

2017 YEAR IN REVIEW

TWO WOMEN MURDERED IN RURAL POWELL

Within the span of a few weeks, two Powell women were killed by their partners in rural Powell.

On Aug. 7, John C. Bright, 74, shot and killed his long-time partner, 64-year-old Mary Ann Bier, before killing himself at their home on Jonathon Road, west of Powell.

A spokesman for the Park County Sheriff's Office said at the time that the couple's relationship had recently soured — with Bright becoming despondent after learning that Bier planned to leave him. Sheriff Scott Steward said there had been no prior history of violence.

Just 19 days later, the Sheriff's Office was called to the scene of another killing, this time on Lane 11 south of Powell.

Authorities alleged David Williamson, 64, murdered his wife, Shirley Williamson, 65. David Williamson reportedly told investigators that he shot and killed Shirley Williamson after she tried shooting him with an unloaded gun and asked him to kill her. She had been suffering from mental health problems, including paranoia, investigators have said in court documents.

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SEASON OPENS



Perry Brown shreds through fresh powder on his snowboard at Sleeping Giant Ski Area Wednesday. The slopes opened late this year, but now have more than an 18-inch base. For more on the opening of Sleeping Giant, see Page 8. Tribune photo by Mark Davis

Tom Brokaw visits Powell searching for 'The Other America'

A media industry icon spent a couple of days in Park County in July, as veteran newsmen Tom Brokaw was seen strolling the streets of downtown Powell and hanging out at the Park County Fair.

Brokaw was in town to cover the 2017 Heart Mountain Pilgrimage for a feature on the Today Show, and took the time to visit with locals as part of another story, gauging how voters in this predominately conservative area felt after six months of the Trump administration. He also met with local doctors to discuss health care in rural areas.

"I just thought that this [Powell] is picture postcard," he explained. "I've kept it in my mind when I was coming here, and then I saw that Powell voted 70 percent for Trump."

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Today Show correspondent Tom Brokaw is filmed as he strolls through downtown Powell last July. The veteran newsmen was in town filming a story about conservative rural America. Tribune file photo by CJ Baker

New superintendent, increased enrollment in Powell school district

Park County School District No. 1 started 2017 with a search for a new superintendent.

After interviewing three finalists in January, the Powell school board unanimously voted in February to hire Jay Curtis, who previously served as superintendent of Meeteetse Schools.

When Curtis applied to be superintendent of the Powell school district, he said it would be his "dream job."

He replaced Superin-

tendent Kevin Mitchell, who had served in the position for 10 years. Mitchell marked his last day with the district in June, and he is now the executive director of the Wyoming Association of School Administrators.

Along with school districts across Wyoming, Powell faced budget cuts in 2017 due to the economic downturn and reduction in K-12 funding from the state. The

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Powell Valley Healthcare bankruptcy continues

Although Powell Valley Healthcare leaders had hoped to end the organization's bankruptcy case in 2017, various factors have drawn the case out at least a little longer.

PVHC declared Chapter 11 bankruptcy in May 2016 to resolve a pending "flood" of medical malpractice lawsuits brought against the organization. The roughly 20 lawsuits at issue relate to allegedly substandard care provided by one of PVHC's former surgeons, Dr. Jeffrey Hansen.

The former patients suing Hansen say he provided substandard care years ago

— leading to problems that included amputated limbs — and that PVHC leaders were too slow to act on complaints about him. The surgeon was suspended by PVHC in November 2013 over "patient safety concerns" and he later resigned.

PVHC leaders initially hoped to finalize a plan of reorganization and come out of bankruptcy within about a year, but crafting a plan that will satisfy as many people as possible has taken more time than expected.

The case took a big step

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CITY OF POWELL BANS USE OF CELL PHONES WHILE DRIVING

In December, the Powell City Council unanimously passed City Ordinance No. 21, banning the use of cell phones while driving within city limits. The ordinance went into effect Jan. 1.

The ordinance, the result of a proposal last October by Councilman Scott Mangold, effectively bans the use of handheld cell phones while driving, except in cases of emergency. Hands-free devices are the exception

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PSYCHOLOGIST ACCUSED OF MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR FRAUD

Federal prosecutors announced in May that a grand jury had indicted Powell psychologist Gib Condie on 234 counts of health care fraud.

The indictment alleged that the \$6.8 million worth of bills that Condie submitted to Wyoming Medicaid between June 2012 and February 2016 were fraudulent.

In October, Condie pleaded guilty to a single felony count of health care fraud as part of a deal with federal prosecutors.

The deal calls for him to serve three years in federal prison, pay \$2.28 million in restitution and forfeit numerous assets — including a ranch he owns in the Big Horn Mountains — to the federal government.

Condie told the Tribune in May that much of the case stemmed from differing interpretations of Medicaid rules and that all the money had gone toward services that were provided to clients.

"I'm not embarrassed, I'm not ashamed, I'm actually pleased with what we did," he had said in May.

It will be up to presiding U.S. District Court Judge Alan Johnson to decide whether to accept the plea deal. Sentencing is set for Monday, Jan. 8 in Cheyenne.

— CJ Baker

A year of challenges, successes for NWC

2017 was a year of change for Northwest College, as the school, still reeling from budget cuts, found itself dealing with repercussions from program eliminations, lower enrollment and unforeseen maintenance issues.

A routine maintenance inspection of NWC's residence halls last summer quickly took an expensive turn, as extensive water damage discov-

ered in Cody Hall prompted its closing for the 2017-18 school year. Trapper Village and Ashley Hall also suffered minimal water damage that can be taken care of in-house, "but Cody Hall has more extensive damage," said NWC President Stefani Hicswa.

Trustees expect to consider all options for Cody Hall

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Riley and Madison Hogg, of Cody, prepare to release a black-footed ferret on the Pitchfork Ranch on Aug. 30, 2017. The children are the grandchildren of John and Lucille Hogg. Their dog, Shep, found evidence that the species wasn't extinct. Tribune file photo by Mark Davis

2017 big year for iconic species

Hardly a week went by in 2017 without big news about the state's iconic species. Conversations and legislation took place from the White House to the Wyoming statehouse; from hunting and conservation organizations to the public. The northwest corner of the state played a prominent role.

SAGE GROUSE

Just a year after 11 states collaborated to devise a plan to keep the greater sage grouse off the endangered species list and protect the iconic species, the Trump administration looked to challenge the regulations of the historic effort. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke initiated a 60 day review of results from the decade-long process, drawing praise from some and protests from many. Those protesting included Wyoming Republican Gov. Matt Mead.

At the same time, the state

Legislature passed a law seeking to allow Wyoming private game bird farms to attempt to raise sage grouse. At the end of the Interior Department's review period, Zinke sought to push for conservation of the species based on population rather than habitat.

But to date, only a handful of sage grouse have ever been raised in captivity, and none of those have been in the U.S.

Karl Bear, manager of Diamond Wing Upland Game Birds, LLC, in rural Powell, and owner Deimer True, of True Oil LLC, are applying for certification from the Wyoming Game and Fish Department to be able to gather wild grouse eggs in the spring to attempt captive breeding.

BLACK-FOOTED FERRETS

In one of the top feel-good

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Badger Basin murder cases end

More than three years after a man's headless remains were found in Badger Basin, law enforcement's cases against the people responsible came to a close.

John Marquez received a 25 to 35 year prison sentence for shooting, killing and dismembering 30-year-old Juan Antonio Guerra-Torres in either late 2013 or early 2014.

Because of the damage to Guerra-Torres' body, it took investigators months to identify him and it took more than a year before they had enough evidence to bring criminal charges in connection with the murder.

Marquez, 54, testified at a May sentencing hearing that he'd been led to believe that Guerra-Torres posed a threat to his family and "I did what I had to do."

He added that, "I wouldn't even think of

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Species: 58 wolves lethally removed by the state as of the end of November

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stories of the year, 13 additional blackfooted ferrets were released on private property west of Meeteetse, following the release of 35 ferrets in the area in 2016.

Later in the summer, during population surveys by Game and Fish biologists, it was found that the captively bred ferrets were reproducing in the wild.

Blackfooted ferrets were thought extinct until 35 years ago, when they were found by John and Lucille Hogg's dog, Shep.

More than 9,000 black-footed ferrets have been captively bred at the National Black-Footed Ferret Conservation Center in Colorado and released to the wild, all descendants from 18 ferrets captured on the Hogg ranch near Meeteetse 35 years ago.

GRAY WOLVES

Wyoming once again won the right to manage wolf populations within its borders after a long fight in court.

Gray wolves in Wyoming were removed from Endangered Species List on April 25 after a ruling March 3 by the U.S. Court of Appeals. Initially, the species was delisted in the state in 2012. But a lawsuit won by conservation groups overturned the decision by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in 2014.

On Oct. 1, the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission opened a hunting season for gray wolves with a quota limit of 44 wolves in the trophy zone. The season ended Sunday, Dec. 31, 2017.

At least 42 of the 44 quota were taken in 2017. Hunters also harvested 30 wolves in the predator zone, seven of which

were taken between Rawlins and Casper.

