billion, mostly because stores have increased their prices, analysts said. Independent video store owners say that when they are forced to close, video lovers suffer most because the superstores raise rental prices, offer less selection and boost late fees. But Blockbuster, which boasts that it has at least one store within 10 minutes of 70 percent of the U.S. population, said the chain did not block independents from reaching their own agreements with studios. "The company said it negotiated revenue-sharing agreements with the movie studios to please customers who were getting frustrated that there weren't enough copies of new releases. "Independent owners say the giant chains also changed the face of the business by heavily touting new releases instead of video selections as a whole. "My library was three times the amount of Blockbuster's, but they turned it into a newsgazette industry," Maher said. "The customers are now only looking for new releases, and are more apt to find them at Blockbuster." In recent months, Warner and Universal have offered revenue-sharing deals to independents, as well as to Blockbuster, but many independents say the deals aren't as lucrative for them.

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The Times-News

Sights and smells along a frozen river

The dog keeps lifting her nose to the riverbank and sniffing the air. Something up there has her attention.

Then I look ahead and see what she's scenting. A large, dark form sliding down the riverbank. A beaver, out and about on a winter's day.

Imagining a squealing, barking and whining of yellow Lab and a wet beaver, I hastily command the dog to sit. She sees the beaver. Against all her desire and instinct, she plops her rear end on the river's snow-covered ice. I love that dog.

The beaver pauses, then trundles down the bank, through a hole in the ice and into the Split Rock River.

What the beaver is doing is anybody's guess. A beaver is about the last thing my wife, Phyllis, and I expected to see on this ski trek up the Split Rock. Some open water, maybe. Wolf tracks, possibly. Deer beds under the spruces, probably.

But not a beaver.

What we have come for, what always lures us up these North Shore streams in winter, is more elusive. The skiing itself is an hour or so upriver, then the semi-controlled downhill run to Lake Superior. The little fire at lunch is good, too. And just being together, the two of us, in good country is worth the trip.

During the past three mild winters, we have all but forgotten river skiing. Skeptical about thin ice, we have done most of our skiing on groomed trails—snaking around on it. It is good to be back in the bush again, back on the stream where we first discovered river skiing many years ago. We glide along past the beaver hole, the dog having a sniff-fee, trying to figure out just what that odor is and whether the critter that left it could possibly be retrieved.

Then we clamber up the first set of frozen falls and into the minicanyons of the Split Rock. Trilling over moving water in the winter offers sensory delights uncommon in other kinds of skiing.

Nearly always, when you stop to lean on your ski poles, there is the gurgle and giggle of water beneath you. It's down there, somewhere, coiled beneath the ice and snow, but it's still moving still on its way to the Big Lake. There's something reassuring about that.

While moving water offers part of the appeal of a river ski, unmoving water is equally fascinating. We're riddling ice. Every place the river changes over rocky ledges, ice has formed in graceful undulations. Broad sheets. Bulbous knobs. Sinuous, glacier-like flows.

Most of the ice is snow-covered, and we herringbone or side-step our way. On some rivers, at some falls, it's necessary to take your skis off and make a land-based climb around the drops. But the Split Rock is skier-friendly, and depending on your skiing ability, most of the climbs are skiable.

Not all of the ice is on the river itself. Much of it has oozed out of the crumbly rhyolite walls along the Split Rock. These frozen drippings range from toothy, opaque icicles to gray-green flows sliding down from narrow side ledges.

We stand and gawk at each of these icy spectacles. Natural forces at work, creating art. Free for the taking.

A couple of miles upriver, we strike a fire in the lee of a rock ledge. We roast Polish sausages, sip peppermint tea, crunch carrots. Fire is good. Winter is good. Life is good.

Then the dog cleans up the scraps and we douse the fire with snow. We could use a little more snow for the downhill run. We know we'll make a couple of spills as we try to negotiate the drops, and we'll need all the traction we can get.

But we let it rip, trying not to impale the dog in a ski on the fastest runs. The descent is always over sooner than we expect it to be. Before we know it, we're staring through a couple of rectangular cut-outs at the deep-blue of Lake Superior.

Somewhere along the way, we've sighted right over the top of that beaver.

Sam Cook is an outdoors writer for the Duluth (Minn.) News Tribune.

CANADA GEESE



An adult Canada goose stands tall while defending a gaggle of goings.

Photo courtesy of www.gov.usgs.gov and Peter Cannon

Big honkers work together as mates and migrants

By Stu Murray
Times-News correspondent

"Honk! Honk!"

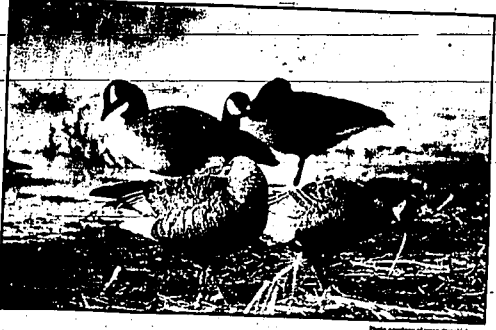
It's a cry that sends chills up the spines of bird watchers, hunters and other outdoor enthusiasts. The famous flying "V" of Canada geese evokes a timeless message of freedom and is the most readily recognized flight of any waterfowl.

Canada geese and various subspecies are found throughout Canada, Alaska and the continental United States. They are well-suited to human management, which has allowed them to greatly expand their range throughout North America. Canada geese have expanded so much that they are causing problems in some places—particularly golf courses, where they have a talent for fouling the greens.

They are intelligent birds and quickly determine safe zones and danger areas. Many waterfowlers swear the wily birds can read refuge signs and hunting regulations.

The common Canada goose weighs up to 13 pounds, is dark brown on the back and has a light breast. Its black head is marked with a distinctive white chin strap. Males and females have identical markings.

The Canada goose mates for life and, of all bird species, leads the most dedicated mated life. A male-female pair always shows great concern for one another. However, it is not true that a survivor remains unmated. It may stay single for that particular season, but the following spring, it will seek out another partner.



Canada geese prowl the shoreline in a quest for food.

Photo courtesy of www.gov.usgs.gov



Canada geese don't come much cuter than this.

Male geese are nasty fighters when it's time to compete for a female's

affection. They approach each other with their necks lowered, hissing like snakes. The jabbing of their necks resembles the thrusts and counter-thrusts of two swordsmen. Grabbing their opponent with their strong beaks, they use their powerful wings to batter the other goose into submission.

