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Spanish version of anthem draws fire

By Martin Miller
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES—A chorus of Americans, from President Bush to conservative talk-radio hosts, voiced their opinion Friday that the U.S. national anthem should be English-only.

A controversial Spanish-language version of "The Star Spangled Banner," called "Nuevo Himno," debuted over the nation's airwaves Friday. Sung by an ensemble of Hispanic pop-music stars, the newly mixed song—the title translates to "Our Anthem"—was played mostly on Spanish-language stations. It was written to inspire solidarity among protesters for Monday's planned nationwide demonstrations over immigration reform.

"I think people who want to be a citizen of this country ought to learn English, and they ought to learn to sing the national anthem in English," Bush said in the White House Rose Garden, during a question-and-answer session with reporters.

The Spanish-language version, which alters Francis Scott Key's original words, struck an immediate sour note with many Americans who jammed switchboards at radio stations. The new song quickly became a lightning rod for the anger many feel about the nation's immigration policies.

"Never underestimate the power of symbolism when it involves the flag and the national anthem," said John Koylib, co-host of "The John

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Mother faces hearing after child jailed for tantrum

The Associated Press

AMERICAN FALLS, Idaho—An attorney for the family of a second-grader whose tantrum at school got him four days in juvenile detention says the state is going after the child's mother to justify the school decision to call police.

But the Power County prosecutor said the state just wants to make sure the family is functioning so the child can become a productive adult.

"Their focus is on the children," said Prosecutor Paul Laggis, who concedes placing the boy in detention was a mistake. "Nobody wants to punish the mom, no one wants to punish the child. They want to offer what services are available so the kid has a good education and an opportunity for a good life."

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The Meth Mistake: Chapter 2

DESTRUCTION



Speaking earlier this year, Heather Harbaugh, 21, remembers being raped repeatedly during the height of her methamphetamine use. She sacrificed her body, her sanity and her dignity to her addiction.

The price: life and freedom, body and soul

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

Getting high was all Heather Bloxham cared about.

Just one month after someone injected methamphetamine into the Twin Falls teenager's arm while she was passed out at a party, she'd developed a nasty habit.

She lost interest in her friends. She abandoned her family. She stopped eating. Stopped sleeping. Stopped caring.

Heather, at 18, lived for one purpose: to get high.

She was caught in a spiral that would end with one friend near death and a gun in Heather's hand.

In Jerome, T.J. Harbaugh was traveling a long, dark road, too. His meth use kept him from finishing high school. It cost him his marriage. It would cost him his freedom.

Chances are, Heather had already been awake for a few days when the sun came up on Sept. 15, 2002. Since she'd begun using meth a month or so earlier, she'd slept only

In addition to Aaron's beaten body, police pulled a small amount of methamphetamine from the car. Heather was busted.

a few hours here and there.

This day started with a few tiny pebbles of meth in a glass pipe. After the high kicked in, she compulsively cleaned the house on Ash Street that she shared with 11 guys—all users. Every few hours, she returned to the pipe to maintain the high.

That night, some friends intended to party near Jerome, and Heather knew she'd be able to make a little money by selling extra dope there. She drove to the bash in her small hatchback with some of the guys she lived with.

Right off, she and a few others snuck to the bathroom to smoke a pipe. Afterward, she sipped a beer.

Soon, Heather was ready to leave. Aaron Ash, a friend from her pre-meth days, was there, and she hated being high around him. Aaron hassled Heather when she was high.

"C'mon, you don't need this stuff," he remembers saying. "It makes you stupid."

Aaron was the only friend who stuck by Heather after she began using—the only friend who tried to save her. He secretly loved her.

Aaron knew Heather was high when she came out of the bathroom.

Not again, he thought. Fine. If that's what she wants to do, then forget it.

He slammed a beer. Then another. Then another. But instead of numbing his anger, the beer intensified it.

Heather watched Aaron from across the room. He could barely stand.

"Let's go," she said. "I'm taking you back to my place."

Heather helped him into the back seat of her car, and the pair drove toward Twin Falls.

"Put your seat belt on," she pleaded. He didn't.

Instead, he started yelling at her, but he was so drunk that Heather couldn't understand the words. He punched the seat, kicked the door.

"Aaron, calm down and put on your seat belt!" she screamed. He punched harder, jostled her seat and yelled louder.

"Please, Aaron."

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Three chapters: We present in three parts Heather and T.J. Harbaugh's journey through meth addiction and recovery.

Friday:

Two Magic Valley teenagers spiral into the pit. Already abusing other drugs, partying and diagnosed with bipolar disorder, Heather Bloxham of Twin Falls gets hooked on meth when a stranger injects it into her arm at a party. In Jerome, meth dealing and crime bring T.J. Harbaugh money, power and girls. Juvenile detention and probation don't slow him down.

Today:

The kidnap dealer and the desperate addict struggle all to reach...

Sunday:

Two recovering addicts find hope in faith and each other.

Did you miss the first installment? Copies of Friday's newspaper are available at The Times-News office, 1322 Fairfield St. W. in Twin Falls.



Arbor Day tradition

Kylie Fiscus, left, and Aubrie Rice, right, watch Perrine Elementary classmate Asia Destrup put shovel to earth Friday as the three members of the Boys & Girls Club of Magic Valley help plant a silver linden tree during Arbor Day festivities at Harry Barry Park in Twin Falls. This year marks the 80th anniversary of Harry Barry Park. The local Boys & Girls Club of Magic Valley had their first clubhouse at the park when they began in 1924. Twin Falls has been recognized as a Tree City USA for eight consecutive years.

Rush Limbaugh booked on drug charges, gets deal for treatment

By Sam Howe Verhovek
Los Angeles Times

Radio talk-show host Rush Limbaugh was booked on drug charges in Florida on Friday, but his lawyers said he had agreed to a deal enabling him to avoid prosecution in the prescription drug case if he continues treatment for addiction prob-

lems and avoids any other run-ins with the law.

Limbaugh, a conservative darling and liberal bete noire, was booked, photographed and fingerprinted Friday in Palm Beach, Fla., then shortly released on a \$3,000 bond, according to a Web site posting by the Palm Beach County Sheriff's office. A spokesman there said there would be no further comment.

The apparent deal caps a three-year investigation into allegations originally aired by a housekeeper at Limbaugh's

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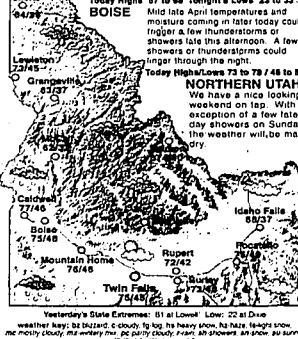
Today: Mild temperatures with partly cloudy skies, maybe a thunderstorm late in the afternoon. Highs, 70s. Tonight: Passing scattered showers or thunderstorms. Lows, 40s.

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Today: Partly cloudy with comfortable temperatures. Highs, lower 70s. Tonight: Chance for developing showers and thunderstorms. Lows near 40.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. It will be a delightful start to the weekend. However, watch the skies later today through Sunday morning for scattered showers. The higher elevations may see a rainout on the...



Gregg Middlekoff's Quote of the Day: "To believe in something not yet proved and to underwrite it with our lives: it is the only way we can leave the future as a better place than we find it."

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table showing 5-day forecast for Twin Falls with columns for Today, Tonight, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday. Includes weather icons and temperature ranges.

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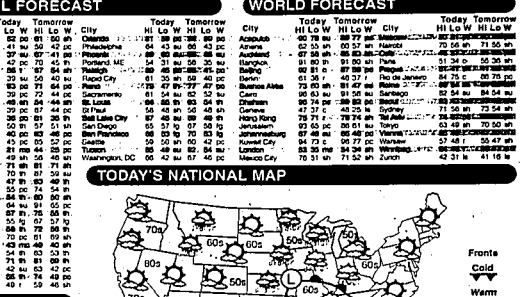
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Table showing yesterday's weather for various locations including Burley, Coeur d'Alene, Jerome, Latah, Malma, Madras, and Starley.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Regional forecast table for various Idaho cities like Boise, Idaho Falls, Lewiston, and Pocatello.

NATIONAL FORECAST



CANADIAN FORECAST

Canadian forecast table for cities like Calgary, Edmonton, Vancouver, and Winnipeg.

Today's National Map section with a map of the US and text about the National Weather Service.

The Times-News Publisher contact information including Brad Hurd, News Editor, and Advertising Director.

Arson squad blows up newspaper rack in bomb scare

Los Angeles Times - A newspaper promotion for the upcoming movie 'Mission: Impossible III' misfired Friday when a Los Angeles County sheriff's arson squad blew up a news rack, thinking it contained a bomb. Instead, the Los Angeles Times coin machine near the intersection of Sand and Soldado Canyon roads in Santa Clarita, Calif., held a digital music device designed to play the "Mission: Impossible" theme song when the rack's door was opened.

Anthem

Continued from A1. Ken Show, which airs on AM radio in Los Angeles. "Our audience has gone nuts over this Web 2.0 mix of e-mail, and most are furious. The duo opened their Friday-afternoon show with the Spanish version. It's a clear statement from illegal aliens—and I don't know if they are intending this or not—but it says, 'We're not assimilating.'"

Limbaugh

Continued from A1. Palm Beach mansion, who told the National Enquirer that the radio host had abused oxyContin and other painkillers. Prosecutors are looking into potential "doctor shopping" by Limbaugh, who received about 2,000 pain pills prescribed by four doctors over a six-month period...

Tantrum

Continued from A1. Fabian Alvarez, now 8, was 7 when he was held at the Juvenile Correction Center in St. Anthony last fall. He'd thrown an extended tantrum at Hillcrest Elementary, where he was a special-needs student functioning below grade level. An expert who examined him concluded he was mildly developmentally disabled. The tantrum began during a reading exercise when a teacher asked him to return to his desk. He started screaming and kicked another student's desk. He was taken, kicking and screaming, to Principal Kay Jones' office...

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Some companies to close to let workers to join immigration rally

By S. Mitra Kalita
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — A few days ago, Dennis Carter thought just a few employees at James G. Davis Construction Corp. would boycott work on Monday. Then foremen started reporting a groundswell of support for the idea.

So on Saturday, usually a day of rest for the firm's 250 workers, many will pound nails and mix concrete in downtown offices and high-rise apartment buildings. And then they will skip work on Monday — with their employer's blessing.

"This was something where the momentum grew within the community," said Carter, executive vice president of the Washington-based firm. "It's something we need to respect."

On Friday, as immigrant workers solidified plans for Monday, some businesses decided to close or scale back

hours. Most did so in solidarity with their employees, joining the protest against legislation tightening U.S. borders and detaining illegal immigrants as felons. Others said it would be pointless — and profitless — to stay open if those expected to boycott actually did.

Cargill Meat Solutions, a subsidiary of Cargill Inc., will shut down five beef plants and two pork plants. "We're doing this because we share some of the same concerns many of our employees have about immigration reform," said spokesman Mark Klein. "We're doing this together with them."

Tyson Foods Inc., the world's largest meat processing company, will close about a dozen beef and pork processing plants because of the demonstrations expected Monday and market conditions. In the weeks after Easter, many pork processing plants have shorter work weeks. Of its 114,000 U.S. employees,

one-third are Hispanic, said spokesman Gary Mickelson.

"Most of the more than 100 plants we own will be in operation," Mickelson said. "We are asking workers not to take unauthorized time off or to seek approval from supervisor. We understand the sentiments behind the planned events for Monday but we are not encouraging workers to participate."

Virginia-based Smithfield Foods Inc. issued a statement saying it has been following the congressional debate over new immigration legislation closely because it has many immigrant employees. The company said it plans to help immigrant workers write to members of Congress for new laws that would protect undocumented workers and their employers and provide a path to citizenship for immigrants. "We believe this is the most effective action our employees can take to persuade the Congress to make

the right choices."

Because so many of the planned closures have come from meat-processing companies, at least one counter-protester is calling for a boycott of meat products on Monday.

"Don't buy or eat meat that day in protest of these companies, whose employees knowingly hire illegal aliens, collude with immigrant smugglers, break the law with impunity, and give these same illegal aliens the day off so they can demand amnesty as a reward," wrote Dan Stein, director of the nonprofit Federation for American Immigration Reform, in his blog Friday.

On Friday morning, coffee shop owner Marina Stoev, a mazzian citizen who became a U.S. citizen in October, informally polled customers on whether she should close her Sparky's Espresso Cafe in Washington. Her findings: They need to persuade the Congress to make

"We will close by 1 or 2 o'clock," she said. "We are going to put signs on the windows and talk to the customers. Then five of us are going to the protest at Malcolm X Park," the site of one immigration rally on Monday. Other businesses said they have made no contingency plans because nobody has asked for the time off.

Marriott does not expect a significant impact to their operations on Monday, although a spokesman said the company would give employees time off to participate without punishment.

Still, said Marriott spokesman Roger Conner, "We think it will be business as usual for our hotels."

Moussaoui jury finishes fourth day without a verdict

By Michael J. Sniffen
Associated Press writer

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — Jurors in the Zacarias Moussaoui case finished a fourth day of deliberations Friday without a verdict but not without an admonishment from the judge, exasperated by their determination to look up definitions on their own.

Early in the day, the nine men and three women surpassed the 16.5 hours they took to decide during the first phase of this sentencing trial that the confessed al-Qaida conspirator is eligible for the death penalty. Counting their 5-3/4 hours of work Friday, they would spend 21-3/4 hours so far without deciding whether the 37-year-old Frenchman deserves the death penalty or life in prison.

They are to resume deliberations Monday morning. "There is no way to tell how far along they are, but lawyers in the case believe the most time-consuming task they face is balancing the aggravating factors listed by the prosecutors against the mitigating factors raised by the defense."

Once again, their desire for ordinary definitions brought them before U.S. District Judge Leonie Brinkema.

The judge received a note Friday from one juror who said he had looked up the word "aggra-

vating" in a Webster's dictionary. He said he had thought her admonition against research applied to online research, but after the juror told him Friday morning that this action violated her rules.

Earlier in the week, the jurors asked the attorney, Britney Serna, to supply one. She said that would be like adding evidence to the case and they should instead ask her for any definitions they had questions. She also cautioned the jurors, who go home every night, to avoid doing their own research, including looking up words.

This time, she called the offending juror in for questioning at a brief closed hearing and decided his misstep didn't compromise the jury's objectivity.

Then, in a short open session, Brinkema told the full jury that aggravating "essentially means to make something worse" and pointed to her jury instructions that defined aggravating factors as "factors or circumstances that tend to support the death penalty."

And she again warned them not to look up words or do online research. She did threaten them for "polling" themselves by letting her know quickly of the infraction.

After the judge and jury left, Moussaoui declared loudly, as he was escorted out, "Mous-

sauqi aggravating curse on America."

Moussaoui can only be executed for his part in the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks if the jury believes unanimously that his crimes involved at least one of three main aggravating factors alleged by the government. If one mitigating factor is offered by the defense before reaching that decision.

Although the verdict will come down to one question — whether Moussaoui lives or dies — the jury faces dozens of questions on the 42-page verdict form, each a piece of the puzzle about who this man is, what he did and what penalty he deserves.

In this case, prosecutors alleged three main aggravating factors for each of the three counts against Moussaoui. At least one must be proved to all 12 jurors beyond a reasonable doubt. The aggravators were that he committed his crimes in an especially heinous, cruel or depraved manner; that he committed his crimes knowing others besides the intended victims might die; and that he used substantial planning or premeditation.

Then prosecutors listed seven more aggravating factors, such as a lack of remorse, for the jury to consider separately. These extra factors, known as non-statutory, are optional elements

meant to add weight to the federal case.

If none of the three main aggravating factors is proved, the man's over 10-year sentence goes to prison for life. But if any of the three are accepted by the jury, then the seven other aggravating factors come into play. In mitigating circumstances raised by the defense must be weighed, one by one.

Among them: Do jurors agree Moussaoui will not be a substantial risk to guards if imprisoned for life? Do they agree he was an intellectual al-Qaida operative? Do they think he really believes he will achieve the afterlife rewards of a martyr if he is executed?

Unlike the prosecution, the defense does not have to prove its factors beyond a reasonable doubt or achieve unanimity on the jury. If any of the jurors think a mitigating factor is more likely than not true, it becomes a factor for the jury to consider.

There is no formula for assigning weight to the factors jurors decide to accept. Jurors can decide one aggravating factor outweighs all mitigating factors, or the other way around.

In the end, it comes down to life or death and what the jurors think. The questions tell them some of what they have to think about.

Jury awards \$1.7 million to woman spanked at work

By Juliana Barbassa
Associated Press writer

FRESNO, Calif. — A jury awarded \$1.7 million Friday to a woman who was spanked in front of her colleagues in what her employer called a camaraderie-building exercise.

The jury of six men and six women found that Janet Orlando, 53, was subjected to sexual harassment and sexual battery when she was paddled on the rear and two years ago at Alarm One Inc., a home security company in Fresno. The jury said Orlando did not suffer from sex-

ual assault, as she had alleged. Jurors awarded Orlando \$100,000 for economic loss, \$400,000 for future medical costs and \$450,000 for emotional distress, pain and suffering. They awarded her an additional \$1.2 million in punitive damages.

Orlando's attorney, Nicholas "Butch" Wagner, did not immediately return calls for comment.

K. Poncho Baker, an attorney for Alarm One, said it was excessive.

"I think the jury was so upset at Alarm One that they went overboard," Baker said. "Not to

say that what Alarm One did was right, but this is a lawsuit to manipulate the system."

Orlando quit in 2004, less than a year after she was hired, saying she was humiliated during the company's camaraderie-building exercises.

Sales teams were encouraged to compete, and the losses were made fun of, forced to eat baby food, required to wear diapers and spanked with a rival company's yard signs, according to court documents.

Lawyers for the company said

Orlando and others took part in the exercises willingly. The company has since abandoned the practice.

During the trial, company attorneys revealed that Orlando had sued a previous employer, also claiming that she had been sexually harassed.

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Jury convicts teen of murdering playmate

EPHRATA, Wash. (AP) — A jury convicted a 15-year-old boy of first-degree murder Friday for a brutal attack on a developmentally disabled playmate more than three years ago.

Evon Savoie faces 20 to 26 years in prison for the slaying of 13-year-old Craig Sorger, who was found beaten and stabbed

to death Feb. 15, 2003, in a recreational vehicle park.

Savoie, 12 years old at the time of the killing, was among the youngest murder defendants in Washington state to be tried as an adult. He had repeatedly proclaimed his innocence, saying Sorger fell from a tree and that he left him injured.

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NASA delays any further tank changes until after shuttle flight

By Mike Schneider, Associated Press writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Despite concerns raised by some engineers, NASA said Friday that it plans to put off any further design changes to the shuttle's external tank until after Discovery's flight in July.

The space agency had been considering changing the design of the tank's so-called ice frost ramps to stop insulating foam from falling off. The ice frost ramps are wedge-shaped brackets that hold in place the tank's pressurization lines.

NASA already has removed 17 pounds of foam from two other areas on the tank — a modification that space shuttle program manager Wayne Hale described as "the largest aerodynamic change we have made to the space shuttle launch system since it first flew."

NASA's top leaders decided to see how those changes hold up during the next launch before making any further alterations, Hale said. NASA planned to continue analyzing data from wind tunnel tests on the tank to make sure it's safe to fly with the new changes.

The decision against further alterations was not unanimous. NASA chief safety officer Bryan O'Connor, for one, initially preferred modifying the ice frost ramps before the shuttle flew. But Hale said O'Connor ultimately concurred with the final decision. A NASA spokeswoman in Washington said O'Connor was out of the office and unavailable for comment.

"There was a strong, concerted opinion from several folks that we should wait until we have a good design on these pieces of foam and then change them before we go flying," Hale said. "But at the end of the day, it is appropriate to make one change at a time with the biggest problem we have, and then work our way to the next situation."

Foam breaking off from the external tank at liftoff doomed Columbia and its seven astronauts in 2003. Despite extensive modifications to the tank, foam still fell off during last July's launch of Discovery.

Depp fighting for his view

Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — Actor Johnny Depp sometimes takes a dim view of American politics. But now he's taking an even dimmer view of West Hollywood politicians.

The "Pirates of the Caribbean" star is waging a legal sword fight against city officials who have authorized a Sunset Strip construction project that he insists will ruin the scenic view from his \$5.4 million Hollywood Hills mansion.

The megastar contends in a lawsuit that the city violated environmental quality laws by approving development of retail shops, a restaurant and a parking structure on a vacant lot beneath his gated, 2 1/2-acre estate.

Depp asserts that the project would block the view his two children have while playing outside the 7,430-square-foot home.

Backers of the development dispute that — for more than one reason. They say that Depp has declared that the youngsters will be raised in France, where he and French actress and singer Vanessa Paradis live with Lily-Rose, 6, and Jack, 4.

In fact, he has suggested that because of current U.S. political climate, he can't envision anything more than short visits to Los Angeles.

It was unclear Friday how much time Depp and his family spend in Los Angeles. He has been spotted in Hollywood-area restaurants recently and post-production work is under way for a sequel to his popular pirate movie, which is scheduled for release this summer. Aside from France and Los Angeles, he is known to have a house in a California town.

Depp could not be reached for comment. His attorney declined to discuss the case and his publicist did not respond to inquiries.

Broken comet will be most visible on May 12

By John Johnson Jr. Los Angeles Times

Astronomers are getting a close-up view of the death throes of a comet as it passes Earth and enters the inner solar system.

Comet 73P/Schwassmann-Wachmann 3 has broken into more than 40 fragments as it speeds toward a swing around the sun on June 6, NASA officials said Thursday.

The main fragment will come closest to Earth on May 12, when it will be visible to ground observers.

None of the comet's pieces will come close to hitting Earth, National Aeronautics and Space Administration officials said. The closest fragment will pass at a distance of 5.5 million miles — more than 20 times the distance from Earth to the

moon.

"There is absolutely no danger to people on the ground," said Donald Yeomans, manager of NASA's Near-Earth Objects office.

It will still be the closest that any comet has come to Earth in two decades. But because it is not a large comet — its largest fragment is thought to be anywhere from 1 to 3 miles across — observers will need binocu-

lars to see it as it passes through the constellations Pegasus and Cygnus from May 12-14.

Comets are wandering relics of the early solar system, composed of loosely packed dust and ice particles. Some may have seeded early Earth with the basic ingredients for life.

Although they may have existed for many millions of years, comets can be pulled

apart by gravitational forces when they pass too close to large objects, such as planets. The heat of the sun can also break them up.

Scientists do not know what caused the breakup of 73P/Schwassmann-Wachmann 3, which orbits the sun every 5.4 years. It was first noted during the comet's 1995 orbit, when it split into four chunks.

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Destruction

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Heather blinked, heard the sound of shattering glass and screamed. The next thing she knew, she was standing outside the car on the highway. It was flipped, tires still gripped. The headlamps cast strange beams into the darkness.

She looked for Aaron but couldn't find him. Panic. She screamed his name.

Then she saw him, merrily jutting out awkwardly from under the upturned car.

Oh, Jesus, no. Please, no, she thought.

Heather tried to drag him from the mangled metal. Then she heard the sirens. Heather wasn't sure how the accident happened. The police report says she fell asleep at the wheel. Had she turned on Aaron and lost control? Or was she just too high to drive?

