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CSI board raises tuition

By Karin Kowalski
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — College of Southern Idaho students will pay \$50 more per full-time semester next year, the 10th consecutive annual increase but smaller than last year.

The CSI Board approved the increase Monday.

President Jerry Meyerhoeffer said the increase to \$950 per semester helps maintain the quality of instruction and keeps classes small, but he hopes it isn't too much.

"The board — we all are concerned about access," Meyerhoeffer said. "We try to maintain a very low cost."

He met with student senate leaders earlier Monday to discuss the proposal.

Student Body President Megan Thom told the board that student senators over-

A look back

Full-time tuition and fees per semester:			
1993-94	\$450	2000-01	\$665
1994-95	\$500	2001-02	\$705
1995-96	\$500	2002-03	\$775
1996-97	\$550	2003-04	\$825
1997-98	\$575	2004-05	\$900
1998-99	\$615	2005-06	\$950
99-2000	\$640		

Source: College of Southern Idaho

whelmingly approved the increase.

"We want smaller classes and well-taught instructors, so we're willing to pay for it," Thom said on behalf of the senators.

At the same time she said senators are concerned about out-of-state tuition, which is going from \$2,500 to \$2,650 next year. She said some senators want more time for input. The information was made public Monday morning and the board approved the change Monday night.

Meyerhoeffer said the board delayed the decision on tuition hoping to see how much Boise State University would change its prices, so the change needed to be enacted quickly. He said he hopes students will have more time for input next year.

MOVIE MAGIC



Local filmmaker Wes Malvini listens to an actor during an audition at the Lamphouse Theatre in Twin Falls for his upcoming independent movie, 'The Seven Sins of Daniel Tucker.'

Local filmmaker pursues vision of independence

By Candace Baltz-Smylie
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Wes Malvini has a vision, and it's just a little disturbing.

"Sarcastic, sardonic, sadistic and morally satiating," reads his company Web site, www.evilmovie.com. That describes his films.

"Romantic angst," he says. "Traditional values versus current values that torment a person."

That is where the Twin Falls 26-year-old draws inspiration for his independent films. But he doesn't like being part of the independent scene. No, Malvini says his films are independent of mainstream filmmaking, but also independent of indie film.

Independent squared.

"I don't think an artist can make art without being flawed," he says. "I think it is a strength to

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a slice from local life

These flaws include an inner religious dilemma, evolving values and a desire to be the best he can possibly be — even if that means being stuck in a purgatory of constant improvement. Malvini is never happy with what's already been accomplished. His life is full of self-inflicted do-overs.

His debut film, "The Fear in the Freezer," deals with the insanity of love, and the way in which it is portrayed is pretty far off the beaten path. The first cut was accepted into the New York International Independent Film Festival. That would be impres-

If you go ...

The premiere of "The Muffin Man" is May 6 at 6:30 p.m. at The Lamphouse Theatre in Twin Falls. Tickets are \$10 at the door and the price includes wine, pre-show entertainment and a question-and-answer session with producers and some cast members. The movie is scheduled to run for the next week thereafter at the theater.

For more information on Wes Malvini or Evil Wine Films, visit www.evilmovie.com

Seven Sins of Daniel Tucker

But Malvini has no dreams of stardom or wealth. He got a check for about \$100 from Lamphouse Theatre owner David Woodhead when his first film was shown at the theater. That was his cut, and it took him about a year to earn it.

Even with star power, independent movies are lucky to make \$250,000 countrywide," Woodhead said. "And this happens over and over again."

While Malvini might like to make a few more bucks than he did with his first film, he is not the least bit interested in going mainstream.

"It's like an assembly line," he said. "Independent film brings it down strictly to the heart. Making a movie for \$3,000 — you definitely have to be creative."

Malvini also says he doesn't please see FILMMAKER, Page A2

First papal ballot produces only smoke

Los Angeles Times

VATICAN CITY — A strong contender to lead the Roman Catholic Church demanded a rigid defense of traditional morality Monday as he and 114 fellow cardinals convened to elect a successor to Pope John Paul II. Their first session ended at dusk after an inconclusive first ballot.

In a centuries-old ritual wrapped in solemn pageantry, Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger led the cardinals in a morning Mass in St. Peter's Basilica and an afternoon procession into the Sistine Chapel. Then, after an unprecedented live telecast of their opening ceremony, the red-tipped "princes" of the church locked themselves in the chapel to begin their convocation — the secret sessions to choose the 265th pope.

Two and a half hours later, black smoke poured from the chapel's chimney, signaling to an expectant throng of thousands in St. Peter's Square that no candidate had achieved the 77 votes required for election. The cardinals adjourned until Tuesday.



Black smoke billows from the chimney of the Sistine Chapel on Monday at the Vatican. The smoke indicates that cardinals in the conclave have not elected a new pope yet.

Conclave rules dictated that Ratzinger, as dean of the College of Cardinals, lead the proceedings, and he used his homily at the Mass to articulate the core principle of a traditionalist bloc within the conclave and the kind of pope it seeks. That group of cardinals favors continued centralization of authority in the Vatican, opposing those who want more flexibility for local bishops in running the church or applying its moral teachings.

The 75-year-old German prelate, chief of the Vatican's doctrinal watchdog office since 1981, has emerged as the candidate of the traditionalists and reportedly lined up as many as 50 votes. Even if his candidacy were to fail, he would play a major role in choosing the next leader of the world's 1 billion Catholics.

'Monday Night Football' will move to ESPN in 2006

By David Goldberg
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — The NFL's "Monday Night Football," a hallmark of television sports programming since the days of Howard Cosell, is leaving ABC after 35 years for ESPN starting with the 2006 season.

The NFL's new broadcast deal also brings football back to NBC for the first time in six years. NBC will take over the Sunday night games previously broadcast on ESPN, and plans to use a flexible scheduling model that ensures meaningful games will be played in that slot late in the season.

The move to basic cable, which includes an earlier start time of 8:40 p.m. eastern, is expected to cost ESPN \$1.1 billion over eight years, two sources familiar with the deals told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

NBC will get the Sunday night package for \$600 million over six years, according to the sources.



Darlene Dohl, foreground, and her daughter, Dina Abolun, hug near the memorial chair of Peter Avilanza, Dohl's late husband, as they visit the Oklahoma City National Memorial on Monday.

Oklahoma City Bombing remembered, a decade later

Newsday

OKLAHOMA CITY — The cover of the Official Record of the Oklahoma City Bombing offers a subtle sample of this state's determined effort to memorialize the moment — and the broken sequences — of the terrorist bombing of a federal building in American heartland 10 years ago this week.

When the book's glossy black cover is tilted toward a light source, a list of 168 names emerges beneath the imprint of the silver state seal and the subtitle, "9:02 a.m. April 19, 1995."

The names, not visible in a straight-on look, seem to glow faintly when the cover is viewed from an angle. The ghostly visual effect is the result of a pricey printing process using special inks applied over a thin layer of varnish.

After a decade, the bombing seems to many to be but a pale precursor of a much larger tragedy — the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks that destroyed the World Trade Center in lower Manhattan, hit the Pentagon and killed nearly 3,000 people.

On 9/11, two airliners hijacked by Muslim terrorists crashed into the World Trade Center's twin towers, causing them to collapse within hours, in full view of a horrified television audience.

In Oklahoma City in 1995, two were watching when a domestic terrorist parked a 5,000-pound truck bomb outside the Alfred B. Murrah federal building, lighted the fuse and fled. The result: 168 people killed, 680 injured. Half of the nine-story building collapsed, and the blast destroyed or damaged

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NATION

School bus collision leaves one child dead, injures 14

ARLINGTON, Va. (AP) — A school bus carrying children to an elementary school collided with a trash truck Monday, killing one child and injuring 14 others.

Libeth Gomez, 9, a third-grader, was killed in the head-on crash near a busy intersection, said Arlington Schools Superintendent Robert G. Smith. Her younger sister, whose name was not released, also was on the bus but was not seriously injured, school officials said.

"Our hearts go out to the parents of the child who died," Smith said.

Two of the children remained hospitalized Monday afternoon at Children's Hospital. A boy, 7, was in critical condition, and a girl, 11, was in serious condition.

The other injured children were released to their parents after being treated for minor injuries at Virginia Hospital Center.

The bus driver, a 37-year-old woman, underwent surgery for non-life-threatening injuries and remained hospitalized. Her name was not released. She had been driving for Arlington County since 1994 and had an



Emergency personnel look over a crash scene involving a school bus and garbage truck on Monday in Arlington, Va.

"unblemished" record, Smith said.

Witnesses told police the driver was thrown from the vehicle, but still managed to get up and help the injured children, said Arlington County Police Chief Doug Scott.

"It's amazing that she could be ejected like that and still, let's hope, be OK," said Scott. The trash truck driver, who worked for AAA Recycling and

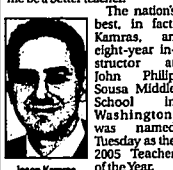
Trash Removal Services, was also critically injured. His name was not released but authorities said he is 42.

Arlington County Police, Virginia State Police and the National Transportation Safety Board were investigating the crash. Authorities did not say who was at fault. The investigation could take as long as a year, said NTSB spokeswoman Debbie Hersman.

D.C. man named top teacher

WASHINGTON (AP) — At 31, Jason Kamras has figured out the best way to turn his math students into relentless learners is to never stop being one himself.

"I'm always looking at my lessons, looking at my approach in the classroom, stepping back and saying, 'What works? What didn't work? Who can I talk to?'" Kamras said. "That constant process of pushing the goal posts down the field has made me a better teacher."



The nation's best, in fact, Kamras, an eight-year instructor at John Philip Sousa Middle School in Washington, was named Tuesday as the 2005 Teacher of the Year.

The title turns Kamras into a roving ambassador for his profession for one year, and his main message is one of equity — meaning more money and help for schools in poorer areas. He wants to rally support, starting with President Bush, whom he is scheduled to meet at a White House ceremony Wednesday honoring Kamras and all the state teachers of the year.

"The collective voice of teachers can be very powerful," Kamras said. "If we advocate for our children and demand resources that we know they need, we can have a great impact. We need to tell our stories and let the public know the challenges our children face."

Kamras is the 55th teacher to win the award and the first from the District of Columbia. He is credited with reshaping the math curriculum at his school by using technology, adapting lessons to different learning styles and giving classes a real-world context.

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Thefts rock iPod devotees

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The burglar visited every room of Sara Scalenhe's District of Columbia apartment, stealing an expensive digital camera and a gold necklace passed down from her grandmother. But Scalenhe didn't begin seething until she confirmed her biggest fear: Her new iPod had been snatched.

The digital music player held 50 favorite songs, ranging from Mozart to Italian rap. The device also contained thoughts on a looming dissertation and candid conversations with friends. For Scalenhe, her privacy, as well as her home, was invaded.

"I know it sounds silly, but it changed everything. I was really upset," said the 34-year-old graduate student. "I can't explain it. But it hurt."

Thefts of digital music players are rising like a fever, and victims said they felt the thieves got an illicit glimpse at their musical tastes and even their "souls."

Roughly the size of a cell phone, iPods and other MP3 players allow users to create unique playlists of thousands of songs that can be taken anywhere. The devices typically sell for \$100 and up, and songs are an additional expense.

Some thieves also have taken the home computers or laptops on which the music was stored. In some cases, sensitive music libraries — built by painstakingly converting compact disc collections into digital format — have vanished.

Earlier this month a man was killed in a robbery when he was stabbed and robbed of his digital music player as he walked near the National Zoo.

"iPods and MP3 players are becoming a more desirable item, unfortunately," said Detective David Swinson of the D.C. police. "Burglars are taking things they can carry with them and make fall into that category. They are not going to take something they don't have a market for or they don't think they have a market for. They know they can sell iPods and MP3 players."

Swinson said informants have told him "fences," who traffic in stolen property, are putting out the word that they are in market for the players. Swinson, a former punk rock promoter who owns an iPod, said of his own device, "I don't know how I survived without one. I would be destroyed if someone took it."

Swinson helped Scalenhe get back her player, which was stolen in mid-January. A few weeks later, he was reviewing receipts of items sold to a pawnshop when he came across it, court records show.

The detective, who declined to comment on the case, called Scalenhe and asked her to name the songs she had on her player, she said.

The songs and a serial number matched the device in the pawnshop. Within a few days, Scalenhe said, she got her \$300 device back.

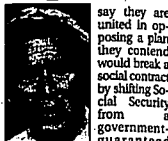
Bush pitches Social Security proposal

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — President Bush on Monday made a fresh pitch for his Social Security overhaul in this Republican-friendly state, yet a Republican congressman made clear that Bush still faces resistance within his own party.

While Bush still hasn't offered a specific plan to strengthen the nation's retirement benefit system, he encouraged more lawmakers to offer their ideas as South Carolina's two Republican senators have.

"These men have been leaders in the debate," Bush said. "They've stepped up and said, 'Here are some ideas I want you to consider.'"

Bush wants to allow younger workers to divert some of their Social Security tax contributions into private accounts invested in stocks and bonds, but some Republicans have been slow to embrace the idea. Democrats



say they are united in opposing a plan they contend would break a social contract by shifting Social Security from a government-

run benefit to a personal investment subject to the risks of the market.

Rep. Gil Gulkowicz, R-Minn., said during an editorial board meeting with the (Rochester) Post-Bulletin that Bush must overcome a "credibility problem" to revamp Social Security. The congressman said many people think the president underestimated the cost of the Iraq war, then overestimated the benefits of Medicare's prescription drug plan.

Suspect in killing held without bond

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — A convicted sex offender accused of murdering a 13-year-old girl was ordered held without bond Monday, and a prosecutor said no decision had been made on whether to seek the death penalty.

David Onstott, 36, was charged with first-degree murder Sunday, a day after investigators discovered Sarah Lunders' partially clothed remains in a fish pond. She had vanished a week earlier from her home in Ruskin. Authorities said Onstott confessed to killing her after an argument.

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Military: Gitmo is best source of al-Qaida intel

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — Three years after it began, the prison experiment known as Camp Delta at the U.S. Naval Base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, has reached a crossroads in its incarceration of those captured in the war brought on by the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Military officials have completed tribal hearings for all 558 detainees and have compiled their most comprehensive report detailing what they have learned about potential terrorist attacks.

