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CSI to raise tuition

By Joshua Palmer Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Students will pay more to attend classes at the College of Southern Idaho this fall. During a board meeting Monday night, the CSI trustees unanimously approved a tuition increase of \$5 per credit hour, as well as a \$5 increase in registration, athletic and student association fees. Tuition for out-of-district and out-of-state students will see the largest increase — a little more than 5.6 percent — that will bring their total tuition to about \$2,800 per year.

Proposed increases in Idaho

Table with 3 columns: School, Current Rate, Proposed Rate. Includes Boise State University, Idaho State University, University of Idaho, Lewis-Clark State College, Eastern Idaho Technical College, College of Southern Idaho, and North Idaho College.

for the college — with about 75 percent of it being added to the school's general fund. "It was more because of a growth in cost, rather than a growth of services," said John Mason, CSI's vice president of finance. "We try and keep it as low as we can, but pretty much every year we go up."

But CSI is still one of the state's most affordable colleges. And if the State Board of Education approves proposed increases for Idaho's other colleges and universities, that margin will grow much wider. Full-time students at CSI and North Idaho College will pay about \$2,000 per year — almost half of what undergraduates pay at Boise State University. Both colleges fought with state lawmakers this year to maintain the local control that allows them to establish their own tuition rates. According to the State Board of Education, neither school must request approval from the state before changing rates on tuition and fees. The State Board will decide on proposed increases at other Idaho schools this Friday. "Tuition and fees have always been an access issue for us," Mason said. "If we raise our tuition too high, it can make it difficult for some students to enroll. And that's not a position we want to be in."

Word around campus

"I think a lot of students are just trying to survive, and \$50 is something that could be spent on books, food and stuff like that."

— Kendra Dischaak, 19

"The cost is starting to get a little high. I think I've seen a \$200 increase since I've been here, but I guess it's still affordable."

— Ricardo Fregoso, 26

"You have to realize that it's still cheaper than any other school in Idaho."

— Karle Annslaughter, 26



The eyes of diabetes

Diabetes a major cause of blindness

By Sandy Miller Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — At 34, Kim McKellips had a very rude awakening. She could no longer afford to ignore her diabetes. It all started with chest pains, and her best friend dragged her to the doctor. At first, doctors were baffled. "They don't expect heart disease in a 34-year-old," McKellips said. But further tests revealed the disease had begun to weave its path of destruction. It had damaged her heart, and the next thing she knew, she was in Boise having a quadruple bypass. McKellips, now 45, has since had a stroke that affected her left side. But thankfully, doctors were able to catch her diabetic retinopathy before it robbed her of her eyesight. "My vision had been a little bit blurry," she remembers. Diabetic retinopathy is a disorder that causes damage to blood vessels in the back of the eye, according to the American Diabetes Association. "Over time, the elevated blood sugar causes damage to the small blood vessels in the back of the eye on the retina," said Dr. Mike Taylor, a local ophthalmologist and chairman of the Diabetes Center Foundation. "In its early stages, the disease causes blood vessels



"I wish I had cat eyes," says Kim McKellips as she holds her cat Phillippe on Wednesday outside her home in Twin Falls. McKellips has diabetic retinopathy, the leading cause of new blindness in adults age 20 to 74. Luckily, the retinopathy was caught before it did any lasting damage.

In the eye to leak fluid, which causes the retina to swell, which causes blurred vision. As the disease progresses, people will develop abnormal blood vessels that will begin to break and bleed inside the eye. Left untreated, diabetes retinopathy can cause blindness. So Taylor, Dr. Al Frost, Dr. Jared Walker, The Magic Valley Diabetes Coalition, Diabetes Center Foundation, St. Benedict's Family Medical Center, Family Health Services, South Central District Health, Lions Club and the Idaho Diabetes Prevention and Control Program have put together a free eye screening program for diabetics that they eventually aim to bring throughout the Magic Valley. They'll do the first round of free eye exams. Please see DIABETES, Page A2

Time to rev up for flu shots?

By Lauren Neergaard Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Put aside hypothetical worries about bird flu: Regular flu already kills elderly Americans in droves every winter because the vaccine simply doesn't work as well inside aging bodies as young ones. The National Institutes of Health wants to strengthen flu shots destined for the elderly, part of a push to get the nation to start treating influenza's yearly attack as seriously as the threat of some super-flu striking in the future. "The message: Why wait for a pandemic to benefit from better flu vaccines and treatments?" "My great frustration (is) in trying to shake the cage and say, 'We have not, by any means, optimized how we approach seasonal flu,'" Dr. Anthony Fauci, the NIH's infectious disease chief, told The Associated Press. "Topping his do-better list: testing whether higher vaccine doses or adding immune-boosting compounds to the shots — some of the same compounds already being studied to fight bird flu — would improve the elderly's protection against regular winter influenza. In Europe, U.S. flu-shot supplier Chiron Corp. already sells a revved-up version just for people over age 65. Studies Please see FLU, Page A2

'HONK' Take a gander at this champion from Burley

By Renee Wells For The Times-News

"BURLEY — Kalen Smith's first words were not "mama" or "dada," but "honk," and it sounded just like a goose. So it is only natural that today, 16-year-old Kalen is one of the "Best of the West" when it comes to geese-calling. The Burley High School sophomore is like any other teenager. He loves football and basketball and spends lots of time hanging with his friends, shooting baskets or passing a football. When Kalen is at home though, he can often be found on the roof of

small shed inside the goose pen at Goose Pit Kennels, where his parents raise and train hunting dogs. As seven domesticated Canadian geese move about the pen, clucking and honking at each other, Kalen listens and learns, and they've taught him well. Smith was recently named the junior division champion in the Best of the West Calling Contest held March 18 in Salt Lake City. "He's really good," said his dad, Tub Smith. "But then he should be. A honk was the first word he learned. He used to toddle around the house making honking sounds before he could talk. We'd have people over

and they'd ask where we were keeping the geese." There is much more to a calling contest than just blowing on a goose call, the youth explained. Geese are intelligent and they learn to differentiate between decoys and real geese and the sounds they are hearing. A caller has to be able to imitate the real thing. "You paint a picture for the judges, who, separated from the caller by a curtain, cannot see the competitor," he said. "You begin with a call to get the attention of geese at the edge of a field. Then you change to single clucks to draw them in. Then you do what is called an intermediate, which sounds like as many geese as

you can all at once. "Then the picture changes. You have to portray that you have lost their interest and they are leaving. You must call them back, repeat the intermediate call and then go to a soft feed call and moaning to get them to lay down." His dad said Kalen is a natural. And he admits the teenager has surpassed his own calling ability. Does it hurt his ego to admit his teenage son is the best? "Heck, no, because I brought him up and into it," Tub Smith said. "A lot of other people have influenced him, but he is an offspring, a second generation, of what I've done. I'm proud of him."



Kalen Smith squats in the pen at his home north of Burley, goose call in hand, as he practices and learns from the animals he calls.

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Thieves take vehicle with baby inside; child later found unharmed

The Associated Press NAMP — Two men stole a Ford Explorer with a baby inside Monday afternoon but the child was found safe in the abandoned vehicle about two hours later, authorities said. The 11-month-old girl was apparently un-

harmed, said Nampa police Sgt. Kyle Winnicki. Carla Wilson left her daughter, Cecelia Goss, asleep in her vehicle outside an apartment building, where the vehicle was stolen at about 2:45 p.m., police said. Police set up a command post outside the apartment building and dispatched officers to

look for the Explorer. They also issued an Amber Alert. Canyon County sheriff's deputies found the vehicle just outside Nampa with the baby inside, Winnicki said. The theft investigation continued late Monday.

TWIN FALLS FORECAST
Today: Partly to mostly sunny and breezy at times. Highs low to middle 50s.
Tonight: Mostly clear nighttime skies expected. Lows low 30s.
Tomorrow: Mostly sunny and warmer. Highs low to middle 60s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST
Today: Partly cloudy and mostly dry. Breezy in spots. Highs low to middle 50s.
Tonight: Mostly clear and comfortably cool. Lows near 30s.
Tomorrow: Mostly sunny, breezy at times and warming up. Highs near 60.

IDAHO'S FORECAST
SUN VALLEY SURROUNDING MTS.
Great looking spring weather on its way for the next several days. Temperatures will edge upward with no precipitation in sight.
BOISE
Today Highs 38 to 47. Tonight's Lows 18 to 19.

Idaho's Forecast Map
Map of Idaho showing weather patterns and forecasts for various regions including Boise, Sun Valley, and the Snake River Valley.

GREGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY
"A happy person is not a person in a certain set of circumstances, but rather a person with a certain set of attitudes."
- Gregg Middlekauff, author of "The Happiness Advantage"

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST
Today: Breezy and sunny periods. High 53, Low 32.
Tonight: Mostly clear nighttime skies. Low 32.
Wednesday: Mostly sunny and warmer. High 58, Low 38.
Thursday: Warm and dry. High 63, Low 39.
Friday: Mild despite building clouds. High 67, Low 40.
Saturday: Pleasant with cloudy periods. High 70, Low 40.

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Temperature: High 53, Low 32.
Precipitation: 0.00".
Humidity: 70%.
Barometric Pressure: 30.18.
Sunrise and Sunset: 6:50 AM, 8:26 PM.
Moon Phases: Waxing Crescent.

REGIONAL FORECAST
Table of forecasts for various Idaho cities including Boise, Burley, and Idaho Falls.

NATIONAL FORECAST
Table of forecasts for various national cities including Atlanta, Baltimore, and Chicago.

WORLD FORECAST
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A scale from 1 to 8 indicating the intensity of ultraviolet radiation and the risk of skin damage.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP
A map of the United States showing weather patterns, fronts, and precipitation forecasts.

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Justices debate employment law

WASHINGTON (AP) — Several Supreme Court justices expressed sympathy Monday for a railroad yard worker who was transferred to a harder job and then suspended without pay during the Christmas holiday after she accused her supervisor of sexually harassing her.

Supreme Court developments

- Some highlights of actions taken Monday. The Justices:
• Rejected an appeal from two Chinese Muslims who were mistakenly captured as enemy combatants more than four years ago and are still being held at the U.S. prison in Cuba.

Diabetes

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screenings today through Thursday at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center's Health Fair in Jerome.

St. Benedict's Health Fair

St. Benedict's Family Medical Center will hold its annual Health Fair from 9 to 3 p.m. today through Thursday at 709 Lincoln Ave. in Jerome.

Early diagnosis

"If we catch it early, people don't need to go blind," Taylor said. "Much of the disease can be prevented if properly treated. Early diagnosis and treatment are the key."

Diabetes education

Area hospitals offer diabetes education services. For more information, call St. Benedict's Family Medical Center at 224-9727 or Magic Valley Regional Medical Center at 732-3012.

Flu

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mostly from Italy suggest that adding a chemical called MF59 to Chiron's regular flu shot spurs a modestly better immune response in older people, especially the frail.

Also, at least one well-known vaccine research center, at St. Louis University School of Medicine, is planning a study of higher flu vaccine doses for the elderly this fall.

Ultimately, what may protect the elderly the most is when flu's main spreaders — healthy young people, especially schoolchildren — start getting vaccinated in large enough numbers to stem the virus' tide.

The question is whether pumped-up vaccines for the elderly would provide enough extra protection to be worth it. Some previous attempts have found only slight improvements, and souped-up vaccines cost more to make.

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Masonic leader misidentified
Block is from Twin Falls
Gooding woman clarifies flood quote
Motorcycle ride to raise money

AROUND THE NATION

Grocery stocker charged in murder

PURCELL, Okla. — A grocery store stocker was arraigned Monday on first-degree murder charges in the killing of a 10-year-old girl in what authorities said was an elaborate plan to eat human flesh.



Underwood

Kevin Underwood, 26, was led into court with his hands and feet shackled, and spoke softly as he told the judge he intended a public defender. McClain County Judge Gary D. Barber entered a not guilty plea for Underwood.

Katrina pullzerg leads to Pulitzer

NEW YORK — The Times-Picayune of New Orleans and The Sun Herald of southern Mississippi each won the Pulitzer Prize for public service Monday for their coverage of Hurricane Katrina and its aftermath.

The Times-Picayune also received the Pulitzer in breaking news reporting for its storm coverage. The two papers managed to keep putting out the news — online, if necessary — despite damage to their buildings and disruption to their staffs.

The Washington Post won four awards in all, followed by The New York Times, with three. The Rocky Mountain News, like The Times-Picayune, won two.

Witness: Moussaoui had hard childhood

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — Sept. 11 conspirator Zacarias Moussaoui suffered a traumatic childhood that frustrated him from a boy with a sense of humor who made friends easily to a man who spurned his family and embraced radical Islam, a defense witness testified Monday.



Moussaoui

Jan Vogelzang, a clinical social worker, said that Moussaoui's death-penalty trial that the 37-year-old Frenchman was in and out of orphanages the first six years of his life. As a teenager, she said, he was rejected as a "dirty Arab" by the family of his longtime girlfriend, with whom he lived briefly and won dance contests.

New chief signals Bush staff shake-up

WASHINGTON — President Bush's new chief of staff said Monday it was time to "refresh and re-energize the team," and he told senior White House aides who might be thinking about quitting this year to go ahead and leave now.

"Taking charge in a time of crisis, with Bush's poll ratings at their lowest point ever and Republicans anxious about the November elections, Joshua Bolton laid down his pointed directive at his first meeting with top presidential aides.

Study: Bone drug can prevent breast cancer

By Emily Ramshaw Knight Ridder News Service

DALLAS — The bone-strengthening drug raloxifene can prevent invasive breast cancer just as well as better-known tamoxifen, with fewer serious side effects, according to the results of one of the largest-ever clinical breast cancer trials.

Post-menopausal women at high risk of developing breast cancer have for years relied on tamoxifen to prevent the disease. But the drug's side effects — from blood clots to cataracts to uterine cancer — have raised concerns.

