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Cruising for catalytic converters



Travis Price, the manager of Bill's Automotive and Muffler on Main Avenue, stands under a Nissan 240 SX in the Twin Falls automotive shop. The catalytic converter for this car is the rectangular metal part above Price's right shoulder. Police are reporting a rise in theft of the car part and are concerned that some theft cases may be going unreported.

Twin Falls Police say theft trend is evolving

By Andrea Jackson
Staff writer

Catalytic converters designed to reduce automobile emissions are being stolen and sold for scrap in Twin Falls. "I was surprised, this is becoming a trend," said Twin Falls Police Capt. Matt Hicks. Hicks counted four cases associated with catalytic converter thefts reported in town between June 2007 and June 2008. Police have solved half of those cases, Hicks said. Most recently Eric D. Berry, 37, pleaded guilty June 16 to malicious injury to property

after a Twin Falls police officer found Berry tried for 30 minutes to saw a catalytic converter off a car parked in a lot near the 1300 block of North College Road. In that case, a resident called police to the area because of loud drill noises. Berry wasn't there when police arrived, but police found a saw on the ground, court records show. Less than an hour later, police located Berry back in the area with an empty saw case in his possession, court records show. Catalytic converters are being stolen from cars because of their metal con-

A new catalytic converter can cost \$117 without labor, court records show. Costs to replace catalytic converters with labor vary based on vehicle type — some require more than one device. Catalytic converter replacements can cost between \$185 and \$1,000, said Travis Price, manager of Bill's Automotive and Muffler in Twin Falls. Price said he's fixed three cars with stolen catalytic converters in the past couple months. "It hasn't been a real big deal yet," he said. But police aren't writing off

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Hear what police are saying about recent catalytic converter thefts and watch an interview with a local mechanic.

position, which includes high priced platinum, authorities said. Catalytic converters reduce carbon monoxide emissions from car engines by about 90 percent, according to the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation.

Idaho Power weighs in on state motion to dismiss

Water users seek to join Swan Falls case

By Nate Poppino
Staff writer

Idaho Power Co. has responded to the state of Idaho's attempt to dismiss and resolve the remaining issues in a lawsuit over the Swan Falls Agreement. Meanwhile, Jerry Rigby, chairman of the Idaho Water Users Board, and groundwater users attorney Randall Budge have filed on behalf of six irrigation districts and canal companies to participate in the case, stating that the resolution

View documents related to the Swan Falls case. Magicvalley.com sought by Idaho Power would harm their clients. The Swan Falls Agreement is a 24-year-old deal between Idaho Power and the state in which Idaho Power surrendered water rights for guarantees it would receive average daily minimum flows at Swan Falls, located on the Snake River about 40 miles south of Boise near Murphy. Idaho Power sued the offices of the governor, Please see POWER, Page A3

Supreme Court OKs border fence despite environmental worry

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court said Monday it won't stand in the way as the U.S. extends its security fence hundreds of miles along the border with Mexico, allowing building to proceed full-speed despite claims that it harms the environment and animals who live in the area. In a second case mixing national security and the environment — and a second dose of potentially good news for the Bush administration — the justices agreed to consider an appeals court ruling that limits the Navy's use of sonar off the Southern California coast because of potential harm to dolphins and whales. Given sporadic attention for years, the concept of a border fence took on new life after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist

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Flood victims say FEMA is doing a heckuva job

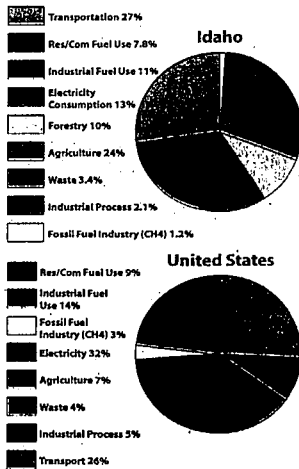
The Associated Press

EAST ST. LOUIS, Ill. — When floodwaters knocked out the water treatment plant in Mason City, Iowa, FEMA rolled into town and promptly set up an account with a Pepsi bottler to supply bottled water. Then FEMA officials moved into a vacant store and began handing out the stuff. "I saw different FEMA people in and out," City Administrator Brent Trout said. "We really started seeing FEMA people showing up to see what was going on in town and putting out the word on flood assistance." Nearly three years after Hurricane Katrina turned FEMA into a punchline, many homeowners, politicians and community leaders in the flood-stricken Midwest say that so far, the agency is doing a heckuva job — and they mean it.

Up and down the Big Muddy, the Federal Emergency Management Agency is being commended for responding quickly and surely. "The lessons we learned from Katrina we'taken very seriously," said Glenn Cannon, FEMA assistant administrator for disaster operations. He added: "We've changed the way we do business. We don't wait to react." After Katrina devastated the Gulf Coast in 2005, FEMA came into New Orleans late and unprepared, and soon became a symbol of government bungling. President Bush's complaint to FEMA Director Michael D. Brown — "Brownie, you're doing a heckuva job!" — became a big joke. Now, storms and flooding in the upper Midwest have left 24 people dead, driven

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Gross GHG Emissions by Sector, 2000



Source: Idaho Dept. of Environmental Quality

Report tracks sharp increase in greenhouse gas emissions

By Nate Poppino
Staff writer

Idaho greenhouse gas emissions grew more than 30 percent from 1990 to 2005, nearly twice as fast as the national average, according to a new report made available last week. Produced by the Pennsylvania-based Center for Climate Strategies, the report includes projections out to the year 2020, and puts the increase over past years down to population growth, a thriving economy and a high per-capita consumption of electricity and gasoline. The center's report, posted to the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality's Web site, provides initial estimates of Idaho's greenhouse gas emissions and how they're generated. It is one result of a 2007 executive order signed by Gov. CL "Dutch" Otter calling for a statewide emissions inventory, said Jess Byrne, DEQ intergovernment-

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tal affairs coordinator. The report will be used to guide future conversations and decisions about greenhouse gases in the state. Its calculations were made using estimates and national models, Byrne said, because Idaho facilities aren't required to report their greenhouse gas emissions. "That's not something that's easily measurable in the ambient air," Byrne said. The state will produce its first detailed account of carbon dioxide and other pollutants linked to global warming in 2009. Nearly a third of the state's

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Fire season is picking up. MAGIC VALLEY, A5

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

BUSINESS

River Bridge Realty open house, with food, entertainment and opportunity to meet the agents, 4 to 6 p.m., 425 Overland Ave., Burley, public invited, 878-4456.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Rupert Kiwanis Club meeting, noon, Rupert Elks Lodge, 850 S. 200 W., 436-9124.
Burley Rotary Club meeting, noon, Burley Inn, 878-8382.
Magic Valley Toastmasters meeting and no-host lunch, with a focus on teaching and encouraging members in communication and leadership skills, noon, Golden Corral, 1823 Blue Lakes Blvd., Twin Falls, new members welcome, 361-8534.
Twin Falls Boat Scooting Country Dancers Club, 6 to 9 p.m., Radio Rendezvous, 241 Main Ave. W., 735-2822.
Citizens Protecting Resources (CPR) meeting, 7 p.m., Idaho Fish and Game building, two miles north of the Flying J, Highway 93, 324-3202.
Minkidoka Memorial Hospital Board meeting, 7 p.m., conference room, Minkidoka Memorial Hospital, Rupert, 436-0481.
Burley American Legion Post 47 meeting, 7 p.m., 1501 Oakley, Ave. 678-3428.
Snake River Falls Barbershop chorus meeting, 7:30 p.m., Harmony Hall, 123 K St., Rupert, 436-6047.

EXHIBITS

2008 College of Southern Idaho Alumni Show with works of Angela Katona, Melissa Debelack and Adrienne Meckel, 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Jean B. King Gallery, Herrett Center for Arts and Science, College of Southern Idaho campus, no cost, 732-6655.

HOBBIES AND CRAFTS

Community Bingo, 6:30 p.m., Golden Heritage Senior Center, 244 Overland Ave., Burley, 878-7973.

LIBRARY

Oakley Summer Reading Story Hour, 10 a.m., Oakley Free Library, 862-3434.

GOVERNMENT

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068.
Blaine County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 206 First Ave. S., Holey, 788-5500.
Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln, 644-2700.
Jerome School Board, 7 p.m., Carter Luther Vocational Ag Building, high school, 104 Tiger Drive, 324-2392 ext.1010.
Twin Falls City Planning and Zoning Commission, 11 a.m., council chambers, 305 Third Ave. E., 735-7267.
Cassia County School District meeting, 7 p.m., district office, 237 E. 19th St., 436-4727.
Glenns Ferry City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 110 E. Second St., 366-7418.
Jerome City Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., council chambers, 100 E. Ave. A, 342-8189.
Shoshone Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., City Hall, 207 S. Rail St. W., 886-5200.
Hagerman Planning and Zoning Commission, City Hall, 191 State St. N., 837-6636.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class, 10:30 a.m., First Segregation Fire Station, Eden, no cost, 737-5988.
Ongoing exercise program for people with Parkinson's disease, offered by Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, 11 a.m. to noon, the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 371 Eastland Drive N., Twin Falls, no cost, 737-2977.
Cassia County Seniors Fitness Program, innovative exercise program designed specifically for Medicare beneficiaries' unique health and physical needs, 11:15 a.m. to noon, Twin Falls YMCA, 1751 Elizabeth Blvd., no cost for Humana-insured, 733-4364.
Adult Children Anonymous (A.C.A.) meeting, for individuals recovering from alcoholic or dysfunctional family environment, 6 p.m., Canyon View Psychiatric and Addiction Services, 228 Shoup Ave. W. (west entrance), Twin Falls, no cost, 308-5656.
Mini-Casala Shelter for Women & Children women's support group, 6 p.m., 123 S. C. St., Rupert, (2008) 436-0987.
Collac Support Group of Magic Valley monthly meeting, for anyone interested in gluten-free living, 7 p.m., Doctors' Meeting room, St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center, Twin Falls, 731-9079.
Celebrate Recovery, a place to learn life-affirming, healthy behaviors, 7:30 p.m., Magic Valley Evangelical Free Church, 821 H Ave. E., Jerome, 324-7237.

