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GOOD MORNING

WEATHER

Today: Mostly cloudy and breezy with a chance of rain. East to south winds 15-25 mph. High near 50. Lows near 30. **Page A2**

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Injuries claim Burley blast victim

By Jennifer Buch
Times-News writer

BURLEY—An Albion man died Monday from injuries he suffered four days earlier in an explosion at a chemical manufacturing plant about four miles southwest of town.

Paul Stewart, 46, died at 2:05 p.m. Monday at the University of Utah Hospital in Salt Lake City. Stewart suffered severe chemical burns in his eyes, nose and throat and third-degree burns on his face and arms, a hospital spokesman said.

No specific cause of death was released.

Stewart, an employee at Rainbow Farm Products Inc. at 500 S. 225 W., was standing on a ladder on the side of a chemical mixing tank when it exploded just after 9 a.m. Thursday. The explosion left Stewart hanging upside down from the tank about 20 feet off the ground, his foot caught in the ladder. Burley firefighters were able to get him down after about 30 minutes. He was taken to Cassia Regional Medical Center and transported by air ambulance to the University of Utah hospital.

The Stewart family declined to be interviewed by *The Times-News*.

Rainbow Farm Products president Don

County plant probe could require weeks

Dean said Monday he can't think of anything more difficult to suffer than the trauma Stewart's family has experienced.

A fund has been established at D.L. Evans Bank for the Stewart family. Donations can be made at bank branches in Albion, Burley, Rupert and Twin Falls.

Investigations into the cause of the explosion continued Monday, Dean said. The company's investigation could take four to six weeks to complete.

Occupational Safety and Health Administration investigators could take weeks or even months.

Cassia County commissioners have ordered Rainbow Farm Products to attend a hearing at 2 p.m. Monday. The county wants evidence of the source, cause and effects of the explosion.

Rainbow Farm Products may not have an explanation by then, Dean said.

"I don't think we'll have everything. But whatever we have, we'll share with them," he said.

Cassia County Prosecutor Stephen Bywater said the explosion is considered a violation of the company's county operating permit, which says the company cannot release chemicals into the environment.

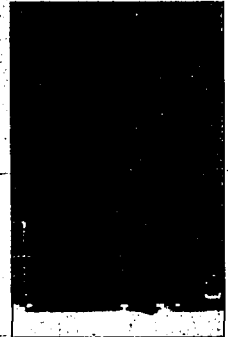
The company must prove at the hearing it should be allowed to continue to operate.

About 22,000 gallons of metam sodium, a soil fumigant, spilled when the tank exploded. The state Division of Environmental Quality received estimates from the plant's investigator that between 1,000 and 2,000 gallons of the pesticide spilled on the ground. The rest spilled into a neighboring concrete containment structure.

The county's hearing is open to the public, but public comments will not be taken, Bywater said. The county can take testimony from witnesses who have information about the explosion.

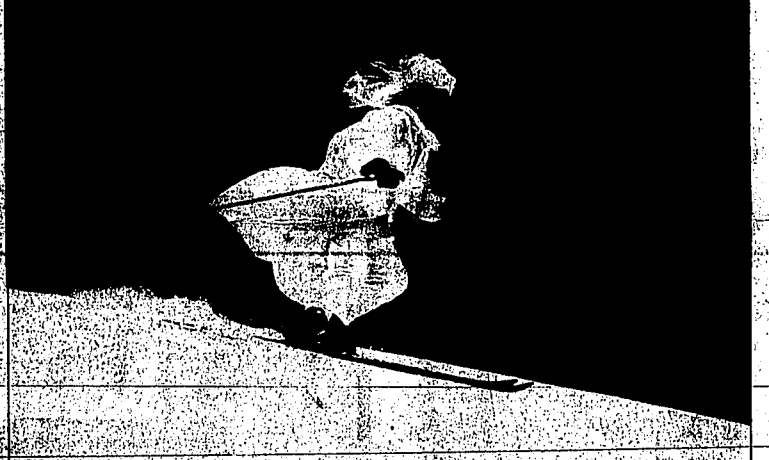
The explosion occurred when Rainbow Farm Products employees and employees from Barclay Mechanical Services Inc. Paul were installing a new mixing tank.

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The blast that blew the top off this chemical tank near Burley claimed the life of Paul Stewart, of Albion.

GET ME TO THE CHURCH ...



Mely Doran slaloms down the aisle during the 18th annual Hawaiian nationals and tandem telemark challenge at Bald Mountain Sunday. Nearly 100 telemark racers donned a wide variety of costumes for the last telemark race of the season at Sun Valley.

Businesses hope to set legislators' tour of area

By Liz Wright
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS—Twin Falls business leaders are embarking on a campaign to show the Legislature around the Magic Valley to better understand its particular needs and issues.

The tour, tentatively set for September, is similar to the north Idaho tour, held every other year, after legislative elections.

The north Idaho tours are helpful but problematic, one organizer said. The tours are tough to organize, and it's tough to raise money for them. On the tours, lawmakers visit mines, hills that some say are polluted, poorly maintained roads and flood disaster areas.

"I think they're always beneficial," said Larry Granger, volunteer secretary of the North Idaho Chamber of Commerce, "but it's like you recommend that you have a dose of leprosy."

In the Magic Valley, the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce and Lewis Eilers of the Idaho Dairymen's Association are tentatively planning a tour for sometime in mid-September.

The Magic Valley tour will focus on water quality, use and management. Sen. Laird Noh, R-Kimberly, said he thinks fellow legislators would benefit from a lesson on Magic Valley water issues.

"I think, for many legislators, it will be very timely because the Magic Valley is at the forefront of dealing with the challenges that those in other areas of the state will soon be confronted with," Noh said.

For example, the lower reach of the Boise river is "following right behind the middle Snake" in hitting its maximum daily load of nutrients and pollutants, Noh said.

"The Boise people are about where we were in the Magic Valley two to three years ago and other areas of the state will be following on," he said.

Kenit, just, executive director of the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce, said he also would like to showcase the

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Sandbaggers brace for even higher water

Dakotas gain disaster label

The Associated Press

GRANITE FALLS, Minn.—Volunteers raced to stack more sandbags Monday, afraid melt-off from a spring blizzard could worsen what's already some of the most severe flooding on the northern Plains in years.

Across the Plains, fields were sheets of white stretching to the horizon after a storm over the weekend left more than 2 feet of snow in places.

In northwest Minnesota, along the Red River that forms the state line with North Dakota, bright sunshine melted a little snow, but the real thaw is expected Thursday or Friday, said Mark Seeley, climatologist with the University of Minnesota Extension Service.

"Everything needed for the Red is a flood of historic proportions," he said.

In the central part of the state, the National Weather Service predicted a

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Rising waters of the Minnesota River flow over the floodboards and pile debris against this pedestrian bridge in Granite Falls, Minn.

Former L.A. detective finds support in Sandpoint

The Associated Press

SANDPOINT—Mark Fuhrman has found a home in this northern Idaho resort town.

Copies of his book, "Murder in Greenwood," are flying out of book stores. And residents are supportive of the man, whom many identified as O.J. Simpson's acquittal.

Fuhrman has lived here two years. He said he moved his family to flee the murder trial but to escape the rat race and heat of Southern California.

"What a lot of people don't understand is that I planned to

move to Sandpoint long before things started going sideways in the trial," Fuhrman, 45, said during a recent interview at the town's Whistle Stop Cafe.

In person, Fuhrman's harsh on-camera demeanor softens. The retired L.A. police detective looks relaxed sipping lemonade with his arm draped over the back of a chair.

He may be viewed as a pariah in parts of the north, but this past Saturday he was signing hundreds of autographs for local admirers.

"I would love to sit down and have dinner with him," said Dan

Fairchild, who drove 80 miles from Spokane, Wash., to get an autographed copy. "I feel like he has gotten a raw deal."

"I hope he makes a million bucks off this book," said Esther McClellan of Sandpoint.

Even though Sandpoint only has about 5,000 residents, two local Vanderlin's book stores have sold more than 1,500 copies of the book. One reason is that Fuhrman has done few book signings elsewhere so the store is shipping autographed copies all over the nation, manager Michelle Finley said.

Fuhrman said he thinks about the

murders of Nicole Simpson and Ronald Goldman every day.

"It's been two years and eight months, and I haven't forgotten it for one day," he said. "Even when I'm out hunting or fishing, and it's quiet out there, it creeps in, like water under the door."

In the book, Fuhrman contends the investigation was bungled. He says some evidence was never collected because the detectives who took over the case failed to read Fuhrman's notes.

But Fuhrman also filed a hand in Simpson's acquittal. He may never

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Classified

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Clinton backs Netanyahu on terrorism issue



President Clinton meets with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu Monday in the White House's Oval Office.

WASHINGTON (AP) — With Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu at his side, President Clinton declared Monday Israel should be given more concessions for the Palestinians to halt attacks on civilians.

"No one should ever have to bargain to be free from terrorism," Clinton said.

At the outset of a two-hour White House meeting with Netanyahu, the president renewed his call for a statement from Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat of "zero tolerance" for terrorism.

Clinton said he would consider "any reasonable opportunity" to get peace talks up and going again. But he indicated he was not prepared to set up a summit meeting between Netanyahu and Arafat under U.S. auspices or make any other dramatic move right away.

"It's important not to jump into this," Clinton said. His chief mediator, Dennis Ross, also suggested there would be no quick fix, said the United States could not impose a solution.

"We can't wave a magic wand and put things back on track," Ross said at the annual conference of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, a pro-Israel lobby. "But we can serve as a bridge to put this process back on track."

According to White House spokesman Mike McCurry, the president gave Netanyahu "some serious things to think about." McCurry declined to say whether they had made progress toward ending an impasse in Middle East peace-making that is Clinton's first foreign policy crisis in his second term.

Clinton described his session with Netanyahu as thorough and said he would do his "very best" to reopen peace talks.

Netanyahu began the day with a speech to an enthusiastic gathering of thousands of Christians and Jews who held their fourth annual unity conference in support of Israel.

"If they want peace, they must fight terrorism," the prime minister said.

He ridiculed a Palestinian assertion that Israel's decision to build a new Jewish neighborhood in Jerusalem amounted to a declaration of war against the peace process. "It's the terrorism of walk-up rentals," Netanyahu said many in the audience whooped their approval.

In a serious vein, Netanyahu said 75 percent of the land on which Har Homa was being built was owned by Jews and that Israel was building 10 neighborhoods for Arabs, as well.

"What is wrong with this?" he asked. "Nothing. People get married, have kids, build homes."

He denounced the Palestinian bombing of a Tel Aviv cafe that followed Israel's decision to construct Har Homa and called it a war-crime. Three women were killed and scores of patrons injured.

Palestinian leaders, he said, were making "almost zero efforts, and at times zero, and at times worse than zero efforts" to stop terrorism.

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Activist to direct Clinton AIDS policy

WASHINGTON (AP) — Pledging an open door to an activist who "speaks the truth unvarnished," President Clinton named Atlanta activist Sandy Thurman Monday as his third director of AIDS policy.

In a brief ceremony in the Roosevelt Room, Clinton reiterated his commitment to halt the spread of AIDS and assured Thurman that the Office of AIDS Policy would have the resources it needs to help "succeed in this all-important task."

"My door is open to her," Clinton said. "I've worked with her, and I can assure she talks it like it is. She speaks the truth unvarnished. She won't hold back in this office."