New Orleans schools are a 'train wreck,' auditor says

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Dozens of employees indicted or convicted on corruption charges. Tens of millions of dollars unaccounted for. Eight superintendents in seven years. Rock-bottom test scores. Shootings, riots and police uniforms. Often the threat of bankruptcy and bounced checks, constantly.

In the dismal gallery of failing urban school systems, New Orleans may be the biggest horror of them all.

"Urban districts, in general, will often have problems with instruction, with finances, with operations," said Michael Casserly, executive director of the Council of Great City Schools in Washington. "But they don't always occur at the same time. And New Orleans is really facing a three-front challenge."

New Orleans "is almost a national scandal," said James Harvey of the Center on Reinventing Public Education at the University of Washington in Seattle. "The consistent gossip about favoritism and corruption is extremely troubling. And the city has become 'murderers row for superintendents.'"

The latest crisis in the 64,000-student system broke two weeks ago. First, teachers nearly missed a paycheck, the system was so broke. Then, the state threatened a takeover. Finally, the superintendent, a reformer from New York who, like many before him, entered with grand plans, was forced out by a school board disenchanted with his reform ideas.

Superintendent Anthony Amato's fate was sealed last week at a board meeting crackling with racial hostility. Much of the hounding was directed at him and his white supporters in the school system, which is almost 94 percent black.

Financially, the school system is a "train wreck," Louisiana's top government watchdog, legislative auditor Steve Theriot, told lawmakers in Baton Rouge. No one knows for certain how much money it has, or how much money it owes.

At the glass-and-steel school administration complex across the Mississippi River from downtown New Orleans, FBI agents and other federal and state investigators have opened an office to pick through the evidence of graft.

The new report appears to buttress the military's claim that it should be allowed to run Camp Delta without outside intervention because the camp has become "the single best repository of al-Qaida information."

The declassified summary cites more than 4,000 interrogation reports and says that some indicated al-Qaida operatives were pursuing chemical, biological and nuclear weapons. The summary does not elaborate on what that information is or how close the terrorist organizations might be to getting such weapons.

CDC: Benefits of alcohol overstated

"We're feeling the pendulum has swung way too far and Americans are getting sort of the wrong idea (on alcohol)."

— Dr. Tim Nalml, lead author of CDC study

ATLANTA (AP) — The government Tuesday warned that a few drinks a day may not protect against strokes and heart attacks after all.

Some studies in recent years have touted the health benefits of moderate drinking. Some have even said that up to four drinks a day can significantly reduce the risk of heart disease in people 40 and older.

But researchers at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention analyzed data from 250,000 Americans who participated in a 2003 telephone survey. They found that the nondrinkers had many more risks for heart disease — such as being overweight, inactive, high blood pressure and diabetes — than the moder-

ate drinkers. Based on those results, the agency could not say that moderate drinking actually was a factor in reducing the risk of heart disease.

The findings were published in the May issue of the American Journal of Preventive Medicine.

"We're feeling the pendulum has swung way too far and Americans are getting sort of the wrong idea" on alcohol, said the study's lead author, Dr. Tim Nalml of the CDC's chronic diseases division. "The science around moderate drinking is very murky."

The CDC has long worried about alcohol abuse in the United States. Studies have shown that drinking excessively — five

or more drinks daily — can increase the risk of heart disease. The CDC says nearly one in three Americans drinks too much.

The agency said that Americans should follow dietary guidelines that limit daily consumption to two drinks for men and a single drink for women.

Other groups — such as the American Heart Association — say drinking alcohol increases the dangers of alcoholism, high blood pressure, obesity, stroke, breast cancer, suicide and accidents.

Alcohol is the nation's third leading cause of death, killing 75,000 Americans each year through related injuries or diseases, the CDC says.



Iraqis from the village of Hurriyah, near Madain, Iraq, hold a demonstration in Baghdad on Monday to call attention to missing relatives they say were kidnapped in connection with the recent events in Madain. Iraqi security forces, backed by U.S. military, swept into Madain at dawn Monday after reports that Sunni militants had kidnapped as many as 100 Shiites there but no hostages were found.

Forces seek insurgents but find no hostages in 'Triangle of Death'

MADAIN, Iraq (AP) — Hundreds of Iraqi security forces launched an operation Monday to root out Sunni insurgents at the tip of Iraq's "Triangle of Death," but found no hostages despite reports that up to 100 Shiites may have been seized.

Iraqi forces fanned through the dusty streets of Madain and took positions on rooftops in the town south of Baghdad, while Sunni leaders dismissed the reports of a hostage crisis as a hoax.

The U.S. military, whose forces are only stood by in case they were needed, called the operation in Madain a significant step forward in the training of Iraqi forces, which is key to America's exit strategy in the 2-year-old war.

"The city is now under full control," interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi's office said, adding that 10 suspected insurgents were arrested and large amounts of weapons seized.

In Baghdad, Iraq's most powerful Shiite bloc said it wants ousted leader Saddam Hussein put to death if he is convicted of war crimes. If the interim president won't sign the execution order, he should resign, an alliance spokesman told The Associated Press.

"This is something that cannot be discussed at all," said Ali al-Dabagh, a lawmaker from the Shiite clergy-led United Iraqi Alliance. "We feel he is a criminal. He is the No. 1 criminal."

Sunni president doesn't want Saddam executed

The Washington Post

BAGHDAD, Iraq — The Shiite Muslim bloc leading Iraq's new government will oppose any move to spare former president Saddam Hussein's life if a special tribunal convicts and condemns him, a spokesman for the alliance said Monday.

"We will deal with it immediately," said Ali al-Dabagh, spokesman for the Shiite-led United Iraqi Alliance. That group is now forming a government with a Kurdish alliance following the first post-Saddam elections in January. Al-Dabagh said the next

courtroom activity in Saddam's trial is tentatively expected in July, with the trial itself to begin before the end of the year.

Al-Dabagh was reacting to a BBC interview with the new president, Jalal Talabani, a Sunni Kurd and a death-penalty opponent. Talabani said he would "go on a holiday" rather than sign an execution order for Saddam.

However, the signatures of his two vice presidents would suffice to authorize the execution, Talabani said, making any abstention on his part a token gesture.

view. No date has been set for Saddam's trial.

Madain is an agricultural town of about 1,000 families, evenly divided between Shiites and Sunnis, located at the northern edge of a region considered to be a stronghold of the Sunni insurgency.

"I personally signed a call for ending execution throughout the world, and I'm respecting my signature," Talabani told the BBC. He conceded, however, that he was probably alone in the government in holding this

Whale heads back toward ocean

CAMDEN, N.J. (AP) — The wayward whale that's spent a week thrilling folks watching from boats and along the banks of the Delaware River appears headed back toward open water, though he still has miles to go.

The last confirmed sighting of the beluga whale named Hells was south of the Ben Franklin Bridge, which connects Camden and Philadelphia, said Jamison Smith of the National Marine Fisheries Service. He had been

as far north as Trenton. But that was Sunday evening, and Smith, said scientists believe the whale has probably reached Delaware waters since then.

If that is correct, the 12-foot whale would be well on his way to the Atlantic Ocean — and more than 50 miles south of Trenton, where Hells was first spotted last week swimming back and forth in the river.

Smith said it seemed the whale still had nearly another 50 miles to reach the Delaware Bay, his outlet to the Atlantic.

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Readers rail at insensitive grandmother

DEAR ABBY: The letter about the grandmother who was angry because her grandson Adam didn't bring her a souvenir T-shirt when he came home on leave from Iraq left me stunned. I can't believe a so-called adult would act that way. This young man is putting his life on the line for his country, and all she can think about is whether he brought her a souvenir!

Please give that woman a message for me: "Grandma, you did get something. You got two weeks with your grandson, and you missed it up with your immaturity! Grow up and get a life!"

Thanks for reading this, Abby. I'm sure you got a lot of responses to that letter.

—NICOLE IN GRAYSON, GA.
DEAR NICOLE: I certainly did. That letter drew a lot of readers and we were flooded with mail. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: When my nephew was serving as a Marine



DEAR ABBY
Joanne Phillips

In Iraq, I wrote him every week. I didn't expect to get any letters back, and didn't care if he never acknowledged the packages we sent. (He did send two letters, for which I am exceedingly grateful.) All I cared about was my nephew's safe return home.

Ironically, the same edition of the newspaper that featured the letter about that grandmother also featured my nephew's photo on the front page. He was killed by enemy fire in a town far away from his beloved Vietnam.

That greedy woman about who has no clue what those soldiers are experiencing. They need understanding and supportive family members. They need love without strings. To the grandmother who

thought a T-shirt was more important than her grandson, I would say, "You deserve a T-shirt that reads, 'I am a selfish monster'" — and pray that no folded flag "souvenir" ever graces that young man's home.

—PROUD, GRIEVING AUNT IN VERMONT
DEAR AUNT: Amen. Please accept my profound sympathy for your family's loss.

DEAR ABBY: A tendency to become angry over nothing can be a sign of the onset of dementia. There can be no other excuse for the greed, insensitivity and utterly disgraceful attitude that grandmother has exhibited. She should be down on her knees thanking the Lord, just as my mother did when I returned from combat, that her "souvenir" was a body bag.

—MATT IN DENVER, CO.
DEAR MATT: Several other readers also suggested that the grandmother might be becoming senile. I hadn't thought of that angle. Thank you for

pointing it out.

DEAR ABBY: Adam's grandmother should consult her diemary. Gifts something bestowed or acquired without being sought or earned by the receiver.

That young man should send his grandmother a box of candy during. When my daughter was in the desert, she said it was plentiful and easily accessible.

—PROUD MOM, FORKS, WASH.
DEAR MOM: In plain words, "Sweetie for the sweet."

DEAR ABBY: I'm a flight attendant who flies these heroes to and from the conflict. Let me set the record straight on behalf of these soldiers. They are not allowed the regular checked baggage allowance set by the airlines. The armed forces allow these men and women to take only what can fit in a duffel bag, plus their weapons and safety gear.

—FLIGHT ATTENDANT IN ILLINOIS

Aries: Take steps to get organized for a big payoff

IF APRIL 19 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Prepare for a few weeks of stormy celestial weather between the end of this month through July. You may be working extra hours or be burdened by others who drain your joy with negativity. Get all loose ends sewn up now so you can avoid making important decisions during that time. This week, when opportunity knocks in October and November you will be ready to rock 'n' roll.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Hang tough. Apply physical or mental muscle to organizing your day and there will be a big payoff. That special someone admires your determination — and finds it a huge turn on.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Take control of situations. The mood has shifted and you are back in the good graces of those who count. It is easy to exude charm, so don't be bashful about making romantic overtures.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Gather information from numerous sources to manage spending and curb situations

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that are out of control. An understanding and affectionate partner may provide an oasis of tranquility.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Talk over past problems and clear up misunderstandings while the mood is mellow and a rational appraisal is possible. Romantic intimacies are a definite possibility for kiss-and-make-up.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't fight city hall. Pressures and rules could put major issues at risk. It may be a struggle to cope amicably with tribulations during the day.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Adhere to long-term plans and ignore urges to make sweeping changes. Utilizing your skills at socializing with peers can ease tense situations. Late-night love feasts are on the agenda.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You

may be better off ignoring a new heartbreak; cozier relationships will benefit from light-hearted chats. Exercise your sensitive charms tonight and you won't be disappointed.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Someone may smother you with appreciation or a small gift may brighten your day. This isn't the time to pursue new romantic conquests, but a special someone may have love on his or her mind.

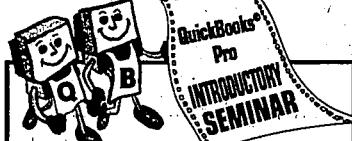
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Put your thinking cap on. Sometimes old dogs can learn new tricks they just have to try harder and practice longer. Mental exertion is in the stars for those who yearn for success.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

19): Clear up past encumbrances before starting anything new. A frank open discussion with a partner or companion could clear up misconceptions and put things back on equal footing.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Start with a clean slate. It may be better to direct all your energy toward fixing past problems rather than starting new projects. Take time out for amorous sessions with a lover.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Play the game out to the finish. Where that special someone is concerned, gentle words can rekindle the fires of passion. Avoid the temptation to jump ship and explore new relationships.



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Law said bad doctors had to have hands chopped off

Hamurabi's Code of Law, enacted in 1780 B.C. in Babylon, dictated that a doctor found guilty of malpractice had to have his hands chopped off.

This day in history: On April 19, 1987, the very first Simpsons episode aired as a short vignette on the once-popular "The Simpsons Show."

Foam on the range: traditional root beer is deliciously foamier than other soft drinks because it contains extract from the yucca plant. Likewise, some British stouts and beers have a creamy foam that comes from adding singlass (a gelatin made from fish bladders).

Even though they may happen to have an orange glow, the name "orangutan" actually comes from the Malay language and means "person of the forest."

According to Gillette, if you're male and didn't shave your face for 16 years, you could theoretically gain an extra pound in hair — a beard that's about 30 feet long.

Don't drink the milk of a cow that's been eating onions. It tastes oniony.

In Egypt, where cats were sacred, citizens followed a rule of



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Woman spends five days trapped in her bathtub

HAMPTON, Va. (AP) — A 75-year-old woman who lay trapped in her bathtub for five days toasted her rescue with a Coke and a cigarette.

Jane Fromal suffered slight dehydration even though she said she ran tap water to drink. She was released Sunday after being hospitalized for four days at Riverside Regional Medical Center.

Fromal said she drew a bath April 9 to nurse a sore tailbone, then got stuck. "I thought I'd get in the tub and soak," she said. "I didn't know I was going to soak for five days."

She finally got help Wednesday when a neighbor's grandson noticed newspapers piling up in her driveway.



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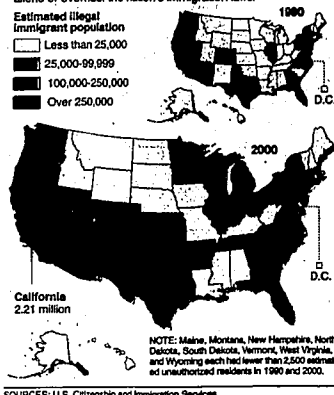
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Illegal immigrant population growing

Many states have long been frustrated by what they consider the federal government's failure to crack down on the flow of illegal aliens or overhaul the nation's immigration laws.



States work to deter illegal immigrants

PHOENIX (AP) — Frustrated by the influx of illegal immigrants, some states are trying to make this country less inviting to those who sneak across the border. Other states are moving in the opposite direction, trying to offer illegal migrants many of the privileges citizens enjoy.