Additionally, 58 wolves were lethally removed by the state as of the end of November in conflict resolution actions.

The future of wolf hunts remains uncertain as legal challenges continue, seeking to threaten Wyoming's autonomy.

GRIZZLIES

On June 22, the Fish and Wildlife Service delisted grizzlies under the Endangered Species Act. Wyoming now manages the species in the state outside of Yellowstone National Park. There was no hunting season, but the Wyoming Game and Fish suggested had there been a 2017 season, a quota of 10 bears would have been set.

While state management of the species is widely favored in Park County, there are many in the Cody region and across

the nation opposed to hunts. There are no less than four lawsuits pending and many conservation groups and native American tribes opposed the delisting.

There were at least 13 incidents in the state involving grizzlies in 2017, eight resulting in the killing of a grizzly and four resulting in injuries to humans. In one incident, Powell area game warden Chris Queen killed a charging sow with cubs while hunting on a day off.

Meanwhile, grizzlies continue to move into habitat far beyond Yellowstone, including to areas east of Heart Mountain and south of Powell in the McCullough Peaks.

Many advocates and biologists claim that the bear populations are stagnant and bear sightings are on the rise as they seek new food sources.

— Mark Davis

Ban: Many communities across nation have adopted bans

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to the ordinance, as is standard in many communities across the nation that have adopted similar ordinances.

As expected, the ordinance brought out residents on both sides of the issue, who took to social media to express their opinions and concerns. In the end, though, only one resident attended the final reading to make his opinion heard, and the ordinance passed with little

discussion.

Powell City Council members and Powell Police Chief Roy Eckerdt said they generally heard support for the ordinance.

As for enforcement, Eckerdt said last month that officer discretion would be a factor. Everything the police department does is based on "the totality of the circumstances."

"With the exception of illicit drugs and DUIs, we don't have a hard-and-fast rule of what

gets a citation every time," he said. "History of contacts, driving history, all of that will come into play. However, if you do something extremely egregious while the cell phone is in your hand — like almost creaming somebody in a crosswalk — even if it's a first offense, you might still get a ticket."

The bond for a cell phone violation is set at \$35.

— Don Cogger

NWC: Employee raises a priority for coming year

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— including the possibility of tearing it down and not replacing it — when more information is available.

"If Cody Hall can be fixed, we have to ask ourselves if we want to invest in that," said Lisa Watson, vice president for administrative services and finance.

In an effort to retain quality

employees, the NWC Board of Trustees approved a pair of resolutions in December 2017 that make employee raises a priority for the coming fiscal year.

"The board is concerned about losing good people, they're concerned about being able to recruit," Hicswa said. "As a college, we have to be proactive."

And 2017 marked the formation of Connect to Com-

munity, an initiative with the Powell Economic Partnership designed to bring the college and the community closer together. C2C hosted the inaugural Paint the Town Red event in August, a series of events to celebrate the return of NWC students for fall semester and the downtown businesses that support them.

— Don Cogger

Badger Basin: John Marquez: 'I did what I had to do'

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doing something stupid like that again."

Pedro Garcia Jr., 31, had reportedly asked Marquez — a longtime family friend — to carry out the killing. He received a 25- to 40-year prison sentence.

Pedro Garcia said he'd made some stupid choices due to his drug addiction. Pedro Garcia told authorities that his memories from the time around the murder were fuzzy, because

of the methamphetamine he'd been using. Guerra-Torres had reportedly been Pedro Garcia's primary supplier of meth. Pedro Garcia told law enforcement that, according to his sister Sandra Garcia, Guerra-Torres had become indebted to dangerous drug distributors.

Sandra Garcia, who was Guerra-Torres' longtime partner, received a 10- to 18-year prison sentence for her role in the crime. She admitted that she'd acted "recklessly"

by agreeing to bring Guerra-Torres to a meeting with Pedro Garcia Jr. Highway 294 in Badger Basin — driving Guerra-Torres to the spot despite knowing that Guerra-Torres might be in danger.

Sandra Garcia, who was sentenced in 2016, requested a sentence reduction in June, but District Court Judge Bill Simpson denied her request in November.

— CJ Baker

PVHC: Confirmation hearing scheduled for Jan. 23

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forward in April, when PVHC announced that it had reached a tentative agreement with the former patients who had sued the organization. That deal would involve PVHC paying the patients \$3 million over an eight-year period. The taxpayer-owned Powell Valley Hospital District, which owns the actual buildings that house PVHC, would essentially cover that cost by giving PVHC free or reduced rent during that time frame.

Since April, PVHC and the other parties in the case — ranging from the former patients to PVHC's medical malpractice insurers from the years in question — have been trying to reach an agreement on the final details of a plan, with some progress made.

A confirmation hearing on PVHC's proposed plan, previously set for December, is currently set for Jan. 23.

2017 also brought changes in PVHC's leadership, as the organization parted ways with

HealthTech Management Services, a company that had helped manage PVHC since 1992. However, Powell Valley Healthcare did retain Terry Odom — who'd been PVHC's interim chief executive officer through a contract with Health-Tech — as its permanent CEO.

"We really feel like she's the kind of a management style person we were looking for in the first place," said PVHC board president R.J. Kost.

— CJ Baker

Brokaw:

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How do they feel now?"

After asking that very question at the Skyline Cafe and the Park County Fair, Brokaw said he found the answers interesting.

"There is some diminishment of the enthusiasm, but the people we saw at the county fair said it's all our fault — the liberal media's fault, not Trump's. So I thought to myself, 'This is the chance to do the other America.'"

As he made the rounds, Brokaw said he was struck by the responses he received as to what weighs heavy on the minds of small-town Wyoming.

"Nobody was saying to me yesterday 'Oh my God, what are we going to do about Reince Priebus?'" Brokaw said. "They're not talking about that. They were talking about how it's too damn dry out here and what's going to happen with the solar eclipse. There are a lot of other things on their mind."

— Don Cogger

Murders:

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David Williamson pleaded not guilty to a count of second-degree murder last month, with a trial tentatively set for April. However, attorneys involved in the case have indicated that they have been discussing the possibility of resolving the case through some kind of plea deal.

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School: Increased enrollment prevents drastic cuts

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Powell school district trimmed roughly \$275,000 from its budget and leaders found a way to also provide raises to eligible employees.

Thanks to increased enrollment, the Powell district did not see drastic cuts like other school districts in the state.

Enrollment rose again in 2017. With 1,837 students, Powell became the 13th largest district out of 48 in the state.

Looking ahead to 2018, one of the first things the Powell school board will consider is whether to allow employees to carry guns in local schools.

The district released an on-

line community-wide survey in November, and the school board will discuss responses during its Jan. 30 meeting.

"We don't want this to be an issue that divides our community," Curtis said last fall, "It's really important that we maintain that civility and keep an open mind and try and be empathetic to others' positions."

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In memoriam: Gib Mathers

Many Powellites said goodbye to loved ones and friends in 2017. Here at the Tribune, we lost one of our own.

Gib Mathers went missing while hiking on the North Fork on Jan. 31. A more than month-long search ended on March 11, when Mathers' body was discovered in the Elk Fork Creek drainage, roughly 37 miles west of Cody in the Shoshone National Forest.

An autopsy concluded that Mathers died of hypothermia.

He was 61. Mathers is remembered in the community and at the Tribune as a dedicated reporter who injected life, detail and color into his writing.

"He made readers feel as they were present with him," said Tribune General Manager Toby Bonner. "He had a unique ability to create word pictures in the minds of readers with his descriptive style."

Mathers had worked as a reporter for the Tribune since 2005, primarily covering the

outdoors. "The outdoors seemed to be where Gib really belonged, and he died in a place he loved, doing something he loved," wrote Tribune Editor CJ Baker. "But Gib also belonged in this community, among the people who loved him."

A journalism writing contest is being organized by the Friends of the Powell Branch Library, intended in part to recognize Mathers' contributions. Details will be announced in the near future.

As a new year begins, we're remembering those who left us in 2017. A list of the neighbors, friends and loved ones the community lost appears above.



GIB MATHERS

Mayor Hillman loses fight with cancer, Wetzel steps in

Just a month after being sworn in for a second term as mayor of Powell, Don Hillman lost his battle with liver cancer, passing away Feb. 4.

Local businessman and long-time City Council President John Wetzel was appointed by the council as interim mayor by unanimous vote on Feb. 21.

"He was just a great guy who always had the city's best interest at heart," Wetzel said shortly after Hillman's passing. "He was fun to be around, and was just a solid member of the community. He was a good guy, good friend."

Wetzel will serve as mayor for the remainder of Hillman's term; the seat will open once again during the next general election, in November 2018. At that time, Wetzel can seek re-election for the final two years of the term should he so choose.

"I'm excited to get started and increase the learning curve I've been on for a while," Wetzel said after his swearing in. "There are new things to learn about being mayor. Hopefully I can keep things moving forward."

Hillman, a husband, father and grandfather, was a long-time Montana Dakota Utilities

employee and served two terms on the council before becoming mayor.