Thurman, an Atlanta native, is a



Sandy Thurman

longtime AIDS activist and member of the president's AIDS advisory panel. She replaces Patsy Fleming, who did not return for Clinton's second term. Clinton's first adviser, Kristine Gebbie, resigned in July 1994.

Thurman pledged to improve housing, Medicaid and welfare services for AIDS patients and to counteract the devastating effects that homophobic and racism continue to have on this epidemic.

"The president has given me

his personal commitment ... and, in turn, I offer the community my commitment to the efforts to develop vaccines, to find a cure to stop the transmission of HIV," Thurman said. "This is not an epidemic of a few; this is an epidemic of all."

Thurman served as executive director of AID Atlanta from 1988 to 1993 and as director of a task force on child survival and development for The Carter Center from 1993 to 1996.

Some AIDS advocacy groups cheered Thurman's appointment. The Human Rights Campaign, a gay and lesbian group, called Thurman "a solid choice to make the Office of National AIDS policy to the next level."

Astronauts cram in experiments by flashlight

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Forced to fly on only two-thirds power, space shuttle Columbia's astronauts squeezed in as many experiments as possible Monday, working by flashlight before closing their lab for an early return to Earth.

"For sure you can't count 16 days of work into four days, but we're doing our best," said astronaut-physicist Donald Thomas.

The seven astronauts expressed disappointment about having to return home Tuesday after only

four days aloft. They might have been able to fly the entire 16-day science mission if NASA had halted the countdown Friday and replaced a faulty electrical generator that had been giving unusual voltage readings hours before liftoff.

That generator usually lost voltage in orbit — a situation that can cause an explosion — and forced NASA to cut short the \$500 million-plus mission.

"Certainly, hindsight's always

going to be 20-20," Columbia's commander, James Halsell Jr., admitted Monday.

John Logsdon, director of space policy at George Washington University, said: "It's a real expensive learning experience."

In a news conference Monday, the astronauts acknowledged they were "surprised" by Mission Control's decision to cut short their flight, and said that while they were not consulted, they supported the move.

Immigration service official investigated

WASHINGTON (AP) — A U.S. official from the Immigration and Naturalization Service in Hong Kong is the subject of an official inquiry and has been placed on administrative leave with pay, an INS spokesman said Monday.

Spokesman Russ Bergeron said James DeBates, assistant chief in charge of the INS office in Hong Kong, is currently in the United States. At the State Department, spokesman Nicholas Burns called the allegations against DeBates "very serious."

Radio Hong Kong reported that hundreds of mainland Chinese are believed to have bribed American officials in Hong Kong to gain entry to the United States in the past few years.

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Winners cash in at 'Lost Wages Night'



Winners at the Twin Falls Optimist Club's 20th Annual 'Lost Wages Night' were Gary Bohm, above, who won a car donated by Lathan Motors and Sandy Flora, right, who received a 32 inch TV from The Sound Co. and AU-Rite Skiing.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Banquet honors schools

BUHL - An Education Appreciation Banquet in honor of Buhl and Casleford public schools will be held at 6:30 p.m. Saturday at the Buhl Masonic Lodge, located on the corner of 11th and Locust streets (behind First Federal Savings).

Sen. Laird Noh will be the featured speaker. Dinner will be catered by Linda's Family Dining. Cost is \$65 per person. Reservations must be made by Thursday by calling Rob Probasco at 733-6238 or Marvin Probasco at 543-8842.

The event is hosted by the Buhl Masonic Lodge No. 53 AF and AM.

Imaginations run wild

TWIN FALLS - The monthly Brown Bag with Books gathering will be held from noon to 1 p.m. today at the Twin Falls Public Library.

"Trailblazers of the Oregon Trail" will feature Mary Inman as "Grammy Mable Miller" who helps people realize they are in a wagon train heading to Oregon in 1843 and have stopped for "nooning" time for a rest and cold meal. Her story will share what she has heard about mountain men opening the Oregon Trail for wagons.

Inman has written four living-history sketches about the Oregon Trail, which she teaches at Eldon hotels, and has self-published in the form of audio cassettes. All of her research was done with books from the Twin Falls Public Library.

The books will be available at the program for easy browsing and check-out. Punch, cookies and coffee will be provided. For more information, call Susan Ash at 733-2864.

Road riders to meet

TWIN FALLS - The Gold Wing Road Riders Association will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Addison West Restaurant.

All Gold Wing Riders are welcome. For more information, call Larry at 736-0945 or Gen at 733-4640.

Computer users to meet

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Computer Users Group will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Family History Center, 401 Main St. N.

Discussion will focus on "Hor Genealogy Sims on the Web." Participants should bring their own URL. For more information, call Charles Steinhilber at 733-8073 or 734-6701 or Howard Johnson at 733-8073.

423-4293

La Lache League meets

TWIN FALLS - "Why Breastfeed Beyond 3 Months?" is the topic that will be discussed when the La Lache League meets at 10 a.m. Thursday at 1726 Pomeroy Drive.

For more information, call Judy at 733-9639, Rosie at 736-1731 or Amy at 324-9628.

Vining serves as speaker

TWIN FALLS - The Lasy J. J. Homeowners meeting is planned for 6:30 p.m. Thursday.

Jim Vining of the Times TV has services will be the guest speaker. Those attending are asked to bring a dessert to share.

TFHS class reunites

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls High School Class of 1957 will hold a reunion meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Joslin Room at the Magic Valley Regional Airport.

All '57 classmates are urged to attend.

Rose society to meet

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Rose Society will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1708 Heyburn Ave. E.

Call Hopkins to meet the program.

Chamber meets at noon

FILER - The Filer Chamber of Commerce will meet at noon Thursday at the Filer City Council Chambers at City Hall.

'Evergreen' discussed

TWIN FALLS - Members of the Le Livre Et La Plume Library Arts Society will meet at 8 p.m. Thursday at the home of Mona Simpson.

"Evergreen" by Selva Platan will be reviewed by Gene Van Ness. The author's sketch will be given by DeAnn Van Ness and the guided thought will be presented by Leah Krain. Refreshments for the evening are Krain, Linda Lyda, and Patricia Klehner.

Help needed at market

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Farmers Market needs one volunteer market day clerk this summer to help with trash keeping and collecting fees on Saturdays.

Volunteers will gain experience with direct marketing, record keeping and training in a fun, wholesome atmosphere. No previous experience is necessary. For more information, call 733-8073 or 734-6701 or Howard Johnson at 733-8073.

The Twin Falls Farmers Market is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays, May 10 through Oct. 25. Clerks are needed from 8:45 to 10 a.m. and from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

The market has a lot in need of volunteers to help set up and take down tents from 6:30 to 9 a.m. and 1 to 2:15 p.m. Saturdays during the season.

Anyone who is interested is encouraged to call Rose Gaster for more information at 734-8371.

CLASSES

Parenting course begins

TWIN FALLS - An six-week Active Parenting course is planned for 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays, April 8 through May 13 at the Little House Family Center, located at the southeast corner of Elizabeth and Resound Drive.

Circle Pines is the facilitator. All parents are invited. No sign-up is required, just show up. Admission and materials are free, and free child care is available during class at South Central Child Care, 236 Valley Ave. W. Call Diana at 733-7149 to make arrangements.

The class is sponsored by the Child Care Resource Center, (South Central Community Action), Region 4 Health Unit and the Twin Falls School District. Title I and Student Assistance programs. For more information, call Marlene Verdly at 733-9351.

Free workshop offered

TWIN FALLS - "The Entrepreneur in You" is a free workshop for people who are considering owning their own business. It will help you learn how to assess your potential and learn basic business planning.

Class is planned for 5 to 7 p.m. April 16. Space is limited and preregistration is due by Monday. Registration may be done at the nearest College of Southern Idaho Outreach Center. For more information, call 733-8853, Ext. 2890, or 1-800-880-0274, Ext. 2890.

The workshop is sponsored by the College for Women, Directors and the Small Business Development Center.

CSI schedules workshop

TWIN FALLS - A workshop called "Creating a Visual Brand" will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the College of Southern Idaho Evergreen Building.

The program will include topics such as: brand names, backgrounds and creating marketing, copyright and photographing. Participants for the workshop will be selected by lottery. Registration is free and the lottery will be held on Monday.

CLUB PROFILE

CIMIC CLUB OF JEROME

Purpose: To support efforts made to improve the Jerome Historical-Cultural Memorial Library and Jerome. This club formed in 1909, exists for the betterment of the community.

Meets the second Tuesday of each month October through May and the third Tuesday of June, the October and June meetings are luncheons and begin at 1 p.m. All other meetings begin at 2 p.m.

Dues: \$10 per year.

Major projects: The club provided \$500 for new books for children and young adults and will have a reading on May 9 to showcase the new additions to the library. Recruiting drives are also held.

For more information, contact: Kim Williams at 324-7613 or Beale Adams at 324-5777.



Club members from left, Cindy Adams, Karen Weaver and Nancy Johnson enjoy a luncheon meeting.



FOCUS ON PEOPLE

Students earn honors

The following students have been named to the fall 1996 semester dean's list at Idaho State University: Julie Engleman, Crystal Evans, Jenni Holcomb, Sherri Johns, Deanna Jones, Karen Mahan, Ashley Hayes, Megan Marie and Valerie Renner, all from Twin Falls.

TFHS holds tournament

Twin Falls High School hosted the District IV-V Debate Tournament on March 1. In team results, Twin Falls placed first with 56 points. Twin Falls students who received individual awards were Ken Rosser and Eric Hayes. First in policy debate, Kreed Kleinfelt and Jakob Juntunen. Third in policy debate, and Zach Nixon. Second in Lincoln Douglas, the teams of Tricia Clark and Vaughn Hoge and Ashley Hansen and Karl Higbee qualified for the state tournament in the policy division.

Turner earns scholarship

Becky Turner, a sophomore at Boise State University, has been awarded the monthly Stump (cutting) Scholarship for the 1997-98 school year. Becky, the daughter of G. Revie and Debra Turner of Avim Falls, is majoring in music education and minoring in business.

Sommer achieves honor

TWIN FALLS - Jimmy Sommer of Avim Falls has been named to the College of George Washington University in Newburg, Cr. and is a member of the Washington State Bar Association. Sommer is a member of the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society and is a member of the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society. Sommer is a member of the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society and is a member of the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society.

EVENTS ELSEWHERE

Youth camp planned

SHOSHONE - The Lincoln County Extension Office is sponsoring the B/Youth Boulder Mountain Youth Camp this summer at the Central Idaho 4-H Camp facility, located 20 miles north of Ketchikan.

Age-appropriate activities, hiking, archery and more are available at the scenic mountain site that features enclosed cabins, showers and modern restrooms, a central lodge for meals and an emergency telephone.

Camp dates are June 23-27 for sixth and eighth grades, June 25-27 for ninth through 12 grades and July 10 or 14-16 for those in third, fourth and fifth grades. Anyone interested should contact their local University of Idaho Extension Office.

Adult volunteer counselors are needed. The goal is to have one adult for every 10 campers. Volunteers are needed to be cabin leaders, teachers, games sports coordinators and campfire leaders. Contact extension offices to help form a team interested in being a volunteer.

For more information, call 886-2406.

Project leaders needed

SHOSHONE - The Lincoln County Extension Office is looking for project leaders or team leaders to volunteer to help children in the club.

