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Gooding planners reject Jerome Cheese proposal

By Gina Mulder Times-News correspondent

GOODING — Jerome Cheese Co. is planning an appeal to the Gooding County commissioners after county planners Monday rejected a proposal to pipe the plant's waste water into southern Gooding County.

company executive said. "I'm very disappointed and I feel strongly that we will appeal to the Board of County Commissioners," said Rex Minchey, Jerome Cheese maintenance manager. "I feel that the (planning and zoning) commissioners that voted against this had their eyes closed before they went in and never opened them."

appointed by the county commissioners, deadlocked 2-2 on the company's request for a special-use permit. The application needed a majority vote to pass. Only four members voted after Bob Bolte recused himself because of a conflict of interest. Bolte said the conflict stemmed from having had outside contact with a Jerome Cheese representative on Feb. 19 and 22. He gave no specifics.

P&Z Commissioners Dianna Miketa and Pam Wascher, who voted no, said the project was not in Gooding County's best interest, because it would take more 900 acres of farmland out of production, would not clean up the canal system as promised, and would set an industrial waste treatment facility in the middle of an area zoned for agricultural use.

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New trail welcomes walkers



Tyson, Elala and Tara Hansen, Brigham Young University students home from school, enjoy the newly paved walkway east of the I.B. Perrine Bridge in Twin Falls Monday afternoon.

Just a little additional work is needed on canyon rim path

TWIN FALLS — The Canyon Rim East Trail has been paved and is ready for walking. "If people want to use it, they can use it," City Manager Tom Courtney said. "People have been, and that's fine."

above Pillar Falls. "They probably shouldn't be out there when the contractor is working," Courtney said. Scott Sterling, a Twin Falls city engineer, said people using the trail should be careful. "There is some additional fencing to be put up and sealer to go over the path to seal it and protect it — we're a couple weeks away on that," Sterling said.

completed by the end of May, Sterling said. "It should be done by mid-May." "When finished, the east trail will be 10 feet wide and will include four viewpoints. The first viewpoint — a steel overlook — is already finished. Unfortunately, the new trail has already attracted vandals. A derogatory word was spray painted on the first overlook over the weekend, Sterling said. It will be cleaned off, he added. The city has spent more than \$100,000 on this newest addition to its canyon rim footpath.

trail stretches from Washington Street North to a spot slightly east of the waterfall where Perrine Coulee plunges into the canyon. The new section starts at the Buzz Langdon Visitor Center parking lot, extending under the Perrine Bridge about a mile east to the canyon rim above Pillar Falls. Las Vegas developer Craig H. Neilson, who plans a hotel overlooking the canyon, has said he'll build another section of trail through his property west of the Perrine Bridge. That trail will hook up with the Canyon Rim East trail.

Immigrants scramble for visas

NEW YORK — Illegal immigrants across the country turned out in extraordinary numbers and stood in line for hours, trying to beat Monday's deadline for applying for legal residency under a new federal law. In Albuquerque, N.M., they camped overnight outside the Immigration and Naturalization Service office. In Charlotte, N.C., parents hoisted infants in their arms in a line that snaked around a building. In Philadelphia, they marched into a truck, where application photos were taken assembly-line style. And in New York, about 500 people lined up to file applications.



Newlyweds Jose and Alda Ramirez, right, wait in line Monday at the Yakima, Wash., office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, to pick up a visa application for Alda.

"I need papers," said Please see IMMIGRANTS, Page A2

New law sends area residents flocking to Boise INS office

By Michael Journe Times-News writer

BOISE — Idaho immigration officials had their hands full Monday with illegal aliens mostly from the Magic Valley hoping to take advantage of a new amnesty law. Officials at the Immigration and Naturalization Service office in Boise processed just over 100 applications for visas Monday, "about four months of work for us," said Blaine Dahlstrom, officer in charge. Although INS workers had unfinished going through the applications Monday evening, Dahlstrom said a majority of the applications came from aliens living and working in the Magic Valley.

"Twin Falls, Blaine, Blaine — I would venture to say about 60 percent of these applications came from that area," said Dahlstrom's small office seldom accepts visa applications. But because of Monday's deadline under the new law, which went into effect last October, Boise INS workers have been accepting the paperwork for the past few days. Visa applicants normally have to send or take their work to office in Montana or Utah. "To avoid confusion and to keep people from missing the deadline, we're processing them," Dahlstrom said. The new law provides visas for about 600,000 illegal immigrants with relatives in the U.S. Please see VISAS, Page A2

Space tourist receives promise of first-class treatment

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — The world's first space tourist, California millionaire Dennis Tito, checked into the international space station for a six-day stay Monday and got a warm welcome. "I love space," he said with a big grin.

He was promised first-class accommodations, at least by space standards. "We are going to prepare everything for you — nice bed and warm food," one of the Russian cosmonauts told him. The Russian Soyuz capsule carrying Tito and two cosmonauts caught

up with space station Zvezda following a two-day chase that began with liftoff in Kazakhstan. The hatches swung open and a voice called out: "Welcome aboard!" Soyuz commander Taigat Musabayev floated into the space station followed by the 60-year-old Tito, who looked exceedingly healthy. Tito

beamed as he took photos with the three space station crew members and gave a thumbs-up. He wore the standard blue cosmonaut uniform. "It was a great trip here," said Tito, a financier who is paying up to \$20 million for the round-trip ride.

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Dennis Tito

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FORECAST FOR MAGIC VALLEY

IDAH0 ALMANAC
Today: High 60, Low 30
Record high: 87 in 1922
Record low: 24 in 1966

Regional weather
Southern Idaho: Windy and much chiller today with a mixture of clouds and sunshine.
Northern Idaho: Windy and chilly today with clouds and limited sunshine.

NATIONAL EXTREMES
High 102° in Death Valley, CA
Low 22° in Bqrlin, NH

NATIONAL WEATHER

Regional Cities table with columns for City, Today, Wed.
Boise: 54 32 48 32
Burlingame: 53 30 48 32
Coeur d'Alene: 52 34 51 36

FIVE-DAY-FORECAST FOR TWIN FALLS

TODAY: Windy and cooler with clouds and sun.
TONIGHT: Partly cloudy and chilly.
WEDNESDAY: Partly sunny, breezy and cool.
THURSDAY: Sunshine and some clouds.
FRIDAY: Partly to mostly sunny and warm.
SATURDAY: Sunny to partly cloudy and warm.

REGIONAL WEATHER

Southern Idaho: Windy and much chiller today with a mixture of clouds and sunshine.

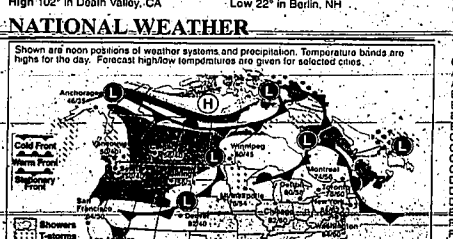
Northern Nevada: A front that moved across the region will bring somewhat cooler air today, but it will remain rain-free with more sunshine than clouds.

Northern Utah: Turning very windy today with sunshine and occasional clouds.

Northern Idaho: Windy and chilly today with clouds and limited sunshine.

National Extremes: High 102° in Death Valley, CA; Low 22° in Bqrlin, NH

NATIONAL WEATHER



CANADIAN CITIES

Table of Canadian cities: Calgary, Cranbrook, Edson, Kelowna, Kamloops, Prince George, Vancouver, Victoria, Winnipeg.

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today: 6:33 a.m.; Sunset today: 8:38 p.m.

Moonrise tonight: 1:57 p.m.; Moonset tonight: 3:44 a.m.

Last New First: May 7, May 15, May 22, May 29

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WORLD CITIES

Table of world cities: Tokyo, London, Paris, Moscow, Sydney, etc.

Randy Hansen AUTO PLEX
Poline at Blue Lakes North

Defense rests in U.S. Embassy bombing case

NEW YORK (AP) - The defense rested Monday without taking testimony from any of the four men on trial for allegedly bombing U.S. embassies in Africa in 1998.

Doctors in training want work hours limited

WASHINGTON (AP) - Medical residents are pressing the Occupational Safety and Health Administration to set limits on the hours they may work each week.

Officials say they confirm child slave reports

COTONOU, Benin (AP) - Children taken from a suspected slave ship confirmed suspicions the vessel was involved in child trafficking, officials said Monday.

Immigrants

Continued from A1. Abdoulaye Diallo, a taxi driver who arrived in New York in 1995 from Guinea in West Africa.

Cheese

Continued from A1. "This is already being served in an urban area and it should remain in an urban area," Waseher said.

Visas

Continued from A1. States while they wait for permanent residency status. Most INS offices across the country extended hours.

Tourist

Continued from A1. world cruise. "And I don't know about this adaptation that they talk about. I'm already adapted."

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Tomorrow: High 65, Low 35
Wednesday: High 70, Low 40

Control

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Lottery update

Lottery update table with columns for Saturday, April 28, 2001 and Saturday, April 30, 2001. Includes Powerball and Wildcard numbers.

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NATION

Plane inspection team organizes

WASHINGTON (AP) - A small group of U.S. defense contractors headed to Hawaii on Monday to prepare to fly to China's Hainan island to determine how to disassemble the Navy surveillance aircraft that landed there April 11, a U.S. government official said.

About five civilian contractors with detailed knowledge of the E-3B Sentry 11-aircraft will receive briefings in Hawaii at U.S. Pacific Command headquarters, then fly to Hainan on a chartered civilian plane, the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity. They probably will

Contractors prepare to go to China

remain on Hainan for at least two days before returning with a detailed assessment of how to recover the EP-3E.

In a subsequent phase of the recovery operation, a different team will be sent to Hainan to disassemble it and ship it off the island, the official said.

The Pentagon originally had said it would consider sending repair parts to Hainan and fly the damaged plane off the island, but that option has been

ruled out, apparently at China's insistence.

"I see it as an encouraging sign that they're willing to proceed," Vice President Dick Cheney said Sunday. The plane cannot be taken now and may have to be flown out on a barge, Cheney said.

In Beijing, the Chinese government announced that foreign journalists would not be allowed to go to Hainan to report on the inspection of the crippled plane.

"We are formally telling you not to go," a Foreign Ministry official, Wei Xing, said in a telephone call to The Associated Press.

Top Bush administration officials reiterated the President Bush's position that a military response from the United States remains an option if China attacks Taiwan.

It has been nearly a month since a U.S. Navy EP-3E surveillance plane was shot down and piloted with a Chinese fighter jet sent to intercept it over the South China Sea.

Report calls Iran big terrorist backer

WASHINGTON (AP) - Iran remained the most active state sponsor of terrorism in 2000, increasing its support to groups targeting the Middle East peace process, according to the latest State Department terrorism report.

The Revolutionary Guard Corps and the Ministry of Intelligence and Security "continu-

ed to be involved in the planning and execution of terrorist acts and continued to support a variety of groups that use terrorism to pursue their goals," said the report, released Monday.