Lawmakers in Arkansas, Colorado, North Carolina, New Mexico and Nebraska have considered allowing the children of illegal immigrants to pay-in-state college tuition rates. Iowa lawmakers have looked at making it easier for illegal immigrants to get driver's licenses.

On the other side of the debate, a new Utah law will replace licenses for illegal immigrants with driving-privilege cards that cannot be used to obtain a passport, register to vote, or obtain a driver's license. A Virginia lawmaker wanted to bar illegal aliens from attending the state universities.

The most restrictive measures lately have come from Arizona, the busiest illegal entry point on the nation's porous southern border.

"We may not be able to secure the borders as we would like," said Republican state Rep. Russell Pearce. But "we don't have to allow them to get free stuff."

Arizona voters last year approved a law that denies some welfare benefits to illegal immigrants. Now Arizona lawmakers are trying to bar illegal immigrants from attending adult education classes, obtaining child care assistance, or receiving in-state status at public universities or state-subsidized college financial aid.

Many states have long been frustrated by what they consider the federal government's failure to crack down on the flow of illegal aliens or overhaul the nation's immigration laws.

Last month, the Pew Hispanic Center, a private research group, reported that there were an estimated 10.3 million illegal immigrants living in the United States last year, an increase of about 23 percent from 2000.

The Homeland Security Department announced in March that it is assigning 534 additional agents to the Arizona border,

RNC takes in record \$32 million in first quarter

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Republican National Committee raised a record \$32.3 million last quarter, nearly double the amount it raised in the same period in 2001 and 2002, before the national party committees were banned from collecting corporate and unlimited donations. It also exceeds its fundraising in early 2003, the

first year the parties were limited to contributions from individuals and political action committees.

The Democratic National Committee raised \$13.8 million in the first quarter. That includes at least \$1 million a week since former Vermont governor Howard Dean took over as chairman in mid-February. The DNC views it as a strong start for the year, said spokeswoman Laura Goss.

"We know we're headed in the right direction," she said. "We're going to keep working hard."

Italy's Berlusconi says he has not resigned

ROME (AP) — Premier Silvio Berlusconi on Monday defied predictions that he would quit as head of his weakened center-right government, prompting opposition charges that he was turning Italian politics into a joke. Berlusconi's meeting with President Carlo Azeglio Ciampi

— to whom he would have to submit his resignation — topped a day of intense speculation in parliament, but it was unclear when he would do so.

Resigning to form a new government is a technique often used by Italian premiers to strengthen faltering coalitions,

but Berlusconi has always resisted, sensing it would dent his image as a new-style politician. The premier's decision not to step down surprised friends and foes, and left the country wondering whether he was closer to solving problems with his conservative allies.

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An Ethiopian man known only as Abhehe stands in front of the main Obelisk statue in Addis Ababa some 500 kilometers north of the Ethiopian capital Addis Ababa, in this Jan. 17, 2002, file photo.

Axum Obelisk will return to Ethiopia

AXUM, Ethiopia (AP) — A teenage Abbehe Alenayhu watched Italian soldiers haul away Axum's revered obelisk nearly seven decades ago and never thought he would live to see its return.

But if the weather cooperates, he will see the dream he shares with his nation come true Tuesday when a giant cargo plane returns the monument's 82-foot, top section to this wind-swept town that was the seat of the ancient Axumite Kingdom.

The memory still leaves a bitter taste in my mouth," Abbehe said about the loss of a monument that Ethiopians consider the symbol of their nation. "Every day for the last 67 years I have thought about the obelisk."

The Italian Foreign Ministry said Monday that the two other pieces of the 176-ton obelisk should be back by the end of April. Lattanzi, the Italian company organizing the return, says no one has attempted to fly such a massive monument before.

"This is an extremely technical and delicate operation," Lattanzi director Simone Pieters said.

Sharon says he wants to delay Gaza pullout

JERUSALEM (AP) — Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said Monday he favors a three-week delay in Israel's planned pullout from the Gaza Strip and four West Bank settlements this summer, ostensibly because of a Jewish mourning period marking the destruction of the biblical temple.

A postponement could give the ill-prepared government more room to plan for the withdrawal, but would also give Jewish extremists more time to organize resistance.

"I'm positively inclined toward this. We simply have to make it as easy as possible," Sharon said, telling reporters during a train ride Monday.

Israel, meanwhile, announced plans to build 50 more homes in a West Bank settlement — a week after President Bush said such construction

should stop.

White House spokesman Scott McClellan declined to comment on the proposed delay or the West Bank construction, saying the Bush administration would ask Sharon's government for information.

Prime Minister Sharon is moving forward on the disengagement plan and what is important now is that the parties — the Israelis and the Palestinians — coordinate closely on the withdrawal" from Gaza, McClellan said.

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Fire ant scourge difficult to eradicate

The Washington Post

LOCKHART, Texas — On a sunny, cloudless day, Charles L. Barr walked the wilds of Central Texas in search of public enemy No. 1: the red imported fire ant. Barr didn't have to look far. April marks the beginning of fire ant season, when warm weather brings the ants above ground where they build dirt mounds that dot the Texas landscape like a terrestrial pox.

Mound after mound swarmed with thousands of tiny angry ants, reacting to Barr's low-tech discovery method. Wearing an Australian bush hat and thick leather boots, Barr stuck the sharpened end of a wooden pole into a pile of dirt and gave it a sharp twist. He bent his head toward the ground and squinted hard at the mound, looking for telltale signs of scurrying ants.

He found plenty, but there was a little hope in the meadow land alongside the one concrete runway that defines Lockhart Municipal Airport. A few mounds appeared to be ant-less and others yielded only a few hundred ants due to Barr's latest eradication experiment. Barr had estimated that 90 million fire ants live on the 12-acre airport property (not really much of an ant problem compared with some parts of Texas, he assured the airport manager), and he was determined to kill off some of them.

Barr is a fire ant specialist with the Texas Cooperative Extension at Texas A&M University, and his job is to test the latest pesticides and application methods designed to get



Charles L. Barr, a fire ant specialist with the Texas Cooperative Extension, pokes a fire ant mound at Lockhart Municipal Airport, where he is conducting an extermination experiment.

rid of the scourge of the South. He has been on this quest for the past 16 years.

"We're not expecting miracles," Barr said of his latest eradication test. "We're just looking for another weapon in the arsenal."

Northerners interested in moving to the Sun Belt better learn about what the pesticide industry and entomologists have dubbed the Fire Ant Belt: the swath of states south from North Carolina and west to Texas. About 300 million acres

in the United States are infested with red imported fire ants, which are believed to have arrived in Mobile, Ala., in the 1930s in the cargo hold of ships from South America. They have no native predators and have been shielded from the harsh, sun-searing pesticides since the mid-1980s by the Environmental Protection Agency. They have an ingenious ability to survive by molding themselves into living rafts during floods and floating along until they find dry land to build their colonies anew. So they have thrived.

The rust-colored ants, with their black abdomens, range in size from three-sixteenths to a quarter of an inch long. But their effect can be devastating, as they sometimes overwhelm and kill newly born livestock and wildlife and even fragile nursing home residents with their poisonous bites. Scientists at last month's annual Imported Fire Ant Conference in Gulfport, Miss., reported that 80 human deaths — including five in nursing homes — have been attributed to anaphylactic shock from fire ant bites while 42 percent of visits to venom clinics have been because of fire ant stings.

In addition to mammals, fire ants like electricity. They eat through cable insulation on power lines and congregate on metal conductors, causing shorts in electrical lines, junction boxes, traffic and street lights, and air conditioners.

What Cheryl Hill-Burrier, manager of Lockhart Airport, fears most is losing her radio system to the ants.

NASA chief eyes human exploration of moon, Mars

Los Angeles Times

NASA's new administrator, Michael Griffin, faced the press Monday for the first time since being confirmed by the Senate last week and vigorously defended the Bush administration's ambitious plan to send human beings to the moon and Mars.

"We could probably go to Mars for what we spent on Apollo-11 in today's dollars," he said.

"It is a journey, not a race," Griffin said. If the country put aside "a few billion a year," the Mars plan would be "very affordable."

President Bush announced his space exploration vision last year. Critics complained that Mars is so much further away than the moon that it would pose daunting financial and technological barriers.

The Apollo moon program of

the 1960s cost about \$150 billion in current dollars, but some estimates of the cost of going to Mars have ranged upward of \$500 billion. At the same time, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's share of the federal budget has shrunk from a high of 4 percent during the space race between the United States and Russia to as little as 1 percent. Those priorities would have to be reversed if Mars is to become a realistic goal.

In wide-ranging remarks before reporters in Washington, D.C., Griffin also expressed frustrations with current plans to replace the aging space shuttle with a new Crew Exploration Vehicle.

Plans call for de-commissioning the shuttle in 2010, after it finishes assembling the International Space Station.



Notice of Request for Public Comment and Public Meetings on Preliminary Draft Rule Regarding Ore Processing by Cyanidation in Idaho

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is seeking public comment and participation in negotiated rulemaking to revise Idaho's rules regulating ore processing by cyanidation. The major purpose of the rulemaking is to implement a new state law requiring a change in bonding structures and adding a requirement for a closure plan for facilities permitted through the rules governing ore processing by cyanidation. The rule change will also provide for an efficient system for permitting facilities that utilize cyanide to process gold and silver ores.

A preliminary rule has been drafted and is available for public review in PDF format on DEQ's Web site at www.deq.idaho.gov/rulemaking/cyanidation/58_0113_0501_negotiatedrule.pdf. Written public comment on the draft rule will be accepted through 5 p.m. Wednesday, April 27, 2005. Submit comments to John Lawson or Bruce Schuld, DEQ State Office, 1410 N. Hillen, Boise, ID 83706; (208) 373-0502; lawson@deq.idaho.gov.

Those interested in participating in the negotiated rulemaking process are encouraged to attend the following public meeting:

Tues. April 19, 2005, 6 p.m.
Dept. of Health and Welfare
Conference Rooms A, B, C, and D
601 Pole Line Road
Twin Falls, Idaho

Smashed atoms result in surprise

Los Angeles Times

Researchers smashing gold atoms together to mimic conditions in the first microseconds after the creation of the universe have observed an unexpected new state of matter.

Instead of the thin fiery gas of quarks and gluons that they expected, they found instead a dense drop of the elementary

particles that behave like a hitherto-unseen "perfect fluid."

"We think we are looking at a phenomenon (very similar to what happened) in the universe 13 billion years ago when free quarks and gluons ... cooled down to the particles that we know today," said Sam Aronson of the Brookhaven National Laboratory where the experiments were performed.

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Veteran goes out of his way to help soldiers

By Jami Whitard
Times-Herald writer

WENDELL — Whenever a school needs a veteran speaker or a fallen comrade needs military rites, Jack Hyder and his fellow members of the Wendell American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars are there to help.

As a 25-year member of American Legion Post 41 and VFW Post 2974, Hyder is involved in various projects, including teaching students about the military. He and other VFW and American Legion members show students the proper way to fold and raise the American flag and present the colors.

Friends say Hyder has a great appreciation for America. "He's extremely patriotic," said Bob Jackson, district commander of the VFW. "If there's something going on that involves patriotism, Jack would like to be involved in one way or

Want to help support the 116th?

The Wendell American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars is collecting donations to purchase calling cards for the 116th Brigade. To donate, call Jack Hyder at 324-4018.

the other."

Among other things, Hyder helps with Patriots Pen, a scholarship contest for students through ninth-graders and helps contestants in Wendell and Jerome succeed. He also visits schools and talks about his service. Veteran of the Korean War, he was 2nd Class Petty Officer and served on a destroyer.

There are things you like to forget from being in the service, but there are things you enjoyed, too, Hyder said.

While the legion and VFW each have longtime members, Hyder said new members are

always welcome to join or attend a meeting.

He often takes veterans to medical appointments, even as far as Boise, to memorial services for a deceased veteran and to meetings.

"He goes around and picks up five or six veterans and we go to the VFW meeting every month," said Harold Porter, a disabled veteran and Hyder's friend. Hyder would bend over backwards for his friend, Porter added. "He'd give you the shirt off his back if he thought you needed it."

Providing military rites to a soldier who has died is a service near and dear to Hyder's heart. Flag bearers and riflemen honor the fallen veteran and their family, and Hyder is honored to be a part of it.

Jackson said that when veterans die, Hyder helps make sure they are buried correctly, even if it's a matter of properly holding the flag.

"About a year ago, there was a fellow who died and he didn't



JACK HYDER/THE TIMES-HERALD

Jack Hyder enjoys a cup of coffee with friends at an auction held by the American Legion of Veterans at the Wendell High School April 9. Hyder has been a member of the American Legion/VFW for 20 years.

have any family and was cremated. Jack felt so bad that his guy didn't have a memorial, he worked with the funeral home to set up the service and helped get a headstone to remember him by," he said. "If it wasn't for Jack, there wouldn't have been a memorial for him."

Not only honoring veterans

from previous wars, Hyder is actively helping troops of the 116th Brigade as well.

When it was deployed to Iraq last year, the legion and VFW "adopted" Jerome and Wendell soldiers and help wherever they can. They help support troops with calling cards, supplies,

moral support and anything else they need.

"We were there when they left on the bus and we'll be there when they come home ... Show them your appreciation and welcome them," he said. "Thank them for what they've given to you and me."

FIVE GENERATIONS

Five generations gathered recently to celebrate the 82nd birthday of great-great-grandmother, Velma Thompson, center front, of Brigham City, Utah, and formerly of Twin Falls. Standing from left to right are grandmother, Marcel Lancaster of Challis; great-grandfather, Howard Thompson of Twin Falls; mother, Tessa Decorde; and baby, Jace, both of Milwaukee, Idaho.



Also celebrating the birthday of great-great-grandmother, Velma Thompson, center front, are standing from left to right is Marcel Lancaster; Howard Thompson; mother, Tessa Decorde; and baby, Jace, both of Milwaukee, Idaho.



Photo courtesy of JESSICA THOMPSON

SIX GENERATIONS



Six generations of the Ambrose family gathered recently. They are, from left, front row: grandmother, Pamela Fohlin of Burley; great-great-grandmother, Alta Ambrose of Jerome; baby, Donna Jean McGuire; and mother, Heather McGuire of Burley; back row: great-great-grandmother, Violet Wilson of Hayburn and great-grandmother, Lorraine Randall of Jerome.