HOBBIES AND CRAFTS

Cornor Quilters Walk, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., The Fat Quarter Quilt Shop, 112 W. Main, Wendell, open to public, no cost, (208) 934-4591.

HOME AND GARDEN

Shoshone market possibility, for farmers and gardeners interested in creating a farmers market in Shoshone, 6:30 p.m., south lawn of the Lincoln County Courthouse, (208) 284-2268.

MUSEUMS

Faulkner Planetarium, "Mystery of the Missing Seasons/Live Sky Tour" at 2 p.m., "Blown Away: The Wild World of Weather" at 7 p.m. and "Astrageous Rock!" at 8:15 p.m., Visitor Center for Arts and Science, north end of the College of Southern Idaho campus, Twin Falls, \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens, \$2 for students and \$9 for families, 732-6655.

To have an event listed, please submit the name of the event, a brief description, time, place, cost and contact number to Suzanne Browne by e-mail at sbrowne@magvalley.com; by fax, 732-5533; or by mail, Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83402-0548. Deadline is noon, four days in advance of the event.

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MORNING BRIEFING

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CHINA

China plans Mount Everest cleanup in 2009

BEIJING — With the debris of more than 50 years of climbing — oxygen canisters, tents, backpacks and even some bodies — Mount Everest has been called the world's highest garbage dump.
Now China is moving to clean up its northern side of the mountain and protect its fragile Himalayan environment, announcing a trash collection campaign that could limit the number of climbers and other visitors in 2009.
"Our target is to keep even more people from abusing Mount Everest," Zhang Yongze, Tibet's environmental protection chief was quoted Monday as saying by the Xinhua News Agency.
Everest's 29,035-foot peak — the world's tallest — lies on the border between China and Nepal, with climbers producing a large source of income for both countries.
However, overcrowded routes and the accumulation of debris have led to some calls for the mountain to be closed to climbers temporarily.
Last year, more than 40,000 people visited the mountain from the Chinese side, which is located in Tibet, the China Daily newspaper said. Although that number was less than 10 percent of those who went to the mountain on the southern, or Nepali, side in 2000, the paper said environmentalists estimate they could have left behind as much as 120 tons of



In this Saturday May 24, 2003, file photo, wispy clouds form near the peaks surrounding Mount Everest, seen from Everest Base Camp in Nepal. China is planning a major cleanup operation for Mount Everest next year. See story at left.

garbage, or about 6 pounds per tourist.

WASHINGTON

McCain promises prize for new battery

Sen. John McCain added an unusual twist to his emerging energy agenda Monday, promising to award a \$300-million prize to the inventor of a next-generation battery that could power electric vehicles. The prize amount is small relative to the billions of dollars the federal government spends on other energy initiatives. The Bush administration already has pledged \$1.2 billion toward research on hydrogen fuel cells, a technology that proponents say is 10 or more years from viability.
But the Arizona senator spoke expansively Monday of the potential of American ingenuity. "We are the coun-

try of Edison, Fulton and two brothers named Wright," he said at a town-hall event at the student union at California State University, Fresno. "Think of all the highest scientific endeavors of our age: the invention of the silicon chip, the creation of the Internet, the mapping of the human genome."
McCain also proposed Monday to give a \$5,000 tax break to consumers who buy zero-emissions cars, to more tightly enforce federal fuel economy standards and to eliminate tariffs on foreign ethanol.

NASA warming scientist: 'This is the last chance'

WASHINGTON — Exactly 20 years after warning America about global warming, a top NASA scientist said the situation has gotten so bad that the world's only hope is drastic action.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, June 24, the 176th day of 2008. There are 190 days left in the year.
TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS:
On June 24, 1948, Communist forces cut off all land and water routes between West Germany and West Berlin, prompting the western allies to organize the massive Berlin Airlift.
On THIS DATE:
In 1314, the forces of Scotland's King Robert I defeated the English in the Battle of Bannockburn.
In 1509, Henry VIII was crowned king of England.
In 1793, the first republican constitution in France was adopted.
In 1807, a grand jury in

Richmond, Va., indicted former Vice President Aaron Burr on charges of treason and high misdemeanor and was later acquitted.
In 1908, the 22nd and 24th president of the United States, Grover Cleveland, died in Princeton, N.J., at age 71.
In 1940, France signed an armistice with Italy during World War II.
In 1948, the Republican National Convention, meeting in Philadelphia, nominated New York Gov. Thomas E. Dewey for president.
In 1959, "Resurrection City," a shantytown constructed as part of the Poor People's March on Washington, D.C., was closed down by authorities.

In 1975, 113 people were killed when an Eastern Airlines Boeing 727 crashed while attempting to land during a thunderstorm at New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport.
In 1983, the space shuttle Challenger — carrying America's first woman in space, Sally K. Ride — coasted to a safe landing at Edwards Air Force Base in California.
Ten years ago: President Clinton left on a nine-day visit to China amid a swirl of controversy over his policy toward the Beijing government. AT&T Corp. struck a deal to buy cable TV giant Tele-Communications for \$31.7 billion.
Five years ago: Six British soldiers were killed by Iraqis in a police station in southern Iraq and eight were wounded in a nearby ambush. President Vladimir Putin arrived in London on the first state visit to Britain by a Russian leader since the 19th century. An Air France Concorde bound for a German museum landed in Germany.
One year ago: Ali Hassan al-Majid, Saddam Hussein's cousin known as "Chemical Ali," and two other ex-officials in Saddam's regime were sentenced by the Iraqi High Tribunal to hang for slaughtering up to 180,000 Kurdish men, women and children two decades earlier.

HOROSCOPE BY JERALDINE SAUNDERS

IF YOU'RE 24 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Your lights of fancy can lead you astray during August. While you are sharp as a tack in business, job or career matters, you might be too glibful if your heart or wallet are at risk. Read all fine print and take time to know someone thoroughly before becoming involved in a new hookup. January is the best time to receive favors, opportunities or to obtain the answer to your prayers. Set your crucial projects into motion then for the best success.
ARIES (March 21-April 19): Too many eggs in one basket can lead to breakage. You are a whiz kid with the details and can earn extra kudos for ingenuity. Don't take on too much

at one time as you could overestimate your abilities.
Taurus (April 20-May 20): What is most important is to have a rock solid financial foundation that no amount of shaking can dislodge. The problem is that you might be focused on how others accomplish this, to your detriment.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20): It might be green, but money doesn't grow on trees. Be alert for situations where there could be a careless loss of cash. A desire to provide for a family or support a home could supply strong motivation.
CANCER (June 21-July 22): Only give advice when it is asked for. You could have a few hours when you are full of self-assurance and opinions.

There's a tendency to bend over backward in an attempt to cure the ills of the world.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You may think that building your reputation among a group, such as a charity or school, can lead to bigger and better things. Sometimes it is better to stick to what you know or simply do nothing at all.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Good intentions are never enough. You might be wearing blinders where a certain business deal or family matter is concerned. Hold off on making final decisions, as you may be too anxious to be liked.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Have plenty of patience. Boost someone's confidence by being sensitive to their pride — and make extra efforts to be

considerate. Misunderstandings can occur, as not all folks say what they mean.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You may wear numerous hats today. Don't be afraid to model some new ones; you may discover a new talent. Roll up your sleeves and tackle new ideas and responsibilities. Turn brainpower on high.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): The ends justify the means. Unwavering devotion to a cause is necessary. Wave your flag or root for the home team. You can make field goals in business or score points with a family member.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Insincerity may mask intent. You may be so focused your opportunity will come along a reality that you mislead others as to your true desires. Ignoring the rights and opinions of others can trigger distrust.
QUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): It is time to put away childish things. Shelve ambitions that haven't worked out or seem out of character. Reassess your goals in the expectation that the right opportunity will come along at a later time.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Flush away problems then close the lid. Don't return a phone call from an old friend because you may not remember why the two of you parted in the first place. You could upset new relationships.

CORRECTION

Page C1 of Saturday's Times-News incorrectly identified the reason for rodeo cowboy Cory Rogers' turn-out in the third round of the Collegiate National Finals Rodeo.

Rogers, 19, was held out of the event due to a coach's decision following a DUI arrest.
The Times-News regrets the error.

CLARIFICATION

Monday's story about Twin Falls city water included an accompanying graphic that was unclear about which residents are affected by a new policy. Under the new ordinance,

the changes in the watering schedule apply only to homes and businesses switching from irritable water to pressurized potable water from Twin Falls Canal Company.

Where's Crump?



Look for his 'You don't say' column next Friday in the Times-News.

Fence

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attacks, which also revived the nation's heated immigration debate. Intelligence officials have said the holes along the southwest border could provide places for terrorists to enter the country.

On Monday, the court declined to hear arguments in a case brought by environmental groups that could have slowed or even halted the multibillion-dollar fence project that stretches from the Pacific surf at Tijuana to the Gulf of Mexico near Brownsville, Texas. Some 351 miles of fencing had been constructed as of June 13, with about as much still to go.

The case involved a two-mile section of fence in the San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area near Naco, Ariz. The section has already been built. Environmentalists have said the fence puts already endangered species such as two types of wild cats — the ocelot and the jaguarundi — in even more danger. The fence would prevent them from swimming across the Rio Grande to mate.

House Democrats — including seven committee chairs — had filed a brief in support of the environmentalists' appeal.

"Without a comprehensive plan, this fence is just another quick fix," said Rep. Bennie Thompson, D-Miss., one of the signers. Thompson chairs the House Homeland Security Committee.

In another vote, Rep. Peter King, R-N.Y., said the outcome "was a victory for the common sense ... and it was a victory for Americans who want secure borders." King



The U.S.-Mexico border fence is seen from the outskirts of Nogales, Mexico, on April 1. The Supreme Court on Monday turned down a plea by environmental groups to rein in the Bush administration's power to waive laws and regulations to speed construction of a fence along the U.S.-Mexican border.

wrote the 2006 law that called for hundreds of miles of fencing.

