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Will the show go on?

Organizers reassess crossing re-enactment after horses drown

By Michelle Dunlop Times-News writer

GLENN'S FERRY — This year's Three Island Crossing re-enactment was up in the air Monday, after a practice run for the annual event ended tragically for two horses Sunday.

"The ceremony itself will continue" Aug. 14, said Jennifer Couture, communication manager for the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation. However, the fate of the river crossing will be determined in the next couple of days.

During a rehearsal for the annual event, two Belgian draft horses died while attempting to traverse the Snake River, said John Frank, Three Island Crossing State Park manager. In a press release, A review of the

horses' deaths was under way, he said.

The two horses belonged to Dale Jeffrey, chairman of the Three Island Crossing Committee. Couture said Jeffrey could not be reached for comment Monday.

Every year, adventurers gather to re-enact the Oregon Trail pioneers' journey across the Snake River at the state park near Glenns Ferry. The event draws thousands of spectators.

Perry Pleyte of Bliss has lived through seven re-enactments. Although he attended Sunday's

practice, Pleyte left before the incident occurred, and he expressed shock when told of the horses' drowning Monday.

"Oh, God, that just makes me sick," Pleyte said.

Organizers of the event evaluate each animal that participates, he said. Some horses simply don't have the capacity for the journey; organizers try to eliminate those animals during early rehearsals for the main event, Pleyte said.

"Any time you cross a river, there's going to be some danger. Please see **CROSSING**, Page A2

Council gives OK to Lowe's

By Julie Pence Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — There is now a Lowe's in Twin Falls' future.

The City Council unanimously approved an agreement with Blackhawk/Blue Lakes LLC Monday to place 20 acres on Hill Lakes Boulevard. A large part of that 20 acres will become home to the nation's second largest home-improvement retailer, Lowe's.

But before the platting can begin, developers must work with neighbors on the east side of the soon-to-be Lowe's building, to address light and noise concerns, the City Council instructed. About 60 to 70 people live in the Alterra Wynwood retirement center directly east of the back of the proposed store, where loading docks are to be located. Representatives for the Alterra community had concerns about light and noise disrupting the peoples' sleep during the night.

In all probability, more landscaping will have to be included on the east side, Engineer Clint Boyle, who is working on the plans, could not immediately say how much traffic there would be during the hours when people need to sleep.

Also, the council-instructed developers to make sure there is landscaping on the south side of an 8-foot fence on the north side of the property.

In addition, before any further movement on the development can begin, a right of way on the former site of Cafe Ole must be secured for the city. Developer Gerald Martens assured the council he would.

The purpose of the right of way is to allow for the completion of North College Road from Blue Lakes Boulevard to Locust Street North. Plans include a four-way stoplight at the intersection.

Boyle said with Lowe's arrival and other business development that will result from the retailer coming to Twin Falls, there should be between 250 and 350 new jobs in town.

Martens said North College Road will be constructed before any building takes place. In addition, the entire plat for the 20 acres will be drawn out before construction will begin, Martens said.

Tracker

- **Last we knew:** Developers from Twin Falls as well as Albuquerque, N.M., asked the City Council to submit an application to purchase a 20-acre site for the 20-acre former site of Weston Plaza, notes and Convention Center on Blue Lakes Boulevard.
- **The latest:** The City Council gave the go-ahead to the plan on Monday, with a few stipulations.
- **What's next:** Developer Gerald Martens will go forward with securing North College Road from Blue Lakes Boulevard to Locust Street North.

BAND OF BROTHERS



Sgt. James P. Woodworth, left, with Alpha Company 2-116th Cavalry, returns to a convoy while Sgt. Erik Hanson, right, of the Mortar Platoon 2-116th Cavalry, covers him during a training exercise on the Dona Ana Base Camp in New Mexico on Monday. Members of the 2-116th Cavalry worked on scenarios they will encounter in Iraq, such as ambushes, improvised explosive devices and blocked roads.

Scouts stick together

By Sandy Miller Times-News writer

DONA ANA BASE CAMP, N.M. — It's the middle of the night on a gunnery range in the New Mexico desert, and soldiers with the 2-116th Cavalry Brigade are talking about what it really means to be an Army Scout.

"We're the eyes and ears," Sgt. Tom Dobbs said. "We paint the picture."

The Scouts were based at the Idaho National Guard armory in Hailey before being activated for an 18-month deployment that will include a one-year tour of Iraq. They're beginning their second month of combat training at Dona Ana Base Camp in New Mexico. **Page A2**



Sgt. 1st Class Alan Layton, left, of Twin Falls and Pfc. Tyler Hunter of Boise, both with Scout Platoon HHC 2-116th Cavalry, place an MK-19 grenade launcher onto a Humvee Monday afternoon.

Idahoans in Iraq

Soldiers with the 2-116th Brigade Central Team are in the midst of an 18-month deployment that eventually will take them on a one-year tour of duty in Iraq.

Idahoans in Iraq

Keeping in touch: The Times-News is putting a human face on the deployment by following a few of the Guard members and their families as the soldiers go to Fort Bliss, Texas, and Fort Bragg, N.C., and then overseas. Reporter Sandy Miller and photographer Terry Smith this week are following the Scouts from the Dona Ana Base Camp in New Mexico — just across the Texas border — where they're embossed with the 2-116th Brigade Central Team. The base camp is part of Fort Bliss.

Police arrest missing Utah woman's husband

The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — A man whose credibility began crumbling the day he first reported his pregnant wife missing was arrested Monday in her death, just before his scheduled release from a psychiatric ward.

Investigators believe Lori Hacking, 27, was killed in the couple's apartment and that her body is buried somewhere below 3,000 tons of trash at the county landfill. The landfill was expected to be searched again Wednesday.

Her husband, Mark Hacking, reported her missing July 19. He was hospitalized when he was seen running around naked outside a motel where he had taken a room, hours after making an emotional appeal on television that day for help in searching for her.

Although Lori Hacking's body has not been found, police said they had gathered enough evidence — including the murder weapon — to bring charges against her husband.



Mark Hacking

strongly indicated Lori was the victim of a homicide and that Mark Hacking is the individual responsible," said Salt Lake City Police Chief Rick Dinsie.

Mark Hacking, 28, has not been formally charged, but they could ask for an extension if necessary.

Dinsie said police have no proof that Lori Hacking was five weeks pregnant, as she had told friends and relatives. He said if a body is found and the pregnancy is confirmed, prosecutors could add a murder charge later.

Detectives identified a motive and have found the weapon that killed Lori Hacking, Dinsie said. He declined to elaborate. Both Dinsie and the Salt Lake County District Attorney's office **Page A2**

Activists weigh in on dieting

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Unashamed of their size, fed up with fat jokes, and angry at the national obsession with dieting, overweight activists are mounting a feisty, protest-movement against the medical establishment's campaign against obesity.

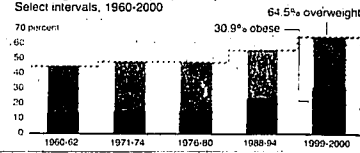
"We're living in the middle of a witch hunt and fat people are the witches," said Marilyn Wann of San Francisco, a militant member of the National Association to Advance Fat Acceptance. "It's gotten markedly worse in the last few years because of the propaganda that fatness, a natural human characteristic, is somehow a form of disease."

The association, known as NAAFA, holds its annual convention starting Wednesday in Newark, N.J., bringing together **Page A2**

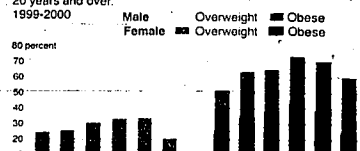
Almost two-thirds U.S. adults overweight

In the years 1999-2000, nearly two-thirds of people 20 years and over were overweight, while almost one-third were obese. Overall, more men were overweight but more women were obese.

Overweight and obese people, 20 years and over



Overweight and obese male and females



NOTE: Levels are defined by the Body Mass Index (BMI), calculated as weight in kilograms/meters squared.

SOURCE: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention **N** Rep. J O'Connell - AP

Bombings scare minority Christians

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Wis-sam Saganm was thinking of emigrating recently, fearing his Christian family would not be safe in the new, chaotic Iraq. But he decided to stay.

Now, after a series of coordinated bombings at churches in Baghdad and Mosul that killed at least seven people, his fears have grown and he plans to redouble his efforts to get out.

Although Iraq's political and religious leaders have united to condemn Sunday's bombings, and Saganm's Muslim neighbors and colleagues have been dropping by to extend condolences, the Baghdad dentist feels the bombers simply want to drive out Iraq's 750,000 Christians.

"These people, they love blood, they hate humanity. They hate us," Saganm said, looking around his living room, wrecked by a car bomb attack on an Armenian church across the street. "They want all the Christians to leave."

The bombings were the first significant strike on Iraq's Christians since the ouster of Saddam Hussein last year. But even beforehand, Christians were feeling Islamic fundamentalism closing in, and hundreds had fled to neighboring Jordan and Syria.

Others are waiting to join them. Saganm said he had a permit to go to Syria but turned down the opportunity, hoping to move elsewhere. Now he says he'll try again.

"This is my church! My church!" Thomas George, 73, cried, shaking his walking stick outside a Syrian Catholic church in Baghdad that was targeted. Muslim neighbors tried to console him.

One, Sadek Rabi, recalled attacks on Muslim places of worship that have killed hundreds.

"A Muslim can't go to a mosque and a Christian can't go to church now," said the 32-year-old Rabi.

Deputy Prime Minister Barham Saleh said authorities would "use all available forces, both Iraqi and those of multinational forces in Iraq, to pursue and destroy the people who plan and carry out such atrocities."

Iraq's religious leaders unanimously denounced the bombings.

Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani, Iraq's most senior Shiite Muslim cleric, called the bombings "heinous crimes" that "targeted Iraq's unity, stability and independence."

The Association of Muslim Scholars, an influential Sunni Muslim group believed to have links to insurgents, offered condolences and blamed the attacks on foreign fighters seeking to divide the nation. "Such acts cannot be done by Iraqis," it said.

On Monday, a previously unknown group called the Committee of Planning and Follow-up in Iraq claimed responsibility for the bombings and warned more attacks would follow. There was no way to verify the authenticity of the statement, which was posted on an Islamic Web site.

The Rev. Emmanuel Delly, patriarch of the Chaldeans, an Iraqi Roman Catholic, are called, pleaded for interfaith unity. "We and the Muslims are one family — one Iraqi family that should be protected by brotherhood and love," he said.

Bush embraces intelligence reforms

WASHINGTON — President Bush urged creation of a national intelligence director Monday to coordinate the war on terrorism but without the sweeping powers for hiring, firing and spending at the CIA, FBI and other agencies recommended by the Sept. 11 commission.

"We're a nation in danger," Bush said in a White House Rose Garden appearance where he announced his support for a national intelligence chief and the establishment of a national center to plan counterterrorism operations in the United States and abroad. "We're doing everything we can in our power to confront the danger."

The White House indicated Bush was close to naming a new CIA chief to succeed George Tenet, who left office last month. "I expect he'll have more to say on that soon," said spokesman Scott McClellan.

Bush's announcement showed his determination to keep what polls show is a substantial advantage over Democratic rival John Kerry on the issue of fighting terrorism.

Nation in brief

developed schizophrenia later in life, the researchers said. They emphasized that the overall risks are still quite small. Only about 1 percent of the U.S. population has schizophrenia and the results suggest that about 97 percent of babies born to women who had the flu while pregnant will not develop schizophrenia.

Lead author Dr. Alan Brown theorized that the damage occurs only in a small number of genetically susceptible fetuses since most pregnant women with the flu end up with healthy children. He said more research is needed to confirm the link.

requiring parents to be told when their minor daughters seek abortions.

The lawsuit argues that the ballot summary for the proposed constitutional amendment is misleading — leading voters to think they're preserving rights when, in fact, the measure takes them away.

State lawmakers voted this spring to put the proposed constitutional change before voters. The ballot summary says state lawmakers "shall not limit or deny the privacy rights guaranteed to minors" under the U.S. Constitution.

But the summary doesn't explain that the state constitution gives Floridians greater privacy rights than the federal Constitution and that the proposed change would limit those state privacy rights for girls under the age of 18, according to the American Civil Liberties Union of Florida and several Planned Parenthood chapters.

The measure was designed to allow state lawmakers to pass a

law requiring that parents be told when their minor daughters seek abortions.

Missouri will vote on gay marriage ban

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — The presidential race isn't the only high-stakes political battle being waged in Missouri this year.

The state votes today on a constitutional amendment to ban gay marriage, marking the first such vote in the nation since Massachusetts legalized same-sex marriage last year. National groups on both sides of the debate expect the vote to be a litmus test for which campaign strategies work as the battle spreads to ballot boxes around the United States.

At least nine other states, and perhaps as many as 12, will vote on similar amendments this year. Four states already have similar amendments.

— compiled from wire reports

Planned Parenthood, ACLU challenge item

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — The ACLU and Planned Parenthood sued Monday to block a Florida ballot measure that would pave the way for a law

Study links flu with schizophrenia


CHICAGO — A new study adds more evidence to a body of research that suggests the children of some women who get the flu while pregnant are at higher risk of developing schizophrenia.

The latest study examined the women's blood samples, which indicated that those who had the flu during the first half of pregnancy were three times more likely than non-infected women to have children who

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Schroeder, a long time resident of Twin Falls, purchased the business several years back. As the business grew, first Jim Gibson of Magic Valley Hearing Aids and then Rick Hall formerly with Miracle Ear were made part of the operation enabling the company to provide consistent service to all of Southern Idaho with branch offices in Burley, Gooding, Hailey and even Northern Nevada. The three men have more than 40 years of combined experience helping improve client's hearing and ultimately, their quality of life.




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For those that cannot make the trip to the office, the associates take their expertise on the road, making house calls around the Magic Valley.

Hearing Counselors and Audiology has a vision for the future — constantly finding new ways to better serve the people of Southern Idaho and improve the quality of life for others. This motivates each of the three men to get out of bed and go to work each day.

"We could do a lot of other things to make money," Gibson cheerfully explains. "But when a grandmother comes back and thanks us for helping her hear her grandchildren for the first time in years, well, there's nothing that can compare to that feeling of satisfaction."


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AROUND THE VALLEY

Court reschedules sex abuse case

TWIN FALLS — A court hearing for a Filer man accused of lewd conduct with a minor has been postponed.

Adam Jackman, 19, faces one count of lewd and lascivious conduct with a minor and one count of injury to a child in connection with an incident in December. His status hearing, scheduled for Monday, was rescheduled for Aug. 16.

Filer police were notified on Dec. 4, 2003, of a report of sexual abuse of a child. Jackman had been living in Filer with his girlfriend and her child when the boy described as under 2 years old, was assaulted, police say. The child showed signs of softomy and had ligature marks on his neck, which were not used by the boy, who or other item that could be used for tying or binding, according to prosecutors.

Filer police took Jackman into custody on Dec. 4, but he escaped, handcuffed, from the back of a patrol car. Authorities arrested him at his father's home in Horseshoe Bend, north of Boise, the next day. The maximum penalty for felony injury to a child is 10 years in prison. The maximum sentence for lewd and lascivious conduct with a minor is life. A jury trial has been set for Aug. 31, with four days reserved at the Twin Falls County Courthouse.

Bridge repairs will reroute some traffic

HANSEN — Farmers with some harvest equipment will have to find another route over the Snake River this summer and fall.

Width restrictions are in place over the Hansen Bridge while work continues on bridge deck rehabilitation, the Idaho Transportation Department said in a press release.

Vehicles are limited to a maximum width of 10 feet through the construction zone. Traffic is reduced to one lane over the bridge, guided by a temporary traffic signal. The speed limit is reduced to 35 mph. Motorists should expect delays of up to 10 minutes. Farmers with harvest equipment wider than 10 feet should find alternate routes such as the Murtaugh or Perrine bridges.

The project includes reconstructing the bridge deck with new concrete, replacing bridge joints and repairing deteriorated sections of the bridge. The \$877,000 project is expected to be finished in November, McAlvain Construction of Boise is the project contractor.

T.F. County Dems meet tonight

TWIN FALLS — Democrats will solidify plans for a greater presence at this year's county fair during the regular monthly meeting of the Twin Falls County Democratic Central Committee at 7 p.m. today in the conference room at City Hall, 321 Second Ave. E.

Discussion will include a party picnic in September and opportunities for candidate exposure before the Nov. 2 general election. Because this is an election year, the committee has doubled the size of its indoor fair exhibit to accommodate not only its party's candidates for county and state elective offices, but also for representation from national campaigns, said Harry Phillips, committee chairman.

All interested people are encouraged to attend Democratic Central Committee meetings. For more information, contact Harry Phillips at 735-8825 or twinfallsdemocrats@gmail.com.

Jerome County Fair rolls into action

JEROME — The Jerome County Fair & Rodco kicks into full swing today at the fairgrounds.