Adventures Club is an after-school program based at 444 1/2 Ave. for the U.I. Department of Agriculture. Interested people are asked to call Kathy at 886-2406.

Style review scheduled

SHOSHONE - A style review will be held at 6:30 p.m. April 17 at the Methodist Church. The workshop includes modeling an apron and a hat.

For more information, call Kathy at 886-2406.

SENIOR CALENDAR

<p>Twin Falls Senior Citizens 111 Center St. 514 Resound Drive Dinner served from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Suggested donation \$2.50 per person. The club will have a "Senior Citizens Day" on May 15. Call 733-8073 for more information.</p>	<p>Quilting - 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the College of Southern Idaho Evergreen Building. Call 733-8853 for more information.</p>	<p>Quilting - 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the College of Southern Idaho Evergreen Building. Call 733-8853 for more information.</p>	<p>Quilting - 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the College of Southern Idaho Evergreen Building. Call 733-8853 for more information.</p>
<p>Activities Library - Pool Room and Senior Center with cards, pool, table tennis, etc. Call 733-8073 for more information.</p>	<p>Activities Library - Pool Room and Senior Center with cards, pool, table tennis, etc. Call 733-8073 for more information.</p>	<p>Activities Library - Pool Room and Senior Center with cards, pool, table tennis, etc. Call 733-8073 for more information.</p>	<p>Activities Library - Pool Room and Senior Center with cards, pool, table tennis, etc. Call 733-8073 for more information.</p>

EDITORIAL

If you don't come to the table, you won't be heard

Ever wonder why former Gov. Cecil Andrus and ex-Sen. Jim McClure - two of the three most powerful Idaho politicians since World War II - never managed, despite years of trying, to forge a consensus in Idaho on a wilderness bill?

Look no farther than Coeur d'Alene, where Sen. Larry Craig tried to hold a workshop last week on his proposed federal lands management bill.

Environmentalists who oppose the proposal, which among other things would allow states to manage federal lands free from national environmental regulations, spent the meeting talking past the issue, unwilling even to consider a compromise.

"Can we deal with Larry Craig's bill? Basically, no," said Larry McClure of the Idaho Conservation League, who was invited to participate in the session. "The bill is so flawed ... he needs to start over - he needs to not do anything at all."

McClure wasn't around to hear what happened in the rest of the meeting. He left midway to join a rally outside demonstrating against the senator's bill.

That's typical of the mind-set among the state's greens nowadays. Anything that Craig proposes is automatically regarded as a vehicle for raping and ruining the landscape.

By their actions, those environmentalists are effectively preventing Idahoans who share their views. Absent any willingness to compromise by the other side, Craig is likely to introduce the bill in something close to its

present form and receive the backing of Sen. Dirk Kempthorne, and other Western Republicans.

If it passes the Senate, environmentalists are planning their hopes on a veto by President Clinton.

That's a lousy way to influence public policy.

Craig took the unusual step of inviting environmentalists in on the ground floor this time. Why didn't they take that opportunity to help shape the bill?

It is because they would have had to embark on the difficult, and politically risky, course of changing the public's mind?

It's no accident why Idaho has not elected a Democrat to Congress since 1932: A majority of the state's voters are skeptical of big government solutions and even more wary of public lands policy driven by Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt, who never met a spotted owl he didn't like.

In some ways, Idaho environmentalists are reminiscent of the gun lobby in the weeks before Congress passed the Brady Bill. By refusing to concede that reasonable people could hold any views different from their own, they're dooming themselves to irrelevancy on this issue.

Clinton may yet rescue the environmentalists, but in the long run, important questions about the future of Idaho's public lands aren't going to be settled by a veto stamp. This is the state's future we're talking about, and if any issue ever warranted a real public dialogue, this is it.



LETTERS

Sheriff Weaver doing good job

In response to Lauren Jackson's letter regarding Jerome entering the ice age, I, too, feel badly for Jerome County's reserves; however, these same reserves initiated a fight between our sheriff and themselves and then wrote a letter to the county commissioners stating that they would not return to duty at the Jerome County sheriff's office because they could not call the shots. Then when the sheriff called their bluff and accepted their resignations, they try to cause civil unrest with the county citizens by lying and making it appear as if the sheriff ousted them. These same reserves, when not on duty, attended private functions in uniform and with county vehicles as security officers under the guise of sheriff's deputies.

I would bet that in the event that a member of your family were ever confronted by a situation where an off-duty reserve officer took any unauthorized action against them, you would be the first in line, with an attorney to sue the county.

How dare Mr. Toolson and yourself try to dump this back on the sheriff. Mr. Toolson is supposed to not put our county in the position of being held liable for the actions of its employees; however, does he really think reserves should be allowed to moonlight as sheriff's deputies and leave the county liable for any and all of their actions?

Sheriff Weaver will have no problem replacing our reserves; people are standing in line.

As far as running our sheriff's department on I.A.'s budget, our previous sheriff provided minimal to no law enforcement and let the reserves put the county at serious risk yet used every penny and then some of the sheriff's budget. Isn't that one of those things that you go blank?

Sheriff Weaver and his department are doing a very commendable job and have picked more riff raff off the streets of Jerome County in the past few months than our previous sheriff and his department did in the last four years.

Good riddance to good ol' boy law enforcement.

Great job, Sheriff Weaver, the people of Jerome County applaud you.

Oh, and one other thing, Lauren Jackson. If I read your letter correctly, it says you are from Rupert. Since when was that taken into Jerome County jurisdiction? Doesn't your county have enough of its own problems to worry about? Hmm?

DAVID MAYO
Eden

Elderly man victimized in court

To Judge Kevin Cassidy:
I recently you had a divorce case presented in your court. You ordered a 65-year-old gentleman to sign papers forcing him to sell his home on unreasonable terms. This gentleman is legally blind, has very poor health, has no income other than his Social Security and disability. The woman in this case is healthy, working full time at a high-paying job, has a furnished home and aban-

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We also provide 40 jobs for Lincoln County, that puts us in fourth place for job placement behind the Idaho State Department of Transportation, Bureau of Land Management and Avonmore.

I invite everyone in the Magic Valley to stop by our facility at 511 E. Fourth St. in Shoshone. We would appreciate the opportunity to give you a tour, answer your questions and introduce you to our bright and talented people who call the Wood River Rehabilitation and Care Center home. I want to make it clear there is no intention of closing the doors of the facility.

While it is true we don't have as many residents as you are used to, we are simply experiencing a normal fluctuation in our numbers.

We in Lincoln County have an excellent facility and resources right in our backyard. I can assure you, in the coming months everyone will know more about the Wood River Rehabilitation and Care Center.

LEWIS HOLMES
Administrator, WRRCC
Shoshone

If you don't like Idaho, leave

It is extremely difficult for us native-born Idahoans to comprehend the movement of some people who move from other states. Especially those who come from metropolitan areas that come here to get the freedom of the outdoors and they immediately try to change it here to be the same as where they came from.

Some call themselves environmentalists, but they are more like environmentalists. Once such group in Blaine, Idaho, is an example of this. They built homes in the flight pattern of the airport, which had been there 50 years earlier. First, they tried to get the fence removed from around the airport because it was unsightly. They soon failed at this when they found evidence that a federal regulation required it. Next, they fought to get the airport moved. When they failed at this, they turned to the cattleman's grazing permits to get attention.

I grew up on a ranch on the Salmon River when the sheep and cattleman were at war. My dad ran a band of sheep during the Great Depression. His range was so far back in the mountains that it took two days on horseback to reach the sheep camp. I spent all of several summers out with the herder, where we never saw another human nor another structure all summer other than the shepherd who brought great sheep 10 days. So we never had any problems with cattleman or sheepmen, and my herd is that no environmentalists has ever seen any of this part of Idaho either.

In some states there are already 10 bludgeoned over range fights, judging by the temperance of these old cattleman of those days if they were alive today, they would have been Tom Marval.

LAURENCE JOHNSON
Gooding

Center is community asset

I would like to let our community know how proud I am to be the administrator at the Wood River Rehabilitation and Care Center.

I truly believe our facility is an asset to our community. Since our beginning in 1958, our center has provided valuable care to our elderly citizens. In fact, we are often ranked among the best care facilities in the state.

We are one of the least expensive centers in the area. We combine our cost-effective care with a family-like atmosphere to provide our residents with a comfortable and safe place to live. WRRCC offers a warm, stimulating environment for our residents by caring for their complete needs: social, physical and spiritual. The staff takes pride in providing 24-hour nursing care in this 39-bed facility. Our residents can move here permanently or spend a few weeks with us while recovering from illness or surgery. Senior adults can even spend the day with us for a chance to meet other people and, at the same time, be under the care of competent and skilled

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LETTERS

Jerome again needs a change

It seems our newly elected sheriff has forgotten his campaign promise all

Sheriff Weaver was going to crack down on the drug situation in Jerome County.

With the drugs available in our schools and our streets as they are now, I'm asking you, Mr. Weaver, why not help the task force?

Sheriff Weaver states he doesn't have the manpower to give the task force any help. What about all the help we so gladly gave away with the reserves? He said one time it was their loss, not his. Well, Mr. Weaver, wake up, it's the county's loss.

I can only speak for myself, but I can't believe I'm the only one who refuses to pay higher taxes just to support someone's ego.

I hope our county commissioners are taking a good long look at what's going on with your budget. Right now, some of us should be.

We rely on our elected officials to guide the way and help our respective counties and cities progress at a rate we can afford, not to be taken down the road to bankruptcy with our eyes closed.

We elected Jim Weaver sheriff because Jerome County needed a change! So soon it appears we again need a change.

Come on, Jerome County citizens. Let's do what we can to turn this around and get our reserves back to doing what they are good at and dedicated to.

PAULINE E. PATHEAL, Jerome

Why are Idahoans dying of cancer?

Is anybody out there concerned about the extremely high rate of cancer that is killing Idahoans? Canceled twice the national average, especially cancer of the brain, is shocking, the fastest growing, most deadly, always terminal form of malignancy. Why?

WIREMAN, Twin Falls

In the small town of Moreland in eastern Idaho, it's a scary story. Who's watching the store? Charles Lemmon of KMYT seems to be onto something. At least twice, he has brought this to our attention.

After living in Illinois for 50 years, I moved to Idaho 10 years ago. In all those 50 years, I came to know many people in Illinois and not one ever died from cancer of the brain nor one before or since I left Illinois. Yet every week or so in our own Times-News obituaries, we read of another brain cancer victim. Why? When we have always known of Idaho as pristine, with clean air, pure water, God's country.

Could it possibly be because we have allowed ourselves to be surrounded by the killing machine of the world's nuclear waste? Could it be that we are drinking poisoned water, eating food grown in contaminated soil? We know that our government has lied to us before, has put us at risk before, yet no one wants to believe that our government, state or federal, would knowingly expose us to this deadly killer. Yet it is a well-known fact that exposure to waste products from nuclear energy does cause brain cancer. Of course, we know of the tens of thousands of pounds of waste that travels through our countryside to find its home in our beautiful, clean Idaho. Well, what I'd like to know is, "Just how clean is it?"

If my thoughts and opinions are wrong, would someone please explain to me why so many of our friends and neighbors are dying with cancer, especially cancer of the brain? Why? Just talk to me.