The Study of Tamoxifen and

Raloxifene, sponsored by the National Cancer Institute and coordinated by cancer researchers across the nation, shows that the osteoporosis drug raloxifene works just as well at preventing invasive, or non-contained, breast cancer, and has fewer instances of these side effects. Experts estimate some 500,000 post-menopausal women already taking raloxifene to treat or prevent osteoporosis.

"Although no drugs are without side effects, tamoxifen and raloxifene are vital options for women who are at increased risk of breast cancer," said Dr. Leslie Ford, associate director for clinical research at the National Cancer Institute.

"For many women, raloxifene's benefits will outweigh its risks in a way that tamoxifen's benefits do not."

The study randomly assigned tamoxifen (Nolvadex) and raloxifene (Evista) to nearly 20,000 post-menopausal women over age 35 at high risk for breast cancer.

After five years, both drugs reduced invasive breast cancer rates by about 50 percent: 167 women on raloxifene got breast cancer, compared to 163 in the tamoxifen group.

Both drugs have similar side effects, from the common — like hot flashes — to the rare: blood clots and stroke.

Women taking raloxifene had about one-third fewer blood clots than those on tamoxifen. Women on both drugs had equivalent rates of strokes — 10 of the 104 women who had strokes died from them. And initial results suggest raloxifene doesn't increase cataracts the way tamoxifen does. Researchers also indicated that raloxifene is not as

effective as tamoxifen at preventing non-invasive breast cancer — cancers that have not spread throughout the breast.

Maine killings raise questions about sex offender registries

CORINTH, Maine (AP) — A man who shot two sex offenders to death in Maine got their names from the state's online sex offender registry, authorities said Monday, renewing fears that such lists expose exact locations of vigilante violence.

The gunman, Stephen A. Marshall, a 20-year-old from Canada, committed suicide Sunday night in Boston after being cornered after a bus by police.

Investigators were uncertain what relationship, if any, Marshall had with the two victims who were killed Easter Sunday morning at their homes 25 miles apart.

But the two men were among 34 names Marshall had looked up on the state Web site, said Stephen McCausland of the Maine Department of Public Safety.

Investigators said they discovered that he visited the Web site because he filled out a request for additional information. The Web site was disabled while police searched for Marshall but was restored Monday afternoon.

"The Web site is back on. It is there by law. The reason why the information is available to the public is well-documented," McCausland said. The sex offender registry is designed to let people know of child molesters and other sex offenders in their midst.

All states have sex offender registries and almost all of them post the information online.

But the killings added to a growing unease with such Web sites. Jack King from the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers in Washington said making public sex offenders' addresses can be an invitation to violence.

Hammam, vandalism, assaults and even killings of sex offenders have been reported from coast to coast.

"There are going to be crazy people out there," King said. "And there's going to be vigilantes."

After New Jersey passed a public disclosure law on sex offenders in the 1990s, the brother of an offender was nearly beaten to death with a baseball bat when he was mistaken for his brother, King said.

In Maine, the registered sex offenders who were shot to death were Joseph Gray, 57, of Milo, and William Elliott, 24, of Corinth. Gray's name was posted on a state Web site because he was convicted to Maine after a Massachusetts conviction for sexual assault on a child under 14. McCausland said. Elliott was convicted of having sex with an underage girl, he said.

When he shot himself, Marshall had with him a laptop computer along with two handguns, said Dave Procopio, spokesman for the Suffolk County, Mass., District Attorney's Office.

Marshall, a 20-year-old restaurant dishwasher from North Sydney, Nova Scotia, had come to Houlton, Maine, to visit his father, authorities said.

Police tracked Marshall to Boston after finding his pickup abandoned in Bangor and then discovering a bullet of the same caliber used in the killings in a bus stop restroom.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Heyburn council cans garbage plan

HEYBURN — Search the idea of moving garbage cans from the alleys to the streets on pick-up day.

About a dozen Heyburn residents appeared at last week's City Council meeting to protest a recent decision to switch all garbage pickup in the city to streetside. Council members nixed the decision in March to keep trash from accumulating in the alleys.

Residents protested the change, saying they keep their alleys clean. They cited several reasons against the move, including that they physically were unable to move their garbage cans as far as the street and having the cans in the street for pickup will cause parking problems.

Council members voted to rescind their decision and to work with the city attorney to create a way to enforce the city's litter ordinance.

Health screening events today

KIMBERLY — A health screening will be held today at the Kimberly Public Library, 120 Madison St. W.

Appointments will begin at 11 a.m. Pre-registration is required.

Screenings last about 10 minutes and include scans for potential health problems including blocked arteries, aortic aneurysms and hardening of the arteries in the legs.

A complete vascular screening of the stroke/coronary artery, abdominal aortic aneurysm and ankle brachial index is available for \$109. A complete vascular package and osteoporosis screening is available for \$129.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (607) 237-1207.

Local poets to hold reading

TWIN FALLS — Three Magic Valley poets will read from their recently published collection at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Lamp-house Theatre, 223 Fifth Ave. S.

Mark Brown will read from "Incinerator," Jim Irons from "Moonhood" and David West from "Aviary." Their collection is titled "Three Twins Project II" and will be for sale at the event. Admission is free.

Bolivian wool comes to Twin

TWIN FALLS — Handmade Bolivian wool sweaters, hats, mittens, scarves and ponchos are on sale this week at the College of Southern Idaho.

The products are being sold by a rural Bolivian cooperative of alpaca wool manufacturers.

The Bolivians will staff their display table in the Student Union Building from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Thursday. At 2 p.m. Thursday, they will do a free presentation about Bolivia and its economy in Room C76 of CSI's Evergreen building.

Mini-Cassia Dems to meet in Paul

BURLEY — The Mini-Cassia Democrats will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Paul Fire Hall.

The agenda includes election updates and meeting candidates, including Jim Jones, who is running for the District 2 U.S. representative seat.

For more information, call Nick Czoskos, 678-3030.

— compiled from staff reports

Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% season post-11
Upper Snake River	112%	105%
Henry Fork/Teton	121%	117%
Big Lost	149%	143%
Little Lost	121%	117%
Salmon	120%	124%
Big Wood	155%	141%
Little Wood	155%	149%
Galson Falls	144%	125%
Oakley Basin	169%	155%

As of April 17

*A comparison of basin snowpack, on this date, with a 30-year average, as of the same date in previous years.

Two men arrested in Liberty Street fire

By Cassidy Friedman
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A fire Saturday night gutted an elderly woman's downtown home, leaving only its shell. Two men were arrested, but no charges have been filed.

The lone resident of 126 Liberty St. E., Irene Johnson, was at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center undergoing an operation when the fire broke out.

"It was engulfed. Completely engulfed," said Roy Kingston, 64, whose home faces Johnsons across the narrow street.

Kingston was at home when he heard two people stop their car "screaming and hollering" into the burning home for possible occupants. "I told them nobody is in there," said Kingston, who knew Johnson was in the hospital. He went back inside and called 911.

The fire station is about three blocks away. Ten minutes after the call was made, the fire was under control. A neighbor who passively reported "there might be some



Eric Berry



Casey Cortrell



Charred debris is seen through the window of a house at 126 Liberty St. in Twin Falls. A fire Saturday night gutted the structure. The lone resident of the house, 80-year-old Irene Johnson, was at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center undergoing an operation when the fire occurred.

one in there," said Twin Falls Fire Department Capt. Doug Moore, but by 2 a.m. when firefighters finally dispersed, no bodies had been found.

"You roll up on the scene and you don't know if the info you get is true or not. You have to assume the worst," he said.

Twin Falls Police Department detectives questioned three people. Two of them were later arrested. Eric Berry, 36, faces an arson charge; Casey Cortrell, 26, faces an accessory to arson, according to a press release by the Twin Falls police.

Dorothy Chapman tunes in for her

Second Time Around

By Jani Whitford
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — It was something Dorothy Chapman never had the opportunity to do and figured she'd better start now.

"If you don't use it you lose it," she said.

Now, at 85 years old, after raising 14 children and retiring as a certified nursing assistant, Chapman is learning to play the piano.

"It's cool that she did get a chance to do this," said Linda Fiscus, her daughter. "You can't imagine all the things she does in a day."

Inted, she has been a hard worker all her life. After marrying at 19 years old, she started a large family that included three sets of twins.

"They would do without before we did," Fiscus said. "Everything was about his kids."



Dorothy Chapman, 85, watches as her teacher, Lee Rayborn, instructs her during a recent class in Twin Falls. Chapman has always wanted to learn how to play the piano, began lessons in September.

She became a certified nursing assistant when she was 49 years old while living in Nebraska and they worked for home health and the Gooding hospital until her retirement at 63 years old. A

While Chapman seems to want to get as much out of life as she can, she told Fiscus that right now she simply wants to be able to play the piano easily and enjoy it.

Her kids learned to play some, which may have sparked her interest, and even though she's a beginner, she practices with such dedication that her name is faithfully at the top of a board that her instructor uses to recognize the students who practice the most in a week.

"She told me not to put her name on the board because she doesn't want to make the younger ones feel bad," said Lee Rayborn, her instructor.

Chapman started last fall, and her commitment to what some students feel is a chore is something Rayborn feels should be recognized.

Rayborn wants her students to practice at least two hours a week. Chapman practices 30 minutes before breakfast and then again 30 minutes before bed. Every day.

Rayborn has been teaching piano for about 40 years and often has her students perform at recitals. Even though she hasn't been able to get Chapman to play at one yet, she's hoping she will play at a spring recital in May. "She's very inquisitive and eager to learn," Rayborn said. "And she does learn."

She's making good progress.

"That kind of dedication and inquisitive nature doesn't surprise her daughter, who drives Chapman to and from practice."

Out of daily duties, Chapman fills her day with embroidery, crocheting and reading, lots of reading.

"She keeps busy all the time," Fiscus said. "Her mind is working all the time."

To contact Jani, she can be reached at jwhitford@cablenet.net

"It's cool that she did get a chance to do this. You can't imagine all the things she does in a day."

— Linda Fiscus, daughter

MAGICVALLEYPEOPLE Dorothy Chapman

An 85-year-old mother of 14 and retired nursing assistant, Dorothy Chapman of Twin Falls has now started her quest to become an accomplished pianist, with the help of teacher Lee Rayborn.

a slice from local life

Mountain lion wanders too close for comfort

By Renee Wells
For The Times-News

BURLEY — Even a sheriff's deputy is no match for a mountain lion.

Cassia County Deputy Larry Thompson had a brush closer than he cared for with a young lion Thursday at a home near Malta.

A DHL delivery driver reported being chased by a mountain lion while attempting to leave a package for residents at a home near

895 S. on Hwy 81, said Undersheriff Cary Bristol.

Thompson was told the cat chased the driver and was still in the area, Bristol said.

"Larry was worried about children returning from school so he went to check on them," Bristol said. "He was knocking at the door when a bush to the left of the door began moving and he heard the cat growling."

Thompson slowly backed away from the door and re-

turned to his truck, then called the sheriff's office to ask for permission to kill the animal.

"I was concerned about him shooting it without Fish and Game (knowing, so I had him contact game ward), Tim Ferguson," Bristol said.

"They were unable to respond immediately so because there had been a previous report of a horse being killed in the area by a cat and due to the children living there, the warden gave

Roper plans new theater

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — If the city and the neighbors approve, a state-of-the-art movie theater with stadium seating will be built along Locust Street and Cheney Drive near The Home Depot.

Larry Roper, managing director of Interstate Amusement Inc., held the first of two public meetings Monday night to hear comments on the proposed location. Roper must win the city's approval to rezone the proposed site, which is currently zoned for duplex homes, before he can build the theater, but he said it all depends on how residents feel about the proposal.

"If the neighbors say 'No,' we're just going to walk away from it," Roper said. "The theater will be built somewhere, but just not on this property."

He sent out more than 350 letters to people living near the proposed site, and advertised the public meetings for almost a week, but only 10 people attended the first meeting.

Although most approved of the new theater, there were a few who had their doubts.

"I'm especially concerned about the traffic," said Hubert Tschackofski, who lives near the site. "He thinks there won't be a problem, but there will be. We already have the temple going in up a canyon, so this would really increase the traffic on Madrona Street."

A temple of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is being built nearby at Eastland Drive North and Pole Line Road.

Roper said the theater's show times will be staggered to prevent sudden spurts in traffic.

Interstate Amusement Inc. also owns the Odyssey Theater in Magic Valley Mall, Twin Cinema 12 on Eastland Drive; the Orpheum in downtown; and two drive-in theaters and Jerome Cinema.

"When we're hoping to build here is luxury," he said. "Depending on when it's built, it could be all digital — meaning the movies would be run entirely by a computer, so the signboards that advertise the features would just change automatically and the ticketing would be automated."

He also said the theater would have fewer seats in each auditorium, and they would be almost twice the size of current theater seating. It would also have landscaped courtyards outside the front entrance.

Roper said there have been problems with the Odyssey Theater because some parents feel uncomfortable about dropping their kids off at the mall.

"Gross sales of family films in this theater have been terrible," Roper said. "That's why we hope to build one where we can show those films."

Theater meeting

Another public meeting about the theater will be at 7:15 p.m. today at the Odyssey Theater in Magic Valley Mall.

Nola Phillips Evans

HEYBURN — Nola Phillips Evans, a Heyburn resident, passed away Friday, evening April 14, 2006, at the Cassia Medical Center.

Nola was born December 4, 1915, in Dayton, Idaho, to William and Millie Morrison Phillips. She had a brother, Sheldon, who was two years older. Her father bought a farm on the north bank of the Snake River near Mortmang. The family moved there when she was a year old. She started school at the little Riverside School House when she was five. She also attended Greenwood School and graduated from Tachon High School. She married Richard "Dick" Evans in Twin Falls on August 5, 1935. In February 1939, they purchased a house and forty-acre farm in Heyburn where they have lived since. They had three children, Vonda, Chyron and Dixie.

