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**HINTS OF GREEN**

**URA to buy Red's property**

City takes latest step in redeveloping downtown

By Jared S. Hopkins  
Staff writer

After 72 years on Shoshone Street South, Idaho's oldest gun shop is reloading. The Twin Falls Urban Renewal Agency agreed Monday to pay \$200,000 for downtown property where Red's Trading Post, at 215 Shoshone St. S., is located. The purchase is expected to expand the city's plans to enhance and redevelop the heart of downtown. The property is located on lots 4, 5 and 17 of Block 110 in the Twin Falls town site, according to a copy of the contract. It includes a parking lot, the business's building, and the old St. Regis bar. The structures are linked as one building, said Ryan Horsley, manager of Red's. The 4-0 board decision followed a closed

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**Hold the tomatoes**

McDonald's, other food chains pull sliced tomatoes for salmonella concerns

By Nate Poppio  
Staff writer

Fast food restaurants around southern Idaho joined the throng of McDonald's franchises nationwide that stopped serving sliced tomatoes over concerns from the government about salmonella food poisoning linked to uncooked tomatoes.

Darren Kyle, co-owner/operator of several McDonald's in the Magic Valley, said the measure is purely precautionary and applies only to the sliced tomatoes served in sandwiches. Customers will likely be able to enjoy tomatoed sandwiches again by June 19, he said, the time it will take the chain to resupply with safe stocks from South Carolina and California. Those states usually begin supplying tomatoes two weeks later in the year, he said.

"To my knowledge, we never had any issues within our system about it," Kyle said.

The source of the tomatoes responsible for the illnesses in at least 16 states has not been pinpointed. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has said at least 23 people have been hospitalized, and no deaths have been reported. In Idaho, three people have been sickened by the salmonella, all in the health district covering southwest Idaho, said Tom Shanahan, spokesman for the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare. He said Monday that no one has been hospitalized as far as he knew. "We don't have anything else that we've heard of," Shanahan said.

Unlike other food alerts, no specific brands or lots numbers are tied to the tomatoes, Shanahan said. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has warned consumers not to eat red, round, red-plum and Roma tomatoes. Cherry, grape and canned tomatoes, tomatoes with the vine still attached and tomatoes grown at home are still safe to consume, a fact Shanahan said he wants people to know.

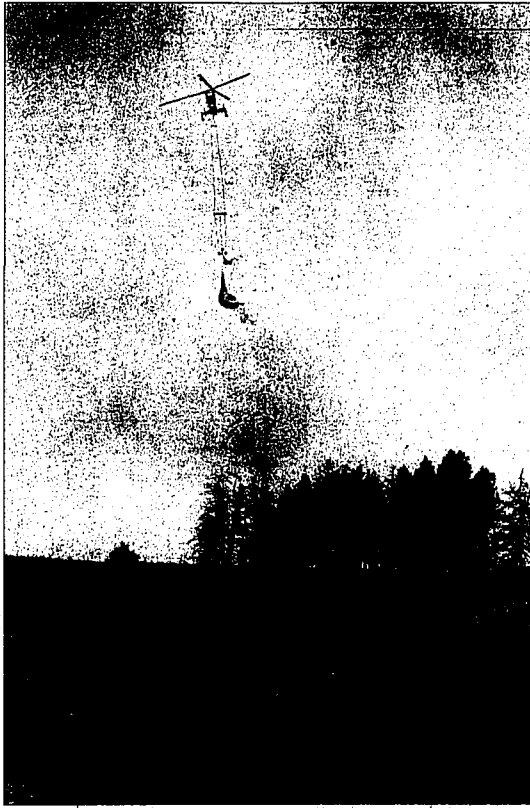
"You'd hate to see people cutting out tomatoes from their diet," he said.

While no cases of the disease have

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**On the Web:**

For more about tomatoes and salmonella, visit <http://www.fda.gov/oc/opacom/hot-topics/tomatoes.html>.



A helicopter with Mountain West Helicopters of Orem, Utah, drops wood straw on a hillside close to Huffman Drive near Ketchum on Monday.

**Sawtooth Forest wraps up Castle Rock recovery work**

By Nate Poppio  
Staff writer

**KETCHUM** — The helicopters should stop flying today.

But their work, U.S. Forest Service officials said, will hopefully last much longer.

August's Castle Rock Fire burned 48,000 acres near the south-central Idaho town of Ketchum. But for the past two weeks, the Forest Service and a Utah contractor have worked to rehabilitate a fraction of the burned area in an effort to prevent mudslides and other hazards from threatening homes in the region. And it is those homes that dictated where rehab dollars

were spent, officials said repeatedly during a tour of the site on Monday. Working with Mountain West Helicopters, a company which includes fire rehabilitation among its specialties, the Forest Service is applying either wood or plant mulch to just less than 400 acres along Warm Springs Road. Officials said it's an attempt to direct limited dollars to where they're needed most —

especially given that the Forest Service missed its original weather window last fall, delaying operations until now.

"We know we can't minimize all the hillside impact," said John Charet, with the Sawtooth National Forest.

The helicopter operations cost the agency at least \$800,000, part of \$1.7 million in rehab money provided by the agency's Washington D.C. office and from other sources. Other efforts currently underway include planting dogwood, shrubs and sagebrush, and reinforcing trails that could possibly be threatened by eroded areas.

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**T.E. County teams join body search**

Staff report

The Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office sent 10 deputies and search and rescue workers on Sunday to search for a body that was possibly dumped in a seven-mile stretch along the Salmon Falls Creek area, south of Jackpot, Nev., county officials say.

The local crews worked side-by-side with Elko County (Nev.) Sheriff's deputies from about 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. to search for the body of David Bishop, 47, of Sacramento, Calif., said Twin Falls County Sheriff's spokesman Lori Nebeker.

By Sunday evening the search was called off after high water levels and dense shrubs blocked the crews from scouring river banks, Nebeker said. It was the second time high water levels forced crews to suspend their search.

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**Gooding cop-medic fracas leads to \$1 million tort claim case**

By Cassidy Friedman  
Staff writer

**GOODING** — It's been more than three months since the usually cooperative partnership between Gooding police and Gooding County's emergency medical services provider broke down when a police officer and a medic got into a fight. The altercation enveloped the two

while a patient was suffering from a medical condition, according to Gooding Chief of Police Jeff Perry. Details of the fight are sketchy, with both the police officer and the medic alleging possible battery by the other.

The medic, P.J. Curtis, filed a \$1 million tort claim against the city of Gooding May 27, alleging Officer Andrew Lovell hit him in the chest while he was responding to an

emergency call at 2:30 a.m. Feb. 27. But Perry said Monday both a criminal and Internal Investigation of Lovell cleared the officer of any wrongdoing. He further said his department may recommend the county prosecutor file a battery charge against Curtis, alleging Curtis abandoned a medical patient that morning to confront Lovell. "There could be criminal charges against P.J.," Perry said. "It's unfortunate. But hopefully we can get this worked out."

City officials, including Mayor Duke Morton, were unwilling to comment citing the tort claim. The claim does not mean Curtis will sue the city. It simply allows Curtis to sue the city within the next six months. Idaho Counties Risk Management Program will handle the city's defense in case Curtis does sue the city.

David Heida, a Gooding attorney representing Curtis, declined comment, saying the tort claim speaks for itself. One city official said there have been meetings arranged to work out a resolution of the dispute. The claim alleges more than simple battery. It describes a temporary detente between both departments. It says that later on the day of the

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# Tomatoes

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 popped up in the Magic Valley, the food industry is still being cautious. Many restaurants and stores, including Wal-Mart, are pulling the suspicious tomatoes, said Julie Emery, a member of the South Central Idaho Food Safety Awareness Coalition and a

general manager at Subway. Beacon Burger and Brew co-owner Keith Schroeder, also a coalition member, said his restaurant still serves the tomatoes after her suppliers checked out clean.

The tomato scare comes as the FDA prepares to launch a tomato safety initiative in Virginia and Florida, intended to assess safety practices at farms

and packing plants. Fresh and fresh-cut tomatoes have been linked to 12 different outbreaks of foodborne illness in the U.S., largely from products in those two states, according to the agency.

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# Recovery

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Kurt Nelson, district ranger for the forest, said at least four trails in the area are currently closed and trail consultants will evaluate the status of the district's system. He advised hikers this summer to stay aware of their surroundings, especially if a rainstorm comes up and they're in a low area.

"Everybody wants to be out," he said, expressing the difficulty of keeping people out of dangerous areas.

The problem, Chatel said, is that burned soils become "hydrophobic," no longer absorbing water and allowing it to run downhill. It can take several years for the soil to return to normal, depending on the area. The mulch, he said, will help

keep water on hillsides and retain native seeds, allowing plants to re-establish themselves.

Unlike farther south, where spring moisture has encouraged cheatgrass and other weeds to grow, rains in the Wood River Valley are helping with recovery, officials said. The moisture and extended snowpack nourish recovering plants and help reduce fire concerns.

"I'm hoping it'll last a while longer," Chatel said.

"The work is the first time the district has used wood straw, a type of mulch made of thin strips of wood. The mulch doesn't blow away as easily on hillsides prone to wind erosion, and it doesn't carry the risk of cheatgrass or noxious weeds mixed in with it," Forest Service botanist Kim Pierson said.

A finer mulch made of other plants is still being

used on some of the more-forested hillsides, and was rigorously inspected for weeds and cheatgrass before being allowed in the area, Pierson said. Running about one hour every five minutes, the helicopters will leave layers of mulch about two inches thick that provide between one and three years of protection.

Officials seemed pleased with how things are turning out, and Pierson said she was glad the agency decided not to seed the burned area, allowing plants to instead grow back on their own. The agency was already fighting fires this time last year, and officials agreed the quieter start to the year is making a difference.

"With all the rehabilitation we're doing here, the last thing we need is another fire," Chatel said.

# Fracas

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incident, Denise Gill, the director of the Gooding County Ambulance District, called the police chief. The chief told Gill "if Curtis pursued anything with Lovell that Perry would pursue a patient abandonment issue with the state EMS (Emergency Medical

Services)," according to the tort. The tort alleges that amounts to extortion.

"Curtis experienced great pain and suffering from the assault and battery and now lives in fear that if he pursues a claim against Lovell that he will be subject to harassment from Perry," the tort says. "Curtis' injuries include being subject to malicious prosecution, assault and bat-

tory, and infliction of emotional distress."

Chief Perry, however, said neither party was injured that morning.

Perry said he expects to soon receive a copy of the outside agency criminal investigation by the Jerome Police Department.

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# Red's

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meeting with city officials and private businessmen. The sale is expected to close around July 15, according to the contract.

Financial details are not final but the property could be bought with cash, said Twin Falls City Attorney Fritz Worderlich. But Worderlich and Community Development Director Mitch Humble said the URA is engaged in discussions with banks to acquire a line of credit.

State law provides for urban renewal agencies to borrow money and incur debt and fund projects with credit, said Worderlich. That means the URA doesn't have to worry about the recent Idaho Supreme Court Decision that found cities must seek voter approval when entering long-term contracts incurring debt.

Humble said there are no immediate plans for the property, but it will likely play a role in future development of the area, which could include a new city hall. The city is currently paying the Portland-based Leland Consulting Group to develop a downtown revitalization plan that includes major redevelopment of the four blocks between Second Avenue and Fourth Avenue East, and Shoshone Street South and Idaho Street.

The URA has long targeted the area for redevelopment and is already a major land owner there.

"It (Red's) is a key tract in the overall four-block area," Humble said.

According to the purchase contract, Red's must buy and relocate to the Tribes building, 203 Fifth Ave. S., which is now owned by URA board member Dave Woodhead.

Woodhead left Monday's meeting before the closed-door session and did not vote on the deal. Because of that, and because there are two openings on the seven-member board, only four board members voted.

Woodhead described the deal as "a wash" for Horsley financially, but would not discuss the sale price. He said the building was listed for sale when Horsley and the URA approached him.

