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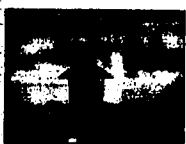
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Brandon Teeter, 15, puts some books in his locker at Hansen Junior-Senior High School during a break between classes. The Hansen School District is one of the few Magic Valley districts that has experienced an enrollment increase.

## Enrollment varies across valley

On average, southern Idaho sees slight drop

**By Jennifer Sandmann**  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Fall enrollment in area school districts is a picture of ups and downs, but combined valley-wide enrollment continued to drop by about 1 percent for the fourth year.

The numbers don't discriminate between large and small districts or east and west ends of the Magic Valley. It's a mixed bag of rising, and falling enrollments throughout the region. Blaine County has experienced strong growth over the past 10 years, while Minidoka County has seen a significant drop.

A statewide snapshot won't be available from the Idaho Department of Education until later this school year.

District	1999	2000	One-year change	1990-2000 change	10-year change
Blaine County	3,024	3,028	+0.1%	2,350	+28.8%
Bliss	1,419	169	-2.3%	188	-10%
Buhl	1,419	1,440	+1.5%	1,597	+9.8%
Camas County	190	181	-4.7%	182	-0.5%
Cassia County	5,138	5,161	+0.4%	5,326	+3.1%
Castelford	383	359	-6.3%	320	-17.2%
Dietrich	198	192	-3.0%	171	-12.3%
Filer	1,361	1,304	-4.2%	1,145	-16.3%
Glenns Ferry	626	636	+1.6%	667	+4.8%
Gooding	1,341	1,311	-2.2%	1,072	-22.3%
Hagerman	399	402	+0.7%	340	+18.2%
Hansen	417	430	+3.1%	354	+21.5%
Jerome	3,056	3,044	-0.4%	2,781	-9.5%
Kimberly	1,200	1,278	+6.5%	1,067	+17.6%
Minidoka County	4,733	4,502	-4.9%	5,257	+14.4%
Murtaugh	277	275	-0.7%	313	+12.1%
Richfield	190	203	+6.8%	181	+8.3%
Shoahone	452	489	+8.2%	401	+21.9%
Twin Falls	7,046	6,836	-3.0%	6,791	+0.6%
Valley	681	693	+1.8%	617	+12.3%
Wendell	1,076	1,018	-5.4%	937	+8.6%
Total	33,380	32,949	-1.3%	32,067	+2.7%

Source: Fall 1990 and 1999 figures are from the Idaho Department of Education. Fall 2000 figures are from local school districts and will be compiled by the Education Department later this school year.

gains in the country between now and 2010. The U.S. government projects enrollment growth by 14 percent in Idaho's public schools over the next decade. The August 2000 report, "The Baby Boom Echo: Growing Pains," based pre-

enrollment over the past few years has been flat.

Tim Hill, chief of the Idaho Department of Education's Bureau of Finance and Accounting, said the department does not try to project enrollment figures. Past attempts haven't mirrored reality.

"We don't have an effective way to do that," he said.

Talking with local school districts is one way to get a feeling for enrollment trends, Hill said.

Twin Falls and Mindola county schools have said they are looking for enrollment downturns to possibly bottom out next fall.

For districts that experience large enrollment drops, the state has a budget safety net in place, Hill said. The districts experience only a 1 percent drop in their budget the year of the enrollment drop, giving them one year to prepare for more significant budget tightening triggered by the decline in student numbers.

The state distributes money to school districts based on their average daily attendance. Declining enrollments can mean staffing cuts and a pinch on services.

School district enrollment fluctuates throughout the year, and schools will make enrollment reports to the state again in March and at the end of the school year.

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## Official: Flow won't help young salmon

### Idaho water chief counters regional fisheries director

By N.S. Nokkentved  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Flushing more water down the Snake River won't help young salmon migrate, to the ocean, the director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources says.

But the concept — known as flow augmentation — has been used for years to improve flows through federal reservoirs in the Columbia and Snake rivers, in an effort to improve migration of endangered salmon.

Since 1916 — long before those dams were built — flows in the lower Snake haven't changed. As a result, increasing flows won't help the fish, Karl Dreher told the Twin Falls Rotary Club Wednesday.

"That's solving the wrong problem," said Dreher, who co-authored a study that concludes flows and salmon survival are unrelated.

Southern Idaho has supplied 427,000 acre-feet of stored water for salmon recovery efforts each year since 1993. Of that, 232,000 acre-feet comes from federal irrigation reservoirs on the Snake River above Milner dam.

An acre-foot is enough water to cover an acre with one foot of water — or 325,850 gallons. The water has come from willing sellers — water users who put extra

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## State softens warning over chemical

By Mark Heinz  
Times-News writer

HAMMETT — A chemical spill from a Tuesday evening truck wreck on Interstate 84 was not nearly as dangerous as first thought, a hazardous materials expert said Wednesday.

There were no reports of anybody needing medical attention from exposure to the pesticide leak near Hammett, said Bill Bishop, director of the Idaho Bureau of Hazardous Materials.

The Idaho State Police sent out news releases late Tuesday evening, warning that the pesticide might contain arsenic. ISP warned anybody who might have been exposed to the pesticide to seek medical attention.

"The press releases were a precautionary move by the ISP," Bishop said. "We were just making sure we were really safe."

The chemical in the pesticide does not emit dangerous fumes, as was feared at first, he said. The chemical is dangerously toxic only when inhaled in a fine mist or absorbed into the skin through direct contact.

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## Gore takes case to the public

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — On Day 22, Al Gore suggested for the first time that the presidential election may not be decided until the day the Electoral College meets, one week before Christmas.

Gore, in morning-and-night TV interviews Wednesday, offered a lingering glimpse of his thoughts on the unprecedented and protracted legal battle for the White House.

"I think this is going to be over with by the middle of December," Gore told ABC News' Peter Jennings. When the news anchor pressed for a specific end date, Gore replied: "Well, you know, under the law Dec. 18 is the date when the

point for his challenge of a certified tally giving Republican George W. Bush Florida's decisive 25 electors.

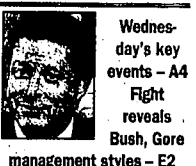
Accelerating a public relations campaign as the legal wheels on his election challenge ground slowly forward, Gore gave five network TV interviews from his vice presidential residence at the U.S. Naval Observatory. He reflected on how it feels to hang in election limbo and be called a sore loser.

"The only people I've heard that from is from partisans on the other side, who called me far worse than that before the election," he told NBC's "Today."

While Bush continued building his potential administration, Gore

elections on enrollment trends from 1970-1998.

Idaho's public school enrollment experienced a growth spurt in the early 1990s that helped contribute to solid overall gains for the decade, but statewide



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## Launch bring energy collectors; to space station

The Orlando Sentinel

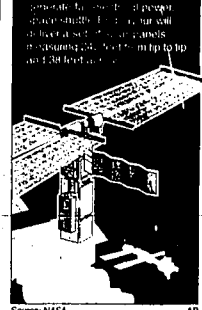
CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — It's time for the international space station Alpha to spread some powerful wings.

Five astronauts are poised to blast aboard shuttle Endeavour tonight to install and unfurl a massive set of solar panels designed to generate electricity for the growing station.

Installation of the massive wings will make Alpha the third brightest object in the nighttime sky.

Launch of NASA's sixth assembly flight to the outpost is set for  
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### Power up



Source: NASA AP



NATION

# Nuclear secrets went to unauthorized addresses

WASHINGTON (AP) — Already shaken by security lapses, the Energy Department is now acknowledging that 15 percent of classified documents mailed from three nuclear weapons laboratories last year went to addresses not approved to receive such material.

Department officials insist the errant mailings, disclosed in a new report from the agency's inspector general, did not compromise security and that the problem has been fixed.

But that assessment was challenged Wednesday by the Senate Intelligence Committee chairman.

"They don't know that," said Sen. Richard Shelby, R-Ala. "You can rationalize, justify just about anything, but at the end of the day, you don't know what might have been lost. You have to fear the worst in a situation like that."

The Energy Department keeps a computer database of addresses that are eligible to receive classified data. Anyone mailing classi-

fied data is supposed to check this list to ensure the address is approved.

The report said the mailings to unauthorized addresses were discovered in May, shortly after two computer disks containing nuclear secrets disappeared from the Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico. The disks reappeared three months later behind a copying machine at the lab.

Department security officials alerted by the agency's inspector

general acknowledged that the mailings violated department policy but concluded that no classified information was compromised. They blamed contractors who did not have access to the list of approved addresses.

# FBI searches landfill for missing tapes

LOS ALAMOS, N.M. (AP) — FBI agents resumed their digging in a snow-covered county landfill on Wednesday in a search for computer tapes containing nuclear weapons data from the Los Alamos National Laboratory.

The agents used a bulldozer to move mounds of garbage Tuesday and erected a large floodlight to work late into the night in the search for missing tapes on which former nuclear scientist Wen Ho Lee downloaded the restricted information.

Lee has said he destroyed the tapes. If anything were thrown into the trash at the laboratory, the landfill is one place it could end up, lab spokesman James Rickman said.

FBI agent Doug Beldon confirmed Wednesday that the search had resumed.

Beldon had said Tuesday that the FBI was searching the Los Alamos landfill but neither he nor Justice Department officials would elaborate.

However, a source with knowledge of the case, insisting on anonymity, confirmed the search relates to the Lee investigation.

The search is expected to last several weeks.

Trash from the laboratory would have been compressed, said Ray Simeros, solid waste manager for Los Alamos County. He said the tapes would be buried in a layer of trash 6 to 8 feet deep and covered by 2 feet of topsoil.

After spending nine months in

custody, Lee was freed Sept. 13 when he pleaded guilty to one count of illegally downloading restricted data to an insecure tape. Fifty-eight counts were dropped.

The former nuclear scientist swore he never passed secrets to any unauthorized person and that he destroyed the tapes

when his security clearance was revoked last year.

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# Gore

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battled any impression that Bush is definitely the next president by speaking of the weirdness of life suspended between victory and defeat.

"It is an unusual time because you prepare yourself to win. You prepare yourself for the possibility that you won't win. You don't really prepare yourself for the possibility that you flip the coin in the air and it lands on its edge," Gore told CNN. "To have neither outcome—that takes some getting used to."

Explaining his motives, the 16-year member of Congress and eight-year vice president told NBC: "I'm really in love with our democracy. That sounds corny, I know."

He tried to put in the plainest English why he's asking the Florida court to order a manual count of some 10,000 disputed ballots in Miami-Dade County. Republicans protest that those ballots were already counted by machine and registered no presidential vote.

Gore countered that the situation is akin to when a supermarket checkout scanner doesn't read a product barcode. "What happens when it misses one? Do they give you the item for free? No. They do a hand count of that item," he said.

Running mate Joseph Lieberman supplemented Gore's full-court press of media appearances with his own interviews to

## At a glance

- Key developments in the Florida presidential election recount:**
- Vice President Al Gore authorized a new appeal to the Florida Supreme Court seeking an immediate recounting of disputed votes in two southern Florida counties that were not included in the totals certified by the secretary of state.
  - In Washington, the U.S. Supreme Court is deciding on a request by George W. Bush to overturn a Florida Supreme Court ruling that allowed recounts beyond a deadline in state law. A hearing was set for Friday.
  - Some 482,000 disputed ballots are to hit the road today in the start of a bizarre convoy that will deliver more than a million ballots to a Tallahassee courtroom. Gore wanted fewer shipped because additional time taken to count ballots works against him.
  - The Republican-controlled Florida legislature, with the open backing of Bush's brother, Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, R, moved toward calling a special session to name presidential electors loyal to the GOP nominee.

National Public Radio and CNN's "Larry King Live."  
 The pair also continued with the tentative business of sketching their could-be administration at a White House lunch and meetings. Gore unexpectedly dropped by the Oval Office to see President Clinton.

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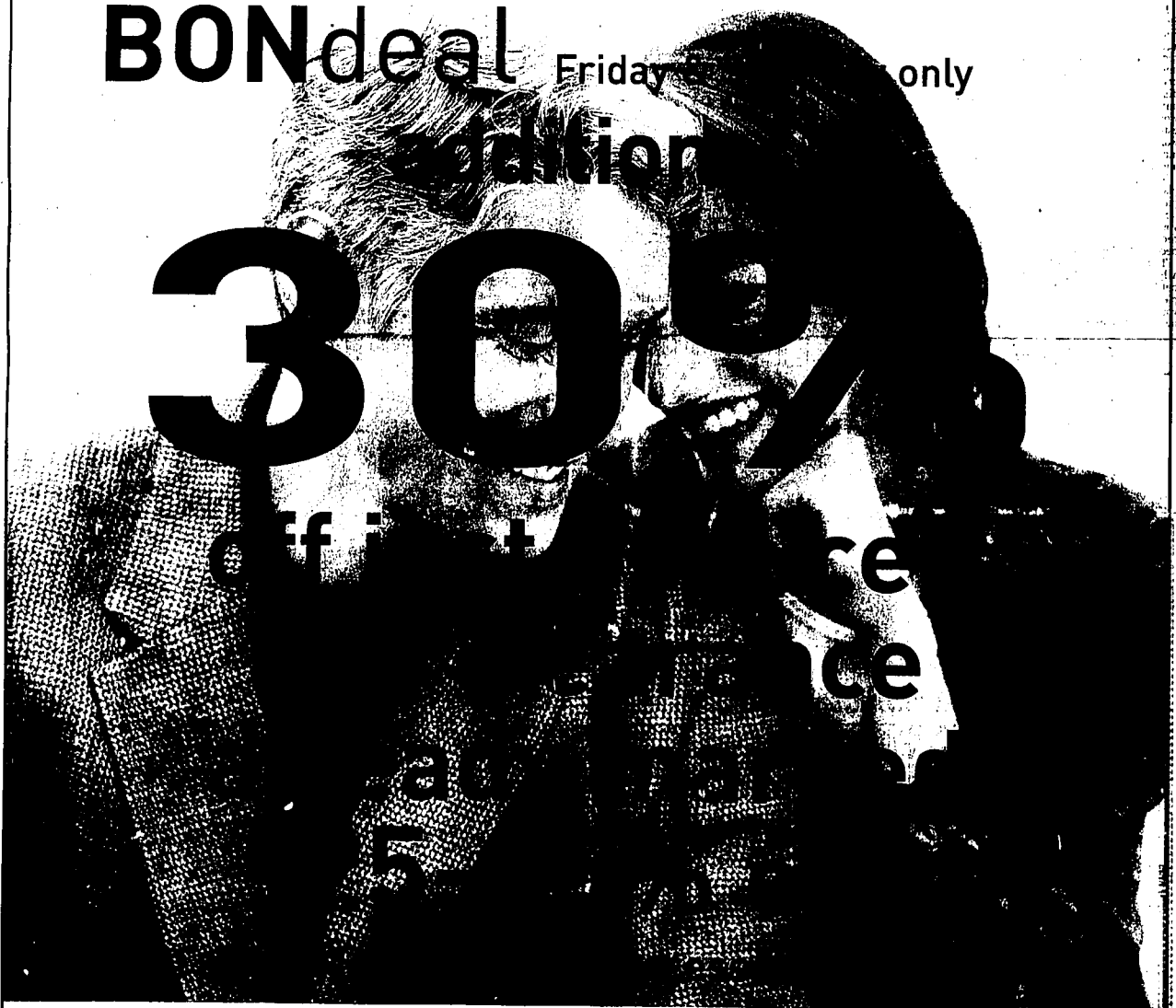


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# Comunidad

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## Dance helps Arturo Bernal Benefit

**BURLEY** - A dance will be held with disc jockey Kurt Kruezer from 9 p.m. to 12 a.m. Friday at Burley Elks Lodge to benefit the family of Arturo Bernal Jr., who was seriously injured in a motorcycle accident in California.

Ages 15 and up are welcome. There will be door prizes.

Admission is \$5.

Saturday at the Jerome County Fairgrounds.

Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door and tickets are available at Hispanic businesses.

Grupo Nobleza and K-risma will play at 8 p.m. Dec. 9 at the fairgrounds.

For more information, call 324-4977.

### 2000 Hispanic Business Directory available now

**BOISE** - The 2000 Hispanic Business Directory is now available.

For more information or to receive the directory, which lists Hispanic-owned businesses in the state, call Elizabeth or Alice at 322-7033. The directory is produced by the Hispanic Business Association.

### Three groups play at the Jerome County Fairgrounds

**JEROME** - Project Musical of Glenns Ferry, Corazone Vigabundos of Jerome and local group, K-risma will play at 8 p.m.

## Social Security Statement provides important information

In October 1999, Social Security began sending the Social Security Statement to workers age 25 or older who were not receiving Social Security benefits. The statement provides a year-by-year display of earnings that have been reported to a worker's record and also estimated benefits that a worker and his/her family may be eligible for now and in the future.

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Maria Gonzalez Mabbutt

Maria Gonzalez Mabbutt is the public affairs specialist, hired to work with the Latino community in Idaho.

## Digame! (Tell me!)

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Pat Marcartonio

# Rocio lives with grace

## Woman makes transition with patience and dignity

By Dara Jensen  
Times-News correspondent

**BLISS** - Rocio Cheney has made the transition from her native Mexico to America with grace and patience.

She now helps others facing a language barrier she once tackled.

Cheney, 31, is a native of Amaluca, Mexico, south of Mexico City.

She met her husband, Jason Cheney, when he served as a Mormon missionary.

"You would be surprised at what you can say with a handshake," Jason Cheney said about their meeting.

Red tape and a nine-month's wait ruled out a Mexican wedding. "Rosie," as she is called, immigrated to Idaho in 1992 to be married.

The early months were frustrating. She would go to the store, look around and leave because she couldn't make herself understood, she said. Tears came often, but a desire to return to Mexico was quickly vetoed.

"Not after all we went through



Rocio Cheney, a native of Mexico, taught herself English and now helps others over the language barrier she once faced.

to get you here," her husband said.

She worked at learning the language of her new country.

"I watched a lot of TV. I wrote down words and asked my husband their meaning when he arrived home from work," she said. "Some of the words were not nice, so I watched craft shows and the Discovery and the Learning channels."

"We still have the first can of

pork and beans I bought on my own," Cheney said with a laugh.

One of the first styles of American cooking she learned was canning fruit and vegetables.

"I know I can buy these items but home canned tastes better," she said.

Cheney said she gets great enjoyment in helping other Mexican women learn to shop and cook American-style.