Nola was an excellent cook and seamstress. She made lots of dresses for the girls. She discovered oil painting and spent every spare minute doing that. She painted beautiful flowers and scenery. She served as the Desert Art Guild President twice and was a member for 30 years. Nola taught and painted with the Acquita Art Guild. She had earned numerous credits from CSI and ISD art departments.



She enjoyed going on art tours put on by the college for a week at a time and paint on location. She also painted many times under the direction of Gail Moller.

She loved to go to church and served as a teacher in Primary, Primary presidency and Young Women. She worked many years in the Better Society as a counselor, teaching her sewing, cooking and decorating skills to others and put many hours into the Church Bazaars. She loved her grandchildren and cared for them in her home often. She enjoyed visits from her great-grandchildren. Her children are Vonda and (Arlyn) Banner of Paul, Clint and Ann Evans of Heyburn, and Dixie and (Terry) Browning of Rupert. She is the grandmother of 11; great-



grandmother of seventeen; and great-great-grandmother of two. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Dick; a granddaughter, Bonnie Mor-

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rowe and twin Browning granddaughters; and a great-grandson, Dusty Edwards.
Funeral services will be held 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 19, 2006, at the Heyburn LDS 1st Ward, 530 Villa Drive, with Bishop Frank Peterson officiating. Burial will follow at the Paul Cemetery. Friends and family may call from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday evening at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth Street, and one hour prior to the service at the church.

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DEATH NOTICES

Joyce Ann Stone
FILLER — Joyce Ann Stone, 58, of Filer, died Monday, April 17, 2006, at the home of her daughter in Twin Falls.
Arrangements are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

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Emma Marie Bennett
HILL CITY — Emma Marie Bennett, 87, of Hill City, died Sunday, April 16, 2006, at her residence.
Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Damaray Funeral Chapel in Gooding.

Kent Lee Fillmore
TWIN FALLS — Kent Lee Fillmore, 45, of Twin Falls, died Thursday, April 13, 2006, at his home.
Cremation is under the direction of Serenity Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Kent Eugene Giles
BOISE — Kent Eugene Giles, 73, of Boise and formerly of Idaho, died Sunday, April 15, 2006, at a hospital in Boise.
At his request, no service will be held. Interment will be at the Idaho State Veterans Cemetery in Boise. Arrangements are under the direction of the Aetna Funeral Chapel in Boise.

Phillip M. Wray
KIMBERLY — Phillip M. Wray, 88, of Kimberly, died Monday, April 17, 2006, at the Mountain View Care Center in Kimberly.
Arrangements are pending.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Damaray Funeral Chapel in Gooding.

SERVICES

Madeline - Laura Kathleen Newshy of Jerome, memorial service at 10 a.m. today at St. Jerome's Catholic Church, 216 Second Ave. E. in Jerome (transworth Mortuary).

Wade Young Olsen Thomas Wittenhorn of Walnut Creek, Calif., and formerly of the Burley area, funeral at 1 p.m. Saturday at Russusmen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley; friends and family may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday and one hour before the service Saturday at the funeral home.

William Grady Stansell of Jerome, funeral at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Farnsworth Mortuary Chapel, 1343 S. Lincoln in Jerome; visitation for family and friends from 6 to 8 p.m. today and one hour before the service Wednesday at the mortuary.

William Brown Laddlaw of Boise, graveside service at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Bellevue Cemetery (Stammers Funeral Homes, Boise Chapel).

Adella Edna Kaein Foukal of Twin Falls, service at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Farnsworth Mortuary Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls; friends may call from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Isabel Dorothy Fierman of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 10 a.m. May 7 at the Temple Beth El in Aliso Viejo, Calif. (Serenity Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

Garr Gibson Wayment of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. Friday at the View 1st and 2nd Ward LDS Chapel, 550 S. 500 E. in Burley.



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- Color and Black and White 3" X 5" photographs will be accepted; any picture over 5" X 7" will not be accepted. We will accept jpeg and PDF formatted pictures via email at bean.kloster@timesnews.com. Contestant's photos may be printed in Black and White. Photo will appear as submitted unless indicated and will be aired accordingly. The Times-News has the right to refuse any photos unsuitable for publication. All decisions are final.
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- All entries must be postmarked by April 18th or received at The Times-News front desk by 12:00 p.m. on April 18th.
- Contestant's pictures will be published between April 24th and May 22nd.
- A portion of the voting fee will benefit the Newspaper in Education Program to help provide classroom activities, lesson plans or workshops for local classrooms covering Twin Falls County.
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Keys: Water disputes can be resolved

Consensus-building commissioner will be missed at state bureau

BOISE (AP) — The newly retired commissioner of the Bureau of Reclamation says there will always be disagreements about the best use of water in the West, but those disputes can be solved. "I don't think these issues will ever be less contentious," John Keys told The Idaho Statesman. "But they can be resolved if everyone comes to the table." Keys was the bureau's Northwest regional director

based in Idaho until he retired in 1998. A pilot, he flew search and rescue missions as a volunteer in Utah and floated rivers until 2001, when Gates Norton, then interior secretary, tapped him "for commissioner, a job he left last month."

"I kind of put my life on hold for five years," said Keys, a native of Alabama who said he planned to return to Utah. Norton left her post as interior secretary last month.

"He is a consensus builder who spent a long career with the Bureau of Reclamation and then agreed to join my team to lead the bureau as

commissioner," said Norton. "He will be missed."

Bill Sedivy, executive director of the environmental group Idaho Rivers United, said he didn't agree with all of Keys' decisions, but appreciated Keys' listening to all sides.

John Keys will be very much missed," Sedivy told The Associated Press on Monday. "He's a guy who tried to bring people together. I think for the most part John tried to do the right thing."

The Bureau of Reclamation operates 600 dams in 17 Western states and helps supply water to more than 31 million

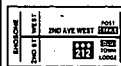
people and irrigation water for 10 million acres of farmland.

During his tenure Keys helped put together agreements on the Colorado and Snake rivers. Southwest states reached an agreement on how much each received from the Colorado River, which prevented a lawsuit that could have threatened water supplies for millions.

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Sandpoint adding land for tax rolls

SANDPOINT, Idaho (AP) — Assessor Judie Conlan is outlining a plan soon for hiring local and regional appraisers to add as much new construction as possible to county tax rolls before the end of May. Bonner County commissioners met last week with the county attorney and prosecutor to discuss about 1,300 new homes that have not yet been appraised. They want to hire more appraisers to make note of new construction before June assessment notices are mailed.

Commissioner Joe Young said the idea is to hire about five Kootenai County appraisers and several of Conlan's appraisers. The appraisals could start by Saturday if commissioners approve Conlan's plan, Young said.

Last week, the Idaho State Tax Commission directed the county to hire a certified appraisal company from a list it provided because the county had fallen behind in appraising new construction.

Conlan says she's fallen behind because county commissioners failed to hire the two additional appraisers she requested in May 2005.

Bogus sees best season in years

BOISE (AP) — The Bogus Basin ski area made \$8.7 million in the season that ended last weekend. It had 295,000 skier visits, and its income was \$200,000 more than its expenses.

That makes the season the best since the winter of 2001-02 and will help the resort recover from two of the past three years, when drought and warm weather hurt profits.

"It's always a roll of the dice," Bogus spokeswoman Gretchen Anderson said.

Bogus got plenty of snow before Christmas, and then consistent snow throughout the rest of the season.

"When you can see snow up at Bogus from Nampa, people are going to go," Anderson said.

The resort had planned to close April 9, but the season was extended five days.

Anderson said the resort recently changed its tax status to allow people to contribute money. This season, Bogus took in more than \$600,000 in donations, she said.

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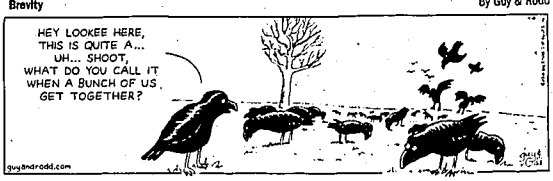
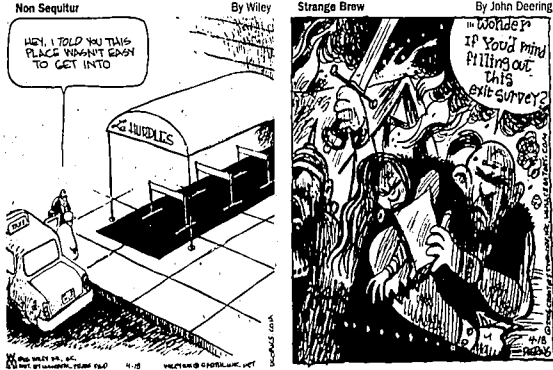
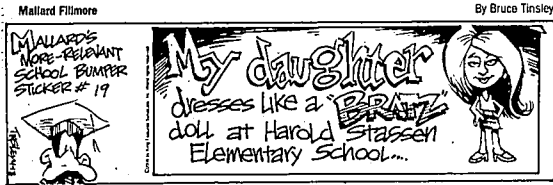
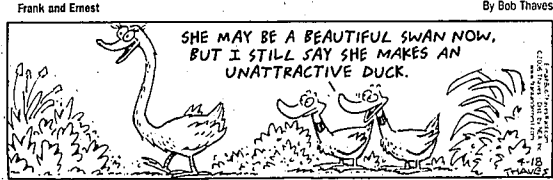
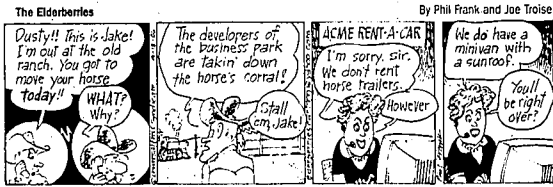
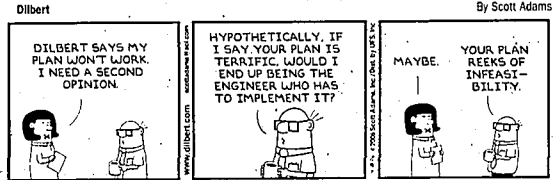
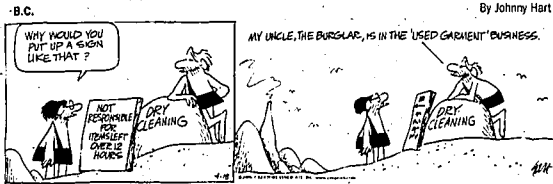
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COMICS



Aries needs to be gentle today

IF APRIL 18 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: The call of deep and passionate ambitions can lure you into intense work patterns and a search for glory in the year ahead. Your prayers may be answered in late October or November when good fortune could come your way. Between now and the end of August, and then again next spring, people in general are only conscious of your best characteristics and will tend to overlook your faults. A life-altering romance could appear or a new career is possible. Since you glow with cheerfulness, you could be forced out into the limelight.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Be gentle. Those who feel cornered or defensive may tell a white lie or stretch the truth. Don't do battle with words when it is such a good day to follow through on business strategies.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Be a team player. It is almost time to reap the benefits of being on the winning team, but you need to follow someone else's diligent example. Add one and one together to find two.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't squawk like a blue jay. Did you ever observe how the little birds disappear when the noisy

HOROSCOPE
Jeraldine Saunders

and argumentative blue jay arrives at the bird feeder? Concentrate on being creative.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Be the Superman of the business set. An interest in getting ahead and heightened ambitions offer the incentive to get much accomplished. An organized desk symbolizes an organized mind.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Maybe you are yearning for the green, green grass of home. If you honor your commitments you can count on others honoring theirs. Expect a warm welcome if you work hard and deserve it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Thunder only happens when it's raining. This noise could be the sound of an argument or a disagreement that dampens enthusiasms for a few hours. Socialize around the water cooler.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): No one promised you a rose garden. Don't be upset by a thorny patch in a key relationship. Ask for advice from folks older and wiser than you are. Sometimes lessons are learned from the

past.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): This is a good time to be consumed by ambition and focused on making headway climbing the ladder of success. Facts and figures add up easily today. Keep a close eye on your initials.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Race like a Thoroughbred. Apply grit and determination to see something important through to the finish line. Those close to you may apply the whip if you don't measure up.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): When the going gets tough, the tough get going. Petty squabbles can actually hone your resolve. Today is a good time to balance the checkbook or deal with facts in black and white.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): The intention is the thing. Naked ambition may be in the air, but people are willing to play fair and share their good fortune. Put the toys away and concentrate on showing off your talents.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): It doesn't pay to want what you can't have. But a little effort in the right place can help you make extra cash to afford what you can have. Don't be discouraged by minor annoyances.

Beetle Bailey

By Mort Walker



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Heirloom gifts to grandkids are given with future in mind

DEAR ABBY: I disagree with your advice to "Not Ungrateful," regarding the beautiful dolls that were sent to her children by their grandfather.

I run a children's store. Not all grandparents want to give a gift that might end up in a garage sale or giveaway box years down the road. Many want to give a special gift that their grandchild will enjoy later and that will be a special memory of when the children are older. Keepsakes are treasures that can be cherished long after the grandparents are gone.

Special gifts should be put aside until the children are old enough to play with them and enjoy them. Be sure to remind the children that Grandpa gave the gifts when they were babies because he thought they were so special. Cuddly stuffed animals are cute for babies, but generally don't last, nor is their origin ever truly appreciated by the child. So let Grandpa give the most special gifts he can. Those gifts are worth receiving at any age.

—VICKI IN CODY, WYO.



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

My disappointment turned to pride as my parents explained they were a special gift — my "first pearls" — to be worn when I became a young lady. The case graced my dresser top for years, until I was finally deemed "old enough" to wear the elegant necklace.