The current tenant, Tribes Interiors, will be displaced. A Tribes manager declined comment on the company's relocation plans.

Horsley said the Tribes building is not as advantageous as his current site, but noted that he runs a destination business whose clients should follow.

He said he looks forward to being open by Aug. 1, in time for hunting season.

"Seventy-two years, Boy, that's a long time. But let's pack things up, call it quits and move on."

Horsley drew national

attention earlier this year when he contested a Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms attempt to revoke its license, alleging poor record-keeping. The move is not expected to effect the settlement of that dispute.

In addition to URA board members and city officials, the closed-door session included Jeff Hopworth and Fran Florence, local businessmen who are working to organize properties in the four-block area under what would be a for-profit development partnership. The two have also been hired to advise the city about downtown redevelopment, including their mixed-use office and retail project.

Florence said afterward that he and Hopworth were asked by Economic Development Director Melinda Anderson to sit in the meeting and no fees were exchanged.

Florence said the deal with Red's is not directly tied to their dealings with the URA but it is part of the "broader picture."

Woodhead said the sale of his building was clearly linked to the revitalization of the four blocks.

"If the four block thing weren't happening, then this wouldn't be happening," Woodhead said.

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# Search

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"It will be resumed depending on the water level," Nebeker said on Monday. "It could be a couple of weeks."

A suspect in the case, Shawn Shepherd, 23, was

arrested in Jerome County. He told law enforcement officers that the body was dumped in the creek near the U.S. Highway 93 rest area south of Jackpot.

The Elko County undersheriff said Shepherd told officers the body was in a large plastic trash can. Elevated water levels in

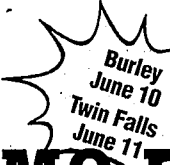
the murky, pocketed creek already had forced searchers to call off their search Thursday after about two days of chasing the body.

Bishop had been reported missing by his employer since May 6, although a missing persons report was filed until May 14.

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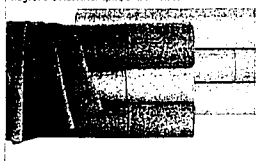
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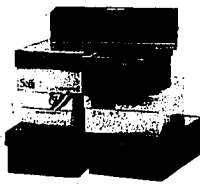
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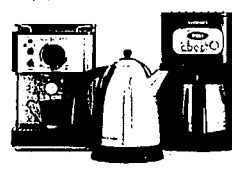
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## Kimberly family injured in Nevada rollover

By Ali Helgoth  
For the Times-News

ELKO, Nev. — Seven members of a Kimberly family were injured Sunday morning in a rollover accident on Interstate 80, one mile from the Eureka County (Nev.) line.

Damian Venegas, 15, was driving a 1999 GMC Sierra pickup east on the freeway at 6:40 a.m. when he lost control of the vehicle and it overturned into the median, according to a Nevada Highway Patrol report. Venegas sustained moderate lower body injuries and was transported to Northeastern Nevada Regional Hospital.

His six passengers were also injured in the accident, and three of them were ejected.

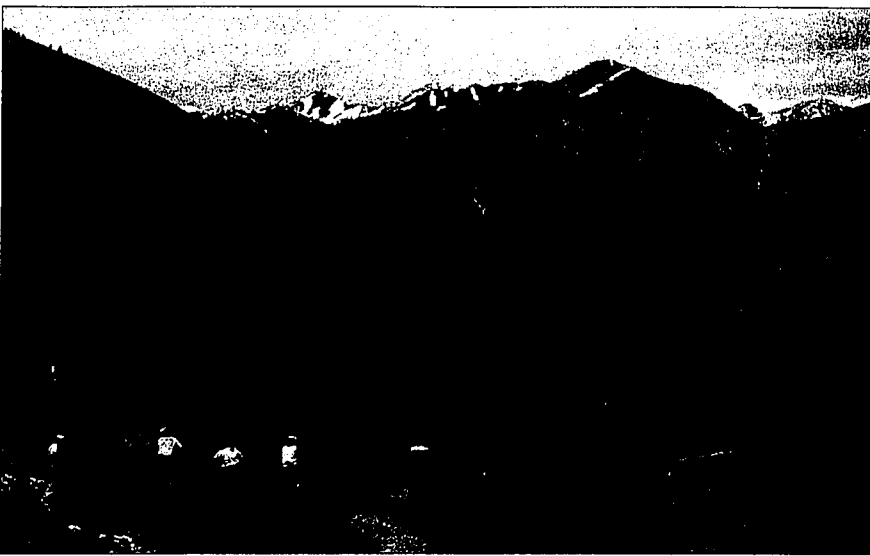
Those ejected are: Daniel Lorenzo Venegas, 17, who sustained severe chest, abdominal

and upper body injuries; Stephanie Venegas, 8, who sustained moderate head and upper body injuries; and Victor Venegas, 10, who sustained moderate head and upper body injuries.

Others injured are: Maria Venegas, 12, who sustained moderate upper and lower body injuries; Crescencio Venegas, 42, who sustained moderate head and upper body injuries; and Fideia Venegas, 36, who sustained moderate head and upper body injuries.

All were transported to Northeastern Nevada Regional Hospital.

## MOUNTAIN RIDE



Cyclists take advantage of Monday's warm weather as they ride on a path along the Big Wood River next to Boxcar Bend near Ketchikan. Today's forecast for the Magic Valley has a 30 percent chance of showers and a high of 53. Please go to <http://www.magicvalley.com/weather/> for a weather update.

## City officials approve Christmas Decor funds

By Jared S. Hopkins  
Staff writer

Buyed by a funding commitment earlier in the day from the city's urban renewal agency, the Twin Falls City Council approved Monday spending \$22,350 for Christmas decorations.

The money will come from the budget of the Historic Downtown Business Improvement District board. But officials said the Twin Falls Urban Renewal Agency and private fundraising will each contribute one-third of the funding total.

Last week, the seven-member BID board approved hiring Christmas Decor, a national franchise that has a Twin Falls operation owned by Blaine Pope, to provide 150 Christmas sprays. The service includes the artificial Olympia pine arrangements that will attach to the lamp-posts downtown, as well as installation, removal and storage during the rest of the year.

Last year, the council approved a BID budget of \$245,500, of which \$20,100 would be used for marketing, according to a city staff report. The one-year contract of \$22,350 is expected to be renewed for at least two years at an annual cost of \$10,200.

The Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce transferred management of the BID to the city in April, and the city now oversees administration. The BID board serves a similar role as other advisory panels and provides council recommendations, but it suppresses all public marketing and advertising.

Earlier in the day, the Twin Falls Urban Renewal Agency Board voted 3-2 to fund \$7,450 for the decorations, despite opposition from members who said there were higher priorities for revitalizing downtown. In his presentation, Mayor Lance Clow identified himself as a "friend" of the BID, not a "member" of the BID.

URA board member Tam Frank said he supported having the decorations, but questioned whether it was a proper agency investment while other concerns, such as extended store hours, need to be addressed.

Frank was also concerned other entities might seek similar funding from the URA board.

"If the camel's head is in the tent, how do we shoos him out?" Frank said.

Dan Olmstead, an Idaho Power Co. community relations representative, told the council financial incentives would be available if the city turned in older light bulbs and used environment-friendly lights. He said Idaho Power is researching exact savings that has already contacted Power.

For seven years, Christmas Decor provided services until the BID ran into budget problems two years ago. Pope said the board late Clow — who's leading the effort — didn't seek offers from cheaper alternatives in the area. Cities don't have to solicit bids if projects cost less than \$25,000, according to state law.

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## Former police chief settled for \$60K

### Decision ends Fisher's wrongful termination lawsuit with Wendell

By Blair Koch  
Correspondent

WENDELL — Former Wendell Police Chief Dave Fisher received \$60,000 in February as settlement for the wrongful termination lawsuit he filed against the city.

On July 10, 2006, Fisher's 17-year career with the Wendell Police Department came to a halt. Fisher had been with the city since 1989, climbing the ranks from a green patrolman fresh out of cadet school to chief, a position he was appointed to in 1999.

"The amount of the settlement was disclosed in records acquired by the Times-News through a public records request."

Fisher had returned to his post after serving a year of active service with the Army National Guard in Iraq and at Fort Lewis, Wash. Fisher had been back to Wendell just two months when the city fired him as police chief.

With the settlement complete,

Fisher discussed the reasons why he was let go for the first time. According to Fisher, his firing was due to his allegedly altering legal documents completed by city officers pertaining to accident reports.

"The city wouldn't comment directly on the situations leading up to Fisher's termination, but Mayor Rick Cowen said city leaders stand behind the decision."

"The council and the mayor at the time (Tex Strickland) felt it was in the best interest of the city of Wendell," Cowen said. "The settlement is no way an admission of fault on either side. We just felt it was time to move on."

Fisher said that during his first week at work after returning from Iraq he was contacted by the Idaho Transportation Department about the police department's failed submission of accident reports over the previous four months. The city is required to submit such reports for statistical use by ITD, he said.

ITD also questioned incomplete

reports filed over the year of Fisher's absence.

"I began reviewing previous accident reports and noted many errors made in them," Fisher said. "I made the necessary corrections to submit the reports as requested."

Some reports needed coding errors or weather conditions corrected based on incident scene photos, while others suffered from more unique inaccuracies.

"One diagram included a silhouette of an alligator on the scene, indicating that an alligator was involved in the accident. This was not correct and was removed from the diagram," Fisher said. "The officer that authored the report later made a written statement to the council that the alligator had been placed in the diagram as a form of late-night entertainment."

The settlement was paid for by the Idaho Counties Risk Management

Program (ICRMP), which provides insurance coverage to government agencies throughout the state.

Fisher's decision to settle came in the face of mounting legal costs.

"I opted to end the lawsuit because I could no longer afford to continue the suit," he said. "The estimated cost, for the next phase of discoveries and actions, was around \$20,000."

ICRMP declined to comment on if the settlement indicated any wrongdoing by the city, citing disclosure exemptions in state law.

"The \$60,000 is a lot less than the nearly \$1 million initially sought by Fisher but he said he's just happy to put the experience behind him."

"Now that the matter is over, I hope to continue a career in law enforcement," Fisher said.

Blair Koch may be reached at 208-316-2607 or [blairkoch@gnmail.com](mailto:blairkoch@gnmail.com).

"The settlement is no way an admission of fault on either side. We just felt it was time to move on."

— Wendell Mayor Rick Cowen

## Roller milk tanker blocks onramp

Staff report

WENDELL — One of two tanks of milk transported on a tanker truck rolled onto its side Monday morning, blocking the eastbound U.S. Interstate-84 Exit 157 onramp south of Wendell for about three hours, according to Idaho State Police.

The driver of the transporter, who was wearing a seat belt, was not injured, said Trooper Nick Walker. Walker declined to identify the driver.

At 11:18 a.m., the truck was headed south on the interstate overpass and, while moving about 20 mph, attempted to turn left onto the onramp, Walker said.

"He just just came around the corner too fast," Walker said.

The driver pressed the brakes, causing the milk to shift inside the tank, which threw the weight of the tank sideways and away from the turn, he said.

"It spilled some milk out," Walker said.

The onramp was reopened after 2 p.m., Walker said.

## North side counties investigate accident

By Cassidy Friedman  
Staff writer

GOODING — Gooding County Sheriff's deputies were investigating a Monday afternoon accident in which a pickup truck struck a pre-teen boy on the Gooding-Lincoln county line, according to Southern Idaho Regional

Communication. The boy, who was taken from the scene by ambulance, was unconscious and experiencing labored breathing, said witness Casey Brunson.

A SIRCComm official said that Gooding County Sheriff's Sgt. Dave Kiger reported no information about the boy's condition

or if the case would be released before today. The Lincoln County Sheriff's Office is assisting Kiger with the investigation.

At 3:50 p.m., SIRCComm received a report that a kid had been hit by a vehicle at 1245 W. County Line Road, a dispatch supervisor said. The accident's location was about one-half mile south of Turkey Lake Road.

Brunson, who works on Jeff Faulkner's ranch, identified the boy as Faulkner's nephew, Johnny Pavkov, 11, of Gooding County.