Iran continued to be particularly active in support of Hezbollah guerrillas in Lebanon and Palestinian groups opposed to the peace process, it said.

Bush marks 100 days with lunch

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Bush invited Congress over to the White House for lunch on Monday, using the 100-day marker in another bid for bipartisanship. But the breakfast was mostly with his fellow Republicans.

Only 193 of 535 lawmakers were expected, and of those, fewer than 50 were Democrats.

"We've had some good debates, we've made some good progress and it looks like we're going to pass some good law," Bush told lawmakers gathered in the Rose Garden. "I know we don't always agree, but we're beginning to get a spirit here in Washington where we're more agreeable, where we're setting a different tone."

Spokesman Ari Fleischer suggested that the congressional recess was to blame for the turnout, and said Bush was pleased at the turnout. The recess ended this weekend, but little congressional action is expected until midweek, and many congressmen are still meeting with constituents.

"He never thought he would get all 535 to be able to come," Fleischer said.

Bush has made bipartisanship a theme of his first months in office, although his first major initiative—a \$16-trillion tax cut—has encountered fierce partisan resistance in the evenly divided



President Bush shakes hands with Rep. Lamar Smith, R-Texas, left, while talking with Rep. James Gibbons, R-Nev., on the South Lawn of the White House Monday.

Senate and the barely Republican-majority House.

House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt of Missouri—who did not attend—on Sunday derided Bush's claims that his administration had "changed the tone."

"We don't talk, we don't negotiate, we don't really collaborate and work together on these policies," Gephardt said. "It's really been more of the same—my way or the highway, in the Congress every day on every issue."

Cheney pushes for oil, gas, nuclear development

TORONTO (AP) - Vice President Dick Cheney warned on Monday that the whole nation could face California-style blackouts as he outlined a national energy strategy relying heavily on oil, natural gas and nuclear power development—but not conservation.

"The aim here is efficiency, not austerity," Cheney told editors and publishers at The Associated Press annual meeting. The nation "simply conserve or ration our way out of the situation we're in."

It was his first trip outside Washington for official vice presidential business, made possible, he joked, when President Bush invited the Senate to lunch—"the best way to ensure no the votes while I was out of town." Bush invited all members of Congress to the White House to mark the first 100 days of his administration.

Cheney addressed concerns about his history of four heart attacks by jokingly offering to do jumping jacks. More seriously, he said, "If I ever get to the point where my doctors believe that it's not wise or prudent for me to continue in this capacity, obviously I'd step aside."

In his first extensive remarks about the energy recommendations his Cabinet-level task force will make to Bush by the end of

May, Cheney blamed current shortages on shortsighted decisions in the past.

Saving the specifics for his boss to review and then announce, Cheney promised "a mix of new legislation, some executive action as well as private initiatives" to cope with rising energy prices and growing demand.

He said that the administration intends to push for drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

He definitively rejected turning, to price controls, tapping the Strategic Petroleum Reserve or creating new bureaucracies.

Over the next two decades, it will take between 1,300 and 1,500 new power plants just to meet projected increases in nationwide demand, Cheney said.

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President favors nuke weapons cut

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Bush favors deep cuts in U.S. nuclear weapons to persuade Russia and others that missile defense, not offense, is the way to deal with the most dangerous threats of the 21st century.

Bush is scheduled to outline his approach to nuclear offense and defense in a speech Tuesday at the National Defense University, exactly eight months after then-President Clinton announced he would not move ahead with deploying a missile defense.

Bush has often said he would like to reduce the arsenal to the lowest level possible while still maintaining enough weaponry to deter an aggressor, but he has not said exactly how low he would go.

Rose Goutioulle, a foreign and security policy expert at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, said Monday the administration may be considering eliminating the nuclear mission for Air Force bombers like the B-2 and the B-52.

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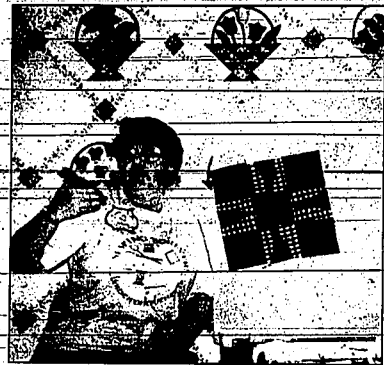
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MISS MINICO HIGH SCHOOL



PHOTO COURTESY OF JAZZ BROWN

Trish Fetzer was selected as Miss Minico High School 2001 from 17 contestants on March 16. The event, hosted by the Sparta Yearbook, included sports and fitness, talent and evening gown competitions. Other finalists were Rebekah March and Mitchell Severa. Contestants and their escorts, members of the U.S. Army Recruiting Station in Twin Falls are, from left, front row: Mitchell Severa and Dianna Torres. Second row, left to right, Staff Sgt. Scott Wyatt, Shaila Morgan, Ivy Grant, Wendy Ball, Bonnie Kearn, Erica Jackson, Cindy Haynes and Staff Sgt. Mark Connelly; back, left to right, Sgt. Swafford, Samantha Brown, Karl Copeland, Ashley Amen, Chelsey Ashcraft, Collette Young, Trish Fetzer, Stephanie Ausburger, Rebekah March, Jody Victoria and Staff Sgt. Jerel Herlage.



Carole Dugan tells about how quilt blocks and their meaning helped slaves get to the Underground Railroad and freedom. The presentation was sponsored by the Desert Sage Quilt Guild.

Quilts have stories to tell

By Heather Abel
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - Nowadays, quilts are usually considered pleasant objects of Americana and tradition, but slaves also used quilts to communicate and gain freedom.

The Desert Sage Quilt Guild sponsored a presentation on how slaves used quilts for communication on March 24 at Barnes & Noble Booksellers in Twin Falls. The book, "Hidden from Plain View" was showcased during the program.

The Desert Sage Quilt Guild members also brought in many quilts and blocks to illustrate the way slaves used quilting to communicate.

Many slaves found freedom because of a quilt, said Carole Dugan, owner of

Want more info?

The Desert Sage Quilt Guild meets at 7 p.m. the fourth Thursday of every month at the B&N community room. For more information, call Charlotte Marfin, at 543-6169 or Penny O'Keefe at 326-5819.

Carole's Quilts in Twin Falls

For example, among 16 blocks in one quilt were a "Log Cabin" and "Flying Geese" blocks. Dugan says slaves used the quilt blocks as "visual clues" to help them remember what to do to get to the Underground Railroad, a secret route to the North used by slaves to escape slave states.

Dugan, who has made quilts similar to those used by slaves, says the blocks could point slaves in the right direction or tell them what tracks to follow.

Jeep club targets restoration

By Loretta Burkhardt
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - Jeeps. In the Magic Valley, there's a whole lot of Jeeps. Jeep lovers with one common goal: To preserve a vehicle that many believe made the difference in winning World War II.

Want more info?

The Jeep Preservation Club meets at 6:30 p.m. the first Friday of each month. Anyone with an interest in jeeps is invited. Call Rex Warren at 734-4895.

The club began in a very small way.

Les Abbott said the organization began four years ago when he and Larry Aslett, Wes Stapleton and Rob Warren sat in a restaurant and began talking about jeeps. Since that time, entire families have been gathering once a month.

"And now there's so many of us, it's getting hard to find a place to fit us all in," said Rex Warren, the club's president.

The purpose of the organization is to preserve and restore old jeeps, including military, civilian and related four-wheel drive units.

"We have a lot of respect for these vehicles and want (the public) to realize that they played a very important role in the history of the United States, in keeping our country free," Warren said.

"(The jeep) is a marvel of simple engineering... and without (the vehicle) Americans could be speaking a different language," said Todd McKay, who has recently restored a 1962 CJ3B Civilian model to about 90 percent of its original state.

Jeep restoration is held to the same standards as collectible automobiles, Warren said. Although a military vehicle is often found in a worse condition than old cars - in some cases, military vehicles were generally modified or demilitarized to be more functional in off-road situations - a restored unit must encompass all areas of



Before and after... left, Todd McKay gets help from daughters, Erica and Emily in cleaning the 1962 CJ3B Civilian Jeep he restored.



Left, Todd McKay and daughter, Erica, check out the jeep he would restore.

the vehicle. "It's a thrill when you find a missing piece if the puzzle," said Warren about finding parts. He is in the process of reassembling a 1952 MB, which requires "the patience of Job."

Members have about 60 units used in World War II, the Korean War and Vietnam as well as postwar civilian vehicles.

Vehicles include a 1942 Willys MB, 1952 M38, 1952 M38A1, 1953 CJ3B, M151, M151A1, M151A2, 1061 M422 and several

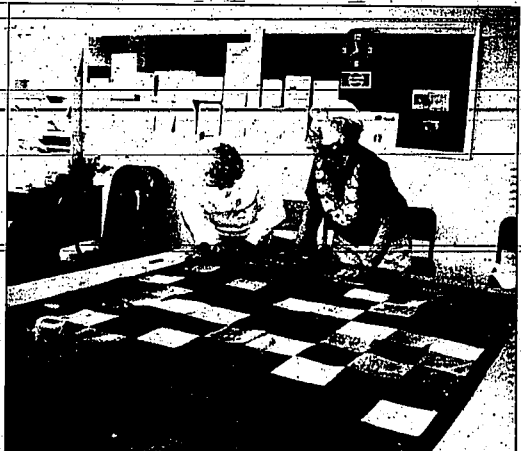
1941 to 1952 military weapons carriers, ambulance, closed cab pickup and power wagons.

There are also full-size military trucks and trailers of various years.

But it's not all work. The club members go on summer and fall field trips and promote responsible use of all public areas, members said.

Times-News correspondent Loretta Burkhardt can be reached at Twin Falls at 734-3990.

QUILTING MAGIC



LOURANE CAVENAR/The Times-News

Ellen Stutzman, right, and Dorothy Beila work on a quilt at the Golden Years Senior Center in Shoshone. The quilts are sold to raise money to help operate the center. Quilts will also be sold at Art in the Park on the second weekend of July in Shoshone. The center is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Bingo games are held on Wednesdays with the kitchen opening for homemade snacks at 6 p.m. and early bird bingo starting at 6:30 p.m. The center is located at 218 N. Rail St. in Shoshone.

VOLUNTEERING WITH A SMILE

Four Gooding Accelerated Learning Center students and their adviser donate time to the Community Soup Kitchen at the Catholic church in Gooding on Feb. 20 for Volunteer Day. Anna Kurtz, left, holds a to-go box as Tara Aldred, volunteer student from Gooding Accelerated Learning Center, scoops up a hamburger. Other volunteers are Monica Lagunas, Brandi Henderson and Lisa Baker, all center students; Tammy Poulson, student adviser, and Charles Bean.



BETTY BAROUD/The Times-News

PATRIOTIC WINNERS



PHOTO COURTESY OF ROBERT STUART JUNIOR HIGH

Commander Floyd Cooper and Stan Sorenson of the Veterans of Foreign Wars presented U.S. Savings Bonds to the winners of their writing contest, "What Does Patriotism Mean to Me?" From left, Lindsay Poston received third place and a \$50 bond; Lauren Davis received second place and a \$75 and Lexie Scanlon received first place, winning a \$100 bond. Lexie also won the district contest and her essay will be judged at the state level in June. All three girls are students of Molly Arrossa and seventh-graders at Robert Stuart Junior High.