"Don came from a utility background, and he had great foresight into the infrastructure of Powell and how to maintain it," Wetzel said. "It seems as if he's always been serving the community's needs, making sure the sewers flowed the right way, the electricity was always on, that kind of thing. Talking about issues, figuring out how to approach individual problems and scenarios facing the city — those were his strengths."

— Don Cogger

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IN OUR OPINION

Subscriptions affirm the value of news

Years ago, the writer Stewart Brand summarized one of the great tensions in media.

"On the one hand," Brand wrote, "information wants to be expensive, because it's so valuable; the right information in the right place just changes your life."

"On the other hand," he continued, "information wants to be free, because the cost of getting it out is getting lower and lower all the time. So you have these two fighting against each other."

There is perhaps no better example of this tension than in the news business.

We see firsthand how covering the news is expensive. There are reporters to pay, to attend meetings and events and to read documents, to make phone calls, send follow-up emails and snap photos. Then there are designers tasked with presenting the information in a pleasing, easy-to-understand way — and that's before you count the folks needed to sell advertising, keep track of bills and conduct the day-to-day business. In the case of a newspaper, you also need a crew to print the news and keep the press running smoothly and another crew to get each issue ready for mailing.

On the other side of the coin, covering the news can also be dirt cheap. Rather than do their own reporting, some media outlets simply replicate — and in some cases, straight-up steal from — the work of others. An in-depth story that a journalist might have worked on for weeks or months can be re-reported or even plagiarized by a competing outlet almost instantaneously.

Consider how one national broadcaster or newspaper's "scoops" are immediately available on countless copycat news websites, often surrounded by a dizzying array of invasive ads.

To someone casually reading the news, it might appear that the outlets did an equal amount of work or are equally valuable.

But here's the problem: outlets that rely on the work of others are exactly that — reliant. If the true journalists of the media landscape were to go away, those secondary outlets would not have any big news to share with their readers.

When at their best, journalists bring to light information that would otherwise remain hidden or misunderstood — information that readers or listeners or watchers can use.

Among the many roles that the Powell Tribune plays in this community, one of the most important is serving as a proxy. When a hospital board meeting or court hearing comes to order, or a Powell High School championship game tips off, it's not just a Tribune reporter who's there — in a sense, so are the hundreds or thousands of folks who will later read about it in the Tribune.

We appreciate the trust that the community has placed in us to cover the news and we try to continually earn that trust with every word we publish.

But the relationship must also work two ways, because there are workers and bills to pay.

Like essentially every other media outlet, the Tribune gets the bulk of its revenue from advertisers. We're thankful for their support and appreciate the opportunity to help them succeed.

Subscribers, however, are key to the whole mix: People who've agreed to pony up and pay for the content that the Tribune provides. Without subscribers, businesses would have no interest in advertising and the Tribune would have no one to write for.

We media types often pitch the value of a subscription in the same way that government leaders pitch a new sales tax: "It'll only cost you as much as one cup of Starbucks coffee each month!"

That is true: a Tribune subscription breaks down to about \$4.17 a month, meaning that the nine issues you'll receive in January is almost exactly what you'd pay for a single Venti-sized cafe latte.

But here's another way to think about the cost of a \$50 annual subscription: That's barely enough money to pay one reporter to track down and write one typical story — let alone to pay editors to help spruce it up, a designer to make it look attractive on the page and a pressman to make sure it all reproduces in print.

In a sense, if the Tribune provided just one story in 2017 that you found interesting or useful, you paid for it with your subscription. If you found multiple stories useful — and we certainly hope you did — you could say that you got more out of your subscription than you put in.

The Tribune will never check someone's subscription status before responding to a request for help, a story idea or a complaint, but we appreciate the commitment that a subscription reflects.

To our current subscribers, thank you for partnering with and believing in us. To those who have yet to subscribe, we hope you also see the value of news and consider signing up to start 2018.

We believe it's a worthwhile investment.



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Tax relief for Wyoming

Earlier this month, Republicans in the U.S. Senate voted to give Americans relief from high taxes. The tax plan is good news for anyone who wants to keep more of their hard-earned money.

The non-partisan Tax Foundation estimates that the average Wyoming family will see their after-tax income rise by \$2,544 under the Senate's plan. That's partly because their taxes will drop and partly because their wages will increase.

For starters, most people will pay lower rates. A couple making between \$19,050 and \$77,400 will go from a tax rate of 15 percent to 12 percent.

April 15 will become simpler for many people in Wyoming and the rest of the country. The Republican tax plan roughly doubles the standard deduction, to \$24,000 for a married couple. Ninety-five percent of Americans will choose the standard deduction rather than spend time adding up individual deductions to try to reduce their tax bill.

The tax relief plan is good for families in other ways as well. It doubles the child tax credit, to \$2,000 per child.

For people who still come

out ahead by itemizing, our plan maintains important tax breaks. These include deductions for charitable contributions, retirement savings and mortgages up to \$1 million.

More family farms, ranches and other small businesses will also be protected from the death tax. The Senate plan doubles the amount of an estate that is exempt from the tax. This will help to relieve some of the stress families face when trying to keep the business in the family.

The tax legislation will be good for jobs and investment in our communities. It encourages large businesses to invest their profits here at home instead of overseas. This can make our businesses more competitive globally. It also helps create jobs here that otherwise might go somewhere else.

The Tax Foundation estimates that the law will lead to 925,000 new jobs across the country — 1,800 of them in Wyoming. Many of these jobs will be in Main Street businesses.

The National Federation of Independent Business released a report last week that shows small business hiring plans reached an all-time high in November. With tax reform in view, the federation said, more firms plan to create jobs, "a clear sign that small business owners think the economy is strong."

A new survey by the National Association of Manufacturers also found record optimism. More than half of the companies in the survey — large and small — said that they will expand their business and hire more workers because of the Republican tax relief plan.

Prominent economists calculate that America's economy will grow by an extra 3 to 5 percent under the Republican plan. One group of 137 experts wrote that the legislation will lead to "more jobs, higher wages, and a better standard of living for the American people."

The plan passed by Senate Republicans also effectively repeals the Obamacare indi-

vidual mandate tax.

This takes Obamacare from being a mandatory program to a voluntary one. More than 16,000 people in Wyoming paid this tax penalty. Seventy percent of them earned less than \$50,000 per year. The average penalty this year is \$700.

The individual mandate tax is one of the most outrageous and unfair parts of the health care law. With it gone, people will no longer have to pay a tax if they decide that overpriced Obamacare insurance isn't right for them.

This legislation isn't perfect. No law ever is. It's a good step forward.

We still need Washington to get smarter about how taxes affect small businesses. Every dollar — and every hour — we save them is one they can invest in their communities and their families.

America's tax code has not been reformed in 31 years. It is time to give people relief from high taxes, make U.S. businesses more competitive, and spur our economy to create more jobs.

(John Barrasso is a doctor and Wyoming's junior U.S. senator. The Casper Republican has held the office since June 2007.)



SEN. JOHN BARRASSO
Guest columnist



Trump tax cut puts mineral royalties at risk

Last week's vote in the House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate will place Wyoming's \$675 million per year federal mineral royalty payments (FMRs) annually to the state of Wyoming in jeopardy. Four states — Wyoming, Alaska, New Mexico, and Montana — could face the loss of \$1.3 billion in lost FMRs under the tax cut.

Since neither the House nor the Senate plan has enough money to pay for itself, the tax cut would go into sequestration, which requires all federal agencies to have budget cuts across the board. This act includes reducing federal payments for oil, natural gas and coal to mineral-rich states like Wyoming with lots of federal land. Our national delegation is insisting that this would not happen, but fear is running high in Cheyenne and State Treasurer Mark Gordon has expressed his concern about this possibility and how it would hit Wyoming's schools the hardest.

The Congressional act that would start the cuts is called the Pay-As-You-Go Act. Inside the beltway of Washington, they call this PAYGO.

PAYGO requires cuts to fed-

eral agencies equally across the board if legislation passed by Congress increases the federal deficit. The \$1.5 trillion tax cut is going to increase the national debt from \$20 trillion to \$21.5 trillion. This will trigger the PAYGO requirement to reduce Wyoming's total payment of FMRs. The Office of Management and Budget determines the amount of the FMR cuts. Congress could possibly vote to waive the PAYGO cuts to FMRs, but it would take a vote of 60 percent of both houses of Congress.

Wyoming relies a great deal on our FMRs and the national delegation in Washington claims that there has yet to be a sequester under PAYGO because lawmakers have voted many times to waive the required cuts. But Congress has cut, by sequestration, FMRs and coal lease bonus funds in our state by 6.9 percent in Fiscal Year 2017. So, when the national delegation claims this won't happen and that they can get a positive vote for the waiver

of PAYGO whenever they want, some facts point to a different result. Wyoming's FMRs have already been cut and that is affecting the state budget and how the Joint Appropriations Committee deals with the budget crisis in our state in the biennium. This year's Consensus Revenue Estimating Group (CREG) report claims that predicting future revenue streams for FMRs is so volatile that CREG is hesitant to forecast the amount due to the possibility of the Trump tax cut and sequestration.