"When I returned home a few

years ago, I made a great hit with my family teaching them how to make chocolate chip cookies and how to make jam. A major problem with the learning is that chocolate chips and brown sugar are not available. Amaluca, Mexico," she said. "My Mexican family also likes cinnamon rolls, hamburgers and brownies. I also enjoy translating American recipes to Spanish and sending them by E-mail to my sister."

She overcame her shyness and worked for the Gooding School District in the English as a second language program.

Cheney works with the College of Southern Idaho family literacy program teaching families English and computer use.

"I use recipes in helping the local Mexican ladies learn English. The ladies not only learn the words, but they get experience in following directions," she explained.

The Cheney's have a set of 3-year-olds, Moroni and Joshua.

"I wish their father would speak more Spanish to them so they would know he knows the language," Rocio said.

"I wish their mother spoke more English to the boys," Jason countered.

The boys, however, use the language that is most handy at the time.

## Family rolls out tortilla making skills

By Jean Nash Johnson  
Knight Ridder News Service

**DALLAS** - It's about 4 in the afternoon at the Guardiolas' house, and a daily ritual is about to begin. Five-year-old Alfredo Rodriguez is summoned.

"Come, niño," his grandmother Sylvia Guardiolas calls. "Time to make the tortillas." Alfredo, as he is known by family members, is reluctant to perform today because there are visitors.

After mild coaxing from his mother, Amy Estrada, his uncle Eric and his grandmother, he puts on the show they have come to enjoy since the kindergarten was tall enough to see above the table with the green tiled top.

"His mama never was that interested," Sylvia says. "He's the

one. Always hanging around when I roll them, and making them into funny shapes. He's so funny."

Sylvia's tortillas have had years of fine-tuning. She has been making them since she was 12, when she learned from her older sister, who learned from their abuela (grandmother) in Mexico. Tortilla making, she says, is losing its place in Mexican heritage. The current generation of Hispanic families is not so interested, she says. That's why the matriarch is Alfredo's biggest booster.

"Just watch how he rolls. He's very good, and he knows what he's doing. Someday he will be able to carry it on."

The tortilla, a pancake-like disk of bread, originated in Mexico and is served with almost any

meal, often stuffed with meat, beans, seafood or vegetables, or placed on the table as a staple with butter on the side. The Guardiolas have them for breakfast, and sometimes Alfredo packs a couple for school lunch.

In Mexico, Sylvia says, the women used to get up early in the morning to make the masa and cook the tortillas. Or they would travel to the nearby Molino and have the corn milled. It was served every day.

The corn tortilla is more common in southern Mexico, where there is a large Indian population and an accommodating climate. Mexican-Americans, says Sylvia, almost always make flour tortillas because they are easier.

The Guardiolas' customary ways are becoming the exception,

says Becky Chavarria-Chairez, Dallas author of the recently published "Magda's Tortillas" (Pinata Books, \$14.95). The book tells the story of a young, energetic girl who longs to make tortillas with her abuela.

"I have strong memories of my maternal grandmother making tortillas," Chavarria-Chairez says. "She died in 1989, and when my daughter was born shortly after, I realized I didn't even have pictures of her making them."

Her fictional picture book captures the flavor of a family that celebrates the rich Mexican tradition.

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## EDITORIAL

### Volleyball, charity and the art of compromise

Like a feverishly athletic sorcerer's apprentice, the College of Southern Idaho's women's volleyball program keeps bringing national championships back to Twin Falls. Last week's victory, over top-ranked Miami-Dade Community College, was CSI's seventh national title in eight years.

The CSI team has turned over several times since it won its first national championship back in 1993. Only one person has figured prominently in all those teams: Coach Ben Stroud.

Surrounded by powerful, leaping women, Stroud doesn't catch the public eye. But his coaching skill, coupled with the talent of his athletes, puts rival teams to the sword.

Stroud's name is well-known in national coaching circles. He could have left long ago for more lucrative pastures. But he hasn't.

A native of Fairfield, Stroud likes it just fine here in southern Idaho. That a talented and successful person would forgo more money elsewhere says a lot about the Magic Valley.

It also says a lot about Ben Stroud. He has brought a lot of honor upon this community. In so doing, he also has brought honor upon himself.

#### United we stand

Once again, the United Way of South Central Idaho is raising money for a variety of worthy causes.

The fund-raising goal is \$400,000, and every dollar will be needed because the number of recipients has risen to 22. Of those, five are new to the United Way: Boys and Girls Club of Magic Valley, Southern Idaho Learning Center, American Red Cross-Mini-Cassia, Minidoka Senior Center, and the Walker Center.

These endeavors deserve support, and the United Way wants to provide it. There are many ways to raise money, but the United Way prefers to do so quietly — through payroll deductions at local businesses.

How much employees decide to give is up to them. If they want to talk about it, they're entitled to. If they want to keep quiet, and simply savor the gift of giving, they're free to do that, too.

The United Way's great strength is one-stop shopping. It lets you help 22 good charities with a single gift. By carefully screening its member organizations, the United Way lets you give with confidence.

#### Bridging the crevasse

Sen. Mike Crapo, R-Idaho, recently bestowed his Spirit of Idaho award on 10 people who worked out a good compromise over ski and snowmobile access in the Upper Wood River Valley.

The Wood River Winter Recreation Coalition Mapping Committee certainly deserved an award. The schism between motorized and non-motorized recreationists is a tough wound to heal.

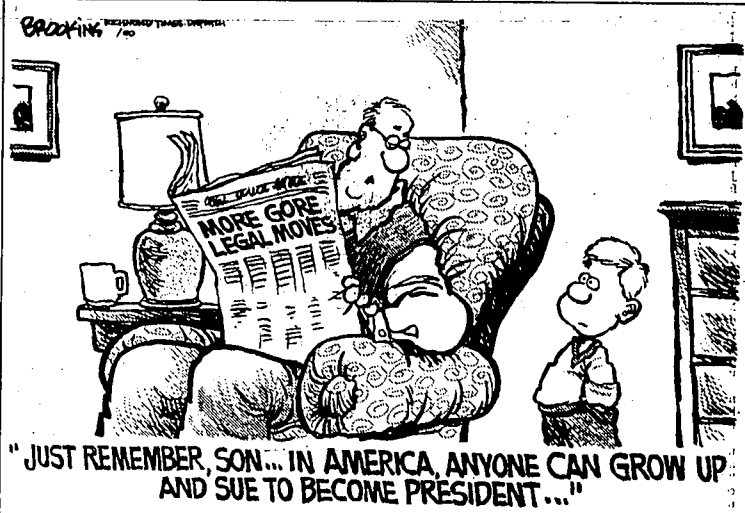
The group — half snowmobilers and half cross-country skiers — mapped out which areas snowmobilers can use between Sun Valley and Galena Pass. The compromise is something many observers didn't think was possible, given the off-sour relations between the self-propelled and internal-combustion crowds.

That's because skiers want to enjoy nature in its quietest season, which is hard to do when the hills are alive with the sounds of snowmobilers. The snow-machiners, meanwhile, feel they have as much right to use public land as anyone else.

Through patience, hard work and compromise, the Winter Coalition turned deadlock into collaboration.

"One of the problems has been that there hasn't been many examples of collaborative work," Crapo said. "Now we have people who have created a mold, who can give testimony that it works."

Amen.



### The cynicism of modern politics

No self-respecting screenwriter would submit this election script. It is too contrived. The antagonists (Bush, Gore and their lackeys) are too self-absorbed. There are no heroes. Though there is ample drama, little of it is inspiring. Still, the very pettiness on both sides unintentionally reveals why more and more Americans detest politics.

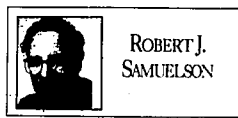
It is not simply disappointment with the candidates or, in this case, their casual hypocrisy. Bush promised to be a unifier. He wouldn't even meet with Gore. Meanwhile? Gore said he would "fight for you" when he really meant that he would fight for himself. But popular disillusion with politics transcends personalities. The paradox is that Americans are increasingly affected by government even while they're increasingly disconnected from politics.

There's a powerful logic that explains the apparent contradiction. It rests on three pillars:

• Government at the national level operates mainly outside of politics.

• People pay less attention to politics because — for good or ill — neither party can do anything radical. Consider what happened in the Clinton years: Not much. Government hardly changed. Some activities expanded slightly and tax laws shifted modestly. But these were changes of detail; there were few major new programs. One big achievement — eliminating huge budget deficits — resulted mainly from two events beyond electoral politics: The end of the Cold War, which reduced military spending; and the economic boom, which resulted in an unexpected surge of tax revenues.

• Governing less, politicians are more and more preoccupied with personal advancement and survival. Although politicians have always been ambitious, their obsession has grown. One reason is the weakening of political parties and voters' party allegiances. This makes



politicians more insecure and more free-lancers, campaigns never stop, and there's more time for politics. Almost all indicators of congressional workload (bills introduced, hearings, laws enacted) have declined since the 1970s. One exception is the length of daily sessions — perhaps because senators and congressmen crave more TV exposure.

• Politicians increasingly define themselves by what they're against. Unable to boast about what they've done (because they've done so little), politicians justify themselves by the policies and policies they oppose. Rhetoric is not just a debating tactic. In the electronic age, it is a marketing tool intended to incite anger and amass campaign contributions. Politicians construct their virtues on their adversaries' alleged vices. Opponents must be more than mistaken. They must be immoral or even evil.

The resulting style of politics increasingly offends the vast middle of the American electorate.

This politics concentrates on personal ambition and features fear and sensationalism. No one will have failed to notice that this has been precisely the pattern since Election Day. Gore and Bush have single-mindedly focused on victory.

They have paid only lip service to the larger national interest of restoring the legitimacy of the next president. Each side has brandished inflammatory rhetoric, accusing the other of trying to steal the election.

Contrasted with the extreme language,

the on-the-ground reality is a largely blameless ambiguity. Democrats have a case that many uncounted ballots could mean the election goes to the wrong guy. Republicans have a case that trying to guess voters' intentions is a morass that might not improve accuracy. Perhaps reasonable people could have crafted a compromise that would have seemed "fair." But no one was being particularly reasonable.

Here's the larger point. Politics is increasingly perceived as the realm of the unreasonable. On some issues — notably abortion and guns — masses of Americans passionately disagree. But by and large, the country is not bitterly divided now in the way it was in the 1960s (Vietnam, civil rights) or in the 1970s and early 1980s (Watergate, double-digit inflation and deep recessions). It is politicians and the wider political class who are increasingly bitter.

The contrast between how ordinary people feel and how the political class behaves is a turmoil. People tune out, because they don't share the self-serving stridency and anger. Politicians have many explanations of why they're held in low esteem, from gridlock to the influence of "special interests." The more obvious cause is that people find very little to admire in their political leaders.

There are two ways to judge this widening gap between the public and the political class. One is that it's fairly harmless. It's the luxury of good times, when not much is needed or demanded of government. The other possibility is that politics, which is supposed to reconcile differences and lower passions, is doing just the opposite. It is generating outrage rather than containing anger. It is a poisonous cyst, threatening to contaminate the courts, the press and broader popular opinion.

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## LETTERS

#### Election sympathies from Africa

I received a fax message from South Africa this morning (Nov. 28) which read: "Regards from South Africa, and our sympathy goes out to the American public not being able to elect a president — do you need help to sort it out?" EISA MEARKLE Twin Falls

#### Every vote counts

The never-ending election counting and re-counting should make every American realize each and every vote does count. It's so sad to me that the ones who do not vote swing the election in any race.

I've always thought elections were held at the wrong time of year. I know our Constitution prevents us from having to vote, but I think the election should be held April 20, right after tax time, and every American citizen should have to vote. If every single person did vote and each state verified the count, it would only be done one time proper — the president isn't the backbone of our government; the 535 in the House and Senate call the shots. I say, people get out and exercise your privilege.

As an independent, I have my opinion. LEONARD V. OWENS Rupert

#### Commissioners practice shifty politics

To the Twin Falls County commissioners: I was just wondering, in the matter of the plan brought before you by Chisholm and Ihler, you refused to consider the plan unless and until "A pending lawsuit, filed by Chisholm and several other residents against the county earlier this year... be resolved".

That screams of disingenuous leveraging and completely contradictory to your pledge of listening to the voters who nearly voted Chisholm to the commission. Read lightly, gentlemen, for you are only sitting next to Grindstaff instead of Chisholm because Bill won't cut his hair, put on a jacket and tie and conform. His tactics are unusual sometimes, but his message is sound and sincere. I prefer sound, sincere, and unusual to sneaky, ignorant, underhanded and retributive. Bad form, gentlemen. Bad form. DIANE WORMSBAKER Twin Falls

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## LETTER

#### Home schooling allows personalization

I would like to respond to Peggy Obermiller's letter of Nov. 14.

First of all, research does not support the premise that educators need to be certified for educational success. And children of non-certified homeschooling parents even do better than certified homeschooling parents. Similar to all parents, my No. 1 priority is the education of my child. After much research, I realized that homeschooling allows me to understand my son's learning style and modify the method of teaching to help him reach his full potential. Obviously, it is not feasible for one-on-one educating in the traditional classroom. Many students in the public school system are left frustrated, distracted and labeled "stupid" by their peers, including my own. If they had curriculum modified to their

individual learning styles, we are confident that they would not have been left behind nor suffered with their current lack of confidence in their intelligence. If I have the chance to eliminate the risk of this scenario for my child, why should I even consider setting for less?

In the past 1 1/2 years of homeschooling, I have watched my son excel. My mother, with only a high school diploma, teaches my 6-year-old for 2 1/2 structured hours each day. Already, he is reading at a third-grade level and loves history and science. Next year, he will take the standardized test given to second-grade public school students. And when he is ready to apply to a university, he will take the same national SAT and ACT exams. We expect that, at my son's current rate of advancement, he will complete high school before the age of 18. If the public

schools focused on the fundamentals and had the ability to modify the curriculum to each student's learning style, then it would be commonplace for all students to finish by 15 or 16 years of age. So why should my son be held back from continuing his education simply because he is 6?

And as for the typical "socialization" issue raised by all public school supporters, I have been told by numerous non-homeschooling parents that my child is the most well-behaved and intelligent child among his peers in social settings. Of course, I am sometimes surprised, as have a super-active, typical 6-year-old boy. So it makes me wonder, what exactly are the benefits of public school "socialization"?

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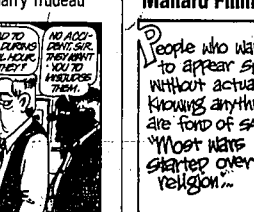
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WORLD

# Wary Mexicans wonder if next president can change their lives

REKUSACHI, Mexico (AP) — President Lazaro Cardenas gave him his land. President Carlos Salinas de Gortari gave him his farm aid. President Ernesto Zedillo gave him bags of food.

After living through seven decades of programs by Mexico's ruling party to end poverty, all Jose Ignacio Zaragoza has to show for it is a bone-thin cow nibbling on weeds next to his mud shack.

But for the first time in the 20th century, an opposition president will take office Friday under the promise of revamping the country.

Changing the life of Zaragoza and more than 40 million other Mexicans who earn less than \$2 a day could be Vicente Fox's biggest challenge, and one that leaders across Latin America have struggled for years to solve with only marginal success.

Yet Fox aims to do what almost no other president in the region has accomplished — reduce poverty by 30 percent in a single term.

Fox said Sunday that two of his top actions as president will be creating a national scholarship fund "to ensure that never again in this country a young person is denied the opportunity to attend college," and starting a "social bank" with micro-lending programs and credit unions to give Mexico's poor, especially women, access to loans.

Upon announcing his Cabinet appointments in charge of such a task, Fox promised to "improve



Javier Santos covers his grandson Yabin with a plastic trash bag as rain clouds approach the trash dump where he ekes out a living searching for valuables on the outskirts of Mexico City. Vicente Fox, who takes office Friday, has promised to reduce poverty by 30 percent but many of Mexico's poor — like Santos — hold little hope for change.

the life of every Mexican man and woman, of every family, and promote the intrinsic development of the communities that form this country."

Zaragoza, 70, has heard such promises time and again. But the frail man wearing a donated, pink girl's coat, finds himself year after year scrambling to feed his family.

His 2-year-old granddaughter suffers from severe malnutrition. His wife's leg, swollen with an infection, is nearly twice the size of the other, but there is no money for medicine.

"I voted for these colors hoping that it might make a difference," said the illiterate man, tapping a plastic shopping bag with the logo

of Fox's National Action Party emblazoned across it. "But we don't know really if anything will ever change."

Fox has pledged to help Mexicans pull themselves up by their own bootstraps — a sharp contrast to the paternalistic attitude of the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party, whose programs were based on handouts and were often used by local political bosses to buy votes and benefit friends.

Fox says under his rule, Mexico's booming economy will trickle down to the poor. He has proposed channelling remittances from migrants into small-business ventures.

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“They don’t have an ocean, they don’t have a beach, they don’t have 85-degree weather.”

—Butch Davis, University of Miami (Fla.) football coach, on turning down the head coaching position for the NFL expansion team Houston Texans

### TRIVIA

#### QUESTION:

Who are the only coaches in the four major professional sports who have won championships with three teams?

...answer below

### TODAY'S SCHEDULE

**College men's basketball**  
Arctic Circle Classic at CSI, 6 p.m.

**High school boys' basketball**  
Buhl at Aberdeen, 4:15 p.m.  
Glenns Ferry at Wood River, 4:30 p.m.

Ketchum at Hansen, 5 p.m.  
Burley at Twin Falls, 6 p.m.  
Minico at Century, 6 p.m.  
Murrough at Valley, 6 p.m.

**High school girls' basketball**  
Buhl at Aberdeen, 4:15 p.m.  
Mindot at Declo, 4:15 p.m.  
Butte at Coalinga, 4:15 p.m.

Ketchum at Bliss, 6 p.m.  
Hagerman at Wendell, 6 p.m.  
Camas at Shoshone, 6 p.m.  
ISDB at Dietrich JV, 6 p.m.  
Preston at Burley, 6 p.m.

Castelford at Murrough, 6 p.m.  
Kimberly at Glenns Ferry, 6 p.m.  
Richfield at Carey, 7:30 p.m.  
Hansen at MV Christian, 7:30 p.m.

### IN BRIEF

#### Jackpot girls' hoops needs a home game

JACKPOT, Nev. — Due to a scheduling snafu, the Jackpot girls' basketball team needs to schedule a home game for Saturday, Dec. 9 at 1:30 p.m. Interested parties should contact the school at (775) 755-2375.