I still cherish the pearls and their memories of a sweet godfather I rarely saw, and of the times I would carefully open that fancy case and rub the pearls against my cheek, daydreaming of someday being a lady. Let other friends buy their children the soft things they can play with now. "Not Ungrateful's" father-in-law may also intend for the fancy dolls to be future heirlooms.

—SENTIMENTAL IN SEABECK, WASH.

DEAR ABBY: When my granddaughter was born, my mother gave her a chest of sterling silver flatware because she calculated that she wouldn't be here when "that baby grows up," and the price of sterling silver would be out of reach. Through the years, we have added serving pieces to match. Now that my granddaughter is married (and my mother is no longer with us), she has a beautiful service for eight thanks to her great-grandmother.

When it was determined that my step-grandbaby was to be a girl, I bought the prettiest, most expensive doll I could find, as I wanted her first doll to be special. For her first birthday we gave her a diamond drop necklace with instructions that it was to be put away but worn on her wedding day. Because of our advanced age, we won't be alive when she is married, and we wanted to be part of her very special day.

—ANN G., TUPELO, MISSY.

DEAR ANN: I'd say your step-grandbaby is a lucky little girl — and not because of the jewelry.

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Odyssey 6 11:11-12:11
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Lory Cable Guy 11:11 7:00 - 9:45
 12 Brides 11:11 7:00 - 9:45
The Hills Have Eyes (R) 8:30 - 9:45
 Slaughter 11:11 7:15 - 9:30
 Takes the Lead 11:11 7:00 - 9:50
Jerome 11:11-12:11
 I still cherish the pearls and their memories of a sweet godfather I rarely saw, and of the times I would carefully open that fancy case and rub the pearls against my cheek, daydreaming of someday being a lady. Let other friends buy their children the soft things they can play with now. "Not Ungrateful's" father-in-law may also intend for the fancy dolls to be future heirlooms.
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Even red states get the blues

It seems that only yesterday American politics appeared to have found its true colors: Republican Red and Democratic Blue, the visual shorthand for an electorate that most thought had become immutably divided by geography and partisanship into red states and blue.

But political fashions quickly changed, and so have the colors of this year's political map.

RICHARD MORIN

States that were once reliably red are turning pink. Some are no longer red but a sort of powder blue. In fact, a solid majority of residents in states that President Bush carried in 2004 now disapprove of the job he is doing as president. Views of the GOP have also soured in those Republican red states.

According to the latest Washington Post-ABC News poll, Bush's overall job approval rating now averages 43 percent in the states where he beat Democratic nominee John Kerry two years ago, while 57 percent disapprove of his performance.

Bush is even marginally unpopular at least on average, in states where he beat Kerry with relative ease. The poll data suggest that in states where the president's victory margin was greater than five percentage points, his average job approval currently stands at 47 percent. Really? Hardly. A watery pink at best.

And in states where the president's victory margin was five percentage points or less, a clear majority of residents now disapprove of his performance. Color them light blue.

More ominously for Republicans, their party also has lost standing with the public. Residents of states Bush won in 2004 say they trust the Democrats (48 percent) more than the Republicans (42 percent) to deal with the country's biggest problems.

Those humbling numbers for Republicans are a far cry from the results of surveys taken immediately before the 2004 election. Back then, red states were bright red: Bush's overall job approval rating stood 13 points higher, at 56 percent in states that he eventually won. And throughout Bush's first term it was the GOP and not the Democrats whom voters in these states trusted to deal with the country's biggest problems, sometimes by double-digit margins.

Blue states are still blue — but it is a deeper, bolder and angrier blue, the latest Post-ABC poll suggests. Across states where Kerry defeated Bush two years ago, barely a third — 33 percent — currently approve of the president's overall performance, while 65 percent disapprove. That's a 12-point drop in this group of states from a Post-ABC survey conducted before the presidential vote.

Taken together, these find-



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ings underscore the fact that Bush's fall from public grace isn't just occurring in states that were colored blue after the last presidential election. And they once again prove that change is inevitable in politics and that last year's received wisdom has a way of becoming this year's political myth.

To see if the political palette has changed, I divided the 1,027 survey respondents in our latest poll into four groups on the basis of how their states voted in the 2004 presidential election. Those who lived in states where Bush won by more than five percentage points were aggregated together. So were those in states where Bush beat Kerry by a smaller margin. Residents of states that went for Kerry were split into two groups using the same five-percentage-point rule to differentiate big Kerry wins from more modest victories.

Of course some states are still dependably Republican. But even these are not quite as red as they were a few years ago. For example, Utah residents showered Bush with 72 percent of their votes in 2004, his biggest win that year. But the latest statewide poll by the Deseret Morning News/KSL-TV suggests that 61 percent approve of the job Bush is doing as president, a double-digit drop in approval since June. "Bush is dragging down every Republican officeholder in the nation, even here," pollster Dan Jones, a political science professor at the University of Utah, told the Morning News.

Other recent state polls con-

firm the broad findings of the aggregate analysis. In Iowa, Bush beat Kerry by a single percentage point — 50 percent to 49 percent — and before the election, residents were equally divided over his overall job performance. Not so now: Bush's approval rating had sunk to 37 percent in a Des Moines Register poll conducted in January, his worst showing ever.

Richard Morin is The Washington Post's director of polling.

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Mexican tourist bus plunges off cliff, killing 60

VERACRUZ, Mexico (AP) — A bus carrying Mexican tourists plunged off a 650-foot cliff Monday, killing at least 60 people in a crash police said could have been caused by brake failure on the steep mountainous roads. Three people were injured, and authorities said the number of dead could increase as rescuers search for more bodies. Police did not immediately

know what caused the wreck, but were investigating whether the driver was going too fast or whether the bus's brakes failed as it was descending one of the many winding roads in the area, said Ramulo Marquez Hernandez, deputy secretary of civil protection for Veracruz state, where the crash occurred. Federal Preventive Police official Arturo Corona told W Radio

that the bus was traveling about as fast as 70 mph. Buses often are required to operate at speeds as low as 60 mph. He said a preliminary investigation indicated that the bus's higher-than-normal speed may have been caused by brake failure. Two of the injured passengers were taken unconscious to hospitals. The condition of the

third, an 8-year-old girl, was not immediately known. Hundreds of thousands of Mexicans filled the highways Sunday and Monday as they returned from Easter week vacations. The holiday typically sees a large number of highway deaths. The highway where the bus was traveling is considered to be one of the 15 most dangerous in the country, Corona said.

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SPORTS

Red Sox edge Mariners

BOSTON (AP) — Mark Loreto to hit a two-out, two-run homer in the bottom of the ninth on Monday and the Boston Red Sox rallied past the Seattle Mariners 7-6 Monday in the annual Pateco game.

David Ortiz homered twice for Boston. Carl Everett connected for Seattle, which took a 6-5 lead in the ninth on pinch-hitter Roberto Petagine's RBI grounder.

Mariners reliever Eddie Guardado struck out the first two batters in the ninth. Kevin Youkilis then hit a grounder up the middle and second baseman Jose Lopez made a diving stop, but his throw to first was a shade late.

Youkilis missed his arms after beating the play for an infield single, and Loreto followed with his first home run for the Red Sox. Loreto's shot landed in the Monster Seats, where moments earlier many fans turned around to watch the women's leader of the Boston Marathon running through Kenmore Square.

Mike Timlin (1-0) took the win and Guardado (0-1) took the loss.



Boston Red Sox designated hitter David Ortiz watches as his first inning solo home run clears the center field wall at Fenway park in Boston Monday.

Indians 10, Tigers 2
DETROIT — Paul Byrd pitched seven solid innings and Casey Blake's solo homer sparked a six-run third inning for the Indians.

Chris Shelton hit his ninth homer for Detroit. He tied for the major league lead. Despite the solo shot, the Tigers went 2-5 on their homestand after winning five of their first six games.

The Indians won minus manager Eric Wedge, who was back in Cleveland for the birth of his first child earlier in the day.

Orioles 4, Angels 2
BALTIMORE — Miguel Tejada hit a two-run homer and Daniel Cabrera allowed one run in seven innings for the Orioles.

Grian Roberts drove in two runs for Baltimore, which built a 4-0 lead in the first two innings against Jeff Weaver (0-2). Baltimore took three of four games in Baltimore after going 2-4 against the Angels a year ago.

White Sox 9, Royals 0
CHICAGO — Jose Contreras and relievers combined on a one-hitter, sending Kansas City to its eighth straight loss.

Paul Konerko and Joe Crede homered in a five-run first off loss in Chicago (0-2) as Contreras pitched his seventh win in eighth games.

National League
Astros 10, Diamondbacks 0
PHOENIX — Adam Everett drove in three runs with a homer and a double, and Wandy Rodriguez allowed two runs through seven innings to lead Houston to its second shutout in three games.

Morgan Ensberg was 3-for-4

Martinez (3-0) struck out eight in 6 2/3 innings, allowing three runs and six hits. He is 20-84, the fewest losses for any pitcher with 200 wins.

Cardinals 2, Pirates 1
PITTSBURGH — Albert Pujols tied a major-league record by hitting three consecutive at-bats. Jason Marquis pitched eight innings of three-hit ball and St. Louis Cardinals won their third straight.

It was the 35th time in Major League history that a player has homered in four straight at-bats. Carlos Delgado, then with the Toronto Blue Jays, last did it Sept. 25, 2003.

Marquis (3-0) retired 14 in a row in one stretch and Jason Izturis worked the ninth for his fourth save.

Reds 9, Marlins 1
CINCINNATI — Adam Dunn hit his eighth homer and Brandon Claussen pitched seven shutout innings, leading the Cincinnati to a victory over Florida.

Dunn extended his week-long power surge with a two-run homer in the first inning — his last six hits have been homers. Austin Kearns also had a solo shot, and Brandon Phillips drove in four runs with a double and a pair of singles.

Claussen (1-1) gave up five hits and striking out seven in seven innings.

Brian Moehler (0-3) gave up eight runs in five-plus innings.

Robinson

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way and learn," Perez said, "and the way Frank played the game was something I wanted to learn. He had a lot of talent, and he played his heart out."

Fans in Cincinnati still remember the 1965 trade that sent Robinson to Baltimore, with Milt Pappas, Jack Baldschun and Dick Simpson going to the Reds. For Robinson, the memoire learning of the blockbuster deal is as vivid as his major league debut.

"Dec. 9 at 5:45 p.m. — I was getting ready to go bowling and had a nice steak dinner," Robinson said. "They messaged it up. I had my worst bowling night."

The trade turned out to be a steal for the Orioles and good for Robinson. He won the Triple Crown and MVP award in 1966 and led them to the World Series four times.

He describes his seasons in Baltimore as his most successful, though not necessarily his best. "My first year, you can't top that," he said. "And '61 was a very good year. But the stretch he had in Baltimore defined my career as a player because we had success as a team. That's what it's really about. Most people think of him as I played 10 years for Cincinnati."

Robinson's combative nature sometimes rubbed the opposition the wrong way, even after he retired as a player. But he always found a way to stay in the game as a manager, coach or administrator.

"People have to like you," he said. "I guess the bottom line is that for 50 years, people wanted to pay you for what you're doing."

He became baseball's first black manager in 1975 with the

legged victim. Nifong has said 75 percent to 80 percent of rape prosecutions failed because of DNA evidence.

According to court records, a medical examination of the woman found injuries consistent with rape.

There were numerous conferences involving defense lawyers and members of the district attorney's office in hallways of the courthouse Monday morning. At several points during the day, Nifong declined to comment when asked about

the case. At Duke, the university's chief spokesman said the school knew little about what had taken place in court.

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T.F. wins WR track meet

Late Friday Track

Bruins take District IV All-Class

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls boys and girls captured team wins last Friday at the District IV-All Class track meet hosted by Wood River in Twin Falls.

The Bruins boys amassed 189 team points, the girls 205. The Filber boys and Bruin girls finished second.

Twin Falls sprinter Brody Miller took the 100 meters with a scorching 10.4 second run and then won the 200 meters in a time of 22.3 seconds.

Twin Falls girls sprinter Britany Ward took the 100 meters in a time of 12.3 seconds as well as the long jump, while Bruin's Stephanie Johnson won the 3,200 and 1,600 meter runs.

Local sports

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Late Saturday Amateur boxing

Carnells take two in Rexburg

REXBURG — Local amateur boxers Cortyn Carnell, 10, and brother Jayce, 15, captured wins in Rexburg on Saturday.

Both won by unanimous decision, with Cortyn defeating Ft. Hall's Francisco Martinez and Jayce beating Driggs' Jose Perez.

Brother Jayce Carnell, 14, dropped a split decision to Robert Cerino of Ft. Hall.

All three are from Jerome and fight out of the Brit-Cam Boxing Club. Their next competition will be at the Idaho State Junior Olympic Championships May 6 in Nampa.

Spurs stomp Jazz, clinch Southwest Division

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Manu Ginobili scored 18 points and Tim Duncan added 16 to help the Spurs clinch the Southwest Division title and the best record in the Western Conference with a 115-82 win over the Jazz.

The Spurs earned the No. 1 seed and homecourt advantage throughout the Western Conference playoffs.

San Antonio (62-19) took a 19-point lead into the fourth quarter and led by as many as 36 points, allowing the Spurs to rest their starters as the playoffs draw near.

Bulls 116, Magic 112 07
ORLANDO, Fla. — Kirk Hinrich had 26 points and 10 assists and Andres Nocioni scored 24 to help the Chicago Bulls beat the Orlando Magic 116-112 in overtime on Monday night.

Chicago has won five straight and with a little bit of help can move up to the fifth seed in the Eastern Conference. The Bulls (40-41) are currently tied for sixth with Indiana and Milwaukee, a half-game behind Washington.

Chicago hosts Toronto on Wednesday in its regular season finale.