WIREMAN, Twin Falls

Correction

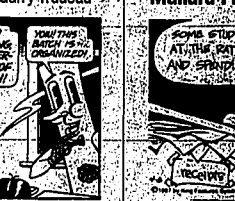
The name of a letter writer was printed incorrectly on Friday's Opinion page. The letter, regarding Forest Service fees, was from Terry Flatts of Gooding.

The Times-News regrets the error.

Doonesbury



By Garry Trudeau



Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley



ANNIVERSARIES — Abusive husbands are never going to change their ways

THE KALISEKS



Joe and Sierra Kalisek

TWIN FALLS — Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kalisek of Twin Falls will be honored at an open house Sunday in observance of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Friends and relatives are invited to call from 2 to 4 p.m. at St. Edward's Catholic Church, Parish Hall, 206 Seventh Ave. E. in Twin Falls. The couple requests no gifts.

Kalisek and Sierra Sastry were married April 13, 1947, at St. Edward's Catholic Church.

They have lived in Twin Falls for three years and 33 years on their

farm in the Crestview area. He farmed for 48 years. She farmed with her husband and raised a family.

They have been active in the Catholic Church in Rupert and Twin Falls.

The event is being given by their children, JoAnn Thompson of Minneapolis, Minn., Michael Kalisek of Paul, Laurie Engel of Halley, and Connie Jaeger of Kennewick, Wash.

The couple has three grandsons and six granddaughters.

THE GILSONS



Hazel and Jack Gilson

TWIN FALLS — Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gilson of Twin Falls will be honored at an open house Saturday in observance of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Friends and relatives are invited to call from 2 to 4 p.m. at the LDS Church, 421 Maurice St. N. in Twin Falls.

Gilson and Hazel Lafavever were married Dec. 22, 1946, in Acapulco, Idaho.

The event is being hosted by their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Their children are Louise Johnson of Boise, Frank and Debbie Gilson of Kittitas; Wash, Jack Jr. and Betty Gilson of Twin

Falls, and Clyde and Johanna Gilson of Richland, Wash.

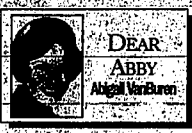
The couple has 14 grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

DEAR ABBY — The letter you recently printed from "The Goodbye Wife" in *California* has led the readers to leave her husband, but I don't think I should read and check off the reasons with which I identified it. Before I read this letter, I had been reminiscing about the pleasant moments I had shared with my former husband, and had started to begin to blame all our problems on myself. I fantasized that we could be united as a family again.

My 15-year-old daughter lives with me, and my 17-year-old son lives with his father. I raise my son and the good things about our family life. However, the letter in your column was sobering and much-needed reminder of the sometimes subtle, but always devastating effects of being the object of intermittent humiliation, ridicule, name-calling, intimidation and physical abuse.

The writer mentioned that she had not yet left her abuser, and knew it was easier said than done. I know exactly what she's experiencing. She is most likely feeling ambivalence, because abused women usually have thinking patterns that reflect the destructive effect of abuse. We tend to gloss over the bad parts and glorify the good things. She may blame herself. She may be hoping her husband will see the error of his ways by reading her letter in your column and miraculously change.

I want her to know: That is a fantasy. It will never happen. He will not change, nor will he even admit he needs to. She needs to leave that marriage as soon as possible and begin repairing the damage this man has inflicted.



Now, I'll tell you how her letter came to impact me: I left the column (with my check marks on it) in my bathroom. While my daughter and I were out, my former husband and my son came into my home. My ex found the column and observed that I had checked most

of the items on the list. Did he recognize himself? Did he suddenly empathize with my feelings? Did he want to talk over the issues? No. He showed the list to my son. The two of them laughed about it and ridiculed me when I returned.

For the first time in the many years I have known this man, I saw him clearly for what he really is. To enter my home, read personal things that pertain only to our relationship and then share them with our son is the most obvious example I will ever need of what emotional abuse is.

BEEN THERE IN FLORIDA
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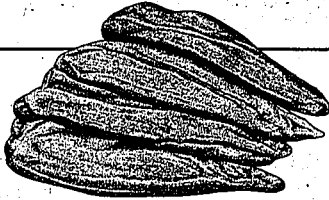
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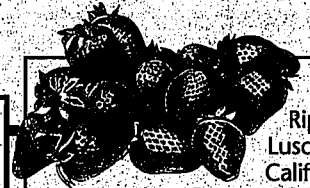
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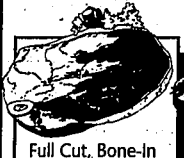
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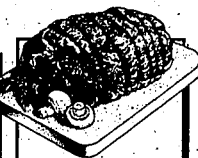
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AROUND THE VALLEY

Officers turn waiters for fund-raiser event

TWIN FALLS - Police officers will be serving the public in a different way today. Officers from the Twin Falls Police Department, Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department and Idaho State Police will take to the aisles and tables of Perkins Family Restaurant in Twin Falls. The officers are donning up a fundraiser for the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics.

The officers will greet customers and explain the Torch Run. They'll also be available to take tips for Special Olympics. All proceeds from the event go toward Special Olympics, said Twin Falls Police Sgt. Tom Parker. The restaurant shares receipts from the event with Special Olympics, Parker said.

The event is being held only at the Twin Falls Perkins, at 154 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. and will not be on duty. The Perkins cooks will still be on duty.

Jerome man reported missing since Thursday

JEROME - Jerome police have alerted regional law enforcement agencies to be on the lookout for a Jerome man missing since Thursday.

The family of Patrick Beavers, 24, Friday filed a missing person's report, said Police Detective Patty Ward. Beavers' family is very concerned about him, even though he apparently left by himself and of his own free will, Ward said.

Beavers is thought to have taken nothing but a few extra clothes with him and may be going to either Texas or California, she said.

If police find Beavers, he will be asked to call his family, but police cannot take him in to custody or force him to return to Jerome because he is an adult, Ward said.

Beavers is about 6 feet tall and weighs about 240 pounds. He has brown hair, a full beard and mustache, and hazel eyes. He may be wearing a light blue jacket, a blue jean or plaid dress, jeans and boots.

Beavers also frequently wears wrap-around sunglasses because he is light-sensitive, Ward said.

Incumbents, newcomer win Bellevue council posts

BELLEVUE - Two incumbents and a newcomer won two-year seats on the City Council in Monday's election.

The winners were the three among the seven candidates running for the council who got the most of the 203 votes cast. Less than one-third of the city's registered voters went to the polls Monday.

Voters selected three council candidates, with the top three vote-getters Monday's top vote-getters elected.

Newcomer Steve Fairbrother, 38, an equine veterinarian, was Monday's leading vote-getter. He received 144 votes, appearing 71 percent of the ballots.

Second was incumbent Melanie Dahl, 48, an office manager appointed to the council in 1994. She received 139 votes, appearing on 68 percent of the ballots.

Third was George Moore, 50, a retiree. He received 127 votes, or 63 percent.

Rounding out the field were Larry Flout, with 71 votes, incumbent Ray McClure, with 65 votes, and Darlene Fitzgerald and Wayne Raymond, with 23 votes each.

The only remaining contested city in Idaho, Bellevue, holds city elections each April.

Twin Falls motel stabbing victim in fair condition

TWIN FALLS - A Twin Falls man is fair condition, recovering after being stabbed Thursday night at the Apollo Motor Inn, Beck Street.

A 16-year-old boy suspected in the stabbing has been arrested, but on two warrants with other charges.

Ellie Trevino and George Salinas were both hurt in the altercation. Trevino was stabbed in the chest on the forehead and face; Salinas in the back.

Trevino is being treated at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

Police reports say Trevino and Salinas were in the motel Thursday. Trevino's family says he wasn't expecting to find the suspect there, and didn't expect the boy to have a knife.

Trevino was pulled into the motel room and had a punch thrown at him, said Apollo Sheriff John Evans.

The suspect pulled a butterfly knife and cut Trevino, the police report said.

Salinas was also stabbed when he went to Trevino's aid, and tried to get the knife away from the suspect, Trevino said.

Police reports said Trevino and Salinas had a heated argument with the suspect, and that Trevino and Salinas followed the suspect into the motel room. That wasn't accurate, Suarez said.

Thieves hack into high school's computer stock

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - The computers stolen from Twin Falls High School last week may not be replaced, and that will leave students to do without.

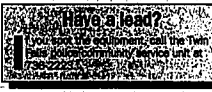
The school lost two complete computer systems and five others are inoperable after a burglary Wednesday night. The total loss was between \$4,500 and \$5,000, said Twin Falls police officer Brian Pike, the high school's school resource officer.

A month ago, a complete computer system was stolen from the room.

The computers are IBM clones with Intel Pentium processors, Pike said, worth about \$1,700 each, he said.

"The real losers are the students," Pike said. "With high insurance deductibles, it's doubtful (the computers will) be replaced."

At least two suspects entered the high school career room and took two complete computer systems, Pike said. The suspects also opened up five computers and removed the memory chips from them.



The thieves broke a window to get inside and get the equipment out, Pike said. They also took a Canon copy machine from the media room and a Hewlett-Packard printer, he said.

The suspects are likely either students or a former student, Pike said. - Please see HACKERS, Page B3

Suspect strawberries found in Gem State

The Times-News

BOISE - Idaho health officials still had no word Monday about the destinations of 1,500 pounds of potentially contaminated frozen strawberries in the state.

The berries are suspected to be part of a supply that sickened Michigan school children with hepatitis A.

But the state epidemiologist reports no increased in hepatitis cases in Idaho in recent months.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration notified the State Department of Health and Welfare Friday afternoon that the food had been shipped into Idaho. The product originally came from San Diego.

"We believe they were shipped to Boise in October and then distributed to

About Hepatitis A

- A virus that can cause fever, loss of appetite, abdominal pain, nausea and jaundice (yellowing of the skin).
- Usually mild illness.
- Symptoms usually appear 15 to 50 days after exposure.
- Food establishments possessing strawberries that could be tainted are urged to call their distributors.

other parts of the state," said Don Brothers, food program supervisor with the State Department of Health and Welfare. Because the FDA has jurisdiction on warehouses shipping products across state lines, the federal agency is

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Pershing Elementary School doors close for good

By Gregory Hahn
Times-News writer

RUPERT - The Pershing Elementary School building is unsafe, and students and teachers will finish the remainder of the school year at other locations, the Minidoka County School Board decided Monday.

The 79-year-old building would probably not withstand strong winds or an earthquake, said district architect Kent Krohn. But more importantly, the decorative parapet that surrounds the roof could fall or break apart at any time.

"The parapet walls have deteriorated badly and are, in our opinion, a severe hazard," Krohn told the school board during a meeting Monday.

About 30 parents, teachers and staff attended the meeting, eager to hear how and where they would finish the last 36 school days. The board voted unanimously to close the school for good, and to resume classes elsewhere.

Krohn, of the Boise-based Leatham and Krohn Architects, said the most dangerous places at the school would be around the entrances and along the outside of the walls where the building's facade is most likely to fall. He suggested the possibility of fencing in trees surrounding the walls and building strong timber tunnels leading into all the entrances.

But with so little time left in the school year, that would take too long and cost too much money, board members said.

Superintendent Nick Hallett toured the building Monday morning with Krohn, Engineer David Barnett of J-U-B Engineers Inc. and other district officials.



Minidoka County School District Superintendent Nick Hallett, left, points out some visible damage at Pershing Elementary School to board member Geoff Copeland, center, and Assistant Superintendent Robert Parlock Monday.

