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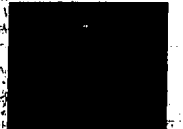
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Gooding extends CAFO moratorium

By Michelle Dunlop
Times-News writer

GOODING — The gates to Gooding County remain closed to new and expanded large dairies.

On Monday, county commissioners voted 2-1 to prolong the existing 120-day moratorium on confined animal feeding operations, or CAFOs, within Gooding County for another 90 days.

"It took us 10 to 15 years to get into this situation," said Commissioner Carolyn Elexpuru. "It's going to take more than 120 days to get out."

When adopting the original

NewsTracker

■ **Last we knew:** In March, Gooding County Commissioners voted to temporarily halt permits for new and expanded large dairies in the county. The moratorium ends this week.

■ **The latest:** Commission-

ers voted 2-1 to extend the county's moratorium for an additional 90 days.

■ **What's next:** Before the extended moratorium ends, commissioners plan to rewrap their ordinance and hire a compliance officer.

moratorium in March, commissioners noted the need to determine accurately the number of cows in the county in order to assess the impacts of large dairies on ground water quality and quantity.

At Monday's meeting, Elexpuru emphasized discrepancies between various agencies in estimating the number of cows Gooding County has currently. The Idaho Department of Agriculture reports 105,000 cows in



Gooding County Commissioner Carolyn Elexpuru reads a letter Monday from a Gooding resident asking the county commission to extend the confined animal feeding operations moratorium. The commission voted 2-1 Monday to extend the moratorium by 90 days.

the county, Elexpuru said. Yet, the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality approximates that 75,000 cows reside within a five-mile radius near Wendell.

The two estimates give Elex-

puru cause for concern.

Besides trying to ascertain the number of dairy cows in Gooding County, commissioners have also used the past 120 days to review the county's current

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EASY RIDER



Kane Sell, 3, enjoys a ride through the streets of Gooding on Monday afternoon as his dad, Steve Sell, pushes them toward their home after picking up some food to go.

Rove's story draws scrutiny

Did he play a role in leak?

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — For the better part of two years, the word coming out of the Bush White House was that presidential adviser Karl Rove had nothing to do with the leak of a female CIA officer's identity and that whoever did would be fired.

But Bush spokesmen and Scott McClellan, the White House chief of staff, repeated those claims Monday in the face of Rove's own lawyer, Robert Luskin, acknowledging the political operation spoke to Matthew Cooper of Time magazine, one of the reporters who disclosed Valerie Plame's name.

McClellan repeatedly said he couldn't comment because the matter is under investigation. When it was pointed out he had commented previously even though the investigation was ongoing, he responded: "I've really said all I'm going to say on it."

Democrats jumped on the issue, calling for the administration to fire Rove, or at least to yank his security clearance. One Democrat pushed for Republicans to hold a congressional hearing in which Rove would testify.

"The White House promised if anyone was involved in the Valerie Plame affair, they would no longer be in the clear," said Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev. "I trust they will follow through on that promise. If these allegations are true, this rises above politics and is about our national security."



Karl Rove

Is NASA rusty after shuttle grounding?

Agency hopes to mount comeback

The Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Despite its extra safety precautions, NASA needs real mission time to reacquaint its peck flying form after the shuttle fleet's long grounding, former agency personnel said before this week's launch date.

In interviews with The Associated Press, retired managers and astronauts expressed concern about whether the loss of experienced engineers and 2 1/2 years without the pressures of a real flight. Much of the preparation has been done on simulators, where mistakes do not kill.

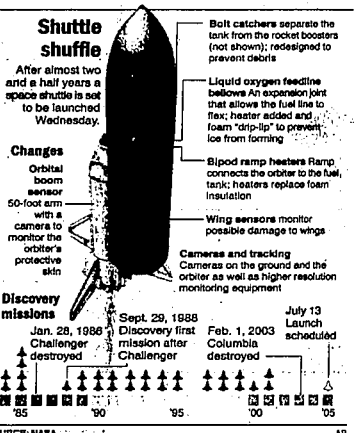
"Up to now, there has been absolutely no pressure," said Bob Slick, who was shuttle

launch director for 52 flights. For their part, the mission's managers say NASA is in excellent shape to fly.

The crew has been training nearly constantly," countdown manager Pete Nickolenko said Monday as the clocks ticked down toward Wednesday's launch of Discovery. "I think it's safe to say their skills are quite sharp, and they are ready."

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration hopes to mount a convincing comeback as it prepares for launch here at Kennedy Space Center. It will be the first shuttle flight since Columbia broke up

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Concern grows over apparent lack of progress in bombing investigation

Los Angeles Times

LONDON — European anti-terror officials helping their British counterparts investigate last week's bombings here expressed increasing concern Monday about the apparent lack of progress in the case and the potential for new attacks here or on the Continent.

British officials urged patience, saying they were focused on painstaking forensic work. The hunt for clues has been slowed by difficult access

Tony Blair vows to apprehend those responsible.

to subway tunnels and the size of the scene of a bus blast, where police have to scour trees and grass in a nearby park for human remains, British and European investigators said. As the work continued, the death toll rose to 52, with 700 injured. A British law enforcement of-

ficial acknowledged that the nation's spy services were caught off-guard by the plotters' ability to avoid generating the warning signs that often precede attacks, even vague intelligence indicators, known as "chatter," that can be understood only in retrospect.

"They had no idea it was coming," said the British law enforcement official, who asked not to be identified. "There was no background noise, no last-

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Police chief defends officers who fired at gunman holding toddler

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — A toddler girl was shot and killed when her intoxicated father used her as a shield during a fiery gunbattle with police following a standoff that lasted three hours, authorities said.

Police Chief William Bratton said Monday that his officers were well within department policy when they shot and wounded owner Joe-Raul Pena, 34, on Sunday. Pena also was killed; an officer was shot in the shoulder

but was expected to recover.

"You aren't going to stand there with somebody shooting at you," Bratton said. "The person responsible for the death of the child was the individual who held his child out as a shield and wanted to shoot."

The 19-month-old child's mother, Lorena Lopez, said she pleaded with officers to hold their fire.

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST Today: Mostly sunny, dry and hot. High: 102. Tonight: Mostly clear and warm. Lows: middle 60s. Tomorrow: Partly to a mid-week shower. High topping 100.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST Today: Mostly sunny and very warm. High: middle 90s. Tonight: Mostly clear, nighttime skies and pleasant temperatures. Lows: upper 50s. Tomorrow: Heating up under mostly sunny skies. High: upper 90s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. This week is going to be dominated by very warm temperatures and little to no moisture. Those planning to be outdoors should drink plenty of water and keep the sunscreen handy.

BOISE Hot and mostly dry weather is going to dominate this week. Plans to be outdoors should be outdoors minimize sun exposure and stay hydrated.

NORTHERN UTAH This week is going to be dominated by hot, hot, hot. If planning to be outdoors, be prepared with lots of sun and heat.



Wednesday's State Extremes: 90 at Down. Low: 34 at Starley. Weather by: M. Stutz, a cloudy, dry day. High: 90 at Down, low: 34 at Starley. Wind: mostly light, very strong gusts at times. In showers, rain, sun, in showers, sun, in showers, sun.

GRACE MCKENNA'S COUSE OF THE WEEK The measure of a man's real character is what he would do if he knew he would never be found out.

TWIN FALLS 5-DAY FORECAST Today: Mostly sunny, dry and hot. Tonight: Mostly clear and warm. Wednesday: Prepare for a mid-week shower. Thursday: Hot, sunny and dry. Friday: More hot and dry. Saturday: No moisture in sight yet.

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure, Sunrise and Sunset, Pollution Count.

MOON PHASES, MOONRISE AND MOONSET, U.V. INDEX.

REGIONAL FORECAST, NATIONAL FORECAST, WORLD FORECAST.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP showing weather systems across the United States.

CANADIAN FORECAST, TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP (continued).

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BTK killer's home sells at auction

PARK CITY, Kan. (AP) — The suburban house where Dennis Rader quipped raised his family while terrorizing Wichita as the BTK serial killer was sold at auction Monday for \$90,000.

Byron Jones, an Andover resident who offered \$60,000 before dropping out of the bidding, said he would have sold the house "inch by inch" on the Internet.

The house should be bulldozed, even though none of the killings was carried out there. "Best thing to do with a person like that is erase them," Jones said.

Bombings

Continued from A1. "intelligence information." There are increasing fears among European anti-terror chiefs that the bombers were adept at covering their tracks.

They have in press briefings. Moreover, the British have made few requests for help tracking potential suspects, sharing evidence or pursuing leads.

Shuttle

Continued from A1. In February 2003, killing all seven aboard. In interviews, former agency personnel — including some who advised NASA on how to return missions — suggest that the shuttle can probably fly safely.

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Toddler

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NATION/WORLD

Advent of e-mail boosts number of messages to Congressmen

WASHINGTON (AP) — You've got mail, members of Congress, about 200 million pieces of it. Nine out of 10 of those messages are e-mail, according to a report that chronicles the rapid shift from postal letters to e-mail as the means of communicating with lawmakers.

And a personal message, either online or on paper, carries more weight than mass mailings so popular with advocacy groups, says the report from the Congressional Management Foundation, a nonpartisan group working to improve the effectiveness of Congress.

"The individual communication that gives a sense of who the constituent is, and is more likely to persuade members," said Kathy Schwabert, co-author of the report.

The report, based on a survey

of 202 House and Senate offices, found that Congress received 200 million e-mail and postal mail messages in 2004, four times the 50 million total in 1995.

During that period, postal mail dropped sharply, from 50 million a decade ago to about 18 million last year.

Many members have Web sites that encourage citizens to e-mail them with their opinions. The convenience of e-mails has become even more marked since the discovery of anthrax in letters sent to the Capitol shortly after the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks.

Since then, all letters addressed to Congress and government agencies in Washington are required to go through a testing and decontamination process, which delays delivery by a week or more.

However, the report found

that the benefits of speedy e-mail often work only in one direction. Lawmakers have generally not increased personnel to handle the jump in communications, and many still reply through postal mail.

"That means it can still take anywhere from a week to a couple of months to get an answer from Washington.

Only 17 percent of House offices and 38 percent of Senate offices answer all their e-mail with e-mail, the survey found.

Brad Fitch, a co-author of the study, pointed advocacy groups to one finding among those staff interviewed, 44 percent said individualized postal letters had "a lot" of influence when a member is undecided on an issue, but only 3 percent said that was true for form letters.

By contrast, only 15 percent said a visit from a lobbyist had "a lot" of influence.

Space shuttle preparation on schedule, officials say

Knight Ridder News Service

ORLANDO, Fla. — NASA's launch preparation for the shuttle Discovery's crew practiced landings and got ready for their planned historic mission this week.

Top managers also met at Kennedy Space Center to discuss technical issues but emerged from the three-and-a-half-hour gathering with no immediate showstoppers. Liftoff is scheduled for 3:51 p.m. Wednesday.

"We've had a series of discussions over the past several weeks, going over all the risks involved in a shuttle flight," said Wayne Hale, NASA's deputy shuttle-program manager. "There comes a point in time where you decide you have reached an acceptable level of risk, and I think we are at that point."

"Now is the time to go fly" — Once in orbit, Discovery and its crew of seven astronauts are to carry out a 12-day mission

that includes docking at the international space station and conducting a trio of spacewalks.

While outside, the astronauts are to replace broken equipment on the station and test repair techniques that might be used someday to patch up a shuttle in orbit.

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U.S. soldiers kill 14 insurgents in Iraq

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — U.S. soldiers killed 14 insurgents in two days of fighting in a strategic northern city, the American military said Monday, and gunmen killed 10 Iraqi soldiers in the central Sunni heartland.

A hard-line Sunni clerical group accused Iraqi government commanders of torturing and killing 10 Sunni Muslims in Baghdad, fueling sectarian tensions between the country's two major religious groups.

Soldiers of the U.S. 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment killed four insurgents in a gunbattle Sunday, and 10 more were killed Monday as fighting raged in Tal Afar, 260 miles north of Baghdad, the U.S. command reported. American troops suffered no casualties, the statement said.

However, insurgents bloodied an Iraqi force in Khalis, 45 miles north of Baghdad. Gunfire, mortar, machine guns and semiautomatic weapons stormed an Iraqi checkpoint about 5 a.m., killing eight Iraqi soldiers, Khalis police chief Col. Mahdi Saleh said.

About 90 minutes later, a car bomb exploded a few miles away as an Iraqi army patrol passed, killing two soldiers, Saleh said. Two soldiers and three civilians were wounded in the attacks.

Al-Qaida in Iraq claimed responsibility for the attacks in a Web statement, but the authenticity of the posting could not be confirmed. On June 15, a suicide bomber wearing an army uniform blew himself up in an Iraqi army mess hall in Khalis, killing 26 soldiers.

Six civilians were also killed in the Tal Afar fighting and 22 were wounded, according to the city police chief, Brig. Gen. Najim Abdullah al-Jubouri. Some of the wounded were hospitalized, officials said.

The city is home to Arabs, Kurds and Turkmen and is lo-

calved along a major road to Syria, which U.S. and Iraqi officials say is a jumping off point for Islamic extremists infiltrating Iraq.

Two U.S. Marines were killed Sunday by "indirect fire" — presumably mortar shells — in the insurgent stronghold of Hit, the U.S. command said. Hit is on the Euphrates River in western Iraq, along another major route from Syria.

On Sunday, suicide attacks, car bombings and ambushes killed about 60 people in Baghdad and elsewhere. The spike in violence occurred despite an ongoing military operation in the capital, codenamed Lightning, that has sharply reduced suicide attacks in the capital.

The U.S. military's Operation Saadoun al-Dulaimi insisted Operation Lightning had been successful and would be fol-

lowed by other offensives until "we break the back of the terrorists — one after another."

Such operations have curbed insurgent attacks, but have also angered some Sunnis who claim their neighborhoods have been unfairly targeted by security forces of the Shiite and Kurdish-dominated government. Sunnis Arabs form the core of the insurgency.

On Monday, an influential Sunni clerical organization accused Iraqi security forces of detaining, torturing and killing 10 Sunnis in Baghdad. Government officials had no comment, but a doctor at Yarmouk hospital confirmed receiving the bodies, which he said showed signs of abuse.