Courtship may follow, with the winner and his mate rubbing their long, sinuous necks together with obvious tenderness.

A Canada goose nest probably shows more adaptability than the nest of any other bird. They commonly nest on banks close to water—but they can be found almost anywhere. They will nest on cliff ledges, in old osprey nests, and even abandoned old sheds. Because they prefer ground nests near water, they can fall victim to flooding or ground predators.

The Idaho Department of Fish and Game has constructed goose nesting boxes on poles along many of the state's rivers to protect geese from flooding and predators. Over the years, the nest box program has been highly successful.

The female usually lays six or seven eggs and incubates them while the gander stands guard. The male is a fierce defender of his nest, and one was once observed tangling with a raiding raccoon. The masked bandit eventually gave up and wobbled off.

Once the yellow goslings hatch, they are well protected by their parents. Living under their parents' wing, goslings typically enjoy good survival rates.

Geese do not mate until their second year and, in the spring, flocks of singles gather separate from the mated pairs. Male and female Canada geese go through a post-nuptial molt in August, which means they are flightless at the same time.

Young geese are awkward when they begin to fly, but they are fast learners and swiftly become proficient. Some have been clocked at 45 to 60 mph.

The "V" formation is their usual flight pattern, and it is led by an old male. When he tires, he drops behind and takes his place at the end of one leg of the flock. The following geese tuck behind the leader, "drafting"

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New materials, technology lead to old-fashioned winter travel

The Associated Press

RED LODGE, Mont. — Mike Dye, dressed for the winter chill in an earflap hat and heavy coveralls, warns the first-time snowshoer who wears much less that she may encounter moose if she wanders into the woods.

But he doesn't discourage that scenic route. "Have fun, but be careful," he says before returning to show shoveling around the nordic center where he works.

In the shadow of the Beartooth Mountains and a few miles from the nearest highway, the only sounds this particular morning come from the crunching of snowshoes on newly groomed trails.

Sightseeing and leisurely walks

are the slow end of snowshoeing, revolutionized in recent years by sleeker, lighter footwear. It's now considered the fastest growing winter sport, with guided tours filling up and resorts designating trails for snowshoers.

Thrill-seekers use snowshoes as a mode of transportation to access backcountry for skiing or snowboarding; runners use them to maintain their fitness routines when thick snow blankets their running routes.

"It's kind of like what you saw in mountain bikes," said Karen Righthand, director of marketing for San Francisco-based Atlas Snowshoe Co., a leading maker of snowshoes in the United States and Canada. "You always had bicycles, but until the equipment

was designed for different uses, you really didn't see changes in the number of people riding them."

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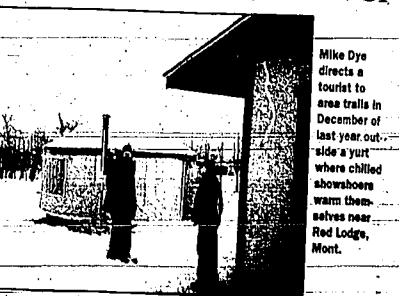
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Mike Dye directs a tourist to area trails in December of last year, outside a yurt where chilled snowshoers warm themselves near Red Lodge, Mont.

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OUTDOORS

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Buhl resident Cathie Owen tipped over this moose near Pallasdes Reservoir in eastern Idaho on Sept. 30. Photo courtesy of CATHE OWEN

Sun Valley Avalanche Center offers classes, beacon clinics

The Times-News
KETCHUM - 'Tis the season for avalanches, and the U.S. Forest Service Sun Valley Avalanche Center is offering avalanche awareness classes. This has been a particularly bad winter for avalanche conditions, said Janet Kellam, lead forecaster for the avalanche center. There have already been some fatal accidents, most of which were triggered by the victims or members of their party. Avalanche awareness classes cover the basics of snowpack instability and provide insight into how people can travel safely in avalanche terrain. They are for

More Information
 Details on the classes are available on the Avalanche Hotline at: (208) 622-8027. Avalanche Center web pages and advisories are found at www.avalanche.org

Avalanche Center.
 • A classroom session is set for 7 to 10 p.m. Wednesday at the Yankee Fork Interpretive Center in Challis. No field session is planned.
 • An avalanche beacon clinic for snowmachiners will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the Woodside RV Center in Halley. No sign-up is necessary. Classes are sponsored by the Friends of the Sun Valley Avalanche Center, the U.S. Forest Service Sun Valley Avalanche Center and the Salmon-Challis National Forest.
 For more information, call Kellam or Devereaux at (208) 622-5371.

anyone who ventures into the backcountry during winter—especially snowmachiners, skiers, snowboarders and snowshoers. Instructors will be Kellam, Anne Marie Devereaux and Patrick Deal, professional avalanche forecasters with the Sun Valley



Snowshoe maker Joe Prijatel Jr., of Ely Minn., displays one of his custom creations in the basement workshop at his home. Prijatel has been making snowshoes for 60 years, making a pair in a lengthy process that can take up to 12 hours, Prijatel said. He uses black ash that has to be cut and steamed before he can bend it into various shapes and forms.

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Do you have a personal story of an outdoor adventure? If so, The Times-News would like to

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Did you bag a big buck this year? Did you reel in a whopper?

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Your best shot

Montana parks officials kill 19 elk drowning in Clark Fork River

THOMPSON FALLS, Mont. (AP) - Two Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks officials shot and killed 19 elk that were trapped and drowning in the freezing water of the Clark Fork River.

Game warden Mark Soderlund and wildlife biologist Bruce Sterling were notified New Year's Day that a herd of elk had fallen through the ice upstream of Thompson Falls Dam. They said they arrived that morning to find 14 elk struggling in the freezing water and

slowly drowning. The animals had fallen through the ice while trying to cross from the southern shore.

Soderlund and Sterling said there was no practical way to rescue the elk without endangering anyone who tried. After discussing the situation with landowners and onlookers, they said they decided the only option was to dispatch the animals as quickly as possible to end their suffering.

Another group of five elk were found in similar trouble that afternoon, and again the

two men killed them. Two spike bulls and 17 cows and calves were killed.

Community members have criticized the officials for not salvaging the meat for needy families.

Soderlund said that the conditions were too dangerous to permit that.

"We didn't feel it was worth the risk to human life to try to recover the elk," he said. "And I'm sure the salvage value was next to nothing. They were in pretty bad shape by the time I got there."