STORK REPORT

Cassia Regional Medical Center

April 24, 2001

Forom, was born Saturday, April 14, 2001.

Kaden Pablo Silvas, son of Pablo and Sasha Silvas, was born Thursday, April 19, 2001.

Elizabeth Hardy, daughter of Ben and Jill Hardy of Oakley, was born Monday, April 23, 2001.

Jared Troy Crane, son of Troy and Kari Crane of Burley, was born Tuesday,

St. Benedict's Family Medical Center

Nathaniel Ford Laudert, son of Marcy Kay Laudert of Wendell, was born Thursday, April 12, 2001.
Kilee Cheyanee Woodward, daughter of David and Kassandra Woodward of

To have a birth announced, send a copy of the birth certificate to Melissa Morgan at The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303 or fax it to 734-5538. Deadline for publication Tuesday is noon Friday.

TWIN FALLS AREA COMMUNITY

CONCERT PROCEEDS

SENIOR CALENDAR



VALLEY HOUSE

Pastor Dan Duncan, left, of First Assembly of God Church in Twin Falls presents Roger Wyatt, general manager of Valley House homeless shelter in Twin Falls, with a check for \$2,444. The money was raised from a gospel concert...

Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center

616 Eastland Drive Dinner served from noon to 12:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors. The cost is \$4 for non-seniors under 60 and \$2.50 for children under 12.

Meals not available Activities: Library, Pool Room, and Bargain Center with cards, games, color television, puzzles and movies. Open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Tuesday Blood pressure from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Exercise class Wednesday Quilting from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Thursday Pinochle at 1 p.m. Friday Blood pressure from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Lunch-bingo Monday Quilting from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

West End Senior Citizens 1010 Main St., Buhl. Noon meals served Monday through Friday. Buffet meal at 1 p.m. on Sunday. Evening meals served at 5:30 p.m. Monday and Thursday. Suggested donations for meals is weekdays \$2.50, Sundays \$3.50, non-seniors \$4.25 and children under 12-years old \$2.50.

Meals can be delivered Monday through Friday. Call 543-4577 for more information. Free-bus service to and from meals is available Monday evening, Tuesday at noon and Thursday noon and evening. Please call 543-4577 by 10 a.m. to arrange a ride. Coffee and cinnamon rolls each morning at the center, everyone is welcome.

Tuesday Baked chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, milk, vegetables, Jell-O salad, apple pie, rolls. Wednesday Potato soup, grilled ham and cheese sandwich, chips, macaroni salad, strawberry short-cake. Thursday Meat loaf au gratin potatoes, green salad, cookies, roll. Friday Hamburger pot pie, tomato wedges, chocolate cake, roll. Sunday Barbecue chicken Monday Macaroni and cheese, hot dogs, cole slaw, roll, Jell-O w/gh fruit. Thrift shop open every day. Quilting 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Roseland Band plays from 8:15 to the second Saturday of each month. Admission is \$3. Tuesday Exercises from 7-8 a.m. Treasure Tuesday.

Bingo at 11:45 a.m. Crafts from 1-4 p.m. Wednesday Exercises from 7-8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Thursday Exercises from 7-8 p.m. Foot clinic from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Bingo from 1-3 p.m. Evening meal at 5:30 p.m., smorgasbord. Exercise at 6 p.m. Friday Exercises from 7-8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Saturday Buffet at 1 p.m., barbecue chicken. Monday Exercises from 7-8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Evening meal at 5:30 p.m., smorgasbord. Cards at 6 p.m.

Agelless Senior Citizens Inc. 310 Main N., Kimberly. Wednesday: Macaroni with beef and tomatoes, Mexican sausage salad, bread and butter, Hubbard, coffee, milk. Friday: Hamburger enchilada casserole, cauliflower, tossed salad, bagel, cream cheese, pudding, coffee, milk. Monday: Beef biscuit roll, but-tered broccoli, cottage cheese, peach cobbler, coffee, milk.

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Orpheum Theatre 104 West Main, Twin Falls. All Ages. Today's PG Rated Movie: FREDDY GOT FINGERED (R) Today 7:00-9:30. Gross Out Movie for the Year - Tom Green Today 7:00-9:30.

Odyssey 6 Theatre 1000 S. Idaho, Boise. Today's PG Rated Movie: CROCODILE DUNDEE IN LA Today 7:00-9:30. Today's PG-13 Rated Movie: EIGHTY SIX DAYS Today 7:00-9:30. Someone Like You Today 7:00-9:30. Save the Last Dance Today 7:00-9:30. Drivey Today 7:00-9:30. Today's R Rated Movie: EIGHTY SIX DAYS Today 7:00-9:30. The Mexican Today 7:00-9:30. Alone Came a Stranger Today 7:00-9:30. Blow Today 7:00-9:30. Bridget Jones Diary Today 7:00-9:30. One Night in Miami Beach Today 7:00-9:30. Town and Country Today 7:00-9:30.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

West End Theatre

Company holds auditions. BUHL - The West End Theatre Company will hold auditions for its summer production of "The Picture That Was Turned to the Wall" at 6:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday at the Buhl Middle School auditorium. Production dates will be June 30 through July 4. For more information, call David Blazkiewicz at 543-8792 or 543-4652.

Walkin' the Talk course

for teens begins Friday. TWIN FALLS - Walkin' the Talk will be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 308 Shoshone St. E., no. 7 in Twin Falls. The course will begin at 5 p.m. Friday. Walkin' the Talk is a course that helps teenagers in grades six through nine learn to be more honest with themselves and others. organizers say. The cost is \$195 and some schol-

arships are available. For more information, call Gaye Anderson at 733-8224.

Garden party benefits Humane Society

TWIN FALLS - Country Lane Shop will hold a garden party from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday through May 12. Seedling plants will be provided by Simery's for sale with all proceeds going towards the Humane Society in Twin Falls. For more information, call 423-4401 or 736-2299.

Pre-school holds visitor day Wednesday

TWIN FALLS - Mauldin's Dancing Preschool will hold a visitor day from 9-11:30 a.m. Wednesday at the school, 361 Third Ave. N., Twin Falls. Children who will be 4-years-old this fall are invited to observe and participate in the activities. For

more information, call 733-1446 or 733-1147.

LINC organization plans several activities

TWIN - FALLS - The Living Independence Network Corporation will hold first Thursday at St. Edward's Parish Hall. LINC plans to go to the Boise zoo if there is enough interest. Reservations must be made no later than May 18. The annual picnic will be held Aug. 2 in Rock Creek Park. For more information, call 733-1712.

Twin Falls schools holds kindergarten pre-registration

TWIN FALLS - Twin Falls School District will hold kindergarten pre-registration Monday through May 11. To enroll, children must be 5-years-old on or before Sept. 1. Open houses and reading workshops will be offered at each school.

For parents unable to attend a reading workshop during the day, an evening session will be offered from 7-8 p.m. May 15. Perrine Elementary School, 452 Caswell Ave. W., Twin Falls. For more information, call the district office at 733-6900.

Hansen schools hold kindergarten registration

HANSEN - Hansen schools will hold pre-school and kindergarten registration from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday in the gymnasium at the Hansen Elementary School. A screening will be held for pre-school children ages 3-5 who qualify for special services during the registration. For kindergarten registration, parents must bring a certified copy of the child's birth certificate, a Social Security card and an immunization record. A nurse will be present from 12:30 p.m. to provide immunizations. For more information or to set up

an appointment, call 423-5455.

Motorcycle riders hold awareness day ride, parade

TWIN FALLS - The Idaho Motorcycle Awareness Day ride and parade will be held Saturday. Sign-up will be held from 8-8:30 a.m. at the Culture of Southern Idaho. Riders will depart at 9 a.m. and travel on Interstate 84 to Boise. The final departure time to Meridian will be at 11:45 a.m. Riders will join in the Idaho Coalition of Motorcycle Safety Awareness Ride to the state Capital.

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EDITORIAL

County budget needs an audit, then pruning

To hear county officials tell it, Twin Falls County is in a tight financial squeeze... The prosecutor says he can't pay his deputies enough to keep them from leaving... There's no single solution to all of these problems. County officials need to maximize revenue where they can...



Sweatshop jobs aren't bad jobs in Third World

Last month, after I wrote my final college tuition check of the year, I still had \$1,000 left in the bank... DANIEL L. JACOBS... One of the things that I like about the world would be a happier, nicer and better place if developing nations could adopt the morals, virtues, values and experiences that America represents...

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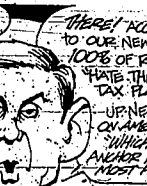
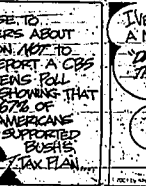
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McVeigh's scheduled lethal injection will not help heal America's wounds

It just feel like the sinner it's over with the better," sighed my sister Lucy on the phone from Tulsa, Okla... JOSEPH DOLMAN... I understand the feeling completely. Although I have hated the death penalty for most of my adult life, a large part of me - this time - also wants to see Timothy McVeigh die.

world or the most sophisticated or the wealthiest - but it was a place that many of our families had lovingly built and nourished and flourished in... McVeigh may deserve his fate. And yet humans may satisfy a base and unlovely instinct as we watch him suffer... The lesson of Oklahoma City, as I have seen it unfold over the decades, is that civilizations are built with rational rules, not blood lust.

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Mallard Fillmore



By Gary Trudeau

By Bruce Tinsley

MORNING BREAK

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Watch for appearance of the once-loved, Capricorn

IF MAY 1ST IS YOUR BIRTHDAY... you are an original thinker, independent and creative. You consider life with out love no life at all. Leo, Aquarius persons play major roles in your life. You could have these letters, initials in names: A, S, J. During June, you could change residence, marital status. In July, you'll be attracted to the mystic arts. August, most romantic, profitable month. ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): Creative juices activated. Imprint style, don't follow others. Focus on original thinking, pioneering spirit. Take another chance on romance.

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21: Look beyond the immediate. Be in communication with one in foreign land. People are drawn to you with their problems. Aries figures prominently. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Individual you once loved

Focus on health, employment and necessity for getting repairs done. At home, plumbing, fixtures require attention. Gemini, Sagittarius play essential roles.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Lie low, play waiting game. Legal aspects are yet to be clarified. If single, you receive proposal of marriage. If married, spark returns.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20):

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TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): Focus on property, home, sale or purchase of durable goods. If single, question of marital status looms large. If married, spark will reignite.

CREWENT (May 21-July 20): Your kids' day! Experiment, engage in social activities. Bring together people of opposing views. Clash of ideas proves exciting, beneficial.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): If details are handled correctly and fine print understood, you could hit financial jackpot. Taurus, Scorpio play major roles. Rebuild and rewrite.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Elements of timing, luck are with you. Read and write. Learn through process of teaching. Members of opposite sex attracted - don't break too many hearts!