So far, Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff has waived more than 40 laws and regulations in an effort to finish building 670 miles of fence along the southwest border. Administration officials have said that invoking the legal waivers — which Congress authorized in 1996 and 2005 laws — will cut through bureaucratic red tape and sidestep environmental laws that would otherwise stand in the way of construction.

The fence faces other legal challenges. Currently there are two class action lawsuits against property condemnation and four District Court cases challenging environmental actions according to Homeland Security.

An environmental lawsuit stopped construction of a border fence in San Diego in

the late 1990s. Because of this, in 2005 Congress gave the administration wide-reaching power to waive environmental and other laws that could stand in the way.

The fact that the Supreme Court would not take up the Arizona environmental challenge does not mean other lawsuits don't have a chance, said Celestino Gallegos, an attorney with Texas RioGrande Legal Aid. Gallegos' organization has worked with many South Texas landowners who face condemnation.

The landowners argue that the government did not properly consult with landowners before filing condemnation lawsuits. The fencing plan affects about 400 landowners.

Defenders of Wildlife attorney Brian Segee said there are "serious constitutional problems" with the law

Congress passed in 2005, "which places the unprecedented and extraordinary power with one individual, the secretary of homeland security to pick and choose which laws apply along the southern border."

Russ Knocke, a spokesman for Homeland Security, said, "As fence construction proceeds, the department will continue to be a good steward of the environment, and consult with appropriate state, local, and tribal officials."

In the second case Monday, the justices, reacting at the administration's urging, agreed to review a federal appeals court ruling that limits the use of sonar in naval training exercises.

Sonar, which the Navy uses primarily to locate enemy submarines at sea, can interfere with marine mammals' ability to navigate and communicate.

Theft

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"I'm concerned maybe some of these are going unreported," said Hicks.

Authorities say the thieves will sell the catalytic converters to recyclers as scrap. Twin Falls Police detectives are communicating with recycling plants to match potential leads with catalytic converters by asking recyclers to take identification, Hicks said.

But stolen automotive parts can also be sold in more anonymous ways. "There's a lot of guys driving around in pickups and they just buy it (scrap)," said Brad Robb, manager of

United Metals and Recycling in Gooding. And catalytic converters are worth significantly less as scrap.

United Metals Recycling in Gooding pays about \$10 to \$35 for a catalytic converter, said Robb. They're also regulated by the Environmental Protection Agency. Price said he's required to hang onto any he replaces for at least 30 days.

All catalytic converters Price said he recently replaced had been stolen from the central underbody of trucks, he said.

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Power

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attorney general and the Idaho Department of Water Resources in May 2007, claiming both sides were mistaken about the amount of water available at the Swan Falls Dam. Two issues remain after an April decision: whether Idaho Power's rights are subordinate to water used for previously planned recharge efforts, and whether the state has properly administered water rights in the Snake River Basin.

The state filed on May 7 for summary judgment on the recharge and to dismiss the administration arguments. Both motions are scheduled to be heard within the next few months.

"Burch" Oter and summary judgment in September. The case isn't set for trial until February 2009.

If accepted in a July 15 hearing, the water users would be the first directly affected surface water users to participate in the case, said Righy, an attorney in Rexburg. The group, whose members all draw water from above American Falls Reservoir, only wants to participate in the summary judgment regarding recharge.

The group, which actively engages in recharge projects, simply seeks to preserve the state's two-river approach to the Snake River, Righy said — users located below Milner Dam cannot make water calls on users located above the dam. Idaho Power threatened that arrangement when it argued it didn't subordinate all of its rights in the agreement, he said.

The water resources board, once independent, is now tied loosely to IDWR, a defendant in the case. But Righy said he consulted the attorney general's office before taking the case, and that IDWR is still independent enough to avoid a con-

flict of interest. One example, he said, is that the board shares staff with IDWR Director Dave Tutthill. Tutthill is equal to him in terms of influence.

"We cannot control us," Righy said. "We cannot control Idaho."

Bob Conner, spokesman for the Idaho attorney general's office, said the state welcomes "the participation of interested parties." Idaho Power spokesman Dennis Lopez said the company would wait until the July 15 hearing to comment on the water users' motion.

Responding to the state's most recent filing, Idaho Power attorneys wrote that the company is perfectly within its rights to seek a judicial solution, since the state's duties in the trust are placed with Gov. C.L. "Burr" Otter and not Tutthill. Tutthill is the hearing officer for administrative appeals to the agency.

Also, the attorneys wrote, the utility doesn't plan at this time to pursue any claims for water rights administration, meaning the ruling would have no legal effect or application.

Idaho Power also argued to preserve its request for an injunction against the state, keeping it from taking any action affecting the utility's water rights on the basis of the state's "asserted" ownership of those rights. The general request, attorneys wrote, is an essential safeguard that would allow the utility to respond to unknown but possible future illegal actions by the state.

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FEMA

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tens of thousands from their homes and caused billions in damage.

After the rain started falling in early June, FEMA arrived with 13 million sandbags to pile onto the levees, 200 generators, and 30 trucks to haul off debris from the upper Midwest, the agency has delivered nearly 3.6 million liters of water and 192,000 ready-to-eat meals. About 650 inspectors are working in Iowa, Indiana and Wisconsin alone.

In Iowa, Indiana and Wisconsin alone, FEMA has received about 45,000 registrations for assistance from disaster victims. The agency has already handed out \$51 million in housing assistance funds, said Carlos Castillo, a FEMA official.

Flooded-out homeowners said FEMA has been quick to dispense checks, and leaders in inundated towns in Iowa said the agency wasted little

time in assessing damage. That is key to getting federal disaster declarations that trigger eligibility for assistance, including money to help repair or replace a home.

"They have been trying hard to be proactive throughout this crisis, and had people on site almost immediately after the flooding began," said Iowa Lt. Gov. Patty Judge.

Senators on both sides of the river, Missouri's Claire McCaskill and Illinois' Dick Durbin, Democrats who rarely miss a chance to criticize the Bush administration, are offering good early reviews of FEMA's response to this disaster.

"I think they've made a world of improvement both in terms of their preparedness and in terms of their attitude," McCaskill said. "My sense is they are no longer thinking they can deliver disaster relief from a cubicle in Virginia and are fully engaged on the ground."

FEMA has had a presence

in the Midwest since December, when severe ice storms caused widespread damage in Missouri. Field desks were set up after torrential rains and flooding in Missouri in March, and after tornadoes devastated parts of several central states, including Iowa and Missouri, later in the spring.

Officials from the federal agency began arriving at Missouri flood sites such as Canton and Hannibal more than a week before the river's crest, serving as advisers to state and local emergency authorities.

"It just kept going. You had the tornadoes and then the floods," FEMA spokesman Jim Homstad said.

Still, the disaster is far from over. Keltzshburg, Ill. Mayor Jim Stewart said the real test will be how the agency that bought out 108 properties after the Great Flood of '93 flood helps the town get back on its feet again.

"We need that help this time," Stewart said. "We're going to be begging and

pleading for that help from FEMA."

In hard-hit Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where the bursting Cedar River forced 25,000 of the town's 125,000 residents to evacuate, the floodwaters swamped the home of 32-year-old Amber DeWald, and everything but the foundation will probably have to be demolished.

She said she heard from FEMA soon after she contacted the agency and is already on track to receive rental assistance and other benefits.

"They might not be visible out on the streets," she said, "but I feel they've been doing an excellent job."

Don Weaver's home in Cedar Rapids was condemned after the flood collapsed a wall. The FEMA employee he worked with told him that when his house was safe enough to enter, another inspector would come out and help him apply for assistance. In the meantime, Weaver, 54, has already gotten his first \$100 FEMA rental-assistance check.

Gas

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A bulk of agriculture greenhouse gas contributions come from methane gas produced by cows, whose digestive systems allow them to survive on tough grasses and other vegetation. But it's not clear how valid the data is.

An appendix in the report mentions several areas of uncertainty with regards to its measurements, including the original population survey methods used by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. And while a chart in the summary shows the ag contribution to gases will drop significantly by 2020, that may be because the Idaho State Department of Agriculture was unable to provide dairy cattle population predictions beyond 2010. That population is

expected to level off significantly after 2010, the report says.

Traffic emissions aren't as much of an issue in the Magic Valley as some other areas of the state, particularly the Treasure Valley, said Nathan Jerke, Idaho Transportation Department regional spokesman. The department is starting to phase in flex-fuel and hybrid vehicles, he said, and the public can reduce emissions by making sure their cars and tires are tuned up properly.

Ironically, Jerke said, ITD encourages people to drive more fuel-efficient cars, but loses funding in the process. Proceeds from the state's gas tax are down about \$8 million dollars because people are buying less gas and picking

cars with better mileage, he said.

Without reductions, Idaho's emissions could increase by 60 percent from 1990 levels by year 2020, the report says.

Nationwide, Idaho is a low emitter of greenhouse gas emissions and ranks 47th in the United States, contributing less than 1 percent of the country's yearly release into the atmosphere. But Idaho's 1.5 million residents also drive more and use more electricity than the average U.S. resident, the report shows.

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Prosecutor: Day care owner abused 2 babies

Defense says alleged prior abuse should be inadmissible

By Andrea Jackson
Staff writer

Twin Falls County prosecutors on Monday asserted a former Buhl day care operator charged in February with breaking a baby's leg had previously injured another baby boy.

Senior Deputy Prosecutor Jill Sweesy told the court that Betty L. Bridwell intended to hurt then-3-

month-old Dominyk Murillo when his leg was broken in her care.

Bridwell told authorities the child was injured during a diaper change, and she has pleaded not guilty to the felony crime of injury to a child.

A doctor from St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center recently testified at an earlier hearing that changing a diaper would result in

Murillo's injury.

On Monday, Sweesy asked 5th Judicial District Court Judge Randy Stoker to allow her to present evidence that she said shows Bridwell hurt an infant boy before and didn't mistakenly hurt Murillo.