Here's a look at today's events:

- Noon — Vendor and food booths open.
- 2 p.m. — Island Empire Carnival opens.
- 5 p.m. — Main Street parade.
- 6 p.m. — Arts & Crafts exhibits open.
- 6:30 p.m. — Free Stage entertainment.
- 7 p.m. — First Federal Team Pig Wrestling.
- 9 p.m. — Deadline Ridge performances on Free Stage.

— compiled from staff reports

Water users debate curtailment

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

BURLEY — The clearest points to emerge from water users participating in state negotiations over limited water supplies are views on shutting people down when there isn't enough water to go around.

Solutions that provide water to irrigators, cities, industries and fish producers who are short without shutting other people off are not as well defined.

The legislative committee grappling with Magic Valley water issues — which encompass the aquifer that extends into eastern Idaho — met Monday at the Burley Best Western

Inn and Convention Center. Curtailment requires cutting back or shutting down water users with younger water rights when supplies are limited. And right now there isn't enough water to give everybody their full shares of it.

In general terms, the parties have outlined their curtailment positions:

- **Spring water/surface water users** — These water users draw water from riverside springs or the river. They say shutting down junior water users is a matter of state law and the committee shouldn't stray from it. Surface water users already are experiencing curtailment because of shortages.
- **Groundwater users** — They

say shutting down wells won't guarantee increases in specific springs or the amount of water spring users want and that undertaking mitigation measures to offset surface water shortages is the best option to avoid economic disruption. They want the state to secure a reliable source of mitigation water. Some mitigation projects have been completed, but there may not be enough river water next year to supply them.

- **A&B Irrigation District** — A&B Irrigation District in Minidoka County uses 174 wells. Its water rights established in 1948 are among the oldest groundwater rights across the aquifer. A&B advocates curtailment as the basic

solution — the same well-established regulation surface water users live with along the river.

The subject drew a number of questions from lawmakers who questioned water users about the validity of their arguments and sacrifices they could make instead to help solve the problem.

Rep. Scott Bedke, R-Oakley, and state Rep. Jack Burraclough, R-Idaho Falls, questioned irrigators about what reasonable levels of water they would need to operate.

Determining such a level is arbitrary, said Roger Ling, attorney for A&B. How deep would A&B need to drill before it would be considered reasonable?

Please see WATER, Page A6

NewsTracker

- **Last we know:** A legislative committee was trying to find a way to resolve a dispute between groundwater pumpers and spring users.
- **The latest:** Those parties presented divergent views Monday on how to handle water curtailment.
- **What's next:** The committee will continue a meeting in an attempt to keep the dispute out of court, with a one-year interim agreement set to expire next spring.

HIGH IMPACT



DEPT. WIGGINS/The Times-News

Twin Falls Sheriff's Department Deputy Jay Wiggins, right, holds a flashlight as a sample is taken from a streak of blood after an accident on Kimberly Road early Monday morning. Brandon Andrae, also a Twin Falls sheriff's deputy, was on a motorist assist call when he was hit by a pickup truck. Andrae suffered a fractured shoulder and a head wound that required stitches.

Car hits, injures sheriff's deputy

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — A sheriff's deputy was released from the hospital Monday after being hit by a car as he was helping a motorist.

Twin Falls County Sheriff's Deputy Brandon Andrae was responding to a call at around 5:45 a.m. Monday at 2337 Kimberly Road in front of a John

Deere store when he was struck by an oncoming 1990 GMC pickup, according to a news release issued by the sheriff's department.

He was stopped on the shoulder of the westbound lane when he stepped towards the middle of the road to adjust some cones in the construction area, the release says.

Police issued T.F. Guadarrama-Gonzalez, 73, of Twin Falls, a citation for reckless driving.

Andrae was transported by ambulance to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center where he was treated for a fractured right shoulder and received stitches in the back of his head, according to the release.

He was released from the hospital Monday.

Officers approached her and tried to arrest her for unlawful assembly.

As they were placing handcuffs on her, she kicked an

officer in the shin, the affidavit says.

Spectators initially told officers they heard shots fired at a car.

Upon further investigation, Fustos said, police determined that was not the case; rather, someone had thrown a perfume bottle at the back window of a car, smashing the glass.

The cause of the crowd's anger was not immediately clear, Fustos said.

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By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — More than 100,000 people probably move through Magic Valley Regional Airport in a year's time, City Council Dennis Maughan estimates.

And if a restaurant manager can't capture enough of those people to make a decent living, then something's got to be wrong. Maughan said Wednesday before he and three other council members voted to allow a competing business to set up at the airport.

Maughan is a member of the South Central Idaho Tourism and Recreation Development Association, which is a local group that promotes tourism endeavors in Magic Valley.

The group helped couple Lee and Jackie Zapf put together a business plan to set up an espresso gift shop that large Twin Falls store would include a tourist information center at the airport.

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But restaurant manager Mark Boring claimed that customer traffic at the airport is so sparse that he can't afford the extra competition of an espresso shop.

Zapf and Boring asked the City Council to settle the matter. And Monday, Maughan along with council members Trip Craig, Elaine Steele and Shawn Barigar voted to allow the espresso shop.

They all said that competition could be healthy for Boring's business.

Councilman Chris Talkington, however, who serves as a liaison to the airport advisory board, sided with Boring.

He pointed out that because Maughan sits on the tourism

Tracker

- **Last we know:** Airport restaurant manager Mark Boring, and entrepreneur Jackie Zapf were battling over Zapf's request to put in a competing business at the airport.
- **The latest:** The City Council voted 4-3 to allow Zapf to start up a common espresso gift shop/information center business at Magic Valley Regional Airport.
- **What's next:** Zapf will implement her plan that has been a year in the works.

board he would automatically favor the Zapf plan. Talkington also noted that in 30 years of operations, only one of 11 operators had been successful in operating the airport restaurant.

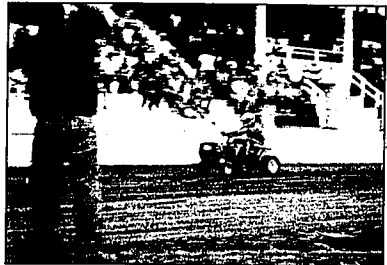
Councilman Lance Clow also sided with Boring, but not until he chastised Boring for asking the City Council to pay for signs to advertise his business. Clow said signs are part of any individual's private marketing plan, and not the city's responsibility.

Mayor Glenda Thompson, who also sided with Boring, pointed out that because the location of the restaurant is poor that other operators have asked for help with signs.

She said her main reason for voting against an espresso shop is that the council was going against a special airport advisory committee that had advised against the espresso shop.

But Thompson also advised Boring to get some help from the Idaho Small Business Development Center at the College of Southern Idaho, just as Zapf has, in order to make his restaurant business more successful.

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CHIP THOMPSON/The Times-News

Alan Brady thrills the crowd as he races to victory in an early drag race heat aboard a lawn mower powered by a 250cc motorcycle motor which he estimates can reach speeds of 70 mph.

Lawn mower racers put the pedal to the metal

By Chip Thompson
Times-News writer

RUPERT — Mowing can seem like a chore, but a handful of local and regional enthusiasts can't wait to hop aboard their machines and put the pedal to the metal.

They are lawn mower racers, and at speeds of 45 mph over a 200-foot drag strip their ma-

chines would make quick work of most lawns.

The Minidoka County Fair hosted the sixth annual races Monday and about 30 mowers participated, organizer Alan Brady of the East End Fire District said.

Mowers raced in three categories including stock, modified and drag racers, and many driv-

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OBITUARIES

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Lloyd Garland Bledsoe - Ontario, Ore.

Lloyd Garland Bledsoe, 75, of Ontario, Ore., passed away peacefully on July 30, 2004.
A funeral will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 3, 2004, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on 661 SW 1220 St., Ontario, Ore., with vault interment to follow at the Evergreen Cemetery. A viewing for family and friends was held from 6 until 8 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 2, 2004, at the Crown Wood Funeral Chapel in Ontario and from 10 until 11 a.m. today, Tuesday, at the church.



Lloyd was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and friend and will be missed by all who had the pleasure to know him.
Lloyd was born in Lubbock, Texas, on Nov. 28, 1928, the 12th of 13 children to Richard Raymond Bledsoe and Maude Mae Wasson. When Lloyd was 9 the family moved from Chandler, Okla., to Buhl, Idaho.
Lloyd had learned to pride for himself at the age of 9. Lloyd had a gift for spelling and math and won many contests in those areas. He also loved and excelled in football, basketball and baseball. His brother, Eugene, played on the same football team in high school and at Albion State College with Eugene playing quarterback and Lloyd offering

After returning home from Korea, Lloyd received a football scholarship from Utah State University where he graduated with a degree in accounting and received his professional license as a Certified Public Accountant. He started his career as an accountant with the firm of Riddle & Roth CPAs in Twin Falls, Idaho. He later became a partner in the firm, while living in Twin Falls. Lloyd was active in the Lions Club and was president of the YMCA. Lloyd also served as Scoutmaster and helped many young men become Eagle Scouts.

After 15 years in Twin Falls, Lloyd moved to Nampa, Idaho, and became a partner in the firm Severn, Ripley, Dorne and Hansen. After four years there, Lloyd started his own CPA practice in Nampa and Ontario, Ore.
Lloyd was an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and served in many church callings. Lloyd is survived by his wife, Carole; and four children, Kirt Bledsoe, Ontario, Ore., Craig Bledsoe, Nampa, Idaho, Linda (Bledsoe) Colledge and Tamara (Bledsoe) Stiersrud, Salt Lake City, Utah.
Lloyd is also survived by his 16 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Ronald O. Summers - Hagerman

Ronald O. Summers, age 56, of Hagerman, Idaho, went home to be with his Savior on Saturday, July 31, 2004.



Ronald was born June 20, 1948, in Stockton, Calif., the son of Roy and Wanda McKoon Summers. He was raised and educated in Redwood City and attended San Carlos High School and the College of San Mateo.

Ronald was a firefighter with the Foster City Fire Dept. in California. Later he was a partner in D.A. Partners Construction Company. He moved to Idaho in the mid 1980s and built his dream home in Hagerman.

He had a custom wood-working business, Bluebird Woodworking. He enjoyed his workshop, gardening, fishing and boating. He loved playing the drums with his friends and in the Worship Band at Calvary Chapel Hagerman Valley.

He was preceded in death by his father and his maternal grandmother, Nana.
A memorial service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 4, 2004, at the Hagerman Christian Center, 2750 S. 900 E.
For those who desire, contributions may be made to the Calvary Chapel Hagerman Valley Youth Ministries, 241 N. State St., Hagerman, ID 83432. Demaray Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Richard James Philips - Gooding

Richard James Philips passed away on Sunday, Aug. 1, 2004, at Gooding County Memorial Hospital.



Richard was born May 8, 1936, in Minneapolis, Minn., to Bert and Mabel Philips. He lived in Denver, Colo., before moving to Gooding at age 11 where he attended schools and graduated from Gooding High School in 1956. He attended one year of college at Idaho State University in Pocatello, Idaho.

On June 20, 1958, he married Wilma Archibald in Buhl, Idaho.

They settled in Gooding where they raised their own auto and operated their own auto-

motive business.
Survivors include his wife, Wilma; four sons, David, Brad

Richard James Philips - Gooding

(Jennifer), Kevin and Todd; and five grandchildren.
The family would like to thank everyone for the love and support that has been shown to them and to the hospital nursing staff for the loving care that was given to him.

A funeral will be conducted at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 4, 2004, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Gooding.

A visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. today, Tuesday, at Demaray Funeral Chapel and one hour prior to service at the church. Interment will be in Elmwood Cemetery, Gooding.

Dexter M. Watkins - Twin Falls

On Aug. 1, 2004, at Bridgeview Estates, after a long and courageous struggle, Dexter M. Watkins died peacefully from complications related to a stroke.



Dexter was born in Prague, Okla., on Jan. 13, 1918, the son of Travis and Susie Watkins. The family came to Idaho and settled in the Perrine area. Dexter attended schools in Eden and graduated from Eden High School in 1936. He loved basketball and was a member of his school's state basketball championship team.

Dexter served his country as a Tech Sergeant in the Eighth Air Force from 1941 through 1945 and was stationed in England for two and a half years repairing damaged planes from the European Theatre.

Dexter married Maxine Slatner in the Hazleton Presbyterian Church in Eden, 1948, and they were blessed with two children, Art and Debbie.

Dexter worked as a farmer all of his life on the family farm in Eden and later in the Kim-

berly area and was a field representative for Perry Morse Seed Company and subsequently for Conida Warehouses until a farming accident forced him to retire in 1986.

Dexter joined the Eden American Legion in 1948. He was a member of the Eden Masonic Lodge, number 74, AF and AM later transferring to the Jerome Lodge number 61, AF and AM. He was also a member of the Jerome Country Club, where he loved

to golf.
Dexter is survived by his wife, Maxine Watkins of Twin Falls; son, Arthur Watkins (Becky) of Hazelton; daughter, Deborah Watkins of Eden; of Wendell; sister Faye Foster (Jim) of Pasco, Wash.; and grandchildren, Brooke Weekes (Dan), Travis Watkins, Katie Walsh and Thomas Walsh.
He was preceded in death by his parents; half brother, Eulis; and half sisters, Leah and Zona.

Dexter loved the outdoors, especially hunting, fishing, golfing and just walking the fields. He also played bridge for more than 40 years with his couple's bridge group and loved to beat his friends at gin rummy. His family will remember his warm smile, quick wit and love of people.

A service will be conducted at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 4, at White Mortuary, Chapel by the Park in Twin Falls with the Rev. Kevin Anderson presiding. Memorial contributions may be made to Valley Presbyterian Church or to a charity of the donor's own choosing.

OBITUARIES

Elsie Ruth Annis Marsh - Burley

Elsie Ruth Annis Marsh, an 81-year-old Burley resident, died Monday, Aug. 2, 2004, at the Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley.



She was born April 13, 1923, in Twin Falls, the daughter of Elmer Stephen and Lela Iona Glampitt Annis.

She was raised on a farm in the Curry District. She graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1941. Elsie married Burlly Marsh on Jan. 1, 1943, in Twin Falls. Elsie's nursing career began in 1958, at the age of 35.

She began as a nurse's aide in the geriatric ward at the Minidoka County Hospital. She soon began taking LPN classes while working half-time and graduated in just one year. Elsie transferred to the Burley Hospital in 1964 and retired in 1980 after 22 years in nursing.

She was a member of the Burley United Methodist Church and the Paul Eastern

Star #77.
She loved to camp and fish with her husband. Ralph and Elsie raised their three children in the Pioneer District and moved to Burley in 1964.

Survivors include her husband, Ralph of Burley; a daughter, Linda (Ivan) Smith of Kimberly; two sons, Bill

(Helen) Marsh of Burley and Robert (Ranaye) Marsh of Pocatello; a sister, Norene Davis of Texas; a brother, Clyde Annis of Rupert; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, four brothers, and a sister.

A funeral will be held at 3 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 5, 2004, at the Burley United Methodist Church, 450 E. 27th St., with Pastor Darcey Grizmacher officiating.

Burial will be in the Paul Cemetery. Friends may call at the church one hour prior to the funeral on Thursday.

The family suggests memorials be given to the ISU College of Technology, Elsie Marsh LPN Scholarship Fund, Campus Box B380, Pocatello, ID 83209.

Arrangements are under the direction of Payne Mortuary in Burley.

Townsend Elmo 'Mouse' Cornelius - Twin Falls

Townsend Elmo "Mouse" Cornelius, 75, of Twin Falls, formerly of Yerington, Nev., passed away Saturday, July 31, 2004, at Bridgeview Estates in Twin Falls, Idaho.



Townsend was born July 26, 1929, in Yerington, Nev., the son of Lester and Eda Ludwick Cornelius.

He grew up and attended schools in Yerington, graduating from Yerington High School. After graduation, he joined the U.S. Army.

After his years of service and being honorably discharged, he went to work for Anaconda Copper in Yerington.

He married the love of his life, Patricia Beecher, on March 6, 1954, in Reno, Nev.

To this union were born three children, Don, Gary and Jerry. In 1980, after retiring from Ken-Ross Gold in Tonopah, Nev., Mouse moved to Twin Falls, with his wife, Patricia.

Mouse enjoyed fishing, bowling, stock car racing, baseball, football and was an avid 49er's fan. Gardening and spending time with his two dogs, Mitty and Penny, were other favorite pastimes.

He was a man who enjoyed his work and he loved his family. He was an extremely supportive father and showed his love for them by coaching Little League Baseball.

Surviving Mouse is his loving wife of 50 years, Patricia; sons, Gary (Artie) Cornelius of

Boise, Idaho, and Don (Kathy) Cornelius of Jerome, Idaho; daughter, Jerry McMill of Twin Falls; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Also surviving is one sister, Vonda Teuler of Yerington, Nev.