Brunson said Pavkov, who had been fixing fence on his uncle's ranch, left the driveway

of the ranch on a motorcycle and entered the road.

"I heard something like a gate slamming shut," Brunson said. "So I looked around and I saw the guy (in the truck) stopped. I knew the kid was out there."

Brunson said Pavkov was unconscious least until the point when emergency crews arrived.

"I stayed right there with him," Brunson said. "He had some blood coming out of his head. We covered a laceration on his head with napkins or paper towels to get the bleeding to stop."

No further information was available Monday.

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Darrell Dean Ogden

LAYTON, Utah — Our beloved husband, father, brother, grandfather and great-grandfather returned to his Heavenly Father on Saturday, June 7, 2008, surrounded by his loving family.



He had a three-week stay in the ICU at Ogden Regional Medical Center, where he passed away from respiratory distress after a long, courageous battle with cancer and heart disease.

Darrell Dean Ogden was born March 9, 1933, in Ogden, Utah, to Cella Esther (Les) and Kathryn (Kay) Marie Ogden. He grew up in Ogden and graduated from Ogden High School in 1951.

He attended Weber State College, where he studied art and business. Darrell was employed by Continental Baking Company and retired after 37 years. He began his career as a student salesman at the Ogden bakery. After working in Dallas, Atlanta, and Salt Lake, he returned to Ogden as the general manager. On September 30, 1961, he married his true love and eternal companion, Connie Cole.

The marriage was later solemnized in the LDS temple. This September, they would have celebrated their 47th wedding anniversary. Together they raised three sons and one daughter.

Darrell and Connie stayed young by raising their granddaughter, Kayci, following the sudden death of her mother, Shannan Skinner Ogden. Darrell was an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He served in three bishoprics and in a variety of other church callings. He particularly enjoyed serving as a Sunday School teacher and missionary because it gave him a chance to really get to know his neighbors. Darrell was a loving, kind person who had never met a stranger.

Darrell's relatives, including golfing with his sons and his

fisher in the Island Park area with his lifelong friend, De Jensen. His backyard was a living example of his passion for birding and the outdoors; colorful blooms, a bounty of vegetables and birdseed filled his garden. Within his woodshop, he created beautiful cradles to hold his precious grandchildren and endless crafts he shared with family and friends.

He is survived by his wife, Connie; and children, Greg of Wichita, Kan.; Mike (Tamie) of West Jordan, Utah; Tracie Cleveland (Dan) of Kelburg; Ryan (Misty) of Draper; and granddaughter, Kayci Ogden. Also surviving are 15 other grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and "adopted" daughter, C.J. Johnson (Jeff) and their four children. He is also survived by his brother, Les (Dee) Ogden; and sisters, Kathryn (Ray) Kennedy, Tamara Douglas aunts Linda Crith, etc.

We are so grateful for the care he received from the nurses, doctors and respiratory therapists in the Critical Care Unit at Ogden Regional Medical Center during his last few weeks with us. A special thanks to Dr. Regina Klein, Nancy, Lisa and all of the nurses who treated him in the Critical Care Unit at Ogden Regional Medical Center during his last few weeks with us. A special thanks to Dr. Regina Klein, Nancy, Lisa and all of the nurses who treated him in the Critical Care Unit at Ogden Regional Medical Center during his last few weeks with us.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 14, at Kay's Creek Stake Center, 2680 E. Cherry Lane in Layton. Friends and family may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, June 13, at Lindquist's Layton Mortuary, 1867 N. Fairfield Road in Layton, Utah, and Saturday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the church.

Interment will be in the Willard Cemetery. E-mail condolences to the family at [http://www.lindquistmortuary.com](mailto:Darrell's tributes include golfing with his sons and his).

DEATH NOTICES

Vera P. Richman

BURLEY — Vera Page Richman, 92, of Burley, died Saturday, June 7, 2008, at Highland Estates in Burley. The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 14, at the Springdale LDS Church, 559 E. 200 S. of Burley; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, June 13, at Parkview Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from 10 until 10:45 a.m. Saturday at the church.

Jean Petersen

BURLEY — Reba Jean Petersen, 77, of Burley, died Friday, June 6, 2008, at her home. A memorial service will be held at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, June 14, at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley.

Oran C. Scholl Jr.

Oran C. Scholl Jr., 73, of Twin Falls passed away on Monday June 9, 2008 at Sunbridge Care

Withers earns Eagle Scout

Tyler Withers, 15, earned his Boy Scouts of America Eagle Scout Award May 31 at his Eagle Court of Honor. He is a member of the Pack 618 Troop 59, sponsored by the Twin Falls LDS 1st Ward. Tyler is the son of Tom and Tina Withers of Twin Falls. He earned 25 merit badges on his way to the rank of Eagle. One more

and Rehabilitation. At his request no service is planned (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Edward Mitchell

Edward Mitchell, 7, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, June 8, 2008, at his home. Arrangements will be announced by Parke's Magic Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

Roy B. Smalley

BUHL — Roy Bryan Smalley, 78, of Buhl, died Monday, June 9, 2008, at his home. Arrangements will be announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

Francis D. Fairchild

BURLEY — Francis Dean Fairchild, 69, of Burley, died Monday, June 9, 2008, at her home. Arrangements will be announced by the Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley.

merit badge will earn him a Bronze Eagle Palm Award. For his Eagle Project, he replaced the damaged and aging picnic tables at Wilson Lake with form-poured concrete picnic tables. He taught his troop members and leaders, family, friends, Modern Woodmen of America, Valley Recreation District, Triple C Concrete, Dallas Jenks, Home Depot, E&J Steel, Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Keystone Group, Sawtooth Vacuum and Water

Saudis call for talks; oil experts see no change

By Donna Abu-Nasz Associated Press writer



A sign with gas prices posted at near \$4.999 and above are posted at a Shell gas station in Redwood City, Calif., Monday. Retail gas prices rose further above a national average of \$4 Monday, and are likely to keep rising as distributors and retailers hike prices in response to last week's.

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia — A summit between oil-producing countries and consumer states to discuss soaring energy prices, Information and Culture Minister lyad Madani said Monday.

The kingdom will also work with OPEC to "guarantee the availability of oil supplies now and in the future," the minister said following the weekly cabinet meeting, held in the seaport city of Jeddah.

Madani said that the kingdom has informed "all oil companies it deals with as well as countries that consume oil" that the kingdom is ready to provide them with any additional oil they need. "The Saudi Cabinet has instructed Oil Minister Ali al-Naimi to call for a meeting in the near future that will include representatives of oil-producing countries, consumers and companies that work in extracting, exporting and selling oil to look into the price hike, its causes and how to deal with it," said Madani. "The Saudi announcement comes just three days after the biggest single-day price leap ever, when it surged more than \$11 to surpass \$120 per barrel. Retail gas prices rose further above \$4 Monday in the United States, the world's

largest oil consumer, following the unprecedented price rally. The kingdom will work to ensure there will be no "unwarranted and unnatural oil price hikes that could affect international economies, especially those of developing countries," said Madani. "There is no justification for the current rise in prices," he said. On Monday, light, sweet crude for July delivery fell \$4.18 to \$134.36 a barrel in volatile trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

"It's not a situation that's going to move the market today," said Phil Flynn at Alaron Trading Corp. in Chicago, suggesting that there it might have a more long term effect. "I do think a conference is warranted, we need to sit down."

Jim Ritterbusch, president of

of the U.S.-based energy consultancy, Ritterbusch and Associates cautioned that such meetings have taken place in the past and could be more an effort to calm the market without taking concrete measures.

"It's not anywhere near as significant as if they called an emergency OPEC meeting," he said. "It seems to me to be more political than anything... They're reaching their worry threshold."

The Saudis are concerned that sustained high oil prices will eventually weaken the world's appetite for oil, affecting them in the long run.

Investors last month shrugged off news that Saudi Arabia had increased production by 300,000 barrels a day after a visit from President Bush, who sought a major production increase. Energy experts say most producers have little ability to expand output. The exception is Saudi Arabia, which is producing about 9.4 million barrels a day and has the ability to increase production by about 2 million barrels a day, but has not done so.

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National meeting of park officials draws fire

WASHINGTON (AP) — Leaders of the National Park Service will gather next month at a private resort in the Utah mountains for a summit meeting that some critics say will take more like a \$1 million exercise in political promotion.

The agenda, he said, is to point out all of the great things that they've done for parks and conservation, when most of us believe they've done far more harm than good. The criticism isn't unanimous. Several park superintendents contacted said they view the meeting as an opportunity to get together with peers, compare notes and renew relationships.

The national meeting, set for July 16-17 at Snowbird, Utah, will bring together more than 400 park superintendents and other top Park Service officials to hear from Interior Secretary Dirk Kempthorne. Park Service Director Mary Marmar, Utah Republican Gov. Jon Huntsman and others. Some of those attending the conference question the value of a meeting with political leaders who won't be around in just a few short months, when the Bush administration ends. They also say the timing is bad, coming in the month when many parks are having their busiest period of the year.

And they say the cost — estimated at \$1 million or more for travel, rooms and meals — is an unnecessary burden for their budgets, already taxed by a backlog of unfunded maintenance. None of the current park officials who were critical of the meeting would allow their names to be used, saying they feared retribution. But Bill Wade, the retired superintendent of the Shennandoah National Park, says he's been hearing such comments for months from his former colleagues. "This is being done almost exclusively to try to bolster the legacy of the department and

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EDITORIAL

It's time: Repeal recreational access fees

What does the term "public lands" mean, exactly? Woody Guthrie probably came closest to the right definition 68 years ago when he wrote, "This land is your land, this land is my land."

So why should we have to pay to use it? Sen. Mike Crapo, R-Idaho, and Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., don't think we should. So they're making yet another attempt to do away with such fees.

Their Fee Repeal and Expanded Access Act would roll back provisions of earlier legislation allowing federal land managers to charge recreational access fees and to raise national park entry fees.

Baucus introduced the bill in December as an alternative to what he described as "double taxation."

Mandatory user fees for access to many of those lands limits accessibility to those who can afford the cost, and results in a "pay-to-play" system that is unacceptable," Crapo said in a news release.

The bill was assigned to the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, of which Crapo's fellow Idaho senator, Larry Craig, is a member. And that's where it has stayed.

A hearing on the bill was scheduled for April 15, but was canceled in favor of other issues before the committee, said Crapo representative Lindsay Nothern. The bill's backers would like to see a hearing scheduled to clear up misconceptions about the bill, Nothern said, but the situation is out of their control.

A Craig spokesperson could not be reached last week to talk about the bill. Nothern said the senator opposed the bill.

User fees have an unfortunate history in Idaho. The access fees started as a "fee demo" program in 1986 and were eventually eliminated in the Sawtooth National Forest in 2005, in the face of increasing public resistance. But the ability to charge such fees was added to the law in 2005 when it was attached to the Senate Appropriations omnibus spending bill. It didn't receive a full vote in either chamber of Congress, and also overturned legislation abolishing the fee demo.

That's public land management policy by default, and it's unfair.

There are good reasons for charging folks to get into a national park, but national parks are only a fraction of public land in the United States. The rest should be free and open to all.

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Why Obama is no JFK

Barack Obama's youthfulness, soaring rhetoric and style make comparisons with John F. Kennedy inevitable. Sometimes, however, the Illinois Democrat invites the comparisons.



JONATHAN GURWITZ

He's invoked Kennedy in several instances to defend his policy of meeting with the leaders of enemy nations without preconditions. In the most recent example at a campaign event in Oregon, he said, "Strong countries and strong presidents talk to their adversaries. That's what Kennedy did with Khrushchev."

If Lloyd Bentsen were alive, he'd be able to say it best: "Senator, I served with Jack Kennedy; I knew Jack Kennedy; Jack Kennedy was a friend of mine. Senator, you're no Jack Kennedy."

If Obama goes to the White House in January, he will do so with four years of national service. By the time Kennedy took the presidential oath in 1961, he had already served six years in the House and eight years in the Senate.