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small, hardly affecting one's gait, and typically weigh less than 3 pounds.

"They're more maneuverable, easier to use, more enjoyable," said Marci Dye, Mike Dye's wife and manager of Sylvan Peak Mountain Shoppe in Red Lodge. Right-hand said industry estimates—put the number of Americans who used snowshoes in 1999 at about 4 million, a figure that was expected to grow in 2000. Possible reasons, she said, include ease of use and the low cost of equipment compared to other winter activities, such as skiing. Prices generally range from \$99 to about \$250 for snowshoes and rentals run about \$10 a day in the region.

"Basically, if you can walk, you can snowshoe," Right-hand said. "Put them on and in 10 steps, you're an expert."

When Dye went cross-country skiing last year, her son, then 3, kept up well on snowshoes. Jackson Hole Mountain Resort in Wyoming is among the ski areas now offering guided snowshoe tours. Big Mountain Ski & Summer Resort at Whitefish, Mont., is one of many to have designated snowshoe trails.

Guided snowshoe trips in Wyoming's Grand Teton National Park often fill to the capacity of 20 this time of year, group leader Eileen Andes said. "There are families coming to



Marci Dye holds one type of snowshoe sold at the shop she manages in Red Lodge, Mont., in December of last year. She says the snowshoes have been wildly popular this season.

resorts and not everyone necessarily is wanting to ski or snowboard," said Brian Schott, Big Mountain public relations manager. "From a resort perspective, you want to try to offer as many options as you can."

"There seem to be three types of snowshoers: people who have tried everything else and want new excitement, people who want to have a casual hike and snowboarders who use them for access," said Scott Courser, assistant director of the Nordic Center that is part of the

Jackson resort. Sales have been brisk at Sylvan Peak Mountain Shoppe, thanks to a colder winter with more snow than the last.

"Then, people were hiking. Instead of snowshoeing or playing golf or tennis. This year, in contrast, snowshoeing is huge," Marci Dye said.

Active residents of Red Lodge, given to hiking in the off-season, tend naturally toward snowshoeing in the winter, she said. "It's just warmer clothes and different shoes," Dye said.

Bison hunt could be the last for Antelope Island in Utah, state park officials say

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - State park officials plan to end the limited bison hunt on Antelope Island after this year.

The board of the Utah Division of Parks and Recreation was expected to vote Friday in St. George to end the hunt. This would be the last year the state would issue six bison hunting permits at \$1,100 apiece, or \$2,400 for nonresidents.

Division Director Courtland Nelson said the hunt is inconsistent with what he called "the Yellowstone of the state park system."

Last year, the parks division and the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources considered but decided against allowing a deer hunt on the Great Salt Lake's Antelope Island. During those hearings, many people objected to the bison hunt as well. The Audubon Society and the Friends of Antelope Island were among the opponents.

"The bison hunt was authorized more than 20 years ago by the Utah Legislature as a way of managing the site of the herd. The parks division also sells about 150 bison a year, raising up to \$140,000 and using the

money to manage the herd and improve island habitat.

The parks division will recommend keeping the bison hunt through the 2001 season because the wildlife division began accepting applications for many of the state's hunting seasons this month, said Garth Taylor, superintendent of Antelope Island State Park.

"My recommendation is that we don't end the hunt at this time," Taylor said. "We would like to keep the hunt as a management tool, but at this time don't need a hunt because of the structure of the herd."

Geese

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 close behind just like race car drivers. With the leader breaking the wind, the others can conserve energy.

Their constant "honking" proclaims their precise location in the formation.

Watching a large flock of geese coming in for a landing is fascinating. They curl their wings and spread their tail feathers to slow their descent, sometimes sliding to a scrub-off elevation. This is a noisy maneuver that can be heard at considerable distance. They are voracious grazers

and will eat a wide variety of grasses. If grass isn't available, they will eat grains. Canada geese sometimes plunder newly sprouted wheat fields, gobbling down the tender shoots, roots and all. They usually feed early in the morning and late afternoon.

The Canada geese is long lived, with lifespans of 15 to 20 years. For this reason, populations can be expanded with special regulations to protect their nesting and feeding areas.

Many geese in the Magic Valley are resident birds that live here year round. The winter

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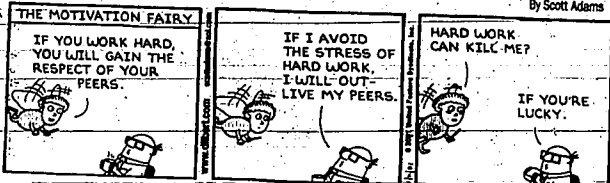
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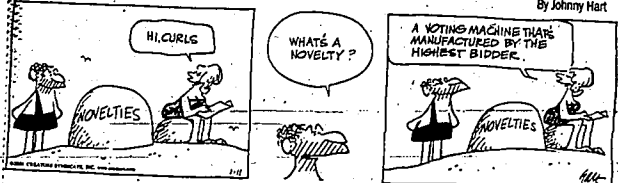
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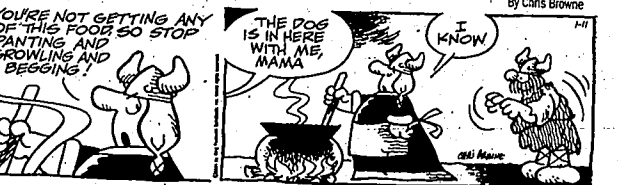
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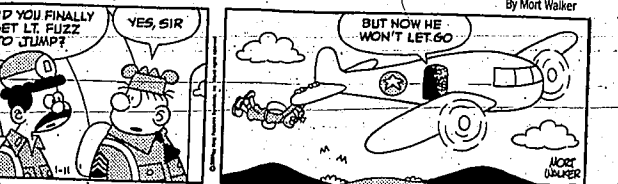
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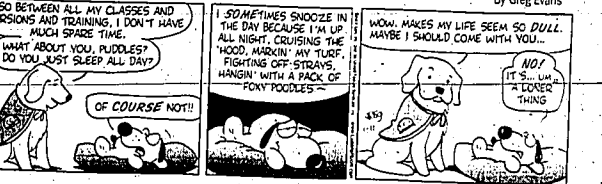
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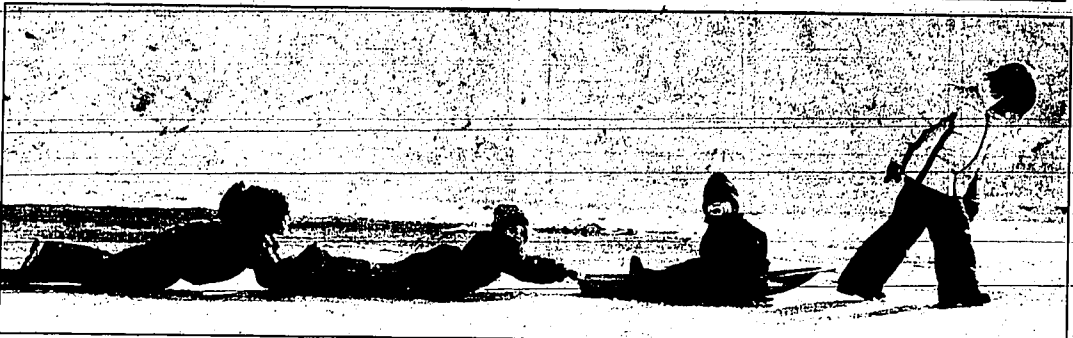
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OUTDOORS