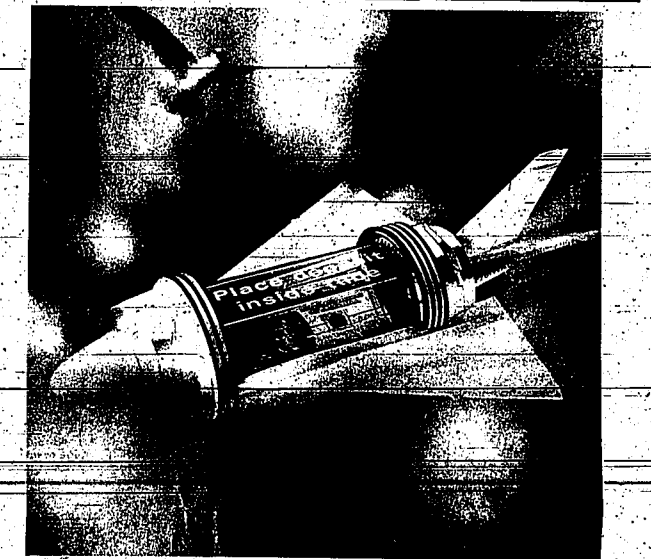
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You get your way in connection with remodeling home, decorating and price.

Get ideas on paper, take note of dreams. Taurus, Libra play key roles.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Some want to fool you. Don't give them the satisfaction. Be discreet, play backstage role. By tonight you will win love, perhaps money.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Overcome tendency to act on impulse. Give logic equal time. Guard possessions; some have their eyes on what you own. Cancer native figures in scenario.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):



Singer says wife's spirit lives on

NEW YORK (AP) — Paul McCartney, who lost his wife Linda to breast cancer in 1998, says he's comforted by thoughts that her spirit lives on.

"After Linda died, I think all of us in the family would hear noises or see things and think, 'That's Linda; that's mom...' And I think in some ways, it's very comforting to think she's still here," McCartney told ABC's "Good Morning America" in an interview last week Monday.

McCartney said he has been compelled to write poetry since her death, including a poem called "Her Spirit" in which Linda's spirit visits him in the woods in the form of a white squirrel.

"You don't know if it's true. But it's a great thought. And it's an uplifting thought. And so I allow myself to go there," McCartney said.

McCartney recently published "Blackbird Singing," an anthology of 48 poems and song lyrics that spans early memories of Liverpool to the 1986 murder of Beatle John Lennon to the loss of his wife.

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COMPUTERS AND TECHNOLOGY

IBM plans to develop failproof server

The Associated Press
NEW YORK - Computer, health itself.
 Long a dream of science fiction writers and anyone who has encountered a sick machine, the idea of self-maintaining, auto-administering and failproof hardware may not be too far off.
 IBM unveiled plans Thursday to focus research and considerable funding toward developing an e-business server that monitors itself for problems and can fix itself.
 The company will devote 25 percent of its research and devel-

opment budget for servers and the project, named eLiza, the amount will run into the billions of dollars over several years.
 "We think this is a really important problem," said Irving Wladawsky-Berger, IBM vice president of technology and strategy. The company said the project is one of the most ambitious in the company's history.
 IBM is not alone in trying to make servers and other trustworthy and affordable. Earlier this year, NASA and high-tech companies formed a consortium to study high-performance com-

puters. That is in addition to the work of the military and individual businesses, including IBM.
 Big Blue's latest efforts are concentrated on machines that serve up massive amounts of data for companies - computers that are hundreds of times more powerful than those in residence today.
 The machines will configure themselves by installing new operating system software and data automatically. And unlike machines that slow down as usage surges, they will be better equipped to balance loads.
 Ultra-vigilant security also will be a hallmark of eLiza, as will as

backup systems that kick in whenever the server senses a problem with a component, IBM said.
 Most important, Wladawsky-Berger said, the machines will be so simple that they will be no more difficult to operate than a kitchen appliance. That should reduce the need for highly skilled workers who are in increasingly short supply.
 "Our customers are telling us they need help in reducing the cost of managing the overall e-business structure and the required skills because they're not available," he said.

How to cover your tracks

By James Goates
Chicago Tribune
Q - Would you please tell me how to delete the history listing on my computer? I know how to delete the files under Internet Options, but the listing remains when you use the "History" button. I share a computer with others and do not necessarily want them to know where I've been.
A - I share a computer with Mrs. C. and so I feel your pain, Mr. M. One reason I have remained married for 37 years this week is that I go out of my way not to incur her wrath unless absolutely necessary. So I nip those history files in the bud just as you want to do. The

problem is that you're looking for options in all the wrong places. The history files for the browser are included, not under Internet Options but in the Windows directory. So right-click on the Start button and select Explore. You will find that your cursor is on the Start Menu, toward the end of the list of folders in Windows. Scroll up and you will find a folder called History. Open that and you can delete all those pesky remembrances of things past.

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Learning the secrets of Yahoo!

Open more doors to portal's features

By Jackie Looahuis
Journal Sentinel
 Do you uh, Yahoo?
 You may think you do. But you probably don't. At least not all the way.
 Though Yahoo! is the Internet's most popular portal (180 million unique users a day), in some ways it's underused.
 "A lot of the features of Yahoo! get left out," says Alan Neibauer, author of the book "How to do Everything With Yahoo!" (Osborne McGraw-Hill paperback, \$24.99).

Adrian Lurssen, managing editor in the surfing department of Yahoo!, says "we do so many things, there is so much diversity that one person might underutilize the service."
 Most visitors to Yahoo! are there to check the millions of Web sites the portal has listed in its directory. Or visitors want to use Yahoo! Finance, Yahoo! News or Yahoo! Mail, one of the Web's largest free e-mail providers, rated the best by Cnet.

But there is much more to the site if you know the secret rooms in this Web mansion.
 Yahoo!'s hidden treasures may be created largely by economic imperative, Neibauer says, because the free portal needs "to find a way to make money by partnering with people and bringing the average user into the portal to try to get you onto their partner sites."
 The happy result of this capitalism, however, is that it's the visitor who gets the benefit. "Yahoo! is constantly updating itself, trying to offer the widest variety of features for people," says Neibauer. "They constantly have new services and they try not to be stagnant at all."

Many Yahoo services compete with similar ones at other Web sites. What Yahoo offers is everything in one place.
 To get the most out of Yahoo!, you have to know what you're looking at, say Yahoo! officials. And the key to all the secrets is Yahoo!'s top page at www.yahoo.com. Surf expert Lurssen turns that key.

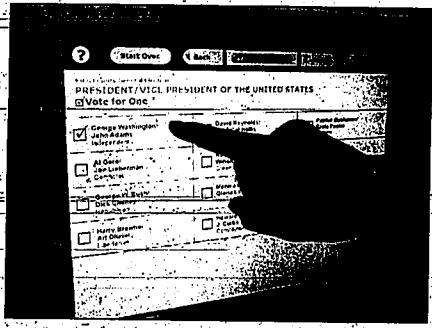
"The top page began many years ago, and it was set up to help people navigate a network of tools and services and properties that covers every kind of human endeavor," Lurssen said.
 "Essentially, if you look at the top page, you have the ability to communicate, find and buy."
 You do that by checking out the offerings on the "Magic Three Lines": Shop, Connect and Personal. Click-through these segments, located under the search window, and you'll find features such as auctions, classifieds, stock quotes and chat rooms on topics from dating to the Oscars.

For newcomers, says Lurssen, "Help" is another ticket to Yahoo!. The question mark circle located on the upper right-hand corner of the top page transports visitors to an entire line-up of instructions and frequently asked questions, everything from how the directory works to tips for better searching.
 Another Yahoo! secret is the simple word "more" at the end of the Magic Three. Click on "more" and you'll discover that "It's really amazing what they've done," says Neibauer.

There is information on new Yahoo! features, communication methods, member directories and traffic condition updates. Categories range from "Sports & Outdoors" to "Home & Living." Almost everything here is free.
 Savvy Yahooers will collect a basket full of these features and use them together, says Lurssen.
 "There are a lot of things that we have by themselves that are very interesting, but the real secret is the way people figure out how to integrate things," Lurssen said. "You know what Yahoo! has to offer and build on that. The address book and the calendar feature and the new feed feature are all linked, and this network of services can be combined and aggregated into something truly functional."

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NEW AT THE POLLS?



A touch-screen voting machine is demonstrated during a news conference in Sacramento, Calif., April 23. The news conference was held by Assemblyman Kevin Shelley to draw attention to his bills to modernize the state's election system that were to be heard before the Assembly election committee Monday.

New Zip drive eliminates cord

By Craig Crossman
Knight Ridder News Service

Omega recently introduced the 250-megabyte Zip drive, which can also read and write to the older 100-megabyte disks. The newest external Zip 250 USB drive model (\$179.95) is even smaller than its predecessor, eliminates the power cord and with an optional adapter, becomes Firewire-enabled.
 If you use a notebook computer you can power up your battery-powered notebook, plug in the Zip Drive to your computer's USB port without rebooting and have all the data and storage you want without any other external cords since it's powered from the computer's USB port. At only 9 ounces it is very portable.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Accident injures man; kills woman

BURLEY — A Paul woman was killed and a Rupert man was critically injured Monday afternoon, when the motorcycle they were riding hit a guardrail on Interstate Highway 84.

Kerl Jo Van Tassel, 24, the motorcycle driver, was pronounced dead at the scene, according to the Idaho State Police.

Her passenger, Terrance J. Lindauer, 23, was flown to Bannock Regional Medical Center in Pocatello. He was reported in critical condition Monday night.

The ISP said the accident occurred about 2 p.m. about two miles west of the Sweeter Summit and 16 miles east of the Utah-Idaho border.

Van Tassel was heading west on a 2000 Yamaha motorcycle when she lost control and hit the guardrail, throwing herself and Lindauer from the bike, the ISP said.

Neither was wearing a helmet.

MV sixth-graders to learn about water

TWIN FALLS — About 2,300 Magic Valley sixth-graders will learn about water during the eighth annual Water Awareness Week this week.

Students from Jerome, Cassia, Minidoka and Twin Falls counties will learn about the multiple ways water sustains southern Idaho. Students will take field trips to places such as the Nature Conservancy near Wendell and Clear Springs Foods trout farm near Buhl.

More than 600 students from Twin Falls County schools will attend the annual water festival Wednesday at the College of Southern Idaho Expo Center.

"Water Awareness Week brings water and energy education materials directly into the classroom via an exciting curriculum," said Catherine Chertud, chairwoman of the event's statewide steering committee, in a news release.

"Between this curriculum and activities outside the classroom, the students become more aware of how water and energy play such a vital part of their lives every day."

More than 16,000 sixth-graders are expected to participate in activities around the state. The program is organized through the Idaho Department of Water Resources and is sponsored by 32 private companies and federal, local and state agencies.

Mother: Burned man makes good progress

TWIN FALLS — A local man who was seriously burned when his home burned down in February is making good progress, his mother said Monday.