Furthermore, the congressional delegation from New Mexico offered an amendment to exempt FMRs from the tax cut bill and it failed.

Wyoming is rich in minerals and about 50 percent of our state is owned by the federal government, so we receive the largest payment of FMRs in the country — about \$675 million. Eleven other states receive much smaller payments from federal mineral

royalties — not enough to carry the vote in Congress. Eleven states isn't going to add up to 60 percent of both houses of Congress.

Wyoming is experiencing a serious deficit within the school foundation fund and the possible loss of federal mineral royalties could grow our current state deficit to an insurmountable amount of money, with a devastating impact to Wyoming's schools. Wyoming is facing a deficit of over \$800 million when the governor's exception requests are added to the shortfall left after the last legislative session. Another \$675 million would push the state to a deficit of \$1.4 billion. This is after the Appropriations Committee and the governor cut 1,100 state jobs and \$410 million from the 2017-18 budget. More cuts to education and services would be the result and higher taxes to the citizens of Wyoming.

The Trump tax cut is not worth the \$675 million that it could cost our state.

(Jeff Wasserbarger is a Republican state senator from Gillette who represents Campbell and Converse Counties.)



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County may award last liquor license

BY CJ BAKER
Tribune Editor

Park County commissioners are considering whether to award the county's last retail liquor license to a proposed guest ranch on the North Fork.

A corporation owned by three Wapiti residents — Randel Hooper, Courtney Hooper and James Wilson — has requested the county's 24th and final full liquor license for the planned Rocking D River Guest Ranch.

The Hoopers and Wilson are currently seeking a special use permit from the county to run the guest ranch, which would have a bar and restaurant set up in the lodge, two cabins and a six-person bunkhouse. All of the buildings were constructed decades ago.

Commissioners decided on Dec. 19 they would make a vote on the liquor license after deciding whether to approve the special use permit for the ranch; neighboring property owner Robert Burgin — who's voiced concerns about the guest ranch's potential impacts — had encouraged commissioners to do that.

First Deputy Park County Clerk Hans Odde said he'd gotten "that cart before that horse" in presenting the liquor license to the commission before the guest ranch's permit.

The county's Planning and Zoning Commission held a hearing on the special use permit at a meeting that night and recommended approval, with some conditions.

Both the liquor license and the special use permit for the Rocking D River Guest Ranch are expected to come before the

county commission on Jan. 16.

It's possible that the county could receive another application for the final liquor license between now and then, but commissioners indicated that, if the Rocking D gets its special use permit, it will also get the liquor license.

"In my view, they're kind of first in line," said Commissioner Tim French.

The number of liquor licenses available in a city, town or unincorporated part of a county hinges on population. That pool of licenses won't be adjusted until figures come in from the 2020 Census.

The Rocking D River Ranch, located just south of the North Fork of the Shoshone River off Stagecoach Trail, is about 17 miles west of Cody. It served as a private club in the early to mid 2000s, but later closed.

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Red Lodge 31/17 Bridger 26/16 Lodge Grass 29/3
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Times of sun and clouds
22° 8°

Wednesday
Turning cloudy
29° 17°

Thursday
Mostly cloudy with a chance for snow or flurries
33° 22°

Friday
Mostly sunny
37° 12°

Saturday
Colder with considerable cloudiness
26° 6°

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Weekly Almanac

Powell for the 7-day period ending Thursday

TEMPERATURES
High/low 23°/-22°
Normal high/low 32°/7°
Average temperature 6.1°
Normal average temperature 19.5°

PRECIPITATION
Total for the week 0.16"
Month to date 0.31"
Normal month to date 0.12"
Year to date 8.07"
Snowfall for the week 2.4"
Snowfall month to date 3.9"
Snowfall season to date 5.8"

Sun and Moon

Sunrise/Sunset 7:53am/4:44pm
Moonrise/Moonset 3:47pm/6:00am

Full	Last	New	First
Jan 1	Jan 8	Jan 16	Jan 24

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The State	Today	City	Today	City	Today
City	Hi/Lo/W		Hi/Lo/W		Hi/Lo/W
Buffalo	34/18/pc	Green River	34/14/s	Laramie	37/13/s
Casper	28/11/s	Greybull	18/-3/pc	Rawlins	33/19/s
Cheyenne	40/21/s	Jeffrey City	23/10/s	Rock Springs	36/20/s
Gillette	30/9/s	Kirby	22/2/s	Shoshoni	19/4/s
The Nation	Today	City	Today	City	Today
City	Hi/Lo/W		Hi/Lo/W		Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	36/21/s	Houston	36/26/c	Louisville	17/10/s
Boston	16/12/s	Indianapolis	5/2/s	Miami	72/60/sh
Chicago	6/3/s	Kansas City	14/11/s	Phoenix	75/53/pc
Dallas	31/22/s	Las Vegas	66/48/pc	St. Louis	14/11/s
Denver	45/18/s	Los Angeles	71/57/pc	Washington, DC	28/14/s

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This drawing, entitled 'Standing Alone Back against the Wind,' is part of the Estelle Ishigo collection, featured in the new online exhibit commemorating life at Heart Mountain Relocation Center. The exhibit was created by the Wyoming State Library. Photo courtesy Wyoming State Library

State library launches digital exhibit on Heart Mountain

The Wyoming State Library has created an online exhibit commemorating life at the Heart Mountain Relocation Center.

The exhibit uses stories from the camp newspaper, The Heart Mountain Sentinel, and images from the digital collections of the American Heritage Center. The exhibit and fully digitized, searchable issues of the Sentinel is online at <http://newspapers.wyo.gov/heart-mountain>.

"Reading through the Heart Mountain Sentinel gives you a sense of the everyday activities at the camp," said Thomas Ivie, Wyoming State Library research and sta-

tistics librarian. "It certainly isn't the whole story, but it does provide details that might not be recorded anywhere else."

The digital exhibit begins with the story of the forced relocation of Japanese Americans and delves into the life of the camp — farming, education, medical services, and recreation. Of particular note were those who enlisted or were drafted from the internment camps and fought in the military.

A large number of images are sketches of camp life from the AHC's Estelle Ishigo collection.

The Heart Mountain Relocation Center

marked its 75th anniversary: The first Japanese-American citizens from the West Coast arrived by train at the internment camp between Powell and Cody on Aug. 12, 1942.

After World War II, Heart Mountain's incarcerated were left to try to rebuild their lives. Many had lost homes, businesses, savings, and more. It was not until the 1990s that survivors received redress payments and an apology from the government.

Questions about the exhibit may be directed to Ivie at thomas.ivie@wyo.gov or 307-777-6330.

Bighorn Canyon's social media followers increasing

In 2017, Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area's social media accounts exceeded previous years' records for engagement.

Using Instagram, Twitter and Facebook, the park is reaching both local and virtual visitors in an attempt to highlight the wonders of Bighorn Canyon. The park continues to focus on creating a vibrant presence in the cyber domain.

Bighorn Canyon's Facebook page is being followed by more than 15,000 people, which represents a 50 percent jump since the beginning of the year. The park's Instagram and Twitter accounts also have seen double-digit increases in followers over

the course of the year.

"Our social media presence is a key component to our overall public engagement," said Christy Fleming, chief of interpretation. "It gives us the opportunity to engage with our followers about what is going on in the park, and it gives them the chance to provide us feedback on what we are doing well and what we can do better."

The most popular Facebook post this year was a recent photo taken of a bobcat perched along the canyon wall near Sullivan's Knob. To date, more than 175,000 people have viewed the photograph, and it was featured on the Yellowstone National Park Service Facebook page.

Other well-liked posts in 2017 include video of a kayaking excursion in the canyon, as well as black bear action caught on a wildlife camera.

Todd Johnson, the social media coordinator for Bighorn Canyon, said frequency and unique posts and tweets are the keys to success.

"People are bombarded with a variety of messages every day, so it's important for us to differentiate ourselves. So many unique things are happening at Bighorn Canyon at any one time, and we are constantly using our social media platforms to educate the public about the resources we have available."

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Monday, January 8
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DIGEST

POLICE REPORT

People arrested are presumed to be innocent and any listed charges are only allegations.

DECEMBER 7

- 4:01 p.m. A Wyoming driver's license was reported lost sometime in the last couple months.
- 8:50 p.m. A traffic stop at East Second/North Day streets resulted in a citation to the driver for a child restraint violation and warnings for driver's side headlight out and no proof of insurance.
- 10:53 p.m. An officer assisted with a welfare check on South Jones Street.

DECEMBER 8

- 9:42 a.m. Police began investigating a report of a possible drug transaction in the area of East Coulter Avenue.

DECEMBER 9

- 8:36 a.m. A male and female were reported to be yelling at each other in the middle of East Jefferson Street, with a car alarm also going off. Responding officers spoke with several people in the area but did not locate the male and female or hear any car alarms.
- 11:31 a.m. Officers responded to a report of a possible protection order violation on East Coulter Avenue, but were unable to locate the male half of the complaint.
- 2:03 p.m. Police began investigating a report of a car window on North Absaroka Street that had been shot by a BB gun.
- 3:29 p.m. A traffic stop at East Coulter Avenue/North Everts Street resulted in a citation to the driver for driving on a suspended driver's license and no insurance. Rex Allen Utter, 27, of Powell, was arrested on suspicion of unlawful possession of a controlled substance pill form and unlawful possession of marijuana. McKenzie Grace Ray, 21, of Powell, was arrested on suspicion of being under the influence of a controlled substance and probation violation.