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The Sensible Environmentalist

(NAPS)—DEAR DR. MOORE: How do I know if my deck comes from an old growth forest?

Wood products aren't tracked in terms of each tree's age, so the short answer is that you don't.

But there are other ways to ensure the protection of old growth forests.

The important thing is to set aside enough wilderness areas that there is ample old growth.

In every landscape, there is something North Americans have taken to heart: the concept of "wilderness."

The United States and Canada have greatly increased in recent years.

The United Nations target 12 percent of the land base that is wilderness in their region in the world.

The debate over old growth has been presented as good versus evil: beautiful old forests or barren clearcuts. But forests are in a constant state of change.

American forests face large natural disturbances such as fire or drought as a regular basis.

Old growth is a complex subject, partly because there is no universally accepted definition.

Age — As a popular term, "old growth" describes forests containing trees that are big and old, usually older than 200 years. Scientifically, it means forests that have reached the age of maturity, for alder or birch this would be 60 years, while for redwood or Douglas-fir it would be 600.

Characteristics — Many people consider this more important than age. Old growth characteristics include standing dead trees, large enough for cavity nesting birds, fallen dead trees as habitat for insects, fungi and small animals, and a fully developed diversity of plants, shrubs and trees. In some types of old growth, such as coastal Douglas-fir, these features may appear after just 70 years.

Value — Old growth forests provide important habitat, are beautiful and (in areas where fires are infrequent) often live to be centuries old. However, it is equally true that young forests provide important habitat, are beautiful and contribute to our material needs. The fact is, different species of wildlife have evolved to take advantage of all ages of forest, from recently disturbed, through young, middle-aged and old growth. I believe that a sensible environmentalist would support the preservation of all these types across the forest landscape.

Dr. Patrick Moore has been a leader of the environmental movement for more than 30 years. A co-founder and former president of Greenpeace, he holds a Ph.D. in ecology and a BSc in forest biology. Questions for Dr. Moore can be sent to Patrick@SensibleEnvironmentalist.com.

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DOG-GONE GOOD IDEA

Mobile adoptions help animals find a home

By Jani Whited
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — With their tails wagging, Salty and Stylee played tug-of-war with a chew toy, while 10-week-old Mya, wearing an "Adopt Me" wrap, gnawed on a rawhide bone at a People for Pets Magic Valley Humane Society mobile pet adoption.

"Some days we won't adopt any and other days we'll adopt all of them," said Bev Ward, a long-time volunteer and member of the shelter's board of directors.

Three or four shelter volunteers take a few dogs every other Saturday to PETSmart and D&B Supply. They walk the dogs around the store and answer questions from potential owners.

"They're really good about picking dogs that are friendly," said Karen Bollen, a volunteer.

Not all of the animals can be taken to the adoptions though, so the shelter makes up for it by supplying a folder with pictures of dogs and cats and their stories.

"Some people walk into the store and have no idea they're going to adopt a pet," Ward said. "They'll say, 'That's a good dog,' or 'That would work in my house.' That happens a lot."

Want to adopt?

Dogs are \$78.25 and cats are \$52.50. The cost includes a spay/neuter, deworming, shots and certificate for rabies. The mobile pet adoptions are held the second and fourth Saturdays of every month at either PETSMART, 1505 Blue Lakes Blvd., or D&B Supply, 2964 Addison Ave. E.

To adopt an animal at the Magic Valley Humane Society, call 735-2299 or visit the shelter at 420 Victory Ave.

While some volunteers are sad to part with the animals, they are all happy to see them go to good homes.

"It makes you feel good," said Anita Henna, another volunteer. "You can tell that people really like them and will give them a good home."

The mobile adoptions have been going on for several years, but stopped for a short time while the shelter moved to its current location on Victory Avenue.

Almost 30 pets have been adopted since it started up again this spring, whether at the adoptions or from people looking at the folders and then visiting the shelter.

At any given time, the shelter takes care of more than 40 animals and having the mobile adoptions gives them a better chance at adoption than they may have had.

"It's been very rewarding," said Debbie Blackwood, director of the animal shelter. "I think people appreciate it. When you go to an adoption with highly adoptable animals, it makes it less mind-boggling than to walk in and see all of the pets."

"People don't want to see 45 pairs of eyeballs begging to take them home."



Gunther, a mixed-breed puppy, waits outside D&B Supply with volunteers from the People for Pets organization on Saturday. People for Pets is associated with the animal shelter in Twin Falls, and volunteers bring out homeless animals in hopes of getting them adopted.

ARCE BROWN/The Times-News

Receiving state degrees at the Declo FFA banquet were, from left, Stephanie Hull, Sierra Fenstermaker, Danica Koyle, Brandon Bowcut and Ryan Turnage, with adviser Jessa Miller.



Photo courtesy of FFAE MILLER

Declo FFA members receive honors at annual event

DECLO — Declo FFA members received honors at the organization's annual banquet.

More than 110 members and guests attended, the largest number in the last three years. Following the dinner, retiring State FFA president, Heidi Lake, spoke.

The Star Greenhand recipients were Brandon Ellis and Kara Whiting. The Star Chapter Farmer was Sierra Fenstermaker with her sheep Supervised Agricultural Ex-

perience project. The Star Agribusiness recipient was Kelly Darrington for his lawn mowing business.

The Special Service Award was given to Paden Allen and the Dekalb Award was given to Brad Stoker for his efforts as an outstanding leader.

The new officers for 2005-2006 are: adviser, Jessa Miller; president, Stephanie Hull; vice presidents, Sierra Fenstermaker and Brandon Bowcut; secretary, Kara Whiting;

treasurer, Golden Zollinger; reporter, Danica Koyle; sentinel, Lucas Sprattling; committee chair, Brad Darrington; parliamentarian, Aaron Burkhardt; and historian, Brogan Darrington.

Twenty members received their Greenhand Degree, seven members received their Chapter Degree, more than 30 Proficiency Awards were given, and 20 parents and supporters received Honorary Membership.

STORK REPORT

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

Alden Hernan Dorantes-Juarez, son of Julie Juarez of Twin Falls, was born Monday, June 27, 2005.

Vanessa Nicole Rodriguez, daughter of Savannah Nicole Welch of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, June 30, 2005.

William Thomas Thompson, son of Timmy Kay and Randall J. Thompson of Jerome, was born Sunday, July 3, 2005.

Cally Diane Doris Cox, daughter of Anne Marie and Jamie D. Cox of Kimberly, was born Tuesday, July 5, 2005.

St. Benedicts Family Medical Center

Adrian Hernandez, son of Jose and Imelda Hernandez of

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More information? Call Jani at 735-3278

Jerome, was born Wednesday, July 6, 2005.

Austin O'Riley Hulsey, son of Euphene Parker of Jerome, was born Friday, July 1, 2005.

Leonardo Juan Vega, son of Juan and Nalley Vega of Jerome, was born Tuesday, June 28, 2005.

Former Rupert resident graduates from college

Calle R. Uker, 20, of Meridian and formerly of Rupert, received a Bachelor of Arts for sociology with concentration in criminal justice from Mars Hill, N.C.

She graduated cum laude and is the dean's list secretary of the student body, a Grayson Scholar, on the Judiciary Board and a Resident Advisor. She dropped out of a 12-time national champions, The Bailey Mountain Cloggers.

Uker is the daughter of Scott and Carrie Soney of Meridian and Terry and Kathy Uker of

Twin Falls. She graduated with honors in 2003 from Minico High School in Rupert. She graduated with honors from the College of Southern Idaho with an associate's degree in liberal arts, and was on the dean's list and the third student in Idaho to receive an associate's degree from college before she graduated from high school, her family reports.

Uker will continue her education at Boise State University, seeking a bachelor's degree in anthropology and biology.

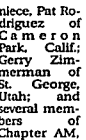
Woman recognized for P.E.O. service at confab

Josephine "Jody" (Baker) Brown was honored at the 2005 Utah State Convention of P.E.O. in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Brown was recognized for her 70 years of service. She was accompanied by her daughter, Jan Patrick of St. George, Utah;



Josephine Brown



Scott Lee

and her son, Brad Allen. Uker was born and raised in Burley and was initiated in Uruy Chapter J in 1935.

Student graduates from Utah State University

Scott Jonathan Lee, son of Dennis and Helen Lee of Malita, graduated from Utah State University magna cum laude in Logan, Utah.

He graduated with a Bachelor of Science in English with an emphasis in professional and

technical writing.

Lee has been a member of the Student Alumni Association and a lifetime member of the National Collegiate Scholars awarded for

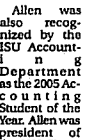
outstanding scholarship, leadership and service at Utah State University. He plans to attend law school this fall.

Raft River student earns achievement honors

Brad Allen, son of Tony and Cindy Allen of Raft River, was awarded the Outstanding Student Achievement Award by the Idaho State University Alumni Association for the College of Business in Pocatello.



Brad Allen



Joseph Robins

Alpha Psi, a College of Business Fellow and an American Institute of Certified Public Accountants Accounting scholar. He graduated with honors in May from ISU with a Bachelor of Business Administration, with an accounting emphasis.

Burley man graduates from Iowa State

Joseph Gary Robins has graduated from Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa, with a

doctorate in genetics in

He graduated from Burley High School in 1994 and served a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

He graduated from Ricks College in Redburg with an associate degree in 1998 and from Utah State University in Logan, Utah, with a Bachelor of Science degree in crop science in 2000.

He is working for the United States Department of Agriculture Research Service in Logan, Utah.

He is the son of Gary and Karen Robins of Burley and married to Lisa Archibald of Garland, Utah. They have two daughters.

Summer horse show will be held at fairgrounds

RUPERT — The Bridle Brats 4-H Club will hold a summer horse show at 6 p.m. Wednesday at the Minidoka County Fairgrounds, 85 E. Baseline Road.

The cost is \$2 per class, which includes horsemanship, western pleasure, reigning and barrels.

Proceeds go to the Donna McGuire Horse Sportsmanship Memorial Award, given annually to a boy and girl who display outstanding sportsmanship during the Minidoka County Fair and Rodeo. Proceeds also go to the Horsesh Award Camp, held annually in January.

For more information, call Bob Hootz at 436-0732 or Tina Fox at 436-1340.

Rupert woman celebrates 80 years

RUPERT — Lela Marie Denton Alexander of Rupert will celebrate her 80th birthday with an open house from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday at the Rupert First Christian Church, 1110 Eighth St., in the fireside room.



Lela Alexander

She was born July 15, 1925, in Ottawa County, Okla., the first daughter of Ralph C. and Maudie Pennington. She and her husband, Jack, moved from Quapaw, Okla., to

Murrough in 1948 to join the family in the well-drilling business. They moved to Rupert in 1953, where they have resided for the past 52 years.

She and her husband are active members of the First Christian Church of Rupert. Their children are Jackie (Valarie) Alexander of Rupert, Michael (Annette) Alexander of Idaho Falls and Susan Oleas of Rupert. They have 15 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

M.V. Duplicate Bridge Club announces winners

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Duplicate Bridge Club has announced its weekly winners. First was Jim Holden and Mike Mitchell; tied for

second/third, Lonnie and Beverly Burns with Riley Burton and Bobette Planky; and fourth, Jessie Lingnaw and Sam Snumty.

July 2: first, Wilma Driscoll and Alta Hoobey; and tied for second/third, Herb and Ada Burgess with Renee Bulcher and Riley Burton.

July 5: first, Endic Cook and Beverly Reed; second, Bonnie Aspinette and Mary Ann Siegel; and third, Betty Sabo and Madeline Sawaya.

July 6 for north/south: first, Herb and Ada Burgess; second, Linda Fitz and Elana Pierson; and third, Peggy Hackley and Mary Kleen. East/west: first, Joyce Antonquia and Jessie Lingnaw; second, Mary Lee Pfeiferle and Madelon Sawaya; and third, Nathan and Kay

Hiker.

The club meets at 7 p.m. every Monday and Thursday and 1 p.m. every Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday at the Magic Valley Bridge Center, 246 Falls Ave. Refreshments are served.

For a partner, call 324-2000.

CSI accepts applications for summer dance camp

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho is accepting applications through Friday for the CSI/Idaho Dance Arts Alliance Summer Dance Workshop for students ages 10 through 18.

The workshop will be held July 17 to 30 on the CSI campus, 315 Falls Ave.

It will provide training in ballet, jazz, tap, clog, modern techniques, musical theater, world dance, choreography and other areas. Students will also participate in swimming, canyon excursion, fashion show, planetarium show and more.

Tuition ranges from \$100 to \$684. Students may choose between a one-week, two-week or mini-camp sessions (all also available at the Community Education Center on the second floor of the Taylor Administration Building or call 732-6288).

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Survivors remember massacre victims

SREBRENICA, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — World leaders joined 50,000 people Monday to remember the victims of Europe's worst massacre since World War II — the death of nearly 8,000 Muslims 10 years ago when Serbs overran the U.N.-protected enclave of Srebrenica. The sound of Muslim prayer echoed through a landscape as relatives wandered among

610 caskets containing newly identified remains. After a religious service, the caskets were passed from hand to hand toward the graves and buried. The sound of dirt striking the coffins and the weeping of women competed with a voice reading out the names of the victims. Fatma Budic huddled over the coffin of her son before the burial, alone in her grief. "They killed my entire life and

the only thing I want now is to see the gully ones pay for it," sobbed Budic, next to the coffin of her 14-year-old son, Veljko. Budic's husband and Veljko's 16-year-old brother have never been found. Government leaders and dignitaries were among the crowd gathered to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the killings that began July 11, 1995, when Bosnian Serb soldiers overran

Srebrenica — a U.N. "safe zone." Outmanned and outgunned Dutch U.N. troops watched. The males were led off and slaughtered, and their bodies dumped in mass graves throughout eastern Bosnia. Forensics experts have exhumed more than 5,000 bodies, and identified 2,032 through DNA analysis and other techniques. More than 1,300 Srebrenica victims are already

buried at the cemetery that is part of the memorial center. In all, nearly 8,000 were killed. While the slaughter spurred the NATO bombings of Serb positions across Bosnia that forced the Serbs to seek peace, government leaders and their representatives on Monday acknowledged the world's failure to stop the killing — and expressed regrets in deeply personal terms.