His parents and his brother preceded him in death.

A memorial service for Townsend "Mouse" Cornelius will be held at 2 p.m. today, Tuesday, Aug. 3, 2004, at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, with Pastor Jim Sommer officiating.

The Magic Valley Veterans and Auxiliary will provide Military Honors.

All services and arrangements are under the direction of the Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home and Crematory of Twin Falls, Idaho.

SERVICES

Evelyn L. Muguerra of Seattle, Wash., and formerly of Burley, graveside service at 11 a.m. today at Pleasant View Cemetery in Burley; friends and family may call from 10-10:45 a.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley.

Walter Emmett Stark of Rupert, celebration of life at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the First United Methodist Church at Sixth and H streets in Rupert; viewing for family and friends from 6-8 p.m. today at Hansen Mortuary Chapel, 710 Sixth St., and one hour before

the service at the church.

Ralph F. Rigen, memorial service at 2 p.m. Friday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

Annie May Hart of Jerome, memorial service at 11 a.m. Saturday at Farnsworth Mortuary Chapel, 1343 S. Lincoln, Jerome.

Bessie Jane Fahrnl of The Dalles, Ore., and formerly of Jerome County, celebration of life at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Fireside Room of The Dalles Civic Auditorium (Columbia Cremation & Burial).

What's with this-lily?
Wednesday in Food and Home

Ernie Jordan
The family of Ernie Jordan wish to thank Dr. Ronald Fuller, Dr. Lisa Burgett for their excellent professional care. We would also like to acknowledge the loving care given by the 2nd floor nursing staff: Manha, Karissa and Lori.
The ICU Staff: Julie, Adam and Darlene.
A special thank to Ernie's extended family: J. Sharon, Roger, Liz, Jim, Nedra and Cookie.
They shared their camping stories and expressed their love for him as a dear friend.
Mimi and Donna would like to thank their dear friends: Paul and Lynabell, Richard and Marti, Joy, Betty, Pat and Perry for all the delicious food brought to their home.
Thank all of you so much for your comfort and support during this time.
Memorial fund: Tree will be planted at Seneca in Buhl in his memory.

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DEATH NOTICES

Merlin L. Kay
HEYBURN — Merlin L. Kay, an 80-year-old Heyburn resident, died Sunday, Aug. 1, 2004, at his home.

Jose R. Rodriguez
PIENZO, Ariz. — Jose R. Rodriguez, a 104-year-old Pienzo, Ariz., resident, formerly of Rupert, died Sunday, Aug. 1, 2004, in Arizona.

Helen Aipperspach
RUPERT — Helen Aipperspach, a 73-year-old Rupert resident, died Monday, Aug. 2, 2004, at her home.

Linda Lea Drew
TWIN FALLS — Linda Lea Drew, 62, of Twin Falls, died June 27, 2004, at her home.

Lisa Tanner
BELLEVUE — Lisa Tanner, 47, died Wednesday, July 28, 2004, at her home in Bellevue.

A funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 4, 2004, at the St. Charles Catholic Church in Hialeah, Idaho. Services are under the care of Wood River Chapel of Hialeah, Idaho.

Harriet Mavencamp
HAGERMAN — Harriet Mavencamp, age 98, of Hagerman, died Sunday, Aug. 1, 2004, at Gooding County Memorial Hospital.

Edsil Ivan Darrington
ALMO — Edsil Ivan Darrington, age 81, of Almo, died Sunday, July 31, 2004, at his home.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 7, 2004, at the Almo Ward Chapel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints with Bishop Kent R. Durfee officiating.

Jerome sees 40 percent budget increase

By Dixie Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

JEROME — The City Council will consider a tentative \$25.17 million budget for the 2004-05 fiscal year at tonight's council meeting.

Once that budget is adopted, amounts in it can be lowered but not raised. City Administrator Travis Rothweiler told council members at a workshop last week.

The proposed budget is \$10.52 million more than last year — representing a 40 percent increase.

However, the mill levy to city residents will increase only about .3 percent, from .007556016 to .008069416.

The 2004-05 tax rate represents 81 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value.

On a \$100,000 owner-occupied home, with a home owner exemption, the tax increase compared with last year would be \$10.41.

The city's tax base has increased an average of 12 percent for the last five years. However, due to the closing of Moore's Business Forms this year, the tax base decreased by \$3.86 million.

On the personnel side, city employees are not scheduled to receive cost-of-living raises this year in part because rising health insurance costs and a

payday anomaly. The city pays its workers on 28-day cycles, which normally translates to 13 paydays per year. But every 24 years — this one included — city employees get a 14th payday.

City officials have said that extra paycheck for each employee translates into an additional \$200,000 cost to the city. Cash reserves will partially pay for this anomaly.

The cost of health insurance continues to skyrocket. The city has budgeted for an estimated 15 percent increase in health insurance premiums for employees.

The city is adding three full-time and one part-time position.

One full-time employee will join the fire department, one will work at the wastewater treatment plant, and one will work on economic development.

The library is adding a part-time person to work 10 hours a week.

The proposed budget can be viewed at the city clerk's business hours. Other budget items of note include:

Ninety-three percent of the proposed budget will be funded by grants or loans. Seven percent will come from local taxes.

About \$7.8 million will come from the Idaho State Revolving

Loan Fund to make improvements to the city's wastewater treatment plant.

The improvements will enable the city to meet more stringent Environmental Protection Agency requirements and to expand the plant's treatment capabilities and capacity.

A Federal Economic Development Administration grant will provide \$2.7 million to the city to develop fiber optic and sewer lines from the eastern boundary of the city to the Jerome Butte High Park located near the intersection of U.S. Highway 93 and Idaho Highway 25.

Fiber optic cable will be extended from the butte to the College of Southern Idaho and from the city's southern boundary to ABC Agra Development located at the intersection of Highway 93 and Interstate 84. Water and sewer lines will be extended from the city's southern boundary south to 300 South Road.

About \$2.7 million will be carried over from a loan made to the city during the 2003-04 fiscal year.

The original loan was \$3.6 million. The carryover funds will be used to continue the scheduled water system improvements.

A Community Development Block Grant from the Idaho Department of Trans-

portation will provide \$1.2 million.

Of that, \$500,000 will go toward road improvements on 100 South Road East and \$500,000 will go for sewer lines to ABC Agra's commercial park. The remaining \$200,000 will go toward transportation improvements to assist WOW Logistics.

The transportation department will provide another \$1.2 million grant to resurface and make other improvements along the South Lincoln corridor.

The EPA will provide a \$900,000 grant to help extend sewer lines to ABC Agra's commercial park.

A local Highway Transportation Advisory Committee grant will provide \$550,000 to assist the city with scheduled improvements along West Eighth Street and East Street.

Another transportation committee grant of \$217,000 will help develop a master transportation plan.

The public library is expanding and remodeling. The city of Jerome and the Jerome School District to expand their libraries.

In her will, the late Crowder, a former school teacher, left roughly \$1 million in bequests for the city of Jerome and the Jerome School District to expand their libraries.

Lincoln County plans wildland fire meeting

The Times-News

SHOSHONE — A public meeting to address wildland fire threats to private property will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Lincoln County District Courtroom.

The meeting is part of an effort to create a Wildland Fire Mitigation Plan for Lincoln County. Lincoln County commissioners, the Bureau of Land Management, County Disaster Services, fire chiefs and their volunteers, and members of the community who are concerned about the threat of wildland fires to their homes are invited.

Information will be presented regarding defensible space and a homeowner's checklist for protection of private property.

The purpose of the meeting is to identify areas of high wildfire risks to private property and develop plans to mitigate that risk. According to a press release, the mitigation plan addresses Federal Emergency Management Agency criteria and follows guidance from the Idaho Statewide Implementation Strategy for the National Fire Plan by:

- Identifying fire hazards that affect Lincoln County and its residents.
Providing sufficient information to make mitigation decisions.
Discussing existing re-

sources that are most current and best available.

And describing the process used to develop the plan, including how it was prepared, who was involved in the process and how the public was involved.

The mitigation plan will be the basis for future fire service improvements throughout the county and will be used to determine cost-of-living raises. The county will be the focus of fuel reduction and private property protection initiatives. Fuels reduction, public education and training the community in fire protection and prevention will result in a reduction of wildfires spreading from city or private property to public lands and for wildfires spreading from public lands to municipal property, the press release said.

The selection of private property and subdivisions for fuel reduction and fire protection programs will be based on the plan and by the interest shown by the private property owners in the county. Property owners are encouraged to attend to ensure that their information and interests are recognized in the plan.

For more information, call Tom Blanchard, fire plan facilitator, at 788-4450; Curtis Jensen, fire education and planning coordinator, at 788-4450, at 782-7311; or Ray Mitchell, fire plan contractor, at 886-2733.

Cassia considers employee benefits option

By Chip Thompson
Times-News writer

BURLEY — Rapidly escalating medical insurance costs have led some 15 Idaho counties to form a self-insurance pact for their employees, benefits, and Cassia County could soon join them.

Cassia County Commissioner Ron Ramirez, a former insurance broker, delivered a presentation on GemPlan to Cassia County commissioners Monday, saying it could help stabilize the cost of benefits for the county.

"We were organized by counties for the benefit of counties," Ramirez told commissioners. "My job is not to come here and sell you anything."

GemPlan is not an insurance company, Ramirez said, but a joint-powers agreement by

which member counties become owners of the plan. The plan is governed by a board of trustees made up of elected public officials.

"We're not going to cut costs, but hopefully we'll be able to stabilize them," Ramirez said.

Funds from each county are put into a trust, which is protected by stop-loss reinsurance policies. As much as \$75,000 per employee claim would be paid by the trust and then stop-loss policies would kick in, Ramirez said.

The plan, which began Jan. 1, insures about 2,500 county employees and family members in the state and reserves are growing fast due to the plan's activity predicted, Ramirez said.

The comprehensive benefits package includes medical, dental, vision, group life, and prescription drugs.

Under the plan, county employees would keep current benefits and gain additional benefits including coverage for contraceptives, mammograms, smoking cessation and weight management. Preventive care, such as annual checkups, is covered with no co-payment up to \$300 per person annually.

Commissioner Clay Handy asked if rates are based on the number and amount of claims from each county.

Ramirez said research shows that costs for the counties average out over a five-year period, so rates are based on the group as a whole rather than by individual county.

County Prosecutor Al Barrus asked if employees would be able to keep their current doctors.

The plan has agreements with several provider groups, and

Ramirez said if a doctor is not a member of one of the groups, then GemPlan will seek to form an agreement with the individual doctor.

So far the plan has been able to make agreements with all doctors requested, Ramirez said. If a doctor refuses, he will be classed as an out-of-network doctor and the co-pay increased.

The presentation concluded with an explanation of how the county can request a quote, which costs for the amount within about 10 days once information is received, Ramirez said.

Member counties were asked to plan on a 5 percent rate increase when the plan was initiated, and so far that increase has not been required, but Ramirez said a 5 percent increase in rates is expected Jan. 1.

Water

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"You're asking us to deepen 174 wells?" Linn asked. For the past 20 years, the water table supplying A&B's wells has dropped an average of 20 feet. Wells have been lowered to an average depth of 227 feet.

Another issue that continues to be raised, particularly by eastern Idaho lawmakers, is how water rights claimed when spring flows peaked during the 1950s were affected by changes in irrigation practices.

Irrigators across the Snake River Plain north of the river began converting to sprinkler irrigation and developing wells. Reductions of flood irrigation reduced the amount of "incidental" recharge, or water that seeped through the soil down to the water table.

Committee Co-Chairman Rep. Dell Raybould, R-Redburg, asked how the state can justify curtailing to satisfy water rights developed when incidental recharge peaked.

"How do we solve that very sticky question?" he asked.

Senior water users said it's the water available today that matters.

"Prior appropriation wouldn't be necessary if we didn't have times when water is short," said Chuck Colner of the Twin Falls Canal Co. and Republican state senator-elect.

the river. Now those rentals are harming the very water users they were intended to help, Colner said.

The reservoirs haven't filled for several years. Because of the rentals, surface water users don't have it available today.

Northside Canal Co. in Jerome illustrates the paradoxes involved.

"The North Snake Ground Water District is entitled with the Northside Canal Co.," said Lynn Carlquist, a farmer who draws his water both from private wells and Northside Canal. As a groundwater user, he has paid for mitigation water rented by the groundwater district. But as a canal user, he has received the mitigation water. The canal contractor would not be undergoing a planned shutdown for a week in September to stretch his water supply if it hadn't been committed to renting canal water to groundwater users.

Carlquist said. Groundwater users need the water to meet their end of an agreement with spring users. As a show of goodwill, the groundwater district has requested its members voluntarily shut down their wells during the same period.

Groundwater districts do not have the authority to enforce a shutdown of their members, he said.

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Kempthorne still owes \$120,000 from 2002 campaign

BOISE (AP) — Nearly 20 months after he claimed a \$20 million margin by a huge 51-point margin, Republican Gov. Dirk Kempthorne still owes campaign creditors \$120,000, and

one of them has gotten tired of waiting. "We are taking the request to the state Bar Association," a representative of the estate of longtime Kempthorne political consultant

Tony Payton wrote to Kempthorne Chief of Staff Brian Whitlock in an e-mail obtained by The Associated Press.

The campaign finance dis-

closure statement filed with the secretary of state on Monday showed Kempthorne still owed the Payton firm nearly \$18,000 for work during the 2002 campaign.

entertainment during breaks in the action at tractor pulls, he added.

Times-News reporter Chip Thompson can be reached at the newspaper's business bureau at 677-4042. Ext. 638, or by e-mail at chipthompson@magvalley.com.

Race

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more, like Brady, competed in two or more classes, he said.

Drug mowers are equipped with motorcycle engines and ATV axles and Brady estimated that an open area many could reach speeds of 70 mph. Mowers with 12-16 horsepower race in the modified class, and those under 11 horsepower are considered stock, though they can have certain modifications.

"The main thing is to make it look like a lawn mower," Brady said.

Tyson Lewis and Nate Prescott, both 16, traveled four hours from Kamas, Utah, to compete in the drug races and each said they built their tractors themselves. Lewis it was his second race, the first being in American Falls last month.

"I was at the second fastest," Lewis said, explaining that the races were addition to the two fastest never went head to head. Prescott was competing in his first race Monday. "Mine wasn't quite ready the first time," he said. The favorite was recurrent winner Joe Phillips of

Magie Valley in brief

security at the event in order to enforce the requirements of the event.

Two weeks ago at a regular City Council meeting, Councilman Chris Thibault said he became concerned when he realized some sponsors of events were not required to provide security.

"This closes the gap 95 — 99 — 99 percent," Thibault said Monday.

"This goes a long ways toward solving my concerns."

Man charged with lewd conduct charge

TWIN FALLS — Prosecutors have charged a 19-year-old man in connection with the sexual abuse of a minor girl.

Handell Owen Swink III, of Twin Falls, faces two counts of lewd conduct with a minor under the age of 16 in connection with incidents involving a 14-year-old.

Two instances of sexual contact occurred in the suspect's Twin Falls apartment last month and at a motel.

The mother of the alleged victim overheard a conversation

about possible contact between Swink and her daughter, according to an affidavit written by

Richard Egan, an officer with the Twin Falls Police Department.

When questioned by police, Swink admitted to sexual contact with the girl, and told officers he knew she was 14 years old, the affidavit says.

Swink is on probation for lewd conduct with a minor under 16 years of age and is a registered sex offender, the affidavit says.

This preliminary hearing was scheduled for Aug. 13. Bond was set at \$100,000.

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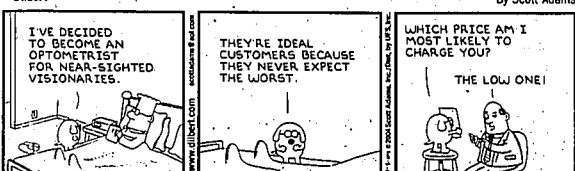
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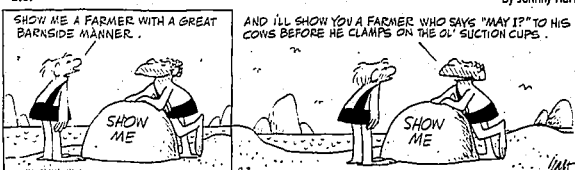
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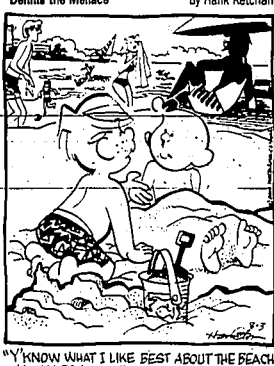
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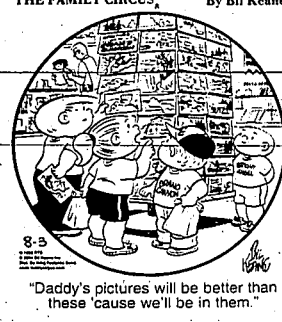
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By John Deering



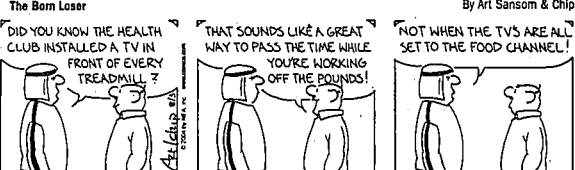
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COMPUTERS AND TECHNOLOGY

Rescue

911

Geeks on call can be lifesavers for computer users

By RhaSheema A. Sweeting
Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — Peter Fleischer thought he had mastered the art of wireless networking. But after spending hours one day swimming in instruction manuals trying to wirelessly tie five PCs together, he realized his limits.