Buyers knew that if they stifled him, they'd be looking down the barrel of a gun.

T.J., on the other hand, was still living it up. When he divorced in 2002, at age 23, he cut his final tie with the non-meth-using world. Now, the meth users associated with other users — users who bought his drugs.

T.J.'s parents were using again, too, and sometimes he'd get high with them.

He quit the railroad job that he'd taken "just to do something normal."

He certainly didn't need the money, but he made a decent dealing dose — sometimes selling \$5,000 worth of meth in a single deal — than he could spend.

And money came in other ways, too. T.J. managed a network of Magic Valley thieves who stole cars — or anything they could get their hands on.

He used to want anything high-level, but he got by with meth without getting high. For him, meth was a business, a game.

The power of being high-level was gone. He used to like to sleep with beautiful women. He spent money with his friends. He spent money with abandon.

He bought a set of expensive golf clubs. Instead of going to work, T.J. spent his days on the links.

When a client wanted to make a buy, T.J. left the dope in his car in the Golf Ranch parking lot near Jerome. Pre-arranged buyers came to the course, took the drugs and left the money in the car. He didn't have to worry about face-to-face deals anymore. It was safer that way. He didn't have to worry about getting shot or robbed.

No one dared take the drugs and not leave the money. T.J. was respected. He had a reputation. Buyers knew that if they stifled him, they'd be looking down the barrel of a gun.

And T.J. never worried about getting caught. That is, until one day at his family's wedding party. Officers showed up to serve a warrant for failure to appear on a loose-dog charge. He saw them coming and stashed the dope from his pockets in a dresser.

The officers walked into the office, slapped on the cuffs and took him to jail. He was booked, fingerprinted and asked to strip. One of the officers reached into the pocket of his jeans and pulled out a baggie of meth. He was busted.

To this day, T.J. thinks he was set up. He swears he'd put his wedge into the desk at the wedding party. Maybe the cops planned the dope, he said, because they couldn't catch him in the act of selling. It was no surprise to anyone that he was double-buffed: the wedge was out all over town. Or maybe T.J. was too high to remember an extra baggie in his pocket.

No matter. He was arrested for possession at the time. He was posted bail and hired a lawyer to fight the charge.

The arrest did nothing to slow him down. He got high an hour after posting bail.

"I was gonna go out with a bang."

— T.J. Harbaugh



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Her meth addict T.J. Harbaugh, then 26, of Jerome works as an auto mechanic in Wendell earlier this year. Cars have always been part of his life. In his meth-dealing days, Harbaugh — now 27 — unloaded cars that friends had stolen for him, and he used meth profits to buy vehicles for his own use.

Reporting the story

Features writer Matt Christensen met with recovering methamphetamine addict T.J. and Heather (Blochem) Harbaugh once a week, on average, from early October to late March, interviewing them and observing their efforts to build a new life. He also read court and medical records and interviewed family members, friends and a counselor.

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Heather's parents, Tom and Sally Blazinski, showed up as a law-enforcement officer questioned her. Officers had found meth residue on a bundle in the wreckage.

She was charged with possession and inattentive driving. Heather barely acknowledged the officer. She was watching nurses and doctors run in and out of an adjacent room where Aaron struggled to live.

Aaron was flown to Boise where doctors could better treat his head injury. Heather was released later that night. She went to her mom's house and shaved the rest of her head — a few spots of hair that hadn't been scuffed off when her head slammed through the windshield.

Sally had seen the blood and heard the charges. Still, she could accept that her daughter might have a drug problem. In fact, she blamed Aaron for the accident because he was out of control in the car.

Heather, after all, was a master liar who manipulated her mother into thinking the accident was Aaron's fault. But Heather knew the truth.

The next day, mother and daughter drove to Boise to visit Aaron in the hospital. Doctors had managed to stop his brain from swelling. He would live.

Sally waited in the hall while Heather sat next to Aaron on the bed. Tears rolled down Heather's face.

"I'm sorry, I'm so sorry," she said. Over and over.

"No," he said. "It's my fault, I'm sorry."

The old friends cried together — because Aaron had almost died, but also because both knew Heather couldn't put down the pipe. Even if she wanted to.

Sally was devastated and embarrassed. In the middle of Thanksgiving dinner, she drove to Gooding to pick up Heather. The ride home was silent.

After the rehab incident, Heather tried to get clean.

"I never like to let my mom down," she said. "And I had. But, really, I wasn't ready to change."

Heather's parents rented her an apartment in Twin Falls to get her away from the meth at the Ash Street house. But Heather just brought her problems with her. Only now, they were worse.

Heather's boyfriend, her meth dealer, moved into the apartment without her parents knowing. For all they knew, Heather had started going to college and was turning things around.

She wasn't. When her mom or dad asked about classes, she lied. When they asked about her weight loss (Heather had shed about 40 pounds since she started using meth), she made up thyroid problems.

Meanwhile, Heather fell under the control of her dominating and jealous boyfriend. She wasn't allowed to have friends over. She couldn't leave unless he knew where she was going. He gave her an allowance — about \$200 a day, which she'd blow on junk at yard sales. He spent his nights dealing, and when he came home, he expected breakfast on the table.

He beat her often. But always in the ribs so no one could see the evidence.

Heather did as she was told — partly because she was afraid of him, partly because she was getting feeble meth.

It was like walking on eggshells, Heather said. "But I just couldn't leave. I didn't think I deserved anything better than that. I thought I was getting everything I deserved."

The longer she was with him, the harder it became to escape. Heather said she was raped seven times by four different junkies — mostly friends of her boyfriend. She was too scared to say anything she felt too guilty. And too addicted to give up the free drugs.

Months of beatings and sexual assaults became too much to withstand. Heather snapped. She wanted to die.

So, Heather made a plan. She would sell everything she owned, return to Idaho Falls — where she'd first used meth — and murder a man who, she said, had abused her mom years ago. It would be Heather's way to make up for all the suffering she'd caused her mother.

Then she would kill herself. Heather borrowed a gun from her boyfriend's cousin and hitched a ride to Idaho Falls. Once there, she planned to have one more binge before the murder.

It didn't go as planned. She went to Idaho Falls. She got high. But on the way to commit the murder, her ride kidnapper

When he stopped to get gas, he parked so he could see Heather while he paid. She had the gun, but all the bullets were in the back in her bag. And she was too afraid to run. She didn't care, anyway. After all, she wanted to die.

At this point, Heather's mind had been so foggy it could. No semblance of clear thought. She and her kidnapper, who she didn't know and hasn't seen since, drove across Idaho getting high. They slept in the car that night and drove during the day.

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Heather's family got lucky. They spotted Heather's car and flagged down the driver, a girl to whom Heather had sold the car for \$50. She told them where to find Heather — and called to tip off Heather, too.

As Heather landed a room into the gun, her parents pointed into the driveway.

The cold steel of the barrel was comforting in her hands. Smooth, clean. She raised it to her temple.

"Heather!" Sally screamed as she burst into the house. "Where are you, baby?" Heather didn't hear the words but knew it was her mother.

Yes, mom, I love you, she thought. Should I shoot her and steal Heather, too. Heather sat up, cocked the gun and placed the cold barrel to her temple. She squeezed the trigger.

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Keep the ring in your pocket, Leo

HOROSCOPE
Jeraldine Saunders

IF APRIL 29 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: It's always darkest before the dawn. Although right now it is necessary to keep your head down and prove yourself, you will be out of the cosmic woods by mid-summer. For the next several weeks, you must abide by the rules and can easily overcome adversity by bravely accepting responsibilities—especially those from the past. If you truly need a helping hand, the universe will bring you assistance from unexpected sources. In July you will be free to accept new opportunities and move ahead without anything or anyone holding you back. Next January guard your reputation and don't give in to whims.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Turmoil could upset a triumph. A significant other could be in the grip of the green-eyed monster. Don't purchase anything expensive or get carried away by the prevailing passions in the air.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Provocative encounters can flounder. It is easy to take offense or lose your cool if wants and needs aren't met. Better to concentrate on the little things than to attempt big things.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): The caged bird might sing. But wild birds have a hard time

can land you in a predicament. Don't initiate major undertakings or jump headlong into debt.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak. It will be hard to meet large demands on your piggy bank or your heart. Hold off on investments, expenditures and romantic pledges.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): There is merit to the cliché that money isn't everything. Keep your thoughts, finances and emotions focused on achieving long-term goals rather than seeking instant gratification of desires.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Possession might be ninetenths of the law—but this isn't the time to acquire new investments. Avoid being pinned down to a promise or putting significant plans into motion.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Be starry-eyed. If you are settled into a pleasant relationship, this could be a good time to discuss the future. Don't make any promises until all the ins and outs are considered.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): The knight riding off on a holy crusade is a picture to keep in mind. There may be an important mission at stake. Ignore the pull of transient desires and wait to begin new ventures.

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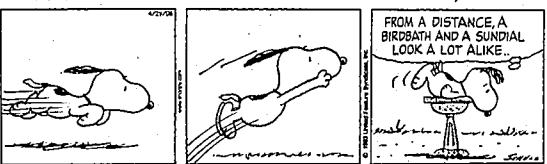
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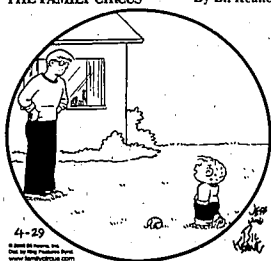
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bill Keane



Parents who take advantage of 'free' child care should think twice

DEAR ABBY: From time to time you ask your readers to "dump on Abby." Well, summer is coming around again, and this message is for working parents who don't realize they're taking advantage of family and friends.



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

So you drop off your children to play in the a.m. and pick them up in the p.m.? Did you think of:

- Pack a lunch?
- Send a snack to share?
- Rent a video?
- Buy a pool toy?
- Send a game?
- Buy sunscreen?
- Send a craft? Cookie dough? Juice?

While working parents save money by sending their children to play all day, my food bill triples. The extra money I spend in pool chemicals, water, laundry and toys also triples. I choose to stay home with my children, and I love having their friends over. But every year seems to bring an even greater financial hardship. I don't know how much more blunt "Please send a snack to share" can be.

If any of your readers see this, Abby, and realize that they are one of those clueless working parents thinking stay-at-home moms "have it made," I'll trade them my referee shirt, food bill and mess.

Please, folks, be grateful and considerate of the person who is watching and loving your

child for free, and show your appreciation.

— ANYWHERE, U.S.A.

DEAR ANYWHERE: I don't think you're asking too much in requesting that parents who send their children to spend the day include a snack that can be shared. Although your list was quite inclusive, any readers who are confused about exactly what that means should pick up the phone and ask their childcare provider what they can do to make the children's day more special.

DEAR ABBY: I just turned 23. During the past two years I have married, bought a house, had a baby, and am finishing up my B.A. degree in a few short months. I hold down a full-time job and still make time for my son, my husband, and even occasionally squeeze in a little "me" time. I have a wonderful life, and I would not change anything.

My problem is I am still only 23. Occasionally I like a girl's night out. We go out as a group,

eat dinner, have a couple of drinks, dance and have a good time. This is enough to satisfy my need to "let loose" and I never do anything inappropriate.

On several occasions when I have mentioned these girls' nights out to older relatives, they'll respond with, "Mothers don't behave that way," or "You aren't a college student any longer." But Abby, I AM a college student; I don't do this very often, but I just met with friends, having fun. The majority of the time I spend the weekends with my son, going to the park or playing in his new hunting season. My husband is gone for days at a time. We support each other. I have no problem with him doing things he likes, and he supports my occasional evenings out with my friends. I thought I was doing OK, but now my relatives have me second-guessing myself. Am I being inappropriate? I'd like your input.

— MELISSA IN FLORIDA

DEAR MELISSA: This is between you and your husband. As long as he doesn't mind your occasional nights out with the girls, you'll get no argument from me. This is also nobody else's business — including your older relatives — so my advice to you is to stop making it a subject of conversation.

Dark chocolate lovers are the minority

Of Americans who eat chocolate, only 29 percent like it dark; 71 percent prefer milk chocolate.

This day in history: It's a day of words and music. On April 29, 1899, composer and band leader Duke Ellington began his melody in this world. And on April 29, 1852, Peter M. Roget published his first thesaurus. A German food scientist identified 23 different natural compounds that contribute to the flavor and aroma of popcorn.

Eating asparagus causes the body to produce sulfur compounds that are released in urine. Only about 22 percent of the population can smell them. Ben Franklin was one of them. He said, "a few stems of asparagus eaten shall give our urine a disagreeable odor; a pill of turpentine no bigger than a pea shall bestow up on it the pleasing smell of violets."

The word ukulele means "lit-



RANDOM KINCS OF FACINESS
Jack Mingo
Erin Barrett

tle and unattractive people is St. Droop. The pioneers who gave Death Valley its name lost only one person on their misrouted trek. He was sick and old and probably got no argument from anywhere, ironically, they passed through the desert valley during the cold of winter and called it Death Valley because they were afraid they'd freeze to death.

Research has discovered that the most annoying sound is fingernails on a chalkboard. The second most annoying is the sound of rubbed Styrofoam.

John Lennon wrote the Beatles' hit, "Come Together," for Timothy Leary's 1968 gubernatorial campaign in California. The song's original title was "Come Together. Join the Party."

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Half dime from 1792 sells for more than \$1.3M

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — It cost a lot more than a nickel to buy this half dime.

A 1792 half dime, believed to be one of the first coins minted by the United States, was sold at auction for more than \$1.3 million Thursday night at the Central States Numismatic Society convention, officials said.

The winning bidder was a private collector who wants to remain anonymous, said James Halperin, co-chairman of Heritage Auction Galleries of Dallas, which was selling

the coin.

The bidding began at \$750,000 and advanced to \$1.15 million.

With a 15 percent buyer's premium added on, the coin sold for \$1,322,500.

The coin, mottled blue, gray and gold with tint but still considered to be in excellent condition, was thought to have been struck on silver provided by George Washington, officials said.

It depicts a female Liberty figure with flowing hair on the

front and an eagle on the back.


The Professional Coin Grading Service designated it a "specimen strike," meaning it likely was made as a presentation piece.

The auction catalog description speculates the coin was "perhaps a special gift to a friend of the U.S. or even to George Washington himself."


Two worn 1792 half dimes, or "disme" as it was originally spelled, also were sold at the convention for \$14,950 and \$69,000, respectively.

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Trist and fury return at Shoshone Falls

CHEERS to Shoshone Falls and the prosperous return of water over the canyon walls.

It always makes the heart grow fonder, the seven-year hiatus of roaring falls at Shoshone has created a gap in the heart of Twin Falls residents. But this spring's abundant water and snowpack in the mountains has paid amply and abundantly with tourists and revenue.

More than 4,000 vehicles meandered into the canyon at Shoshone Falls last weekend, all to see the highest level of falls since 1939. Almost 15,000 cubic feet of water per second was going over the falls on Thursday, down somewhat from last weekend.

The steady stream of water will also result in a continuous stretch of tourism and visitor traffic to the falls. At \$3 a vehicle, that will pay off this year with more improvement by way of Parks and Recreation on the Shoshone Falls park and facility.

JEERS to the poaching of two mule deer, including one carrying triplets.

Wildlife officials discovered the remains of the deer in garbage bags at a gravel pit south of Twin Falls on Thursday. The hides, bones and internal organs of an illegally killed doe that was pregnant with triplets, were found along with those of a yearling buck.

Ildaho Fish and Game spokesman Kelton Hatch guessed the poachings occurred earlier this week in the Indian Springs area. If found, the culprit faces a mandatory \$200-per-animal fine with a maximum of \$1,000.

The doe's pregnancy cannot be considered in sentencing. It certainly should: the state lost three other mule deer — making it a total poaching of five animals.

CHEERS to a new RV assembly plant in Butley, which will bring in 250 jobs.

Magie Valley's economy has seen tremendous momentum with the ad-



dition of Jayco Trailer Inc. and its assembly plant in south Twin Falls. Next, the Mini-Cassia region will be rolling its own line of trailers with Dutchmen Manufacturing, a division of The Industries, and its new plant at the former Herbold Potato Processing plant.

As with Jayco, Dutchmen officials are eyeing the western market and its proximity to public lands and camping areas as a prime area for its vehicles.

The RV plant is a huge catch for the Mini-Cassia economy as it continues to emerge from the Stimplot closure a

few years ago. Local economic development teams deserve huge praise for getting the wheels rolling.

JEERS to the White House, Congress and our national energy policy, for the inability to do anything with high gas prices.

President Bush announced he would halt oil deposits into the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, a move he criticized in the 2004 election when proposed by John Kerry. Bush also is pushing an investigation into oil prices.

Congressional Republicans were toying with \$100 refunds to taxpayers to help with gasoline costs. A hundred bucks? That just might fill your lawn-mower for the summer.

Meanwhile, Democrats want to drop the gasoline tax for 60 days to increase demand. Yet these are the same Democrats who love to preach the conservation mantra in the face of high prices.

Election year anyone?

They all need to quit the charade, mandate higher mileage on cars and trucks, and start drilling U.S. oil deposits and stop depending on foreign oil. These prices were years in the making.

CHEERS to Jody Hall, retiring Twin Falls clerk and secretary to the city manager for 34 years.

They say you can't fight city hall. But in the case of Hall, the question is whether you really need to. Co-workers and Twin Falls residents can praise both her professional demeanor and institutional memory on practically any city issue.

A Filer High graduate, Hall will be heading north to the warmer environs of Vancouver, Wash. But she leaves a solid tradition of public service, and noteworthy recognition for whom she served.

"We're working for the taxpayers," she said. "It is: We are people serving people and service is our goal."

Motion pictures like 'United 93' have power

I was at the crash site that it was just hours after United Flight 93 plowed into a field at an old strip mine at the edge of a forest in rural Pennsylvania.

What I remember most was the quiet, a void. This despite hundreds of media representatives jamming a nearby country road. Little Twin Falls, on a brilliant end-of-summer day.

They took us in buses to view a gaping hole.

And that's all there was, just a hole, maybe the size of a large municipal swimming pool, maybe 12-feet deep — nothing else.

I looked like a meen hit the earth, not a Boeing 757.

Even then speculation was it wasn't nose-first and, since it was a cross-country flight, fully loaded with fuel.

The result was evident.

I talked that day with one of the first people on the scene — Andy Clark of Somerset Area Ambulance Station 902. "There was nothing, no bodies, no wreckage, just scattered small pieces of metal. I didn't see anything larger than 5 or 6 feet."

Neither did I.

This was near Shanksville, population 235, just a village remote, 40 miles southeast of Pittsburgh.

And I remember thinking that despite the distance between New York, the Pentagon and this nowhere-ville, that day at Shanksville is the closest I'll ever get to the 9/11 attacks. I remember such strong feelings about what happened: horrible and historic.

Which is why I like the idea of a motion picture about Flight 93.

Like it because movies have power. They touch us. And, in this case, bring to life a real piece of the 9/11 story. It's a piece displaying courage and resilience in the face of fear, really the only piece that's uplifting.

Also, because modern history is so visual and this piece of the story has no words, just a hole, there is a danger it becomes for many the least-remembered event of that day.

That should not happen.

I like that the film has a narrative cast. It makes it easier to remember these were ordinary people.

Like the fact that a real United pilot, J.J. Johnson, plays the pilot in the film and a former United flight attendant, Trish

JOHN BAER

Gates, plays the role of Flight 93's senior attendant.

That the families of those aboard support a co-produced with the making of the film is

So is the fact that the movie's executive producer, Universal Pictures, agreed to donate 10 percent of the opening-weekend gross profits to the planned national memorial at the Shanksville site.

Even had movies can make \$20 million in a weekend.

And this movie, according to those who've seen screenings, is a riveting heart-stretching account of the likely events on the flight.

Even though you know what happens, it's precisely because it happened that the story is so compelling.

I spoke with former Homeland Security chief Tom Ridge last week. He says the movie should be "I think it's a way to celebrate heroism. I'm quite comfortable with it."

Ridge was governor of Pennsylvania when the plane went down and visited the site that day. Now, along with retired Gen. Tommy Franks, he's co-chairman of the memorial effort. He's still with passengers, but that's not what he's doing. He's paid with private contributions, scheduled to open on the 10-year anniversary of 9/11.

Ridge says when he first saw the site, he, too, was struck by the quiet, the lack of debris, and wondered what "the people trapped in this missile who and how to 'now the outcome'."

"You just hope you'd be as tough and courageous," he says, adding he thinks it's passengers on the three other planes that day had the same info and time. "I suspect they have tried to do the same thing."

I've expected that's right. And that's why it's right to remember Flight 93 and honor those on it, even if only by going to a movie.

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Bush's new motto: A Prius in every pot

It's taken over five years, but George W. Bush finally made a concession speech to Al Gore.

He conceded that America needs to conserve, by buying hybrid vehicles and developing new energy sources.



"Trying to calm the yips in his pants and the country's exploding gasoline prices, the president sounded a bit like a wide-eyed Ozama Man himself Tuesday, extolling the virtues of alternative fuel derived from cooking grease, sugar, grass, wood chips, soybean oil and corn.

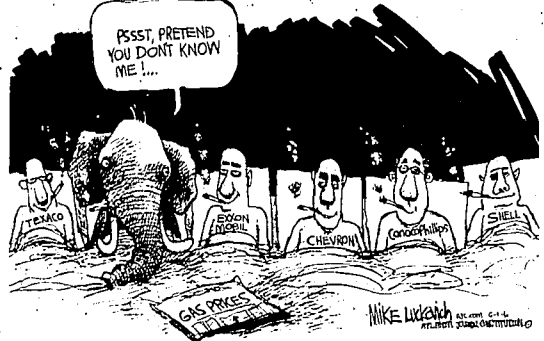
But then he got afraid of himself. 'You just got to recognize there are limits to how much corn can be used for ethanol,' he said, standing in front of a 'biofuel mural.' After all, we got to eat, damn it.

You could run a fleet of SUVs on the gas that W. was spewing about fuel. Bill Clinton would have been more likely to crack down on fast food than W. and Dick Cheney would be to crack down on Big Oil.

Even the usually supportive Wall Street Journal editorial page chastised Republicans for putting on "Cluck Schlurmer and Nancy Pelosi's right wrists" to shout about corporate greed and market manipulation.

W's big move was to ever so slightly beef up a federal investigation into oil company price manipulation that's been under way since Katrina. "It's a great idea," said the Democratic leader, Sen. Harry Reid. "So good that we passed a law last week calling for that."

Price manipulation may explain why gas went from, say, \$2.70 to \$2.90, but it wouldn't really explain why gas went from \$1.40 to \$2.20. Maybe that was caused by



Chinese and Indian demand, markets spooked by Iran's threats, Nigeria's going crazy, Venezuela's talk of renationalizing its oil industry, and the Pentagon's bungling the restoration of Iraq's infrastructure.

Gasoline prices may be hurting average folks. But the others who helped put the Boy King and the Duke of Halliburton in office with lavish donations are enjoying record profits and breathtaking bonuses.

The oligarchs in the deal, incompetent in so many ways, have brilliantly achieved one of their main objectives: boosting the fortunes of the oil industry and the people who run it.