#### Toyz for Kids volleyball tournament needs teams

GOODING — Teams are being accepted for the Third Annual Toyz for Kids Volleyball tournament on Saturday, at Gooding High School. Registration is \$75 and one new toy per team, with four skill levels being offered at the day-long event. Proceeds will help purchase Christmas presents for underprivileged children. To register, or for more information, call Pam Ferraris at 735-4124 or 734-0354, or Kenny at 536-6273.

### Correction

Hansen's Ellen Freestone was misidentified in Wednesday's recap of the Lady Huskies' game. The Times-News regrets the error.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

### TRIVIA ANSWER:

Scotty Bowman, with three NHL teams, Detroit, Pittsburgh and Montreal; and Guy Chamberlin, with three NFL teams—Canton, Cleveland and Frankford, Pa., during the 1920s.

# Pressure cooker

## Bruins drop home opener to Indians

By Holly Kayt  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Pocatello's pressure was too much for the Bruins to handle Wednesday night as the Indians handled Twin Falls 49-39 in high school girls' basketball action.

"We let them dictate what they were going to do to us," said Bruin coach Lawrence Pfeiffer. "We got down and we could never get an offensive flow again."

Twin Falls junior Kim Strunk, who led the Bruins with 16 points, grabbed a quick basket to start the game and put the Bruins up early. Strunk then stole the ball a minute later for the 42 lead.

But Pocatello junior Merilee Caldwell scored the first of her game-high 21 points with just under three minutes left in the first quarter pulling Pocatello on top at 8-7, and the Bruins never again saw the lead.

Pocatello turned up the pressure and ended the first quarter with a 13-10 lead.

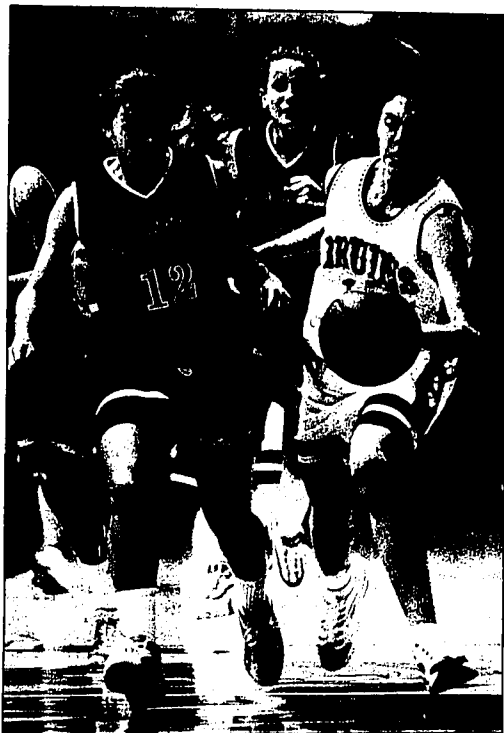
"We're going to get out and pressure people," said Indian coach Gino Mariani. "That's kind of our game. If teams can handle it, fine. If not, then we'll get some easy buckets."

The game plan worked for the Indians Wednesday, as Pocatello scored 17 points off of turnovers.

"We were running after the rabbit again," Pfeiffer said. Caldwell opened the second period with a 3-pointer to push Pocatello's lead to 16-9, but Kim Vriesman answered with a baseline jumper to cut the lead to 16-11.

Marci Danielson and Mikkel McBride recorded the rest of the

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Twin Falls wing Kim Strunk races down the court while Pocatello's Ricci Reeve chases her. Strunk had a team-high 16 points, but the Bruins couldn't pull out a win against the Indians.

LOAN CARTER/for The Times-News

# Playoff clutter

## Vikings seek to sew up NFC Central crown

The Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — The coach is different, the stakes higher. But the Detroit Lions pose the same concerns for the Minnesota Vikings as they did the last time they met, on Oct. 1.

The Vikings beat then-coach Bobby Ross' team 31-24 largely because they held onto the ball and kept Lions running star Desmond Howard in check.

They figure they must do the same tonight to beat new coach Gary Moeller's Lions (8-4).

"They rely on turnovers and a return game to set up their offense," Vikings coach Dennis Green said. "That's a big reason why they've won eight games."

The Vikings (10-2) would clinch a playoff berth by beating the Lions and could sew up the NFC Central Division title by Sunday if Tampa Bay also loses to Dallas. But a Detroit victory would cut Minnesota's lead in the NFC Central to one game.

The Lions are 3-1 since Moeller took over following Ross' retirement Nov. 6. While Green has noted a "freshness" in the Lions' step since Moeller took the job, he also believes Detroit's defining characteristics are unchanged.



Minnesota Vikings running back Robert Smith, left, runs past two Dallas Cowboys defenders in this November file photo.

**Thursday Night Football**  
Detroit (8-4) at Minnesota (10-2)  
TV: ESPN, 8:20 p.m.

They lead the NFL with 34 takeaways, and Howard is among the leaders in both punt and kickoff returns. Though the Detroit offense cannot come close to matching the explosiveness of Daunte Culpepper's crew, the Lions' defense and special teams can be an equalizer if they give the offense better field position. The Lions have won five games in which opponents

gained more yards. In their first game, the Vikings gave up no interceptions or fumbles and held Howard well under his average in returns yards.

The Lions, led by James Stewart's 123 yards rushing, managed to tie the previous game 17-17 in the fourth quarter, but Minnesota countered with big plays — a 65-yard run by Robert Smith and TD passes of 61 and 50 yards to Randy Moss.

Detroit might be a better team under Moeller.

"We also had a winning record when I took over," Moeller said. "We're not a great football team right now. We're a good football team trying to get better."

# Michigan St. extends record winning streak

The Associated Press

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Michigan State has no plans to make this a rebuilding season.

The third-ranked Spartans beat No. 6 North Carolina 77-64 Wednesday night in an ACC/Big Ten Challenge game.

Jason Richardson led Michigan State (4-0) with 16 points, while Andre Hutson had 14 points and nine rebounds.

Charlie Bell added 15 points as part of the Spartans' balanced attack.

Kris Lang prevented North Carolina (3-1) from being routed by scoring a career-high 22 points on 11-of-16 shooting.

Michigan State extended the nation's longest winning streak to 15 games and won its 32nd straight home game, second only to Utah's 54 in a row at home.

The Spartans went on a 14-2 run late in the first half and never relinquished the momentum. They led by 13 at halftime and the Tar Heels were not able to slice the deficit to less than seven in the second half.

When North Carolina extended its zone defense, Michigan State scored inside. When it sagged its defense inside, the Spartans would find an open player on the perimeter.



North Carolina's Brendan Haywood fights off Michigan State's Jason Richardson and Zach Randolph to get the rebound in the first half Wednesday in East Lansing, Mich.

Foul trouble hurt the Tar Heels' chances. Jason Capel picked up his fourth foul with 16 minutes left in the game and fouled out with 1:49 left. Brian Morrison also fouled out and Brendan Haywood had to play several minutes in foul trouble.

Joseph Forte struggled against Bell's defensive pressure and finished with 11 points, while Haywood added 10.

North Carolina was the highest ranked nonconference opponent to visit East Lansing since 1974.

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# Miami head coach puts rumors of departure to rest

The Associated Press

CORAL GABLES, Fla. — Miami coach Butch Davis doesn't mind having his name mentioned a year after year with just about every coaching vacancy in the country.

He considers it a compliment even though the rumors make it look like he will someday leave the Hurricanes.



Butch Davis

this would be the last coaching job that I would take and nothing has changed today. In the last 48

hours or the last six years." Just days after leading Miami (10-1) to its ninth consecutive win and its first Big East title in four years, Davis met with Houston Texans owner Bob McNair and talked to Alabama athletic director Mal Moore about their respective coaching vacancies.

But Davis said neither job would lure him away from Miami, which has offered a five-year contract extension worth about \$1.3 million annually.

Davis, 49, is in his fourth year of a seven-year deal that pays him

about \$900,000 annually. Davis, who was named the Big East coach of the year Wednesday, turned around Miami's program after it was hit with numerous NCAA violations that resulted in 31 lost scholarships over a three-year period.

His success provided him with several coaching opportunities in recent years, including LSU, South Carolina, Oklahoma and Arkansas.

He also had been mentioned as a candidate for several NFL jobs, including New Orleans, Green

Bay and most recently with the Texans.

"I never had a doubt that he was staying," offensive tackle Joaquin Gonzalez. "He hasn't gotten the job done that he wanted to yet. . . . We haven't won the national championship here."

Davis did see a downside to the Texas job.

"They don't have an ocean, they don't have a beach, they don't have 85-degree weather," he said. "This is a very, very good job. I like it here, my wife likes it here, my son likes it here."



SPORTS

Safin's No. 1 looks safe; Sampras stays in hunt

LEBON, Portugal (AP)—With his game looking much sharper, Pete Sampras bounced back Wednesday to beat Alex Corretja 7-6 (2), 7-5 and remain in contention for the Masters Cup title.

Sampras has won this season's opening tournament, five times, a record he shares with Ivan Lendl.

After losing his opening match to Lleyton Hewitt 7-5, 6-0 on Tuesday, Sampras needed a victory against Corretja to maintain his chances of claiming the record for himself.

"Obviously I didn't have a good night's sleep, you're just tossing and turning, I was just kind of humiliated out there," Sampras said.

Against Corretja, Sampras looked like a champion again. "I served and volleyed very well. I was just a different person, a different player," Sampras said.

Earlier, Yevgeny Kafelnikov rallied past Magnus Norman 4-6, 7-5, 6-1 in his opening match in this \$3.7 million tournament for the world's top eight players.

Marat Safin took another step toward wrapping up the No. 1 spot for the year by beating

Hewitt 6-4, 6-4. Safin is now 2-0 in the tournament, while Hewitt fell to 1-1.

The only way Safin can now fall to clinch No. 1 is if he loses every remaining match and Gustavo Kuerten wins the tournament. Sampras finished No. 1 for the year an unprecedented six seasons in a row before Andre Agassi won over No. 1 last year.

Safin, a 20-year-old Russian, will be the youngest player to gain that distinction.

Against Hewitt, one of the best returners in the game, Safin lost his temper and hit a ball into the stands, getting penalized and dropping his serve in the eighth game of the second set. But he broke right back and served out the match with a booming ace.

Sampras will play Safin on Friday for a place in the semifinals. The only time Sampras failed to advance from the round-robin stage was in his debut appearance in 1990. He lost a round-robin match every year he won the elite event.

The eight players are divided into two groups, with the top two from each group advancing to the semifinals.



Australia's Lleyton Hewitt returns a ball to Russia's Marat Safin Wednesday at the Atlantic Pavilion in Lisbon. Hewitt lost 6-4, 6-4.

Tiger vs. Tour

Optimism holds between Woods and PGA

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. (AP)—Tiger Woods seems well on his way to making peace with PGA Tour commissioner Tim Finchem, with the two holding what both described as a very positive meeting.

Woods, who recently expressed concern about controlling some of his own marketing rights, said Wednesday that "pretty much everything" had been resolved during a meeting with Finchem two days earlier.

"It was very positive, very upbeat. There was no hostility at all," Woods said. "My relationship with Tim has definitely improved. He was very candid and so was I. We need a few more sit-down meetings to hammer things out. One of the problems has been that it is hard to get our schedules clear. He's as busy as I am."

Woods described the talks as "compromises on both sides," but was not specific since details still are to be worked out.

The No. 1 player in the world and largely responsible for an enormous boost in golf's popularity, Woods stunned PGA Tour officials

earlier this month when he said the tour was taking financial advantage of him with policies that controlled his rights.

He said then that Finchem only talked to him when the commissioner wanted Woods to play in a particular tournament.

When they met for several hours Monday in Los Angeles, they discussed player marketing rights, commercial use of player images and the Internet.

Woods believes some of the negative public reaction to his earlier comments was because people thought he was asking for a cut of the tour's TV money, which isn't the case. He also said he has been surprised by the number of other players who have reacted positively to his comments.

Finchem said he was pleased with the meeting.

"I'm delighted we're discussing the specifics of his business strategy, because a significant mission of the tour is to provide our members with a strong marketing platform," Finchem said in a statement.

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IN THE BLEACHERS By Steve Moore



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SPORTS

SPORTS IN BRIEF

**NBA, CBA sign extension through season**

**PHOENIX** - The NBA and Continental Basketball Association extended their agreement through the 2000-01 season, which could be the final year of their partnership.

The CBA will be paid \$2.5 million for training current and future referees as part of Tuesday's deal and for making players available to NBA teams on short notice.

The leagues have had a partnership for referees since 1979 and for players since 1980.

The NBA plans to launch its National Developmental Basketball League next year, while a consortium of former NBA players and coaches have signed a letter of intent to purchase the CBA from Isiah Thomas.

**Vancouver winger charged with assault**

**VANCOUVER**, British Columbia - Vancouver enforcer Donald Brashear, the victim of a stick attack by Murray McSorley last season, was charged with assaulting a man at his home.

No one was seriously hurt and Brashear was not arrested after the confrontation Monday. He was issued a summons to appear in court Jan. 2.

Brashear is accused of assaulting a man who had told the player's wife to leave the winhose's weight room because she was with her baby, police spokeswoman Anne Drennan said Wednesday.

Brashear, a winger who has been with Vancouver since 1996, was struck on the head by Boston's McSorley. He missed 20 games because of the injury.

McSorley was convicted this year on charges of assault with a weapon.

**Steroids put Heat's MacLean on the bench**

**NEW YORK** - Miami Heat forward Don MacLean was suspended for five games by the NBA on Wednesday for testing positive for steroids.

MacLean had played in only three games this season, averaging 7.3 points and four rebounds per game.

This is the second season in which NBA players are being tested for steroids. MacLean is the first player to be suspended under the policy.

Anyone testing positive gets a five-game suspension for the first offense, a 10-game suspension for a second offense and a 25-game suspension for a third offense.

**Mussina gets closer to becoming a Yankee**

**NEW YORK** - Mike Mussina's agent and the Yankees spent Wednesday trying to finalize a contract that would bring the top pitcher on the free-agent market to the World Series champions.

Mussina cut his list to three teams earlier in the week, including the New York Mets and Boston Red Sox. The Baltimore Orioles, his former team, were not in contention.

But two people with knowledge of the negotiations, speaking on the condition they not be identified, said Mussina had made the Yankees his first choice and that agent Arn Tellem was trying to work out a contract.

The deal is expected to be a six-year contract in the \$90 million range.

Mussina did not return a telephone message left with his wife at his home in Montoursville, Pa. Tellem declined comment as did the Yankees, who cited a gag order imposed by owner George Steinbrenner.

**Former girlfriend says Carruth confessed**

**CHARLOTTE, N.C.** - As his pregnant girlfriend lay wounded, Rae Carruth confessed to planning her shooting and said he wished she would die, a former girlfriend testified Wednesday.

"He said, 'I can't get in trouble, can I, because I didn't actually pull the trigger?'" Candace Smith said. "He said police could check his car and his clothes and not find any gunpowder."

Smith told jurors that the former NFL receiver also told her that he paid men involved in the shooting over time to avoid raising suspicions and that he "saw the guys pull up and shoot into her car."

Carruth, 26, is charged with first-degree murder in the Nov. 16, 1999, shooting of Chelsea Adams, who was eight months pregnant. Witnesses have testified that Adams was shot as she drove behind Carruth's car after a movie. One co-defendant has testified that Carruth planned the shooting to avoid child-support payments.

Carruth has pleaded innocent to the charges, and his attorney has said he was not present when Adams was shot.

**MRI exam vindicates Broncos' Davis**

**DENVER** - Still in pain, at least Terrell Davis now knows what has been causing it.

For two weeks, Davis dealt with a mysterious injury that couldn't be detected in medical tests. His reluctance to play triggered some criticism among fans.

Finally, a bone scan and MRI exam disclosed a stress reaction in Davis' lower left leg, and a Denver Broncos' orthopedic surgeon said the discovery is vindication for the running back.

Davis will wear a walking boot for three weeks, after which doctors will re-examine him. If they are satisfied he is completely healed, he could play again this season.

Dr. Ted Schlegel said a stress reaction is an inflammation of the lining of the bone, which could develop into a more serious stress fracture if left untreated.

**FIFA president makes first visit to Cuba**

**HAVANA** - The president of soccer's governing body arrived here Wednesday to explore the possibility of developing interest in soccer on this baseball-crazy island.

FIFA president Sepp Blatter was greeted at the airport upon his arrival by Vice President Jose Ramon Fernandez, who is also director of the Cuban Olympic Committee, and Humberto Rodriguez, president of the National Institute of Sports, known by its Spanish acronym INDER.

Blatter's visit - his first to Cuba - was to last just 24 hours and was part of a tour of the Caribbean and Central America.

Compiled from wire reports

**Former Sonics player starts off fast as team's head coach**

**SEATTLE (AP)** - The Seattle SuperSonics have put their fighting behind them and turned their focus to their opponents, not themselves.

Paul Westphal and his battles with Vin Baker and Gary Payton are history now, that Nate McMillan is in charge.

"It's a whole new season," forward Ruben Patterson said Wednesday. "New coach. New everything. New start."

The Sonics responded to former teammate McMillan, their new interim head coach, by besting the Trail Blazers 105-93 Tuesday night in Portland. Seattle is now 7-9.

Even the 6-foot-11 Baker, who was demoted to the bench by McMillan after the coaching change, was smiling after a hard practice Wednesday.

"I just have to embrace that role," Baker said. "But it's not tough when you beat the Trail Blazers by 15 to 20 points."



Nate McMillan

Winning in Portland was tough enough. "I'll get tougher for the Sonics tonight when they face the defending NBA champion Los Angeles Lakers in Seattle."

"It's only one game," McMillan said. "But win or lose tomorrow, all I'm concerned about is the effort. I think if we have the effort, the wins will come."

Team president and general manager Wally Walker and owner Bury Ackerley fired Westphal on Monday because of the Sonics' dismal start that was threatening to get even worse. In Westphal's last game as coach, the Sonics lost by 24 points in Sacramento.

Walker and Ackerley thought McMillan had the respect of the Sonics' players.

"Nate's done a great job of setting the tone and telling the players what his expectations are," Walker said. "Our guys are reacting to it and having fun."

McMillan, 36, is the youngest head coach in the NBA. He has interim attached to his title, but clearly he is the Sonics' coach of the future.