DECEMBER 10

- 9:57 a.m. Officers began investigating a domestic disturbance reported on North Cheyenne Street.
- 11:09 a.m. An officer responded to a report of a shoplifter on East First Street and arrested Robert Lasson, 36, of Powell, on suspicion of shoplifting and unlawful possession of drugs.
- 12:53 p.m. A 32-year-old Powell resident was arrested on North Clark Street on an active Powell municipal warrant. The person posted bond and was released.
- 4:05 p.m. A traffic stop on South Mountain View Street resulted in a citation to the driver for expired registration and no proof of insurance.

- 7:42 p.m. A vehicle was reported to have failed to stop at three stop signs at North Absaroka/East Sixth streets. A responding officer didn't find the vehicle in the area, but planned to watch for it.
- 8:38 p.m. An officer responded to a report of a vehicle high-centered on a rock on West First Street. A wrecker responded and the driver received a citation for careless driving.

- 8:53 p.m. A resident on North Absaroka Street reported a smell of drugs in the area. Responding officers arrested Robert Atkinson 21, of Powell, on suspicion of possession of a controlled substance.

DECEMBER 11

- 4:36 p.m. A gray and blue large stroller that can be put in a car seat — with two large wheels in back and two small ones in front — was found on Queens Boulevard.
- 10:29 p.m. Police began investigating a report of a dog attacking another dog on North Bent Street.

DECEMBER 12

- 9:28 a.m. A cat was reportedly abandoned on North Douglas Street and the case placed under investigation.
- 9:51 a.m. An officer spoke with a resident on West Seventh Street regarding a noise complaint and other issues at a neighbor's house. The resident was given some options and advised to call when the incidents were occurring.
- 10:10 a.m. Threats were reportedly made on East Eighth Street

RAM AND DAKOTA



Ram and Dakota are two young shepherd cross male dogs found by Polecat Bench. If you are interested in adopting Ram, Dakota or another shelter animal, call Caring for Powell Animals/Moyer Animal Shelter at 754-1019. Tribune photo by Carla Wensky

and the incident was placed under investigation.

- 1:11 p.m. Police checked on the welfare of a person on East Coulter Avenue and found the person was fine.

- 2:15 p.m. Dispatch received a complaint about an animal that had been inside a truck and in a live container since 8 a.m. on West Seventh Street. The caller was concerned about the welfare of the animal. The community service officer responded and found the animal was in the cab of the truck and was fine.

- 5:35 p.m. A brown truck was reported to be driving all over the road at West Coulter Avenue/Road 10. The officers checked an extensive area but did not locate the vehicle.

DECEMBER 13

- 12:22 a.m. Officers responded to a report of an odor of marijuana near a vehicle located in a parking lot on North Division Street. Mason J. Stebner, 19, of Greybull, was arrested on suspicion of possession of a controlled substance, marijuana.
- 11:41 a.m. An assault was reported on Bayshore Court. Officers arrested Shawn Bleak, 47, of Powell, on suspicion of aggravated assault.
- 12:42 p.m. Credit card fraud was reported on Avenue B and the incident was placed under investigation.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

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DECEMBER 7

- 6:48 a.m. A couple ponies were returned to their owner after getting out along Wyo. Highway 291/Road 6WX in the Cody area.

- 6:57 a.m. A caller reported that two mules, which belonged on Road 6RT, had been loose since the prior afternoon. The caller said they had chased the mules out of their yard on Country Place in the Cody area that morning.

- 7:14 a.m. A vehicle reportedly hit a deer on U.S. Highway 14-A in the Powell area.

- 7:51 a.m. A citizen reported nearly being struck by a green Chevy truck that was driving at a high rate of speed without headlights on Lane 8/Jonathon Road in the Powell area. The caller had followed the vehicle to Powell High School, where it was parked.

- 2:27 p.m. The Sheriff's Office was asked to check on the welfare of a possibly suicidal female in the Cody area.

- 4:07 p.m. Twenty horses were reported on Road 6SU in the Cody area, heading toward the lake. The call was referred to another agency.

- 4:23 p.m. A fight was reported in the Park County Detention Center. Derek C. Cady, 22, was arrested on suspicion of assault.

- 4:36 p.m. A citizen reported that people were parking on the edge of his property and spying on the woman who was living with him on Road 15 in the Powell area.

DECEMBER 8

- 8:02 a.m. The Sheriff's Office assisted Game and Fish by trying to locate some duck hunters who were floating the river off U.S. Highway 14-A in the Cody area.

- 10:13 a.m. The Sheriff's Office was asked to transport a female to jail from U.S. Highway 14-A in the Powell area.

- 12:15 p.m. The Sheriff's Office assisted Game and Fish by trying to locate some duck hunters who were floating the river off U.S. Highway 14-A in the Cody area. A deputy intended to speak with them about shooting in the direction of residences.

- 3:32 p.m. Three silver keys, a copper key and a black Honda key on a gray key fob were reported lost on a ranch on Road 6NS in the Cody area.

- 6:01 p.m. The Sheriff's Office was unable to locate a vehicle that was reported to be driving all over U.S. Highway 14-A near Road 11 in the Powell area.

- 7:37 p.m. At the request of another agency, the Sheriff's Office arrested and transported a person who was on probation on Road 3EXS in the Cody area.

- 10:56 p.m. A tipster reported through Safe 2 Tell that a female in the Powell area was depressed and might be contemplating suicide. The tipster was unsure.

DECEMBER 9

- 9:35 a.m. After a report of a truck driving all over U.S. Highway 14-A in the Powell area, a warning was issued.

- 2:57 p.m. A woman reported that her neighbor was using a loudspeaker to threaten other neighbors on Shiloh Road in the Cody area, saying he was going to shoot them.

- 5:27 p.m. A deer was reported to have been hit and left injured in the road on U.S. Highway 14-A in the Cody area. The caller asked for it to be put down. The Sheriff's Office didn't locate the animal.

- 5:29 p.m. A car versus deer crash was reported on Wyo. Highway 120/Road 2ABN in the Cody area.
- 7:29 p.m. A vehicle was reported to be in the canal on Road 11/U.S. Highway 14-A in the Powell area.

DECEMBER 10

- 11:18 a.m. The Sheriff's Office assisted Powell police with a theft case on Wyo. Highway 295 in the Powell area.

- 1:43 p.m. A person visited the

Cody Law Enforcement Center to pick up evidence.

- 3:49 p.m. A caller reported that someone had changed the lock to a gate that she uses to access her property on Lane 10/Wyo. Highway 294 in the Powell area. She said she now had no access to her property.

DECEMBER 11

- 9:24 a.m. The Sheriff's Office assisted Cody police by delivering a citation to a person on South Street in Meeteetse.

- 10:51 a.m. Possible fraud was reported on Road 2ABS in the Cody area. The caller wouldn't provide much information to dispatch.

- 1:37 p.m. Threats were reported to have been received on Ruthie Lane in the Cody area.

- 2:32 p.m. A two-car crash was reported on Wyo. Highway 291/Road 6WX in the Cody area. No airbags were deployed in the rear-end accident, but fire and emergency medical services were dispatched as a precaution.

- 4:27 p.m. Roughly 20 sheep were reported to be on Road 11 in the Powell area, near Lane 5. The Sheriff's Office didn't locate them.

- 7:04 p.m. A citizen on Appaloosa Lane in the Cody area reported that a person called and threatened them.

DECEMBER 12

- 9:41 a.m. A caller asked for the Sheriff's Office to stand by while they picked up property on Appaloosa Lane in the Cody area. The Sheriff's Office was unable to assist.

- 1:31 p.m. Panhandlers were reported at a store on State Street in Meeteetse. They were gone when the Sheriff's Office arrived.

- 3:04 p.m. A man reported hearing strange noises in a house he cleans on Jackie Bee Drive in the Cody area. He believed there might be someone in the house.

- 3:57 p.m. The Sheriff's Office assisted Powell police with a motor vehicle crash on South Fair Street.

- 4:38 p.m. A cow was reported to be walking down Road 2AB in the Cody area. It was gone when the Sheriff's Office arrived.

DECEMBER 13

- 7:50 a.m. A chain to a gate at the Powell landfill on Road 5 was reported to have been cut. The caller couldn't see anything missing.

- 8:53 a.m. Items were reported to have been stolen from a woman's shop on Cole Road in the Cody area.

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PHS students awarded UW's top scholarship

Four Powell High School students are among 104 outstanding seniors selected to receive the 2018 Trustees' Scholars Award, the University of Wyoming's top academic scholarship.

PHS seniors Aaron Jacobsen (geology), Jordan Moore (biology), Harriet "Hattie" Pimentel (computer science) and Rhett Pimentel (mechanical engineering) were selected for the premier scholarship.