Photo courtesy of the Ambrose family

IN APPRECIATION



Dan Rogers, right, principal of Minico High School, presents a plaque of appreciation to Dan Lloyd, vice president of D.L. Evans Bank and Repert Branch manager. D.L. Evans, a sponsor of the Minico Spartans, donated a "drop-down" United States flag for the Multi-Purpose Gym.

Photo courtesy of ALICE ROYCE

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More information? Call 735-3278

St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center

Hank and Robin, son of Roy and Gregory Mays of Ketchum, was born Tuesday, March 28, 2005. Madeline Teresa Haynes, daughter of Kristine and Jason Haynes of Halley, was born Wednesday, March 30, 2005. Jackson Taylor Hertinger, son

of Kerri and Michael Hertinger of Halley, was born Saturday, April 2, 2005.

Corey Michael Anderson, son of Amy and Kristopher Anderson of Clayton, was born Sunday, April 3, 2005.

Lucas Dates Carlson, son of Stephanie and Eric Carlson of Ketchum, was born Monday, April 4, 2005.

Zephyr Lowell Carruth, son of

Danielle Crist and Kenton Carruth of Ketchum, was born Monday, April 4, 2005.

Keizana Marie Lopez Tiana, daughter of Karissa Sparks of Halley, was born Tuesday, April 5, 2005.

Bailey Grace Mummert, daughter of Erin and Calvert Mummert of Gannett, was born Tuesday, April 5, 2005.

Ava Grace Knowles, daughter

of Emily and Thyt Knowles of Halley, was born Saturday, April 9, 2005.

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

Alicia Monique Tapia, daughter of Tina Michelle Macias of Buhl, was born Wednesday, April 6, 2005.

Kelsy Lynn Stanger, daughter

of Katherine Lynn and Justin Shane Stanger of Hansen, was born Tuesday, April 12, 2005.

Derek Humberto Luna, son of Andrea Rachelle and Humberto Luna of Kimberly, was born Wednesday, April 13, 2005.

Brighton Gabrielle Leavitt, daughter of Laura Jounn and Glen Dudley Leavitt of Twin Falls, was born Wednesday, April 13, 2005.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Workshop discusses long-term care options

WENDELL — Magic Valley residents who wonder what options for long-term care for themselves or family members will get the answers to many of their questions from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. April 30 in the auditorium at Wendell High School at 750 East Main. Check-in and continental breakfast starts at 8:30 a.m. The workshop is free, but participants must pre-register by April 25 by calling 934-4417.

The workshop, "Long Term Care: Planning for Quality of Life," is sponsored by the University of Idaho and AARP Idaho. Diana Christensen, University of Idaho Extension educator, says the workshop will discuss financing the risks of long-term care to minimize the impacts of changing health and financial independence on financial security.

Participants will learn about long-term care, who can pay for it, what it covers and what the property taxes entail. Long-term care insurance will be discussed as well as the new Medicaid spend-down coverage that starts January 2006.

Speakers include representatives from the Idaho Department of Insurance and Area IV Agency on Aging East of

Support group meets

WENDELL — The Support Group for the Visually Impaired will meet at 1 p.m. Thursday at the Jerome Senior Center, 212 First Ave. E. Dinner is available at noon for \$3.50 and the meeting will follow. A representative from the Idaho Commission for the Blind, Linda Goley, will attend. For more information, call 324-4185.

Burley woman celebrates 90 years

BURLEY — Maxine Engstrom of Burley will be honored at an open house for her 90th birthday from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday at Edith's Cafe, Highway 61, Highway 61. Maxine was born April 21, 1915, in Alameda, Cal. She married Gus Engstrom and lived in Peco for 10 years. Her children include Gail Engstrom of Boise and Anita Engstrom of Burley. She has

seven grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

Hagerman child offers wilderness program

HAGERMAN — The Hagerman Forest Beda National Monument will present a free program on Great Basin and holly Mountain wildflowers at 2 p.m. Sunday in the visitor center on State Street. Participants will learn basic wildflower identification and hear about and walk on the fossil beds trails. For more information, call 837-4753, ext. 5227.

Open house celebrates 80th birthday Saturday

SHOSHONE — Carl Kerner will celebrate his 80th birthday from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Golden Year Senior Center, 218 N. Rail St. Kerner has resided in the Shoshone area for 68 years and was in the Navy Seabees for two years during World War II. He retired for 29 years, retired long

moved into Shoshone in 1975. His son, Stan (Jeanie) of Aloha, Ore., and his wife, Dorothy, are hosting the event. The family requests no gifts.

Woman celebrates 104th birthday this week

TWIN FALLS — Elsie Ashcraft will celebrate her 104th birthday on Wednesday. She was born in 1901. She was president of the Swinging 60 Dance Club in Twin Falls. Cards and well-wishes will be sent to Elsie Ashcraft at the Heritage Retirement Center, 622 Ellar Ave. W. No. 73, Twin Falls, ID 83301.

Brain Injury Support Group meets this week

TWIN FALLS — The Brain Injury Support Group for people who have had a brain injury or for any family, friends or caregivers affected by a brain injury will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday in the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Education Building, 588 Addison Ave. W.

Call 737-2126 for any questions. The group is sponsored by Magic Valley Regional and endorsed by the Brain Injury Association of Idaho.

Gooding Elementary registers children

GOODING — Gooding Elementary School, 1045 Seventh Ave. W., will hold another kindergarten registration from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday. Anyone with a child within the Gooding School District boundaries who will attend kindergarten in the fall is strongly encouraged to register at that time, stated principal Craig Maki. The school must make decisions regarding classroom space and curricular material needs, so they need accurate numbers of students who will attend kindergarten in the fall.

During the pre-registration for kindergarten held on March 30-31, 50 students registered. "For more information, call the school at 834-4941."

M.V. Parkinson's Support Group meets today

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Parkinson's Support Group will meet at 7 p.m. today in the KMV Community Room, 1100 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

Joe Robinette, Jerome Rural Fire chief, will speak on fire safety.

The second annual Parkinson's conference will be held May 13. A video conference will be available in Canyon Building Room 119 at the College of Southern Idaho.

For more information, call Don Arrington at 733-8888 or Ray Clark at 324-5013.

Final orders are being taken for seedling trees

BURLEY — The Soil and Water Conservation districts are taking final orders for annual seedling tree sales. A variety of trees are available. The seedling trees come in bundles of 10 trees per bundle at \$20 per bundle. Payment in full is required at time of order. Trees are scheduled to arrive around April 20. Those who purchase will be called for exact date and place to pick up their order.

To place an order, come into the Burley office at 1381 E. 16th St. or call 678-1225, ext. 3 or call Doreen at 878-5556.

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By Bruce Tinsley

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Tinsley drew

Arrogance goes with the job for many media professionals

Ever since November, when President George W. Bush stunned everyone by winning re-election, the media elite have been humiliated by self-doubt.

How could they have missed what was coming? Is America really divided into reds and blues — the colors assigned to a U.S. map displaying voting patterns — or is the media really elitist — disconnected from "ordinary Americans," as the media like to refer to the folks out yonder?

The answer is implicit in the question, isn't it? When "they" are "ordinary," then the media are something else. Extraordinary, perhaps? Even so, it's a hopeful, if somewhat belated, sign that industry insiders are aware something's amiss.

Thus, editors convening here this week at the annual meeting of the American Society of Newspaper Editors did what editors often do when they gather in a group. They tortured themselves with self-recrimination. What are we doing wrong? Why are circulations dropping? Why do they hate us?

Our beloved newspaper industry is in trouble, you may have heard. Between declining public trust in old "dead tree" media, drop in circulation and advertising revenues, competition from new digital media, not to mention relentless pressure from those fact-checking whip-crashers hounding deadeye darts from the blogosphere, newspapers are in a bit of a slump.

And things are predicted to get much worse unless newspapers make radical changes.

Media mogul Rupert Murdoch, whose company's holdings include 20th Century Fox, Fox Television Studios and the New York Post, spoke last night to the gathering about how the digital revolution blindsided the traditional news industry.

Murdoch focused mostly on how to respond to changing appetites of the rising generation of news consumers, who are more likely to turn to the Internet for their tidings. He urged that newspapers save themselves by embracing the digital revolution, in part by incorporating blogging into news.

Local vote brought 'Grease' to the stage

Last year when the Dilettantes Group of Magic Valley lost so much money on its March production for "Damn Yankees," it decided to put out fliers in all the Magic Valley shopping centers for people to vote on the show they most wanted to see produced next, in the hopes of being able to once again present scholarships to deserving young people of the valley. And the vote was for "Grease."

The cast and crew did put on a fine show and should be complimented and thanked for all the many hours of hard work and talent they put into the production.

We are proud of them all. **HELEN LEE Jerome**

Valley students set the pace for fitness

April 4 was the start of a physical fitness program where the 303 students at Valley Elementary were asked by the physical education teacher, Mrs. Jerry Lukes, to walk or run our 440-yard track 40 times (kindergarten to second grade) or 80 times (third through fifth grades). The program started April 4 and will conclude May 13.

Monday morning (April 4) was the start of one of the most amazing sights I have ever seen. These students took the challenge to heart and have walked or run every recess of every day. A teacher or aide is at the start of the course and would punch a hole in each student's file to verify a lap. At the end of school on April 15, the students had successfully completed 16,820 laps for a total of 4,205 miles. What a great accomplishment!

This program is motivating these students to become physically fit and control their body weight. It certainly has improved their school performance and builds on their self-esteem. Going into this third week, most students have completed their 80 laps and are walking now to see how many miles they can get in this six-week program.

Parents and community members of Eden and Hazelton, Dwyer by the school at recess or before or after school, and walk a lap with your child. It is truly an amazing site.

I am extremely proud of these children and their desire to achieve this goal and improve their physical abilities.

MARY ANN DALRYMPLE Hazelton
(Editor's note: Mary Ann Dalrymple is a fifth-grade teacher at Valley Elementary School in Hazelton.)



KATHLEEN PARKER

coverage and by improving Web sites. But what struck me as far more interesting than the mechanics of the news business were Murdoch's observations about the human aspect, specifically journalists' attitudes toward the consumers they hope to woo.

Basically, he said, too many

journalists think their readers are stupid. ... Newspapers whose employees look down on their readers can have no hope of ever succeeding as a business.

It's amazing how honest people can be when they're not looking to get promoted.

There's something kind of horrible in an odd way about the elite media trying to decide if they're elitist. It's sort of like inmates in an insane asylum considering their circumstances and concluding "You don't look crazy to me."

With a few exceptions, journalists tend to think mostly alike about most things, and they

generally tend to be more liberal than mainstream America. This isn't a criticism necessarily — there's no Fourth Estate conspiracy — it's just the nature of the beast. After all, what kind of person wants to labor long hours in exchange for public contempt and low pay? Brilliant people, obviously. The problem is, when you spend most of your time with people who essentially mirror your attitudes and beliefs, you begin to get a distorted view of the world. You look around and conclude "You don't seem elitist to me."

It's hard to be objective about oneself, of course, which is why people go to therapists to solve

life's little riddles. In life, it is good to know oneself, but in business, it is crucial to know one's customers. As most ordinary Americans know, there are lots of ways to be smart and lots of ways to be dumb, and not all are quantifiable. Common sense, street smarts and country wisdom aren't measured by standardized tests, diplomas or resumes.

If newspapers die, it won't be because journalists were smarter than their readers.

Kathleen Parker, a syndicated columnist for the Orlando Sentinel, welcomes comments via e-mail at kparker@kparker.com.

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NATION

Federal Reserve unveils Web site

WASHINGTON — Ever wonder how a check makes its way from the store to your bank, or where a dollar bill comes from? The Federal Reserve on Monday unveiled a new Web site to answer those and other questions. Fed officials said the site would provide better access to

Nation In brief

On the Net

Federal Reserve education Web site: www.FederalReserveEducation.org

Alan Greenspan said a statement. "This new online tool offers students easier access to a wealth of information in the areas of economics, banking and financial services. Greenspan has campaigned in recent years to get more schools to teach kids about finances so they are not saddled by poor financial decisions as adults.

Informant who ignited himself gets probation

NEW YORK — A troubled informant who once set himself on fire outside the White House was given five years' probation Monday for bank fraud after federal prosecutors extolled his work as an informant in a major terrorism case.

In an indication that the informant, Mohamed Alamsi, is continuing to do work for federal investigators, the FBI asked that he be allowed to travel overseas for the agency from time to time. Judge Jack B. Weinstein agreed with that request, but cautioned that Alamsi must stay out of trouble.

Prison guard faces former captor in court

PHOENIX — A prison guard who was held captive for 15 days by two inmates last year faced one of her captors again Monday, giving sometimes-hosted responses as he questioned her in court.

Lois Fraley gave short answers and stared into the audience as inmate Ricky Wassenaar, who is acting as his own attorney during his trial, asked her detailed questions about her accusations that he sexually assaulted her. She looked angry at him once after she seemed to read a transcript of an interview she did with an investigator.

Wassenaar, who said before the trial that he would have Fraley "in shreds" during questioning, maintained an even tone during his cross-examination.

High court agrees to consider search case

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court on Monday said it will consider whether police may search a home when one occupant consents but another does not.

Justices will review the case of Scott Fitz Randolph of Georgia, who was charged with cocaine possession in 2001 following a domestic disturbance call by his wife. When police arrived, she complained that Randolph had taken away her son and that he had been using cocaine.

A few minutes later, Randolph returned home and told police the son was at a neighbor's home. Officers then asked to search the couple's home, but Randolph objected. Mrs. Randolph, however, consented and led police to a drug stash inside the couple's bedroom.

At issue is whether the search violated the Fourth Amendment ban against unreasonable searches and seizures.

— compiled from wire reports

Farm states seek boost in ethanol production

WASHINGTON (AP) — Corn-based ethanol is being pumped into more gas tanks every year, and farm-state senators and a majority of governors want an even greater flow. They say an energy bill Republicans are pushing through the House this week does not go far enough to replace foreign oil with home-grown ethanol.

The legislation would require refiners to use 5 billion gallons of corn-based ethanol a year by

2012, about 20 percent more than the industry expects to produce this year.

But governors from 30 states, in a recent letter to President Bush and members of Congress, urged lawmakers to boost the requirement to 8 billion gallons a year and provide tax breaks and other federal help to spur production from non-corn sources including grasses, wood chips and even garbage.

Rising oil imports are a major risk to the nation's energy, economic and environmental security, the governors wrote, adding that expansion of ethanol would be "the safest and cheapest way to mitigate these risks."