Westphal replaced the fired George Karl after the team's 61-victory season in 1998. It's been downhill for the franchise since Westphal's arrival, despite the presence of Payton, perhaps the best point guard in the league.

"We all are down about the season that has happened so far," McMillan said. "We will change things. We will change the way we think around here by the way we

work and the way we believe."

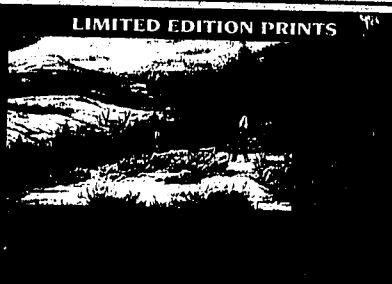
McMillan earned his reputation as an NBA player by playing stellar defense. The Sonics got to the 1996 NBA Finals under Karl by playing that kind of tough defense.

McMillan has been an assistant coach for the Sonics since retiring as a player two years ago. He hopes to have the Sonics winning with defense by the end of this season.

"He says what he means and he means what he says," guard Emanuel Davis said. "You understand what the man wants from you and he knows what you can give him."

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AROUND THE VALLEY

JF man won't face charges in shooting

TWIN FALLS - A 57-year-old Twin Falls man will not be charged in connection with the apparent accidental shooting of his brother-in-law early Tuesday, a Twin Falls police detective said. Det. Scott Smith said Dale Myers was struggling over a 12-gauge shotgun with Twin Falls resident Robert Shaeffer, age unavailable, at about 8 a.m. Tuesday in a house on Gardner Street when the gun went off. Shaeffer was hit by a charge of buckshot in his right leg near the hip, Smith said. Shaeffer was in stable condition Wednesday at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, Smith said. Police had trouble communicating with Myers, who apparently has a mental disability, said Twin Falls police Capt. Jim Munn. Shaeffer told police Wednesday that when he saw Myers holding the gun "in a non-threatening manner" he tried to take the gun away and a struggle ensued. No charges will be filed against Myers, Munn said.

Officials will discuss new guidelines for odor

TWIN FALLS - State and local officials will discuss now to put new odor guidelines into practice at a meeting Tuesday. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. in the Department of Environmental Quality's Twin Falls regional office at 601 Pole Line Road. It is open to the public. The odor guidelines set standards to determine whether an odor is a nuisance - a determination to be made by two trained employees. The guidelines would give state officials some standards under which to take action on nuisance odors.

New CSI break schedule coincides with schools

TWIN FALLS - The latest schedule for semester and spring breaks at the College of Southern Idaho now coincides with many public schools in the Magic Valley, according to a CSI news release. CSI worked out an arrangement with school districts earlier this year and some CSI publications might contain old dates that no longer are correct, the news release said. Fall term exams are scheduled Dec. 18-21. Semester break will run from Dec. 21 through Jan. 21. The spring semester begins Monday, Jan. 22. Spring break is scheduled March 26-30.

Flu shots for high-risk people available Monday

BURLEY - The Burley office of the South Central District Health Department will give flu shots to high-risk individuals from 9 to 11 a.m. Monday at 2311 Parke Ave., Unit 4, Suite 1. Because of an area shortage of flu vaccine, only high-risk groups can get immunizations. High-risk groups are those age 65 or older; people with chronic health conditions, such as emphysema, chronic bronchitis, asthma, or people suffering from cardiovascular illnesses, such as congestive heart failure, congenital heart disease, diabetes or kidney dysfunction, sickle cell disease, or HIV. High-risk people outside Burley should call the health department to find out about future immunizations.

For more information, call the following numbers:
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Halley, 788-4335.
Jerome, 324-8838.
Rupert, 436-7185.
Shoshone, 886-7663.
Twin Falls, 734-5900.

Halley raises money at 2000 Festival of Trees

HAILEY - Halley will hold its 2000 Festival of Trees Friday through Sunday at the National Guard Armory. Proceeds from the festival, which features hand-decorated trees of many styles, will go towards The Senior Center for its Meals on Wheels program and to remodel the dining room. Some money will also be given to KIDSPAN before and after-school program for nutritious snack foods. Children's activities will be held during the festival Saturday. Compiled from staff reports

Engineers, residents pore over Twin Falls water supply issues

By John T. Huddy Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The main intent of a multimillion dollar aquifer replenishing project is to sustain the city's water supply, project engineers said Wednesday. And while the pilot project, estimated to cost at least several million dollars, would be paid for by the city taxpayers, project engineers and city leaders are confident the aquifer recharge project will be a success. "The city has already imple-

About the city aquifer replenishing project

What is the project? The project would pump canal water into a 40- to 50-acre soil basin where the water would then percolate back into the aquifer. Where would the project be located? Near the city's low line canal. When would recharge occur? During the early and late part of the irrigation season. Officials hope to get a pilot project up and running by the summer of 2001. What are water quality problems are feared? The canal water would be monitored. The system would be shut down if a problem was found and necessary adjustments would be made.

mented the pressure irrigation, and that has taken some of the immediate pressure off the city, so we've added some good capacity and we've given ourselves some real breathing room," said Bill Block of J-L-B Engineers Inc., one of the local engineering firms working on the project. Block and other engineers met with city leaders and residents Wednesday night to discuss the proposed aquifer project. Local officials, including experts from Brockway Engineering LLC, have been working on several projects to maintain the city's water supply. Four new wells have been constructed south of the city and all new city subdivisions are man-

dated to use a pressurized irrigation system. The aquifer recharge project is the latest installment to the city's ongoing water program. Though it sounds complicated, aquifer recharge is really nothing more than diverting water out of canals - and allowing it to percolate through - to recharge soils. Once it soaks into the ground, the water presumably makes its way into the aquifer.

The Twin Falls aquifer recharge project would divert water from the low line canal near Twin Falls, spread it over roughly 40 to 50 acres of soil and then let it seep into the local aquifer, which is a branch of the Snake River Plain Aquifer. "What we're doing is preparing a feasibility study, Page C3 Please see WATER, Page C3

Simpson calls for funding

Bill would direct more federal dollars to special education

By Megan Scully States News Service

WASHINGTON - With the fate of the funding for special education programs expected to be before the House and Senate next month, Rep. Mike Simpson, R-Idaho, is encouraging the federal government to do more to help finance state programs.

Funding for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act - enacted in 1975 to ensure that children with disabilities get an adequate education - is bundled in an appropriations bill set for debate before the House and Senate in coming weeks. Under the legislation, the federal government is asked to fund 40 percent of state special education programs.



To date, the federal government has funded between 9 and 12 percent of individual state funding. Without adequate federal funding, the states have had to spend their own money in order to fulfill the act's goals, Simpson said. "This is one of the things that Congress hasn't done," Simpson said. "Because the federal government isn't doing what it said, it takes dollars from other education programs to fulfill the mandate."

Simpson, a former Idaho House speaker, said the state has made strides in special education in the last quarter century. "Idaho has done a pretty decent job, at an extraordinary expense, to the state," Simpson said. In 1998-99, for example, Idaho budgeted for exceptional child programs - including special education programs - was \$81.6 million.

Rural states such as Idaho received high marks Wednesday from the U.S. Department of Education for efforts to educate and integrate students with disabilities into school systems. Marking the 25th anniversary of the act's passage with the release of a report on special education in the states, Assistant Education Secretary Judith E. Heumann said smaller states tend to have more progressive special education programs.

Idaho and other rural states are making strides in developing children with disabilities and ensuring that students with special needs take part in state and local education assessments.

Nevada, the report says a record 55.4 percent of students with disabilities graduated from high school in 1997-98, up from 53.5 percent in 1996-97 and continuing a four-year rise. Dropout rates fell to 31 percent in 1997-98, from 32.7 percent the previous school year. The number of children in special education - 6.1 million in 1998-99 - continues to rise, with about 3 percent per year, with the greatest growth occurring in the preschool program.

Proceeds from the festival, which features hand-decorated trees of many styles, will go towards The Senior Center for its Meals on Wheels program and to remodel the dining room. Some money will also be given to KIDSPAN before and after-school program for nutritious snack foods. Children's activities will be held during the festival Saturday.

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Elko Festival of Trees features ballet

The Times-News

ELKO, Nev. - Christmas trees, wreaths, gingerbread houses and holiday stockings will be on display tonight at Elko's 10th Annual Festival of Trees at the Elko Convention Center on Main Way. A performance of "The Nutcracker" by Western Ballet Theater will begin at 7 tonight. Tickets are \$20 each. A silent auction on holiday decorations will be held and winners will be posted at 9 tonight. Proceeds will be given to a local charity working with children.

NO CHIMNEY NEEDED



Cain's Home Furnishing employees Frank Malvaez and Jason Wilkinson put the roof on 'Santa's House' in downtown Twin Falls Wednesday. Santa will be taking Christmas lists from 1 to 5 p.m. Saturdays until Christmas. He'll also put in an appearance at the Festival of Lights Friday. Hot chocolate and cider will be served.

Minidoka County School Board considers facility improvements

By Aaron Brock Times-News writer

RUPERT - The Minidoka County School Board on Wednesday heard plans for \$16.4 million in facility improvements. The board got a look at the plans at a work session with Kent Krohn of Leatham, Krohn and Van Ocker Architects. "These are cost projections," Krohn cautioned the board. "They are not detailed cost analyses by any stretch."

Under the plan presented by

Krohn, which will be reviewed and revised several times, the bulk of the money - \$11.6 million - will go toward renovations and additions at Minico High School. With a current enrollment of about 1,000 students, Minico is already cramped. But the district plans to move ninth graders from East Minico Junior High and West Minico Junior High into the high school when the renovations are complete. Currently there are about 400

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Towers need not ruin views, consultant says

By Karen Bossick Times-News correspondent

HAILEY - Several months after a 150-foot cellular phone tower ruined the view for Shakespeare lovers in Boise, a personal wireless service facility expert came bearing good news for Wood River Valley residents who pride themselves on their scenic views. The coming wireless communication boom need not impair

scenic vistas in the Sun Valley area, said Ted Kreines, of Kreines and Kreines, Inc.

The Tburon, Calif., consultant, who teaches public officials how to prepare ordinances regulating wireless communication facilities, spoke to about 40 people - most of them, city and county - representatives Wednesday night at the old County Courthouse. He was invited to the valley to

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Burley festival gets under way

By Ruth Streeter Times-News writer

BURLEY - The food was cooking, the music was playing and 200 people strolling the old Roper's store in downtown Burley got this season's first nibble of the holiday spirit. "I just think it's neat. It just starts the Christmas season. It's a nice event to come to," said Mabel Pierce of Malta, who was on the original Festival of Trees Committee 23 years ago. Back then the festival was at the Ponderosa in North Burley, a venue long since gone. It's never been a small-potatoes affair, and Pierce can remember there were quite a few trees for sale even then. A good number of this year's 39 trees were auctioned at Wednesday night's \$25-per-plate gala. The remaining trees and about 40 other items such as sleighs and birdhouses will be sold during the three-day festival, which opens to the public today.

And there's a tree for everyone - from the elegant to the whimsical. One might be adorned with gingerbread, lush ribbons and soft white lights while another sports a Frost Loop wreath and Piercing Magnets. Organizers expect to raise about \$40,000 from tree sales which will go toward scholarships and hospital equipment. Cassia Regional Medical Center volunteers will host the gift shop and snack bar where guests can get chili, barbecue pork and pie. Volunteers hope to raise an additional \$12,000 for scholarships and medical equipment, said hospital spokeswoman Gori Alejandro. "It's one of the volunteers' major fundraising events of the year," Alejandro said. "They work hard throughout the year to prepare for this."

Meanwhile at the festival, locals admired the trees and talked among friends. "I love the spirit it brings to the community and how it draws people together," said former festival organizer Diane Woodhouse. "I think it makes people dig into their hearts." Lorna Christophersen comes all the way from Pocatello every year for the festival. Her ties to Burley area through her architect husband, Jay, who often does business in Burley. "We just enjoy it all," Christophersen said. "We enjoy the opportunity we have of giving back to the community." Former Gov. John Evans said the event funds a worthwhile cause because it's important to have a good hospital auxiliary. But to Evans, the festival also brings the community together to kick off the holiday season. "It's the first community event we all participate in," Evans said.

Times-News writer Ruth Streeter can be reached at the Mini-Cassia Bureau at 677-4042, Ext. 109, or by email at rstreeter@magicvalley.com.

If you go

What: Burley Festival of Trees, at the old Roper's store, 1263 Overland Ave.

When: 10 a.m. to noon Thursday for senior citizens and people with physical disabilities, and noon to 9 p.m. for everyone; Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Cost: \$1 for adults, 50 cents for children.

For more information, call 878 TREE.

Parking

Several businesses will open up their parking lots for the festival. The parking lot behind Roper's will be reserved for handicapped parking. Other available parking lots include Big O Tire Stores; public parking lots on the corner of Overland Avenue and Main Street, the corner of Albin Avenue and East 13th Street, and the corner of Albin Avenue and East 14th Street; Key Bank along the block wall on the left; south side; Idaho Youth Ranch; Farm Credit Services and Edward Jones Investments; Evans & Beck, CPA.



# MAGIC VALLEY/IDAHO

## SERVICES

**Clifford Lloyd, 'Cliff'** Jones of Twin Falls, memorial services at 2 p.m. today at the Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

**Hulda C. Wallis** of Twin Falls, services at 10 a.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel. Friends and family may call from 9 a.m. until the time of services today.

**Layne Michael Gallegos**, son of Dea Chalene and Michael Gallegos of Burley, services at 11 a.m. today at Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel, 321 E. Main St. in Burley.

**Drusilla Warner Lambert** of Declo, funeral at 11 a.m. Friday at the Declo Stake Center of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 213 W. Main St. in Declo.

Friends and family may call from 6-8 p.m. today at the Rasmussen Funeral Home and from 10-10:45 a.m. Friday at the stake center.

**Corman Colleen Frazier Davis** of Jerome, celebration and memorial service at 11:30 a.m. Saturday at the Evangelical Free Church, 821 E. Ave. H in Jerome (Hove-

Robertson Funeral Home).

**Phyllis J. Lindsay** of Burley, services at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, 2000, at the Burley LDS 2nd, 4th and 10th Ward Chapel, 315 E. 16th St. Friends may call at the Payne Mortuary in Burley from 6-8 p.m. Friday and from 10-10:45 a.m. at the church Saturday.

**Dorothy Jean Stark** of Buhl, services at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 4, 2000, at the Buhl First Christian Church. Viewing will be from 4-6 p.m. Sunday at Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

## HOSPITALS

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Dismissed  
Leo Olivas of Burley, Angelee Simpson of Rupert, Barbara Abdurn of Rupert, Charles Winingham of Rupert

## OBITUARIES

For obituary rates and information, call 733-9931, Ext. 278, between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 4:30 p.m. for next-day publication. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 5 p.m. every day.

### NICEVILLE, ILL.



#### Larry G. Eller

Larry G. Eller entered into rest suddenly on Nov. 27, 2000. The son of Russell L. and Willa Skinner Eller, he was born Aug. 5, 1949 in Twin Falls, Idaho. He was predeceased in death by his father. Larry served eight years in the USAF as a telecommunications specialist at Eglin AFB. A former employee of the city of Niceville, he designed the City of Niceville logo as well as the Christmas display. Larry was also very active in the various city ball team. Larry was a civil engineer with the 36th Civil Engineering Squadron at Eglin AFB.

Survivors include his mother Wilma of Kimberly, Idaho; his wife Deborah Eller at home; three daughters, Ashley, Abby and Andi all at home; three brothers, Gary, Russell and Rocky, all from Idaho; and one sister Dixi of Kansas City, Mo.

Visitation will be held from 6-8 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 1, 2000, at McLaughlin Twin Cities Funeral Home, 1405 John Sims Parkway, Niceville, Fla.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at the Holy Name of Jesus Church, 1200 Valparaiso Blvd. in Niceville on Saturday, Dec. 2 at 2 p.m. The Rev. Dan Butler, Rite Pastor, will officiate.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of McLaughlin Twin Cities Funeral Home, 1405 John Sims Parkway, Niceville, Fla.

### GOODING

#### Robert Deasy

Robert Deasy, 78, a resident of Gooding, died Sunday, Nov. 26, 2000, at the Gooding Rehabilitation and Living Center in Gooding.

Robert was born Aug. 10, 1922, in Fairfield, Idaho, the son of Timothy and Stella Ellen Farrell Deasy. When he was eight years old the family moved to a farm northeast of Gooding where Robert grew up and later farmed until 1994. Robert's health forced him to leave and move into lower living care at the Gooding Rehab and Living Center.

He is survived by several cousins and friends.

Memorial services will be conducted 10:30 a.m. Friday at Demary's Gooding Chapel by Rev. Charles Larsen. Interment will follow at the Elmwood Cemetery.

### TWIN FALLS

#### Eleanor Elizabeth Mills

Eleanor Elizabeth Mills, 81, of Twin Falls, died Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2000, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

Eleanor was born Sept. 4, 1919, near Berger, Idaho, to Alexander and Elizabeth Bunker Brady. She was raised in the Berger area and attended the Berger school and Hollicor High School. On April 11, 1936, Eleanor married Clark K. Mills in Twin Falls and the couple lived in the area most of their lives, except for a short time in Missouri. Eleanor lived most of her life in the house in which she was born. Mr.

### MILLS, IDAHO

Mills died Sept. 16, 1998. She was a "fantastic cook" and her life revolved around her children and grandchildren, her garden and her flowers.

Eleanor is survived by a son, Jonathan (Tim) Mills of Twin Falls; two daughters, Jeanette Christy of Sandy, Ore., and Betty Locke of Olympia, Wash.; a brother, Clarence B. Brady of Twin Falls; 17 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren, and several great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, a sister, and two great-granddaughters.

The funeral service will take place at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, 2000, at the Mortuary Chapel, 2000 N. 10th St. in Twin Falls. Cremation will follow the services. Friends may call at White Mortuary on Friday from 4-8 p.m.

The family suggests that memorial contributions be given to either the American Heart Association, 270 So. Orchard, Suite B, Boise, Idaho 83705, or the American Cancer Society, c/o Hazel Wilder, 359 Orchard Ave., Twin Falls, Idaho 83301.