Dennis Cogswell, 45, suffered burns on his face, neck and hands when he escaped from his burning home at 198 Ramble St.

Cogswell was flown to the University of Utah's burn trauma unit after the fire. He is undergoing rehabilitation in Boise.

"Things are really looking up," Pat Cogswell said about her son. "He's walking good — regaining strength. Maybe, we're on the mend here."

A wood stove was the suspected cause of the fire, according to fire department officials.

Cogswell's 4-year-old dog, Bucky, died in the fire.

The fire also destroyed Cogswell's home and most of his possessions.

He works at Ron's Custom Upholstery in Twin Falls and has lived in the home for more than 15 years.

A donation fund was set up for Cogswell at Farmer's National Bank in Twin Falls.

So far more than \$7,000 has come in for Cogswell, his mother said.

"We haven't decided what we're going to do about the house or anything yet," Pat Cogswell said. "When he's well, we'll worry about that. He'll stay with us now."

Anyone interested in helping Dennis Cogswell may donate to the benefit account at the Farmer's National Bank branch at 800 Shoshone St. in Twin Falls.

Compiled from staff reports

Residents to discuss lights

By John T. Huddy
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A public hearing is scheduled tonight to discuss a proposed county light ordinance — one that would require any commercial, industrial or confined animal feeding operation to have a lighting designer set up its lighting system.

A lighting designer, as defined in the ordinance, is an independent electrical engineer or person-qualified to perform lighting system design.

In the light
A public hearing is scheduled at 7 tonight to discuss a proposed Twin Falls County light ordinance. The hearing will be held at the Twin Falls County Planning and Zoning Building at 245 Third Ave. E.

Complaints from county residents about glare from commercial and industrial operations, including some dairies, prompted county commissioners to

form a committee to look into the problem. The committee made up of city, county and several other county residents has been working on the ordinance for almost a year.

Citizens can voice their opinions about it at tonight's meeting.

County Commissioner Bill Broekman said feedback about the ordinance has been mainly positive.

"There's been a lot of questions asked and some negativity expressed before people have

sat down and come to understand how the ordinance affects them," Broekman said Monday. "It's all going to affect the 100-watt light bulb on my porch that I need for my own safety? The answer is no. It is for the intrusive lighting."

The ordinance, after it goes through public hearings, will go to county commissioners for their approval.

If approved, new commercial, industrial or animal operations would have to conform to the ordinance requirements within

three months from the date of permit approval. Existing operations would have three years to conform.

The ordinance "affects commercial or animal" that doesn't comply with the ordinance could be fined \$300 per day, the proposed ordinance says.

County leaders acknowledge enforcement would be difficult. County planning and zoning officials would be responsible for inspecting a facility and

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DANCE DU JOUR



Community School first-graders Eric Runkel and Katie Dumke weave maypole ribbons in Sun Valley, while learning about the tradition of the dance from teacher Hilarie Neely. The May Day dance celebrates the revival of life after winter.

Lawmakers rate well with business lobby

By Michael Journee
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — One of the state's most powerful lobby groups gave most local lawmakers high marks for their voting record on business issues during this winter's legislative session.

This year's report by the Idaho Association of Business and Industry, which essentially serves as the state's chamber of commerce, says all Magic Valley legislators voted for at least 75 percent of IACI-supported measures.

"We had a good year, even though it was a tough one," said Steve Ahrens, president and lobbyist for IACI.

The projected \$340 million budget surplus that lawmakers found waiting for them in January led to a long fight over how much to spend and how much to send back in tax cuts, Ahrens said.

IACI, perhaps the state's most influential lobby group,

included about 20 votes in its rating of lawmakers. All were bills that IACI had publicly supported.

Overall lawmakers supported 84.6 percent of IACI-supported

How they voted

In the House:
100 percent
• Maxine Bell, R-Jerome (21 of 21 votes)
• George Swan (16 of 16 votes, including opponents' votes)
94.7 percent
• Doug Jones, R-Filer

94 percent
• Celia Gould, R-Buhl
• Bruce Newcomb, R-Burley
91 percent
• Scott Bedke, R-Oakley
90 percent
• Tim Riddinger, R-Shoshone
86 percent
• Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchum
85 percent
• Bert Stevenson, R-Rupert
75 percent
• Leon Smith, R-Twin Falls

In the Senate:
89 percent
• Clint Stannett, D-Ketchum
88 percent
• Laird Noh, R-Kimberly
87 percent
• Robbi King-Barratta, R-Genes Ferry
84 percent
• Dean Cameron, R-Rupert
83 percent
• Denton Darrington, R-Declo
82 percent
• John Bandy, R-Hagerman

measures, most of which favored tax cuts, economic development, or education proposals.

Only two local lawmakers, Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome,

and the late Rep. George Swan, R-Twin Falls, achieved perfect IACI ratings.

Bell supported 21 of 21 IACI-supported measures on which

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Agreement aims to protect city's water source

By John T. Huddy
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The City Council has approved an agreement that aims to protect the city's main water source.

The agreement includes, among others, the city of Twin Falls, Twin Falls County, the College of Southern Idaho, Regional Business Development Center, the South Central Idaho Water and Recreation Development Association, Jerome County, the city of Jerome and ABC Agra LLC. ABC is the developer of the crossroads Ranch project at the junction of U.S. Highway 83 and Interstate 84.

The city relies heavily on a watershed that lies north of the Snake Canyon, and pro-

tecting the aquifer from contamination has been a continuing issue during development discussions.

The agreement aims to:
• Set up well-head protection and waste water collection methods to protect the aquifer that supplies water to Twin Falls and Jerome.
• Create a long-term management plan for 8,000 acres of public lands on the Snake River Canyon's north rim.
• Encourage regional "ecotourism," scientific research and education.

The council approved the agreement 6-1. Councilman Trip Combs dissented.

Before its approval, several council members questioned if

the agreement would put the city under any financial obligation. City Attorney Fritz Wonderlich said it wouldn't.

"From a legal standpoint, this won't get you in trouble," he said.

Jerome County Commissioner Veronica Lierman said Jerome and Jerome County have already signed the agreement.

Both events will include beer gardens.

The council also approved a \$10,289 inflatable recreational toy for the Twin Falls City Pool.

Pool Director Gretchen Scott said pool attendance has declined, hitting the pool's budget.

This year, expenditures (\$152,251) have been up while revenue (\$85,510) has gone down. A big reason for the added costs has been increased utility rates. Scott and city leaders agreed Monday.

Scott said the new toy is intended to attract more people to the pool this summer. It's about 52 feet long, six feet wide and eight feet high.

"To increase draw, we need to add some kind of recreational feature," Scott said Monday.

Police wait for report in crash

By Mark Helzig
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A pathologist's report might determine whether a vehicle manufacturer charge will be filed against a Twin Falls County sheriff's deputy involved in a crash with a man who later died in a hospital.

Officials were waiting for the report on Monday.

Meanwhile, another Twin Falls deputy was cited last week after colliding with a car driven by an elderly Buhl woman on U.S. Highway 93 south of Twin Falls.

In the case of the first crash, County Coroner-Gene Turley said an autopsy recently revealed that Hazelton resident Delmar Mechem, 83, died of heart failure April 17.

Mechem was taken to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls on April 13, after a collision with a squad car driven by Sgt. Jack Johnson, 34. Mechem and his wife, Madona Mechem, 84, riding in a 1996 Buick, had appeared to have only minor injuries at the crash scene on Addison Avenue in Twin Falls, according to officers' reports.

After his death, Delmar Mechem's body was taken to Boise to be examined by the state's top forensic pathologist.

Delmar Mechem was known to have a weak heart, but it still could make up to two months for a full battery of tests to determine if his death was in any way related to the crash, Turley said.

Sgt. Matthew Hicks, Twin Falls police traffic control commander, said it was apparent at the scene that Johnson was probably at fault for the wreck, in which the cars collided virtually head-on.

Twin Falls City Attorney Fritz Wonderlich said a citation for failure to yield had been issued against Johnson. But that case was put on hold after Mechem died.

If it is established that the wreck caused or contributed to Mechem's death, Johnson might be charged with misdemeanor vehicular manslaughter, Wonderlich said.

Meanwhile, another Twin Falls County sheriff's deputy was cited on a charge of making an improper U-turn, after a crash Wednesday injured an elderly Buhl couple.

Deputy Bruce Gard, 30, had pulled his squad car over near milepost 24 on U.S. Highway 93 at about 3:30 p.m. to talk to a Jular phone, according to an Idaho State Police report. As Gard tried to make a U-turn back onto the road, his cruiser hit a 2001 Honda Accord driven by Juanita White, 74.

White and her husband, Howard White, 84, both suffered minor injuries. About \$5,000 of damage was done to their car, according to the ISP report.

Sheriff Wayne Tousey said Gard and Johnson were both still working, and neither faced disciplinary action as of Monday.

"It is the department's policy to discipline deputies for failure to obey or had driving only if a deputy is clearly guilty of gross negligence or his displayed a pattern of bad or dangerous driving," Tousey said.

"We look into all these cases closely," he said. "When deputies drive as many miles as they do, accidents are going to happen."

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DEATH NOTICES

Wilbur Chritton - SPOKANE, Wash. - Wilbur Chritton, 62, of Spokane, Wash. died Friday, April 27, 2001, at the Holy-Family Hospital in Spokane, Wash.

A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 1, 2001, at the Rupert Cemetery.

Fines M-Ambrose - JEROME - Fines M. Ambrose, 37, of Jerome, died Sunday, April 29, 2001, at his home.

Presbyterian Church of the Salvation Army. An obituary will appear at a later date.

Jean Rose Glowski - Buhl - Jean Rose Glowski, 75, died Monday, April 30, 2001, at Bridgeview Estates in Twin Falls.

Arrangements pending at Farmer-Funeral Chapel of Buhl.

Charles E. Melvin - LOVELAND, Colo. - Charles E. Melvin, 75, of Loveland, Colo., died Saturday, April 28, 2001, at McKee Medical Center in Loveland, Colo.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, May 1, 2001, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Loveland with the Rev. Al Pfeiffer officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to Immanuel Lutheran Church of the American Heart Association in care of Allnutt Funeral Service, 2100 N. Lincoln Ave., Loveland, CO 80538.

SERVICE

Russell Todd Graf of Twin Falls service 11 a.m. Wednesday at the 8th Ward LDS Chapel, 667 Harrison St., Twin Falls.

Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park; friends may call from 4-8 p.m. today at White Mortuary and from 9-4:30 p.m. Wednesday at the church.

HOSPITALS

Table with columns for Hospital Name, Admitted, Dismissed, and other patient information.

OBITUARIES

For obituary rates and information, call 733-9932; Ext. 278, between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 4:30 p.m. for next-day publication. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 5 p.m. every day.

JEROME - Reynolds Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 1142 Twin Falls, ID 83303. Arrangements and cremation are under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls.

John Leslie Abercrombie - John Leslie Abercrombie, 60, of Jerome, died Saturday, April 28, 2001, at Allera Living Center.