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evation-Having spent much time hiking in the Sawtooths of Idaho, I have never seen flies as bad as those at Independence Lakes. Then I noticed all the cow pies I was walking through next to the lakes that were left from cows grazing the area last year. Why has the Forest Service allowed cows to graze next to these primitive lakes in one of the most beautiful places in southern Idaho? The value of the sparse vegetation for grazing in this area certainly is not worth the damage done to these public lands. How many campers and hikers trying to enjoy our national forest are suffering from swarms of flies so that a few cows can graze in the Independence Lakes area? The Forest Service and the rancher responsible for allowing livestock to graze next to these lakes have acted irresponsibly. The ranger and rancher responsible for the cow pies along the trail and campsites surrounding the lakes should be required to go up and sit next to the lakes and try to eat a sandwich. **JARL ALLEN** Heyburn

Cow pies spoil the Sawtooth splendor

I hiked up to Independence Lakes on Independence Day. The trees and wild flowers along the steep rocky trail of our national forest leading to the pristine lakes were beautiful in the clean mountain air. It was a great way to spend the Fourth of July, until I reached the lakes and discovered swarms of flies—the likes of which would put a smelly confined animal-feeding operation to shame—around all of the lakes. The flies were terribly thick. At first I wondered why flies would be so bad around these treasured lakes at such high el-



LETTERS

Army pinches off soldier's leave time

I am an Army wife and I, of course, have made many friends in the year that we have been in the Army. One of my friends is having problems with the Army and his leave time. He, like my others, is in Iraq. He and my husband are stationed at Fort Stewart, Ga. They went overseas in February and in March, my friend got an emergency call home that his little sister was killed in an accident and he came home on emergency leave for his funeral. Of course he got to come home, and he was home for almost two weeks, but it wasn't really a time for him to rest and relax (which is what the Army calls their leave time—R&R time). He had all kinds of things to take care of and to deal with and, besides that, it was a bad thing for him to deal with. Now the Army is telling him that he shouldn't get his R&R time, so he doesn't get to come home and see his wife and family until they send them all home next year in February or March. I think that it is really unfair and I just thought that maybe I wrote to the paper and got everyone's attention to this matter, something would be done. I hope that something is done so that he can come home and see his family. This is a hard time for all the

military families, and six months is long enough to have to wait to see our husbands, and I think that it is very unfair that the Army thinks that they can do this to us. Thank you for your time and, hopefully, for your help. **ALISA BRIDGE** Jerome

New building doesn't cover Fish Game gaffes

The Idaho Department of Fish and Game is touting its new building as enabling it to better serve the public. Well, my experience has been otherwise. I attempted to buy a fishing license for a disabled lady and was told over the phone she was on SSI to receive the disability discount. She had to have a statement from the Social Security Administration that she was indeed on SSI. Her name was on the check, as was SSI plainly printed on the check, and a photocopy of this check was not proof enough? With the price of gasoline as it is, government run-around is hardly worth the so-called service the public is supposed to get. The new Idaho Department of Fish and Game building did

not improve its service to the public. It did, however, increase the price of fishing licenses—even for the disabled. There was a time when seniors could get their fishing licenses for free; however, greed has taken over logic with the Fish and Game. This year will be the last year that I will buy a fishing license. However, I am not too disappointed since there are very few fish anyway. And with the price increase for the license, I can catch with the same money. **HENRY ASCHENBRENNER** Rupert

PBS documentary sheds light on terror

PBS' excellent documentary series, "Frontline" (frontlinepbs.org), recently re-aired a January 2005 hour-long documentary, "al-Qaida's New Front," which is must viewing for anyone who was "surprised" by the recent terrorist attacks in London. You can view the program's video by going to www.pbs.org and then clicking on "Frontline: al-Qaida's New Front." There is also a teacher's guide and several related features dealing with recent al-Qaida attacks in Spain, Istanbul and elsewhere. Frightening, but also very enlightening. **JOHN PLUNITZ** Ketchum

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WORLD

Blair: Attacks weren't preventable

Chicago Tribune

LONDON — Prime Minister Tony Blair said Monday that there was nothing the police or intelligence services could have done to prevent last week's terrorist attack on the London transit system.

"I know of no intelligence specific enough to have allowed them to prevent last Thursday's attacks. By their very nature, people callous enough to kill innocent civilians in this way are hard to stop," Blair said.

Addressing Parliament for the first time since the attacks, Blair confirmed that the official death toll stood at 52, but he also said that 74 families have now been assigned to London officers — a better indicator of what the final death toll may be.

"It seems probable that the attack was carried out by Islamist extremist terrorists," Blair told the House of Commons. "We will pursue those responsible not just the people who did the planning of this outrage, wherever they are, and we will not rest until they are identified, and as far as humanly possible, brought to justice."

Life in London returned to near normal Monday with Mayor Ken Livingstone leading the way. The mayor conspicuously rode the Underground to work, snappily laughing in a crowded train carriage, his nose buried in a newspaper.

The terrorists have "no chance" of breaking the city's will, Livingstone said. "We will let a small group of terrorists change the way we live," he said. London Underground officials reported only a slight drop in normal weekday ridership despite fears that the terrorists were still at large and might strike again. Police rode on many trains, and recorded announcements repeatedly warned passengers to be on the alert for suspicious individuals.

London is determined to carry on, but it is still a city on edge. Police had to clear a large section of streets in Whitehall, the district where Parliament and other government offices are located, after someone reported a suspicious package. It turned out to be harmless.

Kings Cross Station, near the scene of one of the bombings, also was evacuated Monday after an unattended bag was noticed.

At this point police appear to have few leads to pursue. There have been no arrests. A British citizen of Pakistani origin living in Poland was questioned by authorities there, but not arrested. The names of some known militants have cropped up in press reports, but police declined to confirm them for fear of helping any specific individual.

Metropolitan Police Commissioner Ian Blair appealed for patience. He described the four blast sites as "the biggest crime scene in England's history" and said that "every square centimeter has to be meticulously combed — it is a long, long job."

On Wednesday, European Union interior ministers will hold an emergency meeting in Brussels to discuss how they can better share information about the loose network of Islamic militants who, with their passports held multiple aliases, float from one European city to the next.

Terror suspects escape; body of Navy SEAL found

BAGRAM, Afghanistan (AP) — Four suspected Arab terrorists broke out of a U.S. military detention facility in Afghanistan on Monday, fleeing through barbed wire stockades in the first escape from the compound since the American military took over the former Soviet air base.

Also Monday, rescuers reported finding the body of a

U.S. Navy SEAL, the last to be accounted for from a four-man special forces unit that disappeared after a June 28 ambush in the rugged mountains in the east of the country.

U.S. and Afghan forces launched a manhunt for the suspects, identified as Arabs from Syria, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Libya. U.S. soldiers set up roadblocks and helicopters clat-

tered low over villages near the heavily guarded base north of the capital, Kabul.

The escapes were another setback for the U.S. military as it struggles with insurgent fighting that has left more than 700 people dead in three months and threatened to sabotage three years of progress toward peace. Over the weekend, 22 Afghan soldiers were killed, in-

cluding 10 who were beheaded.

The discovery of the body of the U.S. Navy SEAL in Kunar province on Sunday ended a desperate search for the final unaccounted-for member of the special forces team. One of the four was rescued July 9, and two were found dead the next day. U.S. military spokesman Col. James Yonks said the U.S. commando had died in fighting

soon after the ambush, and he denied claims by a purported Taliban spokesman that the SEAL was captured alive and beheaded.

There have been claims of being beheaded," he said. But there was no indication supporting the claims. This individual was never in custody, he was never detained or disarmed.

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Train derailment cleanup continues

GOODING — Cleanup continued Monday in Gooding, where a Union Pacific Railroad train derailed as it was moving into the Land O'Lakes property. Land O'Lakes spokeswoman Lydia Botham said about 22 cars derailed Thursday. Botham said the investigation is ongoing and while the railroad cars were damaged, the cost and cause of the accident has not been determined. Two of the cars were filled with corn and there were no injuries. The derailment is expected to be cleaned up by Friday.

Jerome jail escapee captured in California

FRENCH CREEK, Calif. — A Twin Falls man was in custody in California Monday for a probation violation and possession of a firearm. Robert Donovan Stephenson was arraigned Monday in San Joaquin County in California for the charges, according to Andrea Ybarra, an office worker at the county's jail. Stephenson, 46, of Twin Falls disappeared March 25 from St. Benedict's Family Medical Center while under a deputy's care. Stephenson was in the Jerome County Correctional Facility for a probation violation, but he was hospitalized after he complained of abdominal pains. Stephenson's arrest could not be confirmed by the Jerome County Sheriff's Office on Monday evening.

Crews begin bridge paving Wednesday

TWIN FALLS — Crews will begin paving bridge approaches Wednesday to prepare for expansion of the U.S. 93 Salmon Falls Creek canal bridge near Hollister, the Idaho Transportation Department announced. Flaggers will direct motorists through the work zone at milepost 25, about two miles south of Hollister. Delays of up to 10 minutes can be expected. The speed limit will be reduced to 50 mph. Vehicles will be limited to a maximum width of 14 feet through the construction zone. Crews will work weekdays from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., although inclement weather could result in some weekend work.

The paving is the first phase of a project to widen the existing bridge in conjunction with a future widening of U.S. 93 in the area. Work on the new bridge will begin after the irrigation season concludes this fall. The initial stage of the \$1.6 million reconstruction project is expected to take about a week. It will create a safer, smoother surface, Idaho Construction Co. of Kimberly is the project contractor.

Motorists are reminded to slow down in highway construction zones. This ID project will be the first in cooperation with the Idaho State Police, where a patrolman will be present at the construction site to monitor and enforce speed limits as part of Idaho's enhanced work zone safety program.

CSI will hold free rock-climbing event

TWIN FALLS — The Outdoor Program at the College of Southern Idaho will host a free rock-climbing event at 6 p.m. Friday at Dierkes Lake. The event will be held at the area known as "the alcove," which is located northwest of the lake and is visible from the parking lot.

This clinic is designed particularly for individuals who have had a little climbing experience and who have their own equipment; however, beginners are not discouraged from watching or participating.

Participants who have their own harness, shoes and belay devices should bring that equipment. Beginners who want to rent equipment are encouraged to contact Stacey Ward, outdoor program director, at 732-6696 or sward@csu.edu before the event.

Ward said the event will be used to help individuals who come to the sport and to introduce climbers to other climbers because the sport is safer when two or more people climb together.

Teen claims she was raped in jail

By Rebecca Boone Associated Press writer

BOISE — Detectives are investigating a claim that a teen convicted of killing her parents was raped by a jail trustee while awaiting trial in the Blaine County Jail. Sarah Johnson was sentenced in June to two life terms plus 15 years for the rifle slaying of her parents, Alan and Diane Johnson, in their Bellevue home this Sept. 3, 2003. Johnson's defense attorneys maintain that in 2004, when she was 17, she was sexually and psychologically manipulated and then raped in the Halley jail by a 30-something Idaho



Sarah Johnson

State Prison inmate who was working as a jail trustee on a work-release program. Idaho's statutory rape law prohibits minors from sex with adults, even when the act is consensual. A team of 12 investigators from the Tri-County Sheriff's Association and the Magic Valley Critical Incident Task Force began looking into the allegations in mid-June at the request of Blaine County Sheriff Walt

Fernling, said Bannock County Det. Andy Thomas, who is heading up the team. "We've had a lot of investigators brought in because there's been such a time span and there are a lot of people to talk to," Thomas said. "Hopefully we'll be wrapping up soon." He said he couldn't release any details about the investigation, which will be reviewed by a special prosecutor once it is completed. But Thomas did say that in general, jail trustees are low-risk prison inmates brought in to work at local jails. Trustees' access to jail inmates varies from county to county, but one-on-one access is not uncommon.

Fernling could not immediately be reached by The Associated Press, and Blaine County Chief Deputy Gene Ramsey said he could not comment on county policy. Lt. Greg Sage, the Blaine County jail administrator, said he first heard rumors from another inmate that Johnson and a trustee were sexually involved in January of 2005, but an initial investigation turned up no evidence. Other inmates said Johnson and the trustee merely talked while they were in separate areas, Sage said. During that first investigation, Johnson was in the Ada County jail and Sage said investigators decided they did not

need to ask her about the rumors. "We didn't figure that we needed to do that," Sage said. "We felt (in a sexual encounter) was physically impossible." All cells are monitored by cameras, he said, and inmates are only released from their cells for a daily hour of outdoor exercise, supervised by a deputy.

The issue came up again when Johnson revealed the incident to a pre-sentence investigator in June, Sage said. Attorney Bob Pangburn said Johnson's defense team decided the matter was one best brought up after trial.

MAKING HER LIFE HER OWN



Harriet Denton, left, 89, shares a laugh with Kelly Dickard at a lab in the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. Denton swims 45 minutes a day, most days to keep in shape.

89-year-old woman celebrates retirement

By Jaml Whitford Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Since the YMCA pool first opened in 1975, Harriet Denton has started most of her days with a 5:30 a.m. swim.

She's seen a lot in her 89 years — street changes and business changes — and has been on trips from Hawaii to Alaska and the Caribbean.

Now that she's a few days into retirement, she's looking forward to even more. Growing up with two brothers, Denton said she was more of a tomboy who liked to play basketball and hike down to the falls and crawl around the rocks.

However, her parents still had her learn piano, and music has remained part of her life. She once conducted her junior high school orchestra and she is a charter member of the Twin Falls Music Club, her mother was too.

Denton and her friend Elsa Vaughan also helped start the Twin Falls Junior Music Club. It started with 25 members and now has more than 500.

She taught her sons and other children piano for many years, but once her boys were raised, she quit teaching and in 1967 began working at the Magic Valley Memorial Hospital as a secretary.

She started working for John Sexton at The Physician's Lab in 1981.

"Hiring her was the smartest decision I ever made in business-wise," Sexton said. "She's a wonderful, refined lady who's never changed. I really admire her. She brought patients to us."

It was something Denton enjoyed as well. She knew nothing about the business, but she said that's what made it so interesting. And as one doctor told her: "You'll learn."

A lively, humorous woman who seems to have more vigor than some who are 40 or more years younger, Denton said

she will miss the patients and her co-workers. "They'll miss her, too. Sexton, who just retired at the end of June, said he always was amazed at Denton's memory, especially her ability to remember patients by their first names."