EASY RIDERS



Hanna Ronlah, 8, pulls her brothers Zack, 4, Nicholas, 2, and her friend Patzy Kuchenmeister, 7, near the Ronlah home recently in Columbia Falls, Mont. Pleasant weather had given children lots of opportunities for outdoor fun.

ICY ROOM



Jack Klapotsky sits in his front yard igloo Monday in Susquehanna, Pa. The Slippery Rock University student's 4-by-8 foot dome is decked out with a camping stove, a floor made of hay and a sleeping bag. He has enough room to sit up or stretch out and sleep. Klapotsky has spent the last three nights sleeping in the igloo and says he plans to stay in until it melts.

Got snow? Snow shelters open up a world of warmth and fun

By Lisa Black
Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — At last, someone has put all this snow to good use.

In Skokie, Ill., Celeste Cifala Roy and her family sipped sherry by candlelight inside an igloo that took them 10 grueling hours to build in their back yard. They hauled their television into the ice house, which snugly seats 17 people, and watched the Rose Bowl game.

In Hillside, Ill., Paul Kolesar and his family have sipped on cheese cracker snacks and apple juice and duked it out with fake laser light sabers in a similar homemade igloo that is under renovation with each new snow.

"It's good to be a kid again," said Kolesar, who built the fort to entertain his two children. "It will probably be there until August. And I'll probably get a fine from the city for not having a work permit."

The two families, besides enjoying the snow, have learned a few lessons about construction and the few people from colder climes live. Most important, they learned why the person who stays in the igloo while it's being built should wear the warmest boots.

"My husband was inside, and he was getting very hungry," said Cifala Roy, whose husband, Rene, spent six hours supporting the igloo walls before the workers could punch out a door from the ice bricks surrounding him.

In Beauport, Quebec, people are spending up to \$285 a night to sleep in a new hotel made entirely of snow and ice.

The guests bundle up in deerskins and sleeping bags to stay warm in 26-degree average temperatures in the Quebec Ice Hotel, which will be open until April, or whenever it melts.

In Skokie, the igloo was the idea of the Roys' neighbor, James Maivald, 44, a graphic designer who for the past four years has camped in ice forts in the Minnesota Boundary Waters near Canada.

He will leave for his annual trip this week and wanted to test a new igloo-construction technique in which builders pack snow into a 2-foot-long, 8-inch-deep mold to make snow blocks. They slide the mold over when filling the next block, stacking the chunks in a circular fashion upward.

The Roys offered their backyard. They spent six hours working on the igloo, digging beneath fluffy snow to reach the packable stuff beneath. After night fell, they labored under bright lights. "It was beautiful. The snow was coming down," Cifala Roy said.

The crew resumed work the next day, just in time for 30 New Year's Eve party guests to arrive. Most spent part of their evening in the candle-lit igloo and giggled with the kids.

The dome is about 11 feet across with an access tunnel and ledge around the perimeter for outdoor seating. White holiday lights are strung across the top with a small U.S. flag over the doorway.

Inside, a candle sits atop a makeshift table of cardboard boxes covered with a festive paper-tablecloth. The Roy children — Ben, 14, Alex, 12, Stephen 10, and Nina, 5 — sit on several camp seats inside when they're not outside throwing snowballs over the fort.

Maivald said that when camping his friends usually build a traditional Native American quinzhee, which calls for piling up a mountain of snow and hollowing it out.

"When you're inside carving it out, it can be dangerous," Maivald said. "We have small cave-ins all the time."

But he believes that no matter the technique, the snow forts are

better than tents for winter camping.

"The insulation factor is better than using nylon," Maivald said. "When we're camping, it's usually 20 to 40 degrees below zero. We can get the temperature up to 0.... We're pretty toasty inside it."

Kolesar, Highwood's police chief, said his igloo has 2-foot-thick walls and fits seven people. He stacked snow, then used wood beams and carpet for a roof after finding it difficult to form a dome.

Kolesar admits he cheats (fill such a thing exists when building an igloo) by using a snowblower to fortify it with every new snow.

"I just started running concentric circles around the igloo," Kolesar said. "It's almost like you were packing."

Colorado makes swap on bighorn

ASPEN, Colo. (AP) — A herd of 22 Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep was captured in the Colorado mountains and shipped to Utah as part of a swap for desert bighorn sheep.

The Colorado bighorns were trapped in a capture net Tuesday in the Basalt State Wildlife Area. About 50 volunteers and 20 wildlife officials quickly waded the flailing sheep by blindfolding them and securing their legs.

"It actually came off remarkably well," said Craig Wescoatt, a district wildlife manager for the state Division of Wildlife. The animals have already been taken to the Flaming Gorge in northeastern Utah.

Wescoatt said Utah got the number and mix of rams, ewes and lambs it wanted. No animals or people were injured.

The sheep were taken from a herd of about 100. If the herd got much bigger it would overgraze the land and damage vegetation, said Kelly Wood, also a district wildlife manager.

The Colorado sheep will enlarge the bighorn herd already in Flaming Gorge and broaden its genetic diversity, said Charlie Greenwood, a wildlife biologist for Utah's Division of Wildlife Resources.

"We're just trying to fill in the gaps," he said.

In February, Utah will capture an equal number of desert bighorn sheep in the San Raphael Swell area. They will be released in Dolores Canyon in western Colorado.