One of Obama's greatest claims to international expertise is four years of his post-graduate work in Kenya. "Voters will have to judge if living in a foreign country at the age of 10," Hillary Clinton has mocked, "prepares one to face the big, complex international challenges the next president will face."

In 1937 as storm clouds gathered over Europe, Kennedy traveled the continent as a college student. A year later he joined his father, then U.S. ambassador to Great Britain, at the American embassy in London.

For most of 1939, he traveled Europe, the Soviet Union and the Middle East.



"Senator, I served with Jack Kennedy; I knew Jack Kennedy; Jack Kennedy was a friend of mine. Senator, you're no Jack Kennedy."

Lloyd Bentsen

conducting research for his senior thesis. He was in Germany in August of that year, returning to London on Sept. 1 — the date of the German invasion of Poland and the beginning of World War II.

Kennedy finished his thesis in 1940. Its title, conceived without the influence of George W. Bush, was "Appasement in Munich," later published as the best-selling book "Why England Slept." In it, he argued that the democracies' slow response to Nazi militarization encouraged Hitler's aggression and made conflict inevitable.

Kennedy was a combat veteran and hero of the war in the Pacific. He spent more time in the military than Obama at this point has spent in the Senate. And all this before Kennedy set foot

in Congress as an elected official.

Yes, Kennedy did go to Vienna in 1961 for a high-level summit with Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev. What Obama doesn't say or doesn't know is that despite a resume that dwarfs his own, despite a keen understanding of the disadvantages democratic leaders face in encounters with totalitarian leaders, Kennedy left Vienna humiliated — and entered a more treacherous-ordeal.

Khrushchev dangerously misperceived his ability to embarrass the young president as a sign of American weakness. Within months, he gave the order to begin erecting the Berlin Wall. The following year, he began moving Soviet missiles into Cuba.

Talking with Khrushchev in Vienna — the kind of face-to-

face, media-spectacle that Obama endorses — made the United States manifestly more unsafe and a dangerous world even more perilous.

Kennedy didn't salvage the Cuban Missile Crisis by negotiating with Fidel Castro — something Kennedy never did and which is the closest approximation to the diplomatic glad-handing Obama has endorsed for Hugo Chavez, Kim Jong Il and Mahmoud Ahmadinejad.

Instead, he did so by exercising American military might and taking the nation to the brink of nuclear war with Russia while discreetly negotiating Khrushchev back from the nuclear precipice with a secret American offer to remove American missiles from Turkey.

Kennedy, despite all his preparation, nearly stumbled into nuclear Armageddon with Khrushchev. Yet Obama, who in 20 years couldn't muster the fortitude to speak a critical word to the leader of his church, is going to bowl over the likes of Chavez, Kim and Ahmadinejad?

Don't count on it.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Paper dropped the ball on Democratic primary

On May 27, I voted in the primary on the Democratic ballot. The next day's issue of the Times-News omitted the Democratic heading for president. I'm curious to know how that issue was voted. I cannot believe there was no information on Democratic presidential votes at the time you went to press.

Perhaps I'm the only one who voted the Democratic ticket and you didn't consider it worth the space to report one person's vote. World events and news appear near the back of the paper while cute, fuzzy-feeling articles get front-page coverage.

GLORIA HANN Twin Falls (Editor's Note: No results were reported because Democratic delegates were awarded at caucuses in February. The May 27 "caucus" is not sanctioned by the party and is irrelevant.)

Jerome Co. commish thanks public for support

I wish to extend my heartfelt appreciation to all those individuals who have helped me in a multitude of ways during my two campaigns for Jerome County commissioner. All have gone above and beyond their support for me.

Additionally, I am sincerely grateful to all those individuals who have taken the time to write letters, send cards, phone and/or visit my home to wish me well. I am humbled by their dedication and sincere commitment to help bring about change for the betterment of all who may reside in Jerome County now and for those who choose to relocate here in the future.

And to all those who share my deep desire and continued commitment to improve the health, welfare and safety of Jerome County's citizenry. I thank you from the

bottom of my heart. DIANA OBENAUER Jerome

BASE jumping attracts people from far and wide

There is an interesting local spectator sport I've watched for a few years. BASE jumping at the Perrine Bridge, which, in BASE jumper circles is sometimes called the Potato Bridge because it is in Idaho.

A few weekends ago, I watched a few go off and asked a BASE jumper at the south rim if they were locals. He said he was from Mississippi, the four that went off were from Pennsylvania, and he'd hooked up with one from California and two from London. I said "I guess you're not locals." Although I know there are a bunch of locals as well.

Last week, I hiked down to their landing site in the Snake River Canyon. I'd noticed on their Internet site they had requested litter cleanup for

the Memorial Day weekend. I looked clean to me.

I watched five float down — four from Las Vegas and one from Southern California. The perspective from the bottom is neat, compared to just watching from the top.

I stopped by the chamber parking lot a few days ago. I asked a BASE jumper where he was from. He said Perth, I said Perth is in western Australia as well and shared such with him. He was waiting for a jumper he'd met from Europe. The guy arrived and he said he was from Poland and was flying back the next day.

What strikes me is how this low-key Perrine Bridge BASE jumper has become a magnet attracting BASE jumpers from all over the country and the world. Something we can be proud of and support.

Sure, problems can occur on occasion, but on a year-long basis, they are a minor part of the big picture. ART SELIN Twin Falls

THE LIGHTER SIDE OF POLITICS

Cartoon strip by Garry Trudeau and Bruce Tinsley. Characters discuss political events like the '08 election and Obama's vice-presidential pick.



# Spotty rules govern crane industry

By Amy Westfield  
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Dan Mooney has no idea what it will take for his construction cranes to pass inspection.

The crane company owner recently asked New York City officials for a list of safety hazards that inspectors look for. He was told that information wasn't public.

"How am I supposed to know what I need if you won't tell me?" Mooney asked. "It's like not posting the speed limit."

In 35 other states, crane companies face a different problem: Operators don't need licenses of any kind.

An associated Press analysis found that cities and states have wildly varying rules governing construction cranes, and some have no regulations at all, choosing instead to rely on federal guidelines dating back nearly 40 years that some experts say haven't kept up with technological advances.

Crane safety is getting extra scrutiny following an alarming number of crane-related deaths in recent months in places such as New York, Miami and Las Vegas.

In New York City, two crane accidents since March have killed five people — a greater number than the total deaths from cranes over the past decade. Many states have no count

## Crane deaths highest in South and West

Since 1992, the highest number of crane-related fatalities have occurred in California, Florida and Texas. Nationwide, deaths have decreased 38 percent since 1992.

Deaths by state, 1992-2006



NOTE: Includes fatalities where either primary or secondary source of injury was the crane, or where wider activity was operating crane.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

of their cranes, nor do they mandate training for workers who run the equipment, or for officials who certify crane operators. Even the federal government acknowledged last month that updated standards would prevent some crane accidents.

New York City has only four inspectors on the payroll to inspect more than 200

cranes, 26 of them large tower cranes. About four inspections are conducted each day, a routine that one 40-year industry veteran said won't detect real problems such as the rebuilt crane part blamed for a crane collapse last month.

"That's impossible," said Ron Brodek, an inspector from Chandler, Ariz. "You're

just looking through the paperwork then. It's a drive-by inspection."

The crane standards of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration were last updated in 1971. They require cranes to be inspected once a year. But most of the inspections never happen. OSHA, which is part of the Labor Department, inspected only about 23,000 of the country's some 4 million construction sites last year.

Labor Department spokeswoman Sharon Worley said she didn't know how many of those sites had cranes, but the federal government last year issued \$500,000 in annual penalties for crane violations.

Updating the regulations, Worley said, "is a top regulatory priority" for the agency. But approving the rules could still take more than a year after the Labor Department finishes an internal review of the proposed new regulations.

Running a crane is among the most highly specialized skills in construction. Operators of tower cranes, like the two that collapsed into Manhattan residential neighborhoods, cannot see the loads they're picking up and must use a radio to communicate with workers on the ground.

One wrong move can bring tragic consequences. In March, two construction

workers in Florida were killed when a crane plummeted 30 stories onto a condo project, damaging the home used in the movie "The Beaches."

"There's certification for your plumbers, your pipe fitters," said John Lindsey, a crane operator and treasurer of his union local in Jefferson City, Mo. "Why in the heck won't they hear about certification for your operators?"

Bruce Whitten, chairman of the Florida Crane Owners Council, bemoaned the state's lack of licensing requirements for crane operators.

"Anyone can operate a crane," he said. "I can take you over there and you can go operate a crane."

But Whitten was among industry leaders who sued to block Miami-Dade County crane ordinances enacted last spring that would have required that operators be licensed and that cranes withstand wind speeds of 140 mph. The lawsuit said none of the 200 cranes operating in the county could meet the standard.

Florida lawmakers introduced a bill that reduced the wind speed limit to 120 mph and required a national operator's test, but Miami-Dade legislators blocked it, saying it would weaken local standards.

Water, at record levels, from the Root River flows over the Horlick Dam in Racine, Wis., on Sunday, following heavy rains.

## Flash floods inundate Wis. town again

LAKE DELTON, Wis. (AP)

Flash floods inundated a southwest Wisconsin town Monday for the second time in 10 months, while 60 miles away an embankment along a man-made lake gave way, unleashing a powerful current that ripped homes off their foundations.

The swollen Kickapoo River engulfed nearly the entire village of Gays Mills, forcing about 150 people to evacuate. The town was rained to a grid of canals with cars submerged up to their windows and parking lots looking like lakes, just as it was last August.

Floodwater threatened dams across the Midwest, and military crews joined desperate sandbagging operations to hold back Indiana streams surging toward record levels. Stormy weekend weather was blamed for 10 deaths, most in the Midwest.

While the Midwest struggled with flooding, the East was locked in a sauna. Heat advisories were posted Monday from the Carolinas to Connecticut, with temperatures topping 100 from Georgia to Virginia. New York City recorded a high of 99.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers said Monday it would close a 250-mile stretch of the Mississippi River — from Fulton, Ill., to Clarksville, Mo. — as soon as Thursday because of flooding, bringing barge traffic to a halt.

The closure could last up to two weeks, corps spokesman Ron Fournier said.

In Wisconsin, an embankment forming the side of the man-made Lake Delton failed, and the water poured out into the nearby Wisconsin River. The 245-acre lake nearly emptied, washing out part of a highway, sweeping away three homes and tearing apart two others.

"It's horrible. There's no way we could stop it," said Thomas Diehl, a Lake Delton village trustee. "The breach is between 300 and 400 feet wide. The volume (of water) was just so great there wasn't anything anyone could do."

In Gays Mills, residents stood on the edge of their ruined town, so close to finally turning the corner before this latest flood.

"I can't believe this is happening again," said Liz Klekamp, 23, who said she grabbed her cat and fled Monday morning when water came pouring into her house. "It's really, truly sad."

When asked if this was the end of the town, Village President Larry McCann just stared ahead. "It could be," he answered.

A couple thousand people in Columbia County about 30 miles north of Madison were urged to evacuate below the Wycocena and Partridgeville dams, said Pat Teghina, a spokesman for the county's emergency management. The Wycocena Dam's spillway had washed out, and workers were sandbagging to try to save it, Teghina said. The Partridgeville dam also was overflowing, he said. A new storm system headed toward the Ohio Valley from the southern Plains on Monday, dumping 4 inches of rain on parts of Oklahoma, where authorities said wet roads contributed to the deaths of two motorists in separate accidents.

## Attacker in Tokyo foretold mayhem in messages

By Jay Alabaster  
Associated Press writer

TOKYO — As mourners, some weeping, filed Japanese corpses, flowers and other mementoes at the scene of a deadly stabbing rampage, the government Monday sought to impose tighter controls over large knives and provide better security in public places.

News that the attacker had posted Internet messages saying he intended to kill people in the Akihabara district, the heart of Tokyo's comic book and youth culture, added to the shock as Japan struggled to make sense of the violence, which left seven people dead and 10 wounded.