All those secret meetings the vice president had back in 2001, letting the energy and oil big boys help write our energy policy — one that urged more oil and gas drilling — worked like a charm. In all their years in government, Cheney and the bushes have never done anything to hold the oil companies' feet off the gas pedal.

As Rep. James Clyburn, D-S.C., noted, "The Republicans

are the party with the keys to the executive washroom of Halliburton, Exxon and the big oil corporations."

Consider Lee Raymond, the recently retired chairman and chief executive of Exxon. Earlier this month, we learned about his stunning secret compensation: He got more than \$600 million from 1993 to 2005, according to a New York Times story, which calculated: "That is \$144,573 for each day he spent leading Exxon's 'God' plan," as the executive suite at the company's headquarters in Irving, Texas, is known.

The only oil baron who isn't cashing in these days is Saddam. We pulled up to the pump in Baghdad and plunked down \$10 billion a month, and we're still not getting any gas out of it. Instead, we're causing our oil dependence and paying for Iraq's reconstruction, the bungled invasion and subsequent nuclear sparring with Iran have cost the Republicans looking for prizes.

The last time W. began writing his hands about our addiction to oil — in the State of the Union address — the vice president was dismissive

about the notion of sacrifice afterward, and the energy secretary clarified the president's words, saying they shouldn't be taken literally and that the idea of replacing Middle East oil imports with alternative fuels was "purely an example."

Even if W. shows up on TV in a gray cardigan, it's patently preposterous for the Republicans to make this argument after selling us the idea that it's our manifest destiny to get into giant cars and go to giant Wal-Mart's and giant Targets and buy more giant bags of stuff. Now they're telling us to squeeze into tiny electric cars and compete for precious drops of oil with the Chinese and buy more giant bags of stuff. Now they're telling us to squeeze into tiny electric cars and compete for precious drops of oil with the Chinese and buy more giant bags of stuff. Now they're telling us to squeeze into tiny electric cars and compete for precious drops of oil with the Chinese and buy more giant bags of stuff. Now they're telling us to squeeze into tiny electric cars and compete for precious drops of oil with the Chinese and buy more giant bags of stuff.

The United States could have been developing alternative fuels 30 years ago if Dick Cheney hadn't helped scuttle an ambitious plan in the Ford administration.

So if you have those guys get gas from cooking grease, global warming will have us cooked.

Maureen Dowd's e-mail is libertie@nytimes.com.

Why no charges against 'cattery' owner?

I have been following the story covered by Cassidy Friedman on the cats that have been seized from the Twin Falls cattery owned by Janet Rasmussen.

I am unable to understand why no charges have been brought against this woman for animal cruelty. The article explained she was not regulated by U.S. Department of Agriculture, but one must believe that she has violated animal cruelty statutes under Idaho law.

Please do not let her walk away just to start another cattery either in another county in Idaho or in another state.

SHIRLEY GREENE
Meridian

Luna best qualified to help rural districts

As co-chairman of the Legislature's budget committee, I watch each year as we contin-

ually increase spending to educate our children in kindergarten through 12th grade.

This year, we have a chance to make a difference and to realize a pay-off with the fruits of our investment in public schools.

This year, we need to elect Republican Tom Luna to lead our schools.

Luna is the only candidate to have served in education at the local, state and federal level. That is why President Bush previously endorsed Tom's candidacy and appointed him to serve as a senior education official in his administration. In fact, Tom was tasked with improving rural schools, like those here in the Magic Valley.

Today, he is considered one of the country's leading experts on rural education issues. That gives him the experience and credentials that no one else has ever brought to this position.

Gov. Batt, more than 50 state legislators, many other educa-

tion, business and political leaders have endorsed Tom Luna for superintendent of public instruction.

Tom has my vote. Please vote for Tom Luna in the May 23 Republican primary.

REBEKAH MAXINE BELL
Jerome

(Editor's note: Maxine Bell, R-Jerome, represents District 26, Jerome and Minidoka counties and is co-chairman of the state Finance and Appropriations Committee.)

Local vet deserves no blame in cat case

I am standing up for Dr. Jones also. He is a great veterinarian and cares very much about animals and their welfare.

He is appalled at backyard breeders who do not care for their animals and has expressed his opinion very clearly about breeders who do not care for their animals properly and sell their baby animals at a young age.

Puppies and kittens should not be sold until they are 8 weeks or older. I see ads in the paper all the time for people selling old puppies and kittens for sale and ready for their new home. Puppies and kittens are not ready for a new home at 4 and 6 weeks. People must give them a few extra weeks to grow and be mature enough to be taken away from their mother.

People are responsible for their pets being bred, so they should also be responsible for the babies.

Dr. Jones expressed his concern for puppies being bought and sold at such a young age. I'm sure he feels the same way about cats. He has my respect and my business.

Janet Rasmussen should be brought to justice for animal cruelty. That and she has sprayed or neutered to prevent unwanted animals.

SHERILL ALLEN
Buhl

Mexico poised to decriminalize some drug possession

By Mark Stevenson
Associated Press writer

MEXICO CITY — Mexico's Congress approved a bill Friday decriminalizing possession of small quantities of drugs for personal use — including cocaine and heroin — raising potential questions about joint U.S.-Mexican anti-narcotics operations.

The only step remaining was the signature of President Vicente Fox, whose office indicated he would sign the bill, which Mexican officials hope will allow police to focus on large-scale trafficking operations rather than minor drug busts.

"This law gives police and prosecutors better legal tools to combat drug crimes that do so much damage to our youth and children," said Fox's spokesman, Ruben Aguilar. "If Fox signs the measure and it becomes law, it could strain the two countries' cooperation in anti-drug efforts — and increase the vast numbers of

vacationing students who visit Mexico.

Oscar Aguilar, a Mexico City politician who is not related to the president's spokesman, said Fox appeared almost certain to sign the law — his office proposed it, and his party supports it — and that he had apparently been betting that it would not draw much notice.

"That's probably why the way (the Senate) passed it the way they did, in the closing hours of the final session," Aguilar said. "He's going to sign it... he's not going to abandon his party two months before the (presidential) election."

U.S. officials scrambled to comment on the response. "The United States and Mexico have a strong history of counternarcotics cooperation, and the Fox administration has taken a firm, consistent and legal approach to drug cultivation, trafficking and abuse," said Janelle Hironimus, a State Department spokeswoman. She said the department was trying to get

"more information" about the measure.

One U.S. diplomat who requested anonymity because he was not authorized to speak publicly said "any effort to decriminalize illegal drugs would not be helpful."

The bill passed in the early morning hours by Mexico's Senate on a 53-26 vote with one abstention, has already been approved in the lower house of Congress. It also stiffens penalties for trafficking and possession of drugs — even small quantities — by government employees or near schools, and maintains criminal penalties for drug sales.

The bill says criminal charges will no longer be brought for possession of up to 25 milligrams of heroin, 5 grams of marijuana (about one-fifth of an ounce, or about four joints), or 0.5 grams of cocaine — the equivalent of about 4 "lines," or half the standard street-sale quantity (though half-size packages are becoming more common).

"No charges will be brought against... addicts or consumers who are found in possession of any narcotic for personal use," according to the Senate bill, which also lays out allowable quantities for an array of other drugs, including LSD, ecstasy and amphetamines.

Some of the amounts are eye-popping: Mexicans would be allowed to possess more than two pounds of peyote, the button-sized hallucinogenic cactus used in some native Indian religious ceremonies.

Mexican law now leaves open the possibility of dropping charges against people caught with drugs if they are considered addicts and if "the amount is the quantity necessary for personal use." The new bill drops the "addict" requirement — automatically allowing any "consumers" to have drugs — and sets out specific allowable quantities.

Mexican officials declined to explain how the law would work including whether drug use in public would be tolerated, or

discouraged by other means.

The law was defended by Mexican legislators — and greeted with glee by U.S. legalization advocates.

"We can't close our eyes to this reality," said Sen. Jorge Zermeno, of Fox's conservative National Action Party. "We can't continue to fill our jails with people who have addictions."

Ethan Nadelmann, director of the New York-based Drug Policy Alliance, said the bill removed "a huge opportunity for low-level police corruption" in Mexico, police often release people detained for minor drug possession, in exchange for bribes.

Selling all these drugs would remain illegal under the proposed law, unlike the Netherlands, where the sale of marijuana for medical use is legal and it can be bought with a prescription in pharmacies. While Dutch authorities look the other way regarding the open sale of cannabis in designated coffee shops something Mexican police

seem unlikely to do — the Dutch have zero tolerance for heroin and cocaine. In both countries, commercial growing of marijuana is outlawed.

In Colombia, a 1994 court ruling decriminalized personal possession of small amounts of cocaine, heroin and other drugs.

The effects in Mexico could be significant, given that the country is rapidly becoming a drug-consuming nation as well as a shipment point for traffickers, and given the number of U.S. students who flock to border cities or resorts like Cancun and Acapulco on vacation.

"This is going to increase addictions in Mexico," said Ullis Bon, a drug treatment expert in Tijuana, where heroin use is rampant. "A lot of Americans already come here to buy medications they can't get up there... Just imagine, with heroin."

Associated Press Writer Julie Watson contributed to this report.

U.N. approaches showdown with Iran on nuclear program

By Melissa Farley
and Alissa J. Rubin
Los Angeles Times

UNITED NATIONS — The U.N. nuclear watchdog agency said Friday that Iran has continued to defy a Security Council call for a freeze on its efforts to enrich uranium, setting up a showdown between the international community and the Islamic republic.

The Security Council will meet Wednesday to begin consideration of a resolution legally requiring Iran to halt enrichment activities that also could be used to make bomb-grade uranium, and to address long-unanswered questions about the possible military applications of its nuclear program. The measure would be the next step in a diplomatic path leading to possible sanctions against Iran or its leader.

Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad told a rally in northwest Iran on Friday that the country had the right to pursue nuclear technology and that its leader did "not give a damn" about future Security Council resolutions restricting its nuclear activities.

"Enemies think that by... threatening us, launching psychological warfare or... imposing embargoes they can control our nation from obtaining nuclear technology," Ahmadinejad told cheering supporters in a speech shown on national television.

The Iranian nation insists on its right to peaceful nuclear technology. We will not back down one iota. Ahmadinejad's statements are the latest in a series of challenges from the Islamic Republic, which ended a moratorium on processing nuclear material last August, and talks of the collapse of talks with Britain, France and Germany. Iran is sticking to its stance

that it has the legal right to develop nuclear know-how under the Non-Proliferation Treaty. Iran's intransigence has made other countries, especially the United States, suspicious that its history of covert nuclear development and refusal to cooperate with the U.N.'s International Atomic Energy Agency means it is pursuing nuclear weapons.

The IAEA report Friday did not suggest that Iran was trying to develop nuclear weapons, but said that Iran's lack of cooperation made it increasingly difficult for inspectors to assess whether it had a covert military program.

The report said that in a 30-day grace period after the Security Council asked it to suspend enrichment, Iran forged ahead with plans to build a 164-centrifuge enrichment facility. Iran successfully enriched uranium to 3.6 percent, the level needed for nuclear power plants but far lower than the 80 percent to 90 percent necessary for bomb-grade fuel.

The IAEA confirmed Iran's claims that it is in the process of building two more cascades of 164 centrifuges, which would expand its enrichment capability and demonstrate that it is on its way to mastering a key component of the enrichment process. However, nuclear experts say that Iran is still years away from producing enough highly enriched uranium for nuclear weapons.

The eight-page report also said that Iran failed to address questions about the history and scope of its enrichment program, or to clarify claims by Ahmadinejad last week that Iran was conducting research on P-2 centrifuges, a type that enriches uranium four times faster than the P-1 version it is now using.

Iran also refused to provide documents from a nuclear black market network headed



Supporters of the Iranian opposition and resistance cheer with the release of confetti near the United Nations, as they learn that the Belgian government plans to reconsider its Iran policy Friday in New York. Protesters are calling on the United Nations Security Council to impose sanctions on Iran, which they defied a deadline to stop uranium enrichment and becoming a potential nuclear threat. The poster on left is of Maryam Rajvi, President Elect of the National Council of Resistance of Iran.

by Pakistani scientist Abdul Qadeer Khan about centrifuges and how to build a nuclear weapon core. Tehran also did not answer questions about experiments involving small amounts of plutonium.

The report concluded that because of those gaps, "including the role of the military in Iran's nuclear program, the agency is unable to make progress in its efforts to provide assurance about the absence of undeclared nuclear material and activities in Iran."

The report also to the IAEA staff on Thursday, the eve of the report's publication, saying that it would deliver a timetable to answer questions within three weeks. But the letter also contained a veiled threat, saying that it would only continue to cooperate with the agency's regular inspections if the issue did

not go to the Security Council. The IAEA responded sharply, saying it would not accept conditions placed on its systematic checks of nuclear power plants and material under IAEA safeguards.

"The safeguards verifications should not be held hostage to political issues," said an official close to the IAEA.

The United States is leading a push in the Security Council to pass a resolution legally obliging Iran to halt all nuclear research and development, a move that Russia and China have been resisting. Those two permanent members of the Security Council may ultimately allow the resolution to pass if they are persuaded it won't by itself open the door to sanctions or military action.

"We would like Iran a short time to come into compliance," said U.S. Ambassador John R.

Bolton. "Then, if Iran doesn't come into compliance, we would consider what the next steps would be... likely targeted sanctions," aimed at Iranian officials, not the people or the oil industry.

President Bush told reporters shortly after the release of the report that the world is ready to ratchet up pressure on Iran. "It's very important for the Iranians to understand there is a common desire by a lot of nations in this world to convince them, peacefully convince them, that they ought to give up their weapons ambitions," Bush said.

After recently refusing to rule out a military strike against Iran, and reports that the White House is studying the use of nuclear "bunker busters" against Iranian nuclear facilities, the president was careful to em-

phasize that diplomacy is his preferred path.

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April is deadliest month this year for U.S. forces in Iraq; al-Zawahri issues new video

BAGHDAD Iraq (AP) — An American soldier was killed in a roadside bombing north of Baghdad, the U.S. military said Friday, making April the deadliest month for American forces in Iraq this year.

Al-Qaida's No. 2 leader issued a video saying that hundreds of suicide bombings in Iraq have "brought the back" of the U.S. military — the latest in a volley of messages by the terror network's most prominent figures.

Ayman al-Zawahri, an Egyptian militant believed to be hiding in Afghanistan or Pakistan, said that U.S. and British forces had bogged down in Iraq and "have achieved nothing but loss, disaster and misfortune."

American troops, acting on tips from Iraqi intelligence, meanwhile, killed the reputed al-Qaida boss of Samarra last week where a Shiite shrine bombing two months ago nearly plunged the country into civil war.

The latest American death, which occurred on Tuesday evening, brought the number of U.S. troops who have died this month in Iraq to at least 69.

Below some of the bloodiest moments of the conflict, it marks a sharp increase over March, when 31 American service members were killed. January's death toll stood at 62 and February's at 56, according to 2005, 68 Americans died.

Reasons behind the rising U.S. deaths were unclear, and U.S. military officials have cautioned not to interpret cyclical changes as the beginning of a trend. Some U.S. officials have suggested the increase could be due to better weather this month, making it easier for insurgents to launch attacks.

The increase in U.S. deaths comes at a time when the U.S. military is seeing sectarian violence among Iraqis is declining after a sharp rise in the wake of the Feb. 22 bombing in Samarra. The 18 mosque attacks against Sunni mosques and clerics.

In a briefing Thursday, Maj. Gen. Rick Lynch told reporters that the number of U.S. deaths had fallen by 60 percent last week, diminishing fears of civil war.

The video says that U.S. forces were shifting their attacks on Iraq's Shiite forces, their traditional targets throughout the three-year insurgency.

Al-Qaida in Iraq leader Abu Musab al-Zarqawi warned in an Internet video earlier this week that U.S. "dreams in Iraq will be defeated" and "what is coming is even worse."

The 16-minute video by al-Zawahri, posted Saturday on an Islamic militant Web forum, also came within the same week as an audiotape by al-Qaida's top leader Osama bin Laden. Al-Zawahri said that al-Qaida in Iraq "alone has carried out 800 martyrdom operations (suicide attacks) in three years, besides the sacrifices of the other mujahideen, and this is what has broken the back of American in Iraq."

The video was first obtained by IntelCenter, a U.S. contractor that provides counterterrorism intelligence services to the U.S. government. A U.S. counterterrorism official says the video, in condition of anonymity in compliance with office policy, said it was part of al-Qaida's ongoing propaganda blitz to demon-

strate the terror group's remaining relevance.

In a possible sign of a shift, insurgents launched simultaneous

attacks Thursday on police stations and checkpoints around Baquba, 35 miles northeast of Baghdad.

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A dead heat

Tee times for Oasis Best-ball announced

CSI, Dixie split SWAC double dip

By Eric Larson Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Saturday afternoon at The Skip is sure to be wild. The College of Southern Idaho Golden Eagles and Dixie State Rebels found themselves right back where they started on Friday afternoon's pair of hotly-contested Scenic West Athletic Conference baseball games played at Skip Walker Field in Twin Falls. CSI freshman Adam Umberg and Jordan Latham pitched past the Rebels for a 3-2 win in Game 1, while Dixie State's Albert Jones belted a three-run homer to lift his team to a 4-3 victory in Game 2. With the split, the 35-13 Golden Eagles are still a half-game ahead of the 30-10 Rebels in the SWAC standings heading into today's doubleheader.

"Exactly what I expected," CSI head coach Boomer Walker said. "You know, Dixie comes out and competes and they have a great club. We showed we were going to come out and compete and we have a good club, too. When you match those things, it turns into two great games and that's what it was."

Dixie State's Bobby Leigh got his Rebels off to a hot start in Game 1, driving home sophomore second baseman Albert Jones with a two-out RBI to open the scoring in the top of the first. The hit marked the last time before the top of the fifth that a Dixie batter would hit Umberg, as the CSI freshman breezed through the middle innings on his way to an eight-strikeout performance.

"I found the run support it needed in the bottom of the second, as Nik Gumeson's RBI-double to right-center scored the first baseman Mike Griffin to lead the Rebels. That would line a rope to center to bring Gumeson and not CSI a 2-1 lead. Griffin would tack on one more for the Golden



MEASIAN THOMPSON/Times-News

College of Southern Idaho sophomore Jeff Vickers stretches out to grab a low pitch during the second inning of Friday's first game at Skip Walker Field in Twin Falls.

well as I could." Latham allowed a hit and a walk in the top of the seventh, but also struck out three Rebels batters to earn his sixth save of the season. The former Centennial High of Boise also got an important out in the top of the seventh of Game 2 to keep the Golden Eagles close.

"Jordan's just throwing with a lot of confidence right now and came in and threw some huge pitches in that first game, and came in and just had to throw one pitch and get that out in the second game," Walker said. "He even shook off some fastballs and went to his breaking ball in the first game and that tells you that the guy's got a lot of confi-

dence right now." Griffin finished 2-for-3 with a run and an RBI to lead CSI in the first game, while Hancock went 2-for-2 with an RBI. Both Bobby Leigh and Kyle Pratt drove in runs for the Rebels. Dixie State ace Chud Povich pitched a complete game, but was saddled with his first loss of the season, while Umberg improved to 7-3.

CSI left fielder Kyle Besser's towering solo home run to deep left field in the bottom of the third gave CSI a 1-0 lead in Game 2, but it was Jones' answer in the top of the fifth that earned the Rebels the split. After fouling a Todd Privett pitch off his left ankle and spending a considerable amount of time on the ground in agony, Jones shook off the pain long enough to take a hanging breaking ball and give it over the left-field wall to give the Rebels a 4-1 lead.

"That ball that lined back to Todd there, man, it was just a situation where everybody was yelling at him to go first and he had a play at third — no question — it was just a lot tougher play," Walker said. Griffin was able to drive in Fuglerud in the bottom of the sixth to narrow the Dixie lead to 4-3, but Rebels closer Derek Valencia picked up his seventh save of the season with a one-two-three seventh to finish his 2.3 innings of work.

Bruins rally past Minico

By Nathaniel Garbrandt Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Here's an ugly scenario: down 6-0 at home after two innings against a defending state champion, an ugly 6-0 conference loss two days ago fresh in mind, district playoffs right around the corner.

That was the situation the Twin Falls Bruins found themselves in Friday afternoon, the Minico Spartans roving single after single into the outfield, the Bruins' much sought-after play off momentum seemingly dropping a notch with every aluminum plunk.

The innings later, Twin Falls center fielder Marcus Schaal slid across home plate for the winning run, driven home by junior Nate Ramirez. In his only 90-pitch game to close on the contest at 8-7 and send his team into districts looking like the team to beat.



ASHLEY SMITH/Times-News

Twin Falls High School sophomore Remington Pullin drives for a fly ball, but just misses after losing the ball in the sun, Friday during the second inning of their non-conference baseball game in Twin Falls.

head, driving in shortstop Matt Tracy who'd gotten on base with a leadoff double. The Bruins then elected to hand first baseman Andy Carlisle an intentional walk in favor of facing the Spartans' No. 9 batter, loading the bases with two outs.

Drivers give new soft bumpers a nudge at Talladega

By Jenna Fryer Associated Press writer

TALLADEGA, Ala. — A love tap here, a slight nudge there. With speeds nearing 195 mph, few dared to test NASCAR's soft new bumpers Friday with a full-force slam.

That's exactly what NASCAR was hoping for when it ordered teams to relax their front bumpers for Sunday's race at Talladega Superspeedway. The rule was a reaction to dangerous bump drafting which this season at Daytona, when defending series champion Tony Stewart warned someone was going to die if the practice wasn't reigned in.

Now, a tiny bit of contact might cripple a car and drivers didn't want to risk it during Friday's two practice sessions. "I have to admit, I was a little timid with it up there," said Jimmie Johnson, the Daytona 500 winner. "I knew it was there and it was softer, but I am really trying not to bump draft."

"I've gotten myself into more trouble at plate tracks than I care to, so I'm just going to keep my Magic Valley humper to myself." Speedway Bump drafting — the art of one driver slamming into the rear bumper of the car in front of him to push along — was out of control during February's racing at Daytona. When Stewart and others complained that it had gotten too dangerous after an exhibition race, NASCAR president Mike Helton sternly warned drivers to tone it down.

Only it's not clear how much contact will be too tough, and defending race winner Jeff Gordon said drivers didn't want to find out during practice. "I felt guys being really careful — I had one guy barely touch me, and I barely touched someone once," Gordon said. "I didn't see or feel guys pushing the limit too much." Dale Earnhardt Jr., a five-time Talladega winner who has mastered the art of bump drafting, wasn't one of them.

"I used mine," he said after practice. "I worked just fine." Please see NUDGE, Page B2

TWIN FALLS — The following are the tee times for the 21st Annual Oasis Best-ball Golf Tournament benefiting the Boys and Girls Clubs of Magic Valley to be held this Saturday at the Blue Lakes Country Club, Canyon Springs Golf Course, and Clear Lake Country Club.

- At Canyon Springs Golf Course Handicap 0.5-1.5: 8:00 a.m. — Jay Brite and Ed Kuba, The Porters and Jim Carlson... 10:00 a.m. — Jason Walker and Ken Grogan... 12:00 p.m. — Tom Carney and Steve Lamm...