Work to capture the Basalt bighorns began three weeks ago, when Wood started leaving apple mash bait at the capture site to get the animals accustomed to the net suspended overhead from 10-foot-tall poles.

The bait was spiked with a medication for lungworm, a parasite that plagues Colorado's Rocky Mountain bighorns.

Wildlife officials released the 80-foot-long net onto the sheep Tuesday while they munched on the apple mash.

The volunteers and wildlife officials rushed to the kicking

and bucking animals, kneeling to unangle hooves and horns. They talked softly to the sheep while covering the animals' eyes and securing their feet.

Utah officials examined the sheep and attached ear tags to the ones they wanted. All the animals got a quick vaccination for bacteria; parasites and an organism that causes pneumonia. Biologists checked their teeth.

"In general, they look like they're in really good health," said veterinary technician Kate Larsen. "We expect they'll get to Utah and do what sheep do best."

Colorado traps and transports about 3,000 Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep a year. Trapping is done in the winter, because the sheep are easier to lure with bait when food is scarce.

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Jennifer Lopez ranks as highest paid Hispanic in film history

NEW YORK - Jennifer Lopez is the highest paid Hispanic woman in film history, according to Allure magazine.

The January issue reports that Lopez, 30, achieved that status by receiving \$9 million for her role in the romantic comedy "The Wedding Planner." She plays a busy bridal consultant in the film, which co-stars Matthew McConaughey and is due in theaters Jan. 26.

Lopez said the loss of privacy and anonymity that accompanies fame has been difficult.

Lopez took advice from other celebrities to meditate. She also unwinds by exercising and reading books about spirituality.

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Cuban journalist lives in world of contradictions

HAVANA - Being an independent Cuban journalist operating right under Fidel Castro's nose sounds like an undercover mission. But Raúl Rivero operates entirely aboveground, reporting to such unlikely outlets as Radio Martí, the U.S. government's anti-Castro radio station.

From his comfortable Havana apartment, the dean of independent Cuba's small band of independent journalists openly sends reports from his CubaPress news agency by fax, or dictates them over the telephone to European and

American news organizations.

Rivero, who last year received the prestigious Maria Moors Cabot award from Columbia University for reporting on Latin America and the Caribbean, has written about everything from freedom of the press, to the death of an exiled poet, to an illegal gambling operation run by a divorced mother in her kitchen to make ends meet.

- compiled from wire reports

DEL DIA DEL LOS MUERTOS

Display honors dead, celebrates culture

BOISE - A student organization presented a display which paid tribute to the dead and Mexican culture.

The Organization of Latin American Students at Boise State University fashioned an altar for *del dia del los muertos*, the day of the dead. The altar was on display at the BSU Student Union Building on Nov. 2. Among those students who made the altar were Ricardo Calderon of Kimberly and Mayra Calderon of Rupert.

Organizers say this was one of the many activities the student group undertakes to present to the community a part of their Mexican culture.



Members of the Organization of Latin American Students of Boise State University made this altar for *Del dia del los Muertos*. The day that honors the dead in Mexican culture.

The day of the dead is celebrated the first two days of

November. Families remember and honor their dead with stories about them and special meals as

well as decorating grave sites and family alters with flowers, candles and candy.

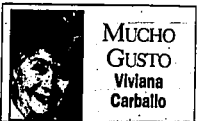
Chef celebrates with traditional mexican dish

"The most important thing I have learned from Mexican culture is how to celebrate," Chef Rick Bayless says. "The sense of purpose, of community, the connection made through sharing the food everyone has contributed, present at every family party, has always been for me a deeply enriching experience."

Bayless claims Mexico as his spiritual home. He confirms it through his cooking, deeply rooted in traditional Mexican food, its rich flavors steeped in authenticity, and updated by a few personal twists.

This recipe is adapted from "Rick Bayless' Mexican Kitchen" (Scribner, \$35). Guajillo are moderately hot dried chilies. The sauce may be prepared several days ahead, and the steaks marinated as long as four hours.

The dish works well with any beef steaks (tenderloin, New York



MUCHO GUSTO Viviana Carballo

strip, sirloin), pork chops or tenderloin, chicken, fish steaks or firm vegetables like zucchini, sweet potato and eggplant, Bayless writes.

Grilled Steak With Spicy Guajillo Sauce
 6 garlic cloves, unpeeled
 16 guajillo chilies (about 4 ounces total), stemmed and seeded
 1 teaspoon dried oregano, preferably Mexican
 2 1/2 teaspoon black pepper, preferably freshly ground
 1/2 teaspoon cumin, preferably

freshly ground
 3 and 2/3 cups beef broth, plus a little more if needed
 2-5 tablespoons vegetable or olive oil
 Salt, about 1 1/2 teaspoons
 Sugar, about 1 1/2 teaspoons
 1 tablespoon cider vinegar
 6 6-ounce beef steaks, each 1-inch thick
 1 large red onion, sliced 1/4-inch thick
 Several sprigs of cilantro, for garnish

Roast the unpeeled garlic directly on an ungreased griddle or heavy skillet over medium heat, turning occasionally, until soft (they'll blacken in spots), about 15 minutes, cool and peel.

While the garlic is roasting, toast the chilies on another side of the griddle or skillet: 1 or 2 at a time. Open them flat and press down firmly on the hot surface with a spatula, when they crackle, even

send up a wisp of smoke, flip them and press down to toast the other side.

In a small bowl, cover the chilies with hot water and let rehydrate 30 minutes, stirring frequently to ensure even soaking. Drain and discard the water.

Combine the oregano, black pepper and cumin in a food processor or blender, along with the drained chilies, garlic and 2/3 cup of the broth. Blend to a smooth puree, scraping and stirring every few seconds. (If the mixture just won't go through the blender blades, add a little more liquid.) Press through a medium-mesh strainer into a bowl.

Heat 1-5 tablespoons of the oil in a heavy, medium-size pot over medium-high. When the oil is hot enough to make a drop of the puree sizzle sharply, add the puree and stir constantly until it reduces

into a thick paste, 5 to 7 minutes. Stir in the remaining 3 cups broth, partially cover and simmer over medium-low, stirring occasionally, about 45 minutes for the flavors to come together. If necessary, stir in a little more broth to bring the sauce to a medium, saucy consistency. Taste and season with about 1 teaspoon of the salt and the sugar.

Mix 2/3 cup of the sauce with the vinegar and 5 teaspoon of salt in a large bowl. Lay in the steaks and turn to coat evenly. Let marinate, covered and refrigerated, while you are getting the fire prepared.