Most common Geek services:

- Install a wireless network
- Remove spyware, adware and viruses
- Network multiple computers for file and printer sharing
- Perform data recovery and migration of software to new computers
- Install security tools to protect against Internet vandalism

He even lost his connection to the Internet. So he called the geeks for help.

"It should be so easy," he said. "But it's not; even for someone who knows a lot. Anytime I think I'm a geek, I talk to (an expert) and I don't know anything."

"Professional geeks like the one Fleischer uses are a part of an emerging technological realization: Why waste a day fighting with a computer when someone else can come to the house to solve the problem?"

The geeks are happy to oblige. They make house calls by appointment and perform computer-related tasks ranging from setting up a wireless network to removing malicious software that can track credit card numbers.

And customers love the geeks. In fact, the Geek Squad has made two trips to Fleischer's Oak Park, Ill., home.

In early July, Joey Jaslan, dressed in a black clip-on-tie,



Neither rain, nor sleet, nor snow stops Agents of the Geek Squad from protecting civilians in New York City against computer troubles. Agents swarm a rainy Times Square as the company approaches the final leg of its U.S. expansion.

white collared shirt and black polyester pants, came to the rescue with what some would call divine intervention. Jaslan brought his bible — a zippered CD case with a collection of operating system—disks, drivers and utilities.

Within an hour, he established and secured the Fleischer's wireless network, preventing others in the neighborhood from tapping into the connection. Jaslan installed a wireless card on Fleischer's laptop so he could access the Internet from the backyard.

On top of that, Jaslan ran utility programs to detect spyware and adware and showed Fleischer's two daughters, Claire, 11, and Emma, 8, how to keep their computers' software updates current.

"We went through my checklist in less than an hour," said Fleischer, who prefers to pay for the convenience of a geek rather than fix it himself. "I'm satisfied."

This year about \$4.5 billion will be spent on personal com-

puters and laptops, according to Gartner, a technology research company. But because the home repair business is relatively new, and comprised of many small, independent firms, figures for the industry are not tracked.

Once the domain of a trusted family member or a kind neighbor, the geek business is also going corporate, as chains like Best Buy, Circuit City and CompUSA are all starting to offer in-home services. Additionally, some business-minded techies are starting their own shops or opening a franchised business, like Geeks On Call.

Costs for the services vary. HomeTech Computer Solutions in Chicago charges an hourly fee of \$95 while Best Buy's Geek Squad service offers a flat fee starting at \$129.

"Geek service is going to rework the days when doctors made house calls," said Robert Stephens, who founded Geek Squad in Minneapolis before selling it to Best Buy two years ago. "It's gonna be easier

than ordering pizza."

While the professional geeks find that some customers have a basic knowledge of computers, many are novices.

"People are really frustrated when they call the big (computer and software) companies and they don't get the service they need," said Bill Weingarten, president of HomeTech. "Most people don't know too much about computers. And home computer systems are getting more complicated."

Weingarten started his company from a larger corporate computer service, Garden Software Inc. three years ago after his business customers asked about home services. Now Weingarten focuses on the residential market and has about 2,000 customers across Chicago and the suburbs, he said.

"And it's gonna keep going in the direction," said Weingarten, noting that there has been an increase in demand and competition over the past few years.

WHAT'S HOT, WHAT'S NEW IN TECHNOLOGY

Recordable DVDs see greater storage size, better image quality

By Jackie Cohen
CBS MarketWatch

SAN FRANCISCO — Now that DVD recorders and media have become almost as cheap as their CD predecessors, the newer technology is poised to dominate the market.

Having crossed under the \$100 price threshold, DVD recorders are becoming standard components in midrange PCs.

"This business is very cyclical. When you get enough production capacity, then the prices come down," says John Freeman, a consultant at Strategic Marketing Distributions.

Freeman estimates that nearly 60 million DVD burners (both for PCs and TV set-top boxes) will be sold this year. This is up from 25 million units in 2003 and 5 million the year before, when the recordable devices began appearing on store shelves.

Newer technologies are well on their way. Just now appearing are so-called dual-layer DVD burners, which double the capacity of the discs from the standard 4.7 gigabytes to around 9 gigabytes.

Today's 4.7-gigabyte discs barely have enough room for a whole movie on them, forcing downloaders to compress the files, often sacrificing video quality. Now compromises need be made with dual-layer discs, which hold twice as much information.

"The technology will become more widely available this fall, but that doesn't mean affordable.

Microsoft's take on personalized news

CBS MarketWatch

Microsoft brought its idea of personalized news to U.S. shores Tuesday by launching a test version of Newsoft on MSNBC.com. The news search and personalization service is already available in 16 international markets.

MSNBC Newssoft draws headlines from more than 4,800 Web sites, clustering them into seven categories such as local news, sports, entertainment and business. A similar news service is offered by Google and Yahoo.

While a few dual-layer burners are approaching the price of other DVD burners, dual-layer blank discs cost almost as much as shrink-wrapped movies. Blank dual-layer discs go for \$12 apiece compared to 80 cents to \$1.50 for a recordable DVD disc and pocket change for a blank CD.

Right now, prices will likely limit adoption of dual layer technology to corporations doing system backup; independent filmmakers and perhaps a few serious hobbyists. Furthermore, dual layer might not get a chance to follow the full pricing cycle like its predecessors: Within two years, a new innovation called blue laser will improve quality and bring disc capacity up to 20 gigabytes without requiring dual layers.

Since many disc manufacturers will have to upgrade their assembly equipment to make DVDs that record faster than 4x, the advent of blue laser will make single layer platforms a more efficient upgrade than a dual layer.

Regardless of the brands involved, recordable DVDs still have a major stumbling block in their path: Internet bandwidth simply hasn't caught up yet. "There's a bandwidth connection, but it still takes me nearly a full day to download a movie," says Kevin Pieper, owner of digitalPAQ.com. "Right now, recordable DVD is a portable format, intended for people who have their own original source video, like camcorders."

New Epson photo scanner worth learning despite setup

By James Coates
Chicago Tribune

So let's take a look at the new \$149 Epson 2500 Photo Scanner. It's a fastidious product worthy of your attention.

Over the years, this column has covered dozens of scanners that let one snap a developed photo up close on a flatbed and create a reasonably usable copy.

Likewise, I've covered waves of stand-alone business card scanners that plug into parallel or USB ports.

I got calls and letters and a CD from folks who had recorded their memories on slides rather than on color prints.

Not forgetting the word-batters, I heard a lot of grouching about the inconvenience of stand-alone business card scanners and software that mangled the names, addresses and numbers on exotically styled cards.

Now the world's scanner makers are rushing to fill these two potentially lucrative niches with somewhat user-friendly and reasonably priced scanners that handle business cards and color slides as well as run-of-the-mill text and photo scans.

The Epson 2500 Photo handles business cards by placing each on the flatbed and pushing a "save to folder" button on the front of the scanner. A menu pops up on the computer screen with a set of scan options, including one called Presto BizCard. Its venerable scan software is uncanny at sorting out the various elements on a card and getting name, address and phone number in the right spot.

The Presto software is familiar to many owners of stand-alone card scanners. It comes up in a display showing a foldover-type card wheel. Each selected card appears with the text typed out on top and an image of the exact card below. I could hardly contain my excitement about the photo end

Product review

of this inexpensive powerhouse. The scanner worked wonders transforming a couple dozen of my slides into high-quality computer files suitable for anything from making color prints to cobbling together a computer slide show or DVD.

Sadly, it would take me a long time to feed my strips into the slot on top of the lid. By my watch, the scanner took 3-plus minutes to handle each strip of 4 frames.

That makes it sound better than it was, however. Feeding each strip into the slot requires you to put the proper (shiny) side face-down and then gingerly feed it in the strip.

Still, the images can be set to a nosebleed-high 2400 dpi maximum optical resolution.

The files can be in JPEG or in uncompressed BMP or TIFF formats that let amateur photographers perform what seem like miracles.

Using photo-editing software, you can zoom in on a small section of these huge files and produce close-ups right out of science fiction.

The included software even boasts automatic tools that restore the color quality in prints and negatives that have faded over the years.

Speaking of negatives, the out-of-the-box experience of setting this product up proved a tad daunting even for such a

brilliant fellow as your humble correspondent.

It is absolutely essential to load the software provided by Epson before first plugging in a computer or the computer will never find it afterward.

Since Epson included all that great business-card and photo restoration and text-document-reading software, it takes close to a half-hour to load everything.

It's easy to get confused with the multiple programs, and I found some of the instructions hard to follow, particularly when setting up the image-repair features. So expect a bit of a learning curve.

But at \$149 it's a curve well worth learning.

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Swine club members learn, have fun

Group sees membership gains from last year

By Amy Ballard
Times-News correspondent

FAIRFIELD — A recent meeting of the Camas County 4-H Swine Club emphasized what 4-H is all about: learning life skills and having fun doing it.

"Raising a hog is a fun way to earn money for college while learning about agriculture," member Kourtnee Young, 16, said.

Thirteen other young people agree. This year's swine club enrollment is up from six members last year. Only four of this year's group are repeat swine growers.

New and old members alike have challenges to face. Leader Elaine Webb said new books are taking some getting used to.

"They have the same record books for 10 years and then all of a sudden they change them," she said.

Hannah Arno, 12, said she didn't like the books, "but the forms are smaller and more manageable."

Webb, who has led the swine club for two years and Pets are Pals 4-H Club for nine years, helped the youngsters tackle the planning and record sheets. The members recorded weight, feeding, deworming information how much their animals cost and the estimated sale price.

Breeze Potter, 13, said she sold her grand champion pig last year for \$1,050. Some members wondered if having more hogs at the fair this year would bring sale prices down.

The young pig owners say their animals have personality to spare.

"My pig likes to jump out of



Sarah Webb, 15, exercises her pig, Flop, outside her home in Camas County. Her mother, Elaine, is the swine club leader.

trucks and run away and roll in the mud," Megan Stampke, 12, said.

Cecilia Boatman, 13, said her animal likes to give kisses, while Breeze Potter's pig likes to play tag.

In addition to enjoying their animals, the children are preparing for the Camas County Fair where they will be judged on showmanship and the pigs judged on quality.

"They (judges) want to see lots of muscle on the hams of the pig and less fat. Body length is also important," club secretary Staci Roberts, 15, explained.

"Always keep the pig between you and the judge," Sarah Webb, 15, advised. "You have to look at the judge and smile. You want to look like you're having fun."



Camas County 4-H Swine Club leader Elaine Webb helps Cecilia Boatman, 13, and Tim Arno, 8, with new paperwork.

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

Patricio Vazquez, son of Blanca Estela Murillo of Buhl, was born Saturday, July 17, 2004.

Jaimen Scott Swainston, son of Jami Dawn Bloxham and Robyn Sue Swainston of Filer, was born Sunday, July 25, 2004.

Sterling Joseph Banks, son of Deborah Ann and Bruce Joseph Banks of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, July 27, 2004.

Katelyn McKinley Hodges, daughter of Mandy C. and Adam Grant Hodges of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, July 27, 2004.

St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center

Mattigan Hope Mohsckhe, daughter of Carrie and Jonathan Mohsckhe of Sun Valley, was born Tuesday, July 13, 2004.

Alexis Arenas, son of Maria and Fernando Arenas of Gianrain, was born Monday, July 19, 2004.

Cameron Allen Cannoles, son of Mary Davis and Christopher Cannoles of Challis, was born Tuesday, July 20, 2004.

Calder Brook Handy, son of Deanna and Bryan Handy of Stanley, was born Thursday, July 22, 2004.

STORK REPORT

To announce a birth Send a copy of the birth certificate to:
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The Times-News
P.O. Box 548
Twin Falls, ID 83303
Or fax to: 734-5538.
Deadline: noon Tuesday for Sunday's paper; and noon Friday for Tuesday's paper.
More information?
Call Jami at 735-3278

Brianna Palencia, daughter of Hilda and Marco Palencia of Hiley, was born Thursday, July 22, 2004.

Averie Jordan Robles, son of Christina Hoyt and Reynaldo Robles of Challis, was born Friday, July 23, 2004.

Owen John Stauffer, son of Susan and Mark Stauffer of Bellevue, was born Friday, July 23, 2004.

Out of the area

James Damon Bowers, son of Matthew and Murti Bowers of Oceanside, Calif., and formerly of Burley, was born Friday, July 16, 2004, in the Camp Pendleton, Calif., Naval Hospital. His grandparents are Jim and Lynette Bowers of Rupert, Gunner Skollingsberg of Nampa and Jan Skollingsberg of Boise.

LEARNING ABOUT BOOKS



Children listen quietly and answer questions as Sadie Frey reads to them at the Filer-Public Library. The group learned about numbers by making a counting book, counting to 20 and listening to several books about numbers. The pre-school story time will be held at 10:30 a.m. every Thursday through Aug. 27.

Chamber award goes to driver for heroism

Todd Gallegos reacts quickly during emergency in Twin Falls

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce awarded its Extra Mile Award to Todd Gallegos for his display of heroism.

On April 15, while attempting to start a vehicle in the yard at Magic Valley Towing, company owner Al Lewis was set on fire when a spark ignited the gasoline can that he was holding, causing extensive burns to his face, neck, torso and left arm, the chamber reported. Gallegos, who was sitting in the vehicle, jumped out, rushed to Lewis and extinguished the flames by smothering them with his own body.

After the flames had been extinguished, Gallegos called over the radio for someone to summon paramedics.

Magic Valley Towing representatives said they were grateful for Gallegos' thoughtfulness, fearlessness and quick reaction, and that Lewis' friends and family were also grateful for his "heroic measures" that day.



Twin Falls Fire Department Capt. Ron Aguirre presented a plaque to Todd Gallegos who was honored by the Twin Falls Chamber for heroism. At the presentation were fire and emergency medical personnel, from left, Aguirre, Brian Haight, Jason Keller, Aaron Hudson, Magic Valley Towing owner Al Lewis, Gallegos, Jeff Webster and Matt Bayless.



Minico Sparta annual staff members traveled to Dallas, Texas, for their year-end trip. They included Alyssa Goffinet, Vatarie Melzer, Jenny Moon, Kally Kobayashi, Jesse Nunez, Abbie Haynes, Andi Francisca, McKenzie Anderson, Caitie Asher, Matt Moon, Skyler Matthews, Jenny Studer, Jason Schenk and Harvey Farfan. Chaperones were Jackie Rasmick and Janelle Dallocio.

Yearbook staff visits printer

RUPELT — Minico High School Sparta annual staff members traveled to the Taylor Publishing Plant in Dallas, Texas, to see where the book they worked on all year is published.

They also attended a Dallas Desperadoes football game, took a walking tour of the site where John F. Kennedy was as-

sassinated, visited the Conspiracy Museum, spent a day at the Fort Worth Zoo and topped the trip off with a visit to Medieval Times and the experience of a live joust.

The staff members sponsored the Miss MHS pageant earlier in the school year to raise funds for the annual spring trip.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Family Health Services hosts health clinic Friday

DIETRICH — Family Health Services is having a health clinic from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday at the Dietrich Elementary School parking lot, 406 N. Park.

The clinic will include free immunizations for children ages 2-18. Immunization records are required.

Well-child checks will be offered and can be billed to any insurance and Medicaid. There will also be a sliding fee for low-income families. No one will be refused service for inability to pay, organizers say.

and track participants. If participants wish to clinician they need to sign the physical form.

For more information, call 544-2158.

Kimberly Nurseries offers free soil seminar

TWIN FALLS — The public is invited to attend a free seminar at 9 a.m. Saturday at Kimberly Nurseries, 2082 Addison Ave. E. Participants will hear a presentation on "Soils, Creating Happy Roots." Registration is requested by calling The Garden Gate Gift & Garden Shop at Kimberly Nurseries at 733-2717.

BSU professor speaks on Japanese prison camps

HAGERMAN — Robert Sims, professor of history emeritus at Boise State University, will pres-

ent "Minidoka: A Japanese American Prison Camp in World War II" at 1 p.m. Sunday at the Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument visitor center on State Street.