"It's unbelievable that things like this are happening in our country," said 19-year-old Tsutomu Hirano, who attended high school with one of the victims, paying respects at the makeshift memorial.

Tomohiro Kato, 25, a temporary worker at a factory outside Tokyo, was splattered with blood when he was arrested Sunday during the lunchtime attack in the crowded shopping district.

Police say Kato rammed a rented two-ton truck into a crowd of shoppers, then jumped out and began stabbing victims who had been knocked down before lashing out at others in the crowd.

Three people were killed by the impact of the truck

and the four others died of stab wounds, police said.

On Monday, Internet sites and the media carried a series of messages posted on an electronic bulletin board in the hours before the attack.

National broadcaster NHK said Kato posted messages under a thread titled, "I will kill people in Akihabara," and wrote: "I want to crash the vehicle and, if it becomes useless, I will then use a knife. Goodbye, everyone."

According to the NHK report, another message was sent from Akihabara by cell phone that read: "It's time," just 20 minutes before the truck hit the first pedestrian.

On Tuesday, Kato was transferred from police custody to a holding cell at the Tokyo prosecutors office.

Under Japanese law, a sus-

pect can be held by police for two days and then must be transferred to the custody of prosecutors, who then have 20 days to either file charges or release the suspect.

A police spokesman said Kato has generally been cooperative, though unapologetic, during questioning and has at times broken down into tears.



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## Lakers look to bounce back as finals shift to L.A.

**By Tom Wetters**  
Associated Press writer

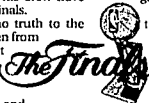
LOS ANGELES — Frequent flyers, the Los Angeles Lakers were allowed an unlimited number of carry-on items for their trip home. It remains to be seen if any of them contained momentum. After losing two games in Boston, the Lakers returned to California on Monday in a hole as deep as Topanga Canyon. Over 96 minutes, they have looked nothing like the team which pulverized Denver, pushed aside Utah and swatted away San Antonio with ease on the way to winning the Western Conference title. With the exception of an eight-

minute stretch at the end of Game 2, Kobe Bryant and his crew have looked sickly in the finals. However, there's no truth to the rumor they were taken from their charter plane at LAX in Paul Pierce's infamous wheelchair-chairs. Though down 0-2, and facing history along with the league's toughest defense, the Lakers felt good about their comeback — they whacked a 24-point deficit to two over the final 7:55 — and are confident they can swing the series at the Staples Center in Game on Tuesday night. They are 8-0 in the postseason

and unbeaten in 14 home games since March 2. "All they did is protect their home court," said Lakers guard Sasha Vujacic, who made two 3-pointers in the fourth quarter of Sunday's 108-102 loss and had a potential go-ahead 3 blocked by Pierce with 14 seconds left. "All they did was protect their home court, so it's going to be a different story in L.A." It had better be. Only three teams: Boston against Los Angeles in 1969, Portland against Philadelphia in 1977, and Miami against Dallas in 2006 have

overcome an 0-2 deficit to win it all. The Lakers have some work to do if they intend to be the fourth. Through two games, they have been outdistanced, outmuscled, out-everythinged by a Celtics team now two wins from a 17th NBA championship. Following Sunday's loss, Los Angeles coach Phil Jackson was asked if the team can carry the momentum from their failed, frantic fourth-quarter comeback into Game 3. "No, no," said Jackson, who has been delivering one-liners like Rodney Dangerfield during the series. "It's 2,500 miles away. It's too far to carry it." The purple-and-gold, though, have been a different club while

playing before super fan Jack Nicholson and Hollywood's glitzy crowd. Like the Celtics, the Lakers will try to feed off the energy of being back in familiar surroundings. The perpetually page 02 s u n d a y s e d Nicholson, who was a no-show in Boston, has been around long enough to remember the days when the NBA finals were in a 2-2-1-1 format, that is, the team with the best record hosts Games 1 and 2 and hits the road for Games 3 and 4 before the series goes back and forth for Games 5, 6 and 7.



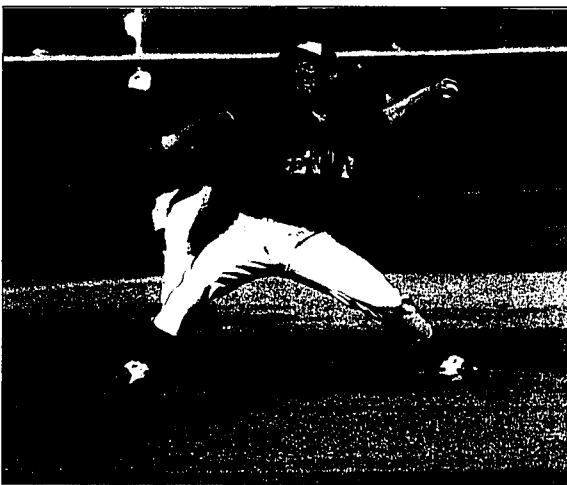
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## Cyclones hang on

Minico rally almost offsets Bobrowski's slam in Jerome win

**By Zach Kyle**  
Staff writer

RUPERT — In American Legion Class AA play, the Jerome Cyclones jumped to an early 8-0 lead Monday then barely survived a late Minico rally to edge the Spartans 10-9. Shortstop Nathan Bobrowski gave Jerome an 8-0 lead in the fourth inning with a grand slam off of Casey Christensen. Bobrowski batted 2-for-2 on the day with two walks, a double and five RBIs. "I've been working on keeping my weight back and being more selective at the plate," Bobrowski said. "I got my pitches today. It just happened to work out."



Jerome Cyclones pitcher Logan Parker throws against the Minico Spartans Monday during Class AA American Legion action in Rupert.

"Bos has been carrying us all season."  
— Jerome coach Kenneth James, on Kris Bos, who had four RBIs Monday

I've got too many guys who are soft, who let the game come to them and hope it will be OK. I've got to find the guys that will get after it and play ball." Parker, a lefty, struck out only three batters, but he walked none and kept the ball down. Minico hit only one ball in the air during the first four innings. Minico's rallies didn't come until Parker wore down a bit and left the ball up. "When you get a little tired, you start releasing a little later, letting the ball get up higher,

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Recaps of Monday's American Legion doubleheaders  
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they start finding holes. And that's a good hitting team," Parker said. Bobrowski said Minico has a knack for making games interesting. "Whether Minico has their young guys out there like today or their high school team, they always find a way to keep it going. They never give up," Bobrowski said.

Travis Cooley batted 3-for-4 for the Cyclones and pitched the final four outs to earn the save. Frank said he was frustrated by Minico's inconsistency, but said he was pleased that several younger players initiated the Spartan rallies with clutch base hits. One of those guys was Christensen, who extended the sixth with an RBI single. "Out of a young guy like me, you don't expect a double or a homer. But a little single can get it going," Christensen said. Results from Game 2 were unavailable by 11 p.m. Monday.

## U.S. Open now leans toward public courses

**By Doug Ferguson**  
Associated Press writer

SAN DIEGO — This would never happen at a tony club like Shinnecock Hills or Merion. Henrik Stenson wanted to see the golf course hosting the U.S. Open, so he arranged to play Torrey Pines last December. One of the top 20 players in the world, whose victories include a World Golf Championship, Stenson ordinarily would have called the head pro to set up a tee, and the pro might have arranged to have one of the club's best players join him. But this isn't a country club. So the Swede went online and booked a tee time. He paid his fee in the pro shop. He went to the practice range to warm up and hit yellow-painted golf balls with a black stripe around them that didn't seem to go very far. It took him a few shots to realize there was nothing wrong with his swing. "They were limited-flight balls," Stenson said. Stenson had brought a friend with him from Dubai, and the starter assigned another twosome to join them, a young couple that only recently started playing. Her name was Pamela Anderson, no relation to the "Baywatch" babe. "It's just say it was an interesting round," Stenson said.

Outlets of that happening will go up the more the USGA takes its premier championship to places everyone can play. Five of the next eight U.S. Opens, starting this week with Torrey Pines, will be held at courses that require only money, not membership, whether the are pricey resorts like Pebble Beach or government-owned tracks like Bethpage Beach on Long Island. USGA executive director David Fay believes the trend reflects how the majority of golf is played in this country. "Since I joined the USGA in 1975, I've seen the profile of American golf change," Fay said. "Most of American golf is played on fee courses, and most of our individual (USGA) members play on fee courses. I was influenced by my own background. The only golf I played on private courses was Monday morning, which was caddie day. Otherwise, it was public golf." Bethpage was the first taxpayer-owned course owned to host the U.S. Open in 2002, when Tiger Woods won by three shots over Phil Mickelson, two stars who grew up playing public golf. Torrey Pines is the first city-owned golf course to host the U.S. Open.

## Giants' Strahan retires after 15 years

**By Tom Canavan**  
Associated Press writer

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Michael Strahan had what he wanted — a Super Bowl championship to add to a resume featuring seven Pro Bowls and two sack records. Now it was time to leave football and leave the New York Giants after 15 years in the NFL. Four months after a stunning Super Bowl victory over the previously unbeaten New England Patriots, the 36-year-old Strahan informed Giants co-owner John Mara he was done. He will be walking away with a \$4 million contract for the 2008 season. "I told him he's been a great Giant," Mara said Monday. "He thanked me for everything the organization has

done for him. I said, 'I think you've done more for us than we can ever do for you.'" Strahan never told his coaches or his teammates of his decision. They learned of it from reporters at practice. "I'm just finding out about it let me get organized," coach Tom Coughlin said after a team workout. Strahan, who has long said he wants a job in television, plans to hold a news conference Tuesday at Giants Stadium. Tony Agnone, Strahan's agent, said the Giants offered

Strahan more money in an effort to get him to play another year. "Money was never the issue for him," Agnone told The Association Press. "Really I thought he was going to retire before last season. I'm happy he stayed around." Agnone added that getting the ring was probably the one thing that convinced Strahan to leave a game in which he might be the best and at playing both the run and the pass. "He really felt he has a chance to repeat this year," Agnone said. "So it was tough to walk away." Strahan's retirement was first reported by FoxSports.com. "It was important that my teammates knew which way I

## Griffey hits No. 600 against Marlins

**By Charlie McCarthy**  
Associated Press writer

MIAMI — Ken Griffey Jr. hit his 600th home run on Monday night, completing his long ascent and becoming the sixth player in history to reach that milestone. The Cincinnati outfielder homered off Florida lefty Mark Hendrickson in the first inning of the Reds' 9-4 victory against the Marlins. Griffey joined Barry Bonds, Hank Aaron, Babe Ruth, Willie Mays and Sammy Sosa. The 39-year-old homered with Jerry Hairston on third and one out. The left-handed swinger launched a 3-1 pitch 413 feet into the right-field seats. Griffey received a standing ovation from the crowd of 16,003 and responded by com-

ing out of the Reds dugout and waving his helmet to the fans. "I don't think I touched any of the bases. I sort of floated around," Griffey said. Manager Dusty Baker has managed the last three players to achieve the milestone: Bonds in San Francisco, Sosa in Chicago and now Griffey. He was there for Bonds' 600th, on Aug. 9, 2002. "It's awesome every time you see a '6' tallstone like that," Baker said. "It doesn't take away from the others. It adds to it." The game was the last one of an eight-game road trip for the Reds, who will return home Tuesday night to play the St. Louis Cardinals. Controversy ensued in the



Cincinnati Reds outfielder Ken Griffey Jr. waves to the crowd after he hit his 600th home run during the first inning against the Florida Marlins Monday at Dolphin Stadium.

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Find your her game again: Michelle Wie qualifies for U.S. Open

ROCKVILLE, MD — Despite playing 36 holes on a humid day with temperatures nearly reaching triple digits, Michelle Wie was still able to flash a big smile as she sat down with the media.

lead to another strong close. AT&T Classic will not return in 2009 ATLANTA — Atlanta is losing its regular PGA Tour event after four decades because it could not find a title sponsor, paving the way for the Valero Texas Open to move its tournament to the spring.