Light a gas grill or prepare a charcoal fire, letting the coals burn until they are covered with gray ash and are medium hot. Position the grill grate about 8 inches above the coals and lightly oil.

Lay the steaks on the hottest

portion of the grill and let them sear for 4 or 5 minutes on one side, then turn and finish on the other (4 to 5 minutes more for medium-rare).

While the steaks are cooking, separate the onion into rings and toss with the remaining 1 tablespoon of oil. Spread them on the grill around the steaks and cook, turning with tongs or a spatula, until lightly browned and crisp-tender, 6 to 8 minutes. As the steaks and onions are done, heat the sauce to a simmer.

Serve steaks as soon as they come off the grill with a generous portion of the heated sauce and a topping of the onions. Garnish with sprigs of cilantro. Makes 6 servings, with about 2-5 cups sauce.

Viviana Carballo is the restaurant critic for The Miami Herald.

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WORLD

Pinochet enters hospital for mental tests

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP) — Gen. Augusto Pinochet entered a Santiago military hospital early Wednesday to undergo neurological and mental tests that may be his final hope to avoid trial on human rights charges.

Pinochet arrived at the hospital hours before the 10 a.m. time set by Juan Guzman for the tests, which are to determine if the aging former strongman is fit to stand trial. Pinochet has diabetes, arthritis, uses a pacemaker and has suffered three mild strokes since late 1998.

Guzman is seeking to indict him on homicide and kidnapping charges related to the "Caravan of Death," a military commando raid that executed 55 political prisoners shortly after the 1973 coup that brought Pinochet to power.

Pinochet was seen walking into the hospital with difficulty, using a cane and aided by bodyguards. His wife, Lucia Hiriart, entered the hospital shortly afterward, followed minutes later by the team of eight psychiatrists, neurologists and other experts to take the tests.

The judge also visited the hospital and left two hours later saying he did not meet Pinochet.

Guzman on Wednesday received the renewed backing of the Supreme Court, which named down the second request in a week by Pinochet's lawyers to remove him from the case. They argue that he is biased.

Outside the hospital in the fashionable Providencia neighborhood, police placed green metal crowd control barriers to keep apart small groups of Pinochet



Lilian Silva, a relative of a dissident killed under the dictatorship of Gen. Augusto Pinochet, protests outside of the army hospital in Santiago, Chile, Wednesday. Pinochet is undergoing medical tests to determine whether he is fit to stand trial on human rights charges.

supporters and opponents exchanging insults.

The tests to determine whether the 85-year-old former dictator who ruled with an iron fist until 1990 can stand trial were to last two to four hours and be followed on Monday by a legal questioning by Guzman, a required step before indicting.

The Supreme Court last month

overturned an earlier indictment by Guzman ruling the judge had failed to first interrogate Pinochet.

Guzman said the process Wednesday started with the taking of urine and blood samples, which were sent to outside laboratories for testing. Eight hours after his arrival at the hospital, Pinochet was taken to a private clinic for a brain scan, part of the overall tests

ordered by the judge, officials said.

The tests and the interrogation would open the door for Guzman to renew Pinochet's indictment on homicide and kidnapping charges. "These procedures are the beginning of the end in Pinochet's military tactics," prosecution lawyer Hugo Gutiérrez said. "The indictment is around the corner."

U.S. mediator indefinitely postpones trip to Mideast

WASHINGTON — The Clinton administration delayed sending its U.S. peace mediator to the Middle East on Wednesday until it determines whether progress is being made in Israeli-Palestinian talks on curbing violence.

"There have been actually some encouraging contacts in that regard. We want to see how those talks progress," said State Department spokesman Richard Boucher. "The president still hopes to narrow the gaps and reach an agreement between the parties in the short time that's available."

The White House said the delay was only that U.S. envoy Dennis Ross still plans to head to the region, "but we have not set a revised date." White House spokesman Jake Siewert said.

Clinton hopes to reach a breakthrough in the talks before his term ends Jan. 20. Both U.S. envoy Prime Minister Ehud Barak and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat have accepted in principle Clinton's formula for a negotiated settlement, but both sides have reservations.

World in brief

Former Bosnian president surrenders to U.N. court

THE HAGUE, Netherlands — Arriving with her lawyer in a black BMW sedan, a former Bosnian Serb president turned herself in to the U.N. tribunal Wednesday to face charges of genocide and war crimes.

A top-ranking politician in the wartime Bosnian Serb power structure, Biljana Plavsic was a close associate of Radovan Karadic — the tribunal's most wanted suspect from the Bosnian war. She succeeded him as president after the 1995 Dayton peace accord.

As the first woman taken into custody at the tribunal, the hard-line nationalist is charged with every crime in its statute: genocide, war crimes, crimes against humanity and grave breaches of the Geneva Conventions.

Plavsic joined Karadic in rejecting the idea of a multiethnic Bosnia, fueling the 1992-1995 conflict.

Throughout the war, Plavsic backed Serb purges of other ethnic groups and was seen visiting troops at the front lines.

Baby undergoes operation while still in the womb

VIENNA, Austria — A baby who underwent heart surgery while still in the womb in what doctors called the first operation of its kind was pronounced fit on Wednesday, a week after her birth.

The six-hour surgery in October in Linz, about 80 miles west of Vienna, involved the reopening of an embryonic heart valve. It was performed by specialists Wolfgang Artz and Gerald Tulzer.

Baby Johanna was then born by Caesarean section on Jan. 3, the Austria Press Agency reported. She weighed 5.7 pounds. The agency did not give her last name.

Both doctors said Wednesday after medical tests that Johanna's condition was good despite having undergone a further operation after her birth.

Left untreated, the fetus would not have survived until birth, they said.

— compiled from wire reports

Lawyer: Cole suspect unlikely to get fair trial

ADEN, Yemen (AP) The man believed to be the top Yemeni suspect in the deadly bombing of the USS Cole can't get a fair trial in Yemen and will probably be convicted, the prominent Aden lawyer who is preparing to represent him said Wednesday.

The lawyer, Badr Salmin Basunaid, told The Associated Press that two brothers of suspect Jamal al-Badawi asked him Tuesday to handle the case. He said he expected to sign the paperwork soon and then would try to visit his new client.

Al-Badawi has been jailed since shortly after the Oct. 12 attack, when two suicide bombers are believed to have sidled their explosives-laden boat up to the Cole while it was

refueling in Aden and detonated it. Seventeen U.S. sailors were killed and 39 others wounded.