During World War II, the United States government removed the entire Japanese-American population from the West Coast and placed them in 10 camps in the interior. One camp was in Jerome County and was called Camp Minidoka, although locally it was referred to as Hunt. In 2001, the Hunt camp was developed as a National Monument and plans are being developed for the site.

The presentation will discuss life in the camp and the impact on south central Idaho and include time for questions. Admission is free.

The program is made possible by support from the Boise Cascade Corporation and Idaho Humanities Council. For more information, call 837-4793, ext. 5224.

Rose society announces garden of month winners

FILER — The Filer Rose Society announced that the winners of the "Rose Garden of the Month" for July are Lee and Barbara Urie.

The winners will receive a potted rose and a free, one-year membership to the Filer Rose Society.

Nominations are open to gardeners in the Filer area only. To nominate your garden or your neighbors, call George Leppert at 326-3288, Coral Sparrow at 326-6607 or Shari Hart at 326-4087, or mail nominations to Filer Rose Society, 2364 E. 400

N. Filer, ID 83328. Awards will be given each month with a final "Rose Garden of the Year" at the end of September.

The society will hold its regular meeting at 9 a.m. Saturday in the Memorial Rose Garden at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds, 215 Fair Ave. in Filer. Anyone interested in learning about roses or joining is welcome to attend. For more information, call Leppert at 326-3288 or Hart at 326-4087.

Gooding senior center holds dinner Friday

GOODING — The Gooding Basque Association is holding a First Friday Dinner from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Friday at the Basque Cultural Center located at the intersection of Highway 26 and Highway 46 in Gooding.

The menu includes lamb, cod fish, chicken, Basque rice, vegetable, salad, beer, cabbage soup, bread and dessert.

The cost is \$14 or \$12 for seniors. For more information, call Julie Gough at 352-4266.

Gooding senior center serves breakfast Saturday

GOODING — The Gooding County Senior Citizens' Center will serve breakfast from 7:30-10:30 a.m. Saturday at the center, 308 Senior Ave.

The menu includes coffee, eggs, sausage, pancakes, biscuits, gravy and juice. The cost is \$3.50.

The public is invited. Bingo also is played at 6 p.m. every Friday. The public is welcome. For more information, call 934-5504.

EDITORIAL

Renaming Cassia hills would whitewash history

"History, despite its wrenching pain, cannot be untold."

- Maya Angelou

Funny thing about the good old days in Idaho and the folks who pioneered our state: They were flawed, uncouth, sometimes crude, occasionally cruel.

Idaho was invented on the fly by refugees, visionaries, dreamers, screamers and sometimes by scoundrels, and the landscape they left behind reflects the sense - and sensibilities - of an uneasy mixture of 19th century cultures.

That's why we're left with Jap Creek, Chinks Gulch, Sawm Butte, Blitch Creek, She Devil Peak and the Teton Mountains (Teton is the french word for "breast").

Would anyone name those places the same today? NO. Those terms are demeaning and offensive.

So why shouldn't Janet Ward of the Idaho Chapter of the American Association of University Women prevail in her quest to get two hills in southern Cassia County - South Tit and Pine Tit - rechristened - something more politically correct?

Because that would be whitewashing our history. There is real value in heritage - even if that heritage is unsavory. Jeff Ford of Boise, then the chairman of the Idaho Geographic Names Advisory Council, made that point four years ago in an unsuccessful attempt to block the renaming of Chinks Peak, a mountain that towers over Pocatello.

Ford said at the time that while the word "chink" is used "as a putdown or as a racist term, and we don't need that in Idaho, the council's" whole stand is insensical.

sisting on historical accuracy. Political correctness be damned.

Ford didn't win that argument: Chinks Peak is now Chinese Peak, renamed by the U.S. Board of Geographic Names.

In effect, that action served to sanitize the history of Pocatello, which was born as a brawling, ethnically tense railroad town on the edge of an Indian reservation. The name "Chinese Peak" conveys an impression of the city's past that simply isn't accurate.

South Tit and Pine Tit are much less imposing landmarks, located in a remote area. The names are neither obscene nor ethnic slurs - this is a word that's in common use.

And if the names are changed - "South Sister" and "Pine Sister" - are the names Ward proposes - the only thing to suffer would be the truth.

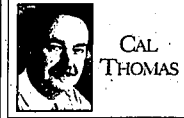
In his novel "1984," George Orwell described the dangers of tweaking history to accommodate the present.

"Day by day and almost minute by minute the past was brought up to date. In this way, every prediction made by (those in charge) could be shown by documentary evidence to have been correct; nor was any lie, or any expression of opinion, which conflicted with the needs of the moment, ever allowed to remain on the record. History... was scraped clean and reinscribed exactly as often as was necessary."

Redeeming our past requires that we first recognize what happened - sometimes - was wrong. Ward's proposal is a feel-good fix for our untidy heritage. It's not just important that Idaho schoolchildren 50 years from now know that our past is imperfect; it's essential.

Finding the truth gap in Kerry

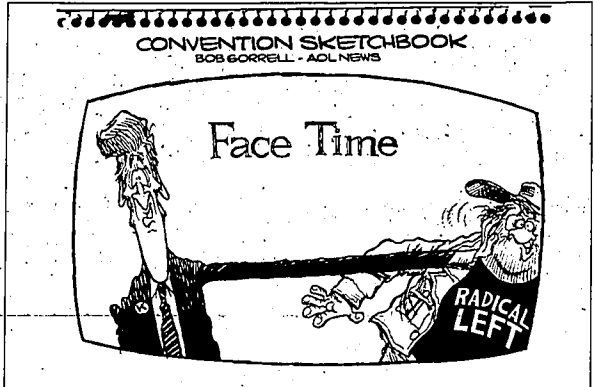
During the 1960 presidential campaign, John F. Kennedy, the man after whom Democratic presidential nominee John F. Kerry has styled his campaign, spoke of a "missile gap" between the United States and the Soviet Union. Although the missile gap was a myth, it was an effective political tool that helped the earlier JFK to a narrow election victory.



CAL THOMAS

In his nomination acceptance speech Thursday night, today's JFK claimed there is a huge economic gap. Really? Not according to Business Week magazine in an article that says the economy is creating more high-paying jobs than low-paying jobs: It reports in its July 26 issue that "40 percent of American workers belong to occupational/industry groups where the median pay is \$559 a week or more. Yet employment growth in those higher-paying groups accounted for well over half of total job growth during the past year. Average monthly employment in the higher-paying groups was 744,000 higher in the 12 months ended in June 2004 than in the previous 12-month period. By contrast, only 108,000 jobs were added in groups whose median pay was \$553 a week or less even though they account for 52 percent of total jobs."

Average growth in the gross domestic product amounted to 3.1 percent in 1996, but GDP has grown 5.6 percent this year. Mortgage rates are 2 points under the Clinton rates. Consumer confidence in June was 95.2, which is almost 3 points higher than in 1996. Unemployment today (5.6 percent) is roughly what it was during the height of the Clinton administration (5.5 percent in 1995). Yet Kerry says America is the worst off every since the Great Depression."



Kerry says he can be trusted to defend the nation and fight terrorism. Yet, as a member of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence for eight years (1993-2000), Kerry missed 38 of 49 hearings. He also voted to cut the intelligence budget by \$7.5 billion, cuts that were rejected by Republicans and Democrats. During that period, there is no record of Kerry ever sponsoring a single piece of legislation to increase funding for human intelligence.

How serious should his pledge be taken when his behavior so far does not back it up? Kerry promised to "build a stronger American military," but he voted at least 12 times against higher military pay and has repeatedly voted against bills that would modernize and strengthen our armed forces. No wonder Kerry doesn't talk much about his Senate record.

Democrats in recent years have been trying to emulate Republicans by quoting Scripture. Kerry quoted the Fifth Commandment, "Honor thy father and thy mother," the left out the rest - "so that your days may be long upon the earth," with his opposition to privatizing Social Security. That commandment means adult

children, not government, should honor their parents by looking after them. But to liberal Democrats like Kerry, government is a "god," so perhaps the leap is not surprising. If Kerry cares about protecting Social Security benefits, perhaps he might explain why he voted three times against repealing the 1993 Clinton tax increase on Social Security benefits.

Speaking of those middle-class tax cuts Kerry promises to implement if he's elected, would he explain why, when given an opportunity in 1995 to prove he was for such cuts, he voted against a sense of the convention stage. But most other members of that team have publicly said they believe that Kerry is "unfit" to be president because he slandered his comrades as mass murderers during his anti-Vietnam period, and they question how he earned his Purple Hearts.

Kerry suffers from a truth gap. Look for Republicans to spend a lot of time questioning whether, in a time of war, John Kerry can be trusted.

leaders he agreed that he had raised such taxes "too much." Kerry says he wants to "invest" new revenue in education. America already spends record amounts for education. If Kerry believes there is a link between the amount of money spent and educational achievement (there isn't), he has an obligation to explain why so much spending has not produced better grades, especially among the poor, many of whom are imprisoned in failing schools.

Kerry repeatedly brings up his four-month service in Vietnam. He paraded some of his Swift Boat colleagues on the convention stage. But most other members of that team have publicly said they believe that Kerry is "unfit" to be president because he slandered his comrades as mass murderers during his anti-Vietnam period, and they question how he earned his Purple Hearts.

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A quiet exit for the last muckraker

MARK FELDSTEIN

Jack Anderson, 81 and ailing with Parkinson's disease, quietly gave up his syndicated column last week after more than half a century. It was not the ending some of Richard Nixon's men once had in mind.

In 1972, in one of the most bizarre and overlooked chapters in American political history, Anderson was the target of a Mafia-style hit ordered in the White House itself. Two Nixon operatives admitted under oath that they plotted to poison the trailblazing investigative reporter at the behest of a top aide to President Nixon. Ultimately the plot was aborted and the conspirators were arrested a few weeks later as part of the Watergate break-in.

Anderson's retirement symbolizes the end of an era that predates Watergate. He was the last of the old-fashioned muckrakers. In his heyday, from the 1950s through the '70s, his daily "Washington Merry-Go-Round" column was the most widely read in the job recovery reaching an audience of 40 million in nearly a thousand newspapers. Anderson's dramatic exposes of political scandals led to resignations and prison terms. He swiped secret documents, used bugging equipment to eavesdrop on conversations, and jubilantly savaged his enemies, unconcerned with such journalistic niceties as fairness and balance.

Anderson was an important transitional figure in the evolu-

tion of adversarial journalism, a link in the historical chain between the advocacy of Progressive-era reformers from the early 1900s and the more professionalized class of investigative reporters who came to dominate Washington in the 1970s. After World War II, when he joined the column under the tutelage of the late Drew Pearson, Anderson was for years the only Washington reporter of genuine influence who consistently exposed wrongdoing in the nation's capital - from the fur-coat scandals involving presidents Truman and Eisenhower, to corruption by numerous members of Congress, to the secret foreign policy machinations of the Nixon and Reagan administrations.

Anderson was able to break these stories in part because he was an independent journalistic entrepreneur, empowered by the technology and economic autonomy of the syndicated column.

He was a strict Mormon who viewed investigative reporting as a noble calling from God. He believed as a matter of theology that life is an eternal struggle between good and evil, and that the First Amendment was quite literally a divinely inspired charter that sanctioned his muckraking mission. He provided a vital

check on governmental power during a time when journalists preferred to socialize with public officials rather than investigate them.

He was sure his flaws could be glaring. He was bombastic and self-righteous, even when retracting stories, such as his false report that a Democratic presidential nominee had been arrested for drunk driving. The muckraker's unsavory techniques included threats, rifling through garbage, and financial relationships with sources. He openly lobbied senators on their votes, ghost-writing their speeches and using his column as leverage to influence them. His cliché-ridden evangelical style was an anachronism that sacrificed complex truths for simplistic but dramatic portrayals of good guys vs. bad.

In this respect, too, Anderson was ahead of his time, anticipating the victims-and-villains entertainment values that have come to dominate 21st century television news. Ironically, de-

spite the black-and-white view he expressed in his column, Anderson's own reporting was itself a far more grayish mix of courageous digging and sensationalism than was his column. He embodied the contradictions that have characterized investigative reporting throughout American history: from the beginning it has alternated between the highbrow ideals of public service and the lowbrow reality of celebrity gossip.

Part circus huckster, part guerrilla fighter, part righteous rogue, Anderson waged a one-man journalistic resistance when it was exceedingly unpopular to do so.

Mark Feldstein, director of the journalism program at George Washington University's school of media and public affairs, is writing a biography of Jack Anderson.

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LETTER

Moore abuses freedom of speech

Shortly after the 9-11 attack, if the Congress of the United States had declared war, Mike Moore and Al Gore would have been arrested and put in prison for aiding, abetting and giving comfort to the enemy. It's still not too late for Congress to declare war.

Mr. Moore is an egotistical, despicable, irresponsible environmentalist crackpot who has no regard for the truth. He is in no way a gentleman, and the way he is lying about President George Bush is not acceptable in this great republic of the United States of America. Our nation has given time, energy, lives and money and has done more than any

other nation to better the living standards, health and financial well-being of other countries throughout the world and gotten very little respect or appreciation from people like Mr. Moore.

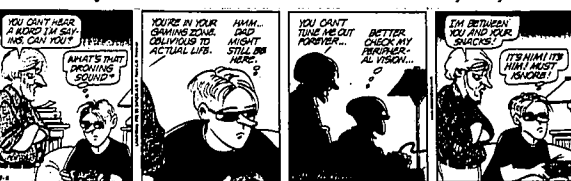
His poison pen may end up poisoning him. He might even succumb to lead poisoning because of his notorious spindocor tactics.

His advice for Mr. Moore and people who think like him is "America, love it or leave it." Believe me, you won't be missed, but you will miss the freedoms you have here, including the freedom of speech, which you are using in a very disgusting manner.

JACK STREETER
Mountain Home

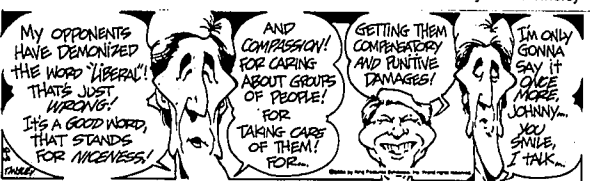
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OPINION

Heinz Kerry plays by rules of the rich

BOSTON — "How do you solve a problem like 'Terzaly'?"

All week I've been whistling the tune from "The Sound of Music," mentally substituting the name Teresa for Maria. "How do you solve a problem and pin it down? How do you find a word that means Teresa? A fibbertylibbet! A will-o'-the-wisp! A clown!"

Not that Mrs. Kerry is any of the above — from — but finding the right word to describe this unconventional potential first lady has spin-meisters and wordsmiths politely stumped. Democrats' protests to the contrary, she is a bit of a problem for the man who would be president.

It isn't so much the content of her recent "show it" remark to a reporter, which doubtless millions applauded in vicarious appreciation, but rather what her voluble reaction suggests about Mrs. Kerry's temperament and a clear sense of entitlement that precludes all but acquiescence from the hot polli.

Suffice it to say that people with a billion dollars at their fingertips don't hear much from "No-men," while the need for grace under fire rarely comes up.

Mrs. Kerry's now-familiar "show it" comment followed remarks to the Pennsylvania delegation during which she lamented creeping incivility in public life, noting that "un-American" and sometimes un-American traits are infecting politics. As if to demonstrate the point, she told a reporter to "show it" when he asked her to clarify what she meant by "un-American activity."

An exasperated Mrs. Kerry denied ever saying "un-American," told him to "show it" and huffed away. It wasn't precisely Cheney-esque, but no one



KATHLEEN PARKER

would confuse the ketchup heiress with Laura Bush.

No matter how hard the Kerry camp spins her outburst, regular folk — those so beloved by the two-Americans, two-John ticket — see it as behavior unbecoming a first lady. As matters evolved, Mrs. Kerry's speechwriters came up with a clever way to mute the controversy by introducing a feminist context and opening the door to discussion of the more politically palatable question of equality.

Mrs. Kerry isn't arrogant or abrasive, as some might have inferred. Why else would she have a deep held conviction and a champion of free speech. Volat! Salut! Ad mota bene, while we're at it.

Addressing the Democratic Convention Tuesday night, Mrs. Kerry gamely hinted at her outburst, inviting a group wink, laughter and cheers: "By now, I hope it will come as no surprise that I have something to say."

Then she barnished the raw image of a bullying rich woman with brush strokes of gilded rhetoric: "My right to speak my mind, to have a voice, to be what some have called 'opinionated,' is a right I deeply and profoundly cherish," she said, "and my only hope is that one day soon, women, who have all earned the right to their opinions, instead of being called opinionated will be called smart and well-informed — just like men."