Bucks 113, Pistons 93
MILWAUKEE — Michael Redd and Bobby Simmons each scored 19 points and the Bucks beat Detroit as the Pistons ended two of their top three records.

The victory temporarily vaults the Bucks into the No. 6 playoff seed in the Eastern Conference, and gives them a shot at the fifth seed in their regular season finale at Washington on Tuesday night.

The Pistons deactivated Rashad Wallace and Richard Hamilton, giving them a chance to rest in preparation for the playoffs. The Pistons couldn't make up for their absence.

Carlos Delino and Amir Johnson had 18 points each to lead Detroit.

Cavaliers 93, Celtics 88
BOSTON — Larry Hughes had 21 points, six assists and five steals to help Cleveland overcome the absence of LeBron James and beat the Celtics.

Anderson Varejao added 14 points and Damon Jones had 12 points for the Cavaliers, who swept the Celtics for the first time in franchise history.

Bobcats 98, Knicks 91
NEW YORK — Raymond Felton had 16 points and a

season-high 14 assists to lead Charlotte over the Knicks, who tied a franchise record with their 59th loss.

Pacers 120, Raptors 95
TORONTO — Peja Stojakovic scored 27 points and the Pacers ended a nine-game road losing streak.

Stojakovic was one of four Indiana players to have at least 20 points before the start of the fourth quarter.

Anthony Johnson added 22, Stephen Jackson had 21 and Jermaine O'Neal 20 for the Pacers, who are trying to improve their seeding in the Eastern Conference playoffs.

Indiana already clinched its ninth straight playoff appearance.

Rockets 86, Nuggets 83
DENVER — Juwan Howard scored a season-high 31 points and Houston handed the play-off-bound Nuggets their third straight loss by scoring the final 11 points.

Juwan Howard had a steal and dunk for the go-ahead score with 13.4 seconds left as the Rockets, a team going nowhere, won for only the second time in nine games.

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WHAT'S ON T.V.

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HOCKEY
Sabres at Hurricanes, OLN, 8 p.m.

BASEBALL

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LSU's Thomas declares, but Big Bay is staying
BAYON ROUGE La. — LSU freshman forward Tyus Thomas declared for the NBA draft Monday, while sophomores...

Sonics retain Hill as coach for next season
SEATTLE — The Seattle SuperSonics have determined that missing the playoffs wasn't...

Unlon: Titans deny not allowing QB to work out
NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Tennessee Titans deny they breached their contract with Steve McNair in a response to the quarterback to work out on their property...

Griffey's leg still giving him problems
CINCINNATI — A muscle behind Ken Griffey Jr.'s right leg will likely keep him from forcing him out of the Cincinnati Reds' starting lineup for the fifth straight game...

Astros sue insurance company over Bagwell
HOUSTON — The Houston Astros have sued an insurance company claiming breach of contract because the company has denied the claims claim that...

Larry Brown misses third straight game
NEW YORK — Knicks coach Larry Brown missed his third straight game Monday night because of a sore ankle, but he could still be back on the bench this season...

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New York Yankees — Acquired from Pittsburgh...

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SPORTS

Top drivers need to hit the gas

By Jenna Fryer
Associated Press writer

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Matt Kenseth predicted that a driver can have a horrible start to the season and still recover in time to make the Chase for the championship.

But near the bottom of the standings, he used a frantic summer push to put himself back into contention.

But the Nextel Cup series starts a stretch of 14 straight races, several top-name drivers will have to follow Kenseth's model or risk being shut out of the playoffs.

Eight of the 10 drivers who qualified for the Chase last season ranked in the top 10 in points after the fourth race of the season, and Kenseth (who was 31st) and Jeremy Mayfield (21st) were the only two to rally their way in. Although the 2006 season is only seven races old, here's a look at which drivers are in the biggest trouble:

1. Jeremy Mayfield (currently ranked 35th):

GREENVILLE, S.C. (AP) — Louise Smith, the first woman inducted into the International Motorsports Hall of Fame in 1999, has died. She was 89.

Smith, remembered as "the first lady of racing," was on the NASCAR circuit from 1945-56. Known for her fearless style, she won 38 modified events.

"It was hard on me," she told The Associated Press in an interview in 1990. "Then men were not liking it to start with and they wouldn't give you an inch."

Smith died Saturday, and the family was to receive friends and hold funeral services Monday, according to a Westville Funeral Home in Greenville. Smith had battled cancer and been in hospice care, one of her nieces, Dora E. Owens, told The Greenville News.

She got her start in racing when young promoter Bill France was looking for a way to get people into the track. He asked about female drivers, and someone mentioned Smith.

France started NASCAR on the road to his dynasty in part by sending Smith to tracks in the Northeast and Canada.

"We didn't think this was going anywhere," Smith said. "If we went out of state, it was like we went to heaven."

Benny Parsons, a longtime NASCAR star, former series champion and now a TV analyst, said Smith was like losing a piece of history. Parsons said it was hard for racing to find female drivers, noting that hope Dan Patrick brought to open-wheel racing last year when she became the first woman to lead a lap at Indianapolis and was the race rookie of the year.

"If we could find a Louise Smith here in 2006 to get in there and finish fourth in the Daytona 500, imagine what that would do for NASCAR Nextel Cup racing," Parsons said.

Smith was a barnstormer who ran for \$100 to \$150 in first prizes and some extra appearance money. She mixed with Curtis Turner, Ralph Earnhardt, Bill Snowden, Buddy Shuman and Buck Baker.

"We ended in a gang. If one of us had a hot dog, we'd all get a bite as long as it held out," she told AP.

Smith was remembered for some spectacular crashes, too. In 1947, she went to watch the beach races at Daytona in her husband's new Ford coupe, but when she arrived she had to race. So she entered the shiny new car — and you guessed it — wrecked.

Parsons called it "the greatest story of all."

"Her husband said, 'Where's the car, Louise?' And she said, 'That ol' trap broke down in Augusta and she says she had to show her the newspaper. The wrecked car was on the front page.'"

Smith quit racing in 1956, but stayed close to the track, working with Darlington Raceway's pageant before she resigned as grand patron in November 1989 after serving more than a decade.

"It's still hard for me to leave a race track," she said. "I could stay forever."



Mayfield made the Chase the past two seasons using solid summer runs to get in, only to struggle once the playoffs began. Even though he finished at the back of the Chase both years, there was still some pride in simply being eligible to run for the Nextel Cup title.

The way things stand now, Mayfield has very little to feel good about.

He has yet to notch a top-10 finish this season, and his best showing was a 16th last month at Bristol Motor Speedway. Meanwhile, teammate Casey Kahne has won two races and Scott Riggs is ranked seven spots higher — despite missing the season-opening Daytona 500.

Car owner Ray Evernham says Mayfield is struggling with off-season changes the team made to all its cars.

Kahne has taken off with the new adjustments, and Riggs is

also pleased. But Mayfield is uncomfortable in the cars, and if that doesn't change soon, his season will be written off.

2. Bobby Labonte (29th):

Everyone has high hopes for Labonte being the final piece in an aggressive turnaround effort at Petty Enterprises.

In his first season driving the No. 43 Dodge that Richard Petty made famous, Labonte has shown the potential for giving the company a lift. He was fast at Daytona and Atlanta — where he even led early — but has been hampered by bad luck.

Although he has two top-10 finishes, he's wound up 30th or worse in his other five races. And at Atlanta, where he looked to have a car capable of winning the race, engine failure relegated him to a last-place finish.

Perhaps no one expected the

2000 series champion to contend this year, but Labonte thinks he can, and will need this stretch to prove it.

3. Roush Racing:

Greg Biffle has been good this year, and his spot in the standings can really be blamed on bad luck — engine failure, an accident and running out of gas ruined three cars capable of winning. He also had a flat tire in Bristol that took him out of contention. But Biffle, who was runner-up to champion Tony Stewart last season, has enough time left to turn it around.

Carl Edwards is iffy, especially since Roush Racing just shook up his team to help fix McMurray's issues.

Edwards was spectacular in last year's rookie season, teaming with crew chief Bob Osborne to win four races and finish third in the final standings. Yes, he's stuck back in 22nd right now, but has three accidents to blame for his current woes.

Turning it around in time to make the Chase might not be so

easy for Edwards now that Osborne has been reassigned to aid Jamie McMurray's ailments. McMurray has not been competitive in his first season at Roush — and he broke in with a team that won the championship two seasons ago.

Perhaps Osborne can turn it around in time to save McMurray's season — albeit at Edwards' expense.

4. Ryan Newman (18th):

Much like Mayfield, Newman seems to be struggling with the handling of his Dodges. His Penske Racing team tried to circumvent the issue by giving him Intrepids to drive.

But Dodge doesn't want its drivers in the outdated model, and Newman must now get behind the wheel of the Charger.

If Newman can get comfortable quickly, he'll make the Chase. But he'll need to improve in several areas — including qualifying. He's the best in the business at going fast for one lap, and has 35 career poles (eight last season) to show for it. But Newman has yet to take

the top qualifying spot this year.

5. Kurt Busch (17th):

Busch has had some bad luck in his first season with Penske. He had chances to win at Daytona and Atlanta until accidents contributed to three of his finishes of 34th or worse.

He did, however, score a victory at Bristol.

But winning that race meant bumping former teammate Kenseth out of the way. When he had contact with Biffle — another former teammate — at Texas two weeks ago it began to look like Busch has not kept any of the few friends he actually has.

That could be trouble when his Chase eligibility on the line. Busch may not find too many friendly faces willing to give him the inch here or there that he may need to make the playoffs.

But Busch is a former series champion, and a skilled driver. He'll do what he has to do to work his way into contention — regardless of whom he alienates along the way.

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Stocks of local interest

Albertsons	\$25.35	▲ .09
Con Agra	\$21.33	▲ .14
Deft Inc.	\$28.85	▲ .50
Idcorp	\$32.66	▲ .08
Micron	\$15.12	▲ .08
SuperValu	\$39.31	no change

Commodities

Oil, by barrel	\$70.40	▲ 1.08
(May, light, sweet crude)		
Live cattle	\$82.60	▲ .72
Gold (June)	\$618.8	▲ 1.67

LIVESTOCK TRACKING PROGRAM Feds won't require livestock birth dates

By Libby Quaid Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — A livestock tracking system planned by the government will not include the age of animals, despite the key role age has played in mad cow disease investigations.

Agriculture Department officials say they don't want to overburden ranchers and can track most birth dates. Critics said the omission could make the system worthless.

"So what's the point of having this animal ID system? This is one fact you actually really need to know when it comes to mad cow," said Jean Halloran, director of food policy initiatives at Consumers Union.

The department promised to create the system after the nation's first case of mad cow two years ago and has already spent \$84 million on it. Earlier this month, Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns promised it would be in place by 2009.

The system also applies to pigs and chickens and to many other diseases. But the controversy is about mad cow disease, medically known as bovine spongiform encephalopathy, or BSE.

"When you're dealing with contagious diseases such as foot-and-mouth disease or exotic Newcastle, age really isn't all that important," department spokeswoman Dore Mobley said. "It's important

when you're talking about BSE, to estimate when an animal may have become infected.

The goal is to allow authorities, within 48 hours after a disease is discovered, to pinpoint a single animal's movements. Industry groups are collecting and keeping the data which the government intends to tap when there is an outbreak.

Mad cow doesn't spread like the flu, scientists say. It spreads only when cattle eat feed containing diseased cattle tissue.

On the Net:
Agriculture Department
<http://www.usda.gov>

Ground-up cattle remains were once commonly added to cattle feed as protein, but the government essentially halted the practice nine years ago.

The age of infected cattle may indicate whether the safeguard is working. So far, infected cattle in the U.S. appear to have been born before the feed restrictions took effect.

However, Iowa Sen. Tom Harkin pointed out, investigators still don't know the exact age of the Alabama cow that was identified last month as the third U.S. case of mad cow. Experts relied on the Alabama cow's teeth to determine she was probably 10 years old.

"The age of livestock is a relatively basic piece of information," said Harkin, senior De-

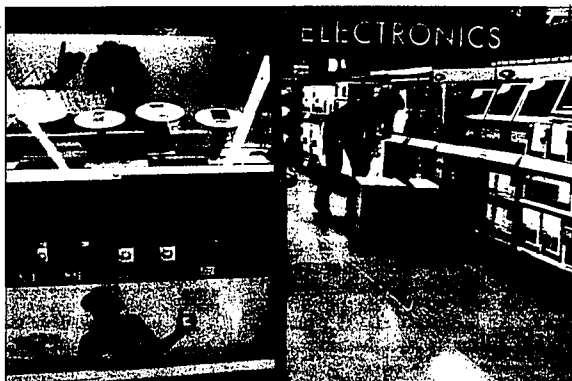
partment on the Senate Agriculture Committee.

The nation's dominant cattle producer group agrees: The National Cattlemen's Beef Association helped create a livestock tracking system that includes animal ages.

"The more important thing, though, for disease surveillance is to have movement information," said Jay Trout, a lobbyist for the group.

"Should they be asking for it? Probably," he said of the Agriculture Department. "So we've got trying to figure out what they're looking for and just tried to build a system that is really meeting the marketplace expectations right now, and date of birth is one of those factors."

"The culture remains frugal and very focused on costs and price ... It is going to be very hard to change the culture of the company."
— Charles Fishman, author of "The Wal-Mart Effect."



Christy Herbstreit, with Hewlett Packard, stocks the shelves at Wal-Mart Stores Inc.'s new upscale store on March 23 in Plano, Texas. A few years ago, customers would not have imagined Wal-Mart selling \$5,000 diamond rings or \$2,000 plasma TVs, but the retailer is now offering attractive deals in more upscale products.

Changing Wal-Mart Retailer responds to critics by recasting image

By Anne D'Innocenzi Associated Press writer

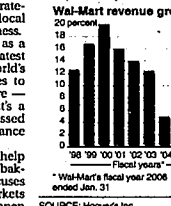
NEW YORK — After years of accusations that it stores the most expensive of smaller merchants, Wal-Mart Stores Inc. is undertaking an unusual strategy: helping competing local establishments stay in business.