### HAGERMAN



#### William 'Bill' M. Nix

William "Bill" M. Nix, 82, a resident of Hagerman and formerly of Oakley, died Tuesday, Nov. 28, 2000, at his home in Hagerman. Bill was born on April 21, 1918, in Urbanette, Ark., the son of Austin Osro and Mamie Kipor Nix. He was raised and educated in Jerome, Idaho. Bill married Virginia Fitzsimmons on Jan. 26, 1941, in Jerome. He worked for the U.S. Forest Service at Oakley, retiring in 1978 after 23 years of service. Bill enjoyed playing music at rest homes and at senior citizen centers. He loved traveling, woodwork, camping and fishing. He was a wonderful family man and loved his family dearly. He will be missed immensely by all who knew him. Bill was a member of the Odd Fellows Lodge, the Good Samaritan Club, the Magic Travelers and the Country Gospel Group.

Bill is survived by his wife, Virginia Nix of Hagerman; four sons, Keith (Carolyn) Nix of Filer, Idaho, George (Jane) Nix of Yakima, Wash., Gary (Tanya) Nix of Mountain View, Wyo., and Jim (Cathy) Nix of Filer, Idaho; four daughters, Barbara (Jim) Mai of Burley, Idaho, Kay (Mike) Gies of Colton, Vista, Ariz., Judy Nix of Conifer, Colo., and Nancy (David) Conner of Mesa, Ariz.; one brother, Wayne Nix of Donnelly, Idaho; 23 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters, six brothers and two grandsons.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, Dec. 1, 2000, at 11 a.m. at the Hagerman Christian Center with Rev. Jim Davis officiating. Crematory. Family members and friends may call on Thursday from 1-7 p.m. at Demary's Chapel in 10 a.m. unit service time at the Hagerman Christian Center. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Bill's name to the Hagerman Christian Center Youth Group.

### HANSEN



#### Marlene J. Sears

Marlene J. Sears died at her home in Hansen, surrounded by her loved ones on Nov. 29, 2000.

Marlene June Mortensen was born April 4, 1930, in Merstrand, Minn., to Laura and Clarence Mortensen. Her family moved to Twin Falls in 1935. She graduated in the class of 1949 from Twin Falls High. She attended Stockton Jr. College and Humboldt State in Arcata, Calif. On July 2, 1950, she married the love of her life, Jack Place in Twin Falls. The couple went to California and began their family. In 1957, they returned to Twin Falls and together they operated Banner Furniture until the mid 80's.

She was a charter member of the Magic Valley Art Guild and the Thruway Sage Riders (TSR). She was a distinguished artist known for her paintings and sculptures. Some of her favorite hobbies in life were square dancing and archery. She was the Idaho State Women's Archery Champion for two years in the 1960's and captured First Place in the Eko Grand Western Archery Tourney in 1962 and 1963.

Though she had many hobbies none eclipsed her love for horses. In 1956, she achieved her life long dream of having a home near the mountains where she could ride out her back gate onto public land. Riding many years with the TSR has gained her numerous beloved friends. Her greatest joy in life was trail riding in the mountains with her horse.

Of all Marlene's achievements, her greatest accomplishment was that of raising three children. She was loved, cherished and adored by her daughter and two sons. She is survived by her husband, Jack Sears of Hansen, her children, Carolyn Bailey (Don) of Kimberly, Dave Sears (Brenda) of Roxburg, Dan Sears of Boise and her nephew, Eugene Bennett (Sandy) of Twin Falls.

Friends are invited to a celebration of her life which will be held at her home, 2492 Rock Creek Rd., Hansen, Idaho, Saturday, Dec. 2 from 2-5 p.m.

Cremation was handled under the direction of Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

### CEDAR CITY, UTAH

#### Dorothy McDrummond Wensel

Dorothy McDrummond Wensel of Cedar City, Utah, passed away at her home on Nov. 28, 2000. Dorothy was raised and lived part of her adult life in Kimberly. She was born March 25, 1933.

She is survived by her husband, Leland Wensel of Cedar City; one daughter, Connie (Rick) Stone of Kimberly and two sons, Ron (Giggy) Wensel of Wasilla, Alaska and Doug (Elaine) Wensel of Cedar City, Utah and also one step-daughter, Beulah Harden of Kimberly. There are ten grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents, Pearl and Harvey McDrummond and two brothers, Frank and Clark (Snook) McDrummond.

# Wilder School District has state's highest rate of children in poverty

BOISE (AP) — The percentage of school-age children living in poverty, according to throughout Idaho from 1995 to 1997, according to new estimates used in allocating federal money to help school districts improve academic achievement.

And in both years rural southwestern Idaho's Wilder School District ranked as the state's poorest, with the rate of children in poverty-stricken families rising from an estimated 33.9 percent in 1995 to 36.6 percent in 1997.

"When you have such a high incidence of poverty you've got to put a heck of a lot more energy into the training and educating of the kids," Wilder Superintendent Bedford Boston said. "They have all this catching up to do."

Child poverty rates ranged from the high in Wilder to a low in southeastern Idaho's Soda Springs School District of 3 percent in 1995 and 4 percent in 1997.

The statewide average for all 113 Idaho school districts increased from 15 percent to 17 percent, according to Census Bureau estimates arrived at by multiplying the number of poor children counted in the 1990 census by the proportional change in child poverty in each district's county.

While officials acknowledged the estimates were rough and could contain some significant errors — especially for smaller districts — the secretaries of Commerce and Education found them not so "inappropriate or unreliable" that they should not be used in allocating Title I money to school districts.

Idaho received about \$23.5 million through that program for the current school year, or about

\$200,000 more than last year. The money generally is used in Idaho schools to hire staff to work with students individually or in small groups on academic areas where they are struggling, such as math or reading.

It formerly was distributed by the federal government on a

county-wide basis, and each state was left with the responsibility of redistributing the money from counties to individual school districts. The new approach, prompted by the Improving Schools Act of 1994, is aimed at more directly putting the cash where it is needed most.

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## DEATH -NOTICES-

### Evelyn Malberg

TWIN FALLS — Evelyn Malberg, of Twin Falls, passed away Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2000, at her home.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls, Idaho.

### Marlene J. Sears

HANSEN — Marlene J. Sears, of Hansen, passed away Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2000, at her home.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls, Idaho.

### Marrianne Hamby

BURLEY — Marianne Poe Hamby, 52, of Burley died Sunday, Nov. 26, 2000, at her home.

Memorial services will be held at 3 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 30, 2000, at the Payne Memorial Chapel, 221 West Main St. in Burley, with Bishop Jon Searle officiating. Friends may call at the Payne Mortuary one hour before the funeral on Thursday.

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# Water

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mine if it's feasible to build a pilot project that would recharge about 10 cubic feet per second of water, about 4,500 gallons per second," Block said. "We think we can maybe recover 60 to 65 percent of it from the aquifer."

Block said he wasn't sure what the project's total cost would be, but preliminary figures estimate the pilot project would cost at least \$3 million. City water rates would help pay for the project and city officials expect water rates to continue to increase.

Engineers are hoping to have a feasibility study completed by Feb. 1, 2001 and the project up and going by the summer of 2001 — depending on the study.

The pilot project study would take at least two years. After that a more long-term system could be constructed. But a long-term project depends on the pilot project's success.

If the project is not feasible, there are alternatives, city officials said.

The city can work to implement a citywide pressurized irrigation system — a costly venture local officials said.

The cost to set up a new citywide pressurized irrigation sys-

tem would be at least \$50 million, water company representatives have said.

That breaks down to \$35 million for the irrigation system, about \$5 million for a storm water retention system and about \$10 million for a recharge system.

Pressurized irrigation water, while being used in all new city subdivisions, could be supplied to all of Twin Falls in the next 20 or 30 years, city engineers have said.

But the recharge project should be a success, officials said Wednesday.

"The risk to the taxpayer is relatively small if the risk is total failure," said City Manager Tom Courtney.

Chuck Brockway Jr. of Brockway Engineering echoed Courtney's thoughts.

"If the system does not work as intended, enough data would have been gathered to start a similar system elsewhere," he said.

"I think fail is the wrong word," Brockway said.

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# Gooding increases driver's training fee

By Almee Metcalf  
Times-News correspondent

GOODING — It will now cost \$75 to take driver's training through Gooding High School, up from \$40.

The district is raising costs after researching what other districts charge for driver's education. The

increase also will help with rising gasoline costs, Superintendent Darrell Hatfield said.

Driver's training fees in other school districts range from \$60 through the Hagerman School District to \$122.50 in Boise, Hatfield said.

In other school business:  
• Board member Gayle Cheney

raised concerns about the district's block schedule, saying teachers are running out of teaching materials and are instead letting students do their homework in class.

• Traffic in front of the middle school before and after school is a concern.  
• "Paying to have two new signs

put up that say, 'Please move ahead,' has done very little good," said Hatfield.

• Teachers are complaining of a severe paper shortage in the schools.

"Maybe if parents knew there was a shortage of paper they would donate paper, but I think they just don't know," Cheney said.

# Kimberly sewer project could begin next week

By Margaret Jones  
Times-News correspondent

KIMBERLY — Work on Kimberly's sewer improvement project could begin next week.

Tracy Ahrens of J-U-B Engineers told the City Council Tuesday that the construction bid and specifications had been approved by the Department of

Environmental Quality which gave the go ahead on the \$416,979 project to replace aging sewer lines.

Boise-based Bodiford Construction is the contractor on the project.

Grant writer Susan Riddle said the city's application for a block grant to help pay for the project will be considered by the Department of Commerce and an

advisory council.

Police Chief Pat Birmingham said the department has leased a Chevrolet Impala patrol car at a cost of \$8,400 a year for four years. The cost includes equipment.

Birmingham also reported the Qwest communication pole, which the department will use, will be up in a few days.

A committee has completed its work on a new cell tower ordinance and it's now being reviewed by the city's attorney. The city Planning and Zoning Committee is expected to review it in December.

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# Improvements

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students in each grade at the high schools, meaning that the new building would have to accommodate 1,400 students.

But district superintendent Nick Hallett pointed out that there are more students in grades nine through 12 than there are in the lower grades, so this number will probably decrease.

"We still have a bubble moving through our system," he said. "I think we would make a mistake to be based on our current enrollment."

At the minimum, the district plans to build a school to accommodate 1,300 students. If this was the case, the school could reasonably handle some fluctuation, possibly of an extra hundred students, said Minico Principal Dan Rogers.

If a school plant facility levy is passed in February, then the high school should be able to take in the ninth-grade class by the start of the 2002 school year, Hallett said.

Other improvements included a \$1.28 million upgrade to Hazelton Elementary School and a \$515,000 upgrade at Acquia Elementary School.

Many improvements are needed at Acquia Elementary, but it future is uncertain, the board said.

"I hate to see us spend a lot of money on that school," said board member Norma Claridge. Krohn agreed that only the

bare minimum would probably be done at Acquia.

"It was determined that we would not do a lot of work there other than to make it habitable for a while," he said.

Memorial Elementary, Big Valley Elementary, Pershing Elementary and the junior high schools were slated to receive a combined \$604,000 in basic remodeling, site work, and structural repairs.

Just over \$13.8 million was set aside in the plan for construction work. Another \$2.1 million was budgeted for testing, fees, and contingencies, with another \$475,000 going toward site acquisition and furnishings.

The plan presented came to a total cost of \$16.39 million.

Hallett presented some basic information to the board about what the cost to taxpayers would be if the board succeeded in passing a \$16 million school plant facility levy.

For a \$50,000 bond, the annual tax increase would be \$20.18. This increases to \$40.35 for a \$100,000 bond, and to \$70.79 for a \$150,000 bond, Hallett said.

A \$100,000 farm or business would also see an increase of \$70.79. A \$500,000 farm or business would pay an extra \$353.96 annually, he said.

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# KIWANIS CHRISTMAS



Jerry Olson, a member of the Rupert Kiwanis Club, finishes setting up a tree for the Rupert Festival of Trees sale. The Kiwanis Club delivered the trees to area businesses Tuesday and Wednesday.

# Sun Valley Resort gets top grade from environmental coalition

DENVER (AP) — Sun Valley Resort rates an 'A' from a coalition of environmental groups urging skiers to avoid many of the West's other top resorts after they flunked its test for being environmentally friendly.

The Ski Area Citizens Coalition also asked skiers to send e-mails prodding resorts to be more sensitive to the environment.

In a report posted on its Web site Wednesday, the coalition ranked most resorts in nine states on 12 issues, including development on undisturbed land; altering terrain in areas such as wetlands, old-growth forests and roadless property; water and wildlife.

Four of the categories concerned expansion. The coalition said expansion at one area pressures others to expand "to retain their market share and/or lure the limited number of skiers from

**On the Net**  
Web sites are the Ski Area Citizens Coalition: <http://www.skiarecitizens.com>, and National Ski Areas Association: <http://www.nsaa.org>

other resorts."

Areas planning to expand snowmaking were penalized. Environmentalists say reducing streamflows can hurt aquatic life. Resorts were awarded points for protecting wildlife habitat, reducing auto pollution and recycling.

Resorts that received failing grades included all four areas owned by Vail Resorts, Copper Mountain and Telluride in Colorado. Deer Valley, the Canyons and Snowbasin in Utah failed, along with Crystal Mountain in Washington.

Grades were not available for

Squaw Valley and some other major resorts in the Lake Tahoe area. The only California-Nevada resorts listed, Mammoth Mountain and Kirkwood, got C's.

Smaller resorts tended to get higher grades than major areas.

Stacy Gardner of the National Ski Areas Association called the report a publicity stunt.

"I'm not confident of their objectivity and they should have hired an independent third party to do the scorecard," she said.

"It's obvious that the areas that received F's have expansions and building going on. And they are against building period. If you switch on a light switch they are opposed to you. If you build employee housing you get points against you," Gardner said.

The industry group plans an independent report next spring that will have input from governments and conservation groups.

# Victim's sister wins lawsuit decades later

BONNERS FERRY (AP) — A grocery store cashier has won a \$3 million judgment over the 1998 death of her sister, who was in a coma for 31 years after being beaten by her husband.

The default judgment for Darlene McMullen was entered last week by U.S. District Judge Edward Lodge for the wrongful death of her sister, Luana Warrick.

Warrick was beaten by her husband, Earl "Sarge" Warrick, in Trout Creek, Mont., in 1967. After 31 years in a coma, she died in 1998.

She remained in a coma until dying two years ago in a Bonners Ferry rest home at age 64.

"She laid in the dark for 31 years. It would have been better off if she had died. They didn't even try to help her for attempted murder."

McMullen, 61, unlikely ever to see the \$3 million, but she considers the judgment a victory nonetheless.

"For 31 years I felt like somebody brutally beat her up and threw her in the garbage and we couldn't do anything about it," McMullen said Tuesday.

Lodge entered a default judgment because Warrick never responded to any summons stemming from the federal lawsuit. McMullen filed last year with the help of Moscow attorney Craig Mosman.

Warrick was convicted of second-degree assault for the beating. He was sentenced to six years in prison and served 17 months before being released.

McMullen wanted him tried for murder, but Montana's law — passed before physicians perfected techniques for extending injured people's lives — does not allow for murder or manslaughter charges if the victim lives longer than one year and one day.

Idaho had the same law until last year.

# Congressman-elect names chief of staff

BOISE (AP) — Butch Otter, Idaho's lieutenant governor and 1st District congressman-elect, announced on Wednesday that veteran Republican political operative Jeff Malmen would be his congressional chief of staff.

Otter also said J. Michael Gwartzney, chairman of the board of Regence Blue Shield of Idaho and a former vice president of human resources at Boise Cascade Corp., would direct his

transition to Congress.

"On (Jan. 3), when I'm sworn into office, I want to hit the ground running, ready to serve the people of Idaho and I'm putting together a talented and experienced team to help me get the job done," said Otter, who handily outpolled Democrat Linda Fall and two other candidates for the seat being given up by retiring GOP U.S. Rep. Helen Chenoweth-Hage.

Besides managing Otter's campaign, Malmen was a legislative aide to former U.S. Sen. Steve Symms and then-U.S. Rep. Larry Craig, chief of staff for Gov. Phil Batt and budget director for Gov. Dirk Kempthorne. He also has been executive director of the Idaho Republican Party, deputy manager of Craig's U.S. Senate campaign and manager of Batt's and Kempthorne's campaigns for governor.

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Those issues were magnified in the Japanese culture, where crimes like rape are rarely discussed, attorney Kevin Curtis of Spokane said after the hearing.

"It could have a substantial impact on their lives," Curtis said of the teen-aged victims.

# Third person pleads in rape of Japanese students

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — A man accused of leading a sadomasochistic sex ring pleaded innocent Wednesday to charges of abducting and raping Japanese college students.

Lawyers for Edmund F. Ball, 40, also opposed efforts by prosecutors to block the public disclosure of the victims' names.

"They are asking for an overly broad gag order here," complained attorney Dennis Cronin, calling the request unconstitutional.

A lawyer for Mukogawa Fort Wright Institute, the Japanese college branch where three of the victims were students, said the victims faced the prospect of ridicule, harassment and even

mental problems if the names were publicly revealed.

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MORNING BREAK

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Birds practice infidelity

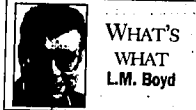
Recent DNA tests prove three out of every 10 eggs in a bird's nest are not the offspring of the chirping male mate thereabouts. What he doesn't know won't hurt him, I suppose. Still...

A. Who was the first scientist? Q. A Greek named Thales is so credited. He was the first person of record to predict a solar eclipse.

An octopus has to look at its arms to know what they're doing. Q. Is it true hunters who capture elephants for zoos lasso them?

A. Time was when locals who caught elephants did indeed lasso them. They threw for the best.

Many a gentleman of old carried a silver ear spoon in his vest chain. Q. How many presidential libraries are there now? A. A dozen. All have been privately financed. Eleven are overseen by a federal archival agency. The exception is the library of Rutherford B. Hayes, opened in 1916 before the FDR collection began the presidential library tradition in 1940. Claim is no place on earth gets more thunderstorms than Australia's Kakadu National Park in the Northern Territory. Q. What's "a courting mirror"?



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The family of Ila Higley are deeply grateful for the expressions of sympathy and concern, in the passing of our mother, with flowers, food, & cards. We wish to thank Dr. Margo Saunders and staff at the Minidoka Memorial Hospital for the consideration that was given to our mother and family during this difficult time.

Read Dear Abby on page C-8 today.

JACKSON'S AUCTION SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2000. Located: Berkeley, Idaho 200 Overland Ave. Includes 'SHO/T OOLS', 'OTHER SHOP ITEMS & MISCELLANEOUS', 'PLUMBING & HEATING PARTS & SUPPLIES', 'LAVERN & RENEE JACKSON FURNITURE & APPLIANCES', 'ANTIQUE & COLLECTIBLES', 'HOUSEHOLD MISCELLANEOUS', and 'JACKSON'S STORE OFFICE ITEMS'.