At Blue Lakes C.C. Handicap 1.5 - 3.5: 8:00 a.m. — The Ryan and Mike Taylor, Bob Slaton and Dan Gaudin... 10:00 a.m. — Larry Hilde and Ken Henry, Steve Kutz and Bob Best...

At Clear Lake C.C. Handicap 3.5 - 5.5: 8:00 a.m. — Bob Linton and Ken Wilson, Doug Freeman and Dave Freeman... 10:00 a.m. — Steve Lamm and Steve Lamm, Steve Lamm and Steve Lamm...

SPORTS

Miller dominates inverte at Falls Classic

By Mark Jones
For The Times-News

RUPPERT — Behind the running of senior Stephanie Hill, the Bulls of the Mountain View claimed a sixth-place finish Friday at the Mini-Cassia Invitational at Minico High School.

Johnson claimed victories in the 3,200- and 1,600-meter runs with times of 11:51 and 5:33, respectively.

Her shot at sweeping the long distance runs went up in flames, as she showed fatigue in a fifth-place finish in the 800.

However, don't let her time of 2:23 in the 800 fool you. "I was a little tired," the Burley senior said. "But my time was the second best on the team."

Johnson would like to have another crack at the 800 in Friday's meet.

"You just have to run it," she said. "I went out on the 800 a little fast. I should have held back."

Burley's Natalie Maybee was Johnson's closest competitor in the 300, finishing with a time of 1:52.

Burley's Kyrie Moon placed second in the 100-meter hurdle, while Minico's Tristian Rasmussen won the 100-meter event with a throw of 106.5-5.

The Lady Spartans finished the day in 11th with behind the boys' shot and ball. The running of Bradley Miller, the Twin Falls Bruins crisscrossed to a first-place finish with a 108 points. Minico was ninth with 96 points, while they came in 13th with nine points.

Miller swept the 100-, 200- and 400-meter dashes en route to leading Twin Falls to victory.

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Willie Mathers tied for second in the individual race with a 71, while Andres Hegdahl shot a 75, Tbliver Latham a 76, and Ryan Simmons a 77 to place the Bruins. Twin Falls finished in 23rd strokes. Tournament co-champions Idaho Falls and Madison carried 292 each.

The Minico Spartans finished third for seventh behind Zach Sanford's 72 and a trio of 75s by MarkLOY, Brenner Antone and Mark Studer.

Jerome tied for 17th behind Zach Dietz, round of 75, while the Burley Bobcats were led by Trevor Ireno's 93.

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Jerome baseball

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JEROME—The Jerome High School baseball coaching staff and players will host a youth camp on Saturday, April 29 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the high school baseball field located at 104 1/2 Tiger Drive.

Jerome fun run

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The team is fashioned after the Wrangler Champion Pro Rodeo Team, which has four professional counterparts, members wear official competition apparel consisting of Wrangler Twenty X shirts, embroidered with the team logo and Twenty X competition pants.

Earnhardt enters

HALLADEGA, Ala.—Dale Earnhardt was already the most popular driver stock car racing has ever known.

The seven-time NASCAR champion, who died in a crash during the 2001 Daytona 500, was inducted Thursday night into the International Motorsports Hall of Fame.

There was never any doubt that the inductor would be a part of Earnhardt's personal life as the five-year waiting period was up, and he was finally inducted Thursday night with the appropriate fanfare, in front of his friends, competitors and fans.

Richard Childress, who fielded cars for six of Earnhardt's championships, was also part of the ceremony, and a special presentation before the induction of Earnhardt, who would have been 55 on Saturday.

Navy decides to court-martial QB in rape case

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Former Thunder Stocks driver now betting on Ponies

By Linda Brittain
Times-News correspondent

FLIER — It may not have been the best thing, but the odds were good that Bruce Henry could win the Thunder Stocks championship this season.

Henry finished second in the Thunder Stocks division in his first year last year. Some solid and memorable racing performances at the Magic Valley Speedway and was set to be a strong contender in the division this season.



Bruce 'Big Dawg' Henry runs the No. 33 Pony Stock car for a few workout laps around the track at the Magic Valley Speedway.

But it seems Henry would rather not take the easy route, and after two seasons in the Thunder Stocks division, Henry has decided break into some new turf and run with the Pony Stocks.

The differences between the two classes may be plain to the observer — with the Thunder Stocks division consisting mostly of large 1970-80s eight-cylinder cars, while the Pony Stocks division races four-cylinder vehicles, such as the Ford Mustang II — but Henry describes the performance differences in the two classes somewhat differently.

"The Pony Stocks don't have the same horsepower as the Thunder Stocks, but they have more turning ability," he said. "It just seems that the Pony Stocks are just a little bit more like a race car."

At the age of two, it was necessary for Henry to have spinal fusion surgery, where one or more of the vertebrae are fused together so that motion no longer occurs between them. Henry's father contacted the Shriners Hospital in Shreveport, La., not far from Henry's home at the time when the surgery was performed.

"The Shriners paid for travel, room, board and everything," Henry said. "My parents didn't have to pay for a thing. Without Shriners, I probably won't be walking today."

Although Henry spent at least a year in a body cast, today the

colorful 35-year-old driver, Henry is familiar with obstacles.

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Now Henry faces a field of largely experienced drivers in the Pony Stocks division Saturday nights at the Magic Valley Speedway.

"It's a whole new ball game," Henry said. "I'm still learning

things, like how to race in the corners better."

Henry points out that he has received a lot of help from Jason Whitely, also a Flier, and a seasoned Pony Stocks driver.

"He's asked about the set up and driving lines, and I've shared what I've learned and experiences I've had the past three years and helped where I can," Whitely said.

Henry also has Dirk Walker, a mechanic by trade, ready at his stall in the pits to aid Henry with the technical works of the car.

"Any kind of break-down I can handle," Walker said. "But as far as the set up is concerned, it's all new to me. By the end of the year, I should know about that much," he said with his fingers held roughly an inch apart.

"We're kinda learning together," Henry added.

Time will tell how much horse sense the two can put to gether, but Henry's goal for now is to at least capture Rookie of the Year honors by the end of the season, although he has other goals in sight, as well.

"I'd like to keep up on the track with Jason Whitely," Henry said. "But I probably can't do that."

Whitely, however, is wagering Henry will be a threat in the division.

"He will be a factor in the points race, no doubt," Whitely said.

Grand National Division set for season opener

By Linda Brittain
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Louis Lopez is burning the midnight oil to make the first Budweiser Grand Nationals race of 2006 at the Magic Valley Speedway on Saturday.

Lopez, who won the 2005 championship, was faced with replacing the motor in his car after the engine let go at a practice session just a couple weeks prior to the first scheduled race.

"The lower bearing overheated and it gave away," Lopez said. "But barring any other bad things going wrong, we should be ready."

Fery McKeen of Jerome, who also experienced mechanical problems in a practice session as well, is ready to go and is expected to give Lopez some solid competition.

Look for 2005 points runner-up Jerry Rice to also be a strong contender Saturday night along with Johnny McEwen, who hopes to race at the Magic Valley Speedway full-time this year after limited appearances in the division last season.

Rice will also be ready to show his stuff as he makes his

Magic Valley Speedway Points Standings

Pepsi Premier	
Driver	Points
1. Steve Jones	110
2. Alan Williams	106
3. Eddy McKee	102
4. Harold Warlick	92
5. Norm Hatke	90
6. Mike Buddengen	90
7. T.J. Woodard	86
8. David Patrick	82
9. Mike Greco	82
10. Allen Williams	72
11. Daryl Wert	66
12. Matt Beiler	62
13. Rob Vest	36
14. Sam Harris Sr.	34
15. Rick Van Voorse	30
16. Sam Harris Jr.	30

Magic Valley Pipe	
Driver	Points
1. (tie) Craig Nutthak	98
1. (tie) Jim Shirley	98
3. Desi Ahrens	92
4. (tie) Jim Howard	84
13. (tie) John Hoddendorn	84
6. Brian Lopez	82
7. Vinny Evans	76
8. Mike Dawson	72
9. Kamia Rouse	66
10. Steve Urfe	66
11. Joe Phillips	32

NAPA Pony Stocks	
Driver	Points
1. Lou Anderson	110
2. Jason White	96
3. John Urfe	86
4. Josh Pitz	86

racing debut in the division.

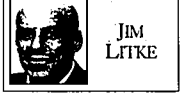
Pony and Thunder Stock

Lou Anderson harnessed a two-point lead in the standings over Jason Whitely with a win in

the Pony Stock division last Saturday night, but Whitely has posted the fastest lap times during the two main event races so far this season and looks to have his car dialed in well.

Junior's new paint job stirs some echoes

Father-son relationships are complicated often, but never mind trying to sort out the issues with a new speedometer toward 200 mph.



JIM LITKE

Yet that's the delicate task Dale Earnhardt Jr. set himself this weekend at Talladega, hoping to honor the man who taught him the business while scaring the snout out of everybody else — and still win the race. If that sounds like a tall order, keep in mind that NASCAR's restrictor-plate events don't allow much wiggle room for the engine when it's being driven by none other than Junior.

But there's another layer to the story. Earnhardt Sr. had a last lap crash at the Daytona 500 a half-dozen years ago. It was that way for a lot of the kids who try to follow famous fathers. So you could look at this a number of ways: Cynical, as a play to sell even more NASCAR-licensed merchandise whimsically, as nothing more than a bid by Junior to change his luck, since he arrives at Talladega on an upswing after his most disappointing season in 2005, or even as a calculated gamble.

With his confidence growing and so many story lines waiting to be knotted together, Junior could have it all — and make another downpayment on the debt he still owes his father.

"His birthday is something I do enjoy pointing out or celebrating," Earnhardt Sr. said personally, because that was always a lot of fun with him," Earnhardt Jr. recalled. "When he would get a little bit older, we were always picking about what his real age was."

you do want to — between me and my family or whatnot, and all of his fans, you do want to take a moment to remember. I think," Junior said finally, "his birthday is a good one."

Like we said at the top, father-son issues are generally weighty ones. When someone asked Junior earlier this week whether he paid attention to paint schemes before now, he talked about how his father and his racing team had always done that, "thinking of cool ways to do and ways to incorporate neat things that they like or ordered."

But then, in one of those utterances that would fill up an hour on a psychologist's couch, Junior said, "If I had my choice, I'd be driving an all-white car. I'd paint it sort of like the delivery trucks that Budweiser has. But, you know, I like the car I've got and I think it's reflective of myself. I think it fits my personality as good as it any."

But maybe it's a good sign, that Junior has a comfortable enough to wear his dad's colors for a race, the way some sons try on their father's suits after a while, to feel for themselves how far they've come and even more important, to get a sense of how much farther they still have to go.

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NASCAR THIS WEEK

NEXTEL CUP
AARON'S 499
Site: Talladega, Ala.
Sched: Saturday, qualifying (FX, Noon); Sunday, race (FOX, 1:30 p.m.).
Truck: Talladega Superspeedway, 300 laps, 266 miles, 33 degrees banking in turns.
Face distance: 500 miles, 188 laps.

Last race: Kevin Harvick completed a sweep at Phoenix International Raceway on Saturday night, winning the Subway Fresh 500 to go along with his Bush Series victory a day before. Harvick was off the radar most of the race, driving a car that ran in the top 10 but never challenged for the lead. He had his best late race, Greg Biffle with 10 laps to go and racing away to his sixth career victory.

Last year: Jeff Gordon fought off challenges after challenging on the way to winning the Aaron's 499 for the second year in a row. Gordon led 139 of the 194 laps. He finally held off Tony Stewart and Dale Earnhardt Jr. at the end of a two-lap shootout, set up by a six-car crash with one lap remaining in regulation that ended the chances of Dale Earnhardt Jr.

Fast facts: Matt Kenseth finished third at Phoenix to take over the points lead. A Gordon will be trying to become the first driver to win this race three straight years since David Pearson from 1972-74. ... Dale Earnhardt Jr. a five-time winner at Talladega will mark his late father's birthday this weekend by driving a replica of Dale Sr.'s famed black car. Junior's trademark red Chevy which will still bear the No. 14 will be painted predominantly black, with white lettering and silver and red stripes. ... Dale Jarrett, driving a Ford, snapped Chevrolet's 13-race winning streak at Talladega last October.

BUSCH SERIES
AARON'S 312
Site: Talladega, Ala.
Sched: Friday, qualifying (Speed Channel, 5 p.m.); Saturday, race (FOX, 3 p.m.).
Truck: Talladega Superspeedway (Tri-oval, 2.66 miles, 33 degrees banking in turns).
Face distance: 312.2 miles, 117 laps.

Last race: Kevin Harvick won his second consecutive Busch Series race on Friday night, finishing at Gateway after a win at Ing on through several late

cautions and an overtime finish at Phoenix International Raceway. Harvick, who also won the previous weekend in Nashville, Tenn., extended his lead in the standings to 289 points over Clint Bowyer.

Last year: Martin Truex Jr. won his second consecutive Busch Series race at Talladega Superspeedway. Truex batted back after an early accident damaged his Chevrolet. Then he avoided several other crashes, a flurry of late cautions and surviving an intense overtime finish. With Kerry Earnhardt right on his rear bumper, Truex jumped out on the restart of the three-lap overtime and pulled away.

Fast facts: Nextel Cup regulars remain undefeated in the lower-tier Busch Series. Cup drivers have captured all nine events this season; Harvick is the only repeat winner. ... Truex, the two-time defending Busch champion, is expected to make his return to the series this weekend. ... Ryan Newman won three straight races last season.

CRAFTSMAN TRUCKS
DODGE RAM TOUGH 200
Site: Talladega, Ala.
Sched: Saturday, qualifying, 5 p.m.; race (Speed Channel, 8 p.m.).
Truck: Gateway International Raceway (egg-shaped oval, 1.25 miles, 13 degrees banking in turns 1-9, 9 degrees in turns 3-4).
Race distance: 200 miles, 160 laps.

Last race: David Starr held off the final 121 laps to win the Kroger 250 at Martinsville, Va., on April 1. His fourth career truck victory.

Last year: Ted Musgrave dominated the Dodge Ram Tough 200 from start to finish, leading all but two laps en route to a 0:35-second victory over Dennis Setzer. Musgrave, who started from the pole after a record qualifying lap, easily held off a runner on two late restarts for his 16th career truck victory.

Fast facts: Terry Cook has not won in 47 races since his last victory at Memphis in 2002. He won at Gateway that season. ... Musgrave is the only driver to win at Gateway during his championship season. ... Rick Crawford has four top-10 finishes in his last five starts at Gateway.

A LOOK AHEAD

May 27 — Carquest Auto Parts 500, Concord, N.C.
June 3 — Dover 200, Del.
June 10 — Federated Auto Parts 300, Lebanon, Tenn.
June 17 — Meijer 300, Sparks, Ky.
June 24 — AT&T 500, West Allis, Wis.
June 30 — TBA, Daytona
July 1 — Daytona 500, Daytona Beach, Fla.
July 8 — USG Durock 300, Joliet, Ill.
July 15 — New England 200, Loudon, N.H.
July 15 — Pepsi 400, Daytona Beach, Fla.
July 9 — USG Sheetrock 400, Joliet, Ill.
July 16 — New England 300, Loudon, N.H.

Busch Series
May 5 — Circuit City 250, Richmond, Va.
May 13 — Diamond Hill Flywood 200, Darlington, S.C.

Standings
Nextel Cup
1. Matt Kenseth, 1,218
2. Jimmie Johnson, 1,025
3. Casey Mears, 1,167
4. Mark Martin, 1,152
5. Tony Stewart, 1,141
6. Jeff Gordon, 1,045
7. Dale Earnhardt Jr., 1,045
8. Kevin Harvick, 1,044
9. Kyle Busch, 1,010
10. Casey Mears, 948
11. Kevin Harvick, 1,469
12. Clint Bowyer, 1,180
13. Danny Hamlin, 1,174
14. J.J. Yeley, 1,158
15. Carl Edwards, 1,128
16. Paul Menard, 1,074
17. John Wood, 1,037
8. Kyle Busch, 1,032
9. Bumey Larson, 1,007
10. Greg Biffle, 999

Busch Series
11. Reed Sorenson, 988
12. Jason Leffler, 983
13. Johnny Suter, 969
14. Jamie McMurray, 950
15. Ashton Lewis, 923
16. Matt Kenseth, 921
17. Kenny Wallace, 879
18. Danny O'Quinn Jr., 879
19. Jason Keller, 871
20. Michael Waltrip, 870

Craftsman Truck
11. Johnny Beeson, 506
12. Bobby Hamilton Jr., 493
13. Jeff Blanton, 481
14. Jerry Cox, 488
15. David Starr, 482
16. Brendan Gaughan, 420
17. John Wood, 408
18. Kyle Krisiloff, 394
19. Ron Hornaday, 385
20. Aric Almirola, 385

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Dakoda and her dying mom embrace the spotlight

REUNION, Fla. (AP) — When her family moved from a spacious house into a tiny townhome, Dakoda Dowd gave more than 100 of her golf trophies away, saying she didn't need to keep them.

She added one to her collection Friday — and it's not going anywhere.

Adding to what her cancer-stricken and terminally ill mother, Kelly Jo Dowd, called "the perfect week," her 13-year-old golf prodigy and her family received a replica of the winner's trophy on the 18th green early Friday evening after finishing her second round at the Ginn Clubs & Resorts Open.

Dakoda — who shot an 82, eight shots higher than her Thursday score — missed the cut by eight strokes.

"Nobody minded, of course. I'm prouder today than I was yesterday that my daughter has the courage and strength to play with these PGA members," Kelly Jo said. "And I feel great right now. I feel great. My dream came true out here. I saw my girl play with these amazing women. My dream came true."

The scene shortly after Dakoda tapped in for a double bogey on the 18th was one normally reserved for champions, and Ginn tournament officials felt the Dowd family certainly qualified as such. Knowing that Kelly Jo adored the large Chibuly glass bowl that she awarded to the winner on Sunday, a replica was made.

A scant few were in on the secret, which was kept from Kelly Jo and Dakoda — both of whom gasped when the gift was unveiled.

"I didn't want it to be over," Dakoda said. "And it is. And with all the prayers and everything, me and my mom and my family are going to keep living. It's definitely touched us. Our family's so much stronger now."

The touching ceremony capped Dakoda's first LPGA Tour experience.

She was invited to play after event organizers learned that Kelly Jo — who doctors say may only have months to live — wanted to see her daughter play against the pros once in her lifetime. So Ginn organizers offered a sponsor's exemption, which eventually became a special exemption through the LPGA.

"She's a good player now, and she's going to be a really good player," said Kate Golden, who and Tracy Hanson were the pros in Dakoda's threesome. "I enjoyed it. She's a good kid. Her parents are great and it was a good experience. I'm so glad she was able to play."

Golden and Hanson even had a bit of fun with Dakoda, giving her a nickname: "Nubby."

"She was chewing her fingernails for two days straight," Golden said. "I said she's going to have to meet people on her elbows, because eventually she was going to chew her arm off." Dakoda's gallery was the sec-

ond-largest on the course Friday, an estimated 300 people. Tournament officials said only the superstar-laden trio of Annika Sorenstam, Cristie Kerr and Paula Creamer had more people following their round.

"It's crazy. Absolutely crazy," said Mike Dowd, Dakoda's father. "I think this is great for Dakoda. She does love it. Makes it a lot more fun for her, unlike all those days of practicing with no one around."

And on almost every hole, someone — often someone Kelly Jo didn't know — approached her, simply to say hello or give her a hug. "Thank you for being here," she would say, before getting back into the cart and being shuttled to the spot where Dakoda would play from next.

"I love the crowds," Kelly Jo said. "All it means is people are cheering for us and respecting my little girl and wanting us to do well. So I love it. I'm so proud of it."

Dakoda was tied for 53rd after the first round, beating or tying 15 women who've combined to win 33 major championships. Among them: Karrie Webb,

Birdie Kim, Jeong Jang, Grace Park, Meg Mallon, Karen Stupples and Jalay Lunke — all major winners at some point in their three years.

And long after Thursday's round was done, Kelly Jo took Dakoda to work on her driving. "Aha, no golf clubs were involved."

"We did some mother-daughter bonding," Kelly Jo said. "I let her drive the car in a secluded parking lot. She did great. Then we cranked up some music, Pink's 'Stupid Girls,' and just danced right there. And then we went swimming. It was wonderful. We had fun. That's what this week has been about for us."

Dakoda hit a perfect drive to open her second round, straight down the middle and longer than her two pro playing partners. She opened with three straight pars — prompting whistles among her supporters that maybe, just maybe, she could make the cut.

Wishful thinking. Too wishful, actually.

Dakoda made three straight bogeys on Nos. 4-6. Another bogey on the ninth pushed her

to 6 over for the tournament — two strokes off the eventual cut line, and she never flirted with it again.

She made a double bogey at No. 12, hitting one putt off the green as her mom's head slumped. Another bogey followed at 13, and Dakoda couldn't hide the disappointment on her face as she slowly walked away. Yet when she said to get out of a greenside bunker on 18, she spun and smiled sheepishly.

"It's OK," one woman yelled. "Don't worry about it," a man shouted.

"You can do it," added another man.

Her next try did get out of the bunker and hit the green. Hanson and Golden both putted off first, leaving one last moment for Dakoda. And when the last putt Kelly Jo's hands went skyward, index fingers raised.

Moments later, mother and daughter shared another long embrace, and Dakoda, one day after chiding her mother for crying on the course, broke into sobs.

"She made mama's cut today," Kelly Jo said.



Dakoda Dowd, left, wipes tears from her eyes as she gets a hug from her mother, Kelly Jo, after she completed her second round at the Ginn Open LPGA golf tournament in Reunion, Fla., on Friday. Although Dowd did not make the cut, the family was presented with a glass trophy.

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Ochoa trails Kim at Ginn

REUNION, Fla. (AP) — Lorena Ochoa made one poor shot Friday. It was the only thing that kept her from topping the leaderboard.

Rebounding from a triple bogey, Ochoa shot a 70 to move a stroke behind Mi Hyun Kim (66) after the second round of the Ginn Clubs & Resorts Open.

She was 7 under after 36 holes and — once again — ahead of most of the field. She has been the best golfer on tour this season, with four top-10 finishes in six starts.

Durant takes lead at Zurich Classic

NEW ORLEANS — Joe Durant had a bogey-free 8-under 64 to take a two-shot lead over Brett Wetterich in the Zurich Classic.

Durant, weather since taking the Bob Hope Classic and 12 in consecutive starts five years ago, had a 12-under 132 total on the English Turn course. Wetterich closed with an 8-foot birdie on the ninth hole for a 65.

Two-ur U.S. Open champion on Retief Goosen spluttered at the start and then steadily improved for a 3-under 69 that left him in a group of seven players at 8-under 135 that included three rookies (Charley Hoffman, Eric Axley and Ryan Hreltila) and Ian Poulter, who had never played the course until he stepped onto the first tee Thursday.



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AROUND THE VALLEY

Democrats to meet

TWIN FALLS — The local Democratic Party will hold a planning meeting at 7 p.m. Monday at Perkins Restaurant and Bakery, 1564 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. For more information, call Carol Stenmet at 543-4419.