Wal-Mart recasting itself as a friendly neighbor? It's the latest course change by the world's largest merchant as it tries to modify its corporate culture — and the perception that it's a ruthless competitor obsessed with maintaining its dominance of the retail industry.

Wal-Mart's proposal to help rival small businesses, from bakeries to hardware stores, focuses on lighted urban markets where the retailer plans to open 50 stores within the next two years. The efforts will range from giving those businesses financial grants to producing free radio ads that will be broadcast on its

Slowing growth

Wal-Mart's annual sales over the past three years have grown at a slower pace than in previous years.



Wal-Mart's fiscal year 2006 ended Jan. 31. SOURCE: Hoover's Inc. AP

has embraced organic products from baby clothes to fish caught in ecologically friendly ways.

And the company, which has long been shrouded in secrecy, is trying to appear more transparent. Late last year, it sponsored a debate among a group of economists about whether Wal-Mart is good or bad for the economy. And it's holding its second annual media conference starting Tuesday near its Bentonville, Arkansas, headquarters, to share information about the company, from its plans to improve its stores to updates on its employee health care proposals.

The changes are Wal-Mart's response to critics, particularly union-backed groups, who have long argued that the company has exploited the business model of folkier founder Sam Walton, putting profits before its own employees and towns and cities where it does business.

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Job search workshop set for Wednesday

TWIN FALLS — The Idaho Commerce and Labor's office, formerly Job Service, will conduct a Job Search Workshop at 771 North College Road tomorrow starting at 9:30 a.m. It will last about two hours. Topics to be covered include completing applications, resume writing, cover letters and interviewing techniques. The workshops are open to the public at no cost. To register, please call 735-2500, seating is limited.

Jerome ambassadors' event Wednesday

JEROME — The Jerome Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors Club will hold its April Business After Hours event from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Jerome Recreation Center. Business leaders and others are invited to check out the center's new facilities and network with fellow business people. Prizes will be awarded. Refreshments will be served.

Body IQ raising money for St. Jude's

TWIN FALLS — Body IQ Women's Fitness is sponsoring a month long fundraiser for St. Jude Children's Hospital. It is offering a reduced sign up fee for new members of \$15. All of the collected sign up fees for the entire month of April will be donated to the children's charity. St. Jude Children's Research Hospital asks children with cancer to regard to race, religion, creed or ability to pay. For information, or to donate, contact Kaylin Valpandant at 737-0800.

Crude oil prices hit another record

WASHINGTON — Oil prices scudded at a record high above \$70 a barrel on Monday, rising more than \$1 on concerns about supply disruptions in Nigeria and diplomatic tensions between the West and Iran over Tehran's nuclear ambitions. So long as these and other geopolitical issues persist, analysts said it will be difficult for prices to climb above \$75, they say.

— unless there is a significant drop-off in demand, which has not materialized. In the short-term, oil prices could climb above \$75, they say.

The nationwide average for regular unleaded is now \$2.78 per gallon, or 55 cents higher than last year, according to the Energy Department.

Wendy's CEO retiring

DUBLIN, Ohio — Wendy's International Inc., the nation's third largest hamburger chain, said Monday that chairman and CEO Jack Schuessler has retired.

Schuessler, 55, who joined Wendy's in 1976, spent six years as chief executive.

Kerill B. Anderson, executive vice president and chief financial officer, will take over as interim CEO of the company, said James Pickett, a longtime member of Wendy's board, will serve as chairman.

— Compiled from staff and wire reports

As its watts rose, so did Hispanic station's clout

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — The owners of a Spanish-language radio station say that boosting the station's power from 1,000 to 38,000 watts has allowed them to help unify the Hispanic community in southeastern Idaho.

Brothers Albino Ortega and Efrain Ortega bought Radio Fiesta (KIGO 1420-AM) last year.

"Radio is at the forefront of communicating to the Hispanic market," said Ted Austin, who sold KIGO to the Ortegas, told the Post Register. "It's a great service to that market that has not been served any other way."

The brothers were operating a radio station in Jerome in southern Idaho when the FCC license to broadcast out of St. Anthony was put up for sale, they decided to buy it.

They moved the studio to Idaho Falls and built transmission towers outside Rigby, broadcasting at 1,000 watts. In March, they started broadcasting at 38,000 watts.

"We started getting a lot of calls from Montana, Jackson, American Falls," Albino Ortega said. "We're getting a lot of calls from people wanting to run ads."

Jerome beginnings

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McDonald's ramps up publicity amid increasing criticism

By John Schmetzer Knight Ridder News Service

CHICAGO — Facing yet more criticism over the healthfulness of the food it offers, McDonald's Corp. has responded by intensifying its efforts to sway public opinion through the news media.

"I wouldn't call it a campaign," McDonald's chief executive, Jim Skinner, said Monday in announcing the global promotion. "We need to do a better job telling our story."

The publicity effort comes amid more slings and arrows pointed at the hamburger giant.

Next month, Eric Schlosser, the author of "Fast Food Nation," a harshly critical study of the industry, releases a new co-authored



"We need to do a better job telling our story."
— McDonald's CEO Jim Skinner

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Robot maker sees money in Mars

By Tanya Caldwell Los Angeles Times

PASADENA, Calif. — Rene Fradet has dreams for his small company that are out of this world.

His plan: Make money on Mars, and then bring that technology back to Earth. For nearly nine years, Alliance Space Systems Inc. has been creating robots to explore the red planet for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, while dabbling in devices for everyday earthlings.

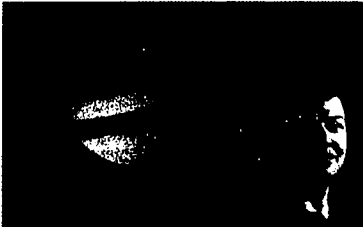
"We're focused on the aerospace market," said Fradet, one of three engineers who left the Jet Propulsion Laboratory to start ASI. "But we're looking to apply that to the commercial market."

For now, the Pasadena company's primary mission is making machines to function on other planets. There's a robot that hops, a contraption that digs for interesting gases and a tiny camera on wheels, among other things.

The aerospace company's biggest success has been the robotic arms it engineered for

NASA's Mars rovers. The contract for the arms, which allow the two rovers to probe the Martian soil, propelled the fledgling company's initial growth in late 1997.

Back then, ASI had only three employees — Fradet and co-founders Scott VanderZyl and Jim Staats. Using a machine shop hauled over from VanderZyl's garage, the three were making parts for satellite testing equipment when they landed the rover contract.



Rene Fradet says his final frontier is to "take technology from outer space and apply it to commercial entities."

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MONEY

COMING THIS WEEK Analysts predicting dip in housing starts nationally

By William Sluis Knight Ridder News Service

Bright sunshine has cascaded over the housing market for at least a half-dozen years as buyers feasted on ultra-low mortgage rates. For many, signing up for a house meant getting a loan with a "teaser" rate that would hold artificially low for one or two years, or longer.

However, as the Federal Reserve has tightened credit over the last 21 months, "teaser" mortgages have become harder to find. Meanwhile, homeowners are watching anxiously as the value of their mortgage debt written at a rate around 4 percent comes due. They know that new, much higher loan rates will inflict devastating pain in their wallets.

Analysts are predicting that Tuesday's report of March housing starts will show a dip from about 1.5 million to an annual rate of 2.03 million in February, 2.12 million in February.

Chicago economist Diane Swonk says home sales in 2006 likely will drop by 8 percent, with much of the slowdown taking place in the second half of the year.

"A sharp increase in home prices relative to incomes has undermined affordability," said Swonk, of Mesirow Financial. "That is pushing homes out of reach of buyers at the lower end of the income strata."

In the months ahead, she says trade-up buyers, who are seeing the economy's fastest income gains, "are likely to play a more dominant role than

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first-time buyers.

A weak spot in the market, according to S&P's houses priced at \$1 million or more, which are wallowing in excess supply following high levels of speculative buying.

Bull market expected to slow

At the ripe old age of 43 months, some Wall Street analysts believe the bull market in the stock market is starting to slow down. A big test comes over the next two weeks, as first-quarter corporate profits roll out.

Floorsome-based investment adviser Richard Evans is telling clients that trading is about to go choppy, adding, "the market could undergo a rolling series of fairly sizeable short-sell-offs, on the order of 6 to 9 percent, or perhaps one bigger bang."

Wal-Mart

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"The notion that Sam Walton cared about his workers, and the community, those positive aspects have gone," said Chris Kellins, spokesman for Wal-Mart's UpWalMart.com, a campaign group funded by the United Food and Commercial Workers. He described the recently announced moves as a series of public relations stunts.

Analyst says that although Wal-Mart is used to succeeding, it has no guarantees in this endeavor, especially since its core business model — built around offering incredibly low prices — went change.

Mars

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The company had 18 months to develop 2 1/2 years of work, and quickly added another 17 employees to get the job done. Fradet said. Most of the company's business came from that first unit, attracted by funding from private investors. ASI has attracted other aerospace customers since then, he said.

"We may have had a hiccup here and there, but for the most part, we've pulled through," Fradet said.

Now, with about 600 projects under its belt, ASI is more than doubling its size by acquiring Vision Composites Inc., a Signal Hill, Calif.-based company that specializes in manufacturing aerospace equipment out of lightweight, high-tech composite materials.

ASI and Vision previously collaborated on projects, including the Mars rovers. Combined, the two companies have 65 employees and about \$12.5 million in annual sales, a transaction, announced last

and very focused on costs and price ... It is going to be very hard to change the culture of the company," said Charles Fishman, author of "The Wal-Mart Effect," a book on the company's impact on the national economy. "Their image of themselves is powerfully false, and our shoppers are very powerfully false."

As part of its ongoing cost-cutting campaign, Wal-Mart plans to become more reliant on part-time workers, which currently account for about 20 percent of its workforce.

Some analysts say Wal-Mart actually won't be foisted in the future on offering the cheapest

prices, but will try instead to offer the best value in different merchandise categories. A few years ago, customers would have imagined Wal-Mart selling \$5,000 diamond rings or \$2,000 plasma TVs, but the retailer is now offering deals in more upscale products.

But what Wal-Mart has come to the realization that it cannot be focused on low-prices alone," said C. Britt Beemer, chairman of America's Research Group. "They need a broader offering."

Wal-Mart, whose officials declined to be interviewed, has a lot at stake. Its stock has fallen 20 percent over the

past two years, and is now trading at about \$45. And the company is finding it harder to sustain profit growth. In the first three months of this year, as it struggles with higher expenses. For the year ended Jan. 31, Wal-Mart said net sales were up 9.5 percent to \$12.4 billion and net income rose 8.4 percent to \$1.2 billion, or \$2.68 per share.

Wal-Mart has also had very public legal problems from a failed labor law violation to charges of gender discrimination. It's also fighting legislation aimed at making the company more generous with its health care benefits.

month is expected to close in July. Terms were not disclosed.

"It's such a nice fit," Fradet said. "Vision's composite manufacturing capability combined with ASI's engineering capability will allow us to compete for opportunities that were not available to either of us in the past."

ASI's latest venture is a \$5 million robotic arm for another Mars rover called the Phoenix, which was commissioned by the nearby JPL.

Now, with the 7-foot arm was lying on a lab table in a sterilized "clean room" aglow with fluorescent lights. Passers-by could observe the company's newest addition through an oversized interior window, much like looking in on a newborn at a hospital.

That's the robotic arm that is Mars' first robot, not said from outside the room, pointing up at a photo of the Mars Rover Opportunity, which was tacked onto a bulletin board above the lab. The other rover, called Spirit, also sports

an ASI arm. Spirit's robotic arm was just about complete, but it wasn't much of a looker. Long, metallic pipes extended from one branch of the arm to the other, and were connected by shafts that served as technology's rendition of the human shoulder, elbow and wrist joints.

The only thing that was missing was the scoop, a non-technical term used freely among the engineers. The scoop is the primary most prized possession and one of the main reasons why NASA is planning another trip to Mars in 2007. Once the Phoenix arrives in the planet, ASI's robotic arm will go to work, frantically digging for ice as deep as half a meter below the surface. Its findings could show signs of life on Mars, or at least give NASA a long-distance thumbs up that there'll be enough water to go around should anything someday colonize the planet.

"When we design, it's strictly

for engineering purposes," Fradet said. "We think it's creative, but it's not very artistic."

"That'll have to change if Fradet's future ideas for Earth services are to be realized. He said making it big on Earth's consumer market will bring a whole new world of challenges.

So far, ASI engineers have designed several isolated non-space items. They made part of a rocket for display at Disneyland, a keyboard support for R&D group Boyz II Men and a chair for the producers of "Herbie: Fully Loaded," to keep the camera on the car steady as the hyperactive VW Beetle bumbled around the big screen.

"We seem to attract these people who have ideas and can't find solutions for them," Fradet said.

"The final frontier is to take technology from outer space and apply it to commercial entities," he said. "But we have to be careful because the great always seems greener than doer."

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MARKETS

McDonald's

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book targeted at teenagers called 'Cheo on This: Everything You Don't Want to Know About Food.' Later in the year, a movie based on 'Fast Food Nation' is set to be released in movie theaters.

Last week, in another example of the heat McDonald's faces, a study published in the prestigious New England Journal of Medicine claimed that McDonald's sells unhealthy french fries and chicken strips in Europe than in America.

McDonald's intensified publicity effort involves explaining itself to journalists and trying to influence their perception of what the company sells and how it works.

The company already has warned its U.S. franchisees of the upcoming film and book, which according to early reports hint at food companies responsible for the rise in childhood obesity.