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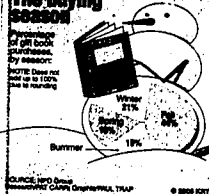
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**National ruling on prices is good for ranchers**

LEWISTON - Cattle producers will be able to make better marketing decisions now that the U.S. Department of Agriculture has ruled beef packers must make price reporting available to the industry.

"This is a major step that will improve the market negotiating position of family farmers and ranchers," said George Hall, president of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association, after Tuesday's ruling. "Price reporting will greatly increase access to marketing information, much of which has never before been available to producers."

"Typically, ranchers sold their stock without knowing current cattle and beef prices, which are negotiated daily among packers and feedlot operators."

John Foltz, an agriculture economics professor at the University of Idaho, said the Agriculture Department's decision makes the market more transparent.

"Any time you do that it's better for the sellers," Foltz said. "It improves the performance of the marketing system by giving people more information."

Mandatory price reporting has long been an issue with national and state cattle associations. Tuesday's ruling means the Agriculture Department will make public national reports and plans in state and regional reports as it gathers market information. The reporting covers price, volume and terms of trade for fed cattle and boxed beef. Livestock packers, product processors and importers that ship an average of 125,000 cattle, 100,000 swine or 75,000 lambs per year are required to report.

**Idaho microbrewery moves into bottling, supermarkets**

IDAHO FALLS - Idaho Brewing Co. plans to start bottling its Dr. Hops brand in the next week, which means the amber and pale ales could be in supermarkets and convenience stores before the end of the year.

All that is missing from the microbrewery is 150,000 bottles, which owners expect to be shipped from Portland, Ore., this week.

Since 1996, Idaho Brewing has sold its beer and ale only in kegs. The company will ship six-packs to locations between Jackson, Wyo., and Twin Falls.

"It was something we needed to do to make sure our company stays healthy," said Gregg Smith, microbrewery general manager.

Dr. Hops distributor, Golden Eagle Sales, has agreements in place with the Club, Albertson's, Fred Meyer, Smith's and convenience stores.

"They're already set up and waiting for it," said Jerry Frazell, Golden Eagle's owner.

Smith hopes to sell six-packs of Dr. Hops in Boise within a year. He also is looking at Utah and Colorado for long-term sales.

**Gemstar, Barnes & Noble plan deal, but no merger**

NEW YORK - Gemstar-TV Guide International Inc. and Barnes & Noble Inc. on Wednesday hope to set up alliances in areas such as electronic publishing, but do not intend to merge.

Nov. 24, Barnes & Noble, the No. 1 bookseller in the United States, said it planned to continue discussions for possible buy-outs with Gemstar-TV, though no immediate deal was expected.

Newspaper reports had said the companies were contemplating a merger, but Barnes & Noble - which has a bookstore in Twin Falls - denied that last week.

Gemstar, which was earlier called Gemstar International, invented VCR Plus, which allows users to use a simple code to program their videocassette recorders to record television shows.

Compiled from wire reports

**LOOKING FOR A RISING TIDE**



Construction worker Pedro Salazar, left, eats his lunch on the street as travel agents Claudia Rodriguez, center, and Adriana Ramirez return to work after a lunch break in Mexico City on Tuesday. Salazar, who makes about \$18 a day and supports a family of six, says that he hopes Fox increases the minimum wage.

**Mexico's new president promises more growth, prosperity for poor**

The Associated Press

MEXICO CITY - Used to be, not so long ago, everyone worried about an economic collapse when a new Mexican president took office.

But with the election of business-friendly Vicente Fox, who has big plans to improve what is already being touted as the healthiest, most stable Mexican economy in decades, fears this time are that the economy is growing too fast and could overheat, causing runaway inflation.

Fox, who will be sworn in as president Friday, has promised to create 1 million jobs a year, increase tax collection and social spending, and promote private investment in Mexico - all while helping the economy continue to grow at a controlled, sustainable rate.

If he accomplishes that, it would be a sharp contrast to the past four elections, which were followed by soaring inflation and unemployment that forced each new president to spend the majority of his six-year term trying to get out of the hole he started off in.

Many Mexicans are still trying to recover from the last crisis six years ago, when President Ernesto Zedillo was forced to devalue the peso and interest rates soared to more than 100 percent. Criticized for his handling of the crisis, Zedillo appears to have made good on his pledge to hand over a healthy economy to the next president.

Fox, for his part, has promised not to mess it up.

"Under no circumstances do we want to fall into a deep hole," Fox promised. "That is not going to happen this time because we are going to have a lot of communication with everyone - with investors, with markets."

The first opposition presidential candidate to defeat a member of

**Fox's ambitious plans - A7**

the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party since 1929. Fox faces the challenge of helping the economy grow enough to fulfill his promises to create jobs and raise salaries while keeping it from overheating.

After the former Coca-Cola executive's election July 2, businesses and investors were giddy with excitement. The peso strengthened 4.2 percent against the dollar in three months, and it seemed Mexico's economy could do no wrong.

*"He's not doing anything for the poor. Everything is so expensive."*

-Cristina Saldana, in Guanajuato state, did not vote for Fox

Yet by October, nervous investors complained that his economic team was sending conflicting messages amid concern that the economy was going too strong.

Trying to calm market fears, Fox's economic team announced conservative economic targets for next year, projecting that Mexico's economy will grow by up to 4.5 percent. That was a sharp drop from the more than 7 percent growth expected this year - and which Fox had earlier pledged to continue. Fox, his said, however he will achieve 7 percent growth by the middle of his term.

But Fox has more than just investors to worry about. His plans to allow more private investment in the energy sectors, have already met strong opposition, as have many of his tax proposals.

He also doesn't have a majority in either house of Congress.

In addition, he faces the problem of Mexico's widespread poverty.

Sitting on a washed-out dirt road in Guanajuato state, where Fox recently served as governor, Cristina Saldana said she didn't vote for Fox and didn't believe he would help her family of five, which barely survives on \$31.90 a week.

"He didn't accomplish anything," she said bitterly. "He's not doing anything for the poor. Everything is so expensive."

The poor aren't the only ones looking for change. Fox was elected largely by votes from Mexico's middle class, which was hit hard when the 1994 crisis dried up bank loans and sent inflation soaring. Since then, only the super-wealthy have had access to credit, making it difficult for many to buy houses or cars, or expand small businesses.

Fox has pledged to strengthen an antimonopoly commission and help small businesses flourish in a country where big business rules.

But Fox's ideas may be too late for people like Armando Salazar, a former accountant from northern Mexico who moved to Texas after the 1994 crisis.

Encouraged by the success of the North American Free Trade Agreement, which has created thousands of jobs and brought millions of dollars in foreign investment, Fox wants to work toward expanding the trade pact to allow the free movement of workers across borders. But first, he wants to increase salaries in Mexico to make them competitive with those in the United States.

"That's welcome news to Salazar, although he says it will take a lot before he would move back home."

"I want a salary that will support my family, allow me to live without constant stress," he says.

**A tale of two cities**

**Boise quietly outrecruits Spokane for high-technology companies**

Knight Ridder News Service

BOISE - Ray Smelek liked the golf course.

But for that, the Hewlett-Packard plant that helped launch Boise's high-tech boom might have come to Spokane, Wash.

"What it came down to was personal choices," said Smelek. Back in 1973, he was an HP official looking for a location within a two-hour flight of northern California for a low-profile division - one that few realized would soon develop the firm's most successful product ever, the HP LaserJet printer.

The decision came down to two cities. "I said, 'I like Boise and Spokane. Either one will work,'" Smelek recalled.

But the sage-scented greens

at Crane Creek Country Club beckoned, stretching lush fingers of fairway into Boise's brown foothills.

Spokane "was a good place," Smelek said. "I just didn't need two places."

The choice was a key moment in the economic history of two inland cities, each competing to attract and grow high-technology firms.

Today, Boise is driven by a high-tech sector that has made it Idaho's answer to Silicon Valley - minus the glitz, the high pressure and the very high cost of living.

The latest big recession here, sparked by a huge downturn in forest products in the early 1980s, seems a vague memory.

Some 400 miles away, Please see BOISE, Page C6

**Magic Valley hasn't seen high-tech spillover - yet**

By Virginia S. Hutchins Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - They produce sugar beets, but not circuit boards. Precision metal parts, but not microchips.

Magic Valley residents haven't yet seen much spillover of Boise's high-tech boom, despite their proximity to Idaho's high-growth version of Silicon Valley.

"A lot of it has to do with lack of labor skilled in those areas," said Dave McAlindin, Twin Falls' economic development director, adding that even Magic Valley manufacturers in other industries have to import some of their most skilled workers. "Certainly, lack of a university engineering program is another reason."

To a certain extent, a city

has to have high-tech jobs to get more of them.

When low unemployment rates this summer ended Canton, Mass.-based Stream International Inc.'s consideration of Twin Falls as a site for an inbound technical-support call center with hundreds of workers, the Magic Valley missed out on more than those jobs.

Stream would have trained its workers for Cisco, Microsoft and other company certifications - very marketable skills - thus creating a local worker pool potentially attractive to other technical employers.

"We are missing out on an opportunity to enter into a very different kind of employ. Other than anything we have to date," McAlindin had said following Stream's decision.

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**Chip maker to spend billions on upgrades**

The Associated Press

BOISE - Micron Technology Inc. executives told shareholders the semiconductor company plans to spend \$2.3 billion to upgrade its plants and equipment in the coming fiscal year.

Analysts said the plans announced Tuesday would help Micron retain its leadership in the computer-chip industry.

Micron Chairman Steve Appleton told shareholders he remains bullish on the company's future even though semiconductor prices are low and demand is weak. Analysts said there was good reason for his optimism because the industry is expected to grow despite a short-term oversupply in computer-chip inventory.

"Predicting growth in the electronics industry is easy, but predicting the cycles is impossible," Appleton said. "We've seen demand in the industry increase 75 percent annually the past two decades."

Micron officials expect sales of their computer chips to increase about 35 percent in the coming year, about half of the increase the company experienced in fiscal 2000.

Micron just recorded its most profitable year ever, giving it plenty of cash to work with. It recently broke ground on a \$200 million expansion to double the size of its research facilities in Boise and add 500 jobs.

"This year has been a strong year for semiconductor companies, and the expansion

efforts don't surprise me a bit," said Louie Cruz, chip-making market manager for VLSI Research in the Silicon Valley.

In the long term, analysts said, Micron must expand everything from its research and development labs to its manufacturing lines in order to maintain the large market share it already has.

In its most recent report on the state of the industry, the Semiconductor Industry Association predicted total sales of all computer chips would increase 21.8 percent in 2001. By comparison, chip sales were estimated to be up 37 percent during 2000.

Part of Micron's capital expenditure plan includes the building of a prototype manufacturing line at its mostly vacant plant in Lehi, Utah, that would operate using 12-inch wafers rather than the 8-inch wafers used now to produce computer chips.

"The building is being brought up to where the equipment can be installed rapidly," Appleton said.

He declined to say how much of the capital expenditure would be for equipment and how much would mean new jobs. Micron now produces about half its products at plants in the Pacific Rim and Europe.

Appleton said about 43 percent of the \$2.3 billion would be spent on fabrication, about 23 percent on test facilities, about 8 percent on research and development and the rest on improving operations, assembly plants and other services.

**Potlatch expects to lay off workers**

The Associated Press

LEWISTON - Hard times may be in store for some hourly workers at Potlatch Corp., the Lewiston-Clarkston Valley's largest employer, as officials may authorize more staff cuts.

Managers at the Lewiston site have been meeting with union representatives to discuss the possibility, said Michael Sullivan, Potlatch's corporate spokesman in Spokane, Wash.

"The chances are very good some staff reductions will result from this in Lewiston," he said, adding it is too early to say how many positions could be affected, what part of the plant is involved or when a more specific announcement would be made.

Potlatch employs about 2,200 workers in Lewiston, including about 1,775 hourly workers. The site manufactures pulp, lumber, tissue products and paperboard for containers or paper cups and plates.

The company needs to reduce costs, Sullivan said. Lewiston is not the only place where procedures and staffing levels are being scrutinized. In Minnesota, the company has informed its paper plant unions in Cloquet and Brainerd it will lay off hourly workers in January.

Potlatch's Minnesota Pulp and Paper Division employs about 1,500 hourly workers on its paper mill staff. The details of the plan have not yet been released, Sullivan said.

Potlatch has lost \$17.5 million so far this year, partly because of money it is spending to compensate workers whose positions have been eliminated.

In September, Potlatch closed the Jaype plywood plant near Pierce, cutting 195 jobs. That helped create an attractive labor market in north Idaho for a couple of Twin Falls plants - a cheese maker and a potato processor - that went north this fall to recruit skilled workers to relocate to the Magic Valley.

In June, Potlatch cut 220 filled, full-time salaried positions including about 100 in Lewiston, 89 in Minnesota and 31 in Arkansas. The plan is expected to cost \$26 million initially, but save \$21 million a year.

MONEY

Boise

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Spokane and North Idaho's leaders say their economy limped along during much of the 1980s and 1990s, but now seems poised for a growth spurt.

The past two decades produced big changes in both cities. Boise, because it is smaller than Spokane, had the more visible impact from its rising economy, said Mac McGrath, former general manager of the HP plant in Liberty Lake.

"If you look at Spokane, there's been steady growth, especially over the last 10 years," McGrath said.

Boise began its boom as the smaller metro area. "Because it was the smaller pond, the big changes in the economy make a bigger splash," McGrath said. He has two daughters working in Boise: one at Micron Technology Inc., the other at the HP Boise division.

McGrath retired four years ago from HP. Last year, the Liberty Lake plant he headed became part of Agilent, the spinoff division of HP.

"When I first got here, you didn't see a lot of large new homes being built," he said of his arrival in Spokane in 1978. "Today, there are plenty being built at the \$500,000 level. Something's going on."

Since the late 1970s, both cities have seen an increase in high-paying professional and technical jobs.

Clearly, Micron and HP, the two largest corporate employers in Ada County, created jobs for those jobs that no companies in Spokane or North Idaho.

In terms of income and wealth, Boise residents flatly were making more money — and faster — than those in Spokane, said private investment banker David Cl. K. Much of the new money

flowing to Boise also was reinvested in the Boise economy, Clack said.

The best example is J.R. Simplot, Boise's ubiquitous baron whose net worth is at least \$2 billion.

"Simplot really made a difference there. He helped in a lot of ways, from investing millions in Micron to getting Boise State University to start an engineering program," Clack said.

Yet just 11 years ago, Spokane County held a clear economic edge in 1989. Spokane County had 151,600 jobs, compared with 101,800 in the Boise area. But by 1997, Ada County had added 66,000 jobs — to a total of 167,800. That was nearly twice the growth of Spokane, which grew to 195,400 jobs in the same time.

Despite the growth, Boise is still Boise, with good schools, the trout-filled Boise River, low crime rates and slower pace that often draw signs from job applicants in more-freedom cities. But the days when HP was the only high-tech company in Boise are long gone. An army of 9,000 high-tech workers troops into the area from the coast. Former HP workers have started their own firms, and the most successful of those have spun off more successful startups.

Bob Loken, 39, CEO of Knosys Inc., wears faded jeans and a polo shirt to work, and his suits for trips to London and Chicago. His software firm can operate anywhere, but it started here, where Loken and the other principals are working at an HP spinoff, Extended Systems.

Loken, who has family in Spokane, said, "I tried to get everybody to move to Spokane, but they wouldn't do it." He also considered locating in Bozeman,

Mont., but found no high-tech base there, making it risky for employees to take the plunge.

"If things don't work out for a high-tech worker at one firm in Boise, there are plenty of others eager to hire. Micron, for example, has 500 job openings right now."

"All the engineers I've known that graduated here have had no problem getting a job," said Matt Nielson, a senior electrical engineer nearing major at Boise State University. Nielson, a member of BSU's fourth graduating class at its College of Engineering, added, "You make good money."

Starting pay for engineering grads at Boise's HP plant ranges from \$46,000 to \$54,000. Micron hires at comparable levels.

In Spokane, most computer engineers out of college start in the \$41,000-\$50,000 range. Boise State's engineering college is the product of a nasty cross-state political fight, but it's clear who won. Classrooms and labs here bear placards honoring benefactors like Extended Systems, Hewlett-Packard and Steve Appleton, Micron's CEO.

The main building is the Micron Engineering Center. The local high-tech industry demanded the engineering college be after a long fight, the industry won.

"I tried for 20 years and finally got it," said Simplot, who made his first millions as a potato processor and an engineer, then bankrolled Micron and saw his personal wealth soar.

The University of Idaho in Moscow considered engineering his turf. "They were hard after I left," Simplot said. "I tried my best to do it."

After a joint effort between UI and BSU failed to offer engineering bachelor's degrees without students spending a year up

north, the state allowed industry to build the new Boise engineering school itself. Some 18 months and \$13.5 million later, two new buildings greeted BSU's campus.

Spokane business leaders for years have complained their area has lacked advanced programs in engineering and technical areas. "Our higher education effort has not been cohesive," said Wendell Sater, who for 11 years was president of Washington Water Power Co. (now Avista Corp.).

Spokane-area universities cooperated some, but not enough, in developing programs responsive to industry and business, Sater said.

Spokane leaders say they'd be overjoyed with anything resembling Boise State's engineering college. After just three years, it has more than 1,000 engineering students, and has started master's degree programs in electrical, computer, civil and mechanical engineering.

"We didn't have anything when I came here three years ago," said Engineering Dean Lynn Russell. Russell marvels at the state-of-the-art equipment in room after room.

The college's "Microfab Lab" contains \$3 million worth of equipment, including a "clean room" where white-suited students can work on microchips just like at nearby high-tech firms.

HP officials say they worry about hurting Boise's attractive quality of life, growing too much, too fast. That's one reason they've kept their plant relatively small over the years, dropping from a high of nearly 6,000 employees in the early 1990s to about 4,000 now.

"We were worried about stressing the infrastructure, frankly," said Bob Terresie, HP's human resources manager in Boise. "We

did not want to become such a dominant employer that everybody pointed to us in terms of the Boise community."

Various businesses have been spun off, contracted out or moved elsewhere as the plant grew, to keep plant size manageable.