Her ambition has amazed many people as well. For her 75th birthday in October, her children hosted a party at the Turf Club and later that month she and her good friend Georgia Durbin drove to Boise and her oldest son Rob took them skydiving.

Now, at almost 90, she is embarking on a new challenge: Retirement.

But you probably won't see her sitting at home with her beautiful grand piano. She will stay active with the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, do some volunteer work and read more. She'll also participate in charity walks.

"You make your life your own," Denton said. "Having a

positive attitude helps, especially for older people... I've been very fortunate in my health, too."

Denton isn't letting age slow her down too much. She may have retired from work, but she's not retiring from life. At the end of July she is flying to San Francisco to meet her middle child, Harry, and then will fly to New York to see her grandsons and grandchildren from her youngest son, Jim.

On her trip she can eat at The Starlight Room on top of the Sir Francis Drake hotel, which Harry operates, and in New York she can eat at her grandsons' popular restaurants, 'n'o, 'n'o feka and Lupa.

"We won't be hungry," she jokes.

In New York they will see a few plays, including "Chicago," she laughed when Rob asked her if she'd ever seen "The Rockettes."

"In about 1936," Denton said.

Magic Valley Regional joins improvement campaign

By Sandy Miller Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Thanks to the minuses of modern medicine, doctors and nurses can bring some people back to life even after their hearts have stopped beating.

But Magic Valley Regional Medical Center would like to prevent those cardiac arrests from happening in the first place. So the hospital is joining the Institute for Healthcare Improvement's 100,000 Lives Campaign. More than 2,300 hospitals across the United States have joined the program which aims to implement changes in care that have proven to prevent avoidable deaths.

Magic Valley Regional is joining together a Rapid Response Team, made up of clinicians

who bring critical care expertise to the patient's bedside. Their mission is to prevent cardiac arrests before they can happen. When called, members of the team would have to get to the patient's bedside within five minutes.

They must be immediately available," Critical Care Director Martyr Massey told the Hospital Board Monday.

Massey said research has shown that patients often show signs and symptoms of physiological instability for some period of time before a cardiac arrest.

For instance, 66 percent of patients show signs of respiratory deterioration within six hours of a cardiac arrest, and in 25 percent of those cases, a physician has been called. Making a patient include changes in heart rate, chest

pain and even an altered mental state.

Massey said there are three fundamental problems when it comes to patients who have a cardiac arrest even though they've exhibited warning signs beforehand: There can be a failure in planning assessments, treatment and goals, or a communication breakdown between patients and staff or between staff and doctors.

Sometimes there is a failure to recognize a patient's deteriorating condition. There can be a failure in planning assessments, treatment and goals, or a communication breakdown between patients and staff or between staff and doctors.

So in the new program, medical staff will alert the Rapid Response Team if there are any changes in a patient's vital signs that might warn of an impending cardiac arrest. And when it comes to deciding whether or not to call the team for a patient, it's better to err on the side of caution, Massey said.

"It's better to call than not," she said.

Magic Valley Regional hopes to have the Rapid Response Team in place by fall.

It will then chart its progress by keeping track of how many patients have cardiac arrests, where those cardiac arrests occur, and how many patients survive.

Massey said other hospitals that have launched Rapid Response Teams have seen some positive results. Patients in these hospitals often have shorter lengths of stay, which not only saves patients' lives, but saves them dollars on their hospital bills as well.

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Director answers water call

By Michelle Dunlop Times-News writer

BUHL — The Director of Water Resources offered a mixed response to Clear Springs Food Inc.'s call for water deliveries at its BuH-based operation.

Water Resources Director Karl Dreher will phase in curtailments of ground water pumpers with rights junior to Feb. 4, 1964, to meet the senior water rights at one of the two Clear Springs trout farms involved in the company's water call. However, Dreher suggested improvements to the company's collection system at the second farm rather than implementing curtailments.

"It was pretty much what we anticipated," Randy MacMillan, vice president of research and environmental affairs for Clear Springs, said Monday.

However, that didn't mean MacMillan was satisfied with Dreher's order issued on Friday.

In May, BuH-based Clear Springs issued its formal call for water deliveries for two out of four of its trout farms. Company president and chief executive, Larry Copie, noted a 30 percent decline in Clear Springs' historic deliveries to its Snake River and Crystal Springs farms. Clear Springs' Snake River Farm has a 1955 water right priority while the Crystal Springs Trout Farm operates under a 1993 water

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"We could potentially get a significant amount of water," MacMillan said.

Pending some repairs at the Snake River Farm, Dreher ordered curtailments of ground water rights in Water District 130, near Thousand Springs, to be phased in from 2005 to 2009, unless groundwater users can provide mitigation or replacement water. According to the director's order, 38 cubic feet per second should be returned to the Snake River Farm by 2009.

The attorney for Idaho Ground Water Appropriators was not available for comment on Monday.

MacMillan expressed disappointment over the director's decision to phase in curtailments.

"We are the senior water right holder," MacMillan said. "We think we have already been significantly impacted."

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Last we knew: Clear Springs Foods Inc. petitioned Water Resources for delivery of water rights for two of its four trout farms. ■ Water Resources recently issued an order that could impose curtailments for water users with rights junior to Feb. 4, 1964. ■ The director also suggested additional means for Clear Springs to capture water for one of the trout farms.

What's next: Clear Springs will negotiate for a hearing with Water Resources over the order.

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Fire engulfs Utah junior high Idaho lawmakers work to strengthen sex-offender laws

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A six-alarm fire Monday destroyed a junior high school, forcing officials scrambling to place 850 students for the fall term that starts in less than two weeks.

They couldn't evacuate the building along with eight other schools. School was not in session for the summer, so no children had to be evacuated. There were no injuries, but one of about 200 firefighters working in 90-degree temperatures was hospitalized for heat exhaustion.

years. She was one of many teachers, parents and students drawn to the fire, many crying over the loss.

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — Some Idaho lawmakers are drafting plans to strengthen the state's sex offender classification system.

were found May 16 at their home near Coeur d'Alene. Kootenai County Sheriff Rocky Watson has said he believes the motive for the killings was to acquire the children for sex.

are going to keep an eye on a group for a long time," he said. "People need to be aware these things come with a price tag."

"It grew too big, too fast," he said. "It doesn't look good in terms of the structure." Superintendent Dr. Steve Ronnenkamp said Monday after getting a quick visual inspection of Watah Junior High.

The two-story school built in 1959 had no sprinkler system, Scott said. And the common attic just below the low, flat roof, allowed the fire to move quickly.

James Glover and Michael Didier, both 14, were collecting thin pieces of the charred roof that had blown into neighboring yards — "just to have some mementos of your school," said Glover.

"My understanding is that the recidivism rate is 50 high, in my mind, once they've offended, they've lost all rights in society," Rep. Frank Henderson, R-Pocatello, told the Coeur d'Alene Press newspaper. "We can't afford to have them on the loose."

Duncan was freed earlier this year on \$15,000 bail after he was charged with molesting a 6-year-old boy in Minnesota. The judge in that case has said he's not sure he knew when he set bail that Duncan was a high-risk "Level III" sex offender who had previously served a 20-year-prison sentence for raping a 14-year-old boy at gunpoint in Tacoma, Wash.

Henderson, who is organizing a closed-door strategy session Aug. 24 with lawmakers and law enforcement and representatives of the state attorney general's office, said he would support legislation to allow satellite monitoring of the sex offenders, though he is unsure such measures could survive legal challenges.

He said they don't expect to open for classes that start Aug. 26, and will begin a series of meetings Tuesday about how and where to place the students.

Flames gained a wing of classrooms along the front of the building and spread quickly to the school gymnasium, causing the fire to spread.

"It's your comfort zone, you're situated, and you don't want to move and now you're going to have to," said Didier.

The move comes in the wake of the deaths and kidnapping of members of a Coeur d'Alene family and the arrest of a convicted sex offender from North Dakota, Joseph Edward Duncan III of Fargo who has been charged with two counts of first-degree murder in the abduction of 8-year-old Shasta Groene and nine-year-old Dylan Groene.

Henderson said he is urging lawmakers to reconsider past opposition to group housing for sex offenders.

"I, frankly, would rather have them all in one place where you can keep an eye on them," he said.

Bingham and another district official heard the fire alarm during the lunch hour Monday, and found flames shooting out of a computer server in the media room.

About four hours after the blaze started it was beginning to run out of fuels and burn itself out, he said.

She was driving her children to an appointment when she saw the flames. "We're devastated," she said.

Dylan was found alive with Duncan at a restaurant July 2, while Dylan's body was later found in western Montana. Police also believe Duncan is the sole person responsible for the bludgeoning deaths of the children's 13-year-old brother Shasta, their mother, 40-year-old Brenda Kay Groene, and their boyfriend, Mark Edward McKenzie, 37, whose bodies

Thomas Hearn, chairman of the Idaho Sex Offender Classification Board, said Washington state's two-level classification system: violent sex offenders and all others, whose crimes range from statutory rape to child molestation.

"We can put electronic chips in wolves and we have OnStar for when the car goes over the cliff, but we can't follow the movements of sex offenders," Henderson said. "It's ridiculous."

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Norman Wylie Propst



KETCHUM — After a courageous battle with cancer, Norman Wylie Propst passed away on Friday, July 8, 2003, with his beloved wife Sherry by his side at their home in Ketchum.

A year later they married and began a 14-year adventure together blessed with sunshine, abundant snow, fast skies, fine wine and dear friends.

Prosecutor: Duncan will be charged with three counts of first-degree murder

By Nicholas K. Gernasio Associated Press writer

COEUR D'ALENE — Three counts of first-degree murder will be filed against convicted sex offender Joseph Edward Duncan III, who already faces kidnapping charges in the abduction of two children from the crime scene at a rural home, Kootenai County Prosecutor Bill Douglas said Monday.

atended an earlier memorial service for the 40-year-old woman and her 13-year-old son, Slade.

"What you're talking about is hiring probation officers who

Born in Newton, N.C., Norm was one of five children born to Earl and Edna Propst. After high school, at age 17 he rushed to enlist in the Merchant Marines to join the fight against fascism and later joined the U.S. Army.

Pocatello office, Norm became chief of police at Pocatello, where he worked for eight years, honored with a plaque from Governor Andrus for 33 years of dedicated service to the state of Idaho and also the city of Pocatello.

An avid mountain biker and golfer, Norm enjoyed hunting, fishing, skate skiing and walking the beach at Vero, hand in hand with Sherry and his two Westies, Beau and Mac, at his side.

He was charged with two counts of first-degree murder in the abduction of 8-year-old Shasta Groene and nine-year-old Dylan Groene, and the kidnapping of a 6-year-old boy in Minnesota.

Duncan, a convicted sex offender who was raised in Shasta but had most recently lived in Fargo, N.D., has already been charged with two counts of first-degree kidnapping in the abduction of the children.

He is being held without bail in the Kootenai County jail. His public defender has not responded to repeated Associated Press phone calls for comment.

Following the war, he received his undergraduate degree from Appalachian State and his master's from the University of Tennessee.

At the end of his law enforcement career he moved to Sun Valley, where he pursued his medical studies and also the city of Pocatello.

Survivors include his wife, Sherry; his three daughters, Barbara, Paula and Becky from his first marriage; his beloved grandson, Carson Beckett; and three other brothers, Paul, Melvin and Adrian.

The three were killed in their home near here sometime late on May 15 or early May 16, 2003, at 1011 S. Main, Shasta Groene, 8, and Dylan Groene, 9, were abducted from the home.

He is the being held without bail in the Kootenai County jail. His public defender has not responded to repeated Associated Press phone calls for comment.

Watson has said the victims were apparently chosen at random, although the killings were carefully planned.

During his 25-year career with the FBI, Norm traveled around the country and assigned to some of the most important cases of the 1960s and 1970s including both the civil rights and the Kennedy assassination investigations.

Majorie Evelyn Olearain



TWIN FALLS — Majorie Evelyn Olearain, a 90-year-old resident of Twin Falls, passed away July 10, 2003, at her home with her daughter and granddaughter by her side.

When I come to the end of the road and the sun has set for burial services will be held at noon on Friday, July 18, 2003, at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, with Pastor Dan Reke officiating.

SERVICES

Grace E. Haugee of Twin Falls, graveside service at 10:30 a.m. today at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls (Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home).

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Her parents and two brothers preceded her in death. Cremation has taken place. Burial services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 16, 2003, at the Hagerman United Methodist Church. The service will be officiated by Majorie's niece, the Rev. Eleanor J. Gossel, with musical accompaniment provided by granddaughters Diane Bell, Nancy Gossel and Catherine Dely.

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Roy McDonald of Shoshone, celebration of life at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Agape Foursquare Church, 101 Morrison, Twin Falls (Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home).

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Janet Lucille Stone Shiner

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Eleanor J. Edwards formerly of Boise, service at 11 a.m. July 19 at St. Michael's Episcopal Cathedral, 518 N. Eighth St., Boise. A graveside service will follow at 3:30 p.m. July 19 at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls.

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Majorie Justice Thomas

husband of 48 years, Daniel Thomas, Majorie is survived by her two daughters, Christine Quiffel and Danielle Signorella, their husbands, Steve and Jim; six grandchildren, three sons and three great-grandchildren, as well as many beloved nieces and nephews and their families. Family and friends are invit-

ed to join in a celebration of Majorie's life to be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 16, 2003, at the Hagerman United Methodist Church. The service will be officiated by Majorie's niece, the Rev. Eleanor J. Gossel, with musical accompaniment provided by granddaughters Diane Bell, Nancy Gossel and Catherine Dely.

DEATH NOTICES

Beverly J. Arndt TWIN FALLS — Beverly J. Arndt, 74, formerly of Twin Falls, died Saturday, July 9, 2003, at St. Luke's in Boise.

Surviving Jan is her husband of 52 years, Robert; two daughters, Jana (Garth) Iversen of Cool, Calif., and Becky (Craig) Stong of Great Falls, Mont.; four grandchildren, Amanda (Chris) Miser of Plattsmouth, Neb., Robby (Liz) Stong of La Madeline, Saratoga, Calif., Barry (Steve) Thomas of Great Falls, Mont., and Owen Stong of Great Falls, Mont.; one great-grandchild, Dakota Miser of Plattsmouth, Neb.; and three sisters, Ruth (Bert) Pritchard of Price, Utah, Jean Marysarah of Helper, Utah, and Donna Sayler of Oregon City, Ore.