I hear, hear, though I'm not

sure that telling a reporter to "show it" qualifies as smart and well-informed. Never mind that hoping women can have a public voice is about 30 years late. What's next, bra-burning?

First ladies continue to baffle us as we try to sketch an appropriate image in a world of evolving gender roles. We want someone strong yet feminine, accomplished but not too ambitious, maternal and wise, but not smothering and subservient. Recent first ladies have run the gamut.

Nancy Reagan was viewed as too doting, gazing like a Labrador at her master, while Hillary Clinton wasn't "wifely" enough, famously displaying her Rodham charm by declaring that she wasn't the "stuffy-at-home, cookie-baking sort."

The two Mrs. Bushes earn consistently high ratings among both Democrats and Republicans. The senior Mrs. Bush is everybody's no-nonsense mom — strong, kind and humorous. As for Laura, what's not to like? An attractive, feminine librarian, she's an utterly uncontrived "ballhouse wife and mother who enjoys reading to kids and publicly defers to her husband without seeming obsequious.

Then comes Teresa, a native of Mozambique talking about un-American traits, an extraordinarily wealthy woman who, whatever charms she may possess, clearly isn't used to playing by the usual rules of civility toward lesser mortals. The rich really are different than the rest of us — but the smart and well-informed ones let the little guys believe otherwise.

At least until their husbands get elected to the White House.

Kathleen Parker, a syndicated columnist for the Orlando Sentinel.

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WORLD

Survivors say locked doors slowed escape

ASUNCION, Paraguay — Locked doors prevented or slowed the escape of supermarket shoppers from a fast-spreading fire that killed at least 318 people and injured hundreds, survivors said Monday. The market's two owners were detained for questioning.

The cause of Paraguay's worst disaster in decades was not known, but police said they were investigating whether an exploding gas canister in the food court may have started Sunday's blaze.

The owners, a father and son, denied the doors were locked.

The fire tore through the bustling three-story supermarket in a suburb of Asuncion, the capital, during lunch hour. The blaze collapsed one floor and engulfed the food court and parking garage. In addition to those killed, 276 people were injured.

Esther Benitez, a 30-year-old cashier who suffered burns, said she at first found her way blocked as she tried to escape. "I ran toward the main door but it was locked," she told The Associated Press from her hospital bed Monday.

Some neighbors said they were forced to break windows to enter the supermarket because the doors wouldn't open.

World in brief

voters for October's presidential election.

The border battle began shortly after midnight Sunday when militants armed with rockets and machine-guns attacked a military post in Khost, a former al Qaeda stronghold about 120 miles south of Kabul, Afghan commander Gen. Khalil Buz said.

U.S. spokesman Maj. Rick Peat said more than 100 Afghan and American troops clashed with 50 militants in the area. A B1 bomber, two A-10 ground-attack aircraft and four Cobra helicopter gunships provided support, he said.

"The militants retreated in panic and were pursued by the attack aircraft," Peat said.

Gunmen kill Turkish hostage in Iraq

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Masked gunmen shot a blindfolded Turkish hostage three times in the head on a gruesome Internet video meant to warn Muslim leaders to stay out of Iraq. Soon after the video was discovered Monday, Turkish trucks announced they would stop hauling goods for U.S. forces in hopes of saving two other Turkish captives.

The trucks' decision was another victory for militants who have taken more than 70 foreigners hostage as leverage to drive coalition forces and anyone supporting them out of the country. Between 200 and 300 trucks cross Turkey's southern border into Iraq every day to bring fuel, food and other supplies to U.S. forces.

"As of today, those trucks won't be crossing into Iraq," said Cahit Soyasl, head of the International Transporters' Association.

In recent weeks, militants, buoyed by the Philippines' decision to pull its troops out of Iraq to save a Filipino truck driver — have intensified their kidnapping efforts. A few companies have withdrawn from Iraq, and several countries have warned their citizens not to work here.

U.S. releases five Moroccan prisoners

RABAT, Morocco — The United States has handed over five Moroccans detained at the Guantanamo Bay military prison. They will face a police investigation, the country's official news agency reported Monday.

The men, who were arrested in the U.S.-led war that ousted Afghanistan's hard-line Taliban leadership, arrived in the North African kingdom on Sunday, Morocco's MAP news agency said. They were handed to Moroccan justice officials.

The prosecutor said the men were Mohamed Ouzar, 24, Mohamed Mazouz, 30, Radouane Chekkouri, 32, Abdullah Taharak, 49, and Ibrahim Benchakroun, 24. They will be investigated by Moroccan police.

The United States, which faced international criticism for holding hundreds of suspects at Guantanamo without charge for at least two years, has been gradually releasing some prisoners from the naval base in Cuba.

Also Monday, the lawyer for two Frenchmen who were recently released was quoted as saying that they may sue the United States for damages.

Pakistan official survives assassination attempt

QUETTA, Pakistan — Gunmen ambushed the motorcade of the top government official in Pakistan's southwestern

Baluchistan province on Monday, killing a policeman and injuring two other officers, police and security officials said. The politician escaped unharmed.

The attack occurred on a road near Khuzdar, a town in Baluchistan that had been the scene of an earlier attack on army soldiers, said Tariq Javed, the local police chief. Chief Minister Jam - Mohammed Yusuf, the head of government for the province, was not injured in the attack, Javed said.

"He is safe. He was returning from Khuzdar to Quetta," said Ahsar Rauf Khan, the top security official in Baluchistan province. He said one man was arrested after the shooting.

There was no immediate word on a motive, but it seemed unlikely to have any links to international terrorism, Pakistan's prime minister-designate survived an assassination attempt on Friday that has been blamed on al-Qaida.

Yousuf was returning from a visit to the site of an ambush Sunday on Pakistani troops in Khuzdar.

— compiled from wire reports

Biologists locate white elephant

The Washington Post

Wildlife biologists in Sri Lanka say they have confirmed for the first time the existence of a long-fabled white elephant.

The albino elephant, a female believed to be about 11 years old, was observed in mid-July in a herd of about 17 adult females and young elephants in Yala, Sri Lanka, according to Wildlife Trust of Palisades, N.Y., and the Centre for Conservation and Research of Colombo, Sri Lanka, two conservation groups.

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U.S., Afghan forces clash with militants

FABUL, Afghanistan — U.S. and allied troops backed by airplanes and helicopters fought dozens of militants Monday in the biggest border clash along the mountainous Pakistani border in months. At least two militants and two Afghan soldiers were killed.

Separately, an Afghan soldier was reported killed when gunmen ambushed his vehicle in southern Afghanistan on Sunday as he returned from guarding officials registering

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Section B

MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

Speculation, at least among Democrats, is that Dubya must've been leaning too far to the right.

- Dwight Perry of The Seattle Times, on President Bush taking his second tumble off his mountain bike in two months

TRIVIA

QUESTION:
Hall of Fame inductee Paul Mallory is one of five major leaguers to finish with at least 3,000 hits and 500 stolen bases. Who are the other four?
...answer below

IN BRIEF

Hagerman holds physicals night

HAGERMAN — Physicals will be available for all Hagerman junior high school and senior high athletes at 4 p.m. Wednesday at Hagerman Associates in Family Practice.
Call Kevin Cato at 539-9377 with any questions.

Wendell HS holds equipment checkout

WENDELL — The Wendell High School football team will hold equipment checkouts on Thursday, Aug. 5 at the school.
Equipment will be distributed to seniors at 5 p.m., juniors at 5:30, sophomores at 6 and freshmen at 6:30. A parents meeting will follow at 7:30 in the auditorium.
Practice begins at 7 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 9, with afternoon practice taking place at 2 p.m. Players must have physicals prior to the start of practice.
For more information, call Steve Goodbody at 536-5740.

Gooding announces fall sports schedules

GOODING — Starting times and dates have been announced for the fall sports season at Gooding schools.
Football practice will begin at 6 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 9. Cross country starts up at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 13 at the Idaho School of the Deaf and Blind track. Volleyball practice begins at 8 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 16.
Girls' tennis seasons at Gooding Middle School will start up later in August. Volleyball begins at 3 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 23 while football and cross country practices will start after Aug. 25, although official dates have not been set.
Athletes must have a physical before they are allowed to practice. Athletes must also participate in 10 practices before they are allowed to compete in games.

Filer holds soccer registration

FILER — The Filer Community Recreation District will hold registration for fall soccer at the Filer Fire Station at 9 a.m. noon on Saturday, Aug. 7.
Fall soccer is for boys and girls in grades kindergarten through seventh. The fee is \$25.
For more information, call Rachel Borges at 326-3168.

Grant cards ace at 93 Golf Ranch

JEROME — Angela Grant carded a hole-in-one recently at 93 Golf Ranch on hole No. 13 from 135 yards out with a 7-iron. Winners were Diane Cooper, Bobbi Weigt and Stephanie Clark. The ace was Grant's first.
Compiled from staff reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:
Ty Cobb, Honus Wagner, Eddie Collins and Lou Brock.

Into the swing of things

CSI volleyball begins title chase

By Kevin Colbert
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — College of Southern Idaho volleyball head coach Ben Stroud can only hope that practice will make perfect for the 2004 Golden Eagles.

Stroud got his initial look at this year's edition during the team's first practice on Monday at Twin Falls High School as CSI opened a campaign in which an eighth national title in 12 years is a distinct possibility.

The Eagles began a run of six consecutive national championships in 1993 and won their seventh in 2000. CSI has made the NCAA national tournament every year since 1993, placing no lower than fifth. This season, the Eagles appear to have a squad capable of hanging another national title banner in the CSI Gymnasium. Stroud welcomes seven players back from last year's Scenic West Athletic Conference champions that went 49-5 overall and finished fourth at the NCAA tournament in West Plains, Mo.

"They were at the dance last year and they know what it takes," Stroud said. "We've got a lot of kids back and experience at that tournament. That should help us a lot."

Sophomore middle blocker Eliane Santos, a second-team All-American last season, will lead this year's squad. Last season, Santos averaged 3.63 kills per game, second best on the team behind the departed Andreza Santos. Other sophomores returning include outside hitters Anthea Blayen, Tatyana Meshnikova, Chrystal Johnson and Via Filipa, and setters Ashley Candauff and Edna Serralla.

Three freshmen also got their CSI careers started Monday, including 5-foot-11 Brazilian outside/middle hitter, Samara Freitas, 6-1 middle blocker Marta Siemalnikowska of Poland and Filipa's Monique Schall, a 5-10 outside hitter.

"I think we're going to have one of the most athletic groups we've had since I've been here," Stroud said. "You put that with what I think they're motivated to win. I think it should be a fun year."

But in order to achieve its ultimate goal, Stroud knows his team will have to pay its dues, beginning with practice this summer.

"I think this first week of practice we're going to spend



College of Southern Idaho sophomores Tatyana Meshnikova, left, and Eliane Santos hone their skills during the Golden Eagles' first volleyball practice of the season Monday at Twin Falls High School. Both players will figure greatly into CSI's attack scheme this season.

a lot of time with fundamentals and conditioning," Stroud said. "We're going to get them back into shape as much as

we can."

The Eagles begin their season by hosting the two-day CSI Invitational on Aug. 27 and 28.

Woods, Kuehne rally to win Battle at the Bridges



Tiger Woods eyes the flight of his ball as he warms up for The Battle at the Bridges Monday in San Diego. John Daly warms up in the background.

Long shot Lesnar leaves WWE to chase NFL dream

By Dave Campbell
Associated Press writer

MANKATO, Minn. — The money, glamour and perks provided by Brock Lesnar's lifestyle as a professional wrestler just weren't bringing him happiness, so he decided to leave.

Now the former World Wrestling Entertainment champion who performed with the moniker "The Next Big Thing" is trying to make a new name for himself — in the NFL.

Lesnar hasn't played football since 1995, when he was a high school senior in Webster, S.D. But his brown, quickness and tenacity were enough to convince the Minnesota Vikings he was worth signing and bringing to training camp as a defensive tackle.

"All I can ask for is the opportunity," said Lesnar, a one-time NCAA heavyweight wrestling champion at Minnesota who is listed at 6-foot-3 and 290 pounds. "I know I'm a quick learner, and I know I'm coachable."

He'll have to be. Bodyslams aren't al-

lowed, and nobody wears a leather boa. Success, or lack thereof, is determined solely by his distance from the ball.

"It's got a long way to go before his form is any good," coach Mike Tice said. "We're excited to see his work ethic... but he's got a long road to haul."

Lesnar realizes that. "I just know I'm athletic," he said. "I've loved football since I was a young kid. I'm not going to make any expectations... I just want to do well."

So does everyone else, it seems. "He's a great guy, a great athlete," WWE spokesman Gary Davis said. "He made his mark and had quite an accomplished run. Who knows? Once he has pursued his dream of the NFL, maybe he'll want to do something with the WWE again."

"We're very excited for him."

Teammates, too, are embracing Lesnar's tryout — rather than rolling their eyes. "Brock is a guy with great ambition," said tackle Chris Hovan, who is rooming with Lesnar during camp. "Any chance he needs to get better, I'll help."



Brock Lesnar bodyslams Eddie Guerrero during a World Wrestling Entertainment (WWE) match Feb. 29, in Carnival City, South Africa.

Smarty Jones retired

By Hal Block
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Smarty Jones' racing career is over.

The 3-year-old red chestnut colt whose bid for thoroughbred racing's Triple Crown came up one length short in the Belmont Stakes was retired Monday because of chronic bruising in his hooves.

"It's tough," trainer John Servis said. "But the great ride with him, it seemed there was no bottom to him. We made the decision in the best interests of the horse."

Dr. Larry Bramlage treated Smarty Jones and said the injury is the result of accumulated inflammation in the cannon bones, which serve as a race horse's shock absorbers.

"We bring horses back from this all the time," Bramlage said. "It's not a structural problem and the prognosis for full recovery is excellent."

The Kentucky Derby and Preakness champion has not raced since the Belmont and was recently syndicated for about \$40 million. He will stand at stud at Three Chimneys Farm near Midway, Ky.

In nine career starts, Smarty Jones won eight races and earned \$7,563,535, including a \$5 million bonus from Oaklawn Park for victories in the Rebel Stakes, Arkansas Derby and Kentucky Derby.

He already had withdrawn from the Sept. 5 Pennsylvania Derby because of the bruising on his left front hoof. The injury was treated about three weeks ago, and Servis was optimistic about running him in the Breeders' Cup Classic on Oct. 30 at Lone Star Park in Grand Prairie, Texas.

Wristbands gain much attention

By Jim Vertuno
Associated Press writer

AUSTIN — John Kerry wears one. President Bush has one too. So do several movie stars.

One of the hottest fashion trends in America is the "Live Strong" yellow wristband sponsored by the Michael J. Fox Foundation, the cycling superstar's cancer-fighting organization.

Since the fund-raising effort started in May, the charity has sold 7 million of the rubber bands for \$1.5 each — and it plans to sell 18 million more. Nike donated the first \$1 million, and proceeds go toward programs for young people with cancer.

Sales easily surpassed the \$6 million the foundation initially hoped to raise. The wristbands can be purchased at www.livestrong.com.

Armstrong overcame advanced testicular cancer that had spread to his lungs and brain before putting together one of the most astounding athletic feats of the past decade by winning a record six Tour de France titles, all in a row.

Armstrong was given only a 5 percent chance to live in 1996 but has won every Tour de France since 1999. He has inspired cancer survivors around the world and linked himself to the traditional yellow jersey worn by the Tour leader and champion.

Kerry, the Democratic nominee for president, wore his wristband while campaigning this week and at the Democratic National Convention. Kerry had a cancerous prostate removed in February 2003; his father died of complications from cancer in 2000.

White House spokesman Ari Fleischer says Bush also has a wristband and supports the Armstrong foundation.

SPORTS



Cleveland Indians' first baseman Lou Merloni lays on the field as Toronto Blue Jays' Carlos Delgado runs to second base during fifth inning. All action in Toronto, Monday. Merloni went down after trying to field a ground ball hit by Delgado.

Lilly leaves Tribe guessing as Jays roll

TORONTO (AP) — Cleveland starter Cliff Lee threw his hat and gloves into the stands after his latest loss.

All-Star Ted Lilly won for the first time in more than a month and Vernon Wells homered before leaving with a calf injury as the Toronto Blue Jays beat the Cleveland Indians 6-1 Monday.



Lee (10-4) was pounded for six runs and six hits in a four-inning loss to the Chicago White Sox.

"I didn't even realize I did it until I got to the bench. I'm definitely frustrated," Lee said. "I pitched in the second inning this game, so it's definitely better than the last one."

Lee (10-4) was pounded for six runs and six hits in four innings of a 4-0 loss to the Chicago White Sox.

"I'm frustrated but he has to recognize that he did throw the ball better," Cleveland manager Eric Wedge said. "A couple of powerful hitters touched him up early, but he was strong after that."