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## FUEL REPORT

**Staff report**

The price for a gallon of regular-grade gasoline in south-central Idaho increased about 2 cents compared to last week to a regional average of \$3.98.

The average price for a gallon of diesel increased almost 10 cents compared to last week. The average price for diesel in south-central Idaho reached \$4.83 per gallon.

The national average price for a gallon of regular gas rose 1.8 cents overnight to a record \$4.023, according to AAA and the Oil Price Information Service.

Retail gas prices are likely to keep rising in response to last week's unprecedented oil price rally.

### Gas prices

- Twin Falls: *Maverik Country Store*, 120 6th Ave. W., \$3.92
- Jerome: *Flying J*, 5350 U.S. Highway 93, \$3.96
- Burley: *Smith's Fuel*, 937 E. Main St., \$3.75

### Diesel prices

- Twin Falls: *Sinclair*, 1990 Kimberly Rd., \$4.74
- Jerome: *Flying J*, 5350 U.S. Highway 93, \$4.72
- Burley: *Loves Travel Stop & Country Store*, 260 Centennial Dr., Heyburn, \$4.74

\*Prices quotes by Mapquest.com as of Monday. Subject to change at any time.

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Butter		
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Class III milk		
Average price	\$18.18	+1.42
Class IV milk		
Average price	\$15.26	+.700

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Corn (Per 100 pounds)		
Dairy Feed Supply	\$11.25	—
Land O'Lakes	\$11.50	+.50
Rangen	\$10.60	—
Barley (Per 100 pounds)		
Rangen	\$9.50	—
Ogden	\$7.60	-2.20
Pocatello	\$8.75	-.25
Burley	\$9.50	—

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Alfalfa	Low N/A	High N/A
Wheat straw	Low N/A	High N/A

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Soft white wheat		
Rangen	Ask	N/A
Wendell Elevator Co.	\$9.00	
Ogden	\$6.25	-2.00
Pocatello	\$6.40	-1.35
Burley	\$6.03	-1.72

Dry beans (per 100)		
Rangen		
Pinto	\$33.00	-1.00
Small Red	\$34.00	-6.00
Soranco	\$35.00	+2.00
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# Cheese market to stay strong despite milk prices

**By Joshua Palmer Staff writer**

The cheese market seems like it's riding a roller coaster as milk prices rise and fall.

Class III Milk prices in Idaho and throughout the west declined over the past two weeks as discounted milk from states such as California entered the market. However, prices are expected to rise in mid- to late-June as demand outpaces south-central Idaho's production.

Current cheese interest has slowed recently in some parts of the west as producers reduced milk purchases at near-record

high prices, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Although dairy processors in south-central Idaho are not cutting back on production, industry representatives say the region is not immune to market factors.

"You will see less buyer interest at higher prices because cheese producers don't want to feel like they are buying at the top of the market," said Dick Naeberbauer, an industry representative with the Idaho Dairywomen's Association.

In Idaho and throughout the Pacific Northwest, seasonal conditions are cooler and wetter than normal — improving milk production, but delaying the harvest

of dairy feed.

Alfalfa is already in short supply in Idaho, which is expected to push prices past \$177 per ton. The increase in feed prices will likely push raw milk prices even higher.

Some western plants bought heavily discounted milk over the last two weeks, the USDA reported. The supply may help processors avoid price increases during the coming month.

The near-term outlook for cheese producers, however, indicates strong growth as cheese buyers step up demand despite rising prices.

The USDA reports that many producers say June cheese is

already sold and that the first available cheese is in early July.

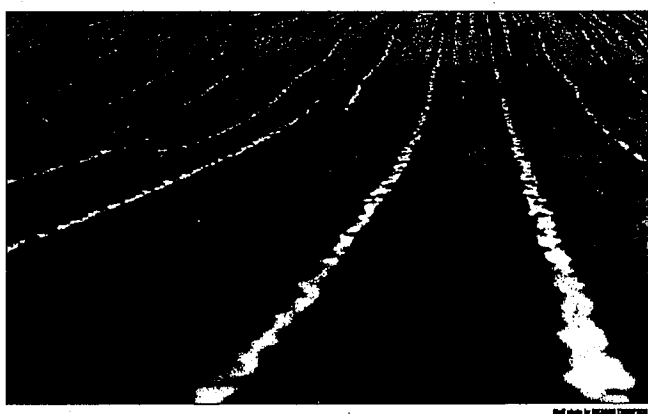
According to the Dairy Products report, total cheese production in the U.S. in April was more than 814 million pounds, an increase of 1.4 percent compared to last year.

In the Western Region, which includes Idaho, production in April was 34.4 million pounds, down about 3.4 percent.

However, the West still produced more than 43 percent of total cheese in the U.S.

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# Input costs become MORE VOLATILE



Chon Carrero digs out an irrigation ditch so that the water moves through easily Wednesday afternoon while he zigzags across a field of corn sprouts in a field west of Twin Falls. Recent price increases have made it difficult for farmers to decide which day to lock in prices for input items such as chemicals, fuel and fertilizer.

# Dow announces 20 percent price increase

**By Cindy Snyder Correspondent**

Volatility has been the trend for agricultural input costs during the first quarter of 2008 and analysts don't see anything to suggest that volatility will subside any time soon.

"Agriculture is carrying more risk today than in any period in recent history," said Kelly Olson, administrator for the Idaho Barley Commission.

Managing market risk through the use of forward contracts or the futures market has gained acceptance, but producers looking for tools to manage risk on the input side are finding their options limited.

Pre-purchasing inputs such as fuel, fertilizer and chemical is fairly common. But with fuel prices

increasing from 45 percent to 55 percent and fertilizer prices up about 65 percent since January, picking which day to lock in a price has been difficult.

And in some cases, not even possible.

Fertilizer supplies were so tight this spring and the price so volatile, that many suppliers were unwilling to guarantee a price beyond a few days.

Many fertilizers, particularly nitrogen, are petroleum-based. Developing countries such as China and India are increasing the world demand for fuel at the same time farmers in those countries are ramping up agricultural production and competing with American producers for fertilizer.

"We've never faced anything like this before," Olson said. "It's mind

boggling to think about how growers are going to get their arms around this."

Agri-chemicals are also petroleum based. Higher oil prices prompted Dow Chemical to announce the company would increase the price of its products by 20 percent starting June 1.

Growers in the Magic Valley probably won't feel the impact of that announcement until they begin purchasing pesticides for the 2009 season.

Tony Bragg, purchasing manager for Western Farm Service in Twin Falls, hasn't even seen an updated price sheet since the Dow announcement was made.

He said most producers already purchased chemicals for the 2008

## Instant info E-mail messages alert growers to encroaching insects, diseases

**Staff report**

CALDWELL — When agricultural producers fire up their computers, they can find messages alerting them to pest problems that are either arising or poised to arise in their growing regions.

Now in its eighth year, the Pacific Northwest Pest Alert Network, <http://www.PNWPEstAlert.net>, sends e-mail to subscribers and posts information on its Web site that helps farmers time their pest management treatments and minimize their pesticide use.

Jerry Neufeld, University of Idaho Extension educator in Canyon County and PNW Pest Alert coordinator, says annual surveys of subscribers indicate that farmers are decreasing their pesticide sprays and using other integrated pest management methods in response to the information they're receiving through the network.

In 2007, 45 percent of Web site subscribers said they had scouted their fields more often to document pest levels before taking treatment actions;

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"The more people who participate, the more successful we'll be and the greater value we'll have to the agriculture industry."

— Jerry Neufeld, University of Idaho Extension educator in Canyon County and PNW Pest Alert coordinator

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**U of I studies approaches to weed control**

University of Idaho agricultural scientists will host free, half-day tours of their research trials in controlling weeds and other pests June 17 in Kimberly.

The Snake River Weed Tour will include studies in barley, canola, corn, potatoes, sugar beets and wheat.

Registration will begin at 8 a.m. and tours will begin at 8:30 a.m.

At Kimberly, visitors will see:

- Canola: Winter variety trials, water requirements under spring

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For more information, contact Don Morishita at 208-735-3616 in Twin Falls.

The Kimberly Research and Extension Center is located at 3805 N. 3600 E. in Kimberly.

**USDA Rural Development to close office in Rupert**

USDA Rural Development announced Friday that it will close the Service Center at Rupert as of June 30.

The staff at Rupert will re-locate to Twin Falls as part of a nationwide effort to reduce costs and streamline services.

Currently Rupert serves Cassia, and Mindoka counties. These counties will continue to be served by the Central Idaho Office at 1441 Fillmore St., Suite C in Twin Falls.

There are four Area Offices located throughout the state with five satellite offices to serve Idaho residents. Further information on USDA Rural Development's loan and grant programs can be obtained by visiting our web site at [www.rurdev.usda.gov/id/](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/id/).

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Feds open grasslands for haying and grazing

By James Macpherson. Associated Press writer. BISMARCK, N.D. — The federal government is allowing millions of acres of land now left idle to be used this summer for haying and grazing.

Tuesday has its critics. Kevin Kolding, private lands coordinator for the North Dakota Game and Fish Department, said disturbing CRP land will have an impact on wildlife, which has flourished under the program and has been a boon for hunters.

USDA said. The program currently is authorized at 39.2 million acres, or about 10 percent of U.S. crop land. Schaffer said more than 24 million acres of land enrolled in CRP will be eligible for haying and grazing under the move announced Tuesday. It will make available about 18 million tons of forage worth \$1.2 billion, he said.

Prices

Continued from page C1. Producers won't feel the impact until they start planting winter wheat this fall or booking chemicals for the 2009 program.

March period, when fuel prices have historically been lower. Olson talked to a one fuel supplier who told her that a producer who pre-bought fuel two years ago saved 60 cents a gallon, but the savings was at least \$1 a gallon.

Alerts

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On the Web

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# Some U.S. farms outsourced to Mexico

By Jessica Bernstein-Wax  
Associated Press writer

IRAPUATO, Mexico — Antonio Martínez used to pay smugglers thousands of dollars each year to sneak him into the United States to manage farm crews. Now, the work comes to him.

Supervising lettuce pickers in central Mexico, Martínez earns just half of the \$1,100 a week he made in the U.S. But the job has its advantages, including working without fear of immigration raids.

Martínez, now a legal employee of U.S.-owned VegPacker de Mexico, is exactly the kind of worker more American farm companies are seeking. Many have moved their fields to Mexico, where they can find qualified people, often with U.S. experience, who can't be deported.

"Because I never moved my family to the U.S., I was always alone there," said Martínez, 45, who could never get a work permit, even after 16 years in agriculture in California and Arizona. "When I got the opportunity to be close to my family, doing similar work, I didn't even have to think about it."

American companies now farm more than 45,000 acres



Farm workers labor on a lettuce plantation belonging to U.S. owned Taylor Farms plant in the town of Doctor Mora, on the central state of Guanajuato, Mexico. American companies farm more than 45,000 acres, 18,211 hectares, of land in three Mexican states, employing about 11,000 people, a 2007 survey by the U.S. farm group Western Growers shows.

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There were no earlier studies to document how much the acreage has grown. But U.S. direct investment in Mexican agriculture, which includes both American companies moving their operations to Mexico and setting up Mexican partnerships, has swelled sevenfold to \$60 billion since 2000, Mexico's Economy

Department told The Associated Press.

Major corporations such as Archer Daniels Midland Co. and Bunge have invested across Latin America for decades, particularly in countries like Brazil, where agribusiness is booming.

Some small farmers have cultivated parts of Mexico for much longer, seeking to secure year-round supplies of fruits and vegetables, while taking advantage of cheap labor and proximity to the U.S.

But the latest move south has been fueled by something new, farmers say: a way to continue to deliver cheap, fresh farm goods amid the current U.S. political standoff over an estimated 12 million undocumented immigrants, the majority from Mexico.

Recent Immigration and Customs Enforcement raids have targeted major agricultural producers, including Del Monte Fresh Produce in Portland, Oregon, and several large packing plants across the nation — scaring away immigrants and persuading many agricultural employers to clean up their hiring practices.