Majorie Justice Thomas

HAGERMAN — Majorie Justice Thomas, born and raised in Hagerman, Idaho, passed away peacefully at the age of 90 on March 25, 2003, at her home in California. Majorie was born Dec. 16, 1914, the fifth and youngest child of William and Willa Justice. Preceded in death by her

Ernie Jordan It's been a year since you passed on, And it's been tough knowing you're gone. We love you, "Dad," with all our hearts, And there you'll be while we are apart. I pray God gives us strength and courage Until the day we hold each other again. Love Always, Janet & Jerry

Colorado firefighters await better weather

BEULAH, Colo. (AP) — Optimal firefighting conditions are expected to break in the weather Monday while anxious evacuees waited for news about an 11,700-acre wildfire that chased 5,000 people from their southern Colorado homes.

"It's a nasty one. We hope the weather will cut us a break in the next couple of days," U.S. Forest Service spokesman Dave Steinke said.

A cold front was moving toward the wildfire, and Steinke said the winds were calmer and the humidity was higher Monday, a boon to firefighters who had faced scorching heat and high winds the day before.

The blaze was threatening 1,020 houses, outbuildings and other structures in Beulah and the surrounding ranching country, nestled in very steep terrain in the Wet Mountains about 150 miles south of Denver.

"It's nearly, if not entirely inaccessible," said Brian Scott, a fire information officer. "It's rocky and it's not rocky. It's grown with oak brush, that if you can get in there, you can't walk in it."

The lightning-sparked fire was discovered Wednesday. Firefighters raised their estimate of the fire's size by more than 3,000 acres in Beulah, most of that was due to better mapping.

No injuries had been reported and no homes had burned. Residents forested around their homes met for coffee and searched for news.

"Sitting around, waiting to see if your house is going to burn down is the strangest feeling," said Angie Griggs, 43.

"Now we're just laughing about it because what else can you do? You can't cry," said Griggs, who had to take the day off because she forgot to grab



A slurry bomber lays down a trail of fire retardant behind a home near the town of Beulah, Colo., on Monday, as firefighters continue to battle the Mason Gulch wildfire.

socks and work clothes when her family left their home.

About 250 Boy Scouts and 30 staffers at the Sun Isabel Scout Ranch were taken to a high school near Pueblo, about 25 miles from the fire.

"Some of them were upset and scared, but once they got here they had a blast," said John Stauffer, an assistant scoutmaster with a troop of about 30 boys from Olathe, Kan. "It was like a slumber party."

Pueblo area businesses do-

minated clothes, towels, pizzas and other necessities, and the boys got to watch movies Sunday night.

"It not exactly what we had planned for summer camp, but it will be memorable," Stauffer said.

More than 678 people, nine air tankers, five helicopters and 58 fire trucks on the scene were able to build a containment line around 30 percent of the burn area to keep the fire from spreading.

Gov. Bill Owens declared a

state of emergency for the fire area and put National Guard helicopters on standby, but none of the aircraft were immediately requested, said Owens spokesman Dan Hopkins.

South Dakota, a wildfire blackened about 3,200 acres in the Piedmont area of the Black Hills, destroying a mobile home, a motor home and an outbuilding.

The flames were about 5 percent contained Monday, fire officials said.

Kemphorne makes area appointments

The Times-News

BOISE — Gov. Dirk Kemphorne made 173 appointments, including reappointments to 62 state boards and commissions Monday. Here are the Magic Valley area appointments, followed by the re-appointments.

Appointments:
Laurie Lickley of Jerome to the Idaho Beef Council
Alan Gelet of Ketchum to the Idaho Contractors Board
Sarah Bodke of Oakley to the Idaho Women's Commission

Glenn Arrington of Twin Falls to the Permanent Building Fund Advisory Council.

Elaine Phillips of Twin Falls to the State Board of Medicine.

Linda Humphrey of Jerome to the State Board of Planning.

Rick Huber of Rupert to the State Independent Living Council.

Re-appointments:
Michael Schroeder of Twin

Falls to the Board of Drinking Water and Waste Water Professionals.

Candace Childers of Jerome to the Certified Shorthand Reporters Board.

Eldon Evans of Twin Falls to the Dormitory Housing Commission.

Mary Lorton-Dunne of Jerome to the Infant-Toddler Intergency. Coordinating Council.

Mary Elizabeth Jones of Filer to the Information Technology Resource Management Council.

Marty Orwig of Sun Valley to the 5th District Magistrates Commission.

Elaine Phillips of Ketchum to the 5th District Magistrates Commission.

Daniel Fuchs of Twin Falls to the State Board of Health and Welfare.

Eric Jones of Twin Falls to the State Board of Professional Counselors and Marriage and Family Therapists.

Letterman case prosecutor drops charge in plea bargain

CONRAD, Mont. (AP) — Prosecutors reached a plea deal Monday with the man accused of plotting to abduct David Letterman's young son, allowing him to plead guilty to lesser charges and dropping a kidnapping-related charge in return.

Kelly Frank pleaded guilty in state District Court to felony theft, misdemeanor obstruction and possessing illegally killed wildlife, a felony. In exchange, Teton County Attorney Joe Coble dropped a felony charge of solicitation, which accused Frank of plotting to kidnap the talk show host's son from Letterman's ranch.

The agreement calls for a 10-year sentence on the theft charge and lesser terms on the other pleas.

Frank, a convicted felon who had been hired to do painting work on Letterman's ranch, was arrested in March. Investigators said he had an acquaintance of his plan to abduct Letterman's then 16-month-old son and the boy's nanny and hold them for ransom. The acquaintance told authorities that Frank said he believed he could extort \$5 million from Letterman by holding the two for 48 hours.

Frank had been scheduled to go to trial next Monday.

Coble said he agreed to dismiss the solicitation charge because he believed the plea agreement accomplished what he wanted.

"Kelly Frank needed to go to prison. This gets that done," he said after Monday's court hearing. "I was confident in the case. However, this plea agreement comes to the result I had hoped for without the risk of a jury trial or an appeal."

The agreement calls for the 10-year sentence on the theft charge, which occurred Frank of overcharging Letterman between \$1,000 and \$1,500 for painting. It also calls for a six-month sentence on the obstruction charge and five years on the wildlife possession charge.

The latter two sentences would be served concurrent to the 10-year term.

Forest Service sues landowner for encroaching on river

SYRINGA (AP) — An Idaho man is fighting the U.S. Forest Service in court, contending that additions he made to his private property on the Clearwater River Wild and Scenic corridor do not violate 25-year-old development restrictions.

The U.S. Forest Service has sued Thermal "Burry" Jackson in U.S. District Court in Boise, asking Judge Edward R. Martin to order him to stop cutting timber, cancel further construction plans and remove a new concrete retaining wall, patio, foot bridge and concrete walk to the residence" according to the complaint filed in late May.

Jackson filed his first response July 7, acknowledging he was aware of the easement restrictions when he bought the land. He argues that his projects do not represent any change in the general topography of the landscape.

Acting as his own attorney, Jackson also denies that he needed authorization from the Lochsa District Ranger of the Clearwater National Forest before proceeding with the projects.

"I think the easement is a good thing," he told the Lewiston Tribune newspaper. "It is just misadministered by the Forest Service."

Assistant U.S. Attorney Deborah Ferguson in Boise said legal action was brought only after Jackson refused to work with Clearwater forest officials. She said the federal government bought the easements to preserve the drainage ditch near here.

Investigating authorities said Linda Bailey's car had been there for about a week, Canyon County Coroner Vicki DeGens-Morris said.

A farmer discovered the vehicle in a ditch about a mile north of Melba.

"No signs of foul play," Canyon County Sheriff Chris Smith said. "It looks like she just ran into a canal."

compiled from wire reports

natural character and water quality of the corridor, which was designated by Congress in 1988 as a national "Wild and Scenic" River.

Jackson, who bought the property in 2002, has built a "massive concrete retaining wall, patio, foot bridge and concrete walk to the residence" according to the complaint filed in late May.

Jackson filed his first response July 7, acknowledging he was aware of the easement restrictions when he bought the land. He argues that his projects do not represent any change in the general topography of the landscape.

Acting as his own attorney, Jackson also denies that he needed authorization from the Lochsa District Ranger of the Clearwater National Forest before proceeding with the projects.

"I think the easement is a good thing," he told the Lewiston Tribune newspaper. "It is just misadministered by the Forest Service."

Assistant U.S. Attorney Deborah Ferguson in Boise said legal action was brought only after Jackson refused to work with Clearwater forest officials. She said the federal government bought the easements to preserve the drainage ditch near here.

Investigating authorities said Linda Bailey's car had been there for about a week, Canyon County Coroner Vicki DeGens-Morris said.

A farmer discovered the vehicle in a ditch about a mile north of Melba.

"No signs of foul play," Canyon County Sheriff Chris Smith said. "It looks like she just ran into a canal."

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Man jailed in death of girlfriend

BOISE — A man arrested last month in the southwestern Idaho town of Middleton has been jailed in California in the 1993 death of his girlfriend, whose headless and mangled body was found near a California winery.

The Santa Clara County, Calif., sheriff's office said Monday that 54-year-old Kirk Bennett was being held in the slaying of Stephanie Jensen.

Bennett and Jensen lived together in San Francisco after meeting in Utah.


Jensen was reported missing in 1993. Her remains were found in a suitcase that year by a highway cleanup crew, but were not identified until recently, using DNA analysis.

Bennett was subsequently linked to Jensen and was arrested at his home in Middleton on June 13 and extradited to California.

Santa Clara Sheriff's Sgt. Pedro Contreras, a "cold-case" investigator who identified Jensen's remains in March 2004, has said charges related to the woman's death would be filed against Bennett once he was in that state.

Officials recover body of woman in car accident


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Woman learns more of dad's shadowy past

DEAR-ABBY: My parents divorced when I was 5, after my father was sent to prison on drug charges. He was released a couple of years ago. When we were little, Mom never talked about him. She never told us what he did that landed him in jail. After his release, my sister and I didn't want to see him.

Eventually, I met a wonderful guy I'll call "Mike." Mike's aunt is a loving woman and we have a warm relationship. Then she met and fell in love with my father.

Now that I have spent time with them, I have heard the whole story. Mom was my father's partner in dealing the drugs. My father didn't implicate her in any of the charges because he wanted her free to



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

raise me and my sisters. I was shocked, because Mom never told us any of this.

My mother refuses to be anywhere near my father, or at any gathering where he is present. Because of this, Mike and I have postponed having a wedding, baptizing our son or giving him a first birthday party. My father doesn't understand why, since he and Mom are both remarried, she can't just move on with

her life. We want our son to enjoy both of his grandparents. I have considered holding these events and inviting both of them, and letting them know I want both of them to be part of my life. Please tell me what to do.

— IN THE MIDDLE
IN INDIANA

DEAR IN THE MIDDLE: The first thing you should do is have a talk with your mother and tell her exactly what your father told you. She may not want to be around him because she doesn't want to face her past, or he may have abused her — but give her a chance to explain.

You should not put your life on hold trying to please your parents. You are all adults now.

So have your wedding, baptize your son and celebrate his special events. If they can't be in the same room together, then invite them to alternate events.

DEAR ABBY: I am about to be divorced from an alcoholic. At the time I filed, he said he would get his own place and move the furniture he wanted out of my home. (Some of it is hand-me-downs from his family.)

Now that things are in the final stages, he still hasn't saved any money and shows no sign of getting a place of his own. He's staying with friends and has very limited space.

According to the divorce agreement, we have settled all property disputes, and whatever each has in his or her

possession belongs to him or her. I have a lot of his possessions — mostly furniture.

I don't want or need this stuff. He still says he wants some of it and expects me to hold it indefinitely. I am ready to move on with my life, and can't do it in a house filled with all of his belongings. I have tried to be nice and have been repaid with alcoholic rampages. What should I

do about his belongings?

— TRYING TO MOVE ON
IN FLORIDA

DEAR TRYING TO MOVE ON: Discuss this with your lawyer. Have your lawyer contact his lawyer, and give him a date after which the furniture must be out of your house. Make it plain that if it isn't out, it will either be donated to charity or put in storage under his name at his expense.

Half of Americans live close to birthplace

About half of all Americans live within 50 miles of their birthplace.

This day in history: On July 12, 1933, Congress passed its first minimum wage law of 25 cents per hour (roughly \$3.22 in today's money).

Carthage killed Sir Francis Bacon by freezing him. In 1626, he went outside with a freshly killed chicken and stuffed it full of snow to test the theory that freezing could keep meat fresh. When the cold preserved chicken, it didn't do the same for Bacon. He got bronchitis and died two weeks later.

As a young man, Abraham



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Lincoln wrote a pamphlet that argued against the divinity of Jesus and against the divine inspiration of the Bible. He ultimately heeded his friends' advice to burn it unpublished because it would likely wreck his political career.

A vampire bat eats by making a small slice in the skin of a large

animal, and then licking a few tablespoons of the blood that trickles out. Good news, though — they almost never attack humans.

A baby turkey is called a "poult."

Dr. Thomas Welch, a dentist, was an anti-alcohol crusader who brought you Welch's grape juice. He originally marketed it as "Dr. Welch's Unfermented Wine" in the hope that churches would use it as the communion beverage. That failed, but his son Charles decided to sell it to consumers as Welch's Grape Juice. Ironically, during Prohibition, drinkers discovered that it was easy to turn Welch's into

wine.

A poll claims that 61 percent of all Americans like to hear music when they're put on hold, but that 22 percent prefer silence.

Thinking of stowing away in an airplane's wheel well for a free trip? Not the brightest idea. Since 1947, 79.7 percent of the people who tried it died. Those were the ones who were found — experts believe that many more may have tumbled undiscovered into water or a remote landscape.

Appreciate fruit bats. They're responsible for planting about 85 percent of all tree seeds in the world's tropical rain forests in the

Cobblestone walking brings good health, new study says

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — The path to better health and lower blood pressure may be paved with cobblestones.