The other baby boy was 3-months-old and was inflicted with injuries including: scratch marks, bruising, pinch marks, an anal tear,

blood in his diaper, and a protrusion on his skull, Sweesy told the court.

The other child's injuries occurred almost a year before Murillo was hurt, Sweesy told the court.

Bridwell of Betty's Baby Care in Buhl was stripped of her license after she was charged in the Murillo case. The evidence from both babies shows Bridwell intentionally hurt the children,



Bridwell

Sweesy argued.

Bridwell's attorney, Brent B. Nielson, said there's nothing extraordinary about what hap-

pened to the children attending the Bridwell's daycare — speculating injuries were diaper rash and caused by other children — essentially things that happen in a

day care," said Nielson. But Sweesy stressed the boys were both non-mobile due their age.

She said bruises and scratches could perhaps be possible on older children, but not infants.

Stoker should decide today on whether to admit the state's evidence of prior abuse. A trial has been set for July 9.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Idaho Foodbank to send food to Filer church

The Idaho Foodbank announced Monday it will send a shipment of frozen meat and other frozen products to the LightHouse Pentecostal Church of God's food pantry today between 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. The food will partially offset losses suffered last week when a freezer was turned off.

The foodbank's Boise warehouse will ship about 300 pounds of frozen meat, 300 pounds of cheese potatoes and some break and other items that have not yet been determined.

HUD announces housing grants

Three local housing authorities are among 10 across Idaho that will receive nearly \$1.2 million from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The money released on June 13, will be used to create new, modernize existing or replace demolished public housing units, according to a HUD release.

The Twin Falls Housing Authority received \$266,263. The Jerome Housing Authority was awarded \$64,951, and the Buhl Housing Authority got \$57,270.

The Idaho Housing and Finance Authority, which operates statewide, received \$124,071.

The funds are 5.6 percent more than what HUD distributed last year. More than 2,500 people live units owned and operated by the 10 Idaho housing authorities. About 3,200 housing authorities nationwide annually receive capital improvement funds.

Blaine County commissioner is stepping down

HALLEY — The longest-serving county member of the Blaine County Commission is calling it quits.

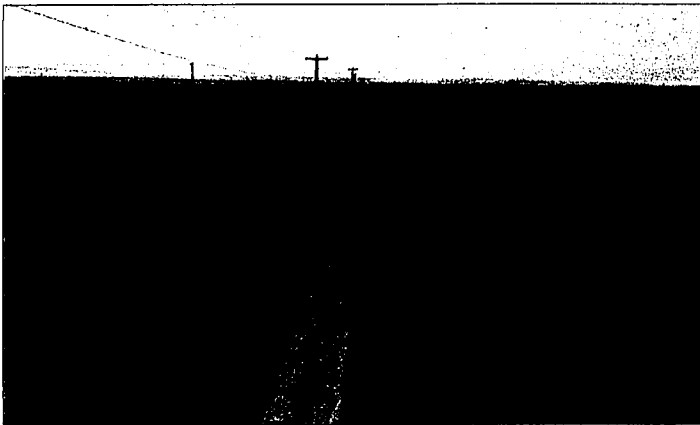
Sarah Michael, who lives near Ketchum, says she wants to travel to Nepal and India for 10 months. Michael, who is now 62, was a tour guide in the Himalayas during the 1970s and says she wants to show her husband the region dubbed "the rooftop of the world."

There also is visiting a memorial site for one of her friends there, Mingna Norbu Sherpa, who died in a helicopter accident in 2007 in the Himalayas along with 23 other conservationists.

Blaine County hopes to appoint a replacement by Aug. 1 to serve out the remainder of Michael's term through Jan. 11, 2011.

—staff, wire reports

Heating up



Bureau of Land Management officials say fire season has officially arrived. Federal land along Hunt Road in Jerome County bares the scars of a recent fire that charred 102 acres in the largest of several small spot fires that occurred this past weekend.

Fires signal beginning of season for BLM

By Nate Poppino
Staff writer

Prep time is over. The 2008 wildfire season appears to be underway, according to U.S. Bureau of Land Management officials who have responded to at least five small fires since Friday.

In all, the fires burned only about 150 acres, BLM fire information officer Sky Buffat said Monday. But they are a sign that plant fuels across southern Idaho are drying out, increasing the chances that a fire could be sparked by even a hot car.

Even as she spoke around 1 p.m., firefighters were responding to a blaze in the Goose Creek area, six miles south of Oakley. All of the weekend's fires were human-caused, she said.

"Most of them are related to power lines and the wind," Buffat said.

However, all of them will be investigated, she said, in accordance with policies

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regarding human-caused blazes. An investigation can take several weeks.

Fires over the weekend included: • Hunt Fire, 102 acres on Saturday along Hunt Road in Jerome County. The fire was fanned by brief yet high winds in the area, and was controlled at 9 p.m. The fire apparently didn't threaten the Miradoka National Historic Site, the focus of an annual pilgrimage on Saturday, Buffat said. First Segregation Rural Fire Department helped, with suppression efforts.

• A fire north of Shoshone consumed 27 acres of private land on Sunday, and the BLM helped Shoshone and Dietrich Rural Fire Departments fight it. BLM firefighters left the scene around 3 p.m. and helped keep the fire from hurting a nearby wilderness study area. Power poles damaged by the fire affected about 120 customers, Idaho Power spokesman Dennis Lopez said.

• The Goose Creek blaze, dubbed the Divine Fire, covered 16 acres and no longer had any active flames by 3:50 p.m. Monday. The BLM sent four engines, a water tender

and as-needed aerial resources to fight the fire, which was expected to be controlled by 9 p.m.

• Devil's Corral No. 2 Fire burned 15 acres east of Highway 93 on Friday evening. Jerome Rural Fire Department handled the initial attack, and the fire was controlled at 10:30 p.m.

• The Three Creek Fire covered just five acres a quarter-mile from Three Creek School. Fire crews stayed overnight in the area and finished their work on Saturday morning.

Buffat urged the public to avoid parking or driving over dry grass and brush, to make sure campfires are completely out before abandoning them and to use common sense when out on public lands. With the Fourth of July holiday approaching, she said fireworks are illegal on BLM and other public land.

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Kimberly schools get superintendent

Kathleen Noh named to position

Staff report

The Kimberly School District Board of Trustees announced Monday they have appointed Kathleen Noh to be the new district superintendent.

Noh was hired on by the Kimberly School District in 1988 as a Title I teacher and recently served as

director of curriculum, testing, and federal programs, a press release said.

Seventeen-year superintendent John Garner recently announced he's taking another superintendent position with a three-year contract in the coastal town of Brookings, Ore. Noh has a master's

degree from Boise State University. She received her administration credential from University of Idaho in 1997.

"The board is confident that Mrs. Noh will continue to lead the Kimberly School District on its traditional path of excellence," the board said in its press release.

Noh is the wife of former state Sen. Laird Noh, a chairman of the Senate

Resources Committee and former member of the Senate Education Committee.

Luke Schroeder was also named principal of the high school, according to Monday's press release.

Schroeder worked as a teacher, coach and dean of students with the Kimberly School District but most recently served as principal in the Murtaugh School District.

CSI to test emergency alarm

By Jared S. Hopkins
Staff writer

The College of Southern Idaho security and information technology departments will test a new audible alarm Wednesday at 4 p.m. part of what officials said will broaden its communications system.

The alarm will allow the school to notify people on campus at a mass rate about unpredictable events that are happening, said CSI spokesman Doug Maughan. The sounds can reach 60 decibels within 5,200 feet — more than a mile long, said Maughan.



"Campuses have been doing a lot to try to get ahead of crises."

— Doug Maughan, CSI spokesman

The \$11,000 speaker will sit atop the existing large antenna on the top of Canyon Building, which Maughan said has emerged as the center of the CSI campus while it grows. The speaker will be a more elaborate system than the existing one.

"Right now we're at the front end of this process," he said. "It going to take us some time to institutionalize this process."

He said the speakers — from Whelen Communications in Connecticut — are considered a public address system, but wasn't sure whether that it will be tested as a public address system. The company is providing similar products to other colleges.

"Campuses have been doing a lot to try to get ahead of crises," Maughan said. "Sometimes you have to look at this not as an 'if' but as a 'when'."

Currently, Maughan said, the only way to send out a mass message is through "phone-trees" — people calling one another.

The speaker is from Whelen Engineering Company. Possible situations include hostage situations, fires or other emergencies, Maughan said.

But Maughan said the speaker is probably noisy — and the school will dispatch people with two-way radios at spots for input. Participants will include maintenance workers and other CSI employees.

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Ilene J. Barnett Hoisington

Ilene J. Barnett Hoisington, beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, daughter, sister and friend, passed away peacefully in her home on Friday, June 20, 2008, after a courageous battle with cancer. She was 75.



Ilene was born Jan. 9, 1933, in Cooldidge, Kan., to Sybil M. Poulsson and Harry Barnett. She grew up in Jerome, where she graduated from Jerome High School in 1952. She married Edward C. Hoisington on Oct. 11, 1969, in Seattle, Wash., and lived in Las Vegas, Nev.; Boise; Clarkston, Wash.; and Twin Falls. Ilene was an avid howler, Cribbage and Pinochle card shark, and loved her nickel slots. She always had a good time wherever she was and opened her heart to anyone she met, welcoming them to the family with open arms.

She is survived by her sons, Philip Lutz of Twin Falls, Philip Lutz of Twin Falls, Perry Smith of Las Vegas, Nev., and Chris Smith of Boise; her mother, Sybil Burns of Twin Falls; her brothers, Keith Barnett of Gallatin, Nev., and J.R. Burns of Boise; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and extended family members. She is preceded in death by her husband, Edward C. Hoisington; her father, Harry Barnett; her stepfather, James Pat "Pappy" Burns; her brother, Darwin Barnett; her sister, Betty Barnett; and sons, Michael and Gary Smith. The family wishes to thank Hospice Visions and St. Luke's MST for their loving care of Mom.