Transportation accounts for more than half of the U.S. thirst for oil, about 56 percent of which comes from imports; that portion is expected to be well over 60 percent by 2012.

Bills were introduced in the Senate and House last week calling for the requirement of 8 billion gallons. An attempt is expected to be made to change the energy bill to reflect the higher number when it comes up for House debate on Wednesday, although prospects of doing so are uncertain.

Almost all ethanol now produced comes from corn. A federal mandate for refiners to

more than double its use over the next seven years would be a major boon to farmers.

A coalition representing farmers, petroleum and environmental interests generally agree on language that would require refiners to use more ethanol as a gasoline additive, replacing a petroleum-based oxygenate, MTBE, which is being phased out because it has been found to contaminate drinking water.



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**AROUND
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**Castleford Schools
hold levy election**

CASTLEFORD — Voters can decide today if they want to continue a \$58,000-per-year supplemental levy to support the community's K-12 school. The levy would raise \$58,000 each year for two years. For \$50,000 worth of taxable property, the levy is estimated to be \$3.65 per year. This does not include a homeowner's exemption. Superintendent Kelly Murphy said \$38,500 of the levy would be used for textbooks, \$5,000 for classroom supplies, \$3,000 for library materials, \$3,500 for cleaning supplies and \$8,000 for safety repairs to glass and concrete. The election is from noon to 8 p.m. today in the Castleford School Library, 500 W. Main.

**Police arrest Kimberly
man in rape case**

KIMBERLY — Twin Falls police officers arrested a 25-year-old Kimberly man Sunday on one count of lewd and lascivious conduct with a minor and rape of a minor. The minor is 12 years old and is not a Kimberly resident. Cory Farnworth, 25, was charged Monday. The complaint alleges that Farnworth had sex with the girl on a trampoline in the back yard of a friend's house. Witnesses said they saw it and walked away. Farnworth denied the allegations to the police. Staff Sgt. Matt Hicks of the Twin Falls Police Department said the girl is a 16-year-old Farnworth family and was dating Saturday when the alleged incidents occurred. Farnworth listened to the judge reading the charges and shook his head back and forth. When the judge asked him if he understood the charges, Farnworth said, "Yeah, for about four hours last night, the detective advised me of the charges." Farnworth, however, entered no plea at the arraignment. County prosecutors requested a \$100,000 bond, which the judge set at \$25,000. Farnworth has no contact order. A preliminary hearing date of May 2 has been set. Farnworth was released December 17 from the Idaho State Correctional Institution.

**Man pleads guilty
in spitting case**

TWIN FALLS — A man charged with the AIDS virus spit at a deputy Dec. 5 after being arrested has pleaded guilty to propelling bodily fluid or waste at certain persons. Hiram Jose Avelar, 22, a former Bull resident, has been sentenced to four years in the Idaho State Correctional Institution. Two of the four years are suspended. He is to be detained. Avelar also must participate in all available substance abuse programs. It is unknown whether Avelar has AIDS, however, propelling bodily fluid or waste at a person of the court is a felony in Idaho, said Grant Loebs, Twin Falls County prosecuting attorney.

**AARP hosts Social
Security forum**

TWIN FALLS — Ways to strengthen Social Security will be discussed from 3 to 5 p.m. today at the Twin Falls Senior Center, 350 Shoshone West. Sponsored by AARP Idaho, the forum also will explain AARP's opposition to creating private Social Security.

**T.F. principal will
take calls for hotline**

TWIN FALLS — Oregon Trail Elementary School Principal T. Popplewell is joining others around the country to answer questions about children and education on the Ask-A-Principal Hotline. Popplewell is one of more than 125 principals and school psychologists who are fielding questions about children and education on the Ask-A-Principal Hotline. Parents are encouraged to call (800) 944-1501 for answers in English or Spanish. Questions can be submitted online through www.espnsp.org. Some questions and answers will be published in the August issue of the hotline. The hotline hours are 9 to 11 a.m. today.

— compiled from staff reports

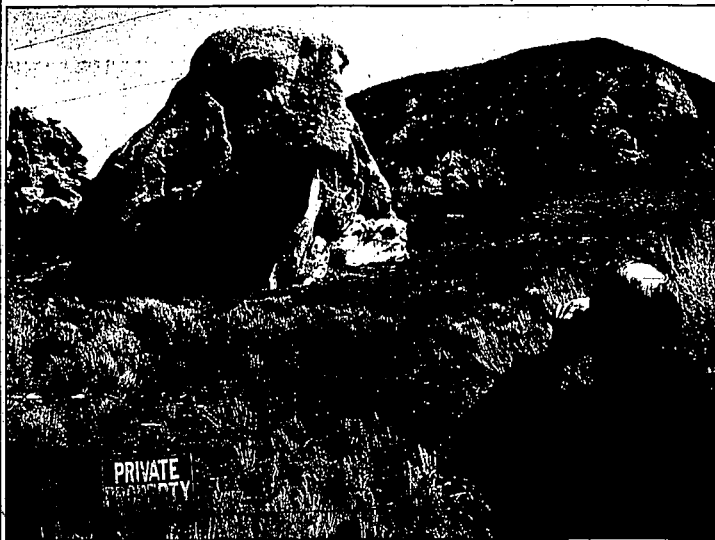
CSI board looks to new rec center

By Karin Kowalski
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Students at the College of Southern Idaho will have more space to work out and play next school year, Randy Dill, the college's physical plant director, told the CSI Board on Monday. Dill said construction crews are almost done clearing the site for the recreation center, which will be added to the college's gymnasium. Ground-breaking is scheduled to start today. "We're having a good experience so far," Dill said. After a few trees are removed, work can start on the \$4.3 million addition. It will include 24,632 square feet of space with two basketball courts, a larger weight room, a spinning room, an aerobic room, a cardiovascular workout area, storage space, a common area and a running track. It will have air conditioning, which the gym lacks. The addition was partially financed by \$25 student fees. Many CSI students feel the extra space will improve life on campus. On Wednesday, Selvidin Mustafic, a first-year criminal justice major, was at the gym to exercise and hang out. "It would definitely be better if they got some new equipment in," Mustafic said. Kurtis Lett used the gym's aerobics room to make an audition tape for a cheerleading team at another college. Lett, a law enforcement major finishing in June, said he's excited about the new facility. "I think it'll be sweet," Lett said. He also referees for intramural football, basketball, volleyball and softball. Competing with the college's teams to get gym time is a challenge. "It's hard to schedule just coming in to play with your friends," Lett said. "This should make it a lot easier hopefully."

At Monday's meeting, Dill said the recreation center is expected to be finished sometime between February and April of next year. Once the new section is finished, the college will remodel the gym's weight room and classroom to create a physiology lab. While construction begins near the gymnasium, crews are completing an expansion of the Fine Arts Auditorium, which includes a new stage. Please see CSI, Page B3

SELLING HISTORY?



Wallace Kock, superintendent of the City of Rocks National Reserve, uses binoculars to view Register Rock, located on private land inside the reserve Tuesday.

Park Service wants to buy landmark along old route

CITY OF ROCKS (AP) — More than a century ago, wagon trail travelers scrawled names, dates, even "Wife Wanted" in the grease on the granite plaques lining this popular stopover on the trail to California's gold fields. "There are thousands of names here," pioneer Richard Augustus Keen wrote in an 1852 journal entry. "I registered mine on a large rock." Much of the historic graffiti is preserved in the National Park Service's City of Rocks National Reserve south of Burley. But a sign reading "Private property No Trespassing" sits in front of Register Rock, the towering gray monolith that contains the best-preserved inscriptions. And a sagging red-and-white "For Sale" sign in the foreground has been getting much of the attention in the federal park lately. After five years of negotiations, the Park Service

may be close to reaching a deal to buy the iconic piece of western expansion from the Idaho ranger who owns the rock and a rutted section of the original California wagon trail. William Loughmiller says if the Park Service can meet his price, he'll try to use the land as a recreational vehicle campground — even though it is completely enclosed within the reserve. "I don't want to be the guy with the bulldozer, but I had to do something to get them to come to the table," Loughmiller said. He bought the land from another rancher with the expectation the Park Service and state of Idaho would trade him for livestock grazing rights in land outside the reserve, he said. "That's what they promised me, but when they didn't follow through, they forced me into the development game to recoup

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my losses," Loughmiller said. Recently, the Park Service took the unusual step of offering to buy Loughmiller's 290 acres for more than the estimated fair market value of the land. "Congress expects us to pay very close to what an appraisal would show it's worth," said Rick Wagner, chief of the NPS lands resources program center in Seattle. "We are having to come up with ways to get him more money than what an appraisal would show, but they are within

the bounds of law and policy." The Park Service was able to boost its undisclosed purchase offer to Loughmiller with a \$25,000 contribution from the Oregon-California Trails Association, a 3,000-member organization of overland trail buffs based in Independence, Mo. Register Rock is one of several cases along the old wagon trail routes where historic sites are sometimes threatened by the very development they helped usher in, said Dave Welch, the association's national preservation officer. "Most of the time it's not the Wal-Marts and the oil companies that wipe trail resources out," Welch said. "It's more unintentional, just someone not even knowing a trail is there and grading their lawn field or expanding a city." From 1841 to 1869, historians Please see ROCK, Page B3

Jerome will consider sign ordinance

By Dixie Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

JEROME — "Tacking yard sale signs to utility poles would not be allowed and anyone wanting to erect a sign in the city would need a permit under a proposed sign ordinance to be discussed tonight. A public hearing on the ordinance will start at 7 p.m. at the Jerome City Council chambers, 100 East Avenue A. If adopted, the ordinance would limit the size of signs for businesses and manufacturing zones to 35 feet high or 200 square feet unless the business gets a special-use permit. In no case would any sign exceed 350 square feet or be higher than the eaves of the building. Any person wanting to erect a sign would have to apply for a sign permit with the city building department, submit a drawing or picture of the sign and how it would be installed on the building or lot and the height of the sign. If a business closes, all signs must be removed. No signs would be allowed to be located on or hang over the public right of way."

Want to attend?
 The Jerome City Council meets at 7 p.m. today in council chambers, 100 East Avenue A.

A public hearing on the proposed ordinance was held April 12 before the planning and zoning commission. At that hearing, city administrator Travis Rothwell said the purpose of the ordinance was to enhance the appearance of the community. It was noted at that hearing that murals on buildings are not considered signs unless they promote a business. Exempt from the permit requirement are property signs, political signs, nameplates, signs related to government functions, signs being stored or transported, commemorative plaques, religious symbols, holiday or special event decorations, identification emblems, signs located within malls, arcades, on porches or other areas where the sign is not visible from the property boundary, signs on vehicles, unless the vehicle is used as an outdoor display and sightseeing.

The ordinance was created by a committee comprised of City Councilman Bob Lundgren, local businessman. Con Puer, planning and zoning commissioner Rod Mink, planning and zoning chairman Bill Allred, local businessman Rex Lytle, city building inspector Dave Rickley and Rothwell. Fines for infractions of the sign ordinance would be determined by a judge. The sign ordinance will be read before the council two more times and voted on May 17. In other business: The council will vote on a request from Scott Jackson to annex 80 acres and zone it as Light Industrial (M1). The property is currently zoned agricultural and located directly east of Spears Manufacturing. Jackson states in his application that his service may be extended to the property and storage facilities built. Jackson wants to connect to the city water and sewer system. Although it is not legal for the city to annex land that is not contiguous to the city, Jackson agreed to be annexed into the city when the property becomes contiguous.

**Cassia will be included
in new water district**

**Area will allow for
administration of
connected sources**

By Rose Marie Parsons
For The Times-News

BOISE — Some Cassia County water right holders are being notified the state will include them in a new water district. The state has taken the first step to create Water District 140 on the southern end of the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer. The affected area is mainly in Cassia County, according to an April 15 press release. Notices sent to Cassia County water right holders said the state has filed a motion in district court requesting authorization to form the district. The purpose is to provide for long-term administration of surface and ground water rights from hydraulically

connected sources. Idaho Department of Water Resources Director Karl Dreher also announced plans to create Water District 110 at the northern end of the aquifer in parts of Jefferson, Butte, Fremont and Clark counties. Water right holders east of Blackfoot and Idaho Falls and north of Rexburg have been informed the state plans to extend Water District 120 to include them. Blaine County is in Water District 130. That district was established in 2002 and extends west to the Thousand Springs area. A watermaster is responsible for water distribution, record keeping, measurement and general management in each district. Watermasters are state employees, but they are elected by members of the district. Water right holders with questions about the new water district can call the Idaho Department of Water Resources hotline at (800) 451-4129.

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

**Canyon
Rim Road
remains
unsettled**

TWIN FALLS — A private road near the northern side of town that the public has used for decades will remain open to the public — for now. On Monday, the City Council approved the development of an 80-acre subdivision plan that is attached to Canyon Rim Road, which meanders along the edge of the Snake River Canyon for about three-quarters of a mile. At one time the owner, Lance Fisk, had proposed closing the road, raising the lives of some of the neighbors. Plans called for the road to be abandoned, with a strip of it preserved as a walking trail. But as of Monday, no one had submitted an application to the city planning and zoning department to close the road. For the road to be closed, City Manager Tom Courtney said planning and zoning officials have to approve the application. Then the City Council will have to decide if the road should be abandoned. City Councilman Lance Clow asked if approving the subdivision plan will automatically eliminate a future decision about the road. He questioned the possibility of a dangerous intersection being built during the subdivision. The road was built to meet in such a way as to avoid an awkward intersection. The council unanimously approved the plan. In other business Monday, the council unanimously approved three bids for airport projects and purchases. The projects include an airport apron and access road improvements for \$882,846 and runway lighting and signs for \$151,550. Also approved was a snowblower truck for \$138,000. The federal government will provide 95 percent of the cost of the airport improvements, with the city and county picking up the remainder. Times-News writer Julie Pence can be reached at 735-3241 or by e-mail at jpence@magicvalley.com.

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SERVICES

Robert David "Bob" Chilcott of Twin Falls, funeral at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls.

Jose Rodriguez of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Little Flower Catholic Church, 1601 Oakley Ave., Burley (Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel).

Jason Howard Hopkins of Twin Falls, funeral at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the LDS Church on Fair Street in Buhl (Farmer Funeral Chapel, Buhl).

Paul F. Moseley of Filer, funeral at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Twin Falls Reformed Church, 303 Grundview Drive (Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home).