Up to eight people are expected to be tried in connection with the bombing. The trial is expected to begin this month, though no date has been announced.

The charges against the suspects have not been made public. Yemeni sources have said the charges planned against at least two suspects include carrying out the attack and threatening state security — either of which could bring the death penalty.

Basunaid said no lawyers have been allowed to see any of the suspects yet — meaning they have been without legal help over the weeks that police and prosecutors have been question-

ing them.

Basunaid said he may take on more of the suspects as clients if other relatives seek his services. None of the other suspects are known to have attorneys yet, and because of the sensitive nature of the case, it may be difficult for them to find a lawyer willing to accept the job.

Basunaid, who cannot begin work until the paperwork is complete, said he knows little about the suspect other than he's in his 30s.

"The family yesterday who came to me ... they are very afraid, they fear that their son has been tortured," he said.

"We will try to defend these people by all means, by all legal means, though I know from now

that they will be convicted ... and they will have sentences," said Basunaid, a human rights advocate and outspoken critic of the Yemeni judicial system.

Yemen's minister of foreign affairs, Abdulkader Bagamal, dismissed suggestions that the Cole trial would not be fair or that the suspects could be victimized. The trial, he said by telephone from Sana'a, will be "complete and fair. Absolutely, it will be fair."

The State-Department's most recent review of Yemeni justice described security forces torturing suspects to extract confessions. It also cited cases where defendants were denied lawyers and judges were swayed by bribes or government pressure.

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ROBERTSON, VETERANS ADMINISTRATION & TREASURE COVE PARKING LOT PROJECTS... ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS... Urban Renewal Agency of the City of Twin Falls...

Associated General Contractor, 110 North 27th; Boise, Idaho 83702... Associated General Contractor, 415 North Curtin Road; Boise, Idaho 83706... Associated General Contractor, 1416 Fillmore Street...

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE... On Tuesday, the 10th day of April, 2001, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock a.m. of said day (recognized local time)...

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE... On the 8th day of April, 2001, at the hour of 10:00 A.M. of said day, (recognized local time), in the Office of First American Title Company...

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merger with Horwell Mortgage, Inc., as beneficiary... THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1508(4)(A), IDAHO CODE...

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE... On Monday, the 30th day of April, 2001, at the hour of 11:00 o'clock a.m. of said day at the Twin Falls County Courthouse...

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE... On the 11th day of April, 2001, at the hour of 10:00 A.M. of said day, (recognized local time), in the Office of First American Title Company...

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THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1508(4)(A), IDAHO CODE... REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION...

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE... On the 3rd day of May, 2001, at the hour of 10:15 A.M. of said day, (recognized local time), in the Office of First American Title Company...

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NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATORY POLICY AS TO MEMBERSHIP... The Boise Area Country Club, Inc. admits members of any race, color, religion, sex, national and ethnic origin...

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS... FOR 2001 HARMON PARK SKATEPARK... Sealed proposals will be received in the office of the City of Twin Falls...

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NOTICE... Pursuant to Idaho Code Section 67-2343, the Twin Falls Highway District is hereby notified that the following persons have been appointed...

BABES R US. 2 weeks through 18 mo., all supplies provided. For more info call 733-5420.

DAY CARE CENTER. All licenses for all shifts. Call Tracy at 733-8428.

LOOKING YOUNG DAY CARE. Openings available. Call Tracy at 733-8428.

PUBLIC SERVICE MESSAGE. Don't pay for find work before you get the job. For information about avoiding employment services, write to the Federal Trade Commission, Washington, DC 20580, or call the National Fraud Information Center, 200-478-7260.

APPOINTMENT MANAGER. Needed for NGT Team. Located in Falls. Computer, sales, leasing, mgmt. exp. Salary commensurate with exp. Send resume to: P.O. Box 129, Hazelton, ID 83303. EOE & M/F/D/V.

DRILLER'S HELPER. Large Exploratory Drilling is looking for ambitious people who want a chance to start building a career. As a driller's helper, you will assist in operating a variety of equipment types, while you gain the knowledge and experience needed to advance within our company. You need to be able to lift 100 lbs. and enjoy working outdoors at drilling locations throughout Nevada.

MAGIC VILLAGE BANK. Seeking an accounting assistant for the Twin Falls office. Must have 2+ years experience. Send resume to: Magic Village Bank Attn: Jan Knudsen, P.O. Box 489, Twin Falls, ID 83303 or email to: jknudsen@magicvillagebank.com.

CHILD SPECIALIST OPENING. We are looking for energetic and exciting professional to provide one on one intensive therapy to children suffering from emotional and behavior disorders. The position requires a degree in human services field such as Social Work, Psychology, Counseling, Human Development, etc. You offer an extremely nice compensation package including: Weekly bonuses, Paid Vacation and Paid Holidays, Mileage compensation for medical and dental package, Excellent training. We have both part-time and full-time positions available in the Twin Falls area. Please resume to: Burley Area Child Services 354 E. 19th Street (Idaho Falls) ID 83404 or email to: mhildred@westnet.net or fax to: 208-368-9834

SEASTROM MANUFACTURING CO. INC. Please submit your resume or renew your resume that is on file.

SEASTROM MANUFACTURING CO. INC.
ATTN: PERSONNEL
456 SEASTROM STREET
TWIN FALLS, ID 83301
Opener under the Drug-Free Workplace Act & EEO.

DRIVING SCHOOL. B & T TRUCK DRIVING. You can be part of the coolest coffee place in town. Please bring a resume by to 1000 S. BLAKE ST. BOOKER VIDEO.

BOOKER VIDEO. Good working conditions. No overtime. FT or PT. Send resume to: Box 99109, c/o Times News, P.O. Box 489, Twin Falls, ID 83303.

CERICAL. Fertilizer Co. in Murtaugh seeking experienced clerical person to do computer software, computer sales and attention to detail. FT and salary 3% inc. Send resume to PO Box 120, Murtaugh or Fax to 242-6821.

CERICAL. Accounting office, typing, filing, computer data entry. Send resume to: Box 95252, c/o Times News, P.O. Box 489, Twin Falls, ID 83303.

COUNSELOR. Youth Specialist, supervising about 450 youth in Rupert area residential facility. Night shift only. Send resume to: Box 9548, Twin Falls, ID 83303.