The funeral will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 20, at Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343 S. Lincoln in Jerome, with a visitation beginning at 10 a.m. Committal Service and Interment will follow at the Jerome Cemetery.

DEATH NOTICES

Paul J. Sanborn

Paul Joseph Sanborn, 4 of Twin Falls, died Sunday, June 15, 2008, at St. Luke's Medical Center in Boise.

A celebration of life will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 26, at Faith Assembly of God in Twin Falls (Serenity Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

Victor A. Analco

BURLEY — Victor Almazan Analco, 17, of Burley, died Friday, June 20, 2008, in Burley from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

No local service is planned at this time (Hansen-Payne Mortuary in Burley).

Robert F. Crystal Jr.

HAGERMAN — Robert E. Crystal Jr., 18, of Hagerman, died Sunday, June 22, 2008, as the result of an automobile accident.

Arrangements will be announced by Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

Myrtle A. Brewer

BUIH — Myrtle Alice Brewer, 95, of Buih, died Sunday, June 22, 2008, at Woodland Retirement Estate in Buih.

Arrangements will be announced by Farmer

Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

Jovona Castillo

BURLEY — Jovona Castillo, 54, of Burley, died Monday, June 23, 2008, at Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley. Arrangements will be announced by Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley.

Claude Odum

WENDELL — Claude Odum, 84, of Wendell, died Sunday, June 22, 2008, at St. Benedict's Hospital in Jerome. Arrangements will be announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

Caroline J. Kiser

JEROME — Caroline J. Kiser, 68, of Jerome, died Sunday, June 22, 2008, in Twin Falls. Arrangements will be announced by Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

Gaus Visser

ARNHEIM, Holland — Gaus Visser, 90, of Holland, died Saturday, June 21, 2008, at St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center in Kerchum. Arrangements will be announced by Serenity Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

SERVICES

Harry "Scott" Laird of Twin Falls, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Twin Falls Church of the Nazarene (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Earl Burdett Newnham of Buih, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Buih LDS Church, 501 Main St. (Farmers Funeral Chapel in Buih).

Herbert A. Schoepff of Twin Falls, funeral at 1 p.m. today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Elias Cortabartarte of Hagerman, rosary at 7 p.m. today at St. Catherine's Catholic Church in Hagerman. Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the St. Catherine's Catholic Church. Visitation from 1 to 5 p.m. today at Demary's Gooding Chapel, 737 Main St.

Annabelle Fritz of Buih, funeral at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buih; visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. today at the chapel.

Theo C. "Ted" Bell of Rupert, graveside service at

11 a.m. Wednesday at Gem Memorial Gardens, 2435 Overland Ave. in Burley; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today and 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley.

Jeff Alan Walker of Boise and formerly of Burley, memorial service at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Vineyard Christian Fellowship, 4950 Bradley St. in Garden City.

Deena L. WindSOR of Kimberly, graveside service at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls (Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

Archie Walker, formerly of Gooding, memorial service at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Walker Center, 605 11th Ave. E. in Gooding.

L.E. "Tiny" Kloss of Twin Falls, informal memorial service from 4 to 6 p.m. Sunday at the Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course in Twin Falls (Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

Snake River runoff in Wyo. reaches 9-year peak

JACKSON, Wyo. (AP) — More water has been flowing down the Snake River than at any point in the last nine years, thanks to warm winter weather that's melting last winter's heavy snowfall. On Sunday, flows in Snake River Canyon above Alpine reached 19,600 cubic feet per second. That's the most on record since flows reached 23,400 cfs in 1999.

Whitewater outfitters welcomed the high flows and said business is booming. The outfitters have agreed to a series of guidelines and safety procedures because of the high water. The rules include launching larger rafts — ones that can accommodate as many as 12 people — when river levels top 14,000 cfs. Most whitewater outfitters also have agreed to participate in the minimum age for increases to 10 when flows top 18,000 cfs. "Those are all guidelines we've set so we have safety as our primary concern down there," said Heather Ewing, owner of Barker-Ewing Whitewater. "It's nice because it's been a constant flow recently so everyone's had the opportunity to learn the river at these levels and everyone's having a blast."

Jackson Lake in Grand Teton National Park was 94 percent full. The high flows have prompted the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation to release water from Jackson Lake earlier than usual. Downstream in eastern Idaho, Pallsades Reservoir was 66 percent full.

CAR WASH FOR A CAUSE



Cody Johnson, right, and Brooklyn Jeffers, students at Lighthouse Christian Academy, attract customers to their car wash Friday, in Coeur d'Alene. The car wash was held to alleviate the \$39,000 in debt the school is facing that may cause the Christian academy to close its doors.

Cattle group calls for elk, bison reductions around park

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) — A cattle producers' group on Monday called for federal agencies to reduce bison and elk numbers around Yellowstone National Park, as part of efforts to eradicate the livestock disease brucellosis.

A Yellowstone official rejected the proposal. And a spokeswoman for Wyoming Gov. David Freudenthal suggested it would invite federal meddling in an issue best addressed at the state level.

Brucellosis still lingers in Yellowstone's wildlife after being nearly eliminated elsewhere in the country over the past several decades.

The disease causes pregnant cows to abort their calves. It originally was introduced to Yellowstone through livestock brought in by early European settlers.

How to clean up tainted elk and bison populations has so far eluded state and federal officials — raising complaints from ranchers who say they must pay the price for the failure to control the disease.

That was underscored by two recent infections in Daniel, Wyo., and Pray, Mont., both of which are in the Greater Yellowstone area.

Both ranches face the likelihood their herds will be slaughtered as a protective measure. And hundreds of cattle on neighboring ranches remain under quarantine while investigators look for the sources of the infections.

To guard against future transmissions, the California-based U.S. Cattlemen's Association said Monday that the federal government should reduce Yellowstone's elk and bison populations to keep the animals separated from domestic livestock.

"The federal government needs to look at what numbers of animals they could sustain there in the park without them leaving and mingling with livestock," said the group's president, Jon Wooster.

Mormon church enters fight over gay marriage

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Mormon church leaders will ask California members to help the effort to amend that state's constitution to define marriage as being between a man and a woman.

A June 20 letter sent to Mormon congregation bishops and signed by church president Thomas S. Monson and his two top counselors calls upon Mormons "to donate 'means and time' to the ballot measure. A note on the letter says it should be read during church services June 29, but it was published on several Internet Web sites Saturday.

Scott Trotter, a spokesman for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, said Monday that the letter is authentic. Trotter declined to comment further, saying the letter states the church's reasons for getting involved.

The church will work with a coalition of churches and other conservative groups that put the California

Marriage Protection Act on the Nov. 4 ballot to assure its passage, the letter states.

In May, California's Supreme Court overturned a voter-approved ban on same-sex marriage, saying gays could not be denied civil marriage licenses.

"The church's teachings and position on this moral issue are unequivocal. Marriage between a man and a woman is ordained of God and the formation of families is central to the Creator's plan for His children," the four paragraph letter states.

"We ask that you do all you can to support the proposed constitutional amendment by donating of your means and time to ensure that marriage in California is legally defined as being between a man and a woman," church leaders said. "Our best efforts are required to preserve the sacred institution of marriage."

California Mormons — there are more than 750,000

according to a church almanac — have heard and heeded this kind of call from their leaders before.

In 2000, a similar letter from the pulpit asked members to give time and money in support of Proposition 22, a ballot measure that prohibited California from legally recognizing gay marriages performed outside the state. It passed but was later struck down in a court ruling.

The church was also active fighting same-sex marriage legislation in other states during the 1990s. As recently as 2006, the church joined in signing a letter to Congress seeking a marriage amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

The church's letter is a disappointment to members of Affirmation, an international support group for gay, lesbian and transgender Mormons. In a letter last month, Affirmation called on the church not to meddle in California politics.

Judge delays resumption of Duncan case

BOISE (AP) — The federal death penalty case for convicted murderer Joseph Edward Duncan III has been delayed again by the judge overseeing the case.

An order filed by District Judge Edward Lodge states mental health experts need at least two more weeks to determine Duncan's competency to stand trial.

The court is trying to determine if Duncan is competent to represent himself in his sentencing hearing for the 2005 kidnapping and abuse of Shasta and Dylan Groene and the slaying of Dyane. The children were kidnapped from their northern Idaho home.

A pool of more than 300 prospective jurors were told in May to check with the court Monday to find out when jury selection might resume.

Prosecutors Fredrickson placed a 22-caliber rifle under his chin and shot himself after Johnson, 23, was shot once in the head.

Witnesses say the violence erupted after Johnson teased Fredrickson about his brother's football skills. Fredrickson survived the shooting and was taken into police custody days after being released from the hospital.

Troy teen gets up to 20 years for slaying

MOSCOW (AP) — A Troy teenager accused of fatally shooting a man before turning the gun on himself has been sentenced between five and 20 years in prison.

Zachary Fredrickson was punished Monday for the June 2007 murder of Jeremiah Johnson. Fredrickson pleaded guilty to second-degree murder in April as part of a plea deal, just days before his trial was to begin.

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Research looks to save sturgeon, boost caviar

PULLMAN, Wash. (AP) — Scientists at Washington State University and neighboring University of Idaho in Moscow are studying less invasive ways of determining if a sturgeon's eggs are ready to be harvested and sold as coveted caviar.

Their efforts are part of work aimed to boost American production and take pressure off Russian beluga sturgeon whose numbers have been decimated by poaching in 2005. The United States suspended imports of the beluga sturgeon's caviar and meat from the Black and Caspian seas until countries there can prove they have adequate conservation methods in place.

"A sturgeon must be about 10 years old before its eggs can be harvested. Currently, fish farmers in Idaho say the only way maturity can be determined is through a biopsy that requires taking a fish from the water, turning it belly-up in a sling, making an incision and removing a small sample of eggs. Then the eggs must be analyzed in a lab."