He attended schools in Barnard, Kan. On July 30, 1941, he married "Katie" Ramsey in Wichita, Kan. John entered the Army Air Corps in 1942, and served in the Pacific Theater until 1945.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Michaela Schen, where he started a plumbing business in 1953. They moved to the canyon side area south of Jerome where they farmed. John later started ABC Plumbing, retiring in 1982.

Myrtle Irene Griggs - Myrtle Irene Griggs, 87, of Twin Falls, died Saturday morning, April 28, 2001, at her home in Twin Falls.

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David E. Vincent - David E. Vincent, age 64, of Filer died Saturday, April 28, 2001, at his home.

He was born June 21, 1936, in Casper, Wyo., the son of Sam and Katherine Patten Vincent. He married Catherine Gee in November of 1962.

Survivors include his wife, Catherine; mother, Katherine; sister, Sharon (Ally) Wilson of Casper, Wyo.; two brothers, Frank (Virginia) Vincent of Hermiston, Ore. and Robert (Crystal) Vincent of Twin Falls; children, Jane (Larry) Good of Gray Butte, Wyo.; Raymond LaFleur of Billings, Mont.; Rhonda Vincent (Dusty) Mori of Filer and Brenda Vincent (Ross) Wickham of Wyo.; granddaughters, Amy, Ray, Jessica, Dakota, Nathaniel, Derrin and Kale; and great-granddaughter, Zoe.

He is survived by his daughter, who lives in Idaho.

A memorial service will be conducted at a later date.

For those who desire contributions may be made to First Choice Hospice, P.O. Box 1054, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301.

Arrangements by Farmer Funeral Chapel, Buhl.

Richard L. Garlock - Richard L. Garlock passed away April 11, 2001, at his home in Portland, Ore.

He was born Feb. 9, 1925, in Richfield, Mo., and lived in Oregon and Idaho.

He graduated from Gooding High School after his discharge from the Army following WW II.

He was a member of the Apostolic Church and was married to a Portland, Ore. woman.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Susan, and a brother, Tom M. Garlock, and a sister, Marna McMill of Twin Falls.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Megalee; his parents, Lee and Orene Garlock; a sister, Arlene Jones; and a brother, Dr. Gordon Garlock.

Private services were held April 14 in Eugene, Ore.

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Judge denies plea for water - GRANTS PASS, Ore. (AP) - A federal judge Monday denied a desperate plea for water from farmers in the Klamath Basin, saying the Endangered Species Act clearly gives threatened and endangered fish the highest priority during this drought.

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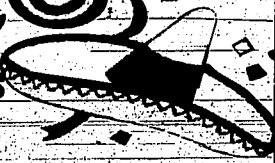
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ShopKo Stores Inc. names new head

GREEN BAY, Wis. — ShopKo Stores Inc. has appointed a retail veteran to head merchandising, marketing, store operations and other duties.

Gary Ramsey will become president and chief operating officer of ShopKo Division, a position which has been open since William Podany was appointed chairman, president and chief executive of ShopKo Stores in March 1999, said ShopKo spokesman — Shere — Olson. Ramsey will report to Podany.

Ramsey, 58, has held senior executive positions at Sears, Roebuck and Co., Montgomery Ward and Garden Ridge Corp., a chain of decorating accessory stores.

Including a Twin Falls store, ShopKo Stores operates 370 retail stores in 23 states, primarily in the Midwest, Western Mountain and Pacific Northwest regions. Retail operations include 141 specialty discount stores operating under the ShopKo name and 229 Pamida discount stores in smaller, rural communities.

New acquisition leads

American Ecology growth

BOISE — American Ecology Corp. on Monday announced net income of \$1.48 million for the quarter ended March 31, compared with \$1.38 million for the same period last year. The basic earnings per share after preferred stock dividends for the period were 10 cents, compared with 9 cents a year earlier. This was the sixth consecutive quarter of profitability, the company said. Revenue for the first quarter increased to \$12.9 million — 38 percent over the same period in 2000.

"The acquisition of EnviroSAFE Services of Idaho registered an immediate, positive effect on the company's first-quarter financial performance," said Jim Baumgardner, senior vice president and chief financial officer, adding, "Our new Idaho and Illinois operations, combined with our existing business, provide us a solid platform for continued growth of both revenue and earnings." Feb. 1, the company acquired EnviroSAFE Services of Idaho whose principal operation is a hazardous and PCB waste treatment, storage and disposal facility in the southwestern Idaho desert about 10 miles west of Grand View. EnviroSAFE also provides patented waste processing services at a steel mill in Sterling, Illinois.

Compiled from wire reports

Area chambers set May events

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

HEYBURN — Business organizations on opposite ends of the valley are relying on the merry month of May to green up their coffers.

The merriment? Golfing in

Rupert, and fine fiddling in Jerome.

At the 4th Annual Mark Moorman Memorial Chamber Golf Scramble, set for May 31 at the Rupert Country Club, the Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce hopes to raise a gross \$7,000 — as the golf scramble has

in years past, and not something like \$5,000 this year toward the chamber's operation, Director Joan Asson said.

But she hopes for significantly friendlier weather than at last year's scramble. Event sponsors are the Rupert Country Club, Mini-Cassia Phone Directories — and Asson Enterprises, and the chamber is forming golf teams now.

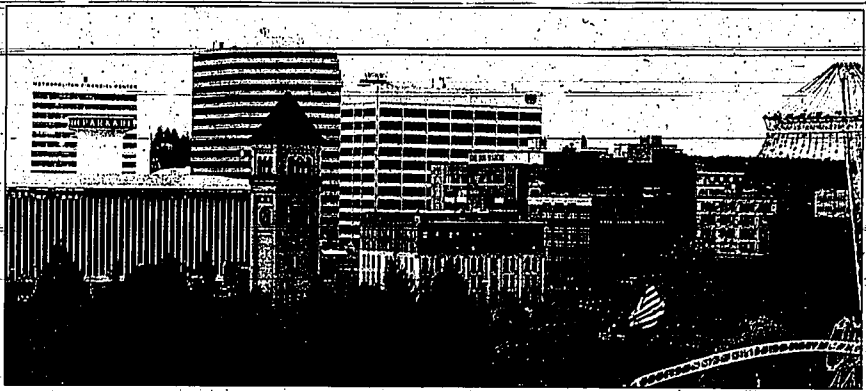
The Jerome Chamber of Commerce's main May affair is the 4th Annual Nationally Certified Idaho Open Fiddle Contest, set for May 11-12 at Jerome High School's auditori-

um. The chamber is hosting the fiddling frenzy. Executive Director Elizabeth Thomas said to bring visitors into Jerome and to unify our community.

The latter she aims to accomplish through a street fair.

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REVITALIZED



Part of the downtown skyline of Spokane, Wash., last week, which is bursting with more retail and construction activity than the city has seen since the 1974 World's Fair.

Downtown Spokane comes alive again

The Associated Press

SPOKANE — People other than lawyers are starting to make money on the rebirth of downtown Spokane.

Once a zone of empty department stores and decrepit buildings, Spokane's center is suddenly bursting with more retail and construction activity than the city has seen since the 1974 World's Fair.

Stores and restaurants are packed. The landmark Davenport Hotel is being gutted and rehabbed. High-school students fill a funky old warehouse building. Twenty movie theaters lure people downtown every night.

Some new developments in or near downtown Spokane:

- Davenport Hotel, which occupies a full city block, undergoing a \$50 million renovation. The 500-room hotel, once one of the finest in the West, has been closed since 1985.
- Northwest Museum of Arts and Culture, being built near downtown. Is expected to open Dec. 5. The \$28-million museum will focus on Indian artifacts.

"There is \$340 million in new investment," developer Betsy Cowles said. "For Spokane, that's a pretty big number."

Changes in the area

- KMO-TV moved from the South Hill to an impressive new downtown studio, at a cost of \$15 million.
- Fox Theater, saved from wrecking ball by Spokane Symphony. The 70-year-old art deco landmark undergoing a \$10 million conversion into a live theater, allowing symphony to double its performances to about 50 a year.
- Lewis and Clark High School students attending classes in Holy-Mason Building, an old brick high-rise, that provided utilities for downtown.

Cowles and her family have spearheaded the boom, building the \$114 million upscale River Park Square. The shopping cen-

ter's school being renovated. When students move out, the building will become high-tech office space.

- Washington State University spending \$28 million to develop office and research space and \$29 million for a new health science building at its downtown branch campus.
- Steam Plant Square, a mix of retail, dining and office space, has opened inside a closed former steam plant that provided utilities for downtown.

ter is credited with keeping Nordstrom downtown and introducing 12,300 retail outlets.

Phillips reports profit rise

BridgeNews

NEW YORK — Phillips Petroleum Co., the No. 5 U.S. integrated oil company, joined its larger rivals in reporting strong first-quarter profits mainly as a result of surging natural gas prices.

Last week, ExxonMobil Corp., Chevron Corp. and Texaco Inc., the top three U.S. oil majors, posted profits that were about 50 percent higher than a year earlier.

Phillips' earnings rose 86 percent. The Bartlesville, Okla.-based company with a Bull distributor had an operating net income of \$504 million, or \$1.96 per share, compared with \$271 million, or \$1.06, in the same period in 2000. Analysts had expected Phillips to earn \$1.92 per share. Revenue ticked up 2 percent to \$4.9 billion.

Including one-time items of \$14 million, the company earned \$490 million.

Compared with a year ago, our net operating income was up as a result of higher U.S. natural gas prices, increased crude oil production and improved refining, marketing and transportation earnings," said Jim Mulva, chief executive officer of Phillips.

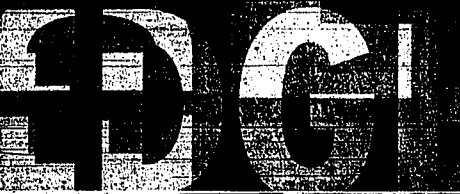
The company's downstream business — refining, marketing and transportation — posted operating income of \$46 million, up 78 percent from a year earlier. Phillips plans to expand its downstream operation through the purchase of Tosco Corp., the nation's third-biggest oil refiner.

The sale, which is expected to close by the end of the third quarter, will make Phillips' refining capacity second only to ExxonMobil. And Tosco's 6,400 gas stations and convenience stores will make the combined company the nation's third-biggest gasoline retailer, with 12,300 retail outlets.

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MONEY

Technology stocks advance, but profit-taking pulls down Dow

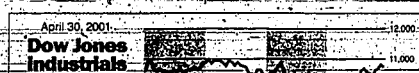
NEW YORK (AP) - Blue chip stocks turned sharply lower Monday, giving back early gains and halting a rally that analysts saw as much as feared. Technology stocks remained mostly higher.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 25.88 to 10,734.97, recovering from a morning gain of 95 points and sliding back into negative territory for the year. A 110-point rally on Friday had given the barometer of 30 blue-chip companies a small gain for the year.