Where to find what

Two first-grade classes held in the brick building stay in the brick building. Two first-grade classes held in the brick building stay in the brick building. Two first-grade classes held in the brick building stay in the brick building.

"Personally, I have no problem being in there," Hallett said. "I don't think there's going to be a high wind or an earthquake while I'm there. But I have a different standard for myself than for the students."

He said the weakness of the parapets surprised him.

"This concrete was so crumbly you could just take it in your hand and crumble it," he said.

Krohn said the building is going to happen, like 100 mph winds or earthquake tremors," he said. "But if we have a substantial earthquake, I think you'd have substantial damage. But no one in this room can predict that."

The Snake River Plain is rated about a two out of a possible five on an International Conference of Building Officials earthquake scale. Most of California is rated a four. But a tremor in 1905 was centered in Shoshone and a few other earthquakes have shaken the Mini-Cassia area over the years.

National Weather Service Meteorologist Thomas Andretta said an 83 mph wind was measured near Pocatello in July 1983. A 72 mph gust whipped through parts of southern Idaho in March 1955.

"It's a freak occurrence, let's put it that way," Krohn said. "But the immediate danger is the crumbling facade, which could fall if a

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Board glimpses hospitals of future Twin Falls heaps kudos on heroes

By Pat Marcantonio
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Check into the hospital. Instead of ringing for room service, you'll get a nurse.

That was one national hospital trend discussed by a Nashville, Tenn., architect Monday evening at the meeting of the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center board.

David Johnson is the architect for the new medical-office building, cardiac-catheterization laboratory and other projects at the county hospital. He told the board the catheterization laboratory, a diagnostic-heart procedure, opens this year.

"The \$1.9 million project is located near the intensive care unit, also undergoing refurbishing."

Meanwhile, the \$9 million two-story medical office building adjacent to the hospital is on schedule with completion expected to move in by Christmas, Johnson said.

The architect also provided a glimpse of what's being built elsewhere in the nation.

There is more emphasis on outpatient services even to the extent of hospital hotels with rooms geared for a one-night stay, he said.

"We're talking about a health center without beds," Johnson said.

While some of the trends may be applicable only to larger cities, Johnson used a series of drawings to show how they may work for Magic Valley Regional.

"For example, primary care provided by doctors in

the medical-office building, same-day surgery and emergency care could be consolidated in one area of the campus with another area for patients requiring more care.

Administrator John Bingham says housing for ambulances and a busy emergency room are the priorities for space at Magic Valley Regional.

On a health issue, Dr. Paul Miles reported the hospital is starting to catch breast-cancer cases at earlier stages, but the number of women undergoing mammographies is low.

A hospital committee including four physicians is focusing on the issue and will bring recommendations to the board later.

Miles heads a Magic Valley Regional effort to improve health care, control costs, measure outcomes and help improve community lifestyles to reduce health problems.

During the last 10 years in Twin Falls County, there have been 338 cases of breast cancer with 60 percent of them in women aged 59 and older, he said. In 1985, 25 percent of the cases were detected in early stages. In 1995, that went up to 60 percent.

The hospital board also approved the following expenditures:

- \$48,000 to refurbish the patient compartment on an ambulance, refurbish it and mount it on a new 1997 chassis.
- A \$36,712 anesthesia-delivery machine to replace one of two older machines in the operating rooms.
- A \$31,800 replacement of a machine that folds laundry linens.

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By William Brock
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - A recycling center for wood wastes moved one step closer to reality, Taco Bell got a break, and four young heroes were honored in absentia at Monday's City Council meeting.

Council members approved a rezoning request for the recycling center, thus consolidating the entire site at 270 Victory Ave. as a manufacturing zone. Part of the property had been zoned for residential use.

The site will accept clean wood scraps, tree branches and other woody debris that can be ground into organic mulch, then spread on the ground. The idea is to keep organic wastes out of local landfills, extending their life spans.

None of the four young heroes could make it to Monday's meeting, but that didn't prevent them from being showered with kudos.

Tommy Norris, Harold Hill, Brian Neitzke and Jason Hendrickson were inducted for breaking up a strong robbery at the Blue Lakes Boulevard branch of D.L. Evans bank. The foursome swung into an action when a guy knocked a woman down as she tried to make a night deposit in the wee hours of March 15.

Two of the Good Samaritans gave chase, briefly capturing the would-be robber before he squirmed free and escaped. Even so, they recovered the woman's money and identified her assailant to police.

Harold Hill's stepfather accepted a certificate of appreciation from Mayor Jeff Gooding, then former Idaho Gov. John Evans said he was a presenter of his own. Evans' gratitude was compounded by the

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PRICES EFFECTIVE TUESDAY THRU MONDAY

New security scanner has X-ray vision

The Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — The next generation of weapons detectors is doubly accurate, able to look through clothes to find guns, explosives and even syringes and drug vials that can be tucked into rolls of fat.

"About the size of a vending booth, a machine manufactured by Nicolet Imaging Systems of San Diego goes beyond metal detectors to show any solid object. It is being tested at North Carolina's Central Prison and the federal courthouse in Los Angeles.

"It's a very low-level X-ray," Capt. Marshall Hudson, a correction officer, said during a demonstration Monday. "It's going to show everybody has something on them. Keys and pens. Things you can't identify are things you want to do a more thorough search on."

Hudson, who looked at the image of a fellow officer flashed on a video screen, said the \$100,000 machine is capable of showing thin bones near the skin and even a person's private parts on the "unlock mode."

"While police groups are intrigued, civil libertarians are concerned because the same technology is being developed by other manufacturers into a hand-held model, which will enable police to detect a weapon hidden under someone's clothing up to 50 feet away."

"It becomes a question of how intrusive they are," said Mark Kappelhoff, legislative counsel for the American Civil Liberties Union, which questioned law enforcement's need to view the human anatomy.

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Capt. Marshall Hudson, left, demonstrates the use of the Secure 1000 security scanner at former F.O. O'Neal at a news conference Monday at Central Prison in Raleigh, N.C. Law enforcement authorities are reportedly testing new security technology that is expected to lead to devices that will allow police to spot people carrying concealed weapons.

Net surfers can peek at Social Security records

The Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Va. — The financial status of millions of Americans is now available on the Internet by looking up Social Security records, USA Today reported.

The development worries critics who say privacy rights are being sacrificed, the newspaper said Monday.

The Social Security Administration went on-line a month ago, making it easier for taxpayers to look up their records. But USA Today said the system also serves easy snooping.

"As soon as crooks start exploiting this service to get other people's information, Social Security is going to have a real problem on its hands," said Evan Hendricks, chairman of the U.S. Privacy Council in Washington.

"Social Security officials told the newspaper the dangers are minimal. "We have confidence that in the huge majority of cases, the people requesting these things are the right people," said John Saba, head of electronic services in the Social Security Administration.

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NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Adv.	Ret.	Chg.	Vol.	Chg.	Vol.
Adv.	139	23	230	230	139
Ret.	210	28	236	236	210
Chg.	230	23	236	236	230
Vol.	139	23	230	230	139
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MARKET SUMMARY

NYSE					AMEX					NASDAQ				
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Micro	130068	54%	-14	-14	SPDR	25662	76%	+76	+76	Clac	125887	547%	+39	+39
Chng	12030	14%	+16	+16	BIAT	18445	17%	+36	+36	Fac	137661	13%	-9	-9
Micro	47755	41%	+14	+14	Viad	18180	31%	+24	+24	Intel	122712	143%	+4	+4
Chng	47259	34%	-2	-2	InvCo	10473	7%	-3	-3	Staps	27108	25%	-8	-8
Chng	48121	34%	+4	+4	JTS Corp	6183	2%	-4	-4	Linnet	20	100%	+8	+8
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INDEXES

High	Low	Mid	Last	Chg	Vol
7,112.10	6,162.83	Dow Jones Industrials	6,555.01	+29.84	+1.17
2,470.27	1,022.22	Dow Jones Transportation	2,427.42	+112	+1.67
243.20	203.32	Dow Jones Utilities	214.84	-21	-0.30
628.25	329.25	NYSE Composite	400.68	+2.68	+2.14
618.84	326.8	NYSE	380.22	+1	+0.28
1,007.83	1,008.8	Nasdaq Composite	1,251.35	+14.82	+1.18
617.88	306.8	S&P 500	762.15	+4.23	+2.89
472.8	166.2	Russell 2000	344.81	+4.07	+1.18
7,762.28	8,096.3	Wall Street	7,272.59	+68.03	+2

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg
Alberici	44	17	33	-1	PharUp	1.08	34	357%	+6
Franklin	3	3	3	-1	PharUp	1.08	34	357%	+6
Bank	1.50	24	60%	+3	PharUp	1.08	34	357%	+6
Bank	1.50	24	60%	+3	PharUp	1.08	34	357%	+6
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HOW TO READ THE MARKET REPORT

New highs for the S&P 500 were 331.36, the Dow Jones Industrials 6,555.01, the Nasdaq Composite 1,251.35, the Russell 2000 344.81, and the Wall Street 7,272.59.

New lows for the S&P 500 were 102.22, the Dow Jones Industrials 6,162.83, the Nasdaq Composite 329.25, the Russell 2000 166.2, and the Wall Street 8,096.3.

Market leaders were listed alphabetically by the company's ticker symbol. The closing price, volume, and change are listed for each stock. The change is shown in green for gains and red for losses.

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MARKETS

CLOSING FUTURES

Table of closing futures prices for commodities like Corn, Soybeans, Wheat, and Live Cattle.

BEANS

Table of bean prices including Soybean Meal, Soybean Oil, and Soybean Meal.

GRAINS

Table of grain prices including Corn, Soybeans, and Wheat.

POTATOES

Table of potato prices for various grades and origins.

Table of market prices for various commodities like Sugar, Livestock, and Metals/Currency.

SUGAR

Table of sugar prices for different grades and origins.

LIVESTOCK

Table of livestock prices including cattle, hogs, and sheep.

METALS/CURRENCY

Table of metal and currency prices for gold, silver, and various currencies.

Table of fossil fuel prices including oil, natural gas, and coal.

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Table of mutual fund prices for various funds.

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Biggest U.S. companies had a boom year in 1996

NEW YORK (AP) — Downstaging or merging their way to prosperity in many cases, America's mightiest companies saw a 23 percent surge in profits in 1996. Fortune said Monday in its annual ranking of the top 500 businesses.

The growth in profits was far greater than analysts' income gains. General Motors' earnings rose to No. 1 spot with \$168.37 billion in sales, followed by Ford Motor Co. with \$146.99 billion. Exxon, third with \$116.43 billion, was the most profitable of the 500, earning \$7.5 billion in 1996.

"The companies of the Fortune 500 have restructured, re-engineered, refinanced, downsized, laid off, split up and merged their way to prosperity," the magazine said in the April 28 issue, on newsstands this week.

New interest rates and slight inflation also helped.

In a reflection of concern over how long the trend can last, the magazine asked, "Do U.S. businesses need to start selling more jet engines, more hamburgers, more software programs, and more telephone calls—to keep this earnings express rolling?"

Together, the top 500 companies earned nearly \$300 billion last year, more than twice the U.S. trade deficit.