"Employers can't find legal workers to replace this huge number of illegal workers," said James Hottel, an agricultural labor economist and independent consultant based in Washington. "Their only option is to go where the workers are."

Many of the growers, once based in California's Salinas Valley, are also heading south to escape high land prices and water shortages. Mexico is closer to eastern U.S. markets than California, they say. Shipping times to Atlanta are a day shorter from Mexico's central Guanajuato state.

South Korean protesters hold candles during a candlelight rally against U.S. beef imports in front of Seoul City Hall in Seoul, South Korea.

## Quelling a crisis

South Korea sends lawmakers to U.S. amid beef import protests

By Hyung-Jin Kim  
Associated Press writer

SEOUL, South Korea — South Korea's president dispatched officials to Washington on Monday to try to calm weeks of public uproar over fears of mad cow disease.

The move comes ahead of reports that the beef issue could prompt a reshuffling of President Lee Myung-bak's Cabinet less than four months after he took office.

"It will not be easy, but make your best efforts to achieve what the people want," Lee told a delegation from the Agriculture Ministry and Foreign Ministry before they left for the United States.

The president also said imports of beef from cattle older than 30 months should be prevented, according to presidential spokesman Lee Dong-kwan.

Older cows are considered at greater risk of mad cow disease, a brain-wasting cattle sickness. South Korea has asked Washington to refrain from exporting meat from older cattle despite an April agreement that allows it.

Lee's top security adviser, Kim Byung-kook, also left for the U.S., according to the presidential Blue House. Earlier Monday, Lee's Grand National Party also sent lawmakers to the U.S.

South Korean media outlets have reported Lee's Cabinet might resign Tuesday to take responsibility for the uproar. The Blue House said it could not confirm the reports.

Lee hinted at a Cabinet reshuffle Monday when he met Cardinal Nicholas Cheong Jin-suk to seek advice on the beef dispute.

South Korea agreed April 10 to resume imports of American beef, saying it would lift almost all quarantine restrictions imposed over fears of mad cow disease. South Korea banned American beef imports in December 2003 after a case was discovered in the United States, and it briefly allowed imports last year before banning them again.

The deal — signed hours before a summit between Lee and Bush — sparked fierce protests amid perceptions the government did not do enough to protect citizens.

The beef issue has confounded the conservative, pro-U.S. Lee, who took office in February after a landslide election victory in December on pledges to boost the economy and bolster ties

with Washington. Thousands of South Koreans have staged rallies against the beef deal. Protests early Sunday turned violent.

Both Seoul and Washington say U.S. beef is safe, citing the Paris-based World Organization for Animal Health.

Scientists believe the disease spreads when farmers feed cattle recycled meat and bones from infected animals. The U.S. banned recycled feeds in 1997. In humans, eating meat products contaminated with the illness is linked to variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, a rare and fatal malady.

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101 Lost and Found
FOUND cat, male, long orange halfted Tabby. Found around May 2008 near South Hwy. Blakes and end of Harmony Rd. Call 208-733-5657 morg.

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FOUND 2 (2) Cocker puppies on Ping Crog Court, Twin Falls, ID. May 25, call 208-8573 to identify.















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## Vines and canyon views

Buhl's garden tour features five distinguished locations

By Blair Koch  
Correspondent

**BUHL** — Expect the unexpected. During a Flag Day Garden Tour sponsored by the ladies of Buhl's P.E.O. Chapter 5, you can explore five unique gardens that reflect each property owner's lifestyle. From the California girl's inspired patio garden to an old country barn standing as proudly as the flags displayed around it, to Buhl's award-winning organic vineyard, the tour highlights the simply natural to the magnificent.

At each location, P.E.O. members will answer questions and provide assistance. Along the way you'll find treats, and master gardeners will offer tidbits of information. Even longtime Buhl residents can discover something special on these grounds.

Proceeds from the tour will benefit women's educational projects sponsored by the chapter. Here's a preview:

### Margaret and Scot Horton 1898C E. 4500 N.

With acres to roam, this is one location where you'll want to plan on spending some time. Endless views of the Snake River Canyon and the Magic Valley sky provide a backdrop to the Hortons' wonderland. When the couple first purchased the land about a decade ago, the home was surrounded by a hay field.

"I took care of the field the first year, the pivots and corrugates and all that, but it wasn't for me," Scot said.

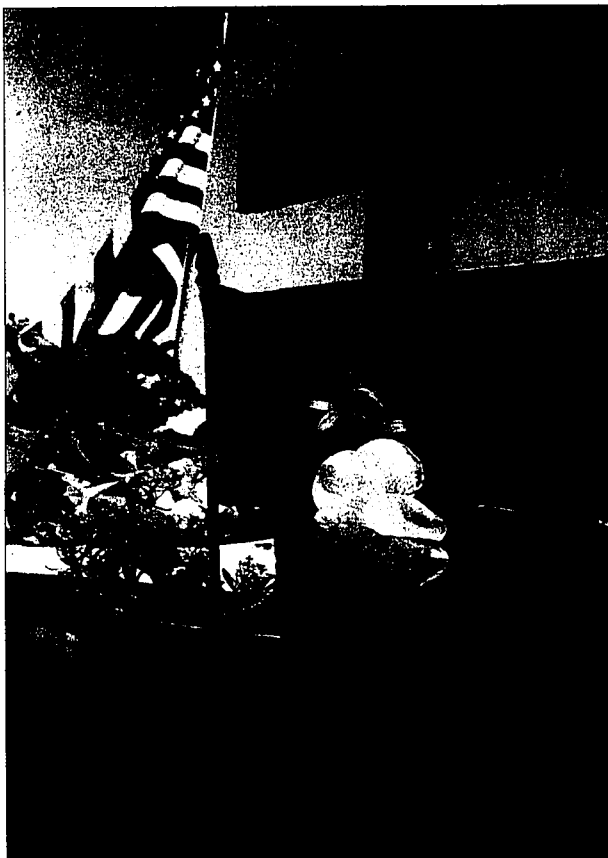
Since then, the transformed sloping yard has filled with his artistic creations, including a pergola, massive ponds and many places to sit and watch the birds that frequent the property. It doesn't take long to discover that quail are a favorite species of the couple. Not only has Scot, a metal fabricator by trade, accented the garden's grape trellis with quail cut-outs, but he built a bobwhite call-back house in hopes of keeping a covey close by.

**Don't miss:** This property is overflowing with recycled relics, including light poles from Buhl that were used to build an upstairs patio.

**Note:** Don't want to walk the roughly 250 yards from the parking area? Transportation will be provided.



This canopy, built by Scot Horton, not only provides excellent views of the Snake River Canyon but has a built-in bird feeder, perhaps providing guests to Buhl's upcoming garden tour glimpses of birds that frequent the property.



Even potted pansies become a patriotic treasure on the property of Nancy and Ed Tyrrell, one of five stops along the Buhl garden tour.



Tucked among the wine grapes at Buhl's Holesinsky Certified Organic Vineyard and Winery are examples of how the facility stays in balance with nature, like this now deserted bird's nest. During the Buhl garden tour, guests are welcome to stroll the land and discover hidden treasures among the vines.

### Nancy and Ed Tyrrell 1553 E. 4000 N.

In this year's tour lineup, this property is the only one that was featured in the last garden tour hosted by the P.E.O.; it's back by popular demand, said event chairwoman Judy Felton.

"Everybody just loved sitting in the yard and relaxing. The atmosphere out there is so inviting," Felton said.

The spirit of Flag Day comes to life on the Tyrrell property. The couple's many historical farm buildings and Bohemian Barn provide the perfect backdrop for the stars and stripes. Even potted pansies are a visual treat.

"We like to share the place," said Ed Tyrrell. "I think they're drawn by the heritage, the old things we have."

Master gardener Margie Chipman from Weiser will be stationed at this location; save your puzzling landscape questions for her.

**Don't miss:** This stop will boast vintage-inspired refreshments. Bring your chair and enjoy lemonade, coffee and homemade cookies. For a donation of your choosing, select from a variety of containers and have your favorite herbs planted by Chapter 5 members.

### Velma and Butch Quigley 1144 Orchard Circle

The Quigleys' love for getting their hands dirty is reflected in this quiet residential setting. On the former location of the old Shields Orchard, they have created a home garden perfect for entertaining everyone from the grandkids to busi-



One feature in Butch and Velma Quigley's residential garden is a pond with blooming water lilies and many fish, which Butch Quigley enjoys feeding.

### Wander the grounds

**Buhl Flag Day Garden Tour:** 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. Cost is \$8 per person. Tickets are available in advance at Buhl's Sov-Mor Drug and chamber of commerce office and at Kelley Garden Center in Twin Falls; and at each featured garden on the day of the tour.

ness associates.

It doesn't take long to see the importance of family to the Quigleys, or to feel welcomed as part of it. Irises blooming along the back walkway belonged to Velma's aunt and were brought from her massive Arkansas display.

"My aunt planted these Iris some 2 1/2 miles from her Marble, Ark., home into town," she said. "She's my only aunt left

remaining and a very special person." The garden features many items built by Butch. Pathways and benches are made with rock brought from Fairfield, offering places to relax on the way to the couple's large pond.

"We even have water lilies in bloom," Butch said. "And the fish are always fun to watch."

This location will feature Waive Stager, a master gardener with the Twin Falls County Extension office, to answer questions on everything from proper deadheading of flowers to how to keep aphids off your roses.

**Don't miss:** Weather permitting, this garden may be the spot to see wisteria blooms. This woody, perennial vine can go years without blooming, Velma said. "It started to bloom and then the wind

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**B.C.** By Johnny Hart

HOW COME YOUR PLAYERS WEAR SUNGLASSES DURING NIGHT GAMES?

IT MAKES THEM HARDER TO IDENTIFY COMING OUT OF THE STADIUM.

6-10

**Baby Blues** By Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott

SOMETIMES IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE THAT YOU AND I ARE THE PARENTS OF THREE KIDS.

I KNOW!

ON THE LOOKS OF THIS LIVING ROOM, YOU'D THINK THERE ARE AT LEAST EIGHT OFF-SPR!

**Beetle Bailey** By Mort Walker

BARGE'S FAVORITE COLOR IS OLIVEPRAB.

YEAH, AND HIS FAVORITE FOOD IS HASH.

I HATE IT WHEN THEY TALK BEHIND MY BACK AND DON'T SAY ANYTHING I CAN GET MAD AT.

AND HIS FAVORITE TIME OF DAY IS REVELLE.

6-10

**Blondie** By Dean Young & Stan Drake

NOW, YOU'RE GOING TO CLEAN UP THE DIRT TOWELS.

WHAT DO YOU USE TO CLEAN UP THE DIRT TOWELS?

WHERE DO WE KEEP THE DIRT TOWELS?

SURE, I SAID 'I WOULD.'

YOU NEED TO SIGN THE NOW-YOU-USE-THE-DISHWASHER, TOO.

COOKIE!

6-10

**Dilbert** By Scott Adams

WE'VE DECIDED TO WRITE OFF \$7 BILLION DOLLARS IN BAD LOANS.

YOU MIGHT THINK THIS IS MY FAULT, BUT IN ACTUALITY IT IS ALL CAUSED BY POOR REGULATORY OVERSIGHT.

WHO IS IN FAVOR OF THOSE GUYS TAKING A BIG PAY CUT? ANYONE?

6-10

**The Elderberries** By Phil Frank and Joe Triole

You folks enjoy your corned-bee steppin'?

We do! Bone are healthier for the widge games!

I'll join you, men!

I thought we were all shopping for a new TV together?

We are... just not with you.

Well, fine! I'll be the responsible adult. Again!

In that case, would ya mind holdin' mah credit card? Ah, don't frust' m'wah.

6-10

**For Better or For Worse** By Lynn Johnston

NOW, I REALLY DON'T WANT TO BE THE MARRIAGE COUNSELOR. I'D RATHER TAKE YOU TO TAKE TIME.