The scholarship covers actual credit hours taken as well as room and board costs for eight semesters at UW, starting with the fall 2018 semester. Students from 41 high schools, along with home-school students, were chosen.

Recipients are evaluated on their academic excellence (high school grade-point average, ACT/SAT scores and curriculum rigor). For this year's award winners, the average GPA is 3.98, and the average ACT score is 33.

"These are the best of the best among Wyoming high school students — students who would excel at any university in the country — and we are delighted to have them attend the state's world-class university," said UW Associate Vice Provost for Enrollment Management Kyle Moore in a news release.

To retain the scholarship all four years at UW, students must maintain full-time continuous enrollment (at least 12 semester hours) during the fall and spring semesters each year, along with a 3.25 cumulative GPA.

Other recipients include:

- Burlington High School: Dallin Davidson (chemistry) and Emily Jensen (undeclared).

- Cody High School: Daniel Beaudrie (biology) and Sydney Pomajzl (education undecided).

- Home school (Cody): Alannah Gee (undeclared).

- Greybull High School: Bayley Burns (biology).

- Lovell High School: Benjamin Cornia (chemical engineering).

- Meeteetse High School: Caitlyn Crum (undeclared).

- Rocky Mountain High School: Alexander Christensen (finance).

- Worland High School: Katelin Scheuerman (engineering undeclared).

UW-LED RESEARCH

HUNTING OF BIGHORN SHEEP EWES COULD PRODUCE MORE TROPHY RAMS

Although contrary to prevailing notions, hunting of female bighorn sheep may well be one of the most effective ways to increase the number of trophy rams in North American bighorn sheep populations, according to researchers at the University of Wyoming and other institutions.

That's because such harvests would make more forage available to growing rams and, importantly, their mothers — boosting their nutritional levels, a factor that has been shown to be more important than genetics in producing rams with large horns, the researchers say.

Their conclusions are detailed in a paper that appears in a special section on management of mountain sheep in the *Journal of Wildlife Management*, a peer-reviewed, scientific journal devoted to the

ecology of nondomesticated animal species and published by The Wildlife Society.

Unlike management of many other big-game species in the American West, there are few hunting opportunities for bighorn sheep ewes — in part, because of tradition and public resistance to the idea. But, the paper's lead author Kevin Monteith and his colleagues say that not only could hunting of females improve nutritional conditions, leading to rams with bigger horns; it also could help stabilize bighorn sheep populations, reduce the frequency and severity of die-offs from diseases,

and increase opportunities for hunters.

"We acknowledge and fully appreciate that initiating female harvest may conflict with hunting and management traditions..." the paper reads. "(However), if production of large, trophy males remains an important management objective..., then we contend that management programs should integrate monitoring of nutritional status of populations and, where evidence indicates nutritional limitation through density dependence, seek to regulate abundance and per capita nutrition via harvest of

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Researchers

should integrate monitoring of nutritional status of populations and, where evidence indicates nutritional limitation through density dependence, seek to regulate abundance and per capita nutrition via harvest of

females."

For decades, concerns about declines in the numbers of trophy rams have focused on the evolutionary effects of hunting such large males, as removing those animals from the gene pool could lead to fewer large-horned offspring. But, while horn size is known to be hereditary, a growing body of evidence shows that age and nutrition frequently override genetic contributions to the size of horns, the researchers say.

"Given the hyperbole surrounding trophy management and big horns, we suggest the importance of females in the management of mountain sheep has been largely forgotten," the scientists wrote. Those impacts include the lifelong effects of the physical condition of ewes during and after pregnancy on growth of their male offspring, as well as the overall

nutritional condition of sheep herds where their numbers exceed what available habitat can support.

"Ultimately, we call for greater recognition of the pervasive role of females in the production of trophy males, and that, accordingly, females be better integrated into harvest and management programs," the researchers concluded.

Monteith is an assistant professor in UW's Haub School of Environment and Natural Resources, Department of Zoology and Physiology, and the Wyoming Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit. Also contributing was UW master's degree student Tayler LaSharr, along with researchers from the University of Idaho, the University of Nevada-Reno, the University of Alaska-Fairbanks and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

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Sleeping Giant awakens for the season

BY MARK DAVIS
Tribune Staff Writer

As powdery snow fell on the groomed slopes at Sleeping Giant Ski Area, the parking lot began to fill. It was a late Christmas gift for the nonprofit.

"Everybody else's bad weather is our good weather," said Jon Reveal, general manager of the popular winter sports facility.

Winter's late arrival hurt the bottom line of Sleeping Giant, Reveal said. The doors typically open in time for Christmas break and remain open daily until classes resume, providing the facility with much needed early-season revenue. But there wasn't enough snow to warrant an opening until the day after Christmas.

Fortunately, they had an 18-inch base by Wednesday, with more falling by the hour. Additionally, relatively balmy conditions compared to subzero temperatures in the Powell area, provided basin residents with superb skiing conditions.

Reveal has been the general manager for the past six years, coming to the Shoshone National Forest property after it reopened as a 501(C)(3) in 2009 after lying dormant for four years. The nonprofit designation helped save the company, offering skiing and excellent access to the area's premier nordic trails as well as lessons for bargain prices. An adult lift ticket is \$38 a day and a three-day ticket along with lessons and ski rentals is \$120 — less than a day of skiing with rentals at many lodges.

With more than 50 years experience in the skiing industry, Reveal came out of retirement to take the job.

"I wasn't very good at retirement," Reveal said. "I like to work."

Popular with employees, including 13 volunteers on the ski patrol, Reveal has initiated and grown programs that have helped turn around Sleeping Giant. Programs include eight weekly 'Shred Like a Girl' meetings for women wanting to learn and enjoy skiing during the school year; and free season passes to Cody, Powell and Meeteetse fifth graders.

Some changes made by Reveal have been more subtle, but were important to creating a positive vibe at the facility. On day one, Reveal removed signs limiting customers' actions, including bringing coolers for tailgate meals. While management would love for the customers to eat at the grill in the cozy lodge, signs spelling out restrictions weren't welcoming.

"I'm at my best when making folks happy," Reveal said.

'I'm at my best when making folks happy.'

*Jon Reveal
General manager*



Skiers take the lift to the top of Sleeping Giant Ski Area on the opening week of the popular winter sports destination. Tribune photos by Mark Davis



Snow piles up near the Sleeping Giant rental office and grill while guests enjoy fresh powdery snow on the slopes.

Downhill skiing isn't the only winter sport celebrated at Sleeping Giant. They also rent snow shoes and nordic skis for use on manicured trails which lead through the forest just west of Yellowstone National Park. And for those just wanting to hike, fish or enjoy views of area wildlife, the Sleeping Giant grill is a great place to stop for nourishment or a beverage

(wine and beer are on the menu). Some come to enjoy the drive and the spectacle, never intending to strap on skis.

"It's a treasure," said Sleeping Giant board of directors member Rene Huges. "[Jon] has done a lot of good for the hill."

Huges is a snowboarding enthusiast and has been involved with the ski area since before it reopened in 2009. She is also active in the 'Shred Like a Girl' program.

"It's been a long haul, but all the energy and support has been overwhelmingly positive," she said.

The Powell Parks and Recreation Department, working in conjunction with the ski area, has a weekly bus on Saturday to deliver and pick up skiers for the trip price of \$3 (ski lifts passes, rentals and all other expenses not included). The bus arrives at the Powell Mr. D's parking lot at 7:30 a.m. and returns at approximately 5:30 p.m. Passengers must be in fifth grade to ride without adult supervision.

2017 brings harsh, snowy winter weather to Powell Valley

An unusual weather pattern brought wave after wave of snow and cold to the Powell Valley last winter, continuing in through May — June in the mountains.

The jet stream, which usually brings moisture to Washington and Oregon, moved much farther north, over Canada, according to Meteorologist Chuck Baker of the National Weather Service in Riverton.

That brought moisture from northern California east to the Rockies. When the storms hit the Rockies, the easterly wind created a vacuum behind the mountains, pulling moisture and cold temperatures down from the north into the Big Horn Basin, Baker explained in January.

On Jan. 31-Feb. 1, a huge storm dumped 14 inches of snow on the North Fork area west of Cody, depositing several inches in Powell as well.

Then, in mid February, the weather warmed up suddenly, creating a false spring effect that melted much of the snow at lower elevations. The snowmelt ran into riverbeds, breaking up the ice that was still frozen on those rivers. The ice then jammed, causing flash flooding in the Clark, Greybull and Worland areas.

Winter returned with a vengeance in March, once again bringing snowstorm after snowstorm.

Terry Foley, who operates powell-

weather.net, said his records show that Powell received 4.72 inches of precipitation from Jan. 1 through May 31, significantly higher than the 2.89 average for the same period from 1981 through 2016.

Some longtime locals said the last winter they could remember being so harsh was the winter of 1978.

The mountains in the area received much more snow. By the time winter began to retreat in May, mountains surrounding the Big Horn Basin all held more than 200 percent of the normal snow pack, with some areas exceeding 300 percent.