The two inland schools located on the Palouse are investigating four new methods, including using blood and urine samples and scans with sound or light to look inside the fish.

"I am not certain that it will stem the black market trade," WSU food science professor Barbara Rasco told the Lewiston Tribune, as she efforts to boost domestic caviar production. "But

hopefully it would take some pressure off of the Caspian Sea fishery. People become familiar with caviar products that are just as good, if not better, than those (from Europe and Asia), and from a sustainable resource."

Idaho, already the nation's leading producer of farmed-raised rainbow trout, has seen interest in sturgeon production increase in recent years, as have other caviar-producing states including California.

Leo Ray, the owner of Fish Breeders of Idaho in Hagerman, produces about 300 pounds of caviar annually from the white sturgeon that he raises in spring water that pushes to the Earth's surface above the Snake River. Each of his female sturgeons produces about 7 pounds of caviar, but they must be killed to harvest the eggs.

An ounce of Ray's white-sturgeon caviar runs about \$40, while beluga caviar can cost as much as \$250 per ounce.

Ray said the research by WSU and UI into more efficient ways of determining egg maturity will pay off for the region's economy. He's planning on boosting his own production of caviar to several tons over the next few years and hopes to take advantage of new methods to boost his profits.

"This work will generate enough information on other subjects regarding the fish to make it worthwhile research," Ray said.

Hundreds turn out for hearing on oil, gas rules

DENVER (AP) — A week of hearings on proposed changes to Colorado's oil and gas regulations got off to a lively start Monday with opponents warning of economic damage if the rules are adopted and supporters predicting environmental and health peril if they are not.

At least 400 people attended a session devoted to public comments on the rules, designed to implement new laws requiring the state to pay more attention to energy development's impacts on health, wildlife and environment.

The changes are being designed amid a natural gas boom that has set record drilling rates.

Trade groups contend the proposed rules exceed what the Legislature intended when it passed the laws last year. An ad campaign

launched last week by the industry assailed the rules as a "looming threat to Colorado's economy," a warning voiced by several speakers at the hearing.

"This rule does affect my livelihood," said Wesley Medina, who lives in Las Animas County in southern Colorado and works for the industry.

Las Animas County businessman Ernest Moltzer, who also works in the oil and industry said he might have to move his business to other gas-producing states if Colorado clamps down too hard. He asked the state Oil and Gas Conservation Commission to consider the economic impacts before it votes on the rules in August.

"I don't want to be become a resident of Texas," Moltzer said. "I don't want to become a resident of anywhere else but Colorado."

Act of kindness comes at wrong, yet right time

By Rich Greene Staff writer

BURLEY — When it comes to acts of kindness, it's often difficult to differentiate between good and bad timing. For one Burley family, the timing of a gesture of community from a local business has come at both the darkest and most opportune time.

For the past 16 years Zions Bank employees have lent their time one week a year to spruce up homes across Idaho and Utah through the company's Paint-a-Thon service project.

Homes are selected from local residents who have low incomes, and are elderly and disabled. The Burley branch, which has participated in the project for the past decade, draws its pool of recipients from sugges-

tions made by the staff at the Burley Senior Center.

This year, 90-year-old Lawrence Friedrich and his wife Donna were selected to have their home of 45 years painted.

While his son Donald, who lives next door, remembers the letter informing his father of the selection, he also clearly remembers a difficult phone call he received a few weeks later.

On a trip to Jackson Hole, Wyo., with his wife Elaine, Donald got as far as Idaho Falls before his sister called to tell him that their father had been rushed to Cassia Regional Medical Center.

About a week later on May 30, Lawrence, a World War II veteran, passed away. His wife Donna was also extremely ill and went to stay with relatives in

Heyburn. The difficulty of living by herself at their couple's Schodde Avenue residence was too difficult.

Donald dialed Zions Bank to tell them the home painting would not be needed.

But to Donald's surprise, the Zions Bank crew had no intention of cancelling its scheduled event.

Donald said he was told even if Donna never moved back to the residence, the painting would at least help raise the value of the estate, for which Donald was the trustee. It was the home chosen and a gesture still worth giving.

While Donald expressed gratitude for the charity act he also felt some reservations.

"I don't want to look like I'm taking something," he said.

With their families help-

ing out, the Zions Bank employees finished painting Lawrence's former home Wednesday afternoon.

"There's a lot of work that goes into it but it's fun," Jared Sinkins, relationship manager at Zions and this week the branch's Paint-a-Thon team captain said.

Sinkins said the best part of the annual event is that it allows him to drive through the area years later and see all the homes the workers have helped brighten up.

"I appreciate it immensely," Donald said. "They're a crew of goodwill people."

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Utah officer shot during traffic stop

LEHI, Utah (AP) — A police officer making a traffic stop was shot twice in the head Monday by a 34-year-old woman who was killed by other officers after she emerged from her car.

Capt. Harold Terry, 55, a member of the Lehi Police Department for 16 years, was in stable condition after surgery at a Provo hospital, Sgt. Darren Paul said. He was shot above the left ear.

"We're optimistic for a full recovery. Obviously it's a trying time for us," Paul said. About 8:45 a.m., a clerk at a gas station called police to report that a woman was slurring words and seemed impaired while buying fuel here in Lehi, 30 miles south of Salt Lake City.

Terry stopped the Honda Accord with Washington license plates a few minutes later. As he talked to the driver, she pulled a revolver and

fired two shots from the front seat, Paul said.

Two officers backing up Terry shot and killed the woman after she got out of her car, he said.

It appears that Terry followed protocol during the

traffic stop, Paul said. He fired one shot, striking the car.

The woman's name was not released, Paul said she was from Washington state but attending a school in the Provo area. She had no criminal history.



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As troop surge in Iraq ends, what next?

By **Loftis C. Bolder**
Associated Press writer

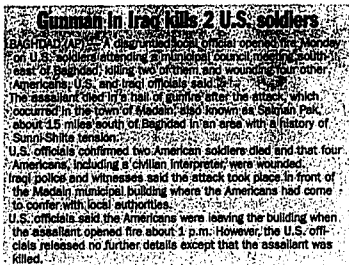
WASHINGTON — The military buildup in Iraq is about to end.

But as the last of the five combat brigades now heads home, it leaves the country far safer than it was a year ago. Yet Iraq is still not ready to stand alone.

The departure of the 2nd Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division will lower U.S. troop levels there to roughly 142,000 U.S. personnel by mid-July — at least 7,000 more than before the buildup began early last year. But it also sets up pivotal questions about how many more can come home in this election year, and whether the decline in violence can be maintained by the fledgling Iraqi security forces.

Two reports released Monday laid out significant political, economic and security progress in Iraq. But both cautioned that the country remains unstable and volatile.

The quarterly Iraq progress report issued by the Pentagon warned that Iran and Syria continue to provide safe havens for terrorists, and allow them to travel across the borders into Iraq. It also



Gunner in Iraq kills 2 U.S. soldiers

Baghdad (AP) — A U.S. soldier killed two American comrades and wounded four other Americans, U.S. and Iraqi officials said. The assault took place in a hall of gunfire after the attack, which occurred in the town of Madain, also known as Salman Pak, about 25 miles south of Baghdad in an area with a history of Sunni Shiite tensions. The U.S. officials confirmed two American soldiers died and that four Americans, including a civilian interpreter, were wounded. Iraqi police and witnesses said the attack took place in front of the Madain municipal building where the Americans had come to confer with local authorities. U.S. officials said the Americans were leaving the building when the assault began. The attack occurred at about 1 p.m. However, the U.S. officials released no further details except that the assault was killed.

repeated concerns that Iran's Quds Force, an elite unit of its Revolutionary Guards, continues to supply both weapons and training for militants in Iraq.

On the domestic side, the report sounded a pessimistic tone, saying the government of Iraq still struggles to enact its budget and fund large projects to rebuild its infrastructure. The government, it said, "lacks the ability to execute programs — on the scale required," and economic improvements remain "fragile, reversible and uneven."

Al-Qaida, meanwhile, has been hobbled by the military buildup and subsequent improvement of Iraqi forces, and its areas of operation have shrunk, the report said. It warned, however, that al-Qaida is regrouping along the upper Euphrates River in Anbar Province.

The report details the spike in attacks during March and April when Iraqi forces clashed with militants in Basra, triggering violence in Sadr City and a wave of bombings against coalition troops in the International Zone.

As a result, daily attacks in

Baghdad shot up by 54 percent compared with the previous three months, and attacks in Basra were up by 6 percent over that same period. While violence has now dropped off again, the report said militant leaders appear to have fled to Iran and the Maysan Province, setting up possible clashes in the future.

A second report, issued by the congressional Government Accountability Office, pointed to a lack of progress by Iraq forces since just 10 percent can operate on their own. And it said the government continues to fall behind in meeting the demands for services, such as electricity.

Other data in the reports included:

- Northern Iraq continues to be a problem area, with roughly half of all security incidents occurring there.
- Most provinces in other

parts of the country averaged less than one attack per day. • Civilian deaths in May were 75 percent lower than last July.

• High-profile attacks are down more than 70 percent over the peak in March 2007.

Although the number of Iraqi security forces has grown, a U.S. commander in Baghdad acknowledged Monday that the Iraqi troops remain dependent on coalition support for logistics, surveillance and intelligence. He said they can't do the job completely alone anywhere in Iraq.

"There are no areas ... that we would be willing to separate out right now to dedicate specifically to the Iraqi security forces," said Lt. Gen. Lloyd Austin. "We've been clear about saying that they're not there yet. There are still some things that need to be done."

Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, offered a glimmer of hope Monday that troop levels in Iraq will continue to come down this year. He said he hopes that if Iraq continues to improve, he will be able to free some U.S. forces by the fall to send to Afghanistan.

"Iraq is in a much better place than it was a year ago, across the board," said Mullen, speaking to a large gathering of military and civilian workers in the Pentagon auditorium. "We're not at the sustainable point yet, we're not at the irreversible point yet."