Now in its 42nd year, the Fortune 500 ranks the top U.S. companies by sales. But it also measures their performance in

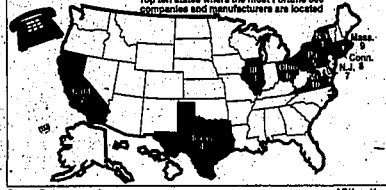
The Fortune 500

A look at the top 10 companies and manufacturers:

Highest revenues		Highest profits	
Company	Revenue	Company	Profit
General Motors	\$168,366	Exxon	\$7,410
Ford Motor	\$146,990	General Electric	\$7,200
Exxon	\$116,430	Philip Morris	\$4,303
General Electric	\$74,030	Intl. Business Machines	\$3,629
Intl. Business Machines	\$73,940	Intl. Business Machines	\$3,629
AT&T	\$74,820	General Motors	\$4,983
Wal-Mart	\$72,260	Land Motor	\$3,446
Chrysler	\$61,387	Merck	\$3,281
Philip Morris	\$54,550	Edwards	\$3,268

*In millions

Top ten states where the most Fortune 500 companies and manufacturers are located



Source: Fortune magazine

AP/Arny Kravt

other important ways, such as profits and stock market value.

Rounding out the top 10 were Wal-Mart, General Electric, IBM,

AT&T, Mobil, Chrysler and Philip Morris. The only change among the top 10 since 1995 was that GE and AT&T switched places.

Albertson's, Micron gain ground among corporate bigwigs

NEW YORK (AP) — Despite the financial upheaval created by the bottom falling out of the international computer chip market, Micron Technology Inc. made a substantial jump in the Fortune 500 rankings of America's largest companies.

The Fortune rankings released this week showed Micron moving from 419th in 1995 to 370th in 1996 based on sales at nearly \$3.7 billion.

And those sales were dampened during the final half of the Boise-based chip maker's financial year by the depressed international market. Micron had reported \$2.1 billion in sales during the first half of its 1996 fiscal year and saw them fall off to \$1.8 billion during the bear market of the last half.

Sales during the first half of its 1997 financial year totaled just \$1.6 billion. Sales in the second quarter were slightly higher than during the first.

Idaho's largest corporation, Albertson's Inc., climbed another seven notches in the Fortune rankings. The nation's fourth largest grocery and drug retailer moved to 89th with 1996 sales of nearly \$13.8 billion.

Red Lake Cascade Corp., which saw a brief return of red ink during 1996 before again posting a profit in the fourth quarter, lost ground in the rankings. With persisting unfavorable conditions in the paper market, the company dropped from 265th in 1995 to 277 last year on sales of just over \$5.1 billion, up only fractionally from 1995 sales.

Americans keep on borrowing

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans continued borrowing at a moderate pace in February after building debt in January at the fastest rate in six months.

Consumer debt rose at a 6.7 percent seasonally adjusted annual rate in February to \$1.21 trillion following an increase at a 10.3 percent rate in January, the largest since July, the Federal Reserve said Monday.

The report was slightly stronger than analysts' expected because January's rate was revised up from an earlier 8.4 percent estimate. It fits with other evidence suggesting economic growth in the first quarter continued at around the robust 3.8 percent rate of the fourth quarter.

Consumer spending, supported by strong job growth, is powering the economy right now. It represents about two-thirds of

overall activity. Borrowing by consumers has grown every month since May 1993.

"I don't think this number suggests that consumers are splurging... but if fits in with the economy starting out (the year) quite strongly," said economist David C. Munro of High Frequency Economics.

Much of the increased borrowing is coming in credit card debt, which grew at a 12.7 percent annual rate in February after surging higher at a 21.6 rate in January, the biggest gain in 16 months.

However, automobile borrowing slowed to a crawl. It increased at a 0.3 percent rate after rising at a 3.1 percent rate in January.

Other kinds of consumer debt rose at a 5.5 percent rate in February following an advance at a 2.9 percent rate the month before. This catchall category includes loans for mobile

homes, education, boats and vacations.

Economists believe Americans' borrowing binge will begin to slow this year. They expect the Federal Reserve, which nudged short-term interest rates up by a quarter of a percentage point late last month, to continue to increase the cost of borrowing in an effort to slow economic growth and prevent inflationary imbalances from developing.

And there are signs consumers are reaching their limit. Personal bankruptcies topped a million for the first time ever last year. And the percentage of credit card holders behind on their payments at the end of 1996 rose to the highest level on record.

"There will be some progressive weakening of consumer credit demand," Munro said. "We'll see smaller increases rather than reductions."

Technology shares lead modest advance

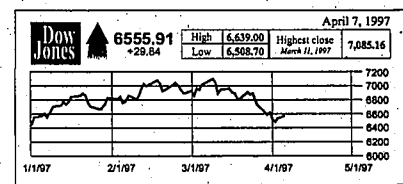
NEW YORK (AP) — Bellwether technology shares led a modest rally again on Monday as investors, still shaken by a sharp two-week downturn, mustered up more confidence to bargain-hunt.

A late spurt of profit taking halved the day's gain for the Dow Jones industrial average, which rose just 29.84, to 6,555.91, under-scoring the lack of conviction among investors.

Broader stock measures also advanced for the second straight session as bond-market interest rates backed away from Friday's seven-month high. Big-name technology shares led the way again, boosting the beleaguered Nasdaq market for the third straight session.

But even with a successful bounce to Friday's performance, few analysts were convinced that the stock market's near-term troubles have ended.

Many are looking for a drop of at least 10 percent by popular market indicators such as the Dow and the Standard & Poor's



500. At last week's lows, both of those measures had fallen about 8 percent from their highs set earlier this year.

"It's nice to have back-to-back up days for a change, but it's nothing to get overexcited about," said Scott Bleier, chief investment strategist at Prime Charter. "The caveat here is that the momentum in the market is not up at this time, it's down, and the bottom put in by the broad market indices last week will

eventually be tested in the near term."

Stocks found some early support in the bond market, where prices rebounded from Friday's drop, lowering the yield on the 30-year Treasury bond to 7.06 percent. On Friday, the widely watched yield shot to 7.12 percent, the highest closing level since September, after a key report on employment revealed more inflationary pressures in the economy.

Practical use of fuel cells is just around the corner, experts say

Knight-Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — A fuel cell sounds like an idea whose time has come. You put in hydrogen and oxygen, you take out electricity and water, you get no pollution, and waste very little energy.

But as the space shuttle Columbia's aborted flight shows, the technology has not yet been fully mastered. Although fuel cells have been supplying energy to spacecraft since the 1950s, down-to-earth applications, such as in automobiles and power plants, are not in hand.

Practical fuel cells are "still just over the horizon" they're not quite here," said Robert Mauro, executive vice president of the Fuel Cells Commercialization Group, the industry's trade association.

Conceived in 1839 by William Grove, a British scientist, fuel cell technology languished for more than a century, but now it is progressing rapidly. If it can be made to work economically, it promises an inexhaustible supply of clean, efficient energy.

About 100 small commercial power generators are already in operation around the world. A large system was tested successfully last year at the Santa Clara County power plant near San Jose, Calif. This spring, fuel cells are turning waste gas into electricity at a municipal landfill in Groton, Conn. "A handful of experimental buses and vans are cruising American, Canadian and German streets."

Fuel cells are now crossing the "commercial threshold," Assistant Energy Secretary Patricia Godley told a congressional subcommittee.

Three of the devices, based on an early technology, were supplying power to the Columbia until one failed, forcing a premature landing scheduled for

this afternoon.

The alkaline fuel cells used in space are impractical — for both economic and technical reasons — on the ground, where the atmosphere is much murkier than in orbit.

Early projects use different materials, such as phosphoric acid or molten carbonate, to extract electrically charged atoms, known as ions, from the fuel. The fuel can be any hydrocarbon gas, such as natural gas, methane from decomposing animal waste or even reformed gasoline.

The pure water produced as a byproduct can be reused or thrown away. Astronauts drink it.

Fuel cells look like large metal sandwiches and are arranged in "stacks." The three stacks on Columbia each contain 32 cells. Because of their modular geometry, they can be built to scale and transported easily.

The Santa Clara power station used four stacks, each about the size of a small garage, to generate almost 2 megawatts of electricity — enough to light 2,000 homes — from natural gas. Before it was shut down last month, it was "the largest fuel cell power plant ever operated in U.S.," according to A.J. Skok, an official at Fuel Cell Engineering Corp. in Danbury, Conn.

The Groton landfill project is producing 140 kilowatts, enough for 100 homes, that is fed to the Connecticut Power & Light Co. The cells consume 80 cubic feet a minute of methane, about one-fifth of the waste gas emitted from the landfill.

Since methane is a "greenhouse gas" that contributes to global warming, environmentalists are excited about this technology.

Mark Williams, fuel cell project manager at the Federal Energy Technology Center in Morgantown, W.Va., said there

are 700 landfills in the nation that together could generate 5,000 megawatts of electricity, enough to serve 5 million homes while removing harmful waste gases.

Eventually, Williams said, fuel-cell power plants will be built more cheaply than conventional plants and will operate at much greater efficiency. A typical coal or gas plant converts about a third of its theoretical energy into electricity, he said, but a fuel cell plant will convert more than half.

Meanwhile, auto makers are striving to develop energy-efficient engines powered by fuel cells for use in cars, vans and buses. The federal government is also contributing to this work as part of its Partnership for a New Generation of Vehicles, an ambitious attempt to produce cars that can get 80 miles per gallon by 2004.

In January, for example, Chrysler Corp. announced that it has engineered a fuel-cell family sedan that gets 80 miles to the gallon. An on-board fuel processor converts ordinary gasoline into hydrogen, which produces electricity to drive the car. Motorists could tank up at any conventional gasoline station.

Chrysler hopes to have a working model within two years and to be on the market within 10 years, at a price comparable to that of a standard gasoline-powered car. Ford and General Motors are also developing fuel-cell cars, using different methodologies.

In a report published earlier this month, the National Research Council, a branch of the National Academy of Sciences, called automotive fuel cells "fundamentally promising," but it said they are unlikely to be ready for widespread commercial use before 2010 or 2015.

T-bill rates dip slightly in Monday's auction

WASHINGTON (AP) — Interest rates on short-term Treasury securities declined in Monday's auction to the lowest since 1995.

The Treasury Department sold \$6.5 billion in three-month bills at an average discount rate of 5.14 percent, down from 5.5 percent last week. Another \$6.5 bil-

lion was sold in six-month bills at an average rate of 5.30 percent, down from 5.31 percent last week. The rates were the lowest since March 17, when three-month bills sold for 5.13 percent and the six-month rate averaged 5.26 percent.

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bills with a \$10,000 bill selling for \$9,870.10 and 5.52 percent for a six-month bill selling for \$9,732.10.

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Utah Valley at CSI (2), 1 p.m.

High school track

Freshman meet at Minico, 3:30 p.m.

High school baseball

Burley at American Falls, 3:30 p.m.
Filer at Wood River (2), 3 p.m.
Glenris Ferry at Jerome JV, 3 p.m.
Jerome at Twin Falls Jrs. (2), 4 p.m.

High school softball

Filer at Wood River (2), 3 p.m.
Burley at Blackfoot (2), 4 p.m.
Glenris Ferry at Jerome Jaycee (2), 3 p.m.

High school golf

Class B tournament at T.F. Muni, 1 p.m.
Class B tournament at Clear Lake Invitational, 1 p.m.
Class B tournament at Candle Ridge, 1 p.m.
Twin Falls at Caldwell Invitational, 12:30 p.m.