Huge deer and elk herds moved into areas west and south of Powell where

they're not usually seen, as the animals sought refuge from the cold and deep snow in the mountains near Cody.

The record snow pack led to increasing concerns about spring flooding.

The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation increased releases from Buffalo Bill Reservoir, Big Horn Lake and Boysen Reservoir to make room for the expected runoff.

Snowmelt in June sent water roaring into rivers and streams, causing flooding on the South Fork of the Shoshone and the Greybull River near Meeteetse. Crews from Park County and the Wyoming Department of Transportation were kept busy with efforts to avert or

contain damage to bridges in the area. Flooding in Aldrich Creek threatened to wash out a bridge near Ishawooa Trail on the South Fork, and Park County crews were kept scrambling to prevent further damage.

Overall, though, major flooding was prevented by a cool spring that slowed the melt of the record-high snow pack.

That cool weather was not welcomed by farmers, however. Cold temperatures and soggy fields resulted in spring planting delays, with most growers getting their early season crops in the ground three or four weeks later than usual.

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2017 YEAR IN REVIEW

Coaching changes abound at NWC

2017 was a year of transition for the Northwest College athletic department, as the school bid farewell to a pair of coaches who had become synonymous with NWC sports.



ROB HILL

March saw the departure of long-time soccer coach Rob Hill, who had coached the men's and women's teams since 2010. In his six years with NWC, Hill legitimized the soccer programs with a string of winning seasons and a knack for recruiting a healthy mix of local and international players. After Hill left for a coaching opportunity in Idaho, NWC decided to split the two teams and hire a head coach for each.



STAN RODRIGUES

NWC found a worthy replacement for Hill with the hire of Stan Rodrigues for the men's soccer program. A coach with more than 20 years of experience at every level, Rodrigues guided the Trappers to a 5-5-1 season and a berth in the Region IX playoffs. For his efforts, he was named Region IX North Coach of the Year and had five players named to the All-Region team.



JESSICA LUM

Jessica Lum was named interim head coach for the women's soccer program, and took over a team coming off back-to-back losing seasons. The Lady Trappers failed to win a game during the 2017 season, and Lum's status as interim coach has yet to be determined.



SHAUN POHLMAN

The biggest news affecting the NWC athletic program in 2017 was the announcement in December of head volleyball coach Shaun Pohlman's decision to end his tenure at NWC. Pohlman accepted the head coach position at Lewis-Clark State College, a four-year NAIA program in Lewiston, Idaho.

Pohlman's impressive list of accomplishments while at the helm at NWC include back-to-back Final Four appearances and multiple Coach of the Year awards. A search is now underway for his replacement.

—Don Cogger



Trapper wrestlers and coaches pose at the podium after the announcement that Northwest College was the champion at the NJCAA Rocky Mountain District National Qualifier at home on Feb. 11.

Tribune file photo by Toby Bonner

NWC wrestling district champs

ANAU AND OAKES NAMED ALL-AMERICAN

The Northwest College wrestlers hosted the National Junior College Athletic Association Rocky Mountain District Qualifier, qualifying nine individuals for nationals and placing first as a team. Head coach Jim Zeigler also received the Rocky Mountain District Coach of the Year Award and heavyweight wrestler Lisiate Anau won the Outstanding Wrestler award.

Champions at the qualifier included Riley Loveless at 141 pounds, Justin Polkowske at 149 pounds, Matthew Widdicombe at 174 pounds, Jeffrey

Oakes at 197 pounds and Anau at 285 pounds.

Placing second was Taylor Jeffries at 133 pounds, Andrew VonRein at 165 pounds and Heber Shepherd at 184 pounds.

Cameron Braden placed third at 157 pounds.

At the NJCAA National Championships, the Trappers placed 12th as a team, with both Oakes and Anau finishing as All-Americans with their fourth and sixth-place finishes respectively.

—Breanne Thiel



Track and field athletes competed in snow, wind and, eventually, sunshine in Casper. Powell High School freshman Jay Cox receives the handoff from sophomore Alan Merritt during the 4x800 meter relay at the state track meet in Casper May 18th. The relay team finished seventh with a time of 8:56.22.

Tribune photo by Mark Davis

PHS track and field battled weather to bring home 22 medals at state

The Powell High School tracksters battled the weather at the state track meet in Casper, bringing home 22 medals. To medal, one has to place in the top eight in the respective event.

JuliaKay O'Neill earned All-State honors with her runner-up finishes in the 400 meter dash and 800 meter run.

Among the 16 teams who competed at the state tournament, the Panthers

finished sixth and the Lady Panthers finished ninth.

"This is about as bad a state tournament I've been at weather wise," said PHS head coach Scott Smith. In his 25 years of coaching track, this was the first time he could remember events being rescheduled to another day instead of just delayed.

For the original schedule for the first

day of the meet, four running events and 18 field events were scheduled, but in the end, only two races were held — the 3200 meter run and the 4x800 meter relay.

"It was a lot of fun," Smith added. "I thought our kids competed really well, both in the bad weather and then when it got nicer, they did a nice job there, too."

—Breanne Thiel

PHS wrestlers take second at state meet

Powell High School wrestlers rallied to finish second at the Class 3A State Championship after sitting in fourth place after the first day of competition.

Two individual wrestlers also accomplished their goals of becoming state champions: Reese Karst at 132 pounds and Ty Dearcorn at 170 pounds.

At 195 pounds, Zach Easum finished second.

Also placing in the top eight were, Bo Dearcorn fifth at 145 pounds, Eli Briggs at 182 pounds, Terrance McLaughlin at 285-pounds; placing sixth was Michael Maddox at 113 pounds, Brody Karhu at 138 pounds and Logan Lamb at 220 pounds.

Head coach Nate Urbach said that the future was bright for the team at the conclusion of the 2016-2017 season.

Powell lost only six seniors last season.

—Breanne Thiel



Powell High School 2017 senior Ty Dearcorn is lifted up by head coach Nate Urbach after winning his 3A state championship title in the 170-pound weight class in Casper. Reese Karst also finished the season as a state champ at the 132-pound weight class. Also wrestling in the championship round was then senior Zach Easum, who ended up placing second.

Tribune file photo by Breanne Thiel



Last season's Powell High School sophomore Kaelan Groves attempts a layup during a home game against Cody on Jan. 27. The Wyoming High School Activities Association is making changes that will likely put the Powell and Cody basketball teams in different classes in the future.

Tribune file photo by Don Cogger

SCHOOLS TO BE RECLASSIFIED FOR 2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR

This will be the last semester of the Powell-Cody conference rival as some shuffling of sports classifications will split the regional rivals into different classes.

In April of 2017, the Wyoming High School Activities Association Board of Directors Meeting voted to reclassify Wyoming schools in basketball, volleyball and outdoor track and field. While Powell appears set to stay in Class 3A, its competition is set to change, starting with the 2018-19 school year.

The WHSAA voted to split basketball, volleyball and outdoor track and field into a new alignment that enlarges Class 4A. Currently the 12 largest schools in the state make up Class 4A; under the reclassification system, Class 4A will include the 16 largest schools. (As before, the next 16 largest schools will make up Class 3A, the 16 after that are Class 2A and the rest are placed in 1A).

Based on the enrollment figures for the 2016-17 school year, Cody, Riverton and Star Valley all stand to move up from 3A to 4A in basketball, volleyball and outdoor track and field — joined by the new Thunder Basin High School in Gillette.

Lovell, Big Piney, Burns and Newcastle are tentatively set to be moved up from Class 2A to 3A.

In soccer, class 4A is being expanded from 12 teams to 14 and Riverton and Thunder Basin are the two schools scheduled to join the upper soccer class.

All of this reclassification is dependent on the current enrollment numbers for the schools for the 2017/2018 school year and so during the spring semester of 2018, the reclassifications will be finalized.

—Breanne Thiel



Powell High School sophomore Anna Fuller swims to a sixth place finish in the 500 freestyle at the 3A State Swim and Dive Championships in Gillette. Tribune file photo by Breanne Thiel

Lady Panthers soccer places sixth at state

After an injury-riddled season forcing players to bounce from position to position, the Powell High School girls' soccer team beat the Douglas Bearcats 3-1 to advance to the state tournament. After the win over Douglas, head coach Jack Haire said "that's the first time all season long that the team played [how] I know that they could play; I knew it in my heart that they are just a talented group of girls, and to see it all come together was just awesome."

At the state tournament, the Lady Panthers lost a heartbreaking 4-3 overtime game in the first

game against Lander. The Lady Panthers then rebounded to beat Riverton 1-0 to advance to the consolation championship, ultimately losing to Star Valley 6-0. The Lady Panthers battled to a sixth place finish after posting a 4-9 regular season record; Haire said he believed PHS finished the season as a better team. "It was an incredible season for me, it was an incredible season for our coaching staff, it was an incredible season for the players and the future is bright," Haire said.