But today's HP work force of 4,000 has a payroll that matches or exceeds earlier payrolls. Terresie said, because of the shift from manufacturing to higher-paying research, development and marketing jobs.

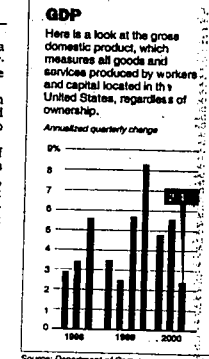
The impact of high-tech in Idaho was made painfully clear in 1996, when a sudden downturn in chip prices hit Micron — and the state's corporate income tax revenues for the year fell more than \$60 million short of projections. The result: a mid-year state budget holdback.

This year, Idaho is enjoying a \$250 million budget surplus. A big chunk of that is being attributed to employee bonuses and profit-sharing at successful high-tech firms.

Once famous mostly for potatoes, Idaho's gross state product (GSP) increasingly relies on technology. Last year, 5.6 of every \$100 private-sector workers in Idaho worked at a technology company, compared with 4.9 of every \$100 in Washington, the American Electronics Association reports.

Smelk said Boise is just starting to develop its venture capital network, the lawyers and bankers who understand high-tech entrepreneurs. The city's third venture capital fund opened in early October, co-managed by Tom Hawkins, a retired Coeur d'Alene businessman and former state commerce director.

Smelk said those new resources will allow even more companies to grow and prosper here.



Source: Department of Commerce

Growth slows down sharply

WASHINGTON (AP) — The high-flying U.S. economy has come back to earth, growing at an annual rate of just 2.4 percent in the summer, the slowest pace in nearly four years.

The Commerce Department's Wednesday report on the gross domestic product, the country's total output of goods and services, dramatically underscored the effect the Federal Reserve's higher interest rates were having on economic growth and corporate profits.

However, the slower economic growth was having the desired effect on inflation. An inflation gauge tied to the GDP showed prices rising at an annual rate of just 1.9 percent in the third quarter, the best showing this year.

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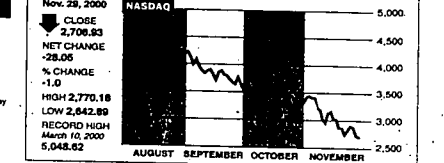
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Tech losses mount

NEW YORK (AP) - While a welcome assessment of the blue-chip health sector Wednesday, investors again punished technology issues for their bleak earnings prospects.

Spillover

Twin Falls' failure to land that prospect was a disappointment to Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce leaders, as well.

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# Fired warden files lawsuit against state

BOISE (AP) - Larry Wright contends his Oct. 13 firing after 14 years as warden of the South Idaho Correctional Institution was in reprisal for his opposition to how an investigation of Correctional Industries was run.

The 32-year Department of Correction employee filed a wrongful termination lawsuit Wednesday in 4th District Court. It names as defendants the state, the Department of Correction, Director James Spalding, Correctional Industries Administrator Mike Yae, Division of Prisons Administrator Bob Miller and former Acting Division of Prisons Administrator Lisa Cates.

Wright said he wants his job back as well as past and future lost wages and benefits and damages to be determined at trial for his mental pain, anguish and emotional distress.

"Mr. Wright believes his termination was based upon the misbelief that he was in fact the 'Whistle Blower' for the criminal and unethical activities taking place in Correctional Industries with staff and inmates," according to the complaint filed for Wright by former Idaho Supreme Court Justice Robert Huntley.

"His refusal to give Ms. Miller the name of the staff member (whistle blower) who initiated the investigation, refusal to

change his testimony, and his lack of trust in Director Spalding, Mr. Yae, Ms. Miller and Ms. Cates were issues for his being targeted for termination."

The attorney general's office is investigating operations at Correctional Industries, where Wright contends "inmates were empowered to a point that allowed criminal activities to take place. Those inmates involved staff of Correctional Industries in their criminal activities."

"The attorney general's report should also shed more light into the conduct of Idaho Department of Correction staff."

Department of Correction spokesman Mark Carnopis said it was agency policy not to comment on any pending litigation or investigations. Bob Cooper, a spokesman for Attorney General Al Lance, said his office also could not comment.

Miller said at the time of Wright's firing that it was due to "a difference in management philosophy."

"What we have here is some top-level and mid-level officials in the Department of Correction engaging in both criminal activity and coverup of criminal activity - this in a department which is supposed to set an example for and retrain lawbreakers," Huntley said Wednesday.

# Task force looks at plan to insure small businesses

BOISE (AP) - Douglas Cook said Idaho is in a health insurance crisis, but his plan to provide small-business employees with coverage would give the state a sizable return on its investment.

Cook, the principal of Health Management Associates, a Florida-based health care consulting firm, told the Legislature's Health Insurance Premiums Task Force Wednesday that \$5 million of state money would buy about 11,662 small-business employees health insurance in a three-year pilot program.

"You have a surplus," Cook said. "The Legislature can guide this program."

Idaho's Legislature - the nation's most Republican - has a record \$280 million surplus to work with during the 2001 legislative session beginning in January.

Boise-Metro Chamber of Commerce officials, who backed up Cook's proposal, said small businesses face stiff competition from large corporations in attracting employees, many of whom demand health insurance.

"The plan does have potential to relieve one of the biggest burdens of small businesses. Larger companies can provide the benefits. It would allow small businesses to be competitive," said Mikel Ward, chamber vice president for marketing.

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# Woman risks friendship over boogie board

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I have just returned from a week-long vacation at an ocean resort. Another couple, "Al and Gloria," went with us. We booked separate rooms, and for the most part enjoyed each other's company. However, I observed one thing that disturbed me.

As I sat on the balcony one night waiting for my wife to dress for dinner, I saw Gloria walking on the beach. I watched as she picked up a child's boogie board that was lying at the edge of the surf.

When we were loading the trunk of the rental car to go home, she attempted to conceal the boogie



DEAR ABBY  
Abigail VanBuren

board with their luggage. My wife and I were astonished at Gloria's behavior. We didn't know whether or not we should confront her. On the trip home, I made some jokes about surfing, but I don't think she got the hint. Abby, should we keep quiet and preserve our friendship, or

ask her why she stole a child's toy?

- PERPLEXED  
IN NEW CASTLE, DEL.

DEAR PERPLEXED: Much depends upon how close your friendship is with "Al and Gloria." If you feel the friendship is worth preserving, ask Gloria why she concealed the boogie board instead of turning it in to lost-and-found at the hotel. It's possible she thought the board had been abandoned.

If you're not close and do not wish to risk a confrontation, perhaps the time has come to distance yourselves.

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## Working like a dog at the blood bank.

This goony is about blood and it's true. Field/Woodland told me and he told me straight.

He is getting older and he's a little reluctant to get into ankle-deep snow to follow his dogs as they track down a pheasant or retrieve a duck. Walking half the day, stumbling back to the truck in twilight, stopping by Farmer Tom's to say, "Thanks for letting the dogs and me walk our butts off," just isn't such fun anymore.

But Field still has four dogs, and his wife Chlorina can't abide letting the dogs just lie around. "If they can't bring a little meat home, they should be given away, sold to someone with a little more energy." She is vehement, and that's a serious issue for Field.

Field says he's been insulted by her. She gave up tramping after chukars several years ago and he hasn't said anything to her. He just lets her clean the kennels and keep the back yard looking nice. He isn't peeved at all.

Most folks don't know it, but

Field is a news freak. He reads it all. And I think it was from the local newspaper, maybe the one you're reading right now, that he got the idea - an opportunity as he calls it. Easy money was in the offing.

Animal Blood Bank can't get enough blood." That was the headline.

Field read on.

The article spoke of pet insurance and how pet owners are demanding that their pets be cured of everything from cancer to STDs. Well, according to the veterinarian medicine, much is possible. The greatest demand, however, is to repair dogs and cats that have been mangled in some unfortunate accident. Often they have lost a lot of blood, blood that is necessary for their survival.

The article said, "There are more dogs and cats who need blood than there are dogs and cats to give blood."

Since small dogs need what little blood they have, large dogs must give a pint or so every month to make up the difference. They don't need all they've got.

Hmmm. If there's such a big demand for pet blood, there has to be money in it. Certainly, there is enough money to offset the loss of a pheasant dinner or a duck roast.

Field weighed his dogs, measured their height and calculated the mass of his biggest dogs. He is mighty proud of Bubbie. She is a full-figured gal, hefty enough to give a pint and a half a month. She isn't the fastest dog, but she is sure to be a blood producer.

During his winter years in California, Field and his homies walk into a state blood bank and come out with \$25 or \$50. He'd even been told that was how some of them made enough money to get along on the streets. They didn't need a job. They had a dog.

So, Field phoned the blood bank and set up an account.

Remember, not any old dog can give blood. A dog has to be vaccinated for all diseases: hepatitis, kennel cough, rabies and all that. For Field's dogs, that is a c...ch. Just before hunting season, Field has the necessary boosters given to his dogs, just in case they run into a rabid skunk or a disease-wielding porcupine.

Chlorina is thrilled with the idea. If you think back on it, you might remember when she took her dog to the vet after it had ripped its p... on a barbed-wire fence. For Duke, it had been nip-tuck.

For a while there, he was half past dead for want of blood.

Field multiplied four times 25. That's \$100 a month, or \$1,200 a year. He can feed all the dogs and still buy a new dog.

With that encouragement, Field became a canine blood banker.

Just one problem. When Hooper came over to get Field for a hunt, the dogs were too weak to go. They just wanted to sit and sip from the water dish.

So it's a Fielder's choice: Bucks or ducks?

When he isn't spinning fictitious yarns about Field, Bill Studebaker spends his time directing the Outdoors Adventure Program at the College of Southern Idaho.

# COUNTING CROWS



Birdwatchers from the Prairie Falcon Chapter of the Audubon Society, along with members of the Southwest Idaho Birders Association, enjoy the avian delights at the Hagerman Wildlife Management Area earlier this fall.

## ...and other feathered friends

By Cathy Walworth  
Times-News correspondent

**JEROME** - The boat ride was going fine until they ran out of water.

"We'd just seen a Clark's grebe, so we were pretty excited," says Lorna Irwin. The next thing they knew, the boat had run up on a mud bar, and the passengers were stripping off their coveralls to get out and push.

"I've always loved wading in the Snake River in December," Irwin says.

That impromptu bath was how Irwin and her family celebrated the Audubon Society's 100th annual Christmas Bird Count last year. The bird census enters its second century this year, and it has become a family tradition for the Irwins.

"Jim and I used to do it in college in Yuma," Irwin says. Her parents had been active in the Audubon Society, and the young couple joined in. They've carried on the tradition since moving to Jerome, taking their boat out on the Snake River to count the waterfowl every year.

### In the beginning

In 1900, ornithologist Frank Chapman detected the slaughter of birds during an annual holiday event called the "side hunt." The



People who can't get out for the Christmas Bird Count can still lend a hand by counting birds at their bird feeders. Here, a trio of house finches sits atop a dangling cornucopia.

Audubon Society reports that the event honored the team that shot the most birds and other small animals. As a protest, Chapman organized 27 friends in 25 locations on Christmas Day, 1900, to count birds instead of shooting them.

Chapman's idea caught on.

Today, the Christmas Bird Count features more than 47,000 field observers who count more than 659 bird species in the United States and Canada.



**Bald eagle**  
Worldwide, the total number of individual birds counted flutters around the 58 million mark.

### Lend a hand

The International Christmas Bird Count will run from Dec. 15 through Jan. 2. For more information about the Magic Valley count, call Jeff Ruprecht at 733-9639.

If you happen to be elsewhere during those dates, you may be able to join a count there:

• In Idaho Falls, call Kit Stothers at 529-2028.

• In Boise, e-mail Dean Jones at jonesd@mtcon.net.

• In Pocatello, call or e-mail Charles Frost at 233-4538 or trocha@isu.edu.

Even if you miss the Christmas Bird Count, most Audubon Society chapters hold monthly meetings and organize field outings.



**Short-eared owl**

about weather patterns. For example, if an area had an especially dry year, birds would not be abundant there the following year because of a diminished food supply. Thus, declining bird populations are an indicator that something is changing.

The count is held in winter because it's practical to count birds in winter. The leaves are off the trees, so it's easier to see them. Besides, it's fun to go outside and do something in the middle of winter.

Chuck Wemple of Idaho Falls remembers when he managed to spot all three accipiters in one day. Accipiters are the bird hawks - the sharp-shinned, Cooper's and northern goshawk - and they aren't in evidence all that often. Much less, all in one day.

"It was quite a trifecta," he says.

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The bottom line is that the Christmas Bird Count has evolved into the largest and longest-running wildlife survey ever undertaken.

### Lasting legacy

The practice continues as much as tradition as practicality. It is also a source of useful environmental information. Birds, by their presence, tell thoughtful observers about the overall health of our environment. And

## Avalanche Center offers advisories, safety clinics and classes

The Times-News

**SUN VALLEY** - The Sun Valley Avalanche Center is offering several educational classes and clinics, including some geared specifically for snowmobilers. Last winter, 32 people died in avalanches in the United States and Canada. In the winter of 1998-99, there were 48 avalanche fatalities.

To keep backcountry travelers up-to-date on avalanche and weather conditions, the avalanche center will soon offer daily advisories on its hotline at (208) 622-8027, and on its website at [www.avalanche.org](http://www.avalanche.org). At present, general avalanche and SUN VALLEY information for winter weather information is available, but it will be updated daily after the next significant snowfall.

Here is the schedule for avalanche classes, as well as clinics to master the use of electronic avalanche beacons - or "beepers" - that guide rescuers to buried victims:

• An avalanche class will be

### Want to help?

Anyone interested in helping the Sun Valley Avalanche Center with donations of time, money or assisting with fund-raising events, can call the Environmental Resource Center at 726-4333, or Michael Malico at 726-8818.

held from 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at Hemingway Elementary School. No sign up is necessary. Discussion will include the factors that influence avalanche conditions, elements of safe winter travel in the backcountry, and information for winter backcountry users - especially skiers, snowboarders, snowmobilers and snowshoers.

• An optional field session will be held Dec. 9. The classroom session is a prerequisite for the field session. Sign-up is required.

• A second basic avalanche class will be offered from 6 to 9



Photo, by Piney, courtesy of [www.avalanche.org](http://www.avalanche.org). A human-triggered avalanche thunders down the shoulder of Mount Baldy, near Alta, Utah.

p.m. on Jan. 10 at the Community School Middle

School. No sign-up is necessary. • The all-day field session for

the second class is set for 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Jan. 13. Sign-up is required.

• The Avalanche Center will offer a special avalanche beacon clinic for snowmobilers from 6 to 8 p.m. on Jan. 15 at Woodside RV in Hailey.

• A youth avalanche awareness day will be held Jan. 24 at the Stanley School.

• A snowmobile-oriented avalanche class is planned for 6 to 9 p.m. on Jan. 30 at the Hailey Elementary School. No sign-up is necessary.

• If there is enough interest, a field day with snow machines will be offered on Feb. 3. Sign-up is required.

• Backwoods Mountain Sports is offering a weekly afternoon beacon practice session at 3 p.m. Thursdays next to the new Smith Sport Outlets building in the Light Industrial Center. Call 726-8818 for details.

For more information or to sign up for classes, call the Sun Valley Avalanche Center at 622-5371.

OUTDOORS

WHATTA WHOPPER



Photo courtesy of Jim Pogue

Gooding resident Jim Pogue caught this 58 1/2-pound beauty in July, 1999, on Alaska's Kenai River.

Birds

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Nuts and bolts

There are Audubon chapters scattered all across Idaho. Each bird count takes place within a 15-mile circle, which adds up to about 177 square miles.

A team of six or seven people tries to cover as much of their circle as possible within a 24-hour span. The count doesn't necessarily take place on Christmas Day. Instead, the Audubon Society sets a window of about 10 days.

The count officially lasts from midnight to midnight, but most groups begin their work around 8:30 a.m. and end at dusk. Some like to go out "owling" the night before.

"People go out the night before and play owl tapes and try to get an owl to answer it," says Jeff Ruprecht, membership chairman for the Magic Valley.

Barnyards and feedlots are good places to spot raptors or owls because there will be blackbirds and cowbirds hanging around — mouthwatering morsels for hungry birds of prey.

Other birds are found, cerily enough, in cemeteries. "Cemeteries don't get much traffic, have lots of tree cover, and make generally very good bird habitat," Wemple says.

Fast learners

Each group of volunteers includes at least one experienced birder.

"I am not a very good birder, but I keep records, and get to see a lot of stuff when we're out," Irwin says.

There is a job for everyone: Someone watches the map to avoid overlapping another group's circle, someone drives, someone spots the birds, and someone else writes everything down. Going out with people who know more than you do is a good way to learn about birds, Irwin says.

Tim Brockish of Idaho Falls says he and his wife have been on the bird census for the past three or four years. Though they aren't avid birders, they enjoy seeing places they might not have known about and helping a good cause. And every year is different.

"Some years it's so cold you can barely bear to get out of the car," Brockish says. But it's worth it. Sometimes he lucks out and sees a really pretty bird.

"It's nice to get out and see what's happening with the animals and birds and learn something new," Brockish says.

Stay at home  
People who can't get out to join the Christmas Bird Count can still help out from home, says Kent Fothergill of Buhl. Anyone who

has a bird feeder can watch it during the 24-hour count period, write down the species and numbers of birds they see, and then call their local count coordinator.

Every little bit helps during the Christmas Bird Count.

"It's not the same as being out there all day, but it's still valuable data," Fothergill says.

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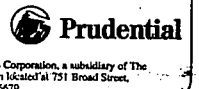
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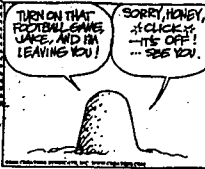
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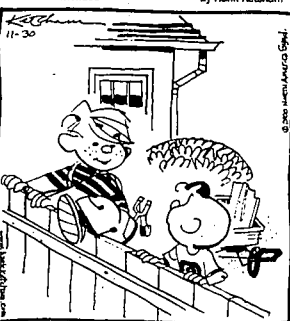
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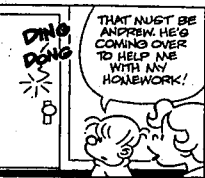
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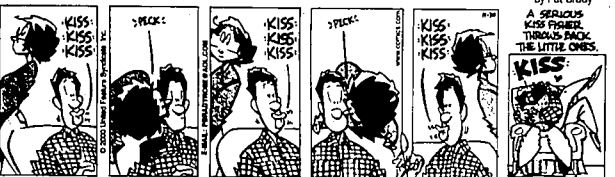
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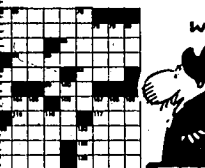
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**OUTDOORS**

**Hunters' platforms pose safety issues**

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (AP) — John Robinette is careful not to make any potentially deadly mistakes when hunting for white-tailed deer from the treetops of his family's western Michigan apple orchard.