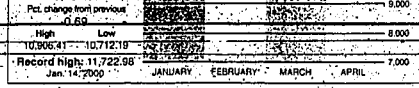
Broad-market indicators ended Monday mixed. The technology-dominated Nasdaq composite index rose 40.56 to 2,116.24, while the Standard & Poor's 500 index slipped 3.59 to 2,049.6.

The day opened with growing enthusiasm over a report on Friday revealing that the nation's gross domestic product grew at an annual rate of 2 percent in the first quarter.

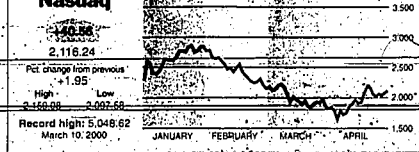
But some investors, ever wary after the hefty losses they suffered over the past year, chose to lock-in some April's hefty gains before the market's confidence has a chance to wane. Notably, the Nasdaq composite has risen nearly 29 percent from its closing low for the year, 1,638.80, reached last on a Monday on April 4.



April 30, 2001. Dow Jones Industrials. High: 10,734.97. Low: 10,606.41. Pct. change from previous close: -0.24%.



April 30, 2001. Nasdaq. High: 2,116.24. Low: 2,067.56. Pct. change from previous close: +1.95%.



April 30, 2001. S&P 500. High: 2,049.6. Low: 2,007.56. Pct. change from previous close: -0.17%.

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Blimpie to offer some new choices

Knight Ridder News Service - MESA, Ariz. - Look for Chicken

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MORNING LINE
SPORTSQUOTE

“I think a lot of guys have gone broke underestimating Michael Jordan. I can see Charles coming out and not being what he used to be, but Charles is just there to pour the drinks and deal the cards.”

—Sports Illustrated columnist Rick Reilly on the possible comebacks by Michael Jordan and Charles Barkley

TRIVIA

QUESTION:
 Who holds the record for turnovers in an NBA playoff game?
 ...answer below.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

- High school baseball**
 Buhat at Wood River (2, 4 p.m.)
 Kimberly at Filer, 3:30 p.m.
- High school softball**
 Jerome at Hurley (2, 4 p.m.)
 Kimberly at Filer, 3:30 p.m.
 Buhat at Nines (2, 4 p.m.)
 Nampa Christian at Glenns Ferry, 3:30 p.m.
- High school tennis**
 Burley at Blackfoot 4 p.m.
 Twin Falls at Wood River, 3:30 p.m.
 Ketchum/Sun Valley at Gooding, 3:30 p.m.
- High school golf**
 Pocatello, Minico, Highland, Kimberly, Valley at Twin Falls, Canyon Springs, 1 p.m.
- High school track**
 Buhat at Twin Falls/Soph, 4 p.m.

IN-BRIEF

Jerome High hosts golf fundraiser
JEROME — Jerome High School will be hosting a golf scramble on May 5 at Club 93 Golf Course. The cost is \$40. Proceeds will be used to help improve the football field and replace the track at Jerome High School. Start time is approximately 9 a.m.
 For more information contact Eric Anderson at 324-8137 or Club 93 at 324-9693.

CSI Athletic set for Banquet this Thursday
TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho will hold its annual CSI Athletic Banquet, Raffle and Auction Thursday at the Turf Club.
 The preview of items will begin at 5 p.m. with the dinner at 6 p.m. and the presentation of awards at 6:45 p.m.
 The 7-time national championship volleyball team will receive its national championship rings and all sophomores will be honored by their coaches. Also, several athletes will be honored for their achievements on the court and in the classroom.
 The cost is \$15 per person. Anyone interested in sponsoring a student-athlete can do so for \$10 per athlete.
 For more information or for tickets, call Kathy Deahl at 733-9554, Ext. 2486.

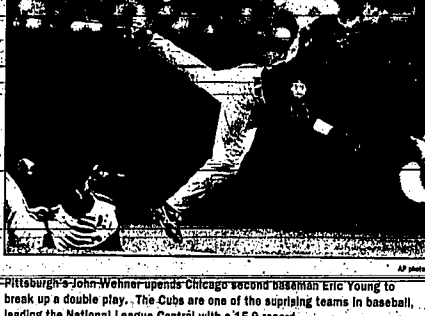
Barrus records hole in one at Ponderosa
BURLEY — With pitching wedge in hand, Sam Barrus scored a hole in one on the 130-yard third hole at the Ponderosa Golf Course. Barrus' shot was witnessed by Joe Pasley and Sandy Pasley.
 Compiled from staff and wire reports

TRIVIA ANSWER
 John Williamson of New Jersey, 11, against Philadelphia on April 11, 1979.

April success often leads to October baseball

The Associated Press
NEW YORK — It's early to start planning for that Cubs-Twins World Series, but some of baseball's surprise stars this season might mean something.
 April success has translated very well to October baseball recently. Fifteen of the past 18 teams that held a share of first place entering May went on to make the playoffs.
 That's good news for AL East co-leaders Boston and Toronto, as well as the other division leaders: Minnesota, Seattle, Philadelphia, Los Angeles and the Chicago Cubs.
 But they aren't buying into the history yet.
 "A good start means nothing without a good finish," said Corey Koskie, one of the keys to the Twins' surprising start.

—It's been a wild opening month in the majors. Three last-place teams from 2000 — the Twins, Phillies and Cubs — are in first place, while none of last year's NL division winners — Atlanta, St. Louis and San Francisco — are playing above .500.
 "We started the season very well and we're in first place right now, so we don't have any complaints," Philadelphia's Bobby Abreu said. "We just have to keep pushing."
 It's even worse for the NL champion Mets, as well as Oakland and the White Sox — the two teams with the best records in the AL last season. All three of those teams enter May in last place.
 "I know everything's going to change," Jose Valentin of the White Sox said. "I think we've got to break up April. We got Please see APRIL, Page D2



Pittsburgh's John Weller opens Chicago second baseman Eric Young to break up a double play. The Cubs are one of the surprising teams in baseball, leading the National League Central with a 15-9 record.

Missouri signs CSI's Okafor

The Associated Press
COLUMBIA, Mo. — The Missouri Tigers added size on Monday with the signing of College of Southern Idaho center Uche Okafor to a national letter-of-intent.
 Okafor, a native of Nigeria, is 6-11, 245 pounds. This year during his second season in Twin Falls, he averaged 9.2 points, 7.2 rebounds and 4 blocks per game to lead the Golden Eagles to a 29-4 record. Southern Idaho was ranked fourth in the final National Junior College Athletic Association poll.
 Okafor was named the nation's top junior-college center earlier this year by CNNI.com. He chose Missouri over Illinois, North Carolina State, North Carolina, Connecticut and Memphis, among others, Missouri officials said.
 Coach Quin Snyder said Okafor has progressed steadily despite playing basketball for only four years.
 "He is athletic and mobile and is a proficient shot-blocker who has the ability to impact a game in a number of ways," Snyder said.
 Okafor joins a recruiting class that some experts had already ranked among the 10 best in the nation.



Uche Okafor

Timberwolves get the boot

Spurs, Duncan slam Minnesota from playoffs

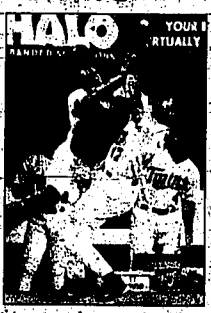
The Associated Press
MINNEAPOLIS — Tim Duncan scored 24 points and David Robinson added 21 as the San Antonio Spurs wrapped up their first-round series against Minnesota with a 97-84 victory Monday night.
 The Spurs, 3-1 winners of the series, also knocked the Wolves out of the first round in 1999, before going on to win the NBA title. They will play the winner of the Dallas-Utah series.
 "It doesn't matter who we play," said Duncan, who also had 16 rebounds. "You can't say that, and sometimes it does matter. This time, it really doesn't. If Dallas comes back, that could take a lot of them. Utah would be fine, too."
 The Wolves lost in the first round for the fifth time in as many seasons. Their 0-5 series record in the playoffs is the worst among all NBA franchises.
 Minnesota's Anthony Peeler and Terrill Brandon, both scoreless in the first half, hit back-to-back 3-pointers with less than six minutes left as the Timberwolves rallied from a 10-point deficit to make it 75-73. The Spurs outscored the Wolves 22-11 the rest of the way, including a pair-of-threes by Robinson that pushed the Spurs' lead to 79-73.
 "There was a tough stretch where we got into a slump there," said Robinson, who had 14 rebounds. "Coming back down the floor, I felt pretty good so I put them up there."
 "Finishing out this game means so much to me. We've still got to get better."
 The Wolves' Wally Szczerbiak scored 20 points, giving him 38 over the last two games. He was held to 18 points in the first two games of the series.
 Kevin Garnett added 19 points and 15 rebounds, and Brandon finished with 17.
 Robinson played the fourth period with four fouls. He picked up his fourth with 4:26 remaining in the third period, and the Spurs leading 63-57.
 They took a 71-63 lead into the fourth quarter, with the help of 3-pointers by Danny Ferry and Antonio Daniels. They both made four 3-pointers for the game.
 Ferry finished with 18 points and Daniels had 16 to make up for a poor shooting night by Duncan, who was 8-for-23.
 "It was either a swish or an airball, it seems," Ferry said. "We're riding on Timmy's back all season, but when teams double-team him we have guys who can shoot the ball."



Minnesota forward Kevin Garnett goes up for a shot against San Antonio forwards Tim Duncan and Malik Rose in the first quarter of their first-round playoff game Monday in Minneapolis.

Radke improves to 5-0 with second complete game

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Brad Radke pitched his second complete game of the season and Doug Mientkiewicz hit a tiebreaking home run in the seventh inning as Minnesota beat New York 2-1.
 Radke (5-0) became the first five-game winner in the majors, leading by outdueling Andy Pettitte. Radke allowed six hits, including Tino Martinez's home run in the fourth, struck out four and walked one.
 The Twins improved to 11-2 at home and snapped the Yankees' three-game winning streak.
 Mientkiewicz, who extended his hitting streak to a career-high 13 games, drilled Pettite's pitch into the bank of fouled-up football seats in the center field to give the Twins a 2-1 lead. Pettite (3-3) gave up three hits and one walk in his second complete game of the season. He struck out a season-high eight.
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Minnesota catcher Tom Prince and third baseman Corey Koskie collide while going for a foul off the bat of Yankees' David Justice Monday night in Minneapolis.