When people over 60 walked on smooth, rounded cobblestones for just a half-hour a day over four months, they significantly lowered their blood pressure and improved their balance, a study said.

Behavioral researchers from the Oregon Research Institute investigated the health effects of cobblestones by first observing people exercising and walking back and forth over traditional stone paths in China.

"We needed to find several cities we visited that people were walking on cobblestone paths, and people were standing on them, and sometimes dancing on them, doing weight-shifting," said John Fisher, who led the study at the institute in Eugene.

"We thought if we could scientifically measure it, we could see if there were health benefits," he said.

Actress-singer Langford dies

MIAMI (AP) — Frances Langford, whose steamy rendition of "I'm in the Mood for Love" captivated soldiers when she was part of Bob Hope's USO tours during World War II, died Monday at the age of 92.

Langford had been ill with congestive heart failure and died at her home in Jensen Beach, Fla., her lawyer, Evans Cray Jr., said.

Langford, a recording artist, radio star and actress from the 1930s to

1950s, joined Hope's troupe to boost wartime morale at military bases and hospitals in Great Britain, Italy, North Africa and the South Pacific. She also entertained new generations of soldiers in Korea and Vietnam.

Even with her hair swept up in a bandanna, the 5-foot-1 singer was a glamorous vision of beauty and became known as the "Sweetheart of the Fighting Fronts."

Her trademark was "I'm in the Mood for Love," written for her for the 1938 movie "Every Night at Eight."

Langford appeared in 30 Hollywood movies, including Broadway Melody, "Yankee Doodle Dandy," and "The Hit Parade." She played herself in her final film, 1954's "The Glenn Miller Story."

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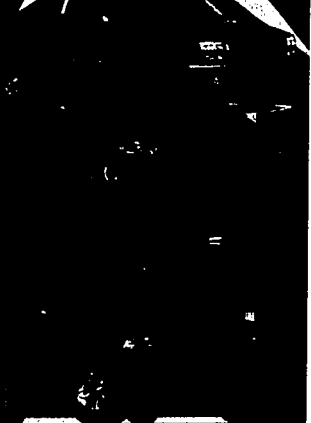


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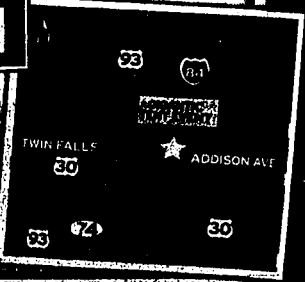
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Jack Wizer of the Pittsburgh Pirates, as told to Dan Patrick in ESPN the Magazine

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IN BRIEF

Hedberg awarded PGA scholarship

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls graduate and Boise State-bound golfer Mandi Hedberg was recently named among one of nine graduated Idaho high school seniors as a winner of the Larry Malone Scholarship Award by the Mountain Section PGA Foundation.

Jerome ladies best-ball tourney approaches

JEROME — The Jerome Ladies Golf Association will host a two-lady best-ball tournament on July 13 at the Jerome Country Club. An entry fee of \$50 per team will include team entry and lunch. Cars are extra and must be reserved through the pro shop.

Jerome CC offers two-man scramble

JEROME — The Jerome Country Club is now taking entries for its 25th annual two-man scramble/best-ball. The dates are July 23-24 with tee times starting at 8 a.m. both days. Entries of \$120 per team can be mailed to: John E. Peterson, Box 454 Jerome, ID 83330. The field is limited to the first 80 paid entries.

Ponderosa golf course

BURLEY — The Ponderosa Golf Course in Burley will offer a junior golf league starting on July 13 at 9 a.m. The league will use a scramble format with additional dates set for July 27, Aug. 3, and Aug. 19. Junior golfers can play any or all dates, and the cost will be \$5 each day. The league is open to all golfers ages 18 and under.

2005 Goose Creek Run Off is July 23

ORLEY — The 2005 Goose Creek Run Off will be held at 7 a.m. on Saturday, July 23 at the Oakley City Park. There will be 10K run and fun walk. The cost is \$15 until July 19 and \$20 thereafter and includes a t-shirt and breakfast. Registration is at 6 a.m. Check the website at www.goosecreekrunoff.com for an entry form.

Compiled from staff reports

Rulon continues to inspire



Retired Olympic wrestler Rulon Gardner shows area high school wrestlers his right foot Monday. He lost a middle toe during a snowmobiling mishap in 2002. Gardner came back to win the bronze two years later in 2004. That comeback garnered him a nomination for 2004-05 Comeback Athlete of the Year award at the ESPYs Wednesday night. The awards show will be televised on ESPN Sunday night.

Retired Olympic gold medalist returns to teach the sport he loves

By Joe Paisley Times-News writer

KIMBERLY — That high school counselor must feel pretty stupid.

In 1989, Star Valley (Wyo.) senior Rulon Gardner was told that college was a waste of his time. Gardner had struggled with reading speed and comprehension as a child, often needing his mother to read to him and help him with his assignments.

The 2000 gold medalist and 2004 bronze Greco-Roman wrestling medalist wears a pair of his Alicia "Rulon" model wrestling shoe on Monday during the first day of a three-day wrestling camp in Kimberly.

His never-quit attitude propelled the Greco-Roman wrestler to sudden stardom when he won a gold medal at the 2000 Olympics, defeating the legendary "Russian Bear,"

stighed counselor. By now Sunday night's ESPY Awards show should surprise no one.

The retired Greco-Roman wrestler is up for the 2004-05 Comeback Athlete of the Year, honoring a remarkable two-year odyssey from a near-death experience in the Wyoming woods to a bronze medal at the 2004 Olympics.

If he does win it, it will be because he embodies the central message he tries to get across to youth wrestlers across the country at camps or during speeches.



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As part of a three-day camp in Kimberly on Monday, Rulon Gardner stressed the importance of dedication, even against seemingly unbeatable opponents and steeper odds. He knows what it takes.

And then there were four 30-year-old Kenny Rogers, who received the most attention at the All-Star media availability, held at the hotel in suburban Dearborn where the players are staying. He was suspended July 1 for 20 games and fined \$50,000 for an outburst, that sent a television cameraman to the hospital and prompted a police investigation. Because the players' association appealed, Rogers can't be penalized until after a hearing and a decision by commissioner Bud Selig.

He spent 45 minutes answering and avoiding questions.

"I figured everyone would be at this table. I'm sure the rest of the guys love this because they don't have to worry about it," he said. "I'll take whatever shots people give me, and at the end, I'll still be standing."

So is Tiger Stadium, about two miles away. The site of the famous 1971 All-Star game, where Reggie Jackson hit the light tower, is splintered these days, with no determination made on what the future will hold for the corner of Michigan and Third.

New kids on the block find home at MLB All-Star Game

By Mike Fitzpatrick Associated Press writer

DETROIT — Derek Lee knows the All-Star game has a whole new look this year.

Bobby Abreu, Sammy Sosa and Ken Griffey Jr. are nowhere to be seen. Derek Jeter and Jason Giambi aren't around, either.

Instead, there's another whole bunch of new kids on the block for Tuesday night's game at Comerica Park. There's Lee and Brian Roberts, who lead their leagues in batting average. And there's Chris Carpenter and Mark Buehrle, the starting pitchers.

Most of the 50 players in the lineup have never started an All-Star game before, including seven in the American League. "It could be the next wave," Lee said before Monday's workout. "It has to happen at some

point. Guys can't play forever."

Of course, there are some exceptions. Roger Clemens, a month shy of his 43rd birthday, was picked for the 11th time. Given permission to arrive Tuesday, Clemens played in his first All-Star game in 1986, when Lee was just 10.

And then there were four 30-year-old Kenny Rogers, who received the most attention at the All-Star media availability, held at the hotel in suburban Dearborn where the players are staying. He was suspended July 1 for 20 games and fined \$50,000 for an outburst, that sent a television cameraman to the hospital and prompted a police investigation. Because the players' association appealed, Rogers can't be penalized until after a hearing and a decision by commissioner Bud Selig.

He spent 45 minutes answering and avoiding questions.

"I think the first-timers are some of the most fun for either squad," he said after taking an overnight flight from San Francisco. "These guys are not going to be cool and 'what's the big deal!'"

Adanta's John Smoltz, a Detroit native, recalled his first All-Star trip, to Anaheim in 1989.

"I was so fish-out-of-water," he said. "I didn't know if I was coming or going."

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Abreu electrifies fans with 24 homers in derby's first round

By Mike Fitzpatrick Associated Press writer

DETROIT — Bobby Abreu won the Home Run Derby with a record-setting performance Tuesday night, hitting an astounding 24 homers in his first turn at bat before outslugging hometown favorite Ivan Rodriguez in the finals.

Abreu also smashed the mark for total homers with 41, beating Miguel Tejada's 2004 total of 27 by the second round. He hit 11 in the finals, another derby record, to Rodriguez's five in an event that lasted 3 hours, 3 minutes.

"I'm tired," Abreu said. "This is a beautiful night."

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testant — he also will hit leadoff for the National League in the All-Star game Tuesday night — and he gave fans a spectacular show right from the start.

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Sosa's 524-foot homer in 2002 at Miller Park in Milwaukee and Frank Thomas' 519-footer in 1994 at Old Three Rivers Stadium in Pittsburgh.

Abreu even chipped his bat on his 24th homer — but the ball still cleared the center-field fence.

"See that? Hit it too hard," he said before hitting 519-footer Jimmy Rollins brought him some new lumber.

Abreu went the other way to left center for No. 24, then finally he led the derby out after 17 minutes at the plate, ending his turn and prompting a third standing ovation.

"Just trying to put on a good show. They enjoy it, that's what it's all about," he said.

So much for spacious Comerica Park — a poor job has been

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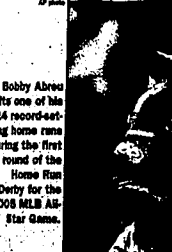
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SPORTS

Wie fades down stretch before hundreds of fans

LEBANON, Ohio (AP) — Michelle Wie faded down the stretch again and shot a 6-over 76 on the first day of stroke play at the men's Amateur Public Links on Monday.

Playing in front of a huge gallery, the 15-year-old tied for 84th in the 156-player field. The low 84 scores over 36 holes of medal play — the second 18 is Tuesday — move on to match play on Wednesday.

Wie, who won the 2003 Women's Amateur Public Links, is playing in the men's APL because the winner traditionally gets an invitation to the Masters. She just missed the cut at the PGA Tour's John Deere Classic last week, also finding trouble on the final few holes.

Wie played the first 10 holes at Shaker Run Golf Club in even-then had three bogey and two bogeys on the way into the clubhouse.

At the par-3 11th, she hit her approach into the lagoon in front of the green. After taking a drop, her third shot went through the green and she two-putted from just over 20 feet for a 5.

She followed that with consecutive bogeys and then parred three holes in a row before finding more trouble at the par-5 17th. Attempting to hit her driver over trees guarding the left side of the dogleg left, she hit a high draw that ended up hitting a tree and ricocheting into a lake. She took a drop.

Rulon

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"His previous opponents had all flipped over, pinning themselves," Gardner said. "I just didn't want to get hurt, so losing was acceptable."

It wasn't for Gardner. Not after all the work he'd done. After a national junior college title at Ricks College, Gardner went on to a less-than-spectacular career at Nebraska, taking fourth his senior year.

Good, but not exactly the fast track to Olympic glory. It'd take a lot of work.

"I didn't get good by lying down," Gardner said. "I was a wrestler Monday. I see some of you lying around when I'm not working with you directly."

It's not just technique. It's attitude. It's dedication. You have to learn to commit."

Gardner gave eight years of his life toward his Olympic dream. He didn't make it to the 1996 Olympics but did in 2000.

After that stunning upset, the unknown from Alton was suddenly a media darling. His awkward cartwheel was a memorable TV moment from the Games.

Home run

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power-hitting contest. In fact, the ball carried very well to right field on a pleasant, 78-degree night.

"Unbelievable. He made it look like it's too easy, putting the ball out like this," Red Sox catch Jason Varitek said.

Representing his home country of Venezuela in baseball's new international format, Abreu stopped twice to pin his cap to the

hit an iron out of the deep rough and put her approach on the front of the green before three-putting for a 7.

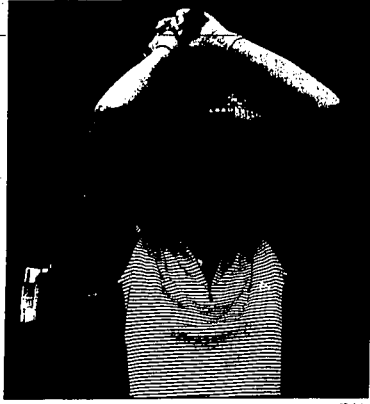
Wie was a huge attraction even before she hit the course. More than 300 people lined the back perimeter of the driving range to watch her hit balls, with several hundred more awaiting her arrival on the first tee. When Wie left the practice tee, there was not a single spectator who stayed behind.

The gallery watching her was frequently stacked three or four deep behind each green. This is the first time that the sponsoring U.S. Golf Association has ever put ropes around all the tees and all the greens at an APL to keep spectators away from the players.

Bill McCarthy, the USGA staffer in charge of the championship, said he's never seen anything like it at an Amateur Public Links event.

"I can only say that during stroke play we might see some immediate family and friends of the players," he said. "Occasionally, if we have a popular local player, we might have 20 or 30 players with a group. So this was, what, about 1,000 percent bigger?"

Several hundred fans followed her for most of the round in high humidity and temperatures approaching 90. There were nine USGA officials and cameras were assigned to watch her three times and there was



Michelle Wie reacts after missing her second put for bogey on the 17th hole during Monday's first round of U.S. Amateur Public Links.

still a lot of noise on most holes as the fans broke away as soon as she hit her final putt.

McCarthy said the security and crowd control provided was "an inappropriate amount."

Six TV cameras were trained on her as she teed off on the

first hole.

Wie bogeyed the opening hole after hitting her second shot to the par-5 hole about 30 yards left of and over the green. She hit a delicate chip over a trap that rolled through the green and she chipped up and two-putted for the bogey.

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"His autobiography 'Never Stop Pushing' will be released by Avalon Publishing in September. Asics has developed a popular Rulon model of wrestling shoe which he shows off at camps.