—Breanne Thiel

2017 YEAR IN REVIEW

Lady Panthers swim to third at state

The Powell High School girls' swim team took third at the 3A State Swim and Dive Championships in Gillette, with swimmers placing in the top six in seven individual events and two relays. The seven individual events included Caitlyn Miner with her second place finish in the breaststroke in 1:10.13 (which also earned her All-State honors and bumped her into the No. 1 position on the Hall of Fame Board) and

Miner finished third in the 100 butterfly with a time of 1:04.04, JuliaKay O'Neill placed third in the 100 backstroke (1:03.41), Emma Karhu finished fifth in diving with a score of 310.35, Rylie Kannard finished fifth in the 100 butterfly with a time of 1:05.92 and fifth in the 100 backstroke posting a time of 1:03.82.

The two relay teams to make the podium were the 200 freestyle comprised of Katrina Twitchell,

Miner, Sidney O'Brien and Kendl Bohlman who finished fifth in 1:46.94 and the 400 freestyle relay team of Twitchell, Bohlman, O'Neill and Aspen Aguirre with their third place finish in 4:01.80. A total of 17 swimmers competed at state and five school records were broken during the season under new head coach Bob Smart.

—Breanne Thiel



Last season's Powell High School junior Joey Haire (at left) is hugged by teammate Millie Mendoza as 2017 senior Mallory Triplett (No. 3) and Jaighden Rayment (No. 12, at right) celebrate her 45-yard goal to tie the game at 2 during the first round game of the 3A state soccer championship against Lander. Tribune file photo by Breanne Thiel

Powell Panther cross country teams had season of improvement



Powell High School sophomore Kayla Kolpitcke sprints to get in front of the pack at the 3A State Cross Country meet in Sheridan. Kolpitcke finished the 3.1 mile race in 20:09.69 for a fifth place finish and All-State honors. Tribune file photo by Breanne Thiel

MERRITT AND KOLPITCKE EARNED ALL-STATE, ALL-CONFERENCE HONORS

At the 3A State Cross Country meet, the Panthers finished sixth as a team and the Lady Panthers 12th.

Junior Alan Merritt earned All-State honors with his eighth place finish in 17:20.46. At the 3A West Conference meet, Merritt also earned All-Conference Honors with his sixth place finish in a time of 17:36.

Sophomore Kayla Kolpitcke earned All-State honors with her fifth place finish posting a time of 20:09.69 and was awarded All-Conference with her fourth place finish in 21:07.

Since cross country races are held on varying terrain from course to course, the best way to see improvement is to look

at times posted on the same course. The second meet of the year was held in Sheridan, as was the state meet; as such, improvement was able to be shown throughout the season.

The Panthers had improved times varying from two seconds to just under two minutes.

The Lady Panthers were able to post a team score among the six runners — posting a team score was not accomplished for most of the season due to injuries and illnesses. The greatest improvement was shown by freshman Abby Landwehr, who took five minutes off her previous time.

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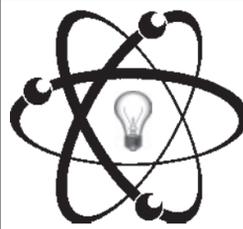
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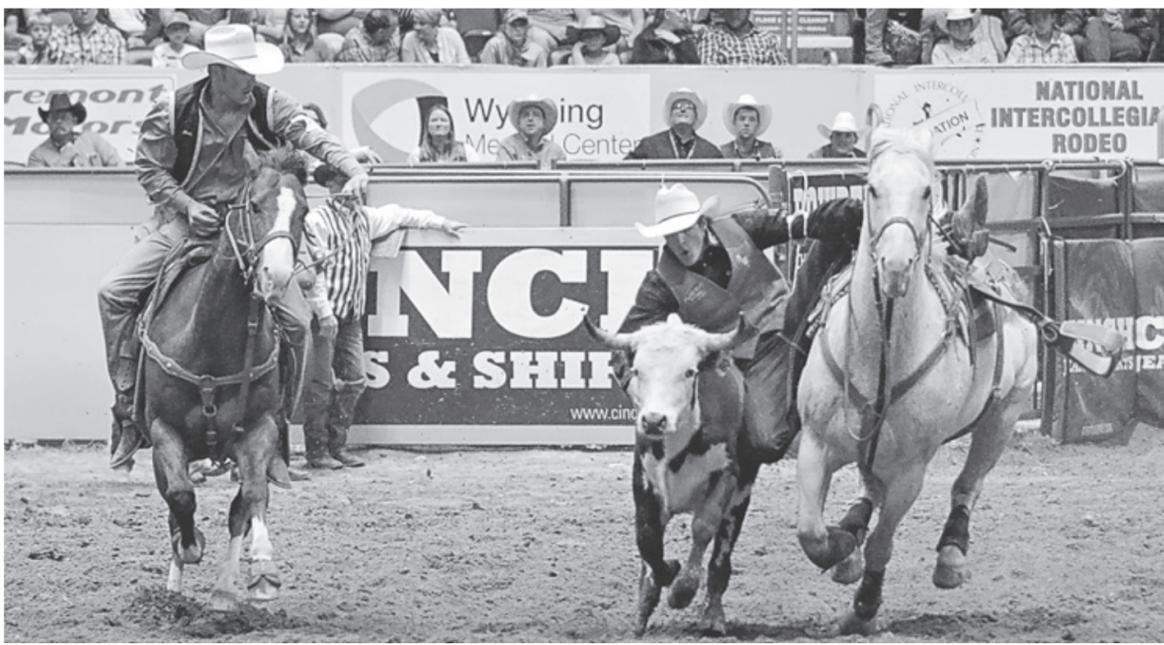
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Northwest College sophomore Bubba Boots competes in steer wrestling during the championship round of the College National Finals Rodeo in Casper; he finished seventh in the nation. Tribune file photo by Breanne Thiel



NWC sophomore Dallas Petties goes up for two points in a home game against Central Wyoming College. The Lady Trappers advanced to the Region IX Tournament in Scottsbluff, Nebraska. Tribune file photo by Carla Wensky

2017
YEAR IN REVIEW

NWC MEN'S RODEO WINS BIG SKY REGION

The Northwest College men's rodeo team won the Big Sky Region, earning them a trip to the College National Finals Rodeo, where they finished 12th.

As a team, the Trappers went in to the CNFR ranked fourth in the nation. A total of 58 teams from around the country were represented, and the Trappers battled to a 12th place finish.

The team consisted of Bubba

Boots, Matthew Williams, Jake Davis, Caleb McMillan, Weston Mann and Emilio Reyna.

Boots earned the title of reserve all-around champion, having made the championship round in all three of his events: Tie-down roping, steer wrestling (seventh place) and team roping alongside Williams (fourth place).

Also making the championship

round was Davis in bull riding.

Head coach Del Nose was awarded the Coach of the Year award for the Big Sky Region.

As for the future of the Northwest College rodeo team, Nose said, "we got a really solid foundation," while adding that recruiting went well for the 2017-2018 season.

—Breanne Thiel

Smith and Bieber nominated for National Coach of the Year



RAY BIEBER



SCOTT SMITH

Two coaches from Powell High School — Ray Bieber and Scott Smith — were nominated for the National High School Athletic Coaches Association Coach of the Year Award.

There were a total of eight finalists in each category. Bieber was nominated for coaching tennis and Smith for girls track and field.

Both coaches were nomi-

nated by the Wyoming High School Coaches Association by a scoring rubric which evaluates six categories: Longevity, championship years, winning percentage, service honors and membership.

Bieber retired from coaching at Powell High School in 2016 and currently resides in Helena, Montana.

During his coaching tenure, Bieber guided both the

tennis and girls swimming teams for a total of 38 years, 17 of which were at Powell High School.

Coach Smith, who was also nominated for the award in 2011, has been coaching in Powell for 25 years as the head track and field coach and has a total of 35 years of coaching under his belt.

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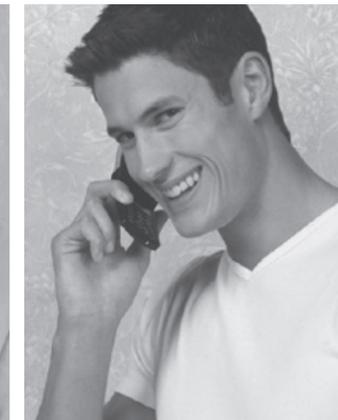
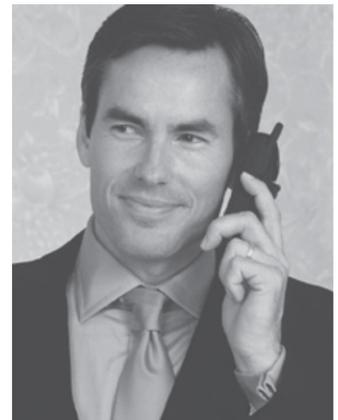
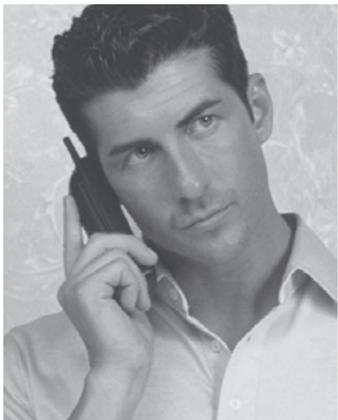
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