High school tennis

Jerome at Gooding, 3:30 p.m.
Declo at Twin Falls junior varsity, 4 p.m.

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IN BRIEF

Muni plans 2-person best-ball tournament

TWIN FALLS — Sign-ups are being taken for the Cove 2-person best-ball tournament at Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course. The tournament will be played Saturday and Sunday with both men's and ladies flights.

Entry fee is \$110 per team and the maximum handicap difference is six strokes in the men's flights and 10 strokes in the ladies flights.

The Cove has added \$3000 to the tournament, and all flights will be paid net with the exception of the championship flight (gross and net).

Entries close today. Mail entries to Mike's Pro Shop, P.O. Box 1439, Twin Falls, ID 83403 or pay in person at the Twin Falls Municipal Pro Shop.

A barbecue for all contestants will be held Saturday night. Guests will be charged \$8.

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Declo's Chris Jackson tries to high jump 6 feet 7 inches Monday during the Brad Matthews Invitational track meet in Declo. Jackson narrowly missed the jump, but won the event by easily clearing 6'4".

For complete results, see scores and stats on page D2.

New Vandal coach: Continuity is key

The Associated Press

MOSCOW — Dave Farrar said Monday a top priority in stepping up to head the University of Idaho basketball coach is to demonstrate continuity in the program.

The Vandal assistant is taking over as head mentor after Kermit Davis quit only last week to take the job of associate coach at Louisiana State University.

Farrar, 49, coached under Mississippi State head coach Bob Boyd in the early 1980s as did Davis and his predecessor at Idaho, Larry Eastwick.

"Perhaps the No. 1 problem with the program is continuity," Farrar said at a press conference. "You need someone who wants to be in Idaho, a person who loves living in the Northwest and especially Idaho."

He said the school worked fast to find a successor, but he felt the process was fair.

"We may have moved a little quickly, but we didn't move too quickly," Farrar said, his statement met with laughter by



school administrators and boosters.

"It's been a very pressure-filled couple of days, but pressure is only bad for you if you're ill-prepared."

Also interviewed was Stanford assistant Doug Oliver, who visited the

Moscow campus on Saturday.

Farrar led Hutchinson Junior College in Kansas to the National Junior College Athletic Association title in 1988.

"I think Dave Farrar would be a good man for that job," Boyd said. "He's a very effective coach, very conscientious. He's a tireless worker. No one ever said Dave Farrar was lazy. I'll guarantee you that."

The Vandals were 13-17 under Davis last season, their first after moving from the Big Sky Conference to the Big West Conference.

Please see COACH, Page D2

Football squad kicks off spring drills

The Associated Press

MOSCOW — Chris Tormey welcomes 75 players to spring drills as the University of Idaho kicks off phase two of the 1997 football season.

With winter conditioning drawing to a close, the Vandals begin official practices today with a 4:30 p.m. workout in the Kibbie Dome. It is the first of 11 practices, which are interspersed with three scrimmages and the traditional end of spring ball — the Silver-Gold game May 2 at 7 p.m. in the Kibbie Dome.

"Number one, we need to get better across the board fundamentally," said Tormey, who has just 18 seniors on this year's squad. "This is the time of year where we can focus on how to

do it correctly."

"One of the biggest questions looming as the Vandals head into spring ball is who will emerge at quarterback. Will it be senior Brian Brennan, who is' back from shoulder surgery? Or possibly Ed Dean, who returns from a church mission? Or maybe Post Falls' sophomore Darick Pope?"

Tormey said he is in no hurry to name the No. 1 thrower.

"However long it takes," said Tormey, who prepares for his third season after 6-5 records his first two seasons. "We may not have decided at the end of spring ball."

The one sure thing is new players and redshirts better be ready to play ball.

"Some of these guys are going to need to step up and play," Tormey said.

Alomar returns after suspension

The Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Boomed when he was introduced and boomed even louder when he came to bat, Roberto Alomar returned to baseball Monday.

Alomar had two hits and said he was just happy to be back on the field.

"I just want to go out there and play the game of baseball," Alomar said after Baltimore lost 6-5 to Kansas City in the Royals' home opener.

"The fans are entitled to their own opinion and that's all I can say about it. You just have to try and enjoy the game and do what you are capable of doing. For me, all I have to do is go out and play the game of baseball."

The Baltimore Orioles second baseman was playing for the first time since completing a five-game suspension for spitting in the face of umpire John Hirschbeck last season.

The autograph hounds



Roberto Alomar

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He was boomed in all four plate appearances.

Fans cheered politely when he made a nice play on a bad-hop grounder in the second inning, but they also cheered when he struck out in the third.

"The main thing for me was it was good to be out there," Alomar said. "It was a good day for me. Not for the team, but hopefully we

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A fan mocks Baltimore's Roberto Alomar as Alomar prepares to bat Monday against the Royals in Kansas City. It was Alomar's first game back after serving a five-day suspension for spitting in an umpire's face.

Golfers gear up for the Masters

The Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Even on a Monday, even as many in the field for the 61st Masters were still finding their lockers and unpacking their clubs, the aura of Augusta National Golf Club was weaving its magic spell.

"The hardest part is trying to get down for this event, not up," Frank Nobilo said as he stood beneath the giant oak tree outside the Augusta clubhouse. "You are up as soon as you go through the gate."

Through the gate they came on Monday. Defending champion Nick Faldo and expected future champion Tiger Woods arrived. Greg Norman, last year's tragic runner-up, was easing in on Tuesday.

Jose Maria Olazabal, the 1994 Masters champion playing a remarkable comeback after missing 18 months of competition because of foot problems, walked the hilly course on Monday and reported no pain in his feet.

And Arnold Palmer, playing in his 43rd Masters, piloted his private plane into Augusta airport Monday afternoon, prepared to play just three months after surgery for prostate cancer.

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SPORTS
Masters

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The Masters is a marvelous mix of the past and the present, a place where Woods can...
Awesome Augusta, already firm and seemingly ready to play at its most devilishly fast pace...



Defending Masters champion and three-time winner Nick Faldo watches his shot on the practice range at the Augusta National Golf Club Monday.

And, as Colin Montgomerie said, "When you start thinking about the putt coming back, you've already missed the one you have."
For a newcomer like Robert Alenby, playing in his first Masters, part of the challenge is to balance respect with confidence.

said after his practice round. "It's very hilly. So many holes are different than they look on TV. You can't hit 10 different ways."

There is a deceiving ease to Augusta when first viewed. The fairways are as wide as runways with no rough and it seems as if there is no way to get into trouble off the tee.

But the deception lies in the fact that even though the fairway may be 20 yards wide, there is most likely only about a 10-yard wide area where the drive should land and that 10-yard area varies depending on where the pin is that day.

"If you want to put yourself in the right position you have to put yourself in the right spot off the tee," Alenby said.
"Some holes play left-to-right and some holes play right to left, depending on where they put the hole," he said.

A warm sun and brisk breeze directed the course on Monday and if no rain falls before Thursday, Augusta will be at its most dangerous.

"It is firm, it's a beast," Noblett said.
It was only Monday and already the beast was stirring.

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"I don't think we'll have the deepest team," Farrar said. "I want a team that reflects chemistry more than other teams."

His reputed flaw is public relations, particularly after a five-year head-coaching stint at Middle Tennessee State. Asked to clean up a program that had drawn NCAA sanctions, Farrar watched attendance and booster interest slip as he went 61-73. He was fired after a 15-12 season last year.

"He had brought that team around to where it was pretty good," Boyd said. "They brought in a new athletic director, and you could see he wanted to make his chances, not his own man in there."

Farrar said he wants his team to be "low-maintenance students," who can play basketball but also maintain their grades on the way to a degree.

"You can tell people you're committed and willing to stay, but you have to show it by action," Farrar said. "There's nothing I can do to dispel that other than to work on it."

Coach

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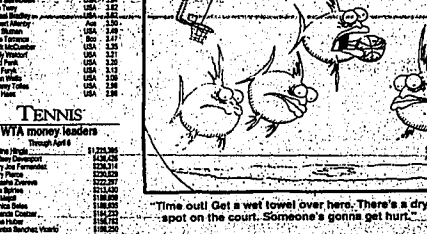
ON THE AIR TELEVISION

Table listing TV programs: Baseball, Marlins at Cubs (WGN 12:20 p.m.), NHL hockey (ESPN 8:30 p.m.), MLB baseball, Orioles at Orioles (TNT 8 p.m.), etc.

RADIO

Table listing radio programs: T.S. baseball, Jerome at Twin Falls (2) (KART 1400 4 p.m.).

IN THE BLEACHERS



"Time out! Get a wet towel over here. There's a dry spot on the court. Someone's gonna get hurt."

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Buhl baseball squad crushes Minico juniors

The Times-News

RUPERT — Behind strong hitting and pitching, Buhl rolled over the Minico juniors Monday in a non-conference baseball doubleheader.

The Indians won the opener 14-1, then closed with a 26-5 decision.

Buhl's Jeremy Walker moved to 5-0 on the season, striking out four and giving up no runs in the first game.

Helping him offensively was Brett Ross who went 2-for-5 with two triples. Tony Perrin also hit the ball well, going 3-for-4 with two doubles.

In the second game, pitcher Jeff Jones improved to 3-1 for the season.

Perrin hit well again, hitting for the cycle in a 4-for-6 performance.

Aric Reynolds also had a solid game offensively, going 4-for-5 with three RBIs.

"It was a good game to come off a seven-day break with," said Buhl coach Gary Krumm. "We played good defense and took advantage of base runners."

The Indians improve to 10-1 on the season.

Buhl 14, Minico 1
2B: Jones 1-1, Walker 1-1
3B: Perrin 1-1, Ross 1-1
LF: Walker 2-1, Reynolds 2-1
CF: Jones 2-1, Perrin 2-1
RF: Ross 2-1, Walker 2-1
C: Jones 2-1, Perrin 2-1
P: Walker 2-1

Local sports

long layoff for spring break, Buhl and the Twin Falls junior varsity played a non-conference softball game Monday.

With the pitchers struggling to find the strike zone, Twin Falls came away with 22-11 and 10-7 wins.

"Defensively, I was pretty pleased," said Buhl coach Mike Gemar.

For the doubleheader the teams combined for only seven errors.

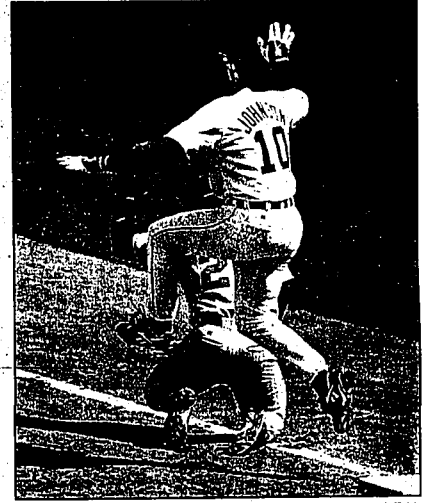
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P: Walker 2-1

Twin Falls junior varsity 10, Buhl 7
2B: Walker 1-1, Perrin 1-1
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Detroit tramples Twins, 10-4; Kansas City edges Orioles, 6-5

DETROIT (AP) — Detroit, which ended last season with a team-record 17 straight losses at Tiger Stadium, won its home opener on a chilly and windy Monday, beating the Minnesota Twins 10-4.

Brian Johnson hit a three-run homer as the Tigers, swept in a three-game series at Minnesota to start the season, won at home for the first time since Aug. 30.