Wedge and Lee joked that at least he made a fan happy.

Wells left the game after fouling a ball off his left calf in the fifth inning. He was listed as day-to-day with a bruise.

"Hopefully, it will feel better in the morning and I'll be in the lineup tomorrow night," Wells said.

Toronto's Chris Gomez reached on second baseman Ronnie Belland's fielding error, and Alex Rios singled before Wells hit a three-run homer off Lee in the first. Josh Phelps followed with his 12th home run, the first time this year Toronto has hit consecutive homers.

Lilly (8-7) won for the first time since June 28, a span of six starts. The left-hander allowed one run and three hits in seven innings.

"There's no doubt it makes it easier when you get an early lead like we did," Lilly said.

Toronto's Orlando Hudson tripled in the fifth and scored on Frank Menchino's single.

After Alex Rios singled in the inning, Carlos Delgado chased Lee with a hard grounder that bounced off the head of first baseman Lou Merloni on what was ruled an RBI double. Merloni briefly stayed down on the artificial turf after being hit, but he got up and stayed in the game.

"I didn't even see it. I just heard it hit me," said Merloni, who had a headache.

Lee said that's a double-play ball normally.

"It popped up on him. I don't know, the breaks seemed to go their way," Lee said.

Lee then threw his glove as he walked toward the dugout.

"The Indians scored in the fourth on Ronnie Belland's double and a sacrifice fly by Victor Martinez."

Red Sox 6, Devil Rays 3

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Tim Lincecum pitched seven solid innings and David McCarty hit a three-run homer to lead Boston over Tampa Bay.

Kevin Youkilis had a two-run double during a three-run fifth as the Red Sox rebounded from two straight losses to AL Central-leading Minnesota. Boston trails the New York Yankees by nine games in the AL East and the Texas Rangers by a half game in the wild-card race.

Wakfield (7-6), celebrating his 38th birthday, gave up three runs, four hits, four walks and struck out three.

Alan Embree retired his only two batters in the eighth. Keith Louke got four outs for his 17th save in 22 opportunities.

Mark Hendrickson (8-9) allowed six runs and six hits in 4-2-3 innings. Tino Martinez hit a two-run homer for Tampa Bay.

Athlete overcomes immeasurable grief on road to Olympic games

By Chris Sheridan
Associated Press writer

BELGRADE, Serbia-Montenegro — Nobody going to the Athens Olympics has a sad story quite like Walter Herrmann's.

It's a horror story — all of it true — filled with death, grieving, resiliency and more death.

Not many people outside of Argentina and Spain have heard of Walter Herrmann, a 25-year-old, 6-foot-9 reserve forward for the South American country. He's one of only two changes to the team that won the silver medal at the 2002 World Basketball Championships — in large part because of his ability to overcome tragedy.



On a sunny afternoon in July 2003, Herrmann lost the three most important women in his life: his fiancée, his mother and his younger sister. Exactly one year later, on a day Herrmann played one of his greatest games, his father died.

"I couldn't imagine the pain," said Argentine teammate Pepe Sanchez, a former NBA guard. "It's very tragic, and I admire him for standing up and keeping on going in life, because I don't know what I would do if that was me."

Herrmann's initial loss happened when the three women, along with a friend of his mother's and her daughter, were driving down a two-lane country road. They collided head-on with another car occupied by an older couple, and all seven people died.

"I suppose that someone fell



Walter Herrmann, center, of Argentina is defended by Angolan defenders Saturday in Belgrade during the FIBA Diamond Ball tournament. Nobody going to the Athens Olympics has a sad story quite like Walter Herrmann's: it's a horror story — all of it true — filled with death, grieving, resiliency and more death.

asleep. I can't explain it at all. Nobody can," Herrmann said.

He was in the Argentine city of La Plata that day, training with the national team, and the memory of his disbelief, shock and anger remains vivid.

"I knew they were going to visit my girlfriend's family," he recalled, speaking through a translator. "That day I took a siesta and woke up at 6 in the af-

ternoon and called my girlfriend's house. That's when I got the news about my girlfriend only. I didn't know about the others. I was choked up, and I broke everything in the hotel room."

As Herrmann drove to an airfield to take a private plane to Buenos Aires, he began making phone calls and discovered the news was far worse: Not only

had the car crash claimed the life of his fiancée — champion swimmer Maria Yarina Garrone — it also had killed his mother, Maria Christina Heinrich, and his younger sister, Barbara.

At the insistence of his older sister, Herrmann returned to Spain to resume his basketball career.

"The novelty of the story made the country sad for me, and wherever we went in Argentina the press was following me. So we went to Spain, and the first three months I was very angry and had a very bad time, but after that I stuck my head up," he said. "It was complicated. You never get used to the idea that you've lost your family and your girlfriend."

Following his 2003-04 season in Spain, Herrmann returned to Argentina and tried out for the Olympic team.

"He earned his spot on this team," teammate Manu Ginobili said. "He earned a lot of respect from us."

On July 18, the one-year anniversary of his tremendous loss, he had 38 points and 11 rebounds to lead Argentina to the South American championship.

"I slept very poorly the day before, couldn't get any sleep. But after midnight I felt like it was a special day for me. I had the thought that (my family) would be helping me," he said.

But when Herrmann returned to his hotel that night, he received word that his father had died of a heart attack.

When Herrmann was put on the Olympic team by coach Ruben Magnano, he surprised his countrymen by accepting the invitation and traveling to Europe for an exhibition tour just more than a week after his father's death.

"Now I am of the mind to look in front of me," Herrmann said, "and not behind."

Bridges

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He and Woods went 5 under over a four-hole stretch starting on the 13th, and the match ended under the lights on the par-3 17th when Daly and Mickelson narrowly missed birdie putts to keep the match alive.

Woods and Kuehne each split \$1 million, while Mickelson and Daly split \$400,000. Woods is now 4-2 in the Monday Night Golf exhibitions that began in 1999.

Kuehne statistically is the longest hitter in golf, but he was no match against Daly on the four holes that featured a long drive contest. Daly hit a 319-yard drive on No. 3 — Woods was a yard longer, but in the rough, so it didn't count. His biggest blast was 345 yards on the par-5 seventh, that was 30 yards beyond Woods.

Daly also won with a 341-yard drive on No. 14, and Mickelson captured the last contest on the par-5 16th after the other three guys missed the fairway. His winning drive was a mere 268 yards.

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Lesnar

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Lesnar insists this isn't a publicity stunt. Then-Tampa Bay coach Tony Dungy expressed interest in Lesnar after his college career was over, according to one of Lesnar's agents, Ed Hitecock.

"Football is something he's always wanted to pursue," Hitecock said.

The four kept Lesnar on the road about 280 days a year, taking him to all 50 states and 30 countries. Staying at home in the Midwest and being a father to his 2-year-old daughter are more important to him now, though, than the millions he left on the table.

"He's just a regular guy," he said. "Money's not money. I've been a poor dairy farmer in western South Dakota, and I've been a millionaire. I wasn't any happier."

Vikings defensive line coach Brian Baker remains skeptical, yet supportive.

"Right now we're just trying to get him to the point here he can survive," Baker said. "It's getting better at things, but the things he's getting better at are basically remedial things."

"The Vikings held their first full-pad practice Monday morning, when Lesnar met his first real taste of pro football. Up against the third-team offense, Lesnar was stood up at the line and pushed down the field several times.

He did manage to make a tackle.

"I got his first kiss today," Tice said. "He's growing up some."

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SPORTS

SCORES AND STATS

BASEBALL

American League

Team	W	L	GB
New York	41	15	0
Baltimore	37	19	4 1/2
Seattle	36	20	5 1/2
Minnesota	35	21	6 1/2
Chicago	34	22	7 1/2
San Diego	33	23	8 1/2
Los Angeles	32	24	9 1/2
Texas	31	25	10 1/2
Detroit	30	26	11 1/2
Philadelphia	29	27	12 1/2
Boston	28	28	13 1/2
Washington	27	29	14 1/2
St. Louis	26	30	15 1/2
Atlanta	25	31	16 1/2
San Francisco	24	32	17 1/2
Colorado	23	33	18 1/2
Arizona	22	34	19 1/2
Chicago	21	35	20 1/2
Los Angeles	20	36	21 1/2
San Diego	19	37	22 1/2
Minnesota	18	38	23 1/2
Seattle	17	39	24 1/2
Baltimore	16	40	25 1/2
New York	15	41	26 1/2

WHAT'S ON T.V.

Baseball

Cubs at Rockies, WGN, 7 p.m.

Basketball

U.S. vs. Italy, ESPN, noon
FIBA Men's Diamond Ball Tournament, championship game, teams TB, NBA-TV, 1 p.m.

Boxing

Light heavyweight, George Khaid Jones (19-2-0) vs. Darrell Wilson (16-1-2), ESPN2, 8 p.m.

Tennis

ATP Western & Southern F. nancial Group Masters, early round, ESPN2, 11 a.m.
ATP Western & Southern F. nancial Group Masters, early round, ESPN2, 5:30 p.m.

National League

Team	W	L	GB
St. Louis	37	19	0
San Diego	36	20	1 1/2
Arizona	35	21	2 1/2
Colorado	34	22	3 1/2
Los Angeles	33	23	4 1/2
San Francisco	32	24	5 1/2
San Diego	31	25	6 1/2
Arizona	30	26	7 1/2
Colorado	29	27	8 1/2
Los Angeles	28	28	9 1/2
San Francisco	27	29	10 1/2
San Diego	26	30	11 1/2
Arizona	25	31	12 1/2
Colorado	24	32	13 1/2
Los Angeles	23	33	14 1/2
San Francisco	22	34	15 1/2
San Diego	21	35	16 1/2
Arizona	20	36	17 1/2
Colorado	19	37	18 1/2
Los Angeles	18	38	19 1/2
San Francisco	17	39	20 1/2
San Diego	16	40	21 1/2
Arizona	15	41	22 1/2
Colorado	14	42	23 1/2
Los Angeles	13	43	24 1/2
San Francisco	12	44	25 1/2
San Diego	11	45	26 1/2
Arizona	10	46	27 1/2
Colorado	9	47	28 1/2
Los Angeles	8	48	29 1/2
San Francisco	7	49	30 1/2
San Diego	6	50	31 1/2
Arizona	5	51	32 1/2
Colorado	4	52	33 1/2
Los Angeles	3	53	34 1/2
San Francisco	2	54	35 1/2
San Diego	1	55	36 1/2
Arizona	0	56	37 1/2
Colorado	0	57	38 1/2
Los Angeles	0	58	39 1/2
San Francisco	0	59	40 1/2
San Diego	0	60	41 1/2
Arizona	0	61	42 1/2
Colorado	0	62	43 1/2
Los Angeles	0	63	44 1/2
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San Diego	0	65	46 1/2
Arizona	0	66	47 1/2
Colorado	0	67	48 1/2
Los Angeles	0	68	49 1/2
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San Diego	0	70	51 1/2
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Arizona	0	91	72 1/2
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Arizona	0	96	77 1/2
Colorado	0	97	78 1/2
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San Diego	0	100	81 1/2

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PGA TOUR Money Leaders

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AA state Legion field narrows to two

IDAHO FALLS — The Boise Senators and Boise Gems will meet for the state tournament today at the American Legion AA State Baseball Tournament in Idaho Falls.

The two teams met Monday night, with the Senators beating the Gems 9-7 in the championship round. Because the tournament is double elimination, the Gems have one more shot at competing for the state title against the Senators today at 11 a.m. Both teams have now lost once.

In order to reach the championship round, the Senators needed 10 innings before outlasting the Treasure Valley Stars 16-15 in a loser-out game Monday.

Chandler wins 100-lap feature at MVS

TWIN FALLS — Ken Chandler carried his success over to top qualifier for the Late Model Lites to the main event Saturday by winning the 100-lap feature at Magic Valley Speedway.

Chandler was pushed on lap 98 by John Schultz but regained the lead after Schultz spun out on the first turn of the final lap.

Other winners included Kevin Larson in the Pony Stock feature, Mike Mantus in the Grand National feature and James Todd in the Hornets main event.

Umpire ejects Clemens from youth game

CRAIG, Colo. — Houston Astros pitcher Roger Clemens was ejected from a youth league baseball game and banished to the parking lot after an umpire said the Rocket spit a sunflower seed at him following a close play involving his 10-year-old son.

It happened Saturday in rural Craig, Colo., during a 10-and-under Triple Crown Sports tournament. The future Hall of Famer was away from the Houston Astros, as his team allows him to be when he's not pitching.

The umpire said the seed hit his pants cuff and Clemens wound up watching the rest of game from his car, protesting that a fence at Kacy and the Katy (Texas) Cowboys lost to the Bakersfield (Calif.) Curve 11-5.

The episode began with Clemens sitting in his own chair behind the fence near the base dugout, when Kacy was called out at second base in the middle innings.

Katy manager Doug Hanson said the umpire, whom he described as being about 20 years old, then went over towards the bench. Hanson said the umpire told him that although Clemens didn't say anything, the pitcher spit a seed toward him.

There was a pile of 250 to 300 sunflower-seeds there, I don't know how the umpire knew that was the one," Hanson said.

Carpenter was then summoned from an adjacent field and said it was time for Clemens to leave the premises. At that point, Clemens simply got up and left the Luddy-Simpson complex without an argument.

Cardinals sign No. 1 pick Larry Fitzgerald

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. — Wide receiver Larry Fitzgerald, the third overall pick in April's NFL draft, agreed to a six-year contract that could be worth up to \$60 million with the Arizona Cardinals on Monday.

About \$20 million is guaranteed money, said a source close to the negotiations, who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

The agreement came four days after quarterback Eli Manning and offensive lineman Robert Gallery, the only players drafted ahead of Fitzgerald in April, signed with their teams. Manning also received a \$20 million contract from the New York Giants.

Fitzgerald, a former ball boy for Minnesota when new Cardinals coach Dennis Green was coaching the Vikings, left the University of Pittsburgh after his sophomore year in 26 college games. He finished third in Pitt history in catches (161) and fourth in yards receiving (2,277).

Green considered one of the most physical and self-reliant receivers to come out of college in years, was Green's choice for the first round selection from the time Green agreed in January to coach the Cardinals.

Jazz open season at home against Lakers

SALT LAKE CITY — The Utah Jazz will open the season at home against the Los Angeles Lakers — whoever they are.

The Jazz open Wed., Nov. 3, against Los Angeles in a matchup that would be quite intriguing last season when Karl Malone had just left after 18 years in Utah to join the Lakers as a free agent.

Now Malone is in limbo as he recovers from knee surgery and contemplates whether to return or take another run at his first NBA title. Malone is a free agent who can sign anywhere, the Lakers have traded Shaquille O'Neal to Miami and Kobe Bryant is still facing a rape trial on Colorado.

The Lakers could have even more of a new look than the Jazz, who added free agents Carlos Boozer and Mehmet Okur last week.

Ticket sales pick up for Athens Olympics

ATHENS, Greece — Ticket sales for the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens picked up Monday. With less than two weeks until the opening ceremonies, it looks like Athens is finally ready for the Olympic Games.

As late as two months ago, the Athens Olympic Organizing Committee was worried that a number of venues and projects — from the main Olympic Stadium to a new tram, metro and suburban rail network — would not be completed in time.

Chief Olympic organizer Gianna Angelopoulos-Daskalaki said ticket sales began at about 3,000 per day but now are over 20,000 daily.

Fears of terrorism led to low ticket sales in Athens, a point accentuated by the Greeks' seeming lack of interest in the games. But that trend has reversed itself in recent weeks, although about 3.1 million of 5.3 million tickets remain unsold.

Isyon undergoes surgery to repair knee

PHOENIX — Mike Isyon underwent arthroscopic surgery on his right knee in Phoenix Monday to repair cartilage damage sustained during his fight with Danny Williams.

A spokesman for Isyon said Dr. Richard Emerson fixed four tears in the knee. Isyon suffered the first in the last round of Isyon's knockout loss to Williams in Louisville, Ky. on Friday.

Fred Stemburg said the damage was more severe than anticipated. Isyon's camp reportedly surprised that Isyon fought after hurting the knee.

Isyon was stopped at 2:51 of the fourth round by a barrage of punches from Williams, who was once the British heavyweight champion. The 38-year-old Isyon was trying to come back after a 17-month layoff.

Stemburg said the doctor estimated Isyon's knee would be 90 percent healed in eight weeks.

Chivas to operate new MLS team in L.A.

CARSON, Calif. — Major League Soccer expanded to Los Angeles for next season, granting a franchise Monday to Jorge Vergara, owner of popular Mexican team CD Guadalajara.

The team, tentatively known as the Los Angeles Galaxy, will play at the Home Depot Center in Carson, the Los Angeles Galaxy's home field. Chivas, or Galaxy, is CD Guadalajara's nickname.

Major League Soccer's other expansion team will play in Salt Lake City, giving the league 12 franchises.