That assessment continues to be a flashpoint for members of Congress eager to pull more troops out of Iraq. And there is likely to be increased pressure now, as the presidential campaigns hit their strides and the election draws near.

Many religious Americans say their faith isn't the only way to heaven

By **Eric Gorski**
Associated Press writer

America remains a nation of believers, but a new survey finds most Americans don't feel their religion is the only way to eternal life — even if their faith tradition teaches otherwise.

The findings, revealed Monday in a survey of 35,000 adults, can either be taken as a positive sign of growing religious tolerance, or disturbing evidence that Americans dismiss or don't know fundamental teachings of their own faiths.

Among the more startling numbers in the survey, conducted last year by the Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life: 57 percent of evangelical church attenders said they believe many religions can lead to eternal life, in conflict with traditional evangelical teaching.

In all, 70 percent of Americans with a religious affiliation shared that view, and 68 percent said there is more than one true way to interpret the teachings of their own religion.

"The survey shows religion in America is, indeed, 3,000 miles wide and only three inches deep," said D. Michael Lindsay, a Rice University sociologist of religion. "There's a growing pluralistic impulse toward tolerance, and that is having theological consequences," he said.

Earlier data from the Pew Forum's U.S. Religious Landscape Survey, released in February, highlighted how often Americans switch religious affiliation. The newly released material looks at religious belief and practice as well as the impact of religion on society, including how faith shapes political views.

The report argues that while relatively few people — 14 percent — cite religious beliefs as the main influence on their political thinking, religion still plays a powerful indirect role.

The study confirmed some well-known political dynamics, including stark divisions over abortion and gay marriage, with the more religiously committed taking conservative views on the issues.

But it also showed support across religious lines for greater governmental aid for the poor, even if it means more debt and stricter environmental laws and regulations.

By many measures, Americans are strongly religious: 92 percent believe in God, 74 percent believe in life after death and 63 percent say their respective scriptures are the word of God.

But deeper investigation

found that more than one in four Roman Catholics, mainline Protestants and Orthodox Christians expressed some doubts about God's existence, as did six in ten Jews.

Another finding almost defies explanation: 21 percent of self-identified atheists said they believe in God or a universal spirit, with 8 percent "absolutely certain" of it. "Look, this shows the limits

of a survey approach to religion," said Peter Berger, a theology and sociology professor at Boston University. "What do people really mean when they say that many religions lead to eternal life? It might mean they don't believe their particular truth at all. Others might be saying, 'We believe a truth but respect other people, and they are not necessarily going to hell.'"



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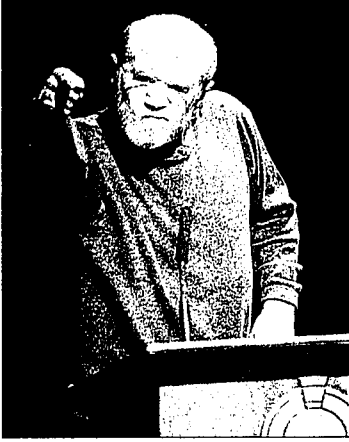
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Counterculture comedian

George Carlin, dead at 71, leaves a legal legacy

By John Rogers
Associated Press writer

LOS ANGELES — When he slipped the coat and tie for the black T-shirts and jeans, grew his hair long and began to riff about those "Seven Words You Can Never Say on TV," George Carlin became more than just the countercultural comedian.



In a March 2, 2002, photo, George Carlin finishes his act with a flourish after receiving a Free Speech award at the U.S. Comedy Arts Festival in Aspen, Colo. Carlin died Sunday of heart failure.

Carlin, who died Sunday of heart failure at 71, took comedy itself in a whole new direction.

No longer were nightclubbers the territory of guys in suits telling harmless mother-in-law jokes.

"It was more than just a comic. His routines became part of the American lexicon," fellow comedian Paul Rodriguez told The Associated Press on Monday.

"He was more than just about America and its time. He was, indeed, when Muhammad Ali was stripped of his world heavyweight boxing championship for refusing induction into the U.S. military, Carlin noted that Ali, who made his living beating people up, had refused service because he opposed the Vietnam War."

"I said, 'No, that's where I draw the line. I'll beat 'em up. But I won't want to kill 'em.' And the government says, 'Well, if you won't kill people, we won't let you beat 'em up.'"

Arguably his most famous routine, though, was simply called "Seven Words." More than just an outpouring of obscenities, it was — as almost all Carlin routines were — a clever play on the sound and meaning of almost every word Carlin used.

One word in the routine, for example (not one of the offending words) was what he called "a two-way word," explaining "You can prick your finger but don't..."

"Some people think the routines were all about saying dirty words, but it wasn't about that at all," says Jamie Masada, who as owner of the Laugh Factory comedy clubs knew Carlin for more than 20 years.

"He had a different motivation," Masada continued, "and the motivation was free speech. George believed when he was on stage that

was like being in his church and he could say anything he wanted there."

It's only appropriate, then, that Carlin's name is attached to a key U.S. Supreme Court free-speech ruling, albeit one limiting the right.

The 1978 decision, the result of a radio station playing "Seven Words," upheld the government's authority to issue sanctions for broadcasting obscene language during hours when children might be listening.

"So my name is a footnote in American legal history, which I'm perversely kind of proud of," Carlin told the AP earlier this year.

Other than that, he said at the time, he had very little interest in public affairs. He claimed to have not voted in a presidential election in decades.

"I was always out of step," he said. "I left school in ninth grade. I got kicked out of the Air Force. I got kicked out of the choir and the altar boys and summer camp and three schools and I was a pot

smoker when I was 13 in the early '50s. I was always a lawbreaker and a kind of outlaw rebel."

One thing he was good at, though, was doing funny voices and making funny faces like his boyhood idol, Danny Kaye.

"When I was 10, 11, I was watching MGM movies with Danny Kaye," he said. "I kind of looked at that and thought, 'Gee, I can do that.'" After a brief pairing with comedian Jack Burns, with whom he would remain friends the rest of his life, Carlin went out on his own in 1962, inspired, Burns said Monday, by a Lenny Bruce show the two saw in Chicago in 1961.

By the end of the 1960s, Carlin had grown his hair long, added a beard that he joked covered his eyes and began to embrace the countercultural ethos of the time.

"I finally did the right thing, which was to get in touch with my own real voice, and that made me

happy for the first time," he once said.

From there, he would go on to record 23 comedy albums, win four Grammys, do 14 TV specials for HBO, write three best-selling books and appear in several movies. Just last week it was announced that Carlin was being awarded the 11th annual Mark Twain Prize for American Humor.

"None of that would have happened if I had remained imprisoned in a suit," Carlin said.

As his humor became more observational, nothing was off-limits, from politics to sports to religion, with war and other atrocities frequent targets.

"The very existence of flame-throwers," he once joked, "proves that some time, somewhere, someone said to themselves, 'You know, I want to set those people over there on fire. I'm just not close enough to get the job done.'"

At the same time, his humor could be gentle when the moment called for it.

He appeared as Mr. Conductor on the children's show "Shining Time Station" in the 1980s and was the voice of Fillmore, the hippie van, in the popular 2006 children's movie "Cars."

From a nightclub stage, however, his humor could always be expected to be scatalogical. And although his humor for funny voices and faces might soften it some, it could still be in your face as he ridiculed God, joked about televising suicides and did things like simply ending a routine with a recitation of every synonym for penis.

"He made us look at things, look at ourselves. You won't find too many comics with the kind of chops to do that," said fellow comedian Tommy Chong. "You're only allowed to do that when you've paid your dues."

And indeed Carlin had. Early in their careers, Burns recalled, the two were so broke they shared a one-room apartment with a pull-out bed.

"Two guys lying next to each other for three months. You can bet we made jokes about that," he laughed.

Lack of sunshine vitamin may cloud survival odds

By Lindsey Tanner
Associated Press writer

CHICAGO — New research linking low vitamin D levels with deaths from heart disease and other causes bolsters mounting evidence about the "sunshine" vitamin's role in good health.

Patients with the lowest blood levels of vitamin D were about two times more likely to die from any cause during the next eight years than those with the highest levels, the study found. The link with heart-related deaths was particularly strong in those with low vitamin D levels.

Experts say the results shouldn't be seen as a reason to start popping vitamin D pills or to spend hours in the sun, which is the main source for vitamin D.

For one thing, megadoses of vitamin D pills can be dangerous and skin cancer risks from too much sunshine are well-known. But also, it can't be determined from this type of study whether lack of vitamin D caused the deaths, or whether increasing vitamin D intake would make any difference.

Low vitamin D levels could reflect age, lack of physical activity and other lifestyle factors that also affect health, said American Heart Association spokeswoman

Alice Lichtenstein, director of the Cardiovascular Nutrition Laboratory at Tufts University.

Still, she said the study is an important addition to an emerging area of research.

"This is something that should not be ignored," Lichtenstein said.

The study led by Austrian researchers involved 3,250 men and women in south-west Germany. Participants were aged 62 on average, most with heart disease, whose vitamin D levels were checked in weekly blood tests. During roughly eight years of follow-up, 737 died, including 463 from heart-related problems.

According to one of the vitamin tests they used, there were 307 deaths in patients with the lowest levels, versus 103 deaths in those with the highest levels. Counting age,

physical activity and other factors, the researchers calculated that deaths from all causes were about twice as common in patients in the lowest-level group.

Results appear in Monday's Archives of Internal Medicine.

The study's lead author, Dr. Harald Dobnig of the Medical University of Graz in Austria, said the results don't prove that low levels of vitamin D are harmful, but the evidence is just becoming overwhelming at this point."

Residents keep fighting rising river

WINFIELD, Mo. (AP) — With a few days to go before the last stretch of the bloated Mississippi River reaches its crest, people toiled around the clock Monday to reinforce levees already strained and saturated from the pressure of the rising water.



Brigadier General Michael J. Walsh, left, of the Army Corps of Engineers shakes hands with Staff Sgt. Russell Dam of the Missouri National Guard as they stand atop a massive sandbag wall protecting part of Clarksville, Mo., from the Mississippi River on Monday.