WalkAmerica is May 6

TWIN FALLS — The March of Dimes WalkAmerica fundraising event will be held May 6 at the Twin Falls City Park bandshell. Registration opens at 9 a.m., and the walk begins at 10 a.m. Registration may also be done online at walkamerica.org or by calling (208) 336-5421.

The event raises funds to help the March of Dimes fight prematurity, which affects half a million babies born in the United States every year. Money is used to support research and programs to find out how to prevent premature births and local programs to give help and help to families who experience it.

WalkAmerica will be a fun day for the family. Breakfast and lunch will be served, along with coffee and drinks, to celebrate the walkers.

In 2006, national sponsors include Cigna, Farmers Footwear, Farmers Insurance Group, FedEx and Kinart. Other sponsorship is provided by BabyFit.com, Continental Airlines, Discovery Health Channel, First Response, Grain Foods Foundation, Merck Johnson, National and Outdoor Services.

For more information visit the March of Dimes Web site at marchofdimes.com or the Spanish Web site at marchofdimes.es, or call (800) 525 WALK.

Dilettantes of Magic Valley to elect officers

TWIN FALLS — The Dilettantes of the Magic Valley will elect officers Monday night. The community theater troupe's annual meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. at the Twin Falls Senior Citizen Center, 520 Shoshone St.

Nomination from the floor will be accepted. Sandy Hackney is running for president, Jane Munro for vice president, Heidi Walton for secretary, Helen Lee for treasurer and Sherry Warner for three-year board member.

Membership fees are \$5 and must be paid before voting.

Do you keep in touch with family online?

Is your family Internet connected? In the absence of frequent family reunions and family newsletters, many people in Magic Valley are using Web sites to post pictures and relay information. If you keep in touch with relatives near and far through a family Web site, please contact writer Karina Fitzgerald at 735-3238 or kfitzgerald@magicvalley.com.

Hansen holds annual Johnny Horizon Day

HANSEN — The city of Hansen will hold its annual Johnny Horizon Day from 8 a.m. to noon May 6.

Volunteers will pick up items separated at the city. Residents should separate items into these categories: (A) tires, off the rims, limit four per household; (B) appliances and metal; (C) Wood, brush, yard, etc.; (D) batteries; (E) paint and hazardous household items; and (F) clothes and miscellaneous. Various truck will pick up different items. Help must be available to load items.

The Hansen Assembly of God Church will provide lunch for all volunteers. To volunteer, call City Hall at 423-5158.

— compiled from staff reports

Snowpack levels

Watershed	100% Snow	100% Ice
Salmon	129%	145%
Big Wood	137%	128%
Little Wood	178%	123%
Big Lost	150%	130%
Little Lost	141%	128%
Henry Fork/Teton	123%	113%
Upper Snake Basin	107%	97%
Oakley	16%	23%
Salmon Falls	14%	14%

*A comparison of basin snowpack on this day with a 30-year average. **% of precipitation that has melted for the season.

No silver bullet for energy supply

Idaho Power explores nuclear, 'seasonal' coal

By Michelle Dunlop
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — When it comes to meeting Idaho's energy needs, there's no simple solution.

Each source of power generation comes with its unique set of benefits and disadvantages. And what looks good today might not look so good tomorrow.

"There's no silver bullet for generating electricity," said Randy Lobb, an administrator with the Idaho Public Utilities Commission.

Lobb and Idaho Power Co.'s Karl Bokenkamp recently addressed about 50 Magic Valley residents concerned about the power company's and the

state's long-term plan for keeping up with the growing demand for electricity in Idaho. The discussion was sponsored by the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce. The two agreed that constant changes in the power market mean that no resource — not even coal or nuclear power — is off the table.

In fact, Idaho Power's newest outlook includes the addition of nuclear power into its resource mix by the year 2022, Bokenkamp said. The company updates its Integrated Resource Plan every two years and files it for review with the PUC. The 2006 plan should be available in the next few months.

In the past, Idaho Power's resource plans considered consumers' needs over the coming decade. In its 2006 plan, the company examines the supply-and-demand picture over the next 20 years — extending its outlook because of the amount of time required to site and license projects, Bokenkamp said.

"Idaho Power has a significant need for additional energy resources over the next 10 to 20 years," Bokenkamp said. "We've had some extra capacity in the system and we've used it up."

Idaho Power sees its greatest demands for power during summer months when customers crank up the air conditioning and farmers turn on the pumps for irrigation. Bokenkamp says that the power

company is looking at meeting those summer needs by using coal plants for power seasonally.

In the past, the commission expressed concern that Idaho Power relies too heavily on its natural gas plants to meet peak energy demands in the summer. Lobb said: "While natural gas plants are easy for the company to build, the unstable cost of natural gas gives the commissioners reason to worry."

"We look out for the ratepayer," Lobb said. "Renewables play a role in the power company's energy picture. Since the 2004 plan was released, Idaho Power received a significant number of proposals for small-scale projects. Last year, Idaho Power sought and was granted a moratorium from the PUC on its obligation to buy power from such projects.

The company should be wrapping up a study on integrating energy from small wind in the system in the next few months, Bokenkamp said.

The Legislature may provide some guidance when its interim committee finishes updating the state's energy plan. But, its two-year moratorium on building coal-fired power plants in the state had no impact on how either the commission or Idaho Power do business, the two said.

"As long as people keep turning on the lights and air conditioning and blowdryers, we'll need to keep building resources," Bokenkamp said.

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A FAIRE TIME



A giraffe/poroquine hybrid rests on a black porch at owner Charles Browning's booth Friday during the Renaissance Faire at CSI.

Sun Valley closes 7th best ski season

By Susan Bailey
For The Times-News

KETCHUM — Sun Valley Resort closed its 70th ski season on Sunday, April 23, reaching a ranking of seventh for overall winter skier numbers after falling short of the number one record by 55,005 skiers. In addition, the 360 inches of recorded snowfall on Bald Mountain since September beats every other year record.

The 152-day season this year brought 420,517 skier days to Bald Mountain Ski Area.

This ski season definitely topped those of the past six years, and the season stands out as memorable for more than skier numbers.

Ski patroller Richie Bingham, a veteran of 39 years, said the 360 recorded inches of snowfall on Baldy were the most he ever remembered.

"It was awesome," Bingham said. "It was an incredible year."

The record year is still 1981-1982 with 475,522 skier days, followed by the 1982-1983 season, with 410,801 skiers.

Sun Valley's third best winter was the 1994-1995 season with 428,815 skiers followed by 1996-1997 with 436,292 skiers putting that winter in fourth place. The fifth best winter occurred in 1992-1993 when 425,000 skiers hit the slopes.

The lowest numbers of skier days ever recorded by Sun Valley happened during the infamous "no snow" winter of 1976-1977 when 80,000 skiers made their way to the resort, making it exist, limiting them to Flying Squirrel, and parts of College and Warm Springs.

Sun Valley owner Bill Hansen sold the resort to Earl Holding later in 1977.



A skier hits the slopes earlier this year during the 2005-2006 ski season at the Bald Mountain Ski Area in Sun Valley.

happy with its in-honset flights from Los Angeles and Oakland, Calif. This year, for the first time, the Los Angeles flights operated without minimum revenue guarantees by Sun Valley Resort and the Sun Valley-Ketchum Chamber and Visitors Bureau. Although Oakland flights were subject to minimum revenue guarantees that might have cost the resort a total of 7,697 passengers over the past two years, winter advertising was 8 percent of the total \$1.4 million budget, according to SVKVB Publicity Director Ellen Gillespie.

Gillespie said 27 percent of the budget in 2004-05 came from the city of Ketchum and 23 percent from the city of Sun Valley.

"I think we're in for a good summer," Sibbach said. Sibbach said the resort will negotiate with Horizon officials CEO Jeff Pingo and vice presidents Pat Zachwyla and Bruce Trolldenier regarding summer flights in and out of Oakland. Nonstop flights from Los Angeles are scheduled to begin after the middle of June.

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Sibbach said Horizon has looked into forming a partnership with Frontier Airlines to bring service from Denver into Harley's Friedman Memorial Airport in the 2006-2007 winter season. Those negotiations have not been made final.

SVKVB Marketing Director Carrie Westergard said she believes the season this winter will help those negotiations prove fruitful. Westergard said the SVKVB's partnership with Sun Valley Resort, spent approximately \$400,000 this winter season on special promotions, advertising and publicity for the Sun Valley area.

Sun Valley Resort and the SVKVB spent \$46,000 on print advertising in ski publications this year. Last year, winter advertising was 8 percent of the total \$1.4 million budget, according to SVKVB Publicity Director Ellen Gillespie.

City Council hears hope spring projects

By Mary Lynne Bristol
Times-News correspondent

ALBION — Besides the possibility of establishing a flood district, the majority of time spent at the April Albion City Council meeting concerned construction and maintenance issues.

Mayor Don Bowden reported that, following a county transportation committee meeting, he asked an engineer from J-U-B Engineering of Twin Falls to take a look at the two culverts the city is planning to replace as soon as possible. Bowden also asked him to let the council know what needs to be done to repair them properly and the estimated cost. Another engineering firm is also to be contacted. Councilman Dwight Parish stated that he would check with the state transportation department engineer regarding the culverts.

In discussing the installation of an ADA-compliant bathroom in the Community Center Maintenance Shop, Stewart Waldemar reported that a quote for the project is being prepared. He stated that he discussed with the city engineer screen will need to be installed in the front of the door of the new bathroom and a breaker bar could be placed on the existing main entrance door. Another concern was whether the starter box for the heaters currently in place can be used. Waldemar was told to have Hat River Electric check into the electrical issue.

Bowden stated that he had received a call from County Commissioner Dennis Crane about his willingness to help the Albion Valley establish a flood control district. It was agreed to hold a public meeting on Thursday, April 27 at 7 p.m. in the Community Center to begin the process.

Two quotes for painting the outside of the Community Center were discussed. The cost would be about \$5,000. No action was taken because the council decided to look into restoring windows and the east entry doors that were in the structure. Another issue was whether siding the building might be better and more cost effective than painting.

A letter from Steve Barker noting his intent to subdivide property just south of the city limits was read. He asked if the city would supply water and sewer service to the new construction. Because the council has already approved Barker's paying for a line to his new home on the property, discussion was held concerning those hooking up to the line and the city (Barker) to help pay for the line. No decision was made and City Attorney Kerry McMurtry was asked to provide a list of water meters. Water Master Don Gundersen told the council that an irrigation right-of-way runs through the property.

Lost and Stolen: Wenslawski asked if the city would reimburse them for the stop-payment on a check issued to a city utility bill check they had to stop payment on because of the city bill burglary. The city clerk did not receive the payment and the Wenslawskis stated that the check had not been cashed. The council suggested that they explain the circumstances to the bank.

NOAA Fisheries OKs reduced salmon seasons

By Jeff Barnard Associated Press writer

GHAZTS PASS, Ore. — NOAA Fisheries gave formal approval Friday to sharply reduced commercial salmon fishing seasons off Oregon and California to protect struggling returns of wild fall chinook salmon in the Klamath River.

seasons will produce about 40 percent of the fish normally caught by salmon trollers on the West Coast, but salmon fishermen maintain that in the 200-mile stretch of Oregon and Northern California most severely affected the catch will be 10 percent of a traditional spring-to-fall season.

straddling the mouth of the Klamath, and strictly limited fishing on another 300 miles. Recreational fishing was also cut back but not so severely.

OBITUARIES

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Norma L. Andrews

FILER — Our beloved wife, mother, grandmother and sister left her painful earthly body April 27, 2006, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Norma was born Feb. 24, 1930, to Ivan T. and Annie May Green in Salt Lake City, UT. She attended school around the Butte area and graduated from Bull High School in 1948.



150 milking cows and named the family business Andrews Dairy. Norma worked at the Filer First Baptist Church for 23 years as secretary until she had to retire due to illness.

Norma served as deaconess and taught Sunday school and was active in various social committees and Woman's Mission circles. In her spare time,

she enjoyed sewing and various crafts. Norma and Everett loved to travel. They visited 49 states, 47 by car. Her favorite plate says "happy wanderer."

Norma is survived by her husband, Everett; sisters, Loan Jean Kiser, Anchorage, Alaska, and Wendie Shaffer, Filer, sons, Ralph (Elton), Filer, and Larry, Aurora, CO; and daughter, Shannon (Deh) Alvey, American Falls; four grandchildren, Stacy Andrews, Juneau, Alaska, Erin (Jason) Porter, Twin Falls, Kimberly (Kasey) Kendall and Scott Alvey (Aimee) American Falls; and two great-grandchildren. Norma was preceded in death by her parents and one stepister.

Memorial services will be held Monday, May 1, at 4 p.m. at the Filer First Baptist Church, 1501 E. Main St., Filer. Burial will be in Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

Pat Neale

TWIN FALLS — Pat Neale passed away April 26, 2006, from complications due to cancer.

She is the youngest of identical twins born June 2, 1924, to Bert and Margaret Luthy, in Pocatello, Idaho. She graduated from Mackay High School in 1942. Following graduation, she started work with the Army in Arco, Idaho. She was married briefly in 1952, and from that union was born a son, Charles. In 1955, she married in Twin Falls and married Wayne Hankins. Wayne passed away in 1969. In 1970, she met and married Jay Neale, a happy and dedicated minister. In May of 1956, she began work at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center as a Medical Librarian where she was just honored for 50 years of dedicated service. During her hospital career, she held numerous positions. She moved from Medical Librarian to Medical Technologist. As the hospital and medical needs grew, so did her desire to broaden her medical training. She attended Nuclear Medicine training and broadened her skills as herself the hospital's first nuclear medicine machine. Again, as the needs of the hospital grew, she attended and became certified in the use of CT and MRI equipment. In June 2001, she added her name to the National MRI registry, bringing her certifications to three.



Pat always felt it important to give to her community, especially MVRMC. She and Jay decided property to the Foundation for use as living quarters for families who are undergoing care at MVRMC. In 2006, she and her husband Jay were named Philanthropists of the Year by the MVRMC Foundation.

Outside of work, her loves included shooting, hunting, gardening, spending time at her cabin in Featherhill, and she absolutely cherished the time she spent with her grandchildren. Featherhill was her oasis from her busy life. While there, she snowmobiled, snow-shoed, rode her ATV's, hiked, and loved to put her feet in front of her standing fireplace. A lifelong love of shooting garnered her title of Idaho State Class B Pistol champion in 1958.

Every fall would find her searching the hills and valleys around Featherhill during her yearly deer hunt. Very few years went by that she did not succeed in bringing home a deer. This consummate outdoors woman could be found talking to the "cabin deer," as she nicknamed the deer that wandered through her yard at the cabin. These were perhaps the only deer safe from her keen hunter's eye. Winter was a very special time to Pat; it brought about a

bovy of snow to her beloved cabin in the woods. She could be found there nearly every weekend astride her beloved Polaris snowmobile, exploring every nook and cranny of that lovely winter. If she was not astride her snowmobile, she had snow shoes strapped to her feet as she walked the trails surrounding her property. She found great joy in being able to find often be found with her niece's children in Featherhill, shopping at Christmas, or cheering from on an arena recitals and soccer games. Yearly visits from her grandchildren brought special joy into her life. She could be found with them virtually anywhere, from Featherhill to Disneyland. However, her favorite times with them were spent in Featherhill and its nearby hot springs.

Pat is survived by her husband, Jay Neale of Twin Falls; a son, Charles (Molly) Hankins, and four grandchildren, Stephanie (Chris) Rawlins, Jennifer (Hansen) Sarah Hankins, and Wayne Hankins, and a great-granddaughter, Madalyn Rawlins — all of Colorado Springs, Colorado. Also surviving is Pat's sister, Fran Metzger of Sun Valley, Idaho; three nieces, Vandy, Cindy, Terry and their children, as well as four step-children who live throughout the U.S.

Funeral services for Pat's life will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, May 1, 2006, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. East, Twin Falls, with Pastor Dale Metzger officiating. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park. Family will greet friends on Sunday from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Reynolds Funeral Chapel. Pat asked that memorial gifts be sent to the MVRMC Foundation. Contributions may be given to funeral chapel staff at the service or mailed to Reynolds Funeral Chapel, PO Box 1142, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303.

Thorah May Hansen Gough

JEROME — Thorah May Hansen Gough, 85, passed away on Wednesday, April 26, 2006, at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center in Jerome of causes incident to age.

She was born May 4, 1910, in Franklin, Idaho, to Maude Love and George Heber Hansen. She married William Robinson Gough on May 26, 1930, in the Salt Lake City, Utah, LDS Temple. They made their home in Jerome, where both had previously resided for several years, living first at Canyonside then at West Point south of Wendell. In 1940, they purchased a home on 4th Avenue West, where Thorah resided until the time of her death. Bill died August 27, 1966, due to complications from injuries sustained in an accident while working for the



Idaho State Highway Department. Thorah and Bill were blessed with two daughters, Marlene (Marvin) Drake of West Point, Utah, and Nina Jean (Bill) Brnd-

ford of Murray, Utah. Thorah also preceded in death by her parents; two sisters, Laura and Mildred; and one brother, Clifford. She is survived by her daughters; one brother, Melvin Hansen of Hamer, Idaho; 12 grandchildren; 40 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, May 1, 2006, in the Jerome LDS 2nd Ward Chapel, 50 East 100 South, Jerome, with Bishop Lon Thompson conducting. Friends may visit with family members from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, April 30, at the Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343 S. Lincoln, Jerome, and from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. at the church prior to the service. Interment to follow in the Jerome Cemetery.

OBITUARY

Viola Fern Cope York



shower her family with many of her handmade gifts. Mom also loved her children and grandchildren and their sporting events, etc.

Mom is survived by her daughter, Barbara Gallegos of Calipatria, California; son, Dick (Candy) York of Ketchikan, Alaska; daughter, Carol Berkenmeier of Twin Falls and daughter, Janet Steinbrenner of Boise; 14 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and her sisters, Ruby and Babe "Esther," several nieces, nephews; and her dear friend, Edith. Mom was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Claude; four brothers; two sisters; and a grandson.

A Celebration of Viola's Life will be held at 11 a.m., today, April 29, 2006, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. East, Twin Falls, with Pastor John B. Hoff officiating. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park.

SERVICES

Ruth Christine Breault of Wendell, Mass. of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. today at St. Jerome's Catholic Church, 216 Second Ave. E. (Farnsworth Mortuary in Jerome).

Dayton D. Shields of Virginia City, Mont., and formerly of Jerome, memorial service at 10 a.m. today at the Virginia City High School. Burial at Mortuaries of Sheridan, Mont.

Elvira Henrietta Nielsen Melroe of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Unity, 405 1st and 2nd Ward Chapel, 275 S. 250 E. in Burley; friends may call from 10 to 10:45 a.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home).

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Property tax cap petition still short

SANDPOINT — Organizers of a petition drive to get a property tax initiative on the November ballot still need more than 30,000 signatures by Monday's deadline.

"Am I scrounging for signatures at the moment? You bet," Bob Chenaud, president of Senate Taxation of Property Tax, told the Bonner County Daily Bee. "But I'm expecting a last-minute flurry."

His group and others including local communities in Idaho Property Tax Reform need 48,000 signatures to get the measure on the ballot. So far they have about 15,000. The initiative is backing an initiative that would cap property tax increases at 1 percent per year.

Homeowners and people who own second homes in Idaho pay 63 percent of the state's \$1.2 billion property tax bill, up from 61 percent in 2004 and around 40 percent in 1980. Rural communities in northern Idaho such as Coeur d'Alene and Sandpoint have seen property values increase by as much as 250 percent in a year, which boosts property taxes as well.

"It's absolutely criminal to force people who have lived in their homes for 30 years to be paying property taxes based on today's soaring property values," said Chenaud, producer of the 1974 TV show "Shazam!" who's lived in a Sandpoint log home since 1934. "This has got to change."

Earlier this month, Idaho lawmakers agreed to boost the amount residents can exempt from taxes on the assessed value of their homes to \$75,000 from \$50,000. Future increases will be linked to inflation.

But Chenaud said that wasn't enough, and recently put together a publicity event with horses on the Idaho Statehouse steps, the culmination of a grassroots effort dubbed "Property Tax Express."

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MAGIC VALLEY WEST

Young artists perform at recital

RUPERT — Craton Institute of Music presents its Senior Recital Scholarship Program at 6 p.m. Sunday at the Aetecia Church, 20403 5th St. in Aetecia.

This is a community event, free of charge, for everyone who wants to come and enjoy an evening of performance featuring favorite songs from these young artists. Performing will be 11 students and guest artists: The Rip Chords, Carrie Harper and Paige Beck.

Students performing include the following: **Codie Jade Smith** is the daughter of Larry Smith and LeAnn Anderson. She is a member of Spartan Singers at Minico High School, where she will be graduating this spring. She plans to attend College of the Redwoods in northern California where she will study to be a dental assistant.

Kelsey Dawn Kloepper is the daughter of Larry Kloepper and Nadine Kloepper of Rupert. She will be graduating from Minico High School with 30 college credits. She is completing training under Leslie Craton for the past four years. Kelsey will attend Brigham Young University Idaho this spring.

Jordan Craton is the son of Bryan and Leslie Craton at Rupert. He enjoys basketball and baseball and is active in his church and school organizations. He served as the senior president this past year.

He plans to go to BYU-Idaho in the fall and then serve an LDS mission.

Melissa Fuelling is the daughter of Karl and Cynthia Fuelling and will be a graduate of Burley High School this May. She loves the arts and has been an active participant in music and drama throughout high school. She has received the award of National Merit semifinalist. She plans to attend the University of Idaho in the fall to study premed with a minor in music.

Jake Wheeler is the son of Diana and John Wheeler. He will attend BYU-Idaho this summer majoring in communications. In high school he participated in many clubs and also sang in Leslie Craton's group, Rip Chords.

Jennifer Garrard is the 19-year-old daughter of Richard and Elsie Garrard of Burley. She has been taking vocal lessons for the past five years. She is a senior at Pocatello High School where she is vice president of the Decro Seminary Council, a member of Trendsetters, and the 2006 Cassia County Fair and Rodeo Queen. Jennifer will be attending Utah State University this fall where she will major in elementary education.

Rachel Hepworth is the daughter of Craig and Chris Hepworth of Rupert and a senior at Minico High School. She has studied singing with Leslie Craton for eight years. She has been a member at Spartan Singers, Reflections and Serenity Sounds at Minico. She plans

to attend BYU-Idaho in the fall majoring in psychology with a minor in music.

Aaron Phillips is the 18-year-old son of Floyd and Jean Phillips of Rupert. During his year as Minico High School he has participated in soccer, football and basketball. Aaron has served on Student Council. This year he is serving as senior class vice-president. Aaron has been singing with the Rip Chords for three years. Aaron is planning to leave this summer to serve an LDS mission.

Chanae Wilson is the daughter of Brent and Karla Wilson. She has been taking voice lessons for the past five years. She has been involved in many school activities as well as church activities. She plans on attending Brigham Young University-Idaho in the fall.

Brianna Hansen is the daughter of Richard and Jody Hansen. She plans on attending Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, this fall where she would like to study the performing arts. Brianna began formal vocal training with Leslie Craton in 2004. She is an Honor Student at Minico High School.