MLS commissioner Don Garber announced last year the league would grant Vergara one of two expansion teams for 2005, in either Houston and San Diego were in contention for Vergara's team.

Wilson gets new contract from Sharks

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Coach Ron Wilson was given a new multiyear contract Monday by the San Jose Sharks, a reward for leading the club to the best season in franchise history.

The Sharks also re-signed assistants Tim Hunter and Rob Zetter. Wilson and his staff got two-year contracts with an option for a third season.

San Jose went 43-21-16 last season, finishing 10th in the Pacific Division but advancing to the Western Conference finals for the first time with playoff victories over St. Louis and Colorado.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

BASEBALL

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San Diego	36	20	1 1/2
Arizona	35	21	2 1/2
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Arizona	0	76	57 1/2
Colorado	0	77	58 1/2
Los Angeles	0	78	59 1/2
San Francisco	0	79	60 1/2
San Diego	0	80	61 1/2
Arizona	0	81	62 1/2
Colorado	0	82	63 1/2
Los Angeles	0	83	64 1/2
San Francisco	0	84	65 1/2
San Diego	0	85	66 1/2
Arizona	0	86	67 1/2
Colorado	0	87	68 1/2
Los Angeles	0		

BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Jerome Chamber will honor citizens

JEROME — The 2004 Jerome Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year and Lifetime Achievement Award recipients will be honored today at award marshals of the 2004 Jerome County Fair Parade.

Citizens of the Year for 2004 are Kevin and Ellen Rexroat of Jerome.

Kevin Rexroat just completed a one-year term as president of the Jerome Rotary Club.

The Rexroats are instrumental in the Jerome Rotary Christmas Basket Program and have been involved with the youth in Jerome and with a children's mission to Tijuana, Mexico, to help create better living and educational environments for children, the chamber said.

Lifetime Achievement Award recipients are Gerald and Donna Ostler.

The Ostlers have lived in Jerome since 1953. Although retired, they are still part of a family-owned upholstery business.

They have been involved with several Jerome clubs, and they drove school buses for Northside Bus Co. — Gerald for 11 years and Donna for eight years.

They purchased Jerome Ambulance Service in 1974 and run the operation for 10 years, the chamber said.

Gerald Ostler was elected county coroner in 1980 and continues to work in that position. He was a member of the Jerome County sheriff's search and rescue and was a ski patrol leader for the Soldier Mountain resort.

He was elected to the Jerome City Council in 1986, serving four years, then was elected mayor in 1990.

During his two four-year terms as mayor, he pursued and promoted economic development on South Lincoln to the interstate.

The chamber will host a banquet in October to honor the Rexroats and the Ostlers.

For information, call the chamber office at 324-2711.

Agency will discuss budget at meeting

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Urban Renewal Agency will discuss its budget for the next fiscal year at a special meeting today.

The meeting will be held at noon in the Twin Falls City Council Annex Building, 305 Third Ave. E.

The agency plans to authorize a public hearing on the budget to be held Aug. 16. That part of the meeting is open to the public.

Then the agency will hold a closed-door executive session to conduct deliberations concerning labor law issues and to acquire an interest in real property which is not owned by a public agency," an Urban Renewal announcement said.

Shaw's, union hold mediated talks

BOSTON — Shaw's Supermarkets — owned by Boise-based Albertsons Inc. — and union negotiators representing 6,000 grocery workers in three New England states returned to the bargaining table Monday, a day after union members rejected a contract offer and authorized a strike.

Negotiators for both sides met with a federal mediator at an undisclosed location.

Members of United Food and Commercial Workers Local 791 overwhelmingly voted Sunday to turn down a contract Shaw's had presented hours earlier and characterized as its final offer.

Health care is the key sticking point. They also authorized a strike by workers at 25 stores in southeastern Massachusetts, all 14 Shaw's stores in Rhode Island and at a distribution center in Wells, Maine.

North Carolina awaits Dell decision

Knight Ridder News Service

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. — Dell Inc. still may be evaluating a manufacturing project in Forsyth County, but it hasn't hesitated to pursue its aggressive expansion plan elsewhere in the United States.

Local and state economic officials expect to get a decision soon from Dell about whether it will build a \$190 million, electronics-equipment plant on a 100-acre site in the North Carolina county.

Dell, the world's biggest computer maker, started its U.S. expansion in July announcing a call center in Oklahoma City and plans for a distribution center near Cincinnati. Those projects alone could create up to 965 jobs.

"Are we slowing down in the U.S. because we're growing internationally?" No, Kevin Rollins, Dell's new chief executive, said at the company's annual meeting on July 16.

Rollins told shareholders to follow the media for "our announcements" about infrastructure and other facilities in the coming months dedicated to expand jobs in the U.S.

"All we can tell you is, 'Stay tuned.' There probably will be some others," he said.

It hasn't been cheap to land any Dell project.

Dell's first U.S. expansion outside its home in Round Rock, Texas, was in 1999 in Nashville, Tenn., where it built a manufacturing, assembly and distribution center that employs about 3,000. More than \$160 million in tax breaks, as well as other state and local incentives, were used to recruit Dell.

The company's Twin Falls call center opened in early 2002, with plentiful local and state incentives.

Dell will be given 60 acres among the incentives in the Oklahoma City package.

The state of Ohio has offered \$2.9 million in incentives for the proposed distribution center.

A preliminary package for Forsyth and North Carolina officials for the proposed electronics-equipment plant contains about \$109 million in incentives, including nearly \$13 million in local incentives.

According to local officials, Dell is waiting on the state's final incentive package and is continuing to evaluate the skill level of the Triad's work force.

Gov. Mike Easley is expected to provide several million dollars from the One North Carolina Fund.

Officials with the governor's office and the N.C. Commerce Department said they could not comment on any economic-development project still being negotiated.

"We are always looking at different opportunities and potential projects, and we always conduct a lot of due diligence on those opportunities and projects," said Michele Blood, a Dell spokeswoman.

Because 70 percent of Dell's customers are on the East Coast, "anything we can do to improve our logistics, reduce our costs and speed deliveries to customers is a benefit to customers and our business," Cathie Hargett, a Dell spokeswoman, recently told the Austin American-Statesman, a newspaper in Austin.

Once Dell makes a decision on a project and a site, it typically moves quickly to begin operations, said John H. Boyd, the president of The Boyl Co. Inc., a six-sector company based in Princeton, N.J.

"Unlike other computer companies, Dell does most, if not all, of its site selecting investigations in-house," Boyd said.

"They know what they want and know how to get it."

FIRM RESOLVE



Traders work at the New York Stock Exchange on Monday. A warning of possible terrorist attacks on financial institutions weighed on the stock market and sent prices slightly lower Monday, but investors also took heart at a strong earnings report from Dow component Procter & Gamble Co. and a positive reading on manufacturing activity.

Business as usual at targeted buildings

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Financial industry workers returned to work with determination and little trepidation Monday following a government warning that terrorists may be planning to strike "iconic" financial institutions.

Streets were closed around the New York Stock Exchange, Citigroup Center in midtown Manhattan, Prudential Financial Inc.'s headquarters in Newark, N.J., and the International Monetary Fund and World Bank in Washington. All were identified by authorities Sunday as terrorism targets. Police wearing flak vests and armed with automatic weapons kept a wary eye on the crowds of employees waiting to get through increased security to get into the buildings.

"Just look around," said Arturo Ramirez, a maintenance worker at Citigroup, as he pointed to a pair of armed and armored police officers. "Now that these buildings have been named in the media and all the police are here, who's going to try anything? I feel safer now than I did before."

To show their confidence in the city's security, Mayor Michael Bloomberg, Sen. Charles Schumer and Gov. George Pataki rang the opening bell at the stock exchange Monday.

"I would use the word defiant to describe these guys," Pataki said as he toured the floor of the exchange, shaking hands with traders. "It makes us proud to see all these people here with American flags on their jackets going about their work."

None of the targeted businesses reported unusual numbers of absences Monday, and many of the people working at the buildings, when asked about their feelings regarding the terrorist threat, just shrugged, though many said they received calls from concerned friends and family about the threat.

Theodore Weisburg, an NYSE floor trader with Seaport Securities Corp., said he received a call Sunday night from his 92-year-old mother who was worried about him coming to work on Monday.

"I told her what I have been telling everybody else. We have good security here," Weisburg said. "I got my son on the floor over here, and my daughter is a trader on the desk right up the street. I got my wife here, and I got a lot of other places. You just have to go about your business and do the best you can."

There were no reports of major delays for workers entering the exchange Monday. The streets within two blocks of the exchange have been closed to traffic since the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks at the nearby World Trade Center.

The only apparent change on Wall Street was the increased number of police, who stood stoically as camera crews and tourists captured them on film. A rumored "sick-out" coordinated absences by Wall Street traders, never materialized, and most traders said it was just another day.

After 9/11, it doesn't surprise me at all that you would find a map of this place (the exchange) in some cave in Pakistan," said Kenneth Polcari, a trader with Polcari/Weicker.

"You realize that's the world you live in, and you deal with it."

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Parents wonder what to do with son's money for future

Question: My wife and I are state workers with two children, ages 6 and 8. We stopped regularly contributing to their accounts under the Uniform Gift to Minors Act because we were afraid that having money there would hurt them when it came time to apply for college financial aid.

These accounts still have about \$5,000 each in them. We now contribute about \$200 a month to their 529 college savings plans (tax-favored plans authorized under section 529 of the U.S. Tax Code).

Recently, my son received \$1,500 in cash. He won't need this money for a long time — perhaps 10 years if he uses it for a car or for college, longer if we



MONEY TALK Liz Pulliam Weston

can cover those costs, which would allow him to use it toward a down payment on a house.

What kind of account is best for him? Shall I put it in his UGMA/Or a regular account in his name? Or one in our names?

UTMA (for Uniform Transfer to Minors) Act—accounts are primarily a way to reduce taxes. Their hassles and disadvantages clearly outweigh the benefit when you're talking about a relatively small amount of cash.

Under current tax rules, your son can earn as much as \$100 a year in interest or capital gains and not pay taxes. The next \$800 is taxed at his rate (typically 10 percent or 15 percent). Only earnings greater than \$1,600 are taxed the parents' (presumably higher) rate.

Putting the money into an UGMA or UTMA would mean all the returns would qualify for his lower tax rate, but as you've noted — these custodial

accounts would reduce his potential financial aid package dollar for dollar.

And given the amount at stake, your son would have to pick some pretty spectacular investments for taxes on this money to ever be much of an issue. If he earns an average 8 percent annual return, he'll have about \$3,300 in 10 years.

If there's a good chance he'll still have this money when it's time to fill out a financial aid application, you might just want to keep the account in your name. The money could still reduce the financial aid package your son will ultimately receive but not by as much as if it were kept in his name.

That's because the federal financial aid formula used by most colleges requires students to fork over 35 percent of their own assets annually for their schooling.

By comparison, are required to cough up 5.64 percent of their qualifying assets each year.

And, in the happy event your son doesn't need the money for college, you can always transfer it back to him after he graduates.

Questions can be sent to Liz Pulliam Weston at askweston@earthlink.com or mailed to her in care of Money Talk, Business Section, Los Angeles Times, 202 W. First St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

COURT FILINGS

The Times-News

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

Chapter 7, nonbusiness, under \$50,000

Ivan M. Gonzalez, 229 E. Ave. G, Jerome, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 04-11571.

Tammara Leola Moss, 229 E. Idaho, Paul, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 04-11570.

Lorinda C. Ocho, also known as Lorri Olsen, Lorri Kautz and Lorri Sent, 505 Eighth Ave. N., No. 2, Buhl, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 04-11569.

Justin Miller, also known as Josh Miller and Angela Miller, also known as Angela Murray and Angela Yelke, 3892 N. 240th E., Hiler, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 04-11568.

Isabel Campos, 566 James Ave., Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 04-11605.

Terrie Osterlund, 158 Harrison St., Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 04-11607.

Louis Simms Smothers and Kelly Dawn Smothers, also known as Kelly Frisch and Kelly Lopez, 2230 W. 1st Ave. N., Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 04-11618.

Bonnie Kay Haveland, No. 16 Minor Drive, Buhl, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 04-11620.

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

Tammy Sue Grandall, 107 N. Park Ave., Hazelton, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets \$50,000 to \$100,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000. Case no. 04-11621.

Jessica Rose Brown, also known as Jessica Rose Shore, 510 E. Main, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000. Case no. 04-11608.

Betty Jo Bird, also known as Betty Bird, 252 Bob Barton Road, Ketchikan, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000. Case no. 04-11609.

Robert Chase Christwell and Crystal May Hiedeman-Christwell, 2913 E. 3600 N., Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000. Case no. 04-11606.

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

John E. Tallent and Caroline Tollett

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Table of closing futures prices for commodities like Corn, Soybean, Wheat, and various oil products.

POCATELLO (AP) - Idaho Farm Bureau

Table of Pocatello market prices for various agricultural products and livestock.

MARKETS

Table of market prices for various commodities including grains, oilseeds, and livestock.

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Table of cheese prices for various types like Cheddar, Swiss, and Mozzarella.

POTATOES

Table of potato prices for different varieties and grades.

SUGAR

Table of sugar prices for various grades and origins.

GRAINS

Table of grain prices for wheat, corn, and soybeans.

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Table of meat prices for beef, pork, and lamb.

LIVESTOCK

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Preparation eases life-and-death events

DEAR ABBY: In a recent column I noted the comments of a reader and your response concerning the need to have a will and a living will. As an elder law attorney, I feel strongly that my clients should have well additional power of attorney in places a health care proxy and a durable power of attorney. I have, in my practice of the last 25 years, concluded that the single most important document a client can have is a durable power of attorney. Many of the issues that were raised in your reader's letter could be addressed if someone has a power of attorney. This document, like the others, can be as broad or as narrow as the individual giving the power of attorney wishes. It is not a relinquishing of authority, but rather a granting of parallel authority, and can easily be revoked. In a similar fashion, a health care proxy provides the opportunity for someone to interact with health care providers should the incapacitated individual be unable to make his/her own decisions. — LAWRENCE S. GRAHAM, GREENVILLE, N.C.



DEAR ABBY Jeanne Phillips

tant documents. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Please remind your readers that a living will is not only very important, but a person should also carry a copy while traveling. My husband and I have "prepacked" copies of our living wills in our suitcase so they are always available. Imagine being thousands of miles from home when a crisis arises and those important documents are desperately needed. — ANNE M. ALEXANDRIA, VA.

DEAR ANNE: That's an interesting idea. It never hurts to be prepared.

DEAR ABBY: I read with interest your response to the gentleman who was trying to

convince family and friends to complete a living will before they need one. As a nurse for many years, I concur wholeheartedly. No one wakes up in the morning planning to have an accident, or a heart attack, or some other life-threatening condition. Our lives are unpredictable, and the situation becomes volatile. — FORMER SURGICAL NURSE, VIRGINIA BEACH, VA.

DEAR FORMER NURSE: Thank you for speaking from the perspective of someone who has been in the trenches and seen it firsthand.

Scorpio should restrain adventurous impulses

IF AUGUST 3 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY... you deserve to treat yourself to wild indulgences, and go overboard with an extra piece of cake. Generous CANCER (June 21-July 22) you wish to treat everyone else to a party, instead of the other way around.

HOROSCOPE Jeraldine Saunders

road is the one that is clearly marked by the tracks of other. Sticking with a comfortable rut will provide peace of mind. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Try to lose ends, and put major initiatives on hold. A brief period of celestial turbulence may obscure the truth. Get out your kid gloves to handle those who are adamant about getting their way. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Control your money by setting firm limits. Make important contacts and phone calls today. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Ben Franklin said that contentment makes poor men rich; discontent makes rich men poor. Achieve by working with what you already have and seeking to perfect your present situation. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): A large boost in confidence could

have you riding high, but seek solid ground and restrain adventurous impulses for a few days. Reliable companions may act as anchors.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Push hard today while an opportunity is at a peak. Others could be less understanding later in the week, so seek approval. A cool, calm, and collected manner gets the best results.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Cool calculation will achieve better results than wild speculation. You are the person to be counted on for level-headed handling of crisis situations.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Those you meet now may be "here today, gone tomorrow." Remain sane. In the face of aggression or provoking, minor tensions will pass quickly.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): What seems glamorous could be a mirage, so stick to your present path for the next few days. Insist on accuracy.

Most polar bears don't hibernate

Q. Do polar bears hibernate? A. Only the expectant mothers do.



If a red sponge is ground up and forced through a fine nylon net into a cloud of tiny particles, it will reform itself into a sponge — and not a different sponge but one of exactly the same shape as the original. So scientists say, "This is hibernation by genetic memory. They want to know if the cells, say, in your little finger know which finger they belong to. The more deeply the bird sleeps, the less likely it will fall off its perch."

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