It's a living, but the camps and speeches are also his new passion. He hopes his lessons will help high school wrestlers overcome their own travails. After years dedicated to his Olympic dreams, he's now working to help young wrestlers reach their potential.

"I'm turning my attention to them now," he said.

The message gets through. Gooding senior heavyweight Steven Boone was tossed around by Gardner during demonstrations Monday. Boone hopes to contend for a state title this winter. Offseason camps like this are one step toward reaching that goal.

Gardner has shown him the way by example and through his inspirational example.

"He had to fight through a lot more stuff than I ever will," Boone said. "He accomplished his goals. Why can't I?"

Preston head coach Janie Hilyak, a Declo native and former Gardner teammate at Ricks. "He should win an ESPY."

Surgery to repair his damaged ligaments continues three years later. It still hurts to walk. But then Gardner has never been one to dwell on the negative. He remains busy with the camps, speeches, and working as a color commentator for Fox TV broadcasts of the Real Pro Wrestling League.

His accomplishments garner attention. In a small world like wrestling, Gardner is a hero.

"They pretty much hang on every word he says," said camp organizer and Kimberly coach Troy Palmer. "He has a lot of stories to back up everything he says."

Gardner's wealth of experience is apparent. In four straight years of camps, he's yet to repeat any specific technique.

"It's not the stuff he's showed the year before and the year before," Palmer said.

He even coached Kimberly wrestler Tucker Mulberry on his TV appearance, making sure the teen removed his stocking cap to "better represent

when I played."

When Abreu broke Tejada's mark, Johan Santana and Miguel Cabrera were among the All-Stars who ran to the plate to strafe the slugger in a large Venezuelan flag.

Santana said he placed a call back home to his father, who told him the country was "paralyzed."

With water fountains shooting high into the air in center field after each long ball, it was an

awesome display by one of the most underrated stars in baseball — and maybe a bit intimidating for the other competitors. The next batter, Jason Bay of Canada, was shut out.

"Didn't make it any easier," Bay said.

Boston's David Ortiz of the Dominican Republic put on an impressive show as well, also surpassing Tejada with 17 home runs in the first round.

Area kids perform well at junior high rodeo

The Times-News

GALLUP N.M. — Filter's Nae Mullen, 11, and Kindee Wilson, 12, both performed well at the Wyo-Mont Junior High School Finals Rodeo in Gallup, N.M. last week.

Mullen was named national student secretary of the newly formed division. She also took fourth with her partner in ribbon roping, Wilson took third in the nation in goat tying.

Gooding's Cy Barnes and Justin Parke took 11th in team roping. Barnes took ninth in junior bull riding while Jerrold Montana Barlow took 10th place in that event.

Team Idaho took ninth in the country.

Twin Falls Cowboys A squad sweeps Blackfoot

BLACKFOOT — A little bit of bus trouble couldn't put the winning ways of the Twin Falls Cowboys A team on the side of the Gooding Country Club members.

"The day just started off beautiful," Cowboys head coach Devin Kunz said. "Our bus broke down a mile west of the Gooding airport and we had to wait there, get it towed in, and get parents to drive us in."

A two-hour delay to the start of Game 1 didn't bother the Cowboys, who took a 7-6 victory before winning Game 2 by a 10-4 score. Both Jack Barnes and Cade Hansen finished 2-for-4 in Game 1, while Connor Watkins drove in three with a run to top of the fifth. Lane Reeves went 2-for-4 with a lone in Game 2, while Remington Pullin finished 3-for-5.

Murray clubbed a pair of doubles during the second game for the 17-20 (10-12) Cowboys.

BCS has new poll

NEW YORK (AP) — The Bowl Championship Series has a new poll, one that begins a month into the college football season and will include former coaches and players, plus media members.

Called the Harris Interactive College Football Poll, it will rank the top 25 teams on a weekly basis, starting Sept. 25. Plans call for 114 voters.

The BCS has said it would like to see the elimination of preseason polls, which some believe give highly touted teams an unfair headstart in the rankings.

"This allows for some games to be played in the current season rather than allow teams to be ranked purely on preseason expectations," BCS coordinator and Big 12 commissioner Kevin Weiberg said Monday during a conference call.

The season's first BCS standings will be released Oct. 17.

The new poll replaces The Associated Press poll, which the BCS has used in its formula for ranking teams since 1998. Last season, however, the AP took the BCS; it could no longer use its media poll.

In addition to the new poll, the BCS will continue to use the USA Today coaches' poll and a compilation of six computer rankings — each counting for

"We came out and jumped on them early both games and played pretty clean baseball behind some good pitching," Kunz said.

The Cowboys will head to Kuna Thursday for the JV Shootout week last tournament at both Kuna and Meridian high schools. They open play at 9 a.m. Thursday against Kuna.

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Tour

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Tuesday's 10th stage was meant to start in the city of Grenoble. Instead, it will begin 7.1 miles away in the village of Brignoud — to allow a demonstration by farmers angry over wolf attacks on their sheep and cows.

Tour organizers announced Monday after meeting livestock rearers.

Riders will be held up for a few minutes," Italy's farmers had planned to block the race. The compromise means the stage will be raced over 112.5 miles instead of the 119.6 miles originally planned.

Armstrong used the mountains in previous Tours to power away from rivals, victory last year. He won all three Alpine stages as well as one of two in the Pyrenees, and topped off his dominant Tour by taking the final time trial. That left him free to sip champagne in the saddle as he rode into Paris to claim the winner's yellow jersey.

To this day, the Team appears determined to confound those

who wonder whether he is too old or faded at 33 to win again. He rode to a second-place finish in the opening time trial, building big time gaps over Ulrich, Basso and others.

"That was scary," Julich said. "Such a strong start shows that he's ready to rock some cages in the mountains."

Armstrong's squad then delivered him the overall lead by winning the team time trial on Day 4. Armstrong wore the race leader's yellow jersey for the next five days and then tactical-ly surrendered it on Sunday to CSC's Jens Voigt. Voigt is not a contender for the overall crown, so letting the German wear the famed jersey for a few days is not a problem for Armstrong.

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Vinokourov, the Kazakhstan champion who placed third in the 2005 Tour, is 1 minute, 2 seconds behind Armstrong. Basso, third last year, is 1:26 back. Ulrich, the 1997 winner and a five-time runner-up, trails by 1:38. Moedem, last year's runner-up, and Landis are both 1:50 behind.

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SCORES AND STATS

SPORTS IN BRIEF

WHAT'S ON T.V.

Boxing
Light middleweights, Carlos Quintana (19-0) vs. Fran Lopez Campino (18-3); ESPN2, 8 p.m.
Cycling
Tour de France, stage 10, Grenoble to Courchevel, France, OLN, 6:30 a.m.

Baseball

All-Star Game, FOX, 8 p.m.

Basketball

WNBA, New York at Houston, ESPN2, 8 p.m.

AUTO RACING

NASCAR Next City Leaders
Next July 10
1. Dale Earnhardt, 254.2
2. Greg Bissel, 244.0
3. Tony Stewart, 237.4
4. Rusty Wallace, 232.7
5. Jeff Burton, 222.4
6. Mark Martin, 220.7
7. Matt Kenseth, 219.1
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2. Luis Rodriguez, NY Yankees, 28 (138, 21, 27)
3. David Ortiz, Red Sox, 31 (214, 21, 73)
4. Manny Ramirez, Boston, 31 (272, 22, 41)
5. Miguel Cabrera, Detroit, 31 (220, 18, 49)
6. Vladimir Guerrero, LA Angels, 31 (236, 11, 21)
7. Mark Teixeira, Yankees, 29 (200, 25, 37)
8. Jason Vojtek, Boston, 21 (202, 18, 28)
9. Brian Roberts, Baltimore, 29 (243, 15, 42)
10. Mark Luthi, Chicago White Sox, 25 (122, 18, 24)
National League
1. Bobby Abert, Cincinnati, 31 (207, 18, 54)
2. Ryan Howard, Philadelphia, 29 (238, 22, 41)
3. Albert Pujols, St. Louis, 31 (272, 18, 49)
4. David Lee, Chicago Cubs, 29 (278, 27, 27)
5. Tim Lincecum, Seattle, 31 (272, 18, 49)
6. J. J. Reddick, Chicago White Sox, 29 (226, 11, 21)
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All leaders

Table listing league leaders in various categories like batting average, home runs, etc.

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Large advertisement for Greg Middlecamp's Factory Certified Trucks of Ford, featuring Escape XLT 4x4 and Explorer XLT 4x4 models with prices and contact information.

Notes on the economy

Magie Valley report

Stay awhile

Hotels, motels, camp grounds, recreational-vehicle parks and other lodging facilities in Magie Valley's eight counties reported these lodging sales during June:

County	June '05	Change from reports	June '04
Blaine	\$945,767	up 12%	
Carson	\$13,227	up 2,507%	
Cosmos	\$287,776	up 25%	
Gardiner	\$44,758	down 38%	
Jefferson	\$161,313	down 21%	
Lincoln	0	(\$4,179) in June '04	
Minneka	\$102,859	up 12%	
Twin Falls	\$1,139,433	up 6%	
Magie Valley	\$2,624,594	up 6%	

The State Tax Commission tracks lodging sales monthly. But because of the normal reporting lag, the June sales totals — for the most part — reflect activity that happened in May.

Lodging totals include nontaxable sales, such as those to nonprofit schools or federal or state government entities, in addition to taxable sales.

Source: Idaho State Tax Commission

Truck dealership seeks Urban Renewal grant

By Megan Hinds Myers Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A Salt Lake City-based commercial truck dealer wants to expand and remodel its dealership in Old Towne, and it wants Twin Falls' Urban Renewal Agency to help pay for the project.

Bob Lund, facility manager of Lake City International Trucks Inc. spoke to the Urban Renewal board Monday to ask about grant opportunities for the dealership's planned expansion.

Lake City, which operates eight locations in Utah, Idaho and Nevada, acquired the assets of Magic Valley International last year.

Lake City plans to make a number of upgrades and repairs to its building at 321 Second Ave. E., including replacing the roof, paving the parking lot and installing a fence around

the property, Lund said.

"We feel it better for us to stay here at our current location and remodel it rather than moving," he said. "We could move closer to the interstate, but we don't see that increasing our customers more."

The company estimates its total cost for all renovations to be between \$450,000 and \$500,000. Since Lake City's facility is in the city's urban renewal area, the company could be eligible for an incentive grant from the agency for up to 10 percent of Lake City's new property-taxable investment.

The agency agreed to discuss the matter in an upcoming meeting of its special projects committee.

Proposed swap — The agency moved another step ahead in a proposed property trade.

Urban Renewal plans to acquire Larry McEllitt's property at 225 Fourth Ave. S. in a swap for the agency's Sawtooth Door property on Maxwell Street. The swap — which is contingent on an environmental assessment by the state's Department of Environmental Quality — would give Urban Renewal three contiguous properties in Old Towne that make up three-quarters of a city block.

"This gives Larry something that he wants, and it gives us something that we want," Dave McAllindin, the city's economic development director, said Monday.

The three contiguous properties would allow the agency to redevelop a larger piece of land, but agency leaders haven't named prospective users.

Urban Renewal board member Please see GRANT, Page D5



Karyn Schauf, who owns a dairy farm in Barron, Wis., with her husband, Bob, smiles as their cloned cow, Blackrose 2, perks up her ears Friday in Barron, Wis. The Food and Drug Administration has asked farmers not to sell products from cloned animals so the Schauf's feed the milk to their family and employees. The dairy industry is opposed to the FDA lifting the voluntary ban.

Dairy industry skeptical about cloning cows

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — As the Food and Drug Administration considers whether to lift a voluntary ban on selling food from cloned animals, the agency is getting some resistance from an unusual source: the dairy industry. Trade groups for farmers and companies that use dairy products are not enthusiastic about introducing milk from cloned cows into the marketplace, fearing consumers would be leery about the products.

"There's a strong general feeling among our members that consumers are not receptive to milk from cloned cows," said Susan Ruland, a spokeswoman for the International Dairy Foods Association, which represents food manufacturers that use dairy products.

Cloning is the creation of an animal from the DNA of a single parent to create an offspring genetically identical to the parent.

"This seems to be one of the things where technology seems to drop something in the lap of the food companies," Ruland said in a recent interview. "It's not driven by the market or any benefit to the consumer."

A 2002 Gallup poll found that 66 percent of American consumers said that cloning animals was "morally wrong." A March survey by the International Food Information Council, an industry trade group, reported that 63 percent of consumers would likely not buy food from cloned animals, even if the FDA determined the products were safe.

Last month, the National Milk Producers Federation, representing dairy farmers, approved a position statement that it "does not at this time support milk from cloned cows entering the marketplace until FDA determines that milk from cloned cows is the same as milk from conventionally bred animals."

Because cloning a cow is expensive, about \$20,000, selling meat from a clone wouldn't be financially viable. The main benefit would be to sell milk from the clone of a prized cow, or for breeding purposes.

The dairy group's position is at odds with the biotechnology industry and the small number of farmers who have invested in cloning cows.

Barb Glenn, director of animal biotechnology at the Biotechnology Industry Organization, predicted that cloning would benefit both consumers and producers. "With any new technology, you'll have groups concerned about it," she said.

Bob Schauf, a dairy farmer from Barron, Wis., about 90 miles from the FDA's cloning research facility, Helgen, said he has cloned his own animals four times, one of which died because of complications while calving earlier this year.

Schauf called the ban "ridiculous. It's a problem more than anything scientific. We need to get FDA to come along and say it's fine. They're as normal as any other animal. Common sense has to take over soon."

But the industry has not asked for approval to sell products from cloned animals. Schauf feeds the milk to his family and employees. He said he has other elite cows that he'd like to clone but has held off because of the government's moratorium on cloning.

In 2003, the FDA issued a summary of its draft risk assessment, which found that food from cloned animals was probably as safe as that from non-cloned animals. But it also found that the safety of cloning products from cloned animals until a final determination is made.

Earlier this year, a study by the Center for Regenerative Biology at the University of Connecticut found that meat and milk from cloned animals is essentially identical to that of non-cloned animals.

Aside from the health issues are questions about animal welfare, because of the high number of animals that die in high numbers during pregnancy and right after birth. A National Academy of Sciences panel looking at cloning raised the issue in a 2002 report.