Earlier this year, McDonald's invited journalists from 40 overseas countries to its Oak Brook, Ill., headquarters for presentations about the company's efforts to provide the same quality foods that they find in grocery stores. The company says it plans to hold a follow-up session later this year for U.S. reporters.

Skinner said the company would be more 'transparent' and available to the news media to tell its story that McDonald's does offer an array of healthy food options.

Skinner said that at the end of the day it can't tell people what they should or shouldn't eat. 'We are supportive of community efforts on our customers so they can make the choice about what is best for them,' he said.

'What we eat on a daily basis is about personal responsibility. In many countries, the company and journalists on a tour of its West Chicago factory where McDonald's makes hamburger patties.

It normally closed to outsiders. In a round-table discussion

with reporters, Skinner said the company has to balance efforts to produce healthier food with the fact that it is for profit company.

'There is a distinction between what (customers) eat and what they say they want to eat,' Skinner said. 'The company provides choices, such as salads, for those who want to eat a healthier diet.'

It provides choices for egg whites, but he said he would provide egg whites, he said.

The company relies heavily on marketing panels and surveys to determine what consumers most want to eat. McDonald's publicity approach represents a marked departure from two years ago when the company spent several million dollars to quietly create three commercials — one for chicken, one for movie theaters — after apparently being caught fast-footed by the documentary 'Super Size Me.'

Skinner insisted this year's coming criticism isn't so much about McDonald's as it is about the fast-food industry.

'This is not about McDonald's,' he said. 'Even Mr. Schlosser has said this is not about McDonald's.'

McDonald's is the nation that is responsible for childhood obesity, insisting, 'We are part of the solution.' 'We are supportive of community efforts on our customers so they can make the choice about what is best for them,' he said.

Radio

Continued from C1
The station also played a role in an April 10 immigration rights march in Idaho Falls when a large number of people gathered to learn about the march on the radio.

The station, through on-air personalities Eduardo 'El Piloncillo' Ricardo, Ricardo Mandril Sanchez and Renan 'El Cucuy,' promoted the march by telling people where to meet, what to wear, what to carry and how to act.

'The important thing is for all voices to be heard,' Albino Ortega said. Spanish language stations often have a hard time getting advertisers, which hasn't been a problem for KIGO-AM. Wells Fargo, Pizza Hut, American Family Insurance and local businesses have been buying time hoping to reach the station's listeners.

Albino Ortega said the portability of the station is one of its advantages with Hispanics. 'It gets into where the people are working,' Ortega said.

'Most factories will allow you to have a radio. You can listen to it running a tractor.' He originally invited the United States with a tourist Visa in 1950, and a chance to become legalized later that decade.

He said living in both countries help him understand what listeners to the station are feeling about the immigration issue. 'Something's got to be done,' he said. 'But it's got to be something that doesn't make it a crime to seek happiness and a better way of life.'

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Palestinian suicide bomber kills nine in Tel Aviv

By Laurie Copars
Associated Press writer

TEL AVIV, Israel — A suicide bombing at a crowded restaurant during Passover killed nine people and drew a divided response from the Palestinian Authority — a sharp departure from previous governments' immediate condemnations of such attacks.

Hamas, which took control of the Palestinian legislature 2.5 weeks ago following its election victory, defended Monday's attack — claimed by a separate Islamic militant group — as a legitimate response to Israeli aggression.

"We think that this operation ... is a direct result of the policy of the occupation and the brutal aggression and siege committed against our people," said Khaled Abu Iyeh, spokesman for the Hamas-led Interior Ministry.

But moderate Palestinian president, Mahmoud Abbas of the rival Fatah party, condemned the bombing and said he had ordered his security forces to prevent future attacks.

"These kinds of attacks harm the Palestinian interest, and we as an authority and government must move to stop it," Abbas said. "We will not stop pursuing anyone who carries out such attacks."

Abbas is currently in a power struggle with Hamas, and it remains unclear who is



Samia Hammad holds photographs of her son Samer Hammad, a suicide bomber who blew himself up in Tel Aviv, as she sits outside the family home in the West Bank village of Arafah near the town of Jenin on Monday.

ultimately in charge of the Palestinians' security forces.

Israel said it held Hamas responsible for the attack in Tel Aviv even though a separate group, Islamic Jihad, claimed responsibility. Islamic Jihad has close ties to Israel's archenemy, Iran.

Hamas, responsible for dozens of suicide bombings in recent years, has largely observed a 16-month truce with Israel. But Monday's bloodshed and the group's hard-line stance could set the stage for

harsh Israeli reprisals and endanger Hamas' efforts to secure desperately needed international aid and acceptance.

"Hamas' constant preaching for the destruction of Israel serves as a catalyst for these attacks," said David Baker, an Israeli government spokesman.

The bomb attack took place just two hours before Israel's newly elected parliament was sworn into office, and Prime Minister-designate Ehud Olmert said Israel would react with appropriate means.



A man reacts as he holds on to a victim of a suicide bomb attack near a fast food restaurant in Tel Aviv on Monday.

In an initial response, Israeli aircraft attacked an Egyptian militant workshop in Gaza City early Tuesday, causing no injuries. The army said the workshop was used by the Popular Resistance Committee's militant group to manufacture homemade rockets to launch at Israel.

The European Union condemned the suicide bombing unequivocally, and Russia called on the Palestinian Authority to stop future attacks. U.N. Secretary-General Kofi

Annun told the Palestinian government "to take a clear public stand" against such acts. And the United States warned of grave consequences for the Hamas-led government.

The bombing was the first inside Israel since the Hamas Cabinet took office 2.5 weeks ago. Militants from Islamic Jihad celebrated by handing out pastries on the streets of Gaza.

The attack came amid a sharp increase in fighting between Israel and the

Palestinians across the Gaza border. Militants have fired homemade rockets at Israel, and Israel has responded with artillery.

The suicide bombing took place about 1:40 p.m. when the attacker, carrying a bag stuffed with 10 pounds of explosives, approached "The Mayor's Falafel" near Tel Aviv's central bus station. The restaurant, which had been the target of a January bombing, was packed with Israelis on vacation during the weeklong Passover holiday.

A guard outside was checking the bomber's bag when the device exploded, police and witnesses said.

"Suddenly there was a boom. The whole restaurant flew in the air," said Avi Otmazgha, 35, who was wounded on his hands and feet.

The bomb, laced with nails and other projectiles, shattered car windows, smashed windows of nearby buildings and blew away the restaurant's sign. Blood splattered the ground. Police said the guard's body was torn in half.

The explosion killed a woman standing near her husband and children, who were slightly wounded, said Israeli Yankov, another witness.

"The father was traumatized, he went into shock. He ran to the children to gather them up, and the children were screaming, 'Mom! Mom!' and she wasn't answering, she was dead already," he said.

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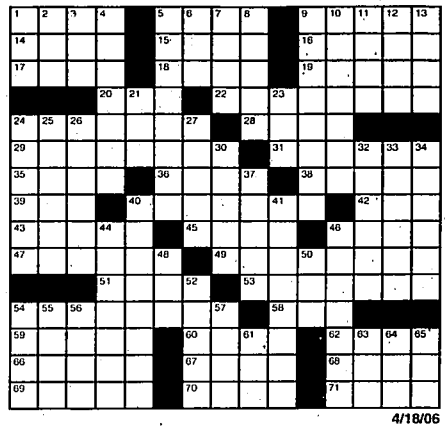
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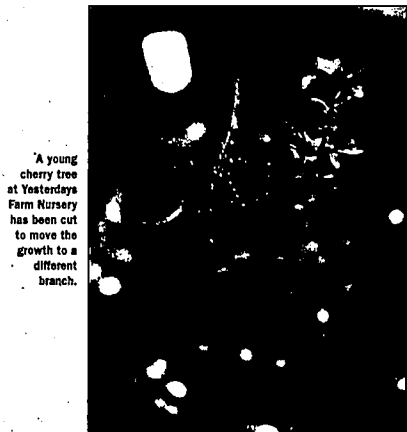


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Above: Rain droplets hang on a pussy willow branch that stretches across a path at Yesterdays Farm Nursery in Buhl.

Top left: Dormant shrubs collect raindrops April 4 at Yesterdays Farm Nursery.

Top right: Kathy Hodulik stands next to a crooked tree that may have been the result of a spiral root system that began while it was growing in its pot. Hodulik says that if you don't take measures to stop the roots from forming in this way, the tree will continue growing in this pattern without branching out like it should.



A young cherry tree at Yesterdays Farm Nursery has been cut to move the growth to a different branch.

Information, ideas for successful landscapes

By Karma M. Fitzgerald
Times-News writer

BUHL — For some of us, the local nursery might as well be on the moon. What plants would work near the house? How much water does that shrub require? How will this plant look in five years or 10? How can I get it to even grow in my yard?

There's help. All it takes is a bit of planning and research and the willingness to ask a lot of questions.

Kathy Hodulik knows. A graduate of the "school of hard knocks," she learned plant and tree care by getting her hands dirty.

"The hard way, the long way and the expensive way," she said.

Now, she owns Yesterdays Farm Nursery outside of Buhl and offers advice so others don't have to go through what she did.

For step one, plan your new planting site.

Some important questions to ask: How much sunlight does this spot get during the day? How



Polish your technique

Visit our Web site to see Kathy Hodulik describe proper pruning practices.

much water can access this spot? How much room will the plants have to grow?

Take measurements and do some research — in the library or garden magazines — on the types of plants you might want.

Armed with information, head for the nursery.

Hodulik says that, in general, landscape plants are available

three ways: a container, bare root, or balled and wrapped in burlap.

"Bare root is the cheapest," Hodulik said. "But most garden

centers won't have bare root unless you special order them."

In some cases, garden centers will buy bare roots and plant them in containers.

Hodulik recommends checking the root system. If it's not fully developed or if the garden center tells you to plant the container without removing the pot, those are signs the plant has recently been planted.

"I'd be hesitant to buy those," she said.

Containers come in all shapes, colors and sizes. Hodulik recommends finding the lightest-colored containers possible.

Black seems to be the most common, but absorbs the heat, so it's possible to cook the roots inside.

Look for healthy white root systems. If they've been in the container too long, roots will start to spiral around the bottom. Unless you take steps to stop the spiral before planting, the roots

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Switch on spring: Popular promotion is back this year

By Karma M. Fitzgerald
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Every time Teresa Berry looks into her backyard, she's pleased.

"It's just a little haven," Berry said. "A room off our patio that's beautiful."

Last year, Berry and her husband, Dave, were part of our Backyard-Switch promotion. Over one weekend last June they "switched" backyards with Marilyn Andrus of Twin Falls. The Berrys redid Andrus' yard while Andrus' daughters reworked the Berrys' outdoor space.

"We love our yard — it's great," Teresa Berry said. "We learned a lot while we were doing it."

Andrus' daughter, Dawn Beaver

of Twin Falls, also enjoyed her experience and says her mother appreciates the look and feel of her yard.

"She would have never been able to afford to do it," Beaver said.

Now, it's your turn.

The *Times-News* is once again sponsoring Backyard Switch along with our partners from Kimberly Nurseries and Kelley Garden Center and Landscaping. Each business will supply a professional landscaper and \$1,000 — for a total of \$2,000 — for plants, landscapes and design. All the work, though, is up to the landowners.

Entries open today. Participants must live in *The Times-News*'s eight-county circulation area (Blaine, Camas, Cassia, Gooding, Jerome, Lincoln, Minidoka and

Twin Falls counties) and either own the property on which they live or have written permission from the owner to landscape it.

The work must be done by a team of at least two people — spouses, parents, children, siblings and friends are welcome — and they all must be at least 16 years old.

Participants must be able to take the same two days in mid-June out of their schedules to do the work. If additional work is needed, both parties must agree on a specific day. The project must be completed in three days total.

Applications are available at *Times-News* offices in downtown Twin Falls, and at Kimberly Nurseries and Kelley Garden Center in Twin Falls. You can also go to our

Web site at <http://www.magicvalley.com>; just click on "Backyard Switch."

Photos showing all angles of the area to be transformed must be included with each application, as well as pictures of the exterior of the house and a photo of the participants.

Pictures can be mailed along with the applications to: Attn: Backyard Switch, *The Times-News*, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303.

The application deadline is May 9. Winning applicants will be announced in *The Times-News*'s Country Roads section on May 16.

The work must be completed by June 13. Photos and an article about the Backyard Switch will be published in *Country Roads* on June 20.



The Berry family — a winner in last year's Backyard Switch promotion — shows off its garden in Twin Falls on April 8. The Berrys say having a beautiful yard is a family effort.

JANE BERRY/
The Times-News

Have you always dreamed of a beautifully landscaped yard?

Flowers, shrubs, manicured to perfection? **You can have it!**

Join our Backyard Switch contest and have your yard transformed into that dream.



The Times-News, Kimberly Nurseries & Kelley Garden Center will choose two backyards that are in need of a transformation. The homeowners will switch homes and with the help of both Kimberly Nurseries & Kelley Garden Center's design staff, the homeowners will dig, plant and create backyard havens for each other!

In June you will landscape a family's yard while they'll landscape yours!



Applicant Rules

1. Participants must live within the Magic Valley area.
2. You must either own the property or have written permission from the owner.
3. Each home must have a "team" of at least two people – spouses, parent and child, siblings, and friends are all welcome. All participants must be at least 16 years old.
4. You and the other participating party must both be able to take the same two days in Mid/June 2006 out of your schedule. If additional days are needed, both parties must agree on the specific day. The project must be concluded within three days total.
5. Interested parties should fill out an application, available at the following sponsoring businesses: Kimberly Nurseries, Kelley Garden Center or The Times-News in Twin Falls and Burley; or on-line at magicvalley.com – click on the "Backyard Switch" button. Applicants must also include photos showing all angles of the area to be transformed; a picture of themselves, and the exterior of their home. Pictures may also be mailed, with applications, to The Times-News, PO Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303, Attn: Backyard Switch
6. Employees of The Times-News, Kimberly Nurseries or Kelley Garden Center, or their immediate families are ineligible to enter.