Six hunters have been shot to death during the state's 16-day firearm deer season, two killed by self-inflicted gunshot wounds while climbing or atop elevated hunting platforms. The firearm season ends Thursday.

The platforms, which often rise 20 feet above ground, have been legal only since 1998 for Michigan hunters who use guns, though they have been in use about 20 years by archers, said Lt. Suzanne Koppelo, a safety administrator with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

Now officials are studying how to better get the word out: Don't climb a tree while holding a loaded gun.

"We've been pointing out the (safety) issues since hunting with firearms from elevated stands was legalized in '98," Koppelo said Tuesday.

The department cautions hunters to use safety harnesses or belts to help prevent them from falling out of tree stands. To lessen the likelihood of their weapons being accidentally discharged, hunters are warned not to carry loaded weapons while climbing or descending the platforms.

On Nov. 15, the first day of gun season, a 35-year-old man shot and killed himself while on a platform in western Michigan's Barry County. Five days later, a 17-year-old boy was killed in Oceana County, along Lake Michigan, when his gun went off while he was climbing a tree stand.

In 1998, a hunter on the ground was killed by another hunter shooting from a platform. No other deaths during a firearm season have involved the use of tree stands, Koppelo said.

In addition, three archers have died this year in falls from platforms. The bow-hunting season resumes Friday and continues through Jan. 1. In 1998, six archers died in falls.

"Obviously, any fatality is one too many, any injury is one too many," Koppelo said, although there are almost three-quarters of a million hunters afield ... those are low numbers, but nevertheless they're still unacceptable."

About 722,000 licensed hunters were expected to fan out across the state during firearm season and an estimated 302,000 deer, said John Urbain, a big-game specialist with the DNR.

Robinette bagged a deer with a bow and arrow Oct. 2 but hasn't had any luck shooting from his tree stand during gun season. He made the stand over the summer from an orchard ladder, a few 2-by-4's and some plywood.

Robinette said he employs a safety harness while climbing and during the time he spends perched in the stand. He makes sure his rifle's chamber is empty and its bolt is pulled back before taking the weapon up onto the platform, where he loads it.

"It's just common sense," he said. "You hear about an accident and you realize that's probably how it happened, bringing a loaded gun up into a tree stand, as it's probably pointing at you."



John Robinette of Grand Rapids, Mich., sits in his tree stand Tuesday, demonstrating how he positioned himself in early October as he shot a five-point buck with his bow and arrow. Robinette hasn't had any luck killing a deer from the stand during gun season, but he has safely gotten up and down the tree. Two of the six hunters who have been shot to death during the state's 16-day firearm deer season were killed by self-inflicted gunshot wounds while climbing or atop elevated hunting platforms.

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**Man kills deer with pocket knife**

HERRIN, Ill. (AP) — A man out for a walk in the woods killed a deer with a pocket knife after the animal charged him.

Paul Cheatham, 61, said he grabbed the six-point, 130-pound buck by the horns when it attacked. He then held it with one hand, opened a pocketknife with his mouth and jabbed the deer in the rib cage.

"I knew if I let him go, he would kill me!" Cheatham said. "I hung on and got my legs around his neck. We wrestled around quite a while."

Cheatham suffered bruises over much of his body.

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# Study says foreign money-launderers face few difficulties

WASHINGTON (AP) — It is fairly easy for foreigners to hide their identities and set up shell companies to launder money in the United States, congressional investigators have found.

They say U.S. giant Citibank and Commercial Bank of San Francisco violated control rules and allowed some \$1 billion in possibly illicit Eastern European money to move through their accounts.

"These transfers raise concerns that the U.S. banking system may have been used to laun-

der money," the General Accounting Office, Congress' investigative arm, said in a report on its nine-month inquiry.

"We have referred the information developed to appropriate law enforcement and regulatory agencies."

The report was released Wednesday.

New York-based Citibank, one of the world's largest banks with operations around the globe, came under congressional scrutiny a year ago for alleged abuses by some executives in handling

millions of dollars deposited by foreign officials later accused of corruption and money laundering.

John Reed, then the co-chairman of parent Citigroup Inc., was closely questioned about the bank's activities at a Senate investigative hearing that opened a window on the sheltered world of private banking that caters to the very wealthy.

Citibank on Tuesday sent a letter to the GAO saying it had closed the accounts in question after being contacted by the congressional investigators earlier

this year.

"It is clear in hindsight that our systems and tracking procedures were not sufficient to detect the nature and extent" of a client's relationship with the bank, wrote Michael Ross, general counsel of the bank's Global Consumer Business division.

The client, though not named in the report, was identified by a congressional source as Irakly Kaveladze, a Russian immigrant. He set up more than 2,000 corporations registered in Delaware for Russian brokers and then

opened the Citibank accounts for them, according to the GAO report.

The conclusions of the report and Ross' letters were first reported Wednesday by The New York Times and The Wall Street Journal.

Citigroup spokesman Michael Schlein said Wednesday the company would have no further comment. "The letter speaks for itself," he said.

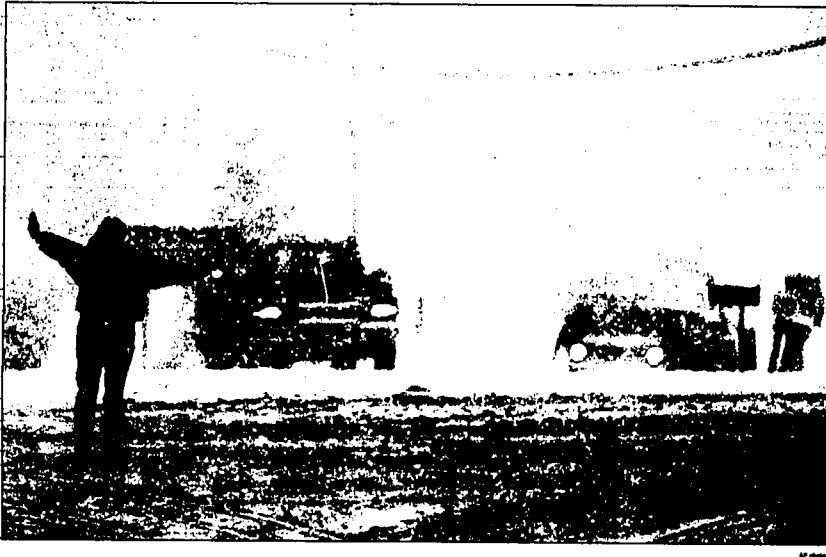
Far less well-known is Commercial Bank of San Francisco. According to the GAO

report, its president told the investigators that two Russians bought about 9 percent of its stock for \$1 million in March 1995.

A woman answering the telephone at Commercial Bank said no one was available to answer questions.

"It is relatively easy for foreign individuals or entities to hide their identities while forming shell corporations that can be used for the purpose of laundering money," the GAO report said.

## SNOWY SAMARITAN



A volunteer directs traffic at the intersection of state Route 42 and state Route 314 in Johnsville, Ohio Wednesday morning after a sudden snow storm made roads in the north central Ohio area nearly impassable.

## Despite heavy fishing, lobsters crowd waters

BOSTON (AP) — The lobster population is thriving along the ocean floor of New England, baffling scientists who point to how much lobstermen are catching.

"It's mind-boggling why we fish the lobsters so hard and yet they remain so abundant," University of New Hampshire zoologist Winsor Watson told The Boston Globe. "We just don't have enough scientific data to know why."

Lobster remains one of New England's most heavily fished and most profitable catches. In the 1990s, many fishermen turned to lobster when cod and other groundfish stocks were depleted and once plentiful fishing grounds were ordered closed.

According to the National Marine Fisheries Service, the lobster catch has increased to 78.4 million pounds in 1999, from 48.5 million pounds in 1995. Yet, the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission says a random survey conducted in the Gulf of Maine shows the lobster population tripled between 1982 and 1997. Over the same period, the number of traps in Maine increased to 2.7 million from 1.5 million.

Several explanations are possible, scientists and fishermen say.

Lobstermen believe the herring and fish scrap bait they use to lure the creatures is feeding the population — and helping it grow. They

say smaller lobsters feed in the traps and depart through a vent that keeps legal-sized lobsters in but lets smaller lobsters escape.

Scientists and lobstermen are also looking into whether lobsters are reaching sexual maturity faster and laying eggs earlier in their lives.

Two years ago scientists predicted that, without restrictions, the lobster population would collapse as groundfish stocks did. Because it takes five to seven years for lobsters to grow to legal size, it would take years for the species to rebound from a population drop.

Marine biologists say the plentiful stocks offer an opportunity to cut back on fishing and protect the species — and the industry — before it's too late. There are already concerns about population declines in Massachusetts Bay and Long Island Sound.

"It's a very important question. Do we have to undergo a collapse to prove this, or can we learn by analogy from other fisheries?" says Steven Murawski of the fisheries service. "Should we be cautious or say this is a different criterion and doesn't play the rules?"

William A. Adelman of the Massachusetts Lobstermen's Association said the industry understands the needs for limits, but believes they need not be strict.

## Oakland struggles with police scandal

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Officer Keith Batt was a 23-year-old rookie just three weeks out of the academy. He went straight to the night shift, where most officers start their careers.

There, on patrol in west Oakland, one of the city's most dangerous neighborhoods, Batt met The Riders.

For three weeks in June and July, prosecutors say, the rookie watched his fellow officers beat, harass and falsely arrest at least 10 people. Then, on July 3, he allegedly saw a man arrested on trumped-up charges that he was seen discarding 17 rocks of cocaine.

Batt had seen enough.

The rookie reported what he saw and quit the force, setting in motion a police corruption scandal that has led to the arrest of four officers and the dismissal of scores of cases.

Exactly how far and wide The Riders scandal will reach remains to be seen, despite Police Chief Richard Word's insistence that the alleged abuse was limited to the four officers.

"It's burying one's head in the

sand to assume these cases are confined to a short period of time involving these four officers," said lawyer John Burris, who has talked to at least 15 people arrested by The Riders about suing.

The four officers — Frank Vazquez, 44, Clarence "Chuck" Mabanaq, 35, Jude Siappo, 32, and Matthew Hornung, 29 — were charged Nov. 2 with offenses including assault, kidnapping and filing false reports. Three are expected to enter pleas on Dec. 6; Vazquez is a fugitive, believed to be hiding in Mexico.

Lawyers for the three officers, who are on paid leave, say they have seen no evidence backing up the charges. Mabanaq's lawyer, Michael Rains, said the officers are "both sad and anxious to have their stories heard." Vazquez's lawyer has not returned repeated calls.

While the charges are limited to what Batt witnessed, the department is re-examining the officers' records and looking at whether other members of the force were involved.

Prosecutor David Hollister said

49 mostly drug-related cases — convictions and pending cases alike — have been dismissed and more could fall apart as his office sorts through all cases involving the four officers dating back 18 months before they were taken off the streets.

Community advocates said calls and letters are pouring in from people saying they were mistreated by The Riders, and several lawsuits are expected.

Some fear juries may not be so quick to trust the word of police officers anymore.

And everyone hears echoes of the Rampart scandal that rocked the Los Angeles Police Department this year. Three Los Angeles officers have been convicted of framing suspects, more than 100 cases have been thrown out and more than 70 civil rights suits have been filed. The city attorney estimated the scandal could cost Los Angeles at least \$125 million.

According to Batt, his training officer, Mabanaq, warned him after he joined the force not to be a "snitch." And his superior officer, Vazquez, told him to forget

everything he had learned at the academy as he worked the streets of west Oakland, a poor, mostly black section.

It is hard to find people in west Oakland who have not had their heard about a run-in with The Riders, particularly Vazquez. Nicknamed "Choker," the officer is short with close-cropped hair, a pockmarked face and an earring. He bears a tattoo with his wife's name, Pilar, on his right arm.

The Oakland department had reason to be proud before the scandal broke. Crime in the city of 370,000 had dropped 15.8 percent from 1998 to 1999, more than twice the national average.

Mayor Jerry Brown, who demanded the resignation of Oakland's popular police chief shortly after taking office and replaced him with Word last July, had made safer streets a key part of his economic development message, arguing that Oakland is on the rebound and ready for the same infusion of money from high-tech companies that have poured into San Francisco and other Bay Area cities.

## FAA pardons unruly pig's first-class flight

PHILADELPHIA — The Federal Aviation Administration investigation into Charlotte the flying pig's first-class Philadelphia to Seattle flight clears the pig and US Airways of any wrongdoing with flying colors.

US Airways and its personnel acted in a reasonable and thoughtful manner, based on a legitimate request to transport a qualified individual with a disability and her service animal," said FAA spokesman Jim Peters.

That means the 300-pound Vietnamese pot-bellied pig with the pink bow in her tail could fly again.

But not on US Airways, said airline spokesman David Castelveter.

"We have stated in the past this situation will never happen again. And it never will," vowed Castelveter, declining further comment.

Charlotte's owner brought the

pig onto the Oct. 17 flight as a service animal, which invoked complex U.S. Transportation Department rules on "non-disability criteria on the basis of disability in air travel."

As the Boeing 757 landed with 200 passengers, the pig awoke, tried to burgle into the cockpit and stormed into the galley, according to an airline report.

Witnesses reported it squealed wildly and left steamy droppings on the airport carpet and inside an airport shuttle van.

Service animals are usually Seeing Eye dogs. Pig owner Maria Triotta Andrews said she has a heart condition so severe that she needs the companionship of her pig to relieve stress.

That's enough for the government.

US Airways, said FAA spokesman Peters, "acted in a reasonable manner. It was a legitimate request from a passenger with a disability." We consider the matter closed."

## Election fight: Bush delegates, Gore plots legal moves

WASHINGTON — The long wait since the election has offered intriguing clues about the likely governing styles of George W. Bush and Al Gore.

The Texas governor relaxes at his ranch, defers to lawyers and delegates responsibility. The vice president, in contrast, micromanages strategy, plots legal moves and argues his own case to the American public.

The 22 days since Nov. 7 provide a clear picture of distinctly different management approaches by the two would-be presidents.

For some Americans, the agonizing episode raises troubling questions as well. Is George W. Bush too detached? Is Gore too desperate?

Does either man possess the necessary skills to cool the bitter partisan fires created by the closest presidential race in 124 years?

His own front man, Gore races to television interviews in between conference calls with

attorneys and political advisers. Bush, meanwhile, sits back and lets running mate Dick Cheney run the transition, hold news conferences and announce staff appointments.

"Gore is running the whole thing from his dining room table where he's got two phones, two laptops for e-mail and is involved in it hours each day," said Cal Jillson, head of the political science department at Southern Methodist University. "Whereas Governor Bush heads for the ranch and does therapy by wri-

ting cowboy boots, cowboy hats and cutting grass."

Waving as he walks briskly from car to office, the governor seems to be trying to project an aura of inevitability to a Bush presidency. Andrew Card, his prospective chief of staff, spoke Wednesday about "a President Bush" taking office Jan. 20.

Gore, too, tries to project confidence. "I sleep like a baby... and I am not tortured over what's at all," the vice president said in an NBC interview. "And in fact, I believe we're going to win this election."

In some measure, the post-election demeanors of Bush and Gore reinforce impressions stamped in voters' minds before Nov. 7.

Gore was known as the man who immerses himself in details, works like a bulldog, refuses to give up. He is not at ease on the public stage.

Bush relies on trusted advisers like James H. Baker III, sketchy broad goals and leaves the details to the lieutenants. He tries to use charm to bridge political gaps. He has not seemed comfortable in recent televised appearances

and has generally avoided reporters' questions.

"This is strange territory and they're kind of in a limbo," said Bruce Buchanan, a political scientist at the University of Texas. "They're trying to strike the right tone without being precisely sure what that is."

Referring to the public face presented by Bush and Gore, Buchanan said, "It's kind of an extension of what we knew and it raises a question, especially in the case of Bush. He looks exceptionally hard off during this period. There's no footprints or no evidence of his signature on anything."

House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, told reporters in Washington that Bush was a little tired of the wrangling. "He wouldn't say he's discouraged or angry. He's just sort of, 'What's next?'"

"He's been spending as much time as he can at the ranch," Armey said of Bush. "He doesn't have a TV out at his ranch. I wonder how long that will last?"

Whoever eventually wins the White House will have to retool

and scale down his once-grand agenda to accommodate the sharp decline in Congress and the post-election bitterness on both sides.

"I think they now know — and it may become even clearer to them — that the list needs to be shorter and shifted to more moderate ground than what they have chosen. All of the things being equal," said Jillson.

For Gore it would require big compromises on his ambitious spending increases for schools, expanding Medicare with a prescription drug program and enhancing Social Security.

For Bush, it probably means stepping back from his \$1.3 trillion tax cut, his revolutionary plan for a partial privatization of Social Security and his promise to abolish inheritance taxes. Jillson suggested that Bush's proposal for school vouchers might be reduced to an experiment program.

Armey said Bush's agenda would begin with education. "He speaks of that first." And it would include "some good tax relief," Armey said.

## Oil spill closes traffic on stretch of Mississippi

PORT SULPHUR, La. (AP) — A tanker spilled 554,400 gallons of crude oil, closing traffic to a 26-mile stretch of the Mississippi River on Wednesday. No injuries were reported.

The 800-foot Westchester lost power Tuesday evening and apparently ran aground about 60 miles south of New Orleans, said U.S. Coast Guard Lt. Charles Culotta. The cause of the spill was not known.

A cargo tank holding about 53,000 barrels of Nigerian sweet crude oil — more than 2.2 million gallons — lost about 13,200 barrels, Coast Guard Petty Officer Fa'iq El-Amin said. A standard barrel contains 42 U.S. gallons.

El-Amin did not know whether the remaining 1.7 million gallons were moved to another tank or whether something else kept the oil from spilling into the river.

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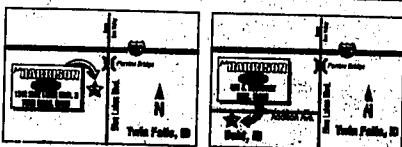
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