The House of Representatives' United States urged the FDA to keep the ban in place. In a letter June 28, President Wayne Paccelle wrote that cloning "carries too high a cost with regard to animal suffering, yet offers little benefit to humans or animals."

Greg Willes, a dairy farmer in Hagerstown, Md., has made two clones from a prolific Holstein. One is healthy, but the other suffers from health problems that Willes said he can't specify.

"I have said the FDA is more than welcome to get any blood or tissue samples," Willes said. "I think it needs to be done in a scientific way."

Willes said he often thinks about disregarding the ban and selling the milk, which he now pours down the drain. "I think the FDA has taken too long to determine if it's safe or not," he said.

The FDA declined an interview request for this story, saying in a statement that it would be "premature to discuss our findings or to make any final determinations due to the complexity of the issue." It added that the agency does not have a timeframe for a final decision.

One of the cutting-edge animal cloning companies, Inogen of DeForest, Wis., ceased operations last year with warning for the FDA to issue such a decision. At the time, Inogen blamed delays in federal grants and funding cutbacks by a partner. But the company's co-founder and president, Michael Bishop, said the FDA delay was a factor in the company's decision.

"It's hard to find people who want to do business with you when a government agency could possibly regulate against the food products entering the food chain," Bishop said.

THE COST OF WARMTH



Marie Tuxter, the office manager at the Oomingmatik store, run by the Musk Ox Producers' Cooperative, shows some of the products made from qivuit, the brown undercoat of the musk ox, Wednesday at the store in Anchorage, Alaska. The cooperative employs more than 200 Alaska Native women, from villages and cities throughout the state, who knit qivuit. Into the scarves, hats and other cold-weather pieces sold at the store.

Rare musk ox fur commands luxury prices

The Associated Press

PALMER, Alaska — Customers browsing a small store in Anchorage mull over the triple-digit prices for scarves, hats and stoles made from rare musk ox fur, called qivuit, one of the world's warmest natural fibers.

Winter accessories made from the ultra-soft, brown undercoat of the musk ox weigh just a few ounces but retain body heat better than wool.

"It's so lightweight and it's so warm. There's nothing like it," said Danna Graham of Anchorage, who already owns a qivuit vest, scarf and headpiece known as a "smoke ring."

Scarves knitted by Alaska Native women cost between \$230 and \$330 at the Oomingmatik store in Anchorage, which is run by the Musk Ox Producers' Cooperative. Oomingmatik, the Eskimo word for musk ox, literally means "the bearded one."

Even flawed pieces, made by

novices or knitters with falling eyesight, are expensive. A scarf with the wrong stitching and an imprecise pattern was marked down, but at \$175, it still costs much more than a typical scarf.

"The people who buy it have money, they're being practical, you don't buy it," said John Nish, who started breeding musk oxen for qivuit five years ago on his 50-acre farm in Palmer.

The warmth of qivuit helps the shaggy musk oxen survive Arctic conditions. The animals have a qivuit undercoat as well as long, coarse outer hair that helps them survive temperatures as low as minus-100 degrees Fahrenheit.

Cows stand about 4 feet tall at the shoulder and weigh 400 to 600 pounds, while bulls are about 5 feet tall and weigh 600 to 800 pounds, according to state wildlife officials.

Cows can produce up to 10

18 years and bulls can breed for about 12-15 years, Nash said. The animals sport coats of qivuit annually.

Nash harvests qivuit when his herd sheds in spring and early summer, picking chunks of it off the grasses, fencing and tree trunks, where the animals like to rub when they shed. Each of his 15 musk oxen slough off an average of 4 pounds of qivuit per year.

Profit margins for qivuit widen the more it is processed. A pound of raw qivuit, which fills about one 30-gallon garbage bag, sells for \$150 to \$200, according to musk oxen farmers in Palmer. Nash nets about \$400 a pound for the spun fiber.

"We're not making a whole ton of money on this," said Nish, who is one of the only private musk oxen farmers in the world. "But these guys are profitable. There's money in

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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Shredding event planned today

TWIN FALLS — Got some documents that need to be destroyed?

"Shred Instead," a Better Business Bureau document-shredding event, will be held from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. today at the College of Southern Idaho Expo parking lot.

Western Records Destruction will offer its services to consumers and businesses at no charge. Bring up to five boxes of old checks, junk mail, bank statements, files and records.

Information about identity theft also will be available.

Questions? Call the Better Business Bureau at 947-2100.

State awards \$24,080 grant to Heyburn

HEYBURN — The city will receive a \$24,080 Idaho Gem Grant to help convert a potato cellar into a light-microscopy facility, Idaho Commerce and Labor Director Roger B. Madsen said.

Heyburn will use the money to convert the cellar, in the Burley-Heyburn Industrial Park, to accommodate the relocation of Knit Welding. The facility is being displaced from its current location by the expansion of Gosner Cheese's plant. The relocation will allow Knit Welding to retain 10 jobs, Commerce and Labor said in a statement.

"This grant will help ensure that a successful small business can continue operating in the community," Madsen said.

The Idaho Gem Grant is part of Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's Rural Idaho Initiative. Grants of up to \$50,000 are available for small, rural economic development projects that would otherwise fall through the cracks.

Everton Mattress opens Montana stores

TWIN FALLS — Everton Mattress and Furniture Gallery — which is moving its factory and corporate headquarters from Twin Falls Old Towne to Filer — opened stores in Helena and Bozeman, Mont.

Both stores will sell the factory-direct mattresses that the company manufactures and distributes from its Filer factory.

The addition of the two Montana locations brings Everton's total to nine stores, including ones in Twin Falls, Idaho Falls, Pocatello, Boise, Meridian, Nampa and Medford, Ore. In addition to supplying its own stores, Everton builds and distributes Restonic mattresses to furniture stores throughout the Intermountain and Pacific Northwest.

"Our work force will grow by approximately 20 additional employees with opening of the two stores and a new factory location in Filer," said Chris Sanders, vice president of retail operations.

— compiled from staff reports

Investment office will hold presentation on Wal-Mart

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — It can be hard for small businesses to compete with the nation's biggest retailer, but some have figured out how to do just that.

Ken Stuart, a Twin Falls-based investment representative for International Investment Firm Edward Jones, will hold a free video presentation today of a conversation with Michael Bergdahl, author of "What I Learned From Sam Walton: How to Compete and Thrive in a Wal-Mart World."

In the video, Bergdahl shares his experiences

working side-by-side with Sam Walton and explains how smaller businesses can stay competitive in the market. Stuart's announcement said.

Wal-Mart has stores in Jerome and Burley. The company has applied to operate a store in Twin Falls, but the city nixed its sign plans; the future of the proposed store still isn't settled.

Presentations will be held at 9:30 a.m., 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. today at Edward Jones, 131 Main Ave. E.

Reservations are requested by calling 734-0264.

The Times-News

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

Chapter 7, nonbusiness, under \$50,000.
Lyle D. McLean, 640 Monroe St., Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 05-41446.

Antia Kromhold, also known as Antia Kromhold, 168 Madison St., Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 05-41451.

Raymond Roach, also known as Raymond L. Roach, and Constantine A. Roach, also known as Constantine A. Roach, 301 30th Ave. W., Gooding, individual, nonbusiness, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 05-41452.

COURT FILINGS

Bobbie Hobbs, 674 Spraker St. N., No. C. Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 05-41457.

Robert Neil Anderson and Sandra Dawn Anderson, also known as Sandra Dawn McNeil and Sandra Dawn Costello, 425 Park Terrace Drive, Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 05-41458.

Walter C. Jones and Michelle A. Jones, 574 W. 20th N., Shoshone, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets not indicated, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 05-41461.

Chapter 7, nonbusiness, \$50,000 to \$100,000.
David Lee Cooper, 1410 C St., Heyburn, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000. Case no. 05-41471.

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MONEY

Advocates push for expanded health insurance access program

BOISE (AP) — Lawmakers and business owners are already pushing to expand Idaho's new Access to Health Insurance program.

The program is meant to help 1,000 small-business workers and their spouses get health insurance by offering the workers \$100 each toward paying their monthly premiums, if their employers will pick up half of the insurance costs.

More than 100 businesses from around the state have expressed interest, said Paul Campbell with the Idaho Office of Health and Welfare, but some business owners don't think they can afford to pay 50 percent of the costs, as the law requires. Other businesses have been turned

away because they pay their employees too much, or because they already offer a health insurance program.

This is the most critical issue for small business, said the Legislative Health Care Task Force, which is meeting throughout the summer to talk about the issue.

In Idaho, about 250,000 people are uninsured, according to a study released last month by the Idaho Community Action Network and other groups, including the Catholic Church of Idaho and small-business owners.

"We're looking for help," said Lou Larson, who represents 15 and 30 people, depending on the season, at the Westside Drive-in on State Street. "The incentives, tax breaks, anything."

Some task force members also lean toward expanding the state program.

The chairman, Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, said the panel would at least take a look at what the barriers to expanding the program would be.

Several lawmakers said they wanted small businesses that currently pay for their own insurance to be able to get the state help too.

The Access to Health Insurance program is paid for with money raised by a tax on all insurance premiums sold in Idaho. Because it doesn't affect the state's general tax fund, and because the premium tax revenues are outpacing what the state is spending them on, Cameron said the Legislature may be willing to expand the program.

"We are clearly leaving that program on the table," he said.

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Jeff Heworth agreed to draw up a memorandum of understanding for the deal, and the agency will discuss the trade further in an upcoming special projects committee meeting.

"Larry ought to be commended for his motivation," Heworth said.

Plaster business — The agency will also discuss an upcoming special projects meeting the lease agreement that will allow Cavall Corp., an architectural plaster business, to occupy the former Coca-Cola

building in Old Towne. The building is now occupied by Berton Mattress and Furniture Gallery, which is moving its factory operation to Filer but keeping its Old Towne retail store.

Landmark structure — Russ Tremainy, a College of Southern Idaho history professor and member of Idaho's historic preservation commission, spoke briefly to the agency about the status of the historic Old Towne silos.

agency and the preservation commission — was completed in May and found the structure to be sound. Tremainy plans to present the preservation-commission's plans for silo restoration at Urban Renewal's August meeting.

Before then, however, the agency likely will discuss the matter in a special projects committee meeting.

Times-News business writer Megan Hinds Myers can be reached at 735-3238 or megan.myers@tcn.net.

Filings

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Roy Joseph Spencer and Laura Ann Spencer also known as Laura Ann Lewis, 1816 Ann Frederick and Laura Ann Black, 1816 Ann Frederick Blvd., No. 3, Twin Falls, Idaho, filed a Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$500,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000. Case No. 05-41462.

Chapter 7, nonbusiness, \$100,000 to \$500,000. Kahl Hildner, known as Chris Hanko, 968 S. 2600 E., Hazelton, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case No. 05-41461.

James B. Tyler, also known as Jim Tyler, 2019 Sherri Rd., 681 Ping Cup, Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter

7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case No. 05-41462. Also known as: Tony Reid Mendelsohn and Rhonda Michelle Mendelsohn, 1204 E. 18th St., 16-49 creditors, assets under \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case No. 05-41476.

Matthew Joseph Fuller, also known as Matt Fuller, and Sabrina D'Ann Fuller, also known as Sabrina D'Ann Baker, 2019 Sherri Rd., 681 Ping Cup, Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, 7/6

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Beverly Thorne, 202 14th Ave. W., Gooding, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case No. 05-41470.

Jose Vega, 123 E. Fifth, Rupert, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case No. 05-41462.

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Musk ox are shown at a musk ox farm June 29 in Palmer, Alaska. Winter accessories are made from the ultra-soft wool, but the brown body host better than wool.

Ox

Continued from D4. To start his herd, Nash paid \$10,000 for his two females and \$6,000 for one breeding bull. Musk oxen, native to Arctic regions in Canada, Greenland and Alaska, were hunted to extinction in Alaska in the 1850s.

domestic the horned animals through a breeding program. "Somebody they will be a good farm animal, but it's going to take a very long time," said farm director Corna Simonson.

Stull, the few musk ox farmers in Alaska believe raising their animals in the state's cold climate is easier and cheaper than handling cattle here. Unlike cattle, the metabolism of a musk ox is very efficient in the winter, Nash said. "They mostly eat and sleep," he said, grinning at his almost motionless animals who stood looking at him through the willow and birch trees. "They don't require much."

The rise in the musk oxen population has helped Alaska Natives, many of whom live by hunting and fishing in isolated villages where job choices are limited and extra cash is a treat. The Musk Ox Producers' Cooperative employs more than 200 Alaska Native women throughout the state who knit and quilt into the scarves, hats and other cold-weather pieces sold at Ootomgmat. The knitting is voluntary and unskilled, and with no quotas. Some women simply knit when they need the money.

He spends about \$250 per animal each year for food. Musk oxen are also used for sport and subsistence hunting, but quivert is the most profitable long-term product from the stocky, humped animals.

The females yield only a cup of milk a day and although the milk is reportedly tasty, adult animals yield only about 150 pounds, said Simonsones. "It's got bulky and big, but it's mostly hair, bone and fat," Simonsones said. "When you see a carcass, you're just really surprised by how meager they are."

"It gives them an extra source of income when the cost of fuel goes up or the fishing is bad," said Marie Torker, office manager of Ootomgmat.

Prices in Alaska's tiny quivert industry have been high and generally stable over the last few years because the supply is low and high-quality said Milan Shlipka, extension livestock specialist with the University of Alaska Cooperative Extension service.

"I love to knit. It keeps my idle hands busy," said Hunter. "I can't watch TV without knitting."

Canada, with the world's largest musk ox populations, also has small quivert operations and Simonsones has been corresponding with investors in Russia who are interested in starting a farm. Nash plans to eventually sell a few of his animals to qualified buyers.

Almost all of the spum quivert supplied to the co-op comes from the Musk Ox Farms in Palmer, about 45 miles north-east of Anchorage.

"They're not warm and friendly and they definitely like the cold climate better than the soil. I want sell to a person who thinks they can raise it in their backyard and make a bunch of money. They're not the kind of animal to raise like that."

Musk oxen are born wild, with deep defensive instincts, and even seemingly tamed animals have attacked handlers, farmers said. The Musk Ox Farms managers have been trying for years to