Applications and pictures are due to The Times-News by May 9, 2006. Winning applicants will be announced on May 16, 2006 in The Times-News. Work will need to be completed by June 13, 2006. A complete follow-up section on the two yards featured will appear in The Times-News Country Roads Section on Tuesday, June 20, 2006.

Entry Form

Date of Application: _____

Your name: _____ Age: _____ Day _____

Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Occupation: _____ Email Address: _____

Teammate's name: _____ Age: _____

Teammate's relationship to you: _____

Day Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____ Address (if different from yours): _____

Occupation: _____ Email Address: _____

Area to be transformed: _____ Measurements: _____

Why have you chosen this area? _____

Do you own your home? _____

When was your home built? _____

What style is your home? _____

Who else lives with you? _____

Have you ever tried landscaping before? _____

Tell us a little about yourself (30 words or less): _____

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Contest schedule:

- Pickup application at Kelley Garden Center or Kimberly Nurseries.
- Fill out application and return to The Times News by: May 9, 2006
- Winners announced in the paper Tuesday, May 16, 2006
- Landscaping work to be done by Tuesday, June 13, 2006
- Final pictures and story in The Times-News, Tuesday, June 20, 2006

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By Kathy Van Mellekom
Knight Ridder News Service

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True lilies, such as this 'Stargazer,' can be fragrant and showy.

Planting these bulbs in the spring will provide color during summer, fall

By Joel M. Lerner
Special to The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — It's the time of the year to see what you created when you planted bulbs in autumn. Bulbs rule in early spring — daffodils, tulips, fritillarias, hyacinths, trilliums, snowdrops, winter aconites, scillas, crocuses and grape-hyacinths.

But bulbs flower almost year round, and spring, not fall, is the time for planting many of them. Why not Chinese ground orchid, blackberry lily, cannula lily, elephant's ear, lily of the valley, crocosmia, hardy cyclamen, dahlia, summer hyacinth, gladiolus, day lily, iris and lillium that can continue a coordination of bloom through summer and fall?

Common usage of the term "bulb" refers to a variety of bulbous-rooted plants with specialized thick or fleshy underground plant growth for storing food. They could be corms, rhizomes, tubers or bulbs depending on their exact physiology.

Here are the bulbs to plant in spring for summer and fall:

- Chinese ground orchid (*Blechna striata*): Early spring is the time to plant this terrestrial orchid. In late spring, its lavender or white flowers open on 2-foot-tall scapes and bloom for about two weeks. The plant should be mulched with a few inches of compost for winter protection and have full eastern sun and hot afternoon shade. Install in a moist well-drained area, with lots of organic material, and grow in an undisturbed area to form a colony.

- Blackberry lily (*Blechna chinensis*): Drought- and heat-tolerant, with few pests, this understated Asian member of the iris family should be planted in spring, just below the soil surface. The rhizomatous root will grow strap-shaped, iris-looking leaves and bloom in summer on 2- to 3-foot-tall stems. It bears yellow, orange and yellow, or crimson flowers in any type of soil. Keep moist during growing season.

- Cannula lily: There are numerous hybrids of cannas available. They bloom in many colors, including rose, pink, yellow, red and orange, and they can grow 3 to 6 feet tall. Their greatest asset is that they bloom all summer. Prune

stalks with fading flowers, and others grow to replace them. Plant in a protected site in full sun. Lay a few inches of mulch over roots for winter, but cannas' rhizomes will not survive frozen soil. So, you can also dig and store them in a cool, dry place during winter. Plant about an inch deep in well-drained soil, rich in organic material.

- Lily of the valley (*Convallaria majalis*): Lily of the valley will colonize into a spring-flowering, low-growing ground cover. This member of the lily family loves cold and needs partial shade to thrive. Warmth makes the rhizome sprout, so get them planted as soon as possible. Install one inch deep in rich soil. Then, do not disturb. Note: All parts are poisonous. Use this exceptionally fragrant flowering plant with care around children.

- Crocosmia: Hybrids are available with orange, red or yellow flowers. This South African member of the iris family is a summertime standout, grown in full sun in well-drained sandy loam. The turgid, corn-cob flowers 2 to 4 feet tall and has sword-shaped leaves. Mulch for winter protection. Plant three inches apart in two inches of soil.

- Hardy cyclamen (*C. hederifolium*): These cyclamen are fully hardy shade plants, making them one of the finest for most gardens. Their corms produce flowers from small, twiggy protuberances on the corm. Plant flat side down, since the roots and leaves both emerge from the top. It will produce pink or white flowers in late summer to early fall. Often spread by seed, corms produce flowers up to 12 inches across. Plant no deeper than two inches. (For more information, see www.cyclamen.org.)

- Dahlia: This Mexican, Central and South American native tuberous root plant has been hybridized for the varieties of flowers it produces. Blossoms are bred for size, flower, form and color. Bicolor flowers are magnificent. There are 12 groups that have been created, offering an overwhelming choice of colors and flower types. Dahlias tend themselves well to manipulation, and specialized pruning to create an amazing collection of flowers. Plant tuber one to three inches deep in rich sandy loam. It flows for a long period from summer into fall. Many garden varieties of dahlias will winter



The day lily hails from Japan and Europe. It is a popular and dependable spring and summer flowering plant, easily hybridized to yield many colors and forms.



Japanese irises have large, almost flat flowers that can be up to 10 inches wide later in the season. They like boggy conditions while growing, but will tolerate dryness after pushing out new growth.

over with some mulch and grow back to flower the following year. (See www.daylilies.org.)

- Summer hyacinth (*Gaillardia canadensis*): This is another South African native with white flowers for several weeks in summer on 4-foot-tall stalks. Bulbs are best left in the ground and mulched for winter protection. Requires good soil preparation with excellent drainage and light soil-rich in compost and sand. Plant this true bulb six inches deep in full sun on about one-foot centers. It makes a fine cut flower.

- Day lily (*Hemerocallis*): The day lily hails from Japan and Europe. It is a popular and dependable spring and summer flowering plant, easily hybridized to yield many colors and forms. The tuberous roots are not demanding. Sunshine and water are all it needs. Easily divided, plant in full sun, just

below the soil surface, about two feet apart. (See www.daylilies.org.)

- Iris: There are many different irises native to different parts of the world. The most popular have rhizomatous roots and bloom late spring and summer. Bearded iris is always an eye-catcher in late spring. Japanese irises have large, almost flat flowers that can be up to 10 inches wide later in the season. They like boggy conditions while growing, but will tolerate dryness after pushing new growth. Both have hundreds of hybrids available in white, blue, lavender, pink and yellow. There are many other species. (See www.irises.org.)

Lerner is author of "Anyone Can Landscape" (Ball 2001). Contact him through his Web site, www.gardentier.com.

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A garden planted in marriage and music

By Adrian Higgins
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The frame is steeped, the gilt a little fading, but the spirit glows as strongly as in 1948, when Susana Valeria Rosa María Gil Passo first caught the eye of the composer William Walton during his fateful visit to Buenos Aires. They married eight weeks later to form a lifelong partnership.

She was in Washington recently, giving a number of appearances in connection with a performance of Walton's choral music. But she was an ambassador as well for the music of gardening, and for the symphony of plants she calls La Mortella. Her hillside garden on the island of Ischia, in the Bay of Naples, is now bursting into bloom with the jade vine, which her head gardener calls "the most beautiful climber you can think of." The clematis are lingering, the hardy gemmians are about to flower and the jacaranda follows.

In the 23 years since her husband's death, Susana Walton has taken the garden to new heights, adding, for example, a lakeside "Tall pavilion and an outdoor house, and turned her Eden into a beacon of horticulture by open-



Susana Walton, widow of composer William Walton, shares her story of gardening on the island of Ischia, in the Bay of Naples.

ing it to the public. Her book on its creation ("La Mortella: An Italian Garden Paradise"), published in 2002, reveals a place lush in its water features, palms, tree ferns

and cypresses. It also lays out an amazing story of transformation of what was once so barren and dry a piece of ground that when the couple first toured it with their friend Laurence Olivier, he counseled against buying "a stone quarry."

But something drew them to the site, and they named it for the myrtle that covered the hills. Olivier returned to see the property transferred.

Susana Walton had expected to make her life in England, where Walton was already an established cultural figure after World War II, but he told her he needed a warmer, sunnier climate and a place where he could work in solitude.

By that point La Mortella had the luxury of running water, but when the Waltonians began the whole island was without municipal water. Another early visitor to the arid five acres of rock landscape architect Russell Page, told Susana Walton to forget about ponds and fountains and forming a verdant paradise at La Mortella.

A top-flight plantsman who took elegant settings and made them better, Page suggested she go with the type of silver-leaved Mediterranean plants that grow in a place where there is little or no rainfall for five months of the year. For 12 years she put his plan into

effect, aided by her innate gardening instincts to improve the soil.

By the time Page returned, the very nature of the garden had altered. Water had been piped to Ischia from the mainland about five miles away. After many thousands of years of settlement, the island was no longer reliant on wells and cisterns.

This development allowed Page to design three additional fountains and, much later, a decorative canal in the same reverential way that Arabian and Persian gardens honor the rarity of water in a dry land. In the lower reaches of the garden, trees that Susana Walton had planted were beginning to provide the shade that would permit a different type of flora. She chose the American tulip tree, which found La Mortella just cool enough to flourish. The temperatures came close to freezing in winter, sometimes too close, forcing a major annual undertaking in November to cover and protect the most vulnerable subtropical beauties, including the lemon trees.

Susana Walton attributes the lush transformation of the garden to a single act. When her husband was touring Australia and New Zealand in 1964, he sent back three tree ferns in a shoebox.

These flourished thanks to careful siting and coddling with water, and Page changed his mind about La Mortella being a dry place and urged the mass planting of the ferns. In time, she took to the appeal of other primal subtropical plants, including the palmlike cycads. Visitors to the site marvel at the health and vigor of the plantings. It would be easy, given Susana Walton's flair, to think they are responding to something more than just green fingers. As for the palms, for instance, she says, "You have to wave at them when you go by because they think you haven't paid attention."

She said that in their early days at La Mortella, her main mission was to create an environment that nurtured her husband's work. As the garden developed into something special, it became its own driving force and is still a work in progress for its 80-year-old matron. Her husband's ashes are interred in a rock at the top of the garden.

Today, the 60,000 visitors from April 1 to Nov. 15 find an aquatic greenhouse for growing the Victoria lily, the world's biggest water lily and one that continues to dazzle plant lovers long after its arrival from South America. Like Lady Walton herself.

Landscapes

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will continue to spiral and never give the plant a good foothold in the soil. A good wind can easily knock it over.

If you have difficulty pulling the plant out of the container, that's a sign it's been in the container too long," Hodulik said.

If you end up with a plant that has spiraled roots, Hodulik recommends cutting the root ball in half and letting the

spread out.

Check for signs of excessive bug activity.

"You're going to expect some," Hodulik said. But, excessive snails, slugs or other insects are trouble.

She recommends putting the plant down and letting garden center personnel know what you found.

Balled-and-burlapped plants are common but it's important to ask a lot of questions before purchasing those shrubs and trees.

"Make sure the roots were pruned a year before the plant was removed," Hodulik said.

This process forces the plant to create smaller feeder roots that will easily anchor and spread when the tree is replanted.

So now you've got the plant home and are ready to make it part of your yard. Hodulik recommends digging a hole twice the size of the container. Fill the hole with water and let it soak in. Insert the plant, backfilling the dirt.

"Then water again, so that water can fill in any air pockets in the backfill."

"Then sit back and enjoy it," she said.

In general, Hodulik recommends shopping for Idaho-grown plants versus anything shipped in.

This way they're already acclimated to our growing conditions.

"Generally plants offered by nurseries that have grown their plants will offer a replacement policy," Hodulik said. "That is a good sign for plant buyers."



Kathy Hodulik easily pulls a young apple tree out of its pot April 4 at Yesterdays Farm Nursery outside of Buhl. Hodulik says that if it is difficult to pull a plant out of its pot, then it has been in the container too long and its roots may have taken to growing in a spiral around the bottom.



Kathy Hodulik explains that she makes cuts on cherries in order to "open the tree up" so that fruit can ripen. On this tree, the cut forced all of the growth energy into the larger, bottom branch instead of sending it to the smaller branches that Hodulik points out.

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Tending tomatoes in a pot

By Nancy Brachey
Knight Ridder News Service

Question: I am interested in the new tomato called Red Lightning Lighting. I have a balcony that gets sun all day and have good luck with flowers. What about tomatoes?

Answer: You will have good luck growing tomatoes. Red Lightning Lighting is a determinate type that grows to a height of 3 feet and produces a lot of fruit. It is really important because it holds moisture without getting soggy and allows excellent root development throughout the pot. Some come with fertilizer in the mix. To say nothing of eating them.

You must have a big pot, 12 inches or more in diameter, and more is better. The lightweight ones sold in home and garden centers will do. But good potting soil is really important because it holds moisture without getting soggy and allows excellent root development throughout the pot. Some come with fertilizer in the mix.

There are tomato plants galore for sale. Look for types bred specifically for container culture, such as Patio, Tumbler Hybrid. But other determinate types that grow to a fixed height, such as Celebrity, would work, provided you pay attention to staking the plant as it grows. Even watering is essential. Tomatoes develop a disfiguring, unappetizing black mark on the blossom end of the fruit when uneven watering leads to calcium deficiency. If you have on hand or can beg or borrow a handful of lime, work it into the soil at planting time. Containers dry out fast in hot weather.

Fertilize your plants regularly with a water-soluble product. If the potting mix states the fertilizer lasts a set time, such as 3 or 6 months, begin fertilizing the plant after the time runs out.

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