MY DAD SAID YOU WOULD BE THE MARRIAGE COUNSELOR. I'D RATHER TAKE YOU TO TAKE TIME.

IT'S ENOUGH FOR YOU TO BE HAPPY AND MARRIED. I'D RATHER TAKE YOU TO TAKE TIME.

DON'T WORRY. YOUR MARRIAGE IS ONLY A NUMBER. I'D RATHER TAKE YOU TO TAKE TIME.

ON THE OTHER HAND, A SUMMER WEDDING WOULD BE NICE!

6-10

**Frank and Ernest** By Bob Thaves

HUNTING SKOOL!

WHAT ABOUT YOUR PROJECT, OOGIE?

THE DOG ATE MY HOMEWORK!

6-10

**Garfield** By Jim Davis

DON'T LET THIS BIRTHDAY THING GET YOU DOWN, GARFIELD!

HEY, YOUR AGE IS ONLY A NUMBER... RIGHT?

A BIG HONORING NUMBER!

THE BARS STILL WORK, BY THE WAY.

6-10

**Hagar the Horrible** By Chris Browne

I LIKED IT BETTER BEFORE THINGS GOT SO HIGHLY ORGANIZED!

SACKING LOOTING HOURS

6-10

**Hi and Lols** By Chance Browne

POSS THIS HOUSE HAVE FLOOD INSURANCE?

IT'S NOT NEAR ANY WATER.

HAVE YOU SEEN THE DOCUMENTARIES ABOUT GLOBAL WARMING?

6-10

**Luann** By Greg Evans

FIRST, WE PICK A STREET TO ADOPT. THEN, ONCE OR TWICE A WEEK, WE PUT ON OUR IPODS AND SUNSCREEN AND WE GO PICK UP LITTER!

AND GET THIS: THE CITY PLIES UP A SIGN, LIKE "THIS STREET ADOPTED BY DUSTY LUANN AND BEENICE." THEY EVEN GIVE US THOSE ORANGE VESTS TO WEAR!

NO CAN DO. I LOOK IDECIOUS IN ORANGE.

HOW COME MY NAME IS LAST?

6-10

**Classic Peanuts** By Charles M. Schulz

ISN'T IT GREAT, MARCIE? NO SCHOOLWORK TO WORRY ABOUT...NOTHING TO DO!

I JUST FINISHED ADDRESSING ALL MY CHRISTMAS CARDS, SIR.

I'LL CALL YOU AGAIN IN SEPTEMBER, MARCIE.

6-10

**Pearls Before Swine** By Stephan Pastis

THE ZEBRA/CROC MEDIATION

OKAY, BEFORE WE START, WE'VE BEEN BLESSED WITH THE GLORY OF THE REPTILES. IT'S FOR THE CROCS.

WHAT A NICE WAY TO START THINGS OFF. MR. CROCODILE, DID YOU WANT TO BRING ANYTHING?

Rope to choke zeeba.

THIS MIGHT BE A GOOD TIME FOR A COFFEE BREAK.

6-10

**Pickles** By Brian Crane

ARE YOU SURE YOU DON'T WANT TO TRY SOME OF THESE WHEAT, NELSON?

COULD I HAVE SUGAR AND MILK ON IT?

OF COURSE.

AND STRAWBERRIES AND HONEY?

OKAY.

AND CRUMBS CRUNCH?

6-10

**Rose is Rose** By Pat Brady

YESTERDAY HE MADE UP PRINER AND FIXED MY BICYCLE!

TOPH WAS PRANTING TREES!

WANT TO GO TO THE MOVIES WITH ME?

MY DADDY CAN DO ANYTHING!

HOW CAN YOU DO THIS WITH YOUR PARENTS?

6-10

**Non Sequitur** By Wiley

I JUST GOT A MESSAGE FROM THE NETWORK ABOUT DROD.

OH? WHAT DO THEY WANT?

MORE SURPRISE IN YOUR REPORTS.

AS IN GOING INTO YOUR REPORTS?

GREAT!

...I'M UPDATING LAG BANGIN' PICTURES NOW...

...I'VE DONE FIND A DUST BUNNY, I DIDN'T LET HIM IN, HONEST.

6-10

**The Wizard of Id** By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart

WHAT'S FOR SUPPER, BLANCH?

BLACKENED SWORFISH.

WHAT'S THE OCCASION?

THERE WAS A SMALL FIRE AT THE AQUARIUM.

6-10

**Zits** By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott

DAD?

YEAH?

THIS IS GREAT.

YEAH.

HOW HAD A MEANINGFUL CONVERSATION WITH JEREMY? FIRST YOU HAD TO GET OVER THE IDEA OF USING WORDS.

6-10

# No-fuss Knock Out roses you can grow

By Scott Aker  
Special to The Washington Post

Q. Last year was the first flowering season for my Knock Out roses. Every few weeks, I cut off the old blooms, and that seemed useful in promoting a succession of blossoms all year. Would they have performed as well if I had not done that? What is the pruning regime for the fall? I hadn't consid-

ered cutting them back but noticed a neighbor had done so to hers.

A. Knock Out roses aren't fussy about how they are pruned. Nor do you need to remove the fading flowers — a practice called deadheading — to keep them flowering, though it will make the bush tidier.

Knock Out roses began as a magenta-pink flowered variety but are now a series of

roses in different colors. They are part of a new palette of landscape roses that need a lot less care than the fussier hybrid teas. They don't need the fertilization, water or pesticides required by other roses. As a result, landscape roses have become immensely popular, and in some places they dominate commercial landscapes that rely on low-maintenance plants. Ten years ago, I never could

have imagined that roses would become so commonplace.

It's best to renew your Knock Out roses every four or five years by cutting them back to a foot or so. It's a thorny job, but it really does result in nicer foliage and more robust flowering.

Scott Aker is a horticulturist at the U.S. National Arboretum.

# Too much mulch can be damaging

By Jessica Damiano  
Newsday

I've been getting a lot of e-mails asking if and why mulch is necessary. In a nutshell, mulch keeps the soil moist and its temperature even, suppresses weeds and keeps things looking nice and tidy. It helps keep soil from eroding and reduces soil compaction around delicate roots.

But what is mulch? It's simply a generic term that applies to any ground covering that serves the above purposes. It can be made of a solid fabric or plastic sheet, shredded bark, leaves (except oak), wood chips, pine needles, grass clippings, pebbles, even recycled tires. Of all the organic and inorganic types of mulch available, the most common applied in spring is shredded bark.

But you shouldn't just toss it about willy-nilly — now there's a word I don't use often enough — and there's a method to the mulching.

Too much of a good thing can cause problems. Keeping mulch to no more than 3 inches deep. If applied too thickly, it will attract rodents and become a breeding ground for fungus. Large, uncovered piles of mulch left sitting around too long will decompose anaerobically and become toxic to plants once applied. Plan deliveries accordingly.

You've probably passed a common suburban travesty dozens of times. And you might not even have been aware of it. Trees are dying slow deaths because of a common practice we'll refer to as "volcano mulching."

Sure, it might look cool to have a 2-foot-high mound of mulch surrounding your trees, but if you can't see the natural bark that extends from the bottom of the trunk to the soil line, that means the tree is, in effect, suffocating.

The buried portion of the trunk eventually strangles the tree, and the rotting will make the tree susceptible to disease. Certain trees will even send girdling roots into the mulch, restricting the trunk and eventually strangling the tree. It makes me crazy to see people doing this.

Applying mulch 2 to 3 inches deep over the roots in a circle around the trunk — but not touching it — will protect the tree from lawn mower injuries. More than that is harmful.

Shredded bark mulch should be applied in late fall and mid-spring. Wood chips usually need to be replaced every three years, while inorganic mulches last much longer. Pine needles can be used around ericaceous (acid-loving) plants such as blueberries and rhododendrons. They also make a nice winter mulch, as do discarded Christmas tree branches.

Sheet mulches can be raked out under public walkways or mulched areas to suppress weed growth. Dark plastic or landscaping fabric (geotextile mulch) can be applied to vegetable gardens before seedlings are planted. Simply cut an X into the mulch and gently insert the root end of the plant. If the plastic isn't pre-scored or porous, poke holes in it to allow water to reach roots.

## For mosquito control, best search out standing water

By Scott Aker  
Special to The Washington Post

Q. Is there a plant that will repel mosquitoes from the garden?

A. The plant most often touted for its mosquito repellent qualities is a scented geranium that is rich in citronella. Citronella is an effective mosquito repellent, but the mere presence of the plant has no impact on the number of mosquitoes that may be found in your yard. You must crush the leaves to release the citronella and rub them on yourself for any benefit.

There are other sources of the same compound in the herb world. Lemon thyme has been shown to be one of the best, because the foliage contains higher amounts of citronella than the scented geranium does.

If you really want to reduce the mosquito population, patrol your home and immediate neighborhood for sources of standing water. Many mosquitoes, particularly the vexing Asian tiger mosquito, breed in surprisingly small and ephemeral pools of water. Check rain gutters on structures, pet bowls, pot saucers and trash receptacles. Often eliminating this standing water has more impact than anything else you can do.



An alpaca is pinned to the ground as Brian Denstedt shears a year's growth off the animal, at Alpacas of Montana, near Bozeman, Mont., May 16. Five Bozeman-area alpaca owners brought their alpacas to the farm for the animals' annual shearing.

## Tour

Continued from page D1 really beat it down. I think it may come back, if the sun would shine."

### Holesinsky Certified Organic Vineyard and Winery 4153 N. 1200 E.

This is your chance to meet the man behind the Holesinsky winery's award-winning organic goodness.

Just driving down Clear Lake grade north of Buhl, you might not expect that tucked on the top is arguably one of the finest wineries in Idaho. James Holesinsky said he grows a variety of grades organically and "in balance with nature" — so you never know what you'll find among the vines.

"Stand and listen," he said, "and you'll hear crickets and see birds and it's wonderful. We grow organically, so we are able to keep it natural."

Tour participants are invited to stroll throughout the property and take an indoor tour to see the ins and outs of wine making. The winery plans to provide live music and organic Glavin cheese samples for guests.

Don't miss: The winery will feature free samples of its many varieties of wine, including its three best-selling wines — chardonnay, Merlot and Syrah and Riesling. The latter received the Tasters Choice award two years running at the Idaho



The historical Nebemian barn is a backdrop to the many American flags to be displayed on the property of Nancy and Ed Tyrrell, one of five stops along the Buhl garden tour.

### Wine Festival & Competition.

Louise and Ron Brown  
219 Clear Lakes Lane  
This stop will offer ideas on

how to transform a small patio into an area full of life. Reminiscent of her youth on the beaches of California, Louise Brown highlights her continued love of the ocean on the couple's patio. The sound of waves may have been replaced with the current of the Snake River, but

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Brown captures an ocean-side lifestyle with her decorating.

Many drought-resistant plants like cacti and succulents are tended in whimsical containers — some shaped like turtles, others featuring Southwest designs. To top off the look, Brown accents the theme with seashells and pieces of prized coral.

"I still love the ocean," she said. "I used to walk along the shoreline with my grandfather and collect a lot of shells. I want to remember those days."

This stop will also feature complimentary trout hors d'oeuvres provided by Clear Springs Foods.

Don't miss: Pay special attention to the use of succulents in Brown's many pots. According to the "Reader's Digest Illustrated Guide to Gardening," these plants store water in their leaves or stems and offer dramatic accents to any garden or deck.

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Louise Brown poses with a piece of her prized coral that will be on display during the Flag Day Garden Tour. Brown's patio garden, which has views of the Snake River, captures her love of the ocean.

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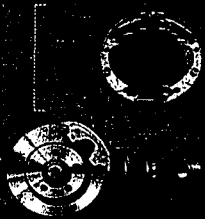
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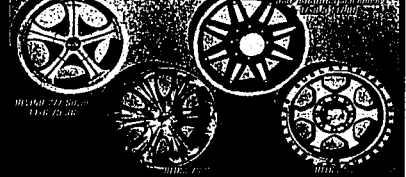
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