FIRE CHIEF/EMT DIRECTOR. The town of Jackpot, NV has an immediate opening for a FIRE CHIEF/EMT DIRECTOR. Applicants must have a minimum of 5 years fire fighting experience in fire fighting. Send resume to: Fire Dept., 215 Falls Ave., Twin Falls, ID 83303.

MECHANIC. Immediate full time opening for an experienced diesel mechanic to work in a repair shop. Compensation, hourly with overtime. Hourly rate depends on experience. Call or contact Jackson Trucking, P.O. Box 55, Jerome, ID 83308. 208-324-3004.

MECHANIC. Full-time mechanic position. Will be maintaining a fleet of piece of RV's, chassis & appliances. Apply in person at BERT HARBAUGH TRUCKS, 624 W. Down town Wendell, 536-6223.

MECHANIC/DIESEL. Experienced, must have own tools. Full time. Benefits. Salary commensurate with experience. Send resume to: Box 94711, c/o Times News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303.

HAIR STYLIST. Position with highest potential in one of the best full service salons. Guaranteed 40 hrs. per week. Graduated commission scale. Call 733-7771 ask for *****

INSIDE SALES. Position: inside Adv. Rep. Responsible to: Inside Sales Supervisor. Responsible for generating advertising revenue for The Times-News through commercial paper advertising. The position will include prospecting new accounts, customer service, and contributing ideas to the paper. Job duties will include phone, fax and mail correspondence. Must have 2+ years experience in a team environment. Mail resume to: Attention Inside Sales Manager, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303. You are not to be by the office located 31 W. Main (At Weedy Creek) in Twin Falls. The Times-News is a drug free workplace. EOE.

MAINTENANCE. The Jerome School District #251 is accepting applications for a district maintenance worker. Applicants must have: 1. Knowledge of general building maintenance. 2. Proven maintenance of buildings and equipment 3 grounds care. 4. Safe and proper operation of power tools associated with such tasks. 5. Experience with gas and electrical wiring. 6. Repair and maintenance of automotive vehicles, and power equipment. 7. Welding and/or sprinkler experience preferred. 8. Must have valid driver's license. 9. Ability to lift 50 pounds. Application may be obtained from: Linda Adams at the Jerome School District #251, 4261 Administration Office, 107 3rd Ave. W., Jerome School District #251, Jerome, ID 83303.

MANAGER. FRT Risk Manager. Requirements: B.A. in Human Resources, but not required. Must have knowledge of OSHA regulations and OSHA Camp Salary D.O.E. Resume required. Please send resume to: Personnel Solutions, 215 Falls Ave., Twin Falls, ID 83303.

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MECHANIC/SHOP MANAGER. Magic Valley truck facility is seeking for an experienced shop manager. We are seeking a journeyman diesel mechanic with the experience and ability to manage a full service truck shop. Compensation, benefits & insurance based upon qualifications and experience. All resumes will remain confidential. This is a great opportunity. Call or send resume to: Jackson Trucking, P.O. Box 55, Jerome, ID 83308. 208-324-3004.

FULL TIME SALES! Motivated, self-starters... work for one of Idaho's most progressive auto dealers. We offer: Excellent working conditions, Benefit package including health insurance and 401K. Please apply in person at Gary's Westland Motors. 1427 Blue Lakes Boulevard North. Ask for Jon Storner or John Cameron

MEDICAL. Looking for a positive work environment and job growth. The art facility Park View Rehabilitation Center has openings for exceptional RN's and Charge Nurse positions. Supervisory position in state of the art ventilator unit. Choose from Charge Nurse position at Park View Care and Rehabilitation Center, 200 S. Parko Ave., Burley, ID 83303.

MEDICAL. Full-time CMA needed in Assisted Living. Monday through Friday, 8am-5pm. Please apply in person at Bridgeview at 1833 Bridgeview Blvd. N. Twin Falls or call Mindy Pratt at 208-733-5252, ext. 222.

MEDICAL. LPNs needed for Private Duty Nursing for children and Hospice. FT and pm. An exciting personality is a plus. This entry level management position includes responsibilities in managing staff and adult carers, sales promotions, & providing excellent customer service. \$16,000/yr. interested, fill out an application by December 28, 2000. The Times-News Attn: Dan Wislock P.O. Box 548 Twin Falls, ID 83303. DRUG FREE

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NEWSPAPER CIRCULATION. The Times-News is accepting applications for a full-time circulation manager. The successful candidate must be able to work weekends, be dependable, have excellent time management skills, and enjoy working with youth. A outgoing personality is a plus. This entry level management position includes responsibilities in managing staff and adult carers, sales promotions, & providing excellent customer service. \$16,000/yr. interested, fill out an application by December 28, 2000. The Times-News Attn: Dan Wislock P.O. Box 548 Twin Falls, ID 83303.

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CHEVY '97 Silverado Crew Cab... 100K miles, 5 spd. \$11,500.00

FORD '94 F-150 Ext. cab... 3.8 liter, lots of options... 100K miles, 5 spd. \$10,995.00

FORD '93 Mark III... 1993 Mark III, capitan seats, couch, runs good... \$4,995.00

BUICK '00 Century... 100K miles, 5 spd. \$13,295.00

FORD Explorer, 1994, AT... 100K miles, 5 spd. \$12,995.00

HONDA Accord EX, 1997... 12K miles, extended warranty... \$15,000.00

PONTIAC Grand Prix '94... AC, CC, new tires, 84K... \$4,000.00

TOYOTA Avalon, XL '99... \$20,400. If approved, could assume 16664 at \$475/mo - E.O.C. paid. Please call 208-336-6522

CHEVY BLAZER LS '97... 100K miles, 5 spd. \$11,500.00

FORD Ranger, 1996, dual... matching shell, PL, PW, AC, CD, 2000 miles, must... \$11,500.00

BUICK Century '97... 100K miles, 5 spd. \$11,500.00

FORD Explorer, '92, 5 spd... 8 cyl. 2 dr. White, new tires, 100K miles... \$11,500.00

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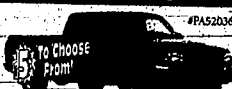


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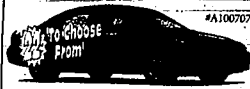


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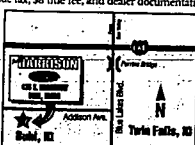
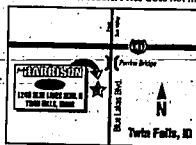
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