Sabres tame Pittsburgh's Moose

The Associated Press
PITTSBURGH — So the Buffalo Sabres do have some offense and the Pittsburgh Penguins don't have nearly as much as they thought without the injured Jaromir Jagr.
 Jason Woolley's tip-in midway through the third period broke a tie, and the Sabres rediscovered their offense to avoid going down three games, beating the Penguins 4-1 Monday night.
 "The Sabres trailed 2-0 in the series and 1-0 in the second period until solving rookie goaltender Jhann Hehner twice in the third period. They added an empty-net goal in the final minute.
 The Sabres had scored on only 1 of 64 shots before finally coming alive against Hedberg, the former



Pittsburgh goalie Johan Hedberg makes a save on Buffalo's Donald Audette in their NHL playoff game Monday in Pittsburgh. The Sabres won 4-1.
 Manitoba-Moose goalie who was cheered on by thousands of fans wearing golden foam-moose antlers in his honor.
 "We did what they did to us," said Doug Gilmour, who assisted on the decisive goal. "When they came into our building, they waited and waited, and when they had some chances they capitalized. We had to be patient, too."
 Curtis Brown tied it at 13:04 of the second period, and goalie Dominik Hasak shut down Pittsburgh's ineffective offense.
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NHL

Today's games

5 p.m. at Maple Leaf
 8 p.m. ESPN (Series tied 2-1)
 8 p.m. at St. Louis
 5 p.m. (St. Louis)

SPORTS

Rally lifts Spartans over Burley

The Spartans scored seven runs on three hits and three errors in the fifth to oust a close competition...

The Spartans (15-7) host Blackfoot on Friday. Josh Oldham picked up the win with five strong innings...

Glenns Ferry 8, Buhl JV 0 BUHL - Glenns Ferry sophomore Zach Smiths hit two home runs and senior Ryan Simons hit another as the Pilots defeated the Buhl junior varsity team...

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triple and three RBIs and Andrea Johnson struck out 10, as the Lady Pilots beat Buhl 12-1 in six innings...

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Wendell, Glenns Ferry win at 93 Golf Ranch JEROME - Wendell freshman Jyden Lancaster shot 69 and Glenns Ferry's BriAnna Winter shot 112...

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Raiders case against NFL goes to jury

LOS ANGELES (AP) - A jury began deliberations Monday in a lawsuit filed by the Oakland Raiders, who contend the NFL forced them from Los Angeles by interfering in a stadium deal...

Around the NFL Hatley, the team's personnel chief the past four years, was not fired, Phillips said...

Chiefs' Grunhard calls it quits after 11 years KANSAS CITY, Mo. - After 11 bruising years in the NFL, an unmistakable voice of authority persuaded Kansas City Chiefs center Tim Grunhard to retire...

Cowboys will be seeing less of Jerry Jones IRVING, Texas - The Dallas Cowboys' belt-tightening at Valley Ranch, as it turns out, is not restricted to salaries and issues...

Hatley leaves Bears in 'mutual termination' LAKE FOREST, Ill. - Mark Hatley, the Chicago Bears' vice president of player personnel, left the team Monday in what he and president Ted Phillips called a "mutual termination"...

Bengals sign Webb to 3-year deal CINCINNATI - Richmond Webb, a former Pro Bowl offensive lineman with the Miami Dolphins, agreed Monday with the Cincinnati Bengals on a three-year, \$9 million contract...

Penguins' offense clearly not as good as last season's Pittsburgh's offense clearly was not as good as last season's, as the Penguins' offense clearly was not as good as last season's...

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April Continued from D1 a better team than last year. We've just got to put it together...

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Players needed for Babe Ruth League TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Babe Ruth Baseball League is looking for additional players for the upcoming season...

Hamblin and Parish win Pro Assistant title BOISE - Mike Hamblin, Twin Falls Municipal Golf Courses head professional, and assistant Matt Parish won the 2001 E-Z-Go/Forwest Pro Assistant championship...

Smith aces Candleidge No. 7 TWIN FALLS - Brian Smith of Kimberly recorded a hole in one at Candleidge Golf Course Monday. Smith used a 7 iron to ace the 161-yard par 4 hole...

Idaho Couples Golf starts May 5 JEROME - The Idaho Couples Golf Association will begin their season at Jerome Country Club May 5. Those interested should call 543-8898 for more information.

Four some wins Fly Like an Eagles toumey TWIN FALLS - Thirty-eight teams competed Saturday in the Fly Like an Eagle Golf Tournament at the Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course...

Death toll at eight in Congo stampede KINSHASA, Congo - The death toll from a weekend stampede at a packed soccer stadium increased to eight Monday.

Stars' Modano to return for Game 3 DALLAS - Injured forward Mike Modano was back at practice with the Dallas Stars lineup for Game 3 of their Western Conference semifinal series against the St. Louis Blues...

Camby practices, plans to play in Game 4 PURCHASE, N.Y. - Marcus Camby was back at practice with the New York Knicks on Monday and plans to play in Game 4 of their first round playoff series against the Toronto Raptors...

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Runge resigns after lawyers review team's complaints

EUGENE, Ore. (AP) - The University of Oregon said Monday that women's basketball coach Jody Runge has resigned after a law firm hired by the school completed a review of complaints by eight team members...



Jody Runge

The players told athletic director Bill Moos that the coach lacked communication and coaching skills, and said she should be fired. The law firm of Bond, Schoeneck & King submitted its report last Wednesday to Moos, Runge and her attorney, John Roberts...

After the eight players complained to Moos, Runge limited media access to the players and asked the five seniors to go through the private ceremony at the season finale with Oregon State without showing any signs of discord. Some players took that as an order to embrace their coach or they would be suspended, but Runge denied any threat...

Heavy rain stops play at Mallorca, Martin downs Chile's Massu

PALMA-DE-MALLORCA, Spain (AP) - Spanish player Balcells and Alberto Martin beat South American opponents Monday before heavy rain stopped play at the \$500,000 Mallorca Open tennis tournament...

Martin downed Nicolas Massu of Chile 4-6, 6-3, 7-6 (4), and Balcells defeated Mariano Zabala of Argentina 6-4, 7-6 (4). In other matches, Slava Dosedel of the Czech Republic defeated German Puentes of Spain 7-5, 7-5, and Michael Llorda of France beat Mikhail Youzhny of Russia 6-2, 6-4.

In the second round, Loit will face top-seeded Kim Clijsters of Belgium. Clijsters, ranked No. 15 by the WTA, had a bye in the first round.

Squillari extends Munich streak MUNICH, Germany - Franco Squillari of Argentina extended his perfect record at the BMW Open on Monday, ousting Goran Ivanisevic of Croatia 6-3, 6-1 in the opening round. Squillari has an 11-match winning streak in Munich, where he won the title in 1999 and 2000.

Montolio advances in Croatia tournament BOL, Croatia - Third-seeded Angelos Montolio of Spain beat Nadia Petrova of Russia 2-6, 6-3, 6-1, Monday to advance to the second round of the \$170,000 Croatian Ladies Open. Emilie Loit of France also moved on after Cristina Torrens Valero of Spain retired in the third set because of a sprained ankle. The score was 6-4, 3-6, 4-1.

MLB

Continued from D1 Royals 6, Blue Jays 3 TORONTO - Mike Sweeney hit his sixth homer of the year, all of them against Toronto, and the Kansas City Royals won their third straight, 6-3 over the Blue Jays on Monday.

Sweeney went 3-for-4 with two RBIs for the Royals, who won the season series 4-3. The game was originally scheduled for April 12, but it was postponed when chunks of SkyDome's roof fell to the ground in July. Kansas City starter Jeff Suppan (2-3), winless in his previous three starts, allowed three runs on eight hits in 7 1/3 innings. He struck out six and walked two. Tony Gwynn finished the eighth, and Roberto Hernandez pitched the ninth to get his sixth save. Joey Hamilton (1-1) took the loss for the Blue Jays, who got a two-run homer from Tony Batista.

Ortices 5, Devil Rays 3 BALTIMORE - Brady Anderson and Melvin Mora homered, and Willie Roberts won his third straight start as Baltimore beat Tampa Bay. Anderson hit his 44th career leadoff homer on the fourth pitch from Paul Wilson (1-3) to put the Orioles ahead for good. Mora's two-run homer sparked a three-run second inning that made it 4-0. Roberts (4-0), forced into the rotation after Sidney Ponson went on the disabled list two weeks ago, allowed three runs on four hits in six innings. Chad Paronto pitched two scoreless innings and Ryan Kohlmeier worked the ninth for his first save.

National League

Mets 8, Astros 2 NEW YORK - Mike Piazza's three-run homer capped a five-run sixth inning and helped Steve Trachsel get his first win with the New York Mets, 8-2 over the Houston Astros on Monday night. After losing five of the final six games on a nine-game road trip, the NL champion Mets returned home with the worst record in the league. A rare offensive outburst and solid pitching by Trachsel (3-4) helped straighten New York (10-15) up for at least one night. But it took until the sixth inning for the Mets to break through against Scott Eason (3-3).

With the score tied at 1-1, Jay Payton led off with a double. Elarton retired the next two hitters, but Benny Abgayian walked. Timo Perez followed with a hard single off Elarton's foot, scoring Payton. The breaking run, an RBI single by Edgardo Alfonzo made it 3-1 and ended Elarton's night. Piazza drove a 2-2 pitch from reliever Kevin Brown into the scoreboard in right-center for his eighth homer to make it 6-1.

SCORES AND STATISTICS

BASEBALL

Monday's Baseball Boxes American League ROYALS 6, BLUE JAYS 3. Includes scores for Toronto, Tampa Bay, Kansas City, and other AL games.

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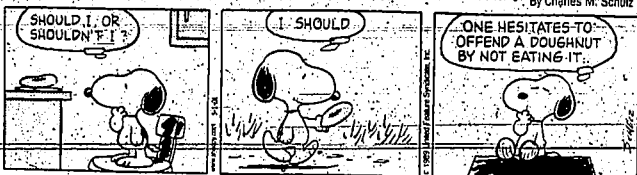
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ATP Palma de Mallorca

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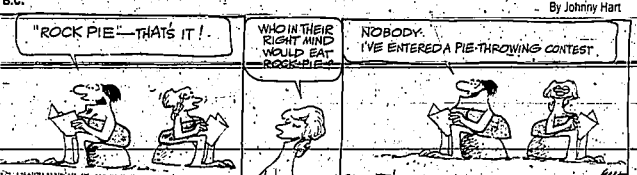
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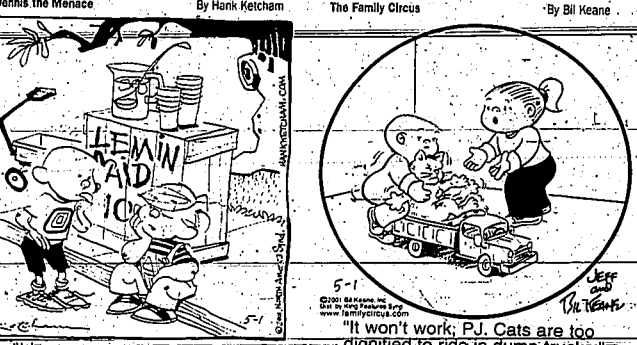
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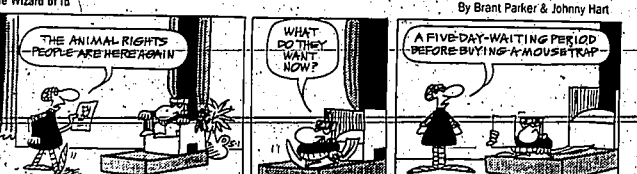
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