Joseph "Jey" Jacob Pugley of Heyburn, funeral at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Paul LDS State Center, 950 W. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel, 321 E. Main St., and one hour before the service at the church.

Emilio R. Rodriguez of Heyburn, funeral Mass at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Little Flower Catholic Church, 1601 Oakley Ave., Burley. Burial will follow at the Riverside Cemetery in Heyburn. Rosary at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the church. Viewing from 6 to 8 p.m. (Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel).

Floyd R. Anderson of Twin Falls, funeral at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls. Friends may call from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Curts William "Bill" Peterson of Carey and Garland, Texas, memorial service at 2 p.m. Friday at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 20494 N. Main, Carey.

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Ozetta 'Arlene' Tedd

BUHL — Ozetta "Arlene" Tedd, 87, of Buhl, returned to her Heavenly Father, April 15, 2005, after a short but courageous battle with cancer.

Arlene was born Feb. 18, 1918, in Twin Falls, Idaho, to Ozetta and Wilmer Hough. She received her education in Twin Falls and later took bookkeeping courses at the College of Southern Idaho.

In 1941 she met Henry "Hank" Tedd and they married Aug. 15, 1941. They spent their life in Castleford and Buhl with their two children where, prior to retiring, she worked as a bookkeeper for Luke's Building Center in Buhl.

After retiring, Arlene and Hank enjoyed traveling and began wintering in Quartzite, Ariz., and met many new friends there. Arlene will be best remembered for her love



of her family, especially her husband, and her devotion to God. She also loved camping, Bible study, ceramics and playing cards with her friends. Arlene is survived by her husband, Hank, sister, Dorothy Scott Howard, son,

Larry Thomas of Salinas, Calif.; daughter, Judith Lauriccia of Hagerman, Idaho; four granddaughters, Vickie Tvedy, Shindi Covey, Debbie Hurst and Kristi Delrick; four great-grandchildren, Brock Tvedy, Michael Tyree, Brent Tvedy and Jessy Covey; and three great-great-grandchildren, Hallie Hunter Tvedy, Rian Luke Tyree and Trinity Reese Tvedy.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

A funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 21, at the First Baptist Church in Buhl. A viewing will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 20, at Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl. Interment to follow in funeral at the West End Cemetery in Buhl. Donations may be made to the First Baptist Church, 400 Ninth Ave. N., Buhl, ID 83316.

Martha M. Culley

PAUL — Martha M. Culley, an 86-year-old Paul resident, died Saturday, April 16, 2005, at Park View Care and Rehabilitation Center in Burley, Idaho. She was born June 27, 1918, in Kimama, Idaho, the daughter of Philip and Rosina Pfeiffer Schenk. Her parents farmed in Kimama until the droughts came, later moving to Burley where they continued to farm. She moved away from home at 17, serving as a nanny for several area families. On Feb. 24, 1940, she married Vernis Culley in Elko. They lived in the Rupert area for several years, later moving to Paul where she resided until 2004. Due to failing health, she spent the last nine months in Park View Care and Rehabilitation Center in Burley.

Martha and Vernis, who died in 1998, had five children, who were all raised in Paul. Mary (Don) Summers of Heyburn, Linda (Harold) Melior, serving in the Illinois Nauvoo Mission, Nauvoo, Ill., Kathy (Corey) Edgington of Buhl, Idaho, and Susan Culley of Oak Creek, Ore., and Lynn (April) Culley of Snowville,



Utah. She is also survived by her four brothers, John (Ross) Schenk of Rupert, Edward (Lois) Schenk of Twin Falls, Arthur (Thora) Schenk of Wendell and Raymond (Betty) Schenk of Middletown, Ind.; two sisters, Freda (Albin) Carwright of Jasper, Mich., and Ella Salisbury of Salt Lake City, Utah; 28 grandchildren, 38 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Vernis; her parents and two sisters, Leona



Schenk and Lorene Ballard. The funeral will be conducted at 1 p.m. Friday, April 22, 2005, at the Hansen Mortuary Chapel, 710 Sixth St. Burial will follow at the Rupert Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday evening at the mortuary and one hour before the service on Friday.

Mom, we know how much love you always had for us. You're in our hearts and minds. We will miss you Love, your family.

Dennis G. Youtz

TWIN FALLS — Dennis G. Youtz, our loving son, brother and uncle passed away suddenly on Friday, April 15, 2005, at his home.

Dennis was born in Billings, Mont., on Feb. 21, 1947, the son of Donald and Doris Helvey Youtz. The family moved to Twin Falls in 1953, and that is where Dennis grew up and attended school, graduating from Twin Falls High School in 1965. He enrolled at the University of Idaho the following fall and joined Phi Delta Theta fraternity, making many life-long friends. During this time he worked summers for the U.S. Forest Service as a wilderness ranger in the Sawtooths, patrolling the mountains he loved by horseback. Dennis finished his schooling at Boise State University receiving a Bachelor's degree in Biology. He attended Arizona State in Biology. He enrolled at Oregon State University in the master degree program, with plans to eventually enter medical school. It was during this time that his future plans were derailed by the onset of bipolar disorder which he would battle bravely his entire life.

This disease, until his death, the potential of a truly gifted and



bright individual. Dennis was interested and often times passionate about many things in life. Early on he had more hobbies, it seemed, than any 10 people could find time for. Oil painting, photography (complete with dark room), archery, goose hunting, taxidermy and playing the cello were just a few. Perhaps his greatest love was fly fishing. He spent countless hours at Silver Creek, Magic Reservoir, Henry's Lake and wherever else there were fish to be fished. He was one of the first

to use float tubes in Idaho and of course tied all his own flies. He and his brother, Jeff, whom he taught how to fly fish, had many great fishing adventures together.

Dennis will be remembered by those who knew him best as a kind and caring individual who loved his family and was steadfast to his friends.

Dennis is survived by his mother, Doris; his brother, Jeff and his family; his sister, Melody and her family; and numerous aunts and uncles and their families.

He was preceded in death by his father, Donald in 2002.

A celebration of Dennis' life will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 21, 2005, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E., Twin Falls, with Pastor Al Fry of the First Presbyterian Church officiating. A private family interment will take place at Sunset Memorial Park. The family suggests memorials be given in Dennis' name to the Region 5 Mental Health Center in Twin Falls.

Contributions may be given to funeral home staff or mailed to Reynolds Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 1142, Twin Falls, ID 83303.

Benefits, other costs boost price tag for UI turnaround expert

BOISE (AP) — A turnaround expert hired by the University of Idaho to remedy its money woes will cost the school significantly more than the originally announced \$20,000 monthly pay figure, Idaho State Board of Education documents show.

The education board will consider the hiring of David Chichester, 59, as interim vice president of financial affairs and administration at meetings starting Thursday in Idaho Falls.

Documents included with the board's agenda show Idaho must also provide Thurn Partners, an Atlanta-based headhunting firm, with a \$5,000 monthly payment for "partial compensation for resources provided," as well as a \$25,000 security deposit to ensure Idaho doesn't breach its contract.

In addition, the school must pay for three-monthly trips to Chichester's Bainbridge Island, Wash. home, as well as providing a car and housing allowance.

He'll be eligible for the university's 401k retirement and vacation plans immediately, foregoing any delay periods. Idaho President Tim White hired Chichester, a former financial officer at Starbucks Corp.'s Japanese unit, as the school attempts to retire \$20 million in debt — in part due to the school's failed University Place expansion in Boise. The university also seeks to end perennial budget deficits.

University considers fence to help prevent burglaries

NAMPA — Officials at Northwest Nazarene University are considering building a perimeter fence around part of the campus.

"We've had an increase in car burglaries, both with our traditional undergrad students and in the evenings with our graduate students," said Gary Skaggs, vice president of university advancement.

The proposed fence would be 5.5 feet tall and be made of wrought iron and brick.

It is not yet known how much of the campus would be fenced, he said.

Officials are also considering a key card system to limit access to residence halls.

"They can't believe that after University Place, we should be paying out \$20,000 a month to some financial wizard."

— Rep. Tom Trull, R-Moscow.

Without offering Chichester and Thurn higher-than-average remuneration, compensation experts said, the university would have struggled to attract somebody with his Harvard Business School credentials — especially without being able to offer stock options or other benefits that might come from a private-sector company.

"Why should someone walk into a situation that's full of problems?" said Diane Posnak, managing director at Pearl Meyers & Partners, a New York-based executive compensation consulting firm. "It's not surprising they would end up having to pay to get his services."

The university announced late last month that it's cutting 67 non-teaching jobs as part of its effort to deal with a \$4.75

million budget deficit.

Douglas Adams, the school's faculty council secretary, said Chichester's pay prompted "raised eyebrows around the water cooler."

State politicians have also gotten an earful from Idaho faculty.

"They can't believe that after University Place, we should be paying out \$20,000 a month to some financial wizard," said Rep. Tom Trull, R-Moscow. "I hope he can provide some financial strategies that will help the university move ahead and solve its financial problems."

In an e-mailed response to questions, White called Chichester's appointment an emergency need created when his predecessor, Jay Kenton, left March 31 for a new job in Oregon.

White hopes to fill the post permanently by next fall.

And White noted his drive to the university lives in a dormitory room and new top and discounted rental car.

"Because of the short-term nature of this appointment, Chichester must include the costs associated with his residence and vehicle in the Seattle area, which is his home," White wrote.

Not including the additional expenses detailed in the report, Chichester's salary included with the education board packet, Chichester's salary is 54 percent more lucrative than Kenton's.

Idaho in brief

Man turns himself in after weekend stabbing

COEUR D'ALENE — A 19-year-old man has turned himself in to the Kootenai County sheriff's office after a weekend stabbing that left one man hospitalized.

Jackson James Purdie was arrested Monday for investigation of attempted second-degree murder.

Deputies allege he stabbed Michael Crump, also 19, several times at an underage drinking party early Sunday.

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Leon Bair

Heyburn — Leon Bair, an 86-year-old Heyburn resident, died Sunday, April 17, 2005, at his home.

Arrangements will be made by Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel.

Jean F. Emerson

TWIN FALLS — Jean F. Emerson, 83, of Twin Falls, died Monday morning, April 18, 2005, at Medical Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Arrangements will be made by Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls.

Elsie Evans McBride

BURLEY — Elsie Evans McBride, a 92-year-old resident of Burley, formerly of Pocatello and St. Anthony, died Monday, April 18, 2005, at Park View Care & Rehabilitation Center in Burley.

Arrangements will be made by Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley.

Byron Lee Shorthouse

CALDWELL — Byron Lee Shorthouse, 51, formerly of Buhl and Hagerman, died Nov. 11, 2004, at his home in Caldwell.

An interment service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 23, 2005, at Sunset Memorial Park.

Minnibelle Hardy

MERIDIAN — Minnibelle Hardy, 89, of Meridian, died Saturday at a local care center.

A funeral will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, April 22, 2005, at the Meridian United Methodist Church, 240 E. Idaho, Meridian. A graveside service will follow at 4 p.m. at the Twin Falls Cemetery in Twin Falls, Idaho. A visitation for family and friends will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. on Thursday at Accent Funeral Home, 1303 N. Main St., Meridian, Idaho.

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Groups sue over new abortion law

BOISE (AP) — Planned Parenthood of Idaho and the American Civil Liberties Union of Idaho filed a federal lawsuit on Monday, contending the state's new law requiring parental consent for abortions violates the constitutional rights of minors.

The law, approved by the Idaho Legislature this week, required the state to require that minors seeking abortion — short of a medical emergency — either obtain parental consent or prove to a judge that they are mature enough to make the decision without their

parents' knowledge. An earlier version was struck down by the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

The challenge was filed in U.S. District Court.

"We believe this law is unconstitutional, just like its predecessor was," said ACLU lawyer Mary Durand. "This law fails in many respects. What it does is create a more elaborate method of parental consent."

The new version allows minors to be represented by a lawyer in court, and requires that a guardian ad litem be appointed to investigate the

minor's situation. The law also requires that the court guardian report to law enforcement any suspicion of criminal activity.

Under Idaho law, fornication outside of marriage is a criminal act, though rarely prosecuted.

Rebecca Poedy, the executive director of Planned Parenthood of Idaho, said the new law was dangerous and could put teens at risk of homelessness and abuse by disapproving parents.

She said lawmakers' efforts would be better focused on preventing teen pregnancy.

"If all teenagers came from

model, ideal families this might not be so dangerous," Poedy said. "We know that this law will not reduce abortion in Idaho."

Rep. William Sall, R-Kuna, who sponsored the parental consent bill, said he had expected another court battle but was confident the new law would be upheld.

"We did not enact a new law — we just made some technical corrections, if you will, to our existing law," Sall said. "The whole point behind making those corrections is to address the points that were brought up in court."

District offers ISAT for home-schoolers

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TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls School District is offering Idaho Standards Achievement Tests for dually enrolled students.

For those home-schoolers or private school attendees who are dually enrolled, the ISAT is

required if they want to participate in Idaho High School Athletic Association-sanctioned extracurricular activities.

Testing for secondary students is available until May 20. For more information, contact the principal at the student's school.

Craig predicts close vote on ag worker bill

BOISE (AP) — After more than five years of lobbying, Sen. Larry Craig acknowledges he still may not have enough votes for his proposal to allow undocumented seasonal farmworkers to eventually become legal U.S. citizens when the measure faces a critical vote in the U.S. Senate.

"We're very close," the Idaho Republican said Monday, on the eve of a scheduled Tuesday vote on cut of debate and force a roll call on his immigration reform amendment to the \$80.7 billion farm bill was supplemental spending bill.

But we're as close to an emergency as I want to get when it comes to the stability of American food supply.

Craig has argued that American farmers face a shortage of workers due to the number of U.S. visas that are issued for seasonal farmhands.

His "AgJobs" bill would allow

illegal immigrants who document they've worked in farm labor jobs for 100 or more days during the past year to apply to become permanent U.S. citizens. They would be subject to "every background check standard that we do with every legal immigrant coming into this country," Craig said.

Despite bipartisan support for his bill, Craig has encountered some resistance from members of his own party. Some GOP lawmakers are unwilling to support what they consider a grant of amnesty for illegal immigrants. Others are irritated. Craig has used his

political muscle to attach an immigration reform bill to a must-pass spending measure for U.S. forces in Iraq.

"(Immigration reform) needs to be handled in the regular course that would not divert us from the immediate task at hand, which is to make sure our troops have the resources they need in order to complete the job we have asked them to do on our behalf," Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, told Craig during a recent floor debate.