Megan Coats is the daughter of David andileen Coats of Rupert. She has taken voice lessons for six years and has been in choirs at East Minico Middle School and Sevens Sounds and Spartan Singers at Minico High School. She plans to attend the College of Southern Idaho. Special guest performers at

the event will be **Carlie Harper** and **Paige Beck**. Harper is the daughter of Jeffrey and Kim Harper of Rupert. She began studying the flute at the age of 6. Carlie studies with Patricia George of Pocatello and has also studied piano for the past 11 years with the late Dr. Don Royster. She has been accepted to study at the Sevannee Summer music festival in Tennessee this summer, and will attend BYU-Idaho as a music education major next fall.

Beck is a former Idaho Teen Miss, Miss Mini-Cassia, Runner-up to Miss Idaho, and Talent Winner at the Miss Idaho Pageant. She has recorded two albums of her own sacred music, "Turn Your Heart to Your Family" and "An Instrument in His Hands," as well as publishing the piano/sacred music for each album. She has received special recognition in the LDS Church Music Contest for her children's songs "Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ" and "What I Will Be."

Also performing at the event will be the "Rip Chords." The group has been around since 2003. They have had the opportunity to sing at Utah Jazz games on two occasions and have performed at several community functions in the area.

Anyone wishing to audition for next year's group can call Leslie Craton at 532-4328, lecraton@pmt.org, or www.cratoninstituteofmusic.com. Auditions will be in May.

Leaders will appoint task force for early education

By Anne Wallace Allen
Associated Press writer

BOISE — Advocates for an early childhood education system in Idaho have high hopes for a legislative task force that's to be appointed next week.

Forty states are ahead of us already, said Idaho's Wallace, noting that Idaho is one of a handful of states that spend no state money on preschool programs. "We're going to have the race not to be last in getting some state funding for early childhood education."

Idaho has prohibits school districts from spending money on preschool. Lawmakers have tried unsuccessfully to change that prohibition over the years. "We're going to have the race not to be last in getting some state funding for early childhood education."

Schroeder said Thursday that the task force outcome would depend on who was appointed. The task of choosing its members goes to the House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, R-Burley, and Senate President Pro Tem Bohem Geddes, R-Soda Springs.

"If they put people who have been involved with the issue of pre-K legislation, that actually want to write a bill and go forward, then we can do it," said Schroeder, who hopes to get spotted on the panel himself. "If they have it loaded with eight people who are all against pre-K kindergarten, we should save our money. We should have one meeting and pull the plug."

Geddes said he doesn't know how many people will be on the panel. All will be legislators. "Hopefully we'll have a broad geographic cross-section," he said.

It won't be Idaho's first task force on the subject of early education, or preschool. Schroeder served on a panel with the

same mission about a half-dozen years ago. No preschool program came of that.

But Geddes said things might be different this time around because the issue has had national exposure.

"It's something I think is a trend in the country," he said. Idaho is one of eight states that doesn't spend any state money on early education, according to the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

Several people set out at the beginning of this year's legislative session to change that, including a group of local business leaders who cited studies showing Idaho would save money later on if it invested in children in their earliest years.

Sen. Mike Burkett, D-Boise, called in national experts to talk to lawmakers, and introduced a bill that would move the state closer to allowing preschool. That bill, like the others, went nowhere.

Burkett requested the task force. It will be advocates get the message across that preparing kids for kindergarten saves states and school districts money later on, said Wallace, who works with Burkett.

While policy-makers discuss the matter, many Idaho school

districts have already started offering preschool.

The Lakeland District in Burdman offers a full-day program every winter for 4- and 5-year-olds entering kindergarten the following year. It offers hour-long classes two evenings a week for parents and kids on subjects like the alphabet and books, said Ron Schmidt, assistant superintendent.

"We've got children showing up their first day of kindergarten that are well prepared and ready to take on their kindergarten class work, and we have other children that have not had a lot of preparation in the home, and they're behind from the first day," said Schmidt. "That's a concern."

The Lakeland district used private grants to run the program for the first few years, but that funding ran out and now parents pay \$50, said Schmidt. As far as he knows, no families have stayed away because they couldn't pay.

Children who have been through the program do better on the Idaho Reading Indicator, a standardized test, than those

Party refunds contribution

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — The Kootenai County Republican Party has refunded the money that judicial candidate Rami Amaro paid to sponsor the group's March 19 Lincoln Day Dinner.

The group gave Amaro back the sponsorship fee minus the cost of meals for the people at Amaro's table after it became known that judicial candidate Amaro said she was reimbursed by her business.

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Colorado ranch hand recovers after bear attack

By Dan Elliot
Associated Press writer

DENVER — Harold Cerda had just left an outhouse on a southern Colorado ranch when a bear swatted him to the ground and chased him to his car, where he discovered the animal had also eaten his lunch.

"He sent me a good 10 or 15 feet," Cerda told The Associated Press in a telephone interview Friday. "I'm used to hard falls because I used to ride bulls a lot. It's pretty much the hardest I've been hit."

He guessed the cinnamon-colored black bear was anywhere from 150 to 500 pounds and nearly 6.5 feet tall when standing.

Cerda, 29, was treated and released at a Pueblo hospital for bruises and possible nerve damage to his neck and shoulder. He said he can't move his right arm.

Cerda, a ranch hand on the Harris International ranch about 175 miles south of Denver near the New Mexico line, was attacked Wednesday afternoon. Division of Wildlife spokesman Michael Scraphin said wildlife officers believe the bear happened along, noticed the lunch in the car and crawled through an open window to help itself.

Scraphin said the bear was apparently walking toward the outhouse as Cerda emerged.

"I think what happened was I surprised him, so he hit me," Cerda said. He said the blow knocked him 10 to 15 feet.

After a few seconds, he spotted

ted the bear a short distance away and walked to his car. So did the bear.

"He started picking up his pace, and so did I," Cerda said. Once inside, he started the engine, set the electric windows up and noticed the remnants of his lunch.

As the bear sniffed around the windows and chewed on the tires, Cerda snapped photos with his cell phone for a few minutes and drove away.

Wildlife officials found bear prints on top of the car. Cerda, who is married with a son, said he was never really scared.

"I grew up in the mountains," he said. "I know not to panic." District Wildlife Manager Bob Uhl said the trap had been set for the bear in the latest attack, which will also be destroyed if captured because it had attacked a human.

Cerda said he hopes that doesn't happen because he doesn't think the bear would have attacked at all if it hadn't been startled.

"If I had been attacked, he would have killed me right there," he said. Wildlife officials say several factors, including hard freezes or heavy snow, and acorns, and bears foraging for food after they emerge from hibernation, lead to rare attacks.

"If bears were going to go around eating people, we would be reporting it everyday," he said.

There have been 23 documented bear attacks on humans in Colorado since 1998, according to data from

By The Associated Press

A list of documented bear attacks on humans in Colorado compiled by the Colorado Division of Wildlife.

- **May 17, 1998:** Male hiker attacked near Garden of the Gods in Colorado Springs. Puncture wounds on his hip and scratches on his arm.
- **September 28, 1998:** A 53-year-old male hunter attacked in Lake County. Bite on the foot.
- **August 4, 1999:** A 56-year-old hiker was attacked after surprising a sow and her cubs in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains. Puncture wounds and scratch marks to his foot, ankle and leg.
- **September 13, 2000:** A bear on Grand Mesa bit one hunter on the buttocks and another on the hand and leg. A third hunter shot the bear in the abdomen, killing him.
- **July 8, 2001:** A 16-year-old was attacked as he was sleeping at a campsite west of Gardner, where the bear was accustomed to finding food. Scrapes and several puncture wounds.
- **July 24, 2001:** A scout leader was attacked by a black bear in her tent as she slept in Chaffee County; bites and scratches.
- **August 2, 2001:** A 17-year-old

of the Division of Wildlife.

Before Cerda, the last one happened in September when a large black bear injured an 85-year-old woman, who had been regularly feeding the bear sunflower seeds.

had no way to access Hollywood movie productions before the law passed.

"The intention was for fees collected to stay at the individual park unit where the movie was being made, as a kind of impact-fee," Thomas said.

List of documented bear attacks

- **September 21, 2001:** A 21-year-old attacked in his sleeping bag at the Lake Creek Campground: Bite on hand and injuries in the head, back and upper-right arm from the bear standing on him.
- **August 27, 2001:** A 41-year-old woman was injured in the head by a black bear who swiped through the tent looking for food.
- **September 9, 2001:** A 28-year-old hoarding impaired man, was hit by a bear from behind after coming in between a sow and her cub. Minor scratches, and a strained knee.
- **September 20, 2001:** A 48-year-old woman was attacked by a bear who jumped up and down near her a couple of times in Durango, Bruises.
- **October 5, 2001:** A 20-year-old man was attacked while sleeping outside at a campground near Great Sand Dunes National Monument. Bite on right foot.
- **June 29, 2002:** An 11-year-old boy attacked by a bear who ripped open the tent, stuck his head inside and bit the boy on the right leg.
- **August 20, 2002:** A student

- camping in Mount Evans Wilderness Area with a group from his school was jumped on by a bear rampaging through the campground.
- **August 22, 2002:** A bear came down on top of a tent and inadvertently put a one-inch scratch on the male who was sleeping in the tent in Teller County.
- **July 5, 2004:** A federal wildlife agency attacked by a bear he was tracking in Gunnison County. The bear pulled the agent down by the leg and bit him a couple of times on all four limbs.
- **July 28, 2004:** A 19-year-old woman was rolled around by a bear who had entered her tent in Larimer County, Bruises.
- **August 8, 2004:** A woman was swiped by a bear on her porch in Larimer County. (She did not require medical attention and DOW officers described the incident as a non-aggressive encounter)
- **August 19, 2004:** A female bear ramming through a Garfield County cabin bit someone in the left foot after being startled.
- **August 31, 2004:** A sheep herder was bit on the leg and arm by a bear after trying to keep the bear from attacking his dog in Montrose County.

- **September 11, 2004:** An elk hunter was swatted from behind by a bear as he was sitting on a stump. (The hunter did not require medical attention and the bear was not treated as aggressive)
- **July 13, 2005:** Two campers were injured by a black bear at Rocky Mountain National Park. One man suffered a bite to his forehead and another received 30 staples in his skull.
- **July 19, 2005:** A 14-year-old boy was attacked near Coalville as he was sleeping in a tent. The boy was bitten on the left hand.
- **July 31, 2005:** A 40-year-old man was mauling a black bear north of Cripple Creek as he was sleeping in a motorhome. He suffered lacerations on the head and back.
- **September 19, 2005:** An 85-year-old woman was attacked in her yard in El Paso County by a bear she had been feeding.
- **April 26, 2006:** After leaving an outhouse, a 29-year-old woman was attacked by a bear. He suffered bruises and possible nerve damage to his neck and shoulder.

New park fees stun wildlife filmmakers

By Jennifer Byrd
Associated Press writer

CHEYENNE, Wyo. — Wildlife photographers and documentary filmmakers say a new fee schedule for commercial filming in Yellowstone and other national parks could put them out of business.

"It won't just be the filmmakers and photographers affected by this, it'll be the whole country," said Jeff Hogan, a documentary filmmaker in Jackson, Wyo., who has shot wildlife programs for National Geographic and the BBC.

"People will have less exposure to these beautiful places and exciting animal behaviors," he said. "There will be less opportunity for people to learn about wildlife."

The interim fees, scheduled to go into effect May 15, would charge filmmakers at least \$150 per day for filming in the park. They may pay just \$200 per year, plus fees for any park services or assistance they require.

Bob Landis, an Emmy-winning filmmaker for his 2004 documentary "Wolf Park," said the National Park Service probably needs to charge filmmakers more for filming than it currently does, but not as much as the new fee structure.

Under the new schedule, Landis — who said he shoots at least 800 days a year in Yellowstone — would have to pay at least \$45,000 a year.

"I'll put me out of the stock footage business," Landis said, who often sells wildlife footage to broadcasters who don't want to spend time waiting for an animal to behave in a certain way.

The problem, Landis said, is that the Park Service is treating large non-profits differently than those that come into parks to film commercials or movies the same way it treats small, independent wildlife documentary filmmakers.

"The philosophy seems to be one size fits all," Landis said. "If they can come up with a category that fits wildlife documentary and education filmmakers — then I think they'll benefit all the way around."

That's one possibility the Park Service is looking into, said Le Dickinson, the agency's special parks use program manager.

A law passed by Congress in 2000 requires the Department of the Interior to change location fees for filming on any of the department's federal lands. It has spent six years developing a fee structure, Dickinson said, but it should be released to the public in a couple months. Dickinson declined to reveal any specifics about that fee structure.

But the process of putting those regulations into effect could take another year and a half. In the meantime, Dickinson said, the Park Service has tentatively adopted an interim fee structure developed by the Bureau of Land Management.

Dickinson said she expects the final department-wide fee structure to be different from the BLM's. The department-wide structure will replace any previously developed structures and will be used across the board on all Interior Department lands.

The law requiring the location fees was sponsored by Sen. Craig Thomas, R-Wyo., who said Friday that the provision was meant for larger-scale Hollywood movie production, not small-scale nature films.

"A not-for-profit company filming birds was never intended to be charged under my legislation," Thomas said in an e-mail from his office to The Associated Press. "While it may not be explicitly laid out under the law, it was certainly considered during the course of the debate of the filming fee legislation."

Thomas said the Park Service

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

STORK REPORT

Dinner, cake auction slated for Masonic lodge

BURLEY — A spaghetti dinner and cake auction will be held from 1-3 p.m. Sunday at the Burley Masonic Lodge, 1519 Overland Ave. in Burley.

Dancers who have volunteered. Cakes will go to the highest bidder.

Proceeds will go to benefit the lady's Daughters of Bethel 18 and 19 chapters.

For more information, call Shelley Call at 677-4085.

Open house will honor woman for 90th birthday

BURLEY — Irene Farwell of Burley will be honored at an open house for her 90th birthday from 2-4 p.m. Sunday at the Christian Center Church, 317 W. 27th St.

Birthday greetings and well-wishes can be sent to her at 2050 Hilland Ave., Burley, ID 83318.

Helen Applewhite was born April 30, 1916, in Boyd, Texas, the daughter of Samuel and Mary Applewhite.

She attended college in DeCatur, Texas, for two years and graduated at North Texas State teacher's college in Denton, Texas, with a bachelor of science degree. She taught school in Westbrook, Lorraine, Boyd and Washburne, Texas.

She married William Farwell June 29, 1936, and the couple moved to Hegler where they had a wheat farm. They lived on the farm until 1970 when they moved to Burley. She passed away Oct. 20, 2005.

She had one foster daughter, Carol Johnson of Lewiston.

Caregiver Classes held Monday at CSI office

TWIN FALLS — Caregiver classes will be held from 1-2 p.m. Mondays at the College of Southern Idaho Office on Aging Annex Building in Twin Falls.

The title of the course will be Special Challenges. Guest speaker will be Angela Jewell, information and assistance specialist and the CSI Office on Aging.

Topics covered will include communication, ADPS and the older adult, depression, dealing with boredom, continuing education, consumer fraud, pain management, transportation, travel and living.

For more information, call Sherry Gunn at 735-2122 ext. 308.

Red Cross slates Monday blood drive

RUPERT — The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive from noon to 6 p.m. Monday at the Rupert City building.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call Ann at 436-1344.

CSI Mini-Cassia center offers QuickBooks class

BURLEY — The College of Southern Idaho Mini-Cassia Center is offering QuickBooks for Beginners from 6-8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, May 2-11, at 1600 Burke Ave.

The two-week course will cover setting up accounts, tracking income, payroll and sales, balancing check-books and payment alerts. The cost is \$40.

For more information, call 678-1400.

Drill team presents Small Stepps Clinic

BURLEY — The Burley High School Stepperette drill team will present the Small Stepps Clinic from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays through Friday.

Registration will be held from 4:30 p.m. at the front entrance of Burley High School. The cost is \$18 and includes a T-shirt.

Dancers learned at the clinic will be performed at the Stepperette Spring Review at 7 p.m. May 9. All Small Stepps participants will practice at 6 p.m. prior to the performance.

Street shoes are not allowed on the gym floors so participants will need to wear dance shoes or tennis shoes with white soles and comfortable clothes. Parents/guardians must sign a release in order for the child to participate.

For more information, call 876-6606.

Domestic violence summit set for Thursday

TWIN FALLS — A domestic violence summit sponsored by Idaho Legal Aid Services and the Office on Violence Against Women will be held at 8:30 a.m. Thursday at The Ballroom, 205 Shoshone St. N.

There is a \$10 fee to cover the cost of the lunch.

For more information, call 734-7024, ext. 17 or visit www.idaholegalaid.org.

Memorial Elementary staff planning reunion

RUPERT — The staff at Memorial Elementary School (Rupert) is planning a reunion for all past and present staff members.

Anyone who has worked at Memorial School (and a partner) is invited to attend the event, which will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Memorial School. Those planning to attend should call the school at 436-4240 as soon as possible.

Attendees should bring a dish of their choosing for the potluck dinner, which will be held in the school lunchroom. Drinks, paper plates and utensils, as well as Memorial's famous cinnamon rolls will be provided by the school.

Name tags will help to identify past and present staff members, and all are invited to share memories, pictures, etc. during the evening.

A short program will also be presented.

At the end of this school year, Memorial Elementary School will become an alternative school for older students.

Minidoka schools to hold kindergarten registration

RUPERT — Minidoka elementary schools will be holding kindergarten registration at Heyburn, Paul, Aesquima and Rupert Elementary-Memorial Campus from 8:30 to 3 p.m. Thursday.

Students must be 5 years of age on or before Sept. 1. Bring immunization records and birth certificate. Students will need to come with parents as they will be given a kindergarten readiness test.

Call the school the child will be attending for more information.

Get photos organized with CSI center class

GOODING — The College of Southern Idaho North Side Center is offering a "Photo Organization" class from 9 a.m. to

noon May 6 at the center, 202 14th Ave. E.

Instructor Traci Bunn will teach participants a foolproof method for organizing their photos and how to store them safely.

Those attending should bring two to three years' worth of pictures and one to two shoeboxes for temporary storage. All other supplies will be provided. Do not present the pictures; hands-on help will be provided in class.

The fee is \$16. For more information or to register, call 934-8679 or stop by the office.

Soil, water district awards scholarships

RUPERT — The Minidoka Soil and Water Conservation District awards scholarships to graduating high school seniors every year.

These scholarships are earmarked for students pursuing careers in agriculture, home economics or related fields. Applications are available in the counseling center at Minico High School or can be picked up at the district office at 98 B.S. 200 W. Applications also can be mailed if requested.

Deadline for the scholarships is May 9.

Oakley Valley Arts Council announces auditions

OAKLEY — The Oakley Valley Arts Council announces auditions for "Adventures of Tom Sawyer" from 7-9 p.m. May 11 and 9 a.m. to noon May 13.

Those planning to audition should come with a short musical number.

This Broadway musical Mark Twain story will be enjoyable for the entire family. While Tom Sawyer is about 14 years old, the director will consider performers who are older and younger. There are a number of other parts for adults, teenagers and children. They are also looking for people interested in set construction and stage crew.

Check the Website for complete character description; www.oakleyvalleyarts.org.

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

Victoria Grace Chavez, daughter of Michelle and Librado Chavez of Twin Falls, was born March 29, 2006.

Dani Sophia Marie Vonberndt, daughter of Lynn Marie Vonberndt and Michael Patrick Yundt of Buhl, was born April 12, 2006.

Fallon Jacobson, daughter of Jessica and Cody Ervin Jacobson of Twin Falls, was born April 12, 2006.

Gabriela Contreras, daughter of Esminira Tazo of Buhl, was born April 14, 2006.

Anneliese Hope Bailey, daughter of Kimberly Dawn and Paul Edward Bailey of Twin Falls, was born April 17, 2006.

Caleb Kirk Tubbs, son of Heidi Ann and Kirk Paul Tubbs of Twin Falls, was born April 18, 2006.

Ramon Omar Carranzo Jr., son of Rosa Ibarra and Ramon Carranzo of Twin Falls, was born April 19, 2006.

Julia Jacqueline Miller, daughter of Amy Miller and Noah Miller of Twin Falls, was born April 20, 2006.

Taylor Morgan Clements, daughter of Tara Clements and Daniel Clements of Twin Falls, was born April 20, 2006.

Lee Joshua Lopez-Matias, son of Carolina Lopez and Jesus Lopez of Jerome, was born April 20, 2006.

Yuridia Medrano, daughter of Norma Medrano and Melchor Medrano of Filer, was born April 21, 2006.

Cassia Regional Medical Center

Easton Davis Orton, son of Bobbie and Bate Orton of Rupert, was born April 17, 2006.

St. Benedict's Family Medical Center

Krista Anne Bulcher, daughter of Lynn Mechum and Annie Bulcher of Jerome, was born April 14, 2006.

Elle Jo Raney, daughter of Al and Elsha Haney of Jerome, was born April 17, 2006.

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Phillip Cabral III, son of Phillip Cabral and Yuliana Gil of Twin Falls, was born April 22, 2006.

Emysia Kadyrn Ray Brune, daughter of Rick and Morgan Brune of Jerome, was born April 24, 2006.

St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center

Alfonso Zavala-Sallinas, son of Erendira Romero and Eduardo Zavala-Tellez of Keetchikan, was born April 3, 2006.

George Scott Corkery, son of Kathleen and Scott Corkery of Halley, was born April 6, 2006.

Isabella Mary Mae Diedrick, daughter of Gabrielle and Justin Diedrick of Halley, was born April 6, 2006.

Adia Bernardino, daughter of Zaira Gomez and Rodrigo Bernardino of Halley, was born April 7, 2006.

Byder Wendell Johnson, son of Maggie and Richard Johnson of Richfield, was born April 7, 2006.

Tyler Aidan Shipley, son of Brittany Shipley of Sun Valley, was born April 8, 2006.

Amaris Naomi Rojas, daughter of Elva Ledesma and Edwin Rojas of Halley, was born April 10, 2006.

Arzelli Pedraza, daughter of Arzelli Castanos and Jaime Pedraza of Halley, was born April 13, 2006.

Marlin Regalado, daughter of Maria Barraza and Rigoberto Regalado of Halley, was born April 15, 2006.

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Getting serious about faith

Let's get serious about faith and the troubling issues of the day.
Today, April 29, provides an interesting contrast between one current and one historic event. In New York today, a March for Peace, Justice and Democracy will call for an end to the war in Iraq. Supporters are demanding an immediate withdrawal of U.S. troops.

TOM SCHAEFER

April 29 commemorates another significant event: the liberation of the concentration camp in Dachau in 1945. Remembering what happened on April 29, 1945, underscores why it is to end genocide is sometimes necessary in order to stop a greater evil.

Now I'm not suggesting that the war in Iraq can be compared to the war for the liberation of Europe 60 years ago. Nor do I believe that every war is justified. Fails show that support for the war in Iraq continues to decline.

Rather, today should give each of us pause to weigh the human cost of war and the need of sacrifice to save others. Clearly, the scales are precarious — and it's not always easy to judge which is the lighter one.

I like to say I'm not promoting a political agenda, just calling for reflection and — if faith or conscience moves you — appropriate action.