Detroit's Brian Johnson (10) tries to avoid a collision with Minnesota first baseman Greg Colbrunn during the second inning at Tiger Stadium Monday. Johnson was safe at first, after Curtis Pride was forced out at second.

Justin Thompson (1-0) became the first Detroit starting pitcher to win since that Aug. 30 game. He gave up four runs on eight hits with four walks in 7 2/3 innings.

It was 37 degrees at gametime, with a 23 mph wind blowing up the Detroit River. The game temperature in Tiger Stadium fell like 11 degrees and turned routine fly balls turned into adventures.

Frank Rodriguez took the loss.

Royals 6, Orioles 5

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Roberto Alomar made his return to baseball after a five-game suspension, but the Baltimore second baseman was gone by the time the Kansas City Royals won their home opener on Jeff King's sacrifice fly in the ninth inning.

Alomar went 2-for-3 and, still hobbled by a badly sprained ankle, left for a pinch-runner in the eighth inning.

King, who had an RBI double early and his 100th career home run in the eighth, hit a sacrifice fly in the ninth off Armando Benitez (0-1).

Jamie Walker (1-1) got the win.

Brewers 5, Rangers 3

MILWAUKEE — Mike Matheny hit a grand slam and Milwaukee won its opener in front of 42,893 fans, many of whom littered the

field with giveaway baseballs, causing three delays and threatening the first forfeit in the club's 28-year history.

The Brewers, who begin a three-day "Spring Madness" promotion on Wednesday in which bleacher seats cost \$1, were nearly done in by some of their fans on Monday.

Although nobody was hurt, the specter of injury spoiled the day

for many observers who braved 35-degree temperatures and 25 mph winds, and Texas manager Johnny Oates played the game under protest. He pulled his players off the field twice in the second inning, with the delays lasting 14 and 16 minutes.

Matheny connected on his grand slam in the second off Ken Hill (2-0).

Cal Eldred got the win.

Bulls clinch homecourt advantage

CHICAGO (AP) — Michael Jordan scored 30 points and Scottie Pippen 28 as the Chicago Bulls clinched homecourt advantage throughout the playoffs with a 121-102 victory over the Philadelphia 76ers on Monday night.

Allen Iverson had a career-high 44 points for the 76ers. The rookie's previous best of 37 also came against the Bulls, but Chicago has beaten Philadelphia 15 straight times.

Ron Harper added a season-high 22 points for the Bulls, who have won 31 consecutive home games. They are 38-3 at the United Center and can tie the NBA record for best home mark by beating Toronto and New York.

At 66-10, Chicago can match the 12-victory record it set last season by winning its remaining six games.



Cleveland forward Chris Mills dives for a loose ball as Charlotte's Glen Rice (41) gives chase during the second quarter Monday in Cleveland.

Hornets 110, Cavs 105, OT

CLEVELAND — Glen Rice scored 42 points and Charlotte won overtime as a 19-point deficit to beat Cleveland.

The Cavaliers fell one game behind Washington in the battle for the eighth and final playoff berth in the Eastern Conference.

The Hornets, who have won four straight, are in sixth place in the East.

Danny Ferry led Cleveland with 23 points. Chris Mills added 22, Terrell Brandon 21 and Vitaly Potpenko 20 for the Cavs.

Heat 94, Pistons 88

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — P.J. Brown had 21 points and 13 rebounds, and Antonio Mourning added 21 points as Miami beat Detroit.

The loss dropped Detroit into a tie with Atlanta for the fourth playoff spot in the Eastern Conference. Miami increased its Atlantic Division lead to four games over idle New York.

Tim Hardaway narrowly missed a triple-double for Miami, finishing with 19 points, nine rebounds and eight assists.

Otis Thorpe scored 23 points

for Detroit, while Grant Hill added 21. However, Hill missed 10 of 15 shots from the field and only 11 of 18 from the foul line.

Blazers 110, Nuggets 104

DENVER — Isiah Rider scored 28 points as Portland beat Denver.

Rider hit 11 3-pointers en route to a 61-58 half-time lead, but the Nuggets made only one long-range shot in the second half as Portland took command.

The Trail Blazers led by 11 points with 6:46 left before Denver rallied. The Nuggets pulled within two points, but Rider hit a 15-foot jumper with 20 seconds remaining to clinch the victory.

Tom Hammond scored 29 points for Denver.

Jazz 116, Spurs 93

SALT LAKE CITY — Ushw-horn led Malone's 26 points.

John Stockton and Jeff Hornacek each added 19 points for the Jazz, who moved 6½ games in front of Seattle, for the top record in the Western Conference.

The 13-game streak is the franchise's second longest; behind a 15-game string earlier this season.

Rockies shred Reds in home opener

DENVER (AP) — On a day when the Colorado Rockies used everything to go right — the home opener before a capacity crowd — everything did.

Jeff Kent hit a three-run homer, Greg Maddux had three hits, and Bill Swift held Cincinnati without a hit until the fifth inning Monday as the Rockies routed the Cincinnati Reds 12-2.

"Red and Bates were each thrust into the starting lineup because of injuries and Swift, a question mark because of injuries over the last two years, pitched another full game as Colorado won its fifth straight game.

Vinny Castilla also hit a three-run homer for the Rockies.

"It didn't have too much to do today — but make out the lineup," Rockies manager Don

Baylor said. "Offensively, we just jumped on them right away. That's what we're all about in this ballpark. And Billy Swift was just spectacular today."

Colorado pitching, always suspect, has been brilliant over the last five games. The last five Colorado starters have combined for a 5-0 record and 2.08 ERA.

"Good pitching is contagious, just like good hitting," Swift said. "When you see guys doing well, everybody wants to do the same."

Having proved at last they could win on the road, the Rockies played true to form at home, pounding out 19 hits.

The Rockies drew 48,014 for their home opener, extending their consecutive sellout streak to 133 games — a major league record.

"After going 28-53 on the road

Washington Redskins' chain of command stays in Cooke family

ASHBURN, Va. (AP) — Another Cooke is taking charge and staying the course, but things will never be quite the same at Redskins Park.

As players, coaches and management on Monday celebrated the death of Jack Kent Cooke, the cantankerous 84-year-old owner who made the Redskins the sports centerpiece of the nation's capital, the Redskins insisted the franchise will carry on without major disruption.

"I don't think anyone is going to notice a difference in how the organization is run," general manager Charley Casserly said. "We're certainly well prepared, and once we get through this period of grief here we're going to be rolling, and we're going to keep on." Cooke's Sunday death followed a heart attack at his Washington home, where he spent most of his final months because of failing health. A private memorial service was planned at the Sunday Episcopal Church in

Upperville, Va., near Cooke's ranch home in the hunt country of northern Virginia.

The family made no statements Monday, leaving Casserly and others to ally concerns that anyone other than Cooke's only living son, 55-year-old John Kent Cooke, had to take over the team.

Documents from 1995, the most recent available, showed the younger Cooke owned 90 percent of the team, while his father owned 50 percent.

But there will be one irremovable change: Like him or not, Jack Kent Cooke led the team with brilliant flair, speaking his mind and blasting aims when he had to — or even if he just felt like it.

"My father, my son is quiet and keeps a low profile. While his father expected the public relations staff to be at his beck and call at the Redskins training facility, and at RFK Stadium the son opens his own car door and says hello to the fans."

"John's personality is not one

to seek the limelight or seek credit for things," Casserly said. "John deserves a lot of credit for the success we've had here. He's never been a showboat."

Provided Cooke's will was structured to avoid hefty inheritance taxes — Joe Robbie's family had to sell the Miami Dolphins to pay a \$55 million bill after he died in 1990 — the chain of command should pass smoothly, given that John Kent Cooke is the team's executive vice president and has been representing the team at owners' meetings for more than a decade.

"He's been involved in every major decision that's been made here," Casserly said.

There is more doubt concerning the future of another family member, Cooke's wife, Marlena. The Justice Department is awaiting a ruling on a request for his deportation because of prison time served for importing cocaine in the U.S. There was no comment Monday on her situation.

Assault charge thrown out; defense rests

CLEVELAND (AP) — The jury in Joe Mese's case can consider a lesser charge when it begins deliberating today, a day after the Cleveland pitcher's lawyer suddenly rested his case without calling any witnesses.

Cuyahoga County Judge Thomas Curran ruled Monday that the jury of six men and six women may consider whether Mese was guilty of the reduced charge of gross sexual imposition, instead of a charge of rape.

In addition, the judge threw out a felony assault charge against the Indians star reliever, saying the state did not prove Mese intended to hurt one of the women.

Defense lawyer Gerald Messerman rested his case without calling anyone to the stand. The prosecution argued he necked the police investigation and challenged the truthfulness of Mese's accusers.

"What we have here is a story that is chameleon-like," Messerman said. "If we have to be red, we'll be red. If it's tough when you have to become a scotch plaid."

He also tried to use the prosecution's own videotape against them. Using a larger TV screen than the prosecution, Messerman played a videotape that showed

Mese's rape accuser leaving the clubhouse adjusting something on her left shoulder.

"She testified that she remembered adjusting her bra strap," Messerman said, replaying the video several times in slow motion.

"Was that a purse on her shoulder? That is for you to decide."

The woman, 26, testified last week that Mese took her purse and

lured her into his truck, where he raped her. The video showed the woman adjusting something, but it wasn't clear if it was a purse.

Another clip showed the woman with her purse in plain view in a different part of the bar.

"If she is (adjusting her purse) while leaving the bar, the whole purse story falls apart," Messerman said.

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Roofs comic strip by Charles M. Schulz. Panels show a character complaining about a leaking roof and another character's reaction.

Blondie comic strip by Scott Adams. Panels show Blondie talking about a new org chart and her boss's reaction.

Wiley's Bar comic strip by Jim Davis. Panels show characters at a bar discussing a party and a beard.

Garfield comic strip by Jim Davis. Panels show Garfield and Odie talking about a plan to catch a cat.

Hi and Lois comic strip by Chance Brown. Panels show a character talking about a party and a beard.

The Wizard of Id comic strip by Brant Parker & Johnny Hart. Panels show a character talking about a party and a beard.

Hagar the Horrible comic strip by Chris Browne. Panels show a character talking about a party and a beard.

Beetle Bailey comic strip by Mort Walker. Panels show Beetle Bailey talking about a party and a beard.

Frank and Ernest comic strip by Bob Thaves. Panels show characters talking about a party and a beard.

The Born Loser comic strip by Art Sanson & Chip. Panels show characters talking about a party and a beard.

For Better or For Worse comic strip by Dean Young & Stan Drake. Panels show characters talking about a party and a beard.

Blondie comic strip by Scott Adams. Panels show Blondie talking about a party and a beard.

Pickles comic strip by Brian Crand. Panels show characters talking about a party and a beard.

Dennis the Menace comic strip by Hank Ketcham. Panels show Dennis talking about a party and a beard.

The Family Circus comic strip by Bill Keane. Panels show a character talking about a party and a beard.

Was the Babe a cabbage-head? L.M. Boyd. A short story or comic strip about a character named Babe.

Horoscope Sydney Omar. A horoscope section with text for various zodiac signs.

ACROSS and DOWN crossword puzzle clues. Includes words like 'Laboratory animal', 'Film spoof', 'Young codfish', etc.

Yesterday's Puzzle solved. A crossword puzzle grid with the solved words filled in.