Craig is competing for votes against another Republican-sponsored amendment addressing farm labor immigration. Sponsored by Sen. Saxby Chambliss, R-Ga., and Sen. Jon Kyl, R-Ariz., the alternative would expand the temporary visa program but would not put undocumented workers on a fast-track to legalization.

While Craig said some 600 or-

ganizations back his version, the Chambliss-Kyl alternative has the support of the American Farm Bureau Federation, one of the nation's largest agriculture lobbies.

"We're not opposing the Craig amendment, but we feel the Chambliss-Kyl bill is the better bill for agriculture," said Austin Perez, director of congressional relations for the organization. "It allows the seasonal employees to work, then go home and get in line like everyone else to get a green card."

But the Chambliss-Kyl bill would enhance security or help meet agriculture labor demands, Craig said.

"If we do what Senator Chambliss proposes, where you've got to leave the country first and then come back in, people will simply never leave and will continue to work to stay below the surface," Craig said.

Police, city spar over wages

BOISE (AP) — Negotiations over what Boise police officers should be paid have stalled and the city and police department have agreed to enter nonbinding arbitration.

The police union is requesting a 4 percent pay increase; the city is offering 3 percent.

Union President Kip Willis warned that the quality of law enforcement the department provides could decline if salaries do not keep pace with

other law enforcement agencies.

City officials have declined comment on the negotiations.

The average salary for beginning officers is \$31,752. Sergeants make \$38,824 on average, which includes specialty pay for overtime, holidays and attending court hearings.

The last contract expired March 31, 2004, and its terms continue until a new contract is agreed upon.

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cludes classrooms and a smaller theater. The classrooms will open in June and the project is expected to be complete in October, said Mike Mason, the college's vice president of finance.

In other business:

- State money — The board approved a formula to divide the state's appropriation to CSI

and North Idaho College. The formula would give CSI 50.8 percent of the money for the next fiscal year, while NIC would receive 49.2 percent. Formerly, the two colleges split the money evenly.

For this fiscal year, the state appropriation for academic classes — about \$9.87 million — represents about 35.35 percent of the college's total

budget. The new formula still has to be approved by the State Board of Education.

- Construction/maintenance — The board voted to spend \$47,212 for roofing on the college's Jerome center and \$31,615 on carpet for parts of Eagle Hall.
- Bus turnout — The board approved a \$149,139 project to remodel the main entrance to

campus to create a turnout lane for buses and visitor parking. The project would be paid for with \$19,104 in federal Department of Transportation money and the rest would come from CSI's plant facility fund.

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estimate the westward trails carried more than 500,000 settlers into the new frontier, forever changing the character of the land. In 1992, Congress designated 14,000 miles of the four major routes — the Oregon, California, Pony Express and Mormon Pioneer trails — as national historic paths to be preserved and promoted. The designated trails run through 13 states.

As a result of local zoning codes for land in the reserve, Loughmiller's proposals for developing the land have been stalled and a series of appraisals have not come up with a price tag comparable to the value of land being sold outside the reserve.

"Mr. Loughmiller has been patient as we've tried to create a financial environment that still shows we are getting a good value for the taxpayers' dollar,"

Wagner said.

Welch said the trail associations' members are willing to pony up the \$25,000 addition to the purchase price because they consider Register Rock and the section of California trail Loughmiller owns part of a vanishing national heritage.

"I love to go to these places, sit there by myself and ponder who went by here," he said. "But there are fewer and fewer of these places left."

The law doesn't prevent private landowners from bulldozing the remnants of the migration routes, however. In cases where construction is proposed on sections of trail crossing federally owned land, the National Park Service and Bureau of Land Management try to work with developers to mitigate impact to the routes and scenic vistas.

But when projects are built on trail sections located on private land, "sometimes we find out too late to have a chance at making a difference," said Jerry Kalkow, superintendent of the National Trails System in Santa Fe, N.M.

Register Rock is an unusual case since it is private property located in the heart of a federal park. The Park Service has acquired about half the 8,000 acres of private holdings within the park since the reserve was established — in 1998, but Loughmiller's land is considered the most critical to preserving the historical integrity of the area.

"It would be irresponsible if the Park Service did not try to acquire this important piece of the story," said Wallace Rock, superintendent of the reserve.

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Two Evanston firefighters die in blaze

EVANSTON, Wyo. (AP) — Two firefighters died Monday and three were injured, apparently from an explosion while they were searching for children believed to be in a burning town house, authorities said.

"We have five firefighters that were transported via ambulance to the hospital, and two of those have perished," Police Lt. Jon Kirby told The Associated Press.

The names of the victims were not immediately released.

None of the occupants of the housing complex was injured, authorities said.

Eric Quinney, chief administrative officer for the mostly volunteer Evanston Fire Department, said Monday night he was not prepared to comment on a possible cause of the fire, saying an investigation was

continuing with help from the state fire marshal's office.

However, he said the firemen were injured from a blast inside one of the homes.

"As we arrived on scene the initial reports were there were possibly children in one of the apartment units that was on fire," he said. Crews performed initial attack procedures to "go in and knock down the fire and possibly search for those children," he said.

"As they entered the apartment there was a large explosion and that's where the injuries took place."

One of the surviving firefighters was flown to LDS Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Two others were treated at Evanston Regional Hospital and released, Quinney said.

He declined to comment on the nature of their injuries.

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Secretary: Utah education bill may cost millions

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Education Secretary Margaret Spellings says a Utah bill favoring state standards over the No Child Left Behind law could cost the state \$76 million in federal funding.

Responding to U.S. Sen. Orrin Hatch's request for a review of the bill that lawmakers will consider in a special session this week, Spellings letter to Hatch on Monday suggests new problems over Utah's staunch resistance to the centerpiece of President Bush's education platform.

"Several of the principles in the bill are fundamentally trou-

blesome, and appear to be designed to provoke noncompliance with federal law and needless confrontation," Spellings letter to Hatch in the three-page letter.

The bill, debated during the 2005 legislative session, would put state education priorities above federal requirements and spend as little money as possible to comply with No Child rules. The measure and a like-minded resolution were among the 15 states considering anti-No Child legislation this year. The bill passed the House, but Gov. Jon Huntsman persuaded state lawmakers to put off a vote on the

bill, and legislators agreed to delay action until this week's special session while Huntsman negotiated a settlement.

In her letter, Spellings said passage of the bill alone would not necessarily put Utah out of compliance with NCLB, but that "the implementation of a number of its provisions is likely to cause conflicts and trigger consequences."

Any time Utah chooses to meet state goals or objectives first, it could find itself in conflict with the elements of various federal education programs, Spellings wrote. That could also leave Utah out of compliance

with NCLB.

According to Spellings, the potential \$76 million in consequences could break down this way: \$55 million in funding for low-income schools; \$19 million for professional development funds for teachers; and up to \$2 million in discretionary money, which Utah uses primarily for technology enhancement.

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Montana governor signs smoking ban in compromise for 'Marlboro Country'

HELENA, Mont. (AP) — Gov. Brian Schweitzer signed a smoking ban into law Monday that was a compromise between public health groups and Montana tavern owners in "Marlboro Country."

The prohibition on public smoking takes effect Oct. 1 for all buildings and offices open to the public, but it will not apply to Montana's 1,700 bars, a concession to the tavern industry.

"This is classic example of what can happen in Montana with commonsense people finding Montana common ground," Schweitzer, a Democrat, said during a signing ceremony at the Capitol. "We finally got it done and a lot sooner than we thought."

ing on cigarettes while riding a fence line.

Dr. Richard Sargent of Helena, a longtime advocate of smoking bans, said other states were stunned to learn that "Marlboro Country" decided to ban smoking on such a scale. The development in Montana may spur similar bans elsewhere, he said.

"In the end this is a health issue and we're going to protect the health of the people of Montana," Sargent said. "We finally got it done and a lot sooner than we thought."

Capitol's smoking room, a tiny hideaway created when a former governor banned smoking in the building in 1950. The law could take effect Aug. 1.

However, a Republican is likely to support the bill, said spokesman Don Canton. The Senate approved the measure last week.

"We'll have to study it, but it looks to be close to what the governor has said he supports," Canton said.

Elsewhere, the North Dakota House sent Gov. John Hoeven an indoor smoking ban for restaurants, government buildings and most businesses on Monday, though the legislation is not as strict as many anti-smoking activists wanted.

The measure would exempt bars and allow motels to offer smoking rooms.

It also allows smoking in rooms rented for private functions, if children are excluded, and at "a traditional American Indian spiritual or cultural ceremony."

However, it would ban lighting up in the North Dakota

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Sun Valley reports
flight success

SUN VALLEY — Due to the success of the Horizon Air non-stop service to Sun Valley this ski season, no minimum revenue guarantee was paid for the scheduled flight. Sun Valley Resort said Monday.

The Los Angeles Sun Valley flight, now in its third winter season, carried 8,118 passengers while per contract for the flight, said Jack Sibbach, director of marketing for Sun Valley Resort.

He credited the Halley airport's proximity to Sun Valley for enabling Horizon to charge premium fares for the two flights. They carry passengers from California to Sun Valley in just over two hours.

The Sun Valley Resort and Horizon Air sign contracts for the flights, and the Sun Valley-Ketchum chamber of commerce and some local businesses pledged their support for the past season's subsidization program.

Bank of America Corp.
posts higher Q1 profit

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Bank of America Corp. reported third-quarter earnings Monday that first-quarter earnings rose sharply from a year ago, due to the acquisition of FleetBoston strong results throughout the company's businesses, lower credit costs and gains from the sales of securities.

Net income rose to \$4.70 billion, or \$1.14 per share, for the three months ended March 31 from \$2.68 billion, or 91 cents per share, a year ago. Under purchase accounting rules, the profit for the first quarter of 2004 does not include the impact of FleetBoston Financial Corp., which was acquired April 1, 2004.

The latest quarter includes merger and restructuring costs of 2 cents per share. Revenue on a fully taxable-equivalent basis grew to \$14.22 billion from \$13.70 billion the previous year.

Analysts surveyed by Thomson Financial were looking for profit of 97 cents per share on revenue of \$13.82 billion in the latest quarter.

Kenneth D. Lewis, chairman and chief executive, said: "The continuing successful integration of FleetBoston and the bank's future growth and value creation for our shareholders. In particular, we saw the strongest momentum in loan growth in many quarters, and our company and deposit growth continues to be robust."

Bank of America has branches in Magic Valley.

Stung by stocks
finish mixed Monday

NEW YORK — Wall Street staggered to a narrowly mixed finish Monday as investors coming off last week's sell-off fretted over an uncertain economy and digested strong first-quarter earnings and a pair of merger announcements.

"Stocks struggled to find a bottom after three straight triple-digit drops in the Dow Jones industrials, but sharply rising earnings and a pair of solid recovery rally spoke to investors' continued nervousness about the possibility of inflation in the middle of a projected slowdown in economic growth."

"After you see a decline of the magnitude we saw Friday, you'd expect some degree of recovery, but we're not seeing much, and that's very unnerving," said Hugh Johnson, chairman and chief investment officer of Johnson Klingenstein Advisors. "This is not a bull market, but we may have further to go before we find a bottom here."

The Dow fell 16.26, or 0.16 percent, to 10,072.15 after losing 420 points the past three sessions.

Broader stock indicators edged higher: The Standard & Poor's 500 index was up 3.36, or 0.29 percent, at 1,455.89, and the Nasdaq Composite index gained 4.77, or 0.25 percent, to 3,012.92.

Target restricts drug sales

Cold medicine must be purchased
from behind pharmacy counters

The Times-News and The Associated Press

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Discount retailer Target Corp. will no longer allow over-the-counter cold medicines that are used to make the illegal stimulant methamphetamine.

Target stores nationwide will pull many cold, allergy and cough remedies from their regular shelves and sell them only from pharmacy counters, the Minneapolis-based company with a Twin Falls store announced Monday.

The restrictions apply to all over-the-counter drugs containing pseudoephedrine,

after Wal-Mart.

Brookshire said the shift, which will take effect in two to three months, was in response to a growing number of state and local restrictions on the sale of the medications.

"We know that this is going to be a change in behavior for our guests," Brookshire said. "The products won't be on the shelves. It'll be a little different."

Target says it's the first national retailer to take the step. The National Association of Chain Drug Stores couldn't immediately confirm whether Target's announcement was the first of its kind for a national retailer. A Wal-Mart spokeswoman didn't immediately return messages.

Target's move won't raise from Minnesota lawmakers pushed for tougher measures to fight meth, which can be

made using a variety of household chemicals and pseudoephedrine.

"For them to take this lead I would assume that Wal-Mart and all the rest of them will have to follow them very shortly," said state Sen. Julie Rosen, a Republican who has been pushing strict restrictions on the sale of meth ingredients. "There is a certain amount of community responsibility these retailers should assume."

Target already had limited purchases of pseudoephedrine-containing drugs to two packages at a time, Brookshire said.

A number of states are following the example of Oklahoma, where restrictions on sales of some cold medicines were followed by a dramatic drop in the number of meth lab seizures.

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The Times-News

BOISE — Recent activity in U.S. Bankruptcy Court included these Magic Valley filings:

Chapter 7, nonbusiness, under \$50,000

Jeff Magnelli and Odessa Maggelli, also known as Odessa Maggelli, 602 Fourth Ave. E., Gooding, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 05-40687.

Alanna Cliff Clifford, also known as Anna Clifford, and Alicia Shere Clifford, also known as Alicia S. Barnett and Joshua S. Barnett, 430 Jackson St., Kimberly, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 05-40688.

John Curtis Hoffman, 3554 N. 3400 E., Kimberly, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 05-40689.

Stephanie Copper, 737 Honey Locust Lane, No. 3, Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 05-40720.

Chapter 7, nonbusiness, \$50,000 to \$100,000

Jerald Richard Hale and Cristy Lee Hale, also known as C.L. Callen and Christy Callen Hale, 3805 N. 3700 E., Hansen, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 50-99 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000. Case no. 05-40721.

Terriisa L. Retchel, also known as Terriisa L. McFarland, 330 Taylor St., W. Kimberly, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000. Case no. 05-40725.

Chapter 7, nonbusiness, \$100,000 to \$500,000

Sherman Henry Stump Jr., 43 W. Snake River, Garry Ferry, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 05-40682.

Michael M. Jones, 114 Meadows, Ketchum, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 05-40682.