2. While we're on the subject of weekend events, a Save Darfur rally will be held Sunday in Washington, D.C. Participants will urge an end to the killing of hundreds of thousands of people in the Darfur region of Sudan.

The death toll from the Sudanese government's three-year campaign of ethnic cleansing is almost 400,000.

In addition, international reports say that 3.5 million people are now hungry, and 2.5 million have been displaced because of violence.

Political organizers are urging people of faith to contact their political leaders to intercede for victims of violence and persecution.

No one should ignore this tragedy. Learn what you can do. 3. Where do you draw the line between faith and fanaticism? And what is religion's role in today's multicultural mix?

That was the focus of a religious faith titled "Faith of Confession: Freedom in America," sponsored by the McCormick Tribune Freedom Museum and the First Amendment Center.

The conference report released this week and can be downloaded at www.firstamendmentcenter.org.

Participants represented a broad range of opinions (American Civil Liberties Union and American Center for Law and Justice).

After two days of discussion, they reached some common understandings and offered guidelines on religion in schools, workplaces and the public square.

Their efforts, however, will have little effect if others — translation: you and me — don't mull over the suggestions and decide whether the guidelines are worth implementing.

4. Time or money? Most Americans say they choose money when it comes to supporting charitable causes.

According to a national survey by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, half of all American adults said it was easier to give money than time to a charitable cause.

Only about 1 in 3 Americans said it was easier for them to volunteer their time, a decrease of 10 percentage points from the previous year.

The December survey of 1,000 adults had a margin of error of 3 percent. Whether the poll reflects the outpouring of financial aid after the South Asian tsunami and Hurricane Katrina along the Gulf Coast and a one-time dip in volunteering time is unclear.

Truth be told, Americans still tend to be generous people when presented with a neighbor's need, here or abroad.

The ultimate question is: Do I care enough to get involved?

Faith and 'Da Vinci'

How true is Christian history in 'Da Vinci Code'? With movie due, debate persists

By Richard Ostling
The Associated Press

A line from Dan Brown's "The Da Vinci Code" tells you why it's easily the most disputed religious novel of all time: "Almost everything our fathers taught us about Christ is false."

With 46 million copies in print, "Da Vinci" has long been a headache for Christian scholars and historians, who are worried about the influence on the faith from a single source they regard as wrong-headed.

Now the controversy seems headed for a crescendo with the release of the movie version of "Da Vinci," May 17-19 around the world. Believers have released an extraordinary flood of material criticizing the story — books, tracts, lectures and Internet sites among them.

The conservative Roman Catholic group Opus Dei, portrayed as villainous in the story, is among those asking Sony Corp. to issue a disclaimer with the film.

Bart Ehrman, religion chair at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, likens the phenomenon to the excitement in the 19th century when deluded masses thought Jesus would return in 1844.

The novel's impact on religious ideas in popular culture, he says, is "quite unlike anything we've experienced in our lifetimes."

To give just one example, Ben Witherington III of Ashbury Theological Seminary is following up the criticism of the novel "The Gospel Code" with lectures in Singapore, Turkey and 30 U.S. cities. He's given 35 broadcast interviews.

Assaults on "Da Vinci" don't just come from evangelicals like Witherington, or from Roman Catholic leaders such as Chicago's Cardinal Francis George, who says Brown is waging "an attack on the Catholic Church" through preposterous historical claims.

Among more liberal thinkers, Harold Attridge, dean of Yale's Divinity School, says Brown has "wildly misinterpreted" early Christianity. Ehrman tells Browns' "numerous mistakes" in "Truth and Fiction in the Da Vinci Code" and asks: "Why didn't he simply get his facts straight?"

The problem is that "Da Vinci" is built as more than mere fiction. Brown's opening paragraph begins with the word "FACT" and asserts that all descriptions of documents "are accurate."

"It's a book about big ideas, you can love them or you can hate them," Brown said in a speech last week. "But we're all talking about them, and that's really the point."

Brown told National Public Radio's "Weekend Update" during a 2003 publicity tour —



This undated photo released by Sony Pictures shows actors Audrey Tautou and Tom Hanks in a scene from the suspense thriller "The Da Vinci Code." The film, based on the novel by Dan Brown, will be released May 17-19 around the world.

“Why didn't (Dan Brown) simply get his facts straight?”

— Harold Attridge, dean, Yale University Divinity School

he declines interviews now — that his characters and action are fictional but "the ancient history, the secret documents, the rituals, all of this is factual." Around the same time, on CNN he said that "the background is all true."

Christian scholars beg to differ. Among the key issues:

Jesus's divinity
Brown's version in "Da Vinci": Christians viewed Jesus as a mere mortal until A.D. 325 when the Emperor Constantine "turned Jesus into a deity" by getting the Council of Nicea to endorse divine status by "a relatively close vote."

His critics version: Larry Hurtado of Scotland's University of Edinburgh, whose "Lord Jesus Christ" examines first-century belief in Jesus' divinity, says that "on chronology, issues, developments, and all the matters asserted, Brown strikes out; he doesn't even get on base."

He and others cite the worship of Jesus in epistles that Paul wrote in the 50s A.D. One passage teaches that Jesus, "though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped" and became a man

Coming soon
Ron Howard's movie version of "The Da Vinci Code" opens May 19 at Iwin Cinemas, Century Cinema of Burley, Big Wood Cinema of Halley and Jerome Cinema.

'Da Vinci' paperback sales
Yes, there are still people who haven't read "The Da Vinci Code." But the number seems to be shrinking.

Dan Brown's international sensation has sold around 1.4 million copies in its first month as a paperback release, a big number for any book and astonishing for a novel that's already

(Philippians 2:6).
Historians also say the bishops summoned to Nicea by Constantine never questioned the long-held belief in Jesus' divinity. Rather, they debated technicalities of how he could be both divine and human and approved a new formulation by a lopsided vote, not a close one.

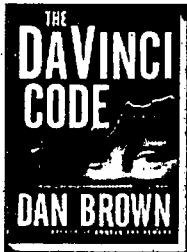
The New Testament
Brown's version: "More than 80 gospels were considered for the New Testament" but Constantine chose only four. His new Bible, he says, contained those gospels that spoke of Christ's human traits and embellished those gospels that made him godlike. The earlier gospels were outlawed, gathered up and burned." The Dead Sea Scrolls and manuscripts from Nag Hammadi, Egypt, were "the real Christian scriptures," not the four Gospels.

Critics: Historians say Christians reached consensus on the authority of the first century's four Gospels and letters of Paul during the second century. But some of the 27 New Testament books weren't universally accepted until after Constantine's day. Constantine himself had nothing to do with these decisions.

Some rejected writings are called gospels, though they lack the narrative histories that characterize the New Testament's four, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John were earlier and won wide consensus as memories and beliefs from Jesus' apostles and their successors.

The rejected books often portrayed an ethereal Jesus lacking the human qualities depicted in the New Testament Gospels — the exact opposite of Brown's scenario. Gnostic gospels purported to contain secret spiritual knowledge from Jesus as the means by which an elite could escape the material world, which they saw as corrupt. They often

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Why it matters to so many people

Knight Ridder News Service

Perhaps one day, Sunday school students will learn that Jesus married Mary Magdalene, a seminarian will teach alternative gospels as the true Christian canon and Bible colleges will emphasize Christ's human attributes over his divinity.

It hasn't happened yet. But theologians and pastors worry that if Dan Brown's bestselling theological thriller, "The Da Vinci Code," keeps flying off the shelves, it could potentially rewrite the popular understanding of Christian history.

With more than 40 million copies sold, a "Da Vinci Code" movie due for release next month and a slew of "Da Vinci Code" knockoff books hitting the publishing market, Brown's novel has become one of the most influential faith-based books since the Bible.

But beyond its jaw-dropping commercial reach, "The Da Vinci Code" may be having an even more significant cultural impact. Resurrecting arguments that date to the second century, "The Da Vinci Code" has provoked a public debate about the origins of Christianity, clandestine schools of Christian mysticism and the role of women in the church.

"Da Vinci" fans argue Brown unearthed evidence that Christianity once took a variety of forms, including mystical practices involving goddess worship. Critics say such ideas were rightly disposed of in the second century as heresy.

To see a global bestseller claiming that people of faith have got it all wrong is disconcerting, to say the least. Robert Hodgson, dean of the Nisn Institute for Biblical Scholarship at the American Bible Society, "This book is ultimately a travesty for people of faith."

Christians today are suddenly seeing the foundations of their faith under fire. The classic version of the Good News has been challenged by newly translated texts such as the Gospels of Judas and "The Jesus Papers," a new book that argues the crucifixion and resurrection were faked. Christian leaders are responding by organizing a massive campaign, complete with pamphlets, DVDs, Web sites and street groups aimed at countering the book's claims.

Why such fuss over a work of fiction?

Christian leaders and theologians point to the "fact" page at the book's opening, where Brown notes that references to

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National Day of Prayer observances planned in area



National Day of Prayer coordinator Judi Mellon and Chris Hinton expect about 200 participants in next Thursday's activities at the Twin Falls City Park Band Shell.

By John E. Swayze
Times-News correspondent

FILER — John Forster believes that without obedient faith, prayer is little more than words.

"You have to believe what you are praying and call on the Lord with your heart and mind," he said. "In God's timing, prayer will be effective."

As pastor of Filer Church of the Nazarene here, Forster will be among millions of Americans celebrating the 55th National Day of Prayer next Thursday.

He will speak on "What the Bible Says About Prayer" during the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast from 8:30-10 a.m. at the

Nazarene Fellowship Center, located at the corner of Yakima and Main streets.

Cliff Johnson and Debbie Crawford will provide the music.

The event is sponsored by the Filer Kiwanis Club, and tickets are \$5 per person. All proceeds will help support the Church of the Nazarene youth group.

The Filer City Council Chambers will also be open for a public prayer service between 12:20-1 p.m. on Thursday.

Other National Day of Prayer commemorations are planned next week in Buhl and Twin Falls.

Buhl will hold a Mayor's

Prayer Breakfast and prayer service on Thursday at 7 a.m. in the City Council Chambers and City Hall Training Room, 203 Broadway St. The service will be led by pastors from several congregations in Buhl and Castelford.

In Twin Falls, the public is invited to gather in City Park from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Thursday for a non-denominational service. Dr. Richard Sandison, a family physician, will read the opening prayer and those in attendance will have a chance to break into small groups and pray.

"We don't expect people to go off and try to figure out

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Singer signs CDs today in Twin Falls

TWIN FALLS — Debbie Crawford will be available from 2 to 3 p.m. today at the Living Word Christian Book Center on Main Street to sign copies of her new CD of all-original songs titled "From the Heart."

Crawford also will be featuring during worship at 9 a.m. Sunday at the Filer Nazarene Church, located at Fifth and Yakima streets. A buffet lunch will follow worship.

Crawford has been deputy city clerk in Filer for 11 years. Her music is gospel with a bluegrass flair.

She also will present a concert at 10:30 a.m. May 14 at the Hansen Assembly of God Church.

CDs are available at Prim Rose Lane Florist in Buhl and Flier. Kimberly Kat & Karl, D'Elites Florist in Kimberly, and The Music Center, M.V. Motors and Living Word Christian Book Center, all in Twin Falls.

Spaghetti dinner will be served at Burley church

BURLEY — A spaghetti dinner will be served from 5 to 8 p.m. today at the Burley United Methodist Church on the corner of 27th Street and Almo Ave.

The menu includes spaghetti with homemade sauce, salad, garlic bread, dessert bar and beverage.

Cost is \$6 for adults 12 and older, \$3 for children ages 4 to 11 and free for children 3 and under. Families of five can eat for \$22.

Proceeds will be used to send the youth to church camp.

Christian Center marks its 25th anniversary

HAGERMAN — The Christian Center of Hagerman will celebrate its 25th anniversary this weekend.

A program of gospel music featuring local talent will be presented from 6 to 7:30 p.m. today.

A celebration service begins at 11 a.m. Sunday. All founders, pioneers and their families, past attendees and the public are invited. A potluck and fellowship time will follow the service.

Praise night starts at 6 p.m. Sunday. The choir and congregation will sing, and a video of the past, present and future of the Christian Center of Hagerman will be shown.

Rev. Jim and Pauline Davis started the church with 27 people on Feb. 1, 1981, at the American Legion Hall. An old Mormon church was purchased and the Christian Center dedicated its new church on April 4, 1982. Attendance increased and the congregation worked building a new church on donated land by Edith Vernon. A groundbreaking cere-

Church news

mony was held May 31, 1992, and the first service in the new building was held on Sunday, April 11, 1993. The dedication was held Sept. 19, 1993.

The Davises retired Jan. 14, 2001, and the Rev. Norman Geys was installed as pastor on Jan. 28, 2001. He resigned in July 2001, and the congregation elected Isaac and Miriam Tellez as pastors on Nov. 11, 2001, and Dec. 2, 2001, was their first Sunday with the church. The Tellezes continue to serve the Christian Center of Hagerman but have also expanded their work to other areas of the Magic Valley.

Christian rock show plays today in Twin Falls

TWIN FALLS — A Christian rock show will be presented at 7 p.m. today at the First Assembly of God Church, 189 Locust St.

"2 Bands for 2 Bucks" features teens, young adults and folks that just like to rock.

The local band, "Now Our Country," will open the evening. Band members are Charles Dawson, guitars and vocals; Chris Buhler, drums; and Cody Livestock, bass.

The Burching, from Ogden, Utah, will conclude the program. This six-member band is releasing its debut album, "Winners of the Musical Instrument Awards." The public is invited. Cost is \$2 at the door. For more information, call 733-5349.

Geist will be baptized at Twin Falls worship

TWIN FALLS — Jake Geist, son of Pete and Laurie Geist, will be baptized at 10 a.m. Sunday at the First Presbyterian Church, 209 Fifth Ave. N.

At Fr. Interim minister, will sing, "The Lord is a Begging." Not a Conclusion." The choir, led by Jerry Gem, will sing "Feed My Lambs."

A reception for Geist will follow in the fellowship hall.

The Our Savior Lutheran and First Presbyterian joint youth group for sixth-graders through seniors will meet from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the First Presbyterian Church. Participants will be working on a youth sermon to be delivered on Mother's Day at Our Savior Lutheran and the church office at 733-7023.

Cogburn provides the music at T.F. church

TWIN FALLS — Fred Cogburn will provide special music during worship at 10:10 a.m. today at the First Presbyterian Community Church, 131 Grandview Drive. He will sing

"On Eagles' Wings."
- Pastor Dale Metzger will speak on "A Passion for Christ," taken from Acts 1:15 and 17-19 and Psalms 4. Cogburn will lead congregational singing with Wally Ryder at the piano. Sunday school starts at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday.

Prayer and Bible study groups meet at their scheduled times and places, and Bible study of Isaiah will meet at 2 p.m. Tuesday.

For more information, call 734-5268.

'Living Waters' is the topic of worship service

HOLLISTER — Elder Mark Koffer of Twin Falls will speak at Living Waters for the 11 a.m. worship service at the Hollister Community Presbyterian Church, 2461 Central Ave. Soil and Water Stewardship Sunday will be observed. Scripture reading is John 4:15 and Jeremiah 2:11-13.

Refreshments will be served following worship.

United Methodist will hold mission auction

TWIN FALLS — The First United Methodist Church will hold its annual Mission Auction at noon Sunday.

The auction will begin at 12:30 p.m., and the silent auction will close at 1:30 p.m. Vacations, art, food, crafts and antiques will be auctioned off to benefit interfaith caregivers, the Crisis Center, Hispanic Ministries and mission trips.

A baked potato bar with all the fixings will be available for lunch.

For more information, call Jessica Myers at 420-2830.

Valley Christian Church schedules sing-along

TWIN FALLS — The Valley Christian Church, 1708 Highway Ave. E., will hold a Fifth Sunday Sing-Along at 6 p.m. Sunday.

Lorraine Gibson will be the featured guest pianist. Attendees are invited to join in singing their favorite hymns.

The youth group is sponsoring a pie social as a fundraiser for the church choir.

Everyone is welcome. For more information, call 733-3222.

Centering Prayer session takes place on Wednesday

TWIN FALLS — A Centering Prayer practice session will be held from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at the Ascension Episcopal Church, 371 Eastland Drive N.

Discussion will focus on "The Practice of Attention-Intention" from the Contempla-

tive Life program.

One of the lessons of this segment is learning to "prefer what happens today" as we move toward becoming more open and grateful for all that comes.

A Centering Practice session will follow. Anyone with an interest in Centering Prayer practice is invited. Admission is free.

For more information, call Jamie at 734-8849 or Joyce at 733-8881.

Lectureship will be held this week in Jerome

BEROME — The 20th annual All Northwest Lectureship will be held this week at the Church of Christ, 513 S. Buchanan.

Speakers from Utah, Arizona, Nevada, Missouri, Idaho and Oregon will discuss the theme, "Restoring First Century Christianity."

Session times are 7 to 8:30 p.m. Friday, 9:45 a.m. to 4:55 p.m. Monday and 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. May 7.

Visitors are welcome for congregational singing and Bible study.

For more information, call 324-9131 or 423-6594.

Montana Singles Advance set for Montana camp

HUNGRY HORSE, Mont. — The 18th annual Montana Singles Advance will be held May 26 through 29 at the Glacier Bible Camp in Hungry Horse, Mont.

The theme is "Staying in Step with God." Featured speaker Mark Sandford will deliver a message of hope and healing in a relationship with Jesus Christ.

The event includes workshops May 27 and 28; a concert on May 27; a Jewish dance workshop; a separate ministry for kids and teens with the Master's Commission from Kent, Wash.; and a hike May 28 into Glacier National Park.

The event is for singles and their families of all denominations.

Registration, food and lodging is \$125 per person; children under 12 are free. Early registration is encouraged.

For more information, visit the Website at www.montanasinglesadvance.org or contact Michael or Lois Tate at (406) 721-4771 or mlntate@hotmail.com.

The Times-News welcomes news of church events. Send information to Ellen Thomson, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303, or Tena Brown, South Idaho Press office, 230 E. Main St., Burley, ID 83318. Deadline is 5 p.m. Wednesday for publication on the Saturday religion page.

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Slster Elise Rise Tateoka has been called to serve a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Lewaili, Honolulu Mission.



Tateoka graduated from Valley High School in 2003 and has completed her junior year at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. She received a Young Womanhood Recognition Award and was a National Toyota Community Scholar. Her parents are Paul and Nadine Tateoka of the Hazelton 2nd Ward.

Burley and is in the Pella 1st Ward. He will work through the summer and continue his education at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah.

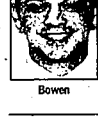
Elder James Preston Allen has returned from serving a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the England Mission.



Allen is the son of Tena and Tracy Allen of the Pella 1st Ward. He will attend Brigham Young University in Idaho in January.

The Times-News welcomes news of church missionaries. Send information to Ellen Thomson, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303, or Tena Brown, South Idaho Press office, 230 E. Main St., Burley, ID 83318. Deadline is 5 p.m. Wednesday for publication on the Saturday religion page.

Elder Robert Scott Bowen has returned from serving a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Ukraine Kiev Mission.



Bowen is the son of Bruce and Valerie Bowen of

Blackburn and Paul and Olga Allen of Filer and is in the Filer 1st Ward. He will attend Brigham Young University in Idaho in January.

Did Jesus kiss Mary on the lips, or cheek or forehead? Whatever, Gnostics would have seen the relationship as platonic and spiritual, scholars say. James M. Robinson of Claremont (Calif.) Graduate School, a leading sceptic, thinks the "current popularity of Mary Magdalene" is more about the sex life (or lack of same) of those who participate in this "fantasy than it does about Mary Magdalene or Jesus."

Da Vinci

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spurred Judaism's creator God and the Old Testament.

On the question of mass burning of texts deemed heretical, Ehrman of North Carolina says there's little evidence to support that claim. Rejected books simply disappeared because people stopped using them, and nobody bothered to make new copies in an age long before the printing press.

"The Dead Sea Scrolls? These were Jewish documents, not Christian ones. The Nag Hammadi manuscripts? With one possible exception, these were considerably later than the New Testament Gospels."

Jesus as married

Brown's version: Jesus must have been Jewish because the Gospels would "virtually forbid" an unmarried man, His spouse was Mary Magdalene and their daughter inaugurated a royal bloodline in France.

Critics: First century Jewish historian Josephus said most Jews married but Essene holy men did not. The Magdalene myth only emerged in medieval times.

Brown cites the Nag Hammadi "Gospel of Philip" as evidence of a marriage, but words are missing from a critical passage in the latter manuscript: "Mary Magdalene (missing) her more than (missing) the disciples (missing) kiss her (missing) on her (missing)." (missing)

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the Priory of Sion, a secret religious society, the Roman Catholic group Opus Dei, which has 16,000 lay and clergy members, and the descriptions of art, architecture and rituals are accurate.

According to the Iarna Group, a Christian research and polling agency, 53 percent of adults who read "The Da Vinci Code" report that the book has helped their spiritual growth and understanding.

"An amazing number of people were reading it as this exciting guide to church history," said Carl Olson, coauthor of "The Da Vinci Hoax: Exposing the Errors in the Da Vinci Code," "a lot of Catholics have been thrown by the novel."

Brown's plot-twister isn't close to outwitting the Bible. But it has led scholars, theologians and lay people to questions that might sound familiar to anyone who attended the Council of Nicea in 325 A.D., when church leaders first codified the orthodox Christian creed. Among them: Was Jesus fully human, or divine? Which gospels are the true gospels?

"The Da Vinci Code" has clearly touched a cultural nerve.

The novel, which Brown draws on historical documents and artifacts, follows a Harvard symbologist and a French cryptologist as they uncover explosive secrets about Jesus and his legacy.

Among the novel's most controversial claims: that Jesus married Mary Magdalene, a beloved disciple and the first witness to his resurrection;

that their sacred blood lineage was protected by a secret order of knights; that the Catholic Church conspired to bury the truth about the Holy Grail; that Jesus' consort Mary Magdalene, not the chalice Christ drank out of at the Last Supper or the cup used to catch Christ's blood; that the concept of Jesus' divinity was invented by the Emperor Constantine in the fourth century; and that the early church suppressed alternative forms of Christianity (including gnostic worship and mystical Christian schools that blended paganism, mystical Judaism and aspects of Greek philosophy).

Scholars say the ideas in "The Da Vinci Code" are nothing new. But its impact — which critics fear will grow with the "Da Vinci" movie starring Tom Hanks, scheduled for release on May 19 — has allowed Brown to bring such ideas to a larger audience than ever before.

His changes he raises against Jesus are as old as the second century," said Hodgson, who co-edited a book on early Christian mystical texts.

Dan Brown has the advantage and power of mass media.

The success of "The Da Vinci Code" has sparked a wave of theological firestorms, drawing criticism from groups such as Opus Dei and the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and leading Catholics and other evangelists to organize "truth squads" to counter the book's claims. It even spawned a new sub-genre of theological studies — the anti-Da Vinci polemic — prompting books

such as "The Da Vinci Hoax," "The Da Vinci Deception" and "Truth and Fiction in the Da Vinci Code."