Dante R. Alsop and Cynthia A. Alsop, also known as Cynthia Jeffers, 374 Madrona St., No. 3, Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 50-99 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 05-40692.

Amber Ann Lutz, doing business as Quilts Books by Amber, 2025 Clark's Cove, Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$50,000 to \$100,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 05-40700.

Paullette Smith, 827 Chase Dr., Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$50,000 to \$100,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 05-40704.

Roy Larry Gudgeon, 586 Jefferson St., Kimberly, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 05-40714.

Chapter 13, nonbusiness, \$100,000 to \$500,000

Scott A. Olson and Teresa Olson, 1471-A E. 4450 N., Buhl, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 13, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 05-40708.

‘HAVE A MAGICAL DAY’

Hong Kong
workers learn
the ropes at
Disney World

The Associated Press

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. — Five hundred Hong Kong visitors have debarked in Orlando to learn about a foreign culture with a vocabulary and manners much different from the one they know.

The culture isn't American. It's Disney.

The Hong Kong natives, who will work at Hong Kong Disney land when it opens later this year, will first get a crash course on Disney at the company's Florida theme parks, absorbing company facts and lore and adopting the Disney demeanor — including a cheerful "have a magical day" as they greet every park visitor.

International employees routinely greet guests in their own languages. Disney World, many as cultural representatives at the Epcot theme park, and managers and other leaders were brought to the U.S. Disney parks for training before opening Tokyo Disneyland and Disneyland Paris. But Disney has never invited so many international trainees for schooling at once.

"It's critical," said Daniel Miller, manager of operations for Walt Disney World, where the 500 workers are being trained at the resort's four theme parks and 22 hotels. "When they go back, they're going to basically have to instill the culture in people who haven't had the opportunity to come here for training."

The trainees, who were selected from 5,000 applicants, arrived in January and will leave in May. They're staying in Disney-owned apartments that house workers in the college-inn program, and other international employees.

In addition to a regular schedule of working in the parks, the Hong Kong workers are taking seminars on customer service, marketing, leadership and the history and philosophy behind



Virginia Li, of Hong Kong, left, assists Epcot guest Gloria DeRonne with directions April 22 at the park in Lake Buena Vista, Fla. Li is one of 500 Hong Kong workers being trained for the opening of the Disney park in Hong Kong.

Disney's entertainment empire. They're also learning the minutiae of greeting guests and keeping the parks clean.

"You greet a guest, and when they wear their mouse ears, you say 'Oh Mickey, how are you today?'" said Jerry Yip, 24, who previously worked for Hong Kong's tourism board, and is being trained as a front desk clerk at a hotel. "Or when they dress like a princess, you say 'Oh princess, how was your day?'"

Among the Hong Kong workers, some are "magical moments." Disney workers don't go to work, they "put on a show." When workers are out in the park, they're "on stage."

Virginia Li, 24, of Hong Kong, a college graduate in marketing who is working as a custodian at Disney-MGM Studios before moving to the Hong Kong park, learned the euphemism for the most created by queasy visitors after an intense ride:

protein spill.

"I just love that concept," Li said of Disney's proprietary language.

The workers also are getting grounded in Disney's characters. Most Hong Kong denizens know of Mickey Mouse and Winnie the Pooh, but they haven't heard of lesser-known characters such as Stitch or Pocahontas. In a class, they were asked to write down as many Disney characters as they could remember.

Wynnie Poon, 29, who is being trained as a greeter at the Epcot park, said she didn't know Mulan, who in the 1998 Disney animated movie of that name is a Chinese maiden forced to disguise herself as a soldier to save her father from being conscripted in the army.

"We don't know all the Disney characters, so this is a way we get familiar with them," Poon said.

The trainees are finding that the Disney way of doing things can be very different from what they're used to.

"Chinese culture is more con-

servative and they're not that expressive about feelings," said Poon, imagining the response she'll get back home when she tells Disney visitors, "have a magical day."

"People will say 'Oh you're crazy!'" Li also finds it a challenge to adopt the Disney culture's burbling effervescence in front of visitors.

"We don't often take a proactive role in talking to people who were not familiar with," Li said. "But here, you say 'hi' to everyone. It doesn't matter who the person is."

But Mikler, the operations manager, said Hong Kong Disneyland visitors will come to accept the effervescence if the Hong Kong workers are trained properly on Disney's traditions.

Past experience at Disneyland Paris and Tokyo Disneyland showed that to be true.

"Those (visitors) who tend to be a little bit more reserved and not really engaged in the Disney fashion come into our parks and tend to lose those inhibitions," she said.

Lee Enterprises earnings rise
11 percent as revenue climbs

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Newspaper publisher Lee Enterprises Inc. reported first-quarter earnings Monday that diluted earnings per common share rose 11 percent from a year ago, as revenue climbed 11 percent.

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GameStop plans to buy
Electronics Boutique

The Associated Press

GRAPEVINE, Texas — Video game retailer GameStop Corp., which has a store in Magic Valley Mall, said Monday it agreed to acquire retail Electronics Boutique Holdings Corp. for \$1.44 billion in cash and stock.

The deal will make GameStop a leading global video game retailer, plus 0.7875 shares of GameStop Class A common stock for each share of Electronics Boutique. Based on the closing price of GameStop Class A common stock of \$21.05 on April 15, the stock com-

ponent of the per share merger consideration is \$17.03.

The total acquisition price of \$55.18 per share represents a 34.2 percent premium to the Friday closing price of Electronics Boutique's stock.

GameStop operates 1,626 retail stores throughout the United States, Puerto Rico and Ireland, primarily under the GameStop brand. In addition, it owns the GameStop.com Web site and Game Informer magazine.

Electronics Boutique operated 2,000 stores in the United States, Australia, Canada, Denmark, Germany, Italy, New Zealand, Norway, Puerto Rico and Sweden — primarily under the name EB Games and Electronics Boutique.

GameStop said it intends to fund the cash portion of the transaction through issuance of \$550 million in senior bonds and excess cash.

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


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
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SPORTSQUOTE

“We figured since the Angels abandoned Anaheim that we'd stake claim to that area and beyond.”

— Dave Orter, president and general manager of the Lake Elsinore Storm, the Class-A affiliate of the San Diego Padres, recently announced in a tongue-in-cheek news release that they had changed their name to the Anaheim/Los Angeles/San Diego Storms of Lake Elsinore.

TRIVIA

QUESTION:

He was a longtime broadcaster for the New York Yankees but later became known to a new generation of fans as the voice of “This Week in Baseball.” Name him.

...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

High School
BASEBALL
Kimberly at Buhl, DH, 4 p.m.
Minico at Jerome, 4:30 p.m.
Wendell at Shoshone, DH, 4 p.m.
GOLF
Gooding-Glenview Ferry Valley, Hagerman, Magic Valley Christian, Lighthouse Christian at Oakley, Burley Country Club, 1 p.m.
Kimberly, Wendell, Community School, Filer, Buhl, Rigid at Declo, Rupert Country Club, 1 p.m.
SOFTBALL
Century at Minico, DH, 4 p.m.
Kimberly at Buhl, DH, 4 p.m.
Twin Falls at Jerome, 4:30 p.m.
TENNIS
Wood River at Minico, 3:30 p.m.
Community School at Gooding, 3 p.m.
Burley at Jerome, 3:30 p.m.

IN BRIEF

T.F. Legion plans parents meeting

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls American Legion will hold a parents meeting at 6:30 p.m. today at Twin Falls High School Room G-3 to discuss the dinner/auction fund-raiser on April 27.

BSU women fourth at WAC championships

KUNA — The Boise State University women are in fourth place after the first day of the Western Athletic Conference championships Monday at Falcon Crest Golf Course in Kuna. Tulsa and San Jose State are tied at 301, plus-13, in the team race followed by Southern Methodist University in third with a 303 and BSU in fourth with 313, plus-25.

Michaela Cawmer of Tulsa, last year's Freshman of the Year, leads with a 1-under 71 followed by Jennell Gomez of San Jose State with a 1-over 73. Boise State's Katie Street is tied for 10th with a 77 while Jennifer Hedberg of Twin Falls is tied for 15th with a 79.

Twin Falls softball tryouts are Saturday

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls Terror fast-pitch softball tryouts for players ages 12 and under will be held from 6-7:30 p.m. Saturday at Bruin Field in Twin Falls. Anyone who will not turn 13 before Jan. 1, 2006 is eligible to play on this team. For more information, call head coach Lyle Hudsonson at 738-1964.

Compiled from staff reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Mel Allen.

Ndereba wins fourth Boston Marathon



Catherine Ndereba of Kenya waves as she crosses the finish line to win the women's division of the 109th running of the Boston Marathon in Boston Monday. The win is a record-breaking fourth victory for Ndereba.

By Jimmy Golon

Associated Press writer

BOSTON — Twenty-five years after Rosie Ruiz came out of nowhere to “win” the Boston Marathon, Catherine Ndereba staged a rally almost as improbable.

Trailing by four football fields at the halfway point, the Kenyan known as “Catherine the Great” caught Ellanese Alemu to win an unprecedented fourth women's title Monday, finishing in 2 hours, 25 minutes, 13 seconds. Ethiopia's Hailu Negussie covered the 26.2-mile course from Hopkinton to Boston's Back Bay in a heat-slowed 2:11:45 for the men's title, earning \$100,000 and breaking Kenya's stranglehold on the event. Alan Cupepper gave the U.S. a consolation prize by placing fourth in the best finish for an American since Dave Gordon was fourth in 1987.

Ndereba made sure the Kenyans weren't shut out. “In Kenya we all celebrate as a group, so when someone wins we all celebrate,” said Benson Chirono, who was third in the men's race behind Negussie and Kenyan Wilson Onare. “I gave my congratulations to her for winning. I thank God for what she did.”

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Local connection

Here Idaho athletes found

Charles Tabbutt, 41, Medford, Ore. (Hagerman), 4:43:01
Kristin Owens, 46, Scottsdale, Ariz. (Ketchum), 4:06:06
Lee Goodwin, 39, Boise, 3:00:05
Colin Okeke, 32, Moscow, 3:01:42
Robert Thomas, 47, Caldwell, 3:11:29
Jim Metz, 40, Boise, 3:11:53
Dennis Sandahl, 24, Idaho Falls, 3:15:51
Jim Ronabaugh, 25, Nampa, 3:24:12

Todd McIntyre, 40, Idaho Falls, 3:26:58
Don Whitlisk, 51, Coeur d'Alene, 3:30:25
Mike Shuman, 49, Boise, 3:30:53
Gary Thompson, 53, Meridian, 3:31:24

Results for Twin Falls: Darren Clark wins not available at www.bostonmarathon.org at press time.

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Lance Armstrong says he will retire after Tour de France



Cyclist Lance Armstrong smiles during a Monday news conference in Augusta, Ga., where he announced he will retire from the sport after this year's Tour de France.

By Charles Odum

Associated Press writer

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Lance Armstrong is retiring after this year's Tour de France, ending a cycling career in which he inspired millions by overcoming testicular cancer to win his sport's signature event a record six straight times.

Armstrong said he remains “fully committed” to winning his seventh straight Tour de France this year and is driven “by that dream to go out on top. That's a big deal to me.”

“It will be the last one, win or lose,” the 33-year-old Texan said at a news conference Monday.

The Tour de France ends on July 24.

Armstrong said he began thinking about retirement after his victory last year. Spending a month away from his children recently helped to seal the decision.

“That was much more difficult than it had been before,” he said. “They are at a stage now

where they change daily, if not hourly. ... It's time for me to not miss key moments in their lives.”

Speculation regarding Armstrong's future had grown in recent months, fueled by the rider's comments that he wanted to spend more time with his three children and step up his efforts in raising awareness and funds for fighting cancer.

“Ultimately, athletes have to retire ... the body doesn't just keep going and going,” Armstrong said.

But, Armstrong acknowledged, their competitiveness often does.

He said that while watching a recent cycling race on TV with his girlfriend, musician Sheryl Crow, he was so stirred by the competition, “I couldn't sit down the entire race.”

Crow then challenged him on his retirement decision.

“She said ‘Look at you. You can't even sit down. How are you going to retire?’” Armstrong

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Auburn backs vying for new position: Top 10 picks

By John Zeno

Associated Press writer

AUBURN, Ala. — If a four-year battle for playing time could divide Camell Williams and Ronnie Brown, a few spots in the NFL draft certainly won't. The two Auburn tailbacks spent their college careers competing on the field and hanging out off it. Now they're expected to be not only the first running backs selected in Saturday's draft, but among the Top 10 overall picks — a historic feat made even more notable because of the sheer lack of jealousy between the close friends.

Even some NFL executives were skeptical.

“You can just see the look on their faces. Man, you've got two guys as talented as y'all are. You both want the ball — are y'all re-

ally friends?” Williams said. “They kind of find that amazing.”

Amazing but true.

Williams and Brown are expected to be among the first 10 names called in the draft, unprecedented since the first combined AFL-NFL draft in 1967. Two running backs from the same school have shared first-round status only three times during that span and none since 1997, when Texas A&M's Roger Vick and Rod Bernstein were chosen late in the opening round.

Brown is expected to once again play second fiddle — only not to Williams. He's expected to be the second overall pick by the Miami Dolphins.

Yep, Auburn's No. 2 tailback could be the NFL's No. 2 pick. “Man, that's strange,” Williams said. “My steepest

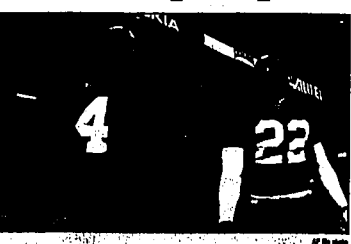
competition is a guy that I've played with for four years. I kind of won the college accolades, but now he's kind of the front-runner for the NFL. That's fine. Ronnie knows I'm very happy for him and we're both pulling for each other. But it is strange.”

Cadillac Williams was the bigger name in college. An All-American who even got the cool nickname. He appropriately has bought a Cadillac Escalade.

Brown was mostly a backup except when Williams was injured, but still ran for 2,707

yards and 26 touchdowns. Cedric Benson of Texas is their primary challenger among tailbacks who will be chosen early.

Another oddity: They both



Auburn running backs Ronnie Brown, left, and Camell Williams arrive at the Louisiana Superdome in New Orleans earlier this year.

stuck around for their senior seasons. Brown returned to play some what in Williams' shadow despite already having com-

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