"The Da Vinci Code" was largely unknown to most early Christian texts that narrate Jesus' esoteric teachings to his disciples. The term "gnosis," which comes from the Greek word "knowledge," refers to a set of mystical philosophies that urge followers to seek a direct experience of the divine. Brown references the work of Elaine Pagels, a prominent expert on Gnostic Christianity, discusses the Nag Hammadi library, a set of 51 ancient codices containing over 50 early Gnostic Christian texts discovered in a cave in Egypt in 1945 and drawn from the work of feminist scholars like Margaret Starbird, whose book on Mary Magdalene presents the biblical sinners as Jesus' favorite disciple.

Now, The Gospel of Judas, a newly translated third-century Christian text, has unveiled a startling new portrait of Christ's final days before the crucifixion. The new gospel presents Judas as Jesus' most trusted disciple, who hands him over to be crucified at Jesus' own request. Other Gnostic texts such as the Gospel of Mary, the Gospel of Thomas and the Gospel of Truth also offer alternative visions of Jesus' life. Gnostic teachings were dismissed as heretical in the second century.

Some Christians grappling with newfound Gnostic material may long for the days when Judas was seen as a betrayer, Mary Magdalene was

seen a prostitute and Matthew, Mark, Luke and John were seen as the only Gospel writers.

Others say the novel has helped awaken a side of Christian spirituality that's been dormant for centuries. Tau Malachi, a Gnostic bishop who heads a congregation in Sacramento, Calif., said Brown's novel has stirred up public curiosity about mystical Christianity at a time when many Americans are searching for deeper spiritual roots.

"I don't think the success of 'The Da Vinci Code' happened in a vacuum," said Malachi, author of "Living Gnosis."

"The Jesus movement is re-emerging."

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Everything you wanted to know about religion — and vampires

Los Angeles Times

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. — It's often said of academics, but for J. Gordon Melton it's true: He really does have an encyclopedic mind.

After all, Melton is the author of the Encyclopedia of American Religions, the Encyclopedia of Occultism and Parapsychology and the Encyclopedia of Religions Phenomena.

Then, for fun, there's "The Vampire Book: The Encyclopedia of the Undead."

"It's my little niche," Melton said.



Los Angeles Times photo

Gordon Melton in his environment: among his collection of 40,000 books on religion, some of which he wrote or edited, housed at the University of California, Santa Barbara. Of the myriad religions, he says, "I find every one of them incredibly interesting."

Actually, it's a big niche. Erudite and eternally curious, Melton, 64, is one of the foremost U.S. authorities on religion (and vampires too) and research specialist with the department of religious studies at the University of California, Santa Barbara.

"The 30 books he has written and 17 more he co-wrote or edited are expansive and eclectic, and weave a colorful and diverse history of the currents of religious worship and tensions around the world."

Scanting through the aisles of his collection of 40,000 volumes, now housed at UC Santa Barbara, he tried to explain his need to classify religions, the myriad ways people recognize a higher power.

"In 1990 there were 330 different religions groups," he said. "Now there are over 2,000, and I find every one of them incredibly interesting."

Melton speaks sparingly about his personal life but his rigorously documented books reflect a mind never at rest.

Ask him about, say, the West African evangelist missionary leader Ransya Babu, or the satanic imagery in gothic rocker Marilyn Manson's songs, or how Christadelphian revivalists depart from the Protestant mainstream, and he talks a blue streak.

His encyclopedias brim with thousands of entries written in a clean, crisp and deceptively simple style. Their prices underline the stature they command as essential reference works in universities, seminary libraries

and theological schools.

His 1,250-page, 7-pound Encyclopedia of American Religions sells new for \$320.

Browsing through Melton's works leads a reader from one unexpected fact to another.

• With nearly 2 million members, the anti-Catholic Iglesia ni Cristo is one of the largest and most controversial churches in the Philippines. It was founded by Felix Manalo (1886-1963), who is venerated as the angel from the seventh chapter of the Book of Revelation.

• In 1989, the Indian government issued a commemorative stamp for a scholar and pioneer Pentecostalist named Sarvasati

Mary Ramabhai.

• Established on London's East Side in the late 1800s, the Salvation Army now includes more than 25,000 commissioned officers serving in 190 countries.

"Melton does very good work," said S. Scott Barclay, director of the Center for the Study of Religion at UCLA. "My sense in reading him is that he has a lot of insight and information, and doesn't belong to anybody's 'Independent.'"

It's not surprising that Melton has been an arbiter in matters of dispute concerning religious groups large and small, mainstream and fringe, old and new, for nearly four decades.

He also has been asked to stand with religions gone bad when they needed a scholar of both God and sin on their side.

In 1995 he joined a controversial delegation of American lawyers and religious leaders that traveled to Tokyo at the expense of some members of Aum Shinrikyo after that group was accused of a sarin nerve gas attack on a subway that killed 12 people.

"I was one of the few American scholars who knew anything about the group," Melton recalled. "So they asked if I could investigate them to prove they had nothing to do with the attack."

Five days later, however, "We concluded that there was a high likelihood that the groups' leaders had done what they were accused of," he said.



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Latter-Day Celebration choir plans concerts

The Times-News

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The 40-voice performing choir is associated with Utah State Valley College. It regularly performs in Utah and throughout the United States and Canada.

The singers will perform "God So Loved the World," a musical presentation about the life of Christ.

The director is Douglas Brexley.

For information about next week's concerts, call Nancy Lee at 324-2676 or Cindy Harding at 733-3174.

The Jerome Stake Center is located at 26 North 100 East.

Poll: College students more interested in religion

Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — A majority of U.S. college students say religion is important in their lives, and that they're concerned about the country's moral direction, a finding that could influence the way they vote in upcoming elections, according to a Harvard Universi-

ty Institute of Politics poll that was released Tuesday.

In a telephone survey of 1,200 American college students, 7 out of 10 said religion was somewhat or very important in their lives, and 1 in 4 said they'd become more spiritual since entering college.

Fifty-four percent said they were concerned about the

moral direction of the country.

Students who were surveyed said abortion policy, stem cell research and gay marriage provoked questions of morality.

In a finding that surprised the institute, 50 percent said the U.S. government's response to Hurricane Katrina raised questions of morality.

Sixty-two percent of students who identified themselves as Republicans said religion was losing its influence on American society, while 54 percent of Democrats said it was increasing its influence.

Most agreed, however, that a candidate's religion wouldn't affect how they voted.

Prayer

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what to pray for on their own," said Chris Hinton, one of the organizers. "We'll be handing out prayer guilds they can take with them."

Billy Bradford from Living Word Christian Church will provide music.

For the past few years, Hinton, Elaine Proost and Jim Mellon have coordinated efforts

to help make the National Day of Prayer an annual event in Twin Falls. Since 2001 the gathering has grown to about 200 participants.

"I saw a greater outpouring of adults last year," Mellon said. "People coming together and concentrating on these five areas shows that God is at work through prayer."

George Washington and the First Continental Congress called for a National Day of Prayer in 1775, but an annual observance was not officially established by an act of Congress until 1952 and President Truman signed it into law. The Reagan administration amended the law in 1980 by designating the first Thursday in May as the official day of

observance.

This year, some 40,000 events nationwide will be focused around the theme of "America, Honor God," with praying for the needs of government, media, education, church and family.

Times-News correspondent John Snyvez can be reached at 326-7212.

YOUNG WOMANHOOD RECOGNITION AWARD

RUPERT — Holly Haynes received her Young Womanhood Recognition Award through the Young Women's program of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on April 9.

To earn the award, Haynes completed 42 goals and seven 10-hour projects in the values of faith, divine nature, individual worth, knowledge, choice and accountability, good works and integrity.

Her projects included planting, weeding, watering and harvesting a garden; working as part of the yearbook staff creating her junior high school yearbook; creating a history project on the Lewis and Clark Expedition for the history fair with fellow speech classmates; reorganizing and redecorating her room; serving in the Relay For Life Kid's Camp planning activities and buying the supplies; and playing with the



soccer team. "I'll be going through on her commitments and an example to her teammates."

Haynes is a junior at Minico High School. She is the daughter of Dennis and Becky Haynes of Rupert and is in the Rupert 2nd Ward.

The Times-News welcomes news of Young Women Recognition awards. Send information to Ellen Thomason, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303 or Thoma.Tegan@SouthIdahoPress.com, 230 E. Main St., Burley, ID 83318. Deadline is 5 p.m. Wednesday for publication on the Saturday religion page.

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Market Watch

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Nasdaq composite	-22.39
Standard & Poor's 500	+0.89
Russell 2000	+3.14

Stocks of local interest

Albertsons	\$25.33	▲ .05
Con Agra	\$22.68	▲ .09
Del Corp	\$26.20	▲ .26
Idacorp	\$34.05	▲ .70
Micron	\$16.97	▼ .43
SuperValu	\$29.01	▲ .12

Commodities

Oil, by barrel	\$71.88	▲ .91
(Jun., light sweet-crude)		
Live cattle	\$79.20	▲ .37
Gold (May)	\$651.50	▲18.50

Mexican TV group to bid on Univision

MIAMI — Ending weeks of speculation, Mexico's Grupo Televisa said Friday that it will toss its bid into the ring to bid on U.S. Hispanic media giant Univision Communications. "We're analyzing many different structures and scenarios depending on prices," said Televisa Executive Vice President Alfonso de los Rios during the company's first-quarter earnings conference call with analysts. Angelita said that the company's board of directors on Thursday authorized himself and Chairman Emilio Azcárraga Irujo to enter into a consortium with other partners to make a bid. Such a proposal would increase Televisa's minority shareholding in Univision, which stands at 11.4 percent with warrants exercised, Angelita said. The stepped short of revealing any deal under consideration. "It would be premature to comment on the terms of any proposal," he said. Rumors have swirled around Wall Street in recent weeks that Televisa is teaming up with various partners, mostly private equity firms and possibly Venezuela's Venesol, another minority stockholder in Univision, to make an offer on the Los Angeles-based conglomerate. Televisa is limited in its holding to a 25 percent stake in foreign ownership of U.S. media. In a research note, Miller Tabak analyst David Joyce noted that Televisa could possibly buy some of Venesol's stake or have different stakes in different parts of Univision.

PCS LabMentors announces IT project

BOISE — PCS LabMentors, a division of PCS Edventures.com, Inc. on Friday announced the launch of an ambitious new IT curriculum aimed at the high school market. This new curriculum offers students the ability to access live operating systems to configure computers, network applications, and software-based labs over the Internet. PCS LabMentors President, Joe Kenny, said, "The new curriculum exposes (high school) student to a real-world information Technology environment and more than adequately prepares them for the high school market. By the time a student completes one of our courses, they will be comfortable with computer-based networks on Windows-based Linux servers and some may even have obtained industry-recognized certifications. We view the opportunity to enter into this emerging market as a key mental to the meeting of our long term goal to be serving IT products to not only high school students but to junior high and middle school students."

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Associated Press writers

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Economy posts best growth in 2.5 years

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Popping out of a year-end rut, the economy zipped ahead at the fastest pace in 2.5 years during the first quarter of 2006 as consumers picked up spending and businesses regained their footing. Inflation looked tame, too, though the latest figures didn't include last week's oil-price spike. "The U.S. economy is cruising along now," said Bill Cheney, chief economist at John Hancock Financial Ser-

vices, after Friday's latest report by the Commerce Department. Gross domestic product advanced at a 4.8 percent pace in the January-to-March quarter. That marked a rebound from the feeble 1.7 percent rate in the final quarter of 2005, when fallout from the Gulf Coast hurricanes, including high energy prices, prompted people and companies to tighten their belts. GDP measures the value of all goods and services produced within the United States and is considered the

best barometer of the economy's fitness. "This rapid growth is another sign that our economy is on the fast track," said President Bush. Recent growth hasn't helped Bush's standing with the public. He is shouldering his lowest-ever job approval rating, at 36 percent, according to an AP-Ipsos poll. Democrats contend that economic expansion isn't benefiting all. "This growth is showing up in the bottom lines of companies, but not in the paychecks of workers," said Sen. Jack Reed, D-R.I. The first quarter's performance — the best showing since the third quarter of 2003 — was close to economists' forecasts of a 4.9 percent growth rate. Even with the economy monitoring ahead, inflation moderated. An inflation gauge closely watched by the Federal Reserve showed that core prices — excluding food and energy — rose by 2 percent, down from 2.4 percent in the fourth quarter.

The inflation reading, however, was taken before oil prices zoomed to a record high of more than \$75 a barrel last week. Although prices have retreated since then, they remain high. A separate report from the Labor Department suggested that the strengthening job market isn't fanning inflation. Employers' cost to hire and retain workers — wages and benefits — rose by 0.6 percent in the first quarter, the slowest pace in seven years. That mostly reflected less generous benefits.

Bringing on change



Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, left, and Richard Flores, president of RV maker Dutchmen Manufacturing, tour a Dutchman camping trailer during a reception held Thursday afternoon in Heyburn's Riverside Park to formally announce plans for expansion of the company. The event was attended by about 100 people, including local and state leaders, economic development officials and Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce board members.

Officials laud RV-maker's decision to locate in Mini-Cassia

By Renee Wells
For Times-News

HEYBURN — Just what does the news that our people will stay with us and a number will be working with us as we disassemble our plant there, then they will hopefully transition to the new business, which will hire them and more people." Rep. Scott Bedke, R-Okla., said the employment opportunities are the best part of Dutchmen's announcement. "A company that brings 200 good-paying jobs, with benefits to our community, what's there not to like about it?" Bedke said. "Landing a business of this caliber in our community will hopefully have a cascading effect, which will bring other businesses, both ones that support the manufacturing and others who see this as a good place to be. According to a study conducted by Idaho Commerce and Labor, the jobs at Dutchmen alone will bring \$4 million to the community. Economic Development Director Bob Shepard said. "The multiplier comes out to \$11,700,000," he said. "This adds to already good

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Thore Industries timeline

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 - 1984 — Thor became a public company
 - 1986 — Listed on the New York Stock Exchange.
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 - 1992 — Four Winds International is acquired.
 - 1995 — Komfort and Skamper are acquired.
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 - 2001 — Acquisition of Keyfoster RV
 - 2003 — Acquisition of Damon RV
 - 2004 — Acquisition of Cross-roads RV
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- Thor Industries is the largest RV manufacturer and the largest mid-size bus manufacturer. With more than 7,000 employees. Thor offers employee incentives based on productivity and profits while encouraging them to be actively involved in community programs. Thor executives serve on the boards of numerous civic organizations.
- Source: Thor Industries, Inc.

employment news. Idaho's unemployment rate was at a historic low of 3.3 percent in February. Mini-Cassia's rate, also lower than normal, is 5 percent, officials said. "We have been here in Mini-Cassia when the news wasn't so great, but what you've done here today is a dream come true," Roger Madsen, director of Idaho Commerce and Labor, said Thursday. "When Gov. Kempthorne took over as our governor, we had 16 counties over 7 percent unemployment. Today there is one. Now we have 15 counties under 3 percent, and thanks to Rich Flores (president of Dutchmen) there are better times ahead."

She's a dean

Female engineering dean will be the second in Idaho

By Anne Wallace Allen
Associated Press writer

BOISE — There aren't many female engineering deans in the United States — less than two dozen by one count. Starting this summer, two of those deans will be working in Idaho, an unlikely vanguard for women in science. "Idaho is often not looked at as a state that would be taking a lead in some area like this," said Michael Eshabini, a spokesman for the University of Idaho, where Aicha Elshabini starts work in July as the dean of the College of Engineering. Eshabini joins Cheryl Schraeder, dean of engineering at Boise State University, who has been in her position for three years. And a few miles away from Eshabini's new campus is Candis Claiborn, who started in March as dean of the Washington State University School of Engineering and Architecture in Pullman, Wash. Female engineering deans — and female deans in most other scientific areas — are unusual, said Judy Vance, a mechanical engineering professor and chairwoman of the Department of Mechanical Engineering at Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa. Vance, a founder of the Women in Engineering Leadership Institute at Iowa State, counted about 10 female engineering deans in the country's more than 300 engineering colleges. Another, Dr. Christina Ammon, was due to start at the University of Toronto last year. "Academics and others have been trying to figure out for years why there aren't more women in high-level university science jobs. Women have entered other demanding careers; they now make up more than half the medical students in the United States, according to the American Medical Association. But studies show women are still staying away from areas like engineering, a field with a heavy emphasis on math and science that teaches the practical application of science to commerce and industry. "It's just not a career path this being chosen by women," said Vance. "Girls get steered away from engineering. It's just not in our culture."



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net bellwethers Google Inc., Yahoo Inc. and eBay Inc. collectively turned a \$19.20 profit on every \$100 of their combined revenue. Still, as important as the Internet has become, energy remains vital. The combined first-quarter revenue of Exxon, Chevron and ConocoPhillips totaled \$19.5 billion — more than the individual gross domestic products of 189 different countries, including the likes of Chile, Denmark, Peru and Venezuela, according to statistics compiled by the Central Intelligence Agency. Even as politicians snipe at the oil industry's profits, the

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CLOSING FUTURES

Table with columns: Commodity, High, Low, Change. Includes categories like Wheat, Soybeans, Corn, and various oil products.

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Table listing various bean futures contracts with their respective prices and changes.

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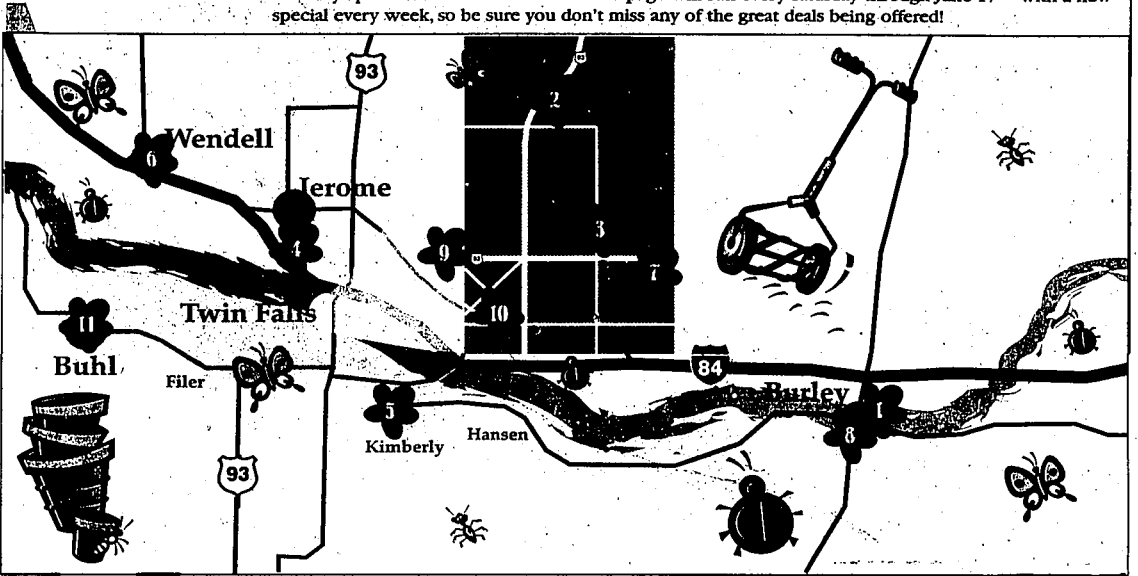
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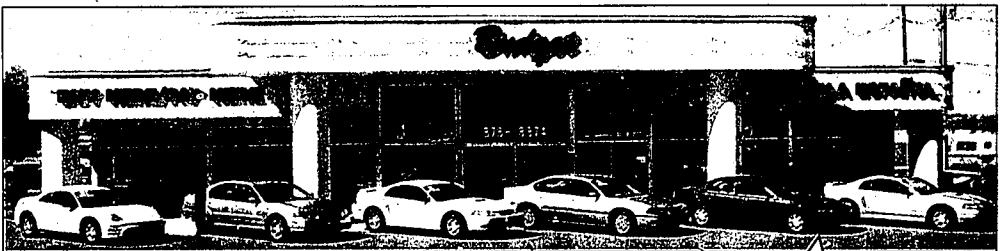
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642 Woodland • Twin Falls
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TWIN FALLS

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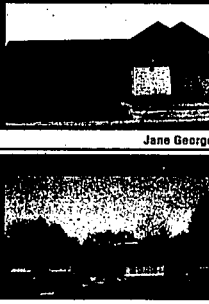
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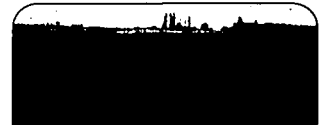
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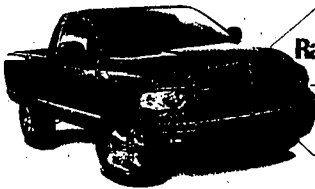
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On today's deal when South, with 4-3-3-3 shape, tried three no-trump, offering North a choice of games. North knew what to do. West led the spade queen, overtaken by East's king and ducked by declarer. East continued with the nine of spades.

At one table declarer ducked again. West overtook with the jack and continued with the spade 10. East discarded a club as declarer won and now played ace and another heart. When East won his king, declarer had nine tricks.

At a second table East paid rather more attention to his partner's signaling with the highest possible spades. This time East made the spectacular discard of the heart king on the spade 10. Now declarer could not establish a third heart trick without letting West on lead, and he had to go one down.

At a third table declarer saw no reason to duck the second spade. (If spades were 4-3, he could afford three losers in the suit.) He won the third spade, crossed to a club, and played a low heart. East played low smoothly and declarer's queen won. Declarer's problem now was to duck a heart to East, not West. He played a second heart and West brightly played the jack. Was it any surprise that declarer thought he was more likely to hold J than J-10-9? Accordingly, declarer went up with dummy's ace and played a third round, so West won his 10 and cashed his spades for one down.

NORTH
♠ 5 4 2
♥ J 10 8
♦ K 5 3
♣ A K 10

WEST
♠ Q J 10 8 3
♥ J 10 8 7
♦ 3 2

EAST
♠ K 9
♥ Q J 9 4
♦ 8 6 5 4

SOUTH
♠ A 7 6
♥ Q 7 6 3
♦ A 6 2
♣ Q J 7

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: North

The bidding:
South West North East
1♥ Pass 2♥ Pass
3NT All pass

Opening lead: Spade queen

BID WITH THE ACES

South holds:
♠ 5 4 2
♥ A 5 4 2
♦ K 5 3
♣ A K 10

South West North East
1♥ Pass 1♠ Pass 1♠

ANSWER: Pass, since bidding is far too dangerous. At this point in the auction doubling, or worse — overcalling one no-trump — could be disastrous. If the opponents come to rest at the two-level or find a fit, you may reconsider, but for the time being, passing and awaiting developments is the best option.

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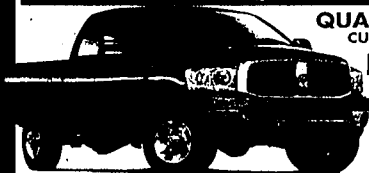
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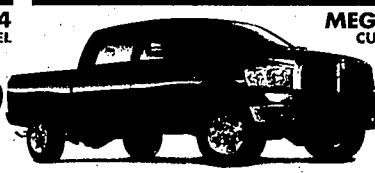


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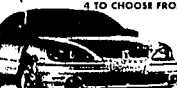
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