Officials in Lincoln County asked for volunteers to help fill 50,000 sandbags to fortify the 2½-mile-long Pin Oak levee, an earthen berm that was so thoroughly saturated it was "walking on a waterbed," said county emergency management spokesman Andy Binder. Federal officials said they couldn't be sure it would survive through the river's crest at Winfield later in the week.

"They have a serious condition on their hands," Travis Tutka, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers chief of dam safety, said late Monday afternoon. "This will be quite a test of that levee."

If it breaches, the river will swamp 100 homes in east Winfield, as well as 3,000 acres of farm fields, several businesses and a city ballpark. A major dike narrowed by a hole in the soft ground during the night, releasing a geyser of water, and officials said it took nearly six hours to choke off

the leak.

"There is no guarantee of performance, but we're fighting the good fight," Tutka said. Only a handful of residents remained in Winfield on Monday, after emergency workers went door to door urging them to evacuate. Among the holdouts was Sherman Jones, 56, who was all alone in his house except for his dogs, Mugsy and Junior.

"There is no place to go but

the high school. I am not going to leave 'til my feet are wet," Jones said. "It's been a rough year, but we'll get through it."

Elsewhere in the hard-hit county a few dozen miles north of St. Louis, National Guard soldiers mated levees looking for soft spots.

Down river in Grafton, Ill., Mayor Richard Mosby said about 20 homes and businesses were flooded — but no more were expected to be affected if the Mississippi crests as forecast just a few inches above Monday's level.

The river's crest was not expected to reach Grafton and Winfield until Thursday or Friday.

Upriver, where the river already had crested, officials nervously stood watch Monday as they waited for the danger to recede. Lt. Gen. Robert Van Antwerp, the Army Corps' chief of engineers, toured Clarksville on Monday afternoon and said he was most concerned about agricultural levees up and down the river.

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EDITORIAL

It's the teacher, not the teaching, that counts

Question: If Sally's mother sends Sally to the supermarket with \$2 for a can of beans and beans cost \$1.79, how much change will Sally get back?
 Answer: What kind of mother feeds her kids beans?
 Math story problems — a teaching device designed to help relate numbers to the real world — are familiar turf for nearly every baby boomer. Now, if a Boise State University professor gets his way, they'll be back.

Jonathan Brendefur, who heads BSU's Institute for Mathematical Thinking, is negotiating with the Idaho Department of Education on a \$450,000, one-year contract to guide the math instruction of 1,800 Idaho teachers next year. In all, the state may spend \$3.9 million on a new approach to math instruction and learning, with about \$1 million of that for training teachers to help improve student arithmetic skills that tend to wither by the time students get to high school.

Using Brendefur's approach, teachers wouldn't tell kids how to do math, but build problems they can understand and teach them why and how math works. For example, teachers who would instruct students to multiply \$1.25 by 25 to get \$31.25 are now being trained to present math problems such as these:

If turkeys cost \$1.25 a pound and you buy one that weighs 25 pounds, how much did it cost?
 That might work — story problems, after all, were a big part of the surge in American math education that followed the Soviet Union's launch of the Sputnik satellite in 1957 — but it seems to us that the way students are taught numbers is less important than who does the teaching. Most people who are good at math gravitate toward better-paying careers than teaching in public schools. Especially in elementary school, most math instruction is done by folks who have taken a math course as part of a college education curriculum.

A lot of them aren't very good at sums, and a majority isn't particularly interested in math. That's why we'd like to see a comprehensive, state-funded master teacher program for math instruction. It would work like this: Good math teachers would get extra pay to mentor fellow instructors who aren't as proficient in math. Such mentoring would take the form of one-on-one peer counseling, sitting in on other teachers' math classes and being available to answer questions and give advice.

Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna's Math Initiative, funded in part by the Legislature last winter, includes some of these elements — envisioning, for example, setting up math "specialists" in every region of the state to help continue professional development for math teachers.

That might be valuable, as far as it goes. But instructors teaching math in grade school need more hands-on help that having master math teachers in nearby every district would provide. All of which would cost more, but some of the money could come from the considerable amount the state plans to spend resurrecting story problems.

Of course, the Idaho Education Association — which bristles every time someone suggests elevating one teacher over another in some way — would have to sign on. But whether or not they support some kind of pay-for-performance scheme, many teachers now realize that the current system is producing too many innumerate high school graduates who are ill prepared to compete in a tech-intensive labor market.

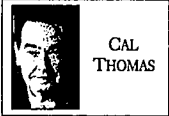
Professor Brendefur's ideas are interesting, but at the end of the day good math instruction depends on the teacher, not the methodology.

Our view:
 That Idaho Department of Education is spending a lot of money to resurrecting story problems as one way to help kids learn math better. The money would be better spent on a comprehensive master math teacher program.
What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

Barack Obama's can't-do spirit

"Life is a banquet, and most poor suckers are starving to death."
 — Auntie Mame

In today's political climate, a liberal Auntie Mame might say that life is a banquet, which the government must pay for, and that those who can't afford a place at the table should behave like it's an all-you-can eat buffet.



CAL THOMAS

This is the view of Barack Obama. In an interview with *The Wall Street Journal*,

Obama expounded on the economic policies he would pursue as president. Among other things, he is concerned about the "winner-take-all" economy where, he says, "the gains from economic growth skew heavily toward the wealthy." Actually, the gains from economic growth can skew toward anyone willing to work hard and make personal and family decisions that improve their chances for success.

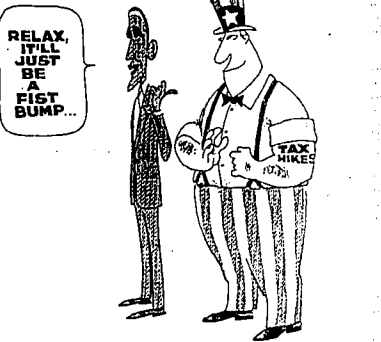
This is boilerplate wealth redistribution, an economic philosophy at the center of the former Soviet Union. Obama and Democrats wish to embrace it now in order to make more people dependent on government, rather than encourage people to rely on themselves and the opportunity America offers to most citizens, even illegal aliens. Guaranteed equal outcome is socialism.

America was built on and sustained by a "can do" spirit. Today, too many are taught a "can't do" spirit. They are told that because of factors over which they have no control — race, class, poverty — it is impossible

for them to do anything for themselves and they must increasingly rely on government. Government doesn't cure poverty. It merely sets up barriers that ensure that too many poor people will remain locked in poverty. They are encouraged to vote for Democrats, if they want to keep receiving "benefits." In his classic work "Self-Reliance," Ralph Waldo Emerson wrote, "There is a time in every man's education when he arrives at the conviction that envy is ignorance; that imitation is suicide; that he must take himself for better, for worse, as his portion; that though the wide universe is full of good, no kernel of nourishing corn can come to him but through his toil bestowed on that plot of ground which is given to him to till."

How many read Emerson today in schools that graduate multitudes who can't read, write, or do basic math? Who teaches self-reliance? It's all about relying on government as our keeper.

America once was a coun-



try of overcomers. Today, we are not about overcoming. The successful are not studied to see how they succeeded. Their stories of overcoming obstacles are not told, at least in their totality. If they are told at all, it is just the success and wealth part, not the part about how they got there. And then because they studied hard, didn't take drugs, developed character, learned business principles and succeeded, they are told their wealth must be taken from them by Barack Obama and his legion of envious thieves to spread around to those who made wrong decisions, Obama's economic doctrine subsidizes people who make wrong decisions and does little to encourage them to make right ones. Failure becomes an option, the flip side of success. One can make money either way.

Two observations from another era in which the word "entitlement" referred more to liberty than to someone else's earnings, ring true today: Both are from Calvin Coolidge. First, "Don't

expect to build up the weak by pulling down the strong" and "The wise and correct course to follow in taxation and in all other economic legislation is not to destroy those who have already secured success; but to create conditions under which everyone will have a better chance to be successful."

Or, if you prefer, John F. Kennedy at a Nov. 20, 1962 news conference: "It is a paradoxical truth that tax rates are too high and tax revenues are too low and the soundest way to raise the revenues in the long run is to cut the rates now. ... Cutting taxes now is not to incur a budget deficit, but to achieve the more prosperous, expanding economy which can bring a budget surplus."

Several members of the Kennedy family have endorsed Obama. Maybe someone will remind him of JFK's decidedly different approach to taxation, prosperity and a "can do" spirit.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thank you, voters

I am writing to thank all of you who voted in the Supreme Court race and especially those of you who voted for me. I enjoyed visiting all of our beautiful and diverse state and meeting many of you while I was in your area. I learned that we share many concerns, especially in the rural counties. As a district judge in three very rural counties, I want you to know that I share your frustration.

The rural counties need mental health and drug courts located where the mentally ill and addicted people live. Requiring them to travel to a city for treatment usually means they get no treatment at all. A schizophrenia in Bonners Ferry or Homedale or Preston is just as sick and in need of treatment as those who live in Coeur d'Alene, Boise or Pocatello. The rural counties also need continuous and effective probation supervision since the probationer's success often depends on it. We all win if they succeed. And finally, the rural counties need district judges in their courthouses on a frequent and regular basis. While the populations are

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not as large, their needs are as important to them as they are to the people in the more populated counties.

I know these reforms are possible because I have implemented them in my counties despite repeated opposition by the Supreme Court. I hope the closeness of the election will send a message to those justices who can make a difference. If it does not, it will be up to us to replace those who could have made a difference and did not.

JOHN BRADBURY
 Lewiston

Burley doesn't have plan to fund airport

A recent editorial of yours asked for comments about Hayburn's nixing of Burley's plans to build an airport in Minidoka County.

Here we mine, with the tenses changed, a condensed plan for building and fund-

ing its proposed airport. Burley's current airport is not in danger of being declared obsolete or being closed by any agency, not even by FAA or Homeland Security. No current users of Burley's airport have threatened to stop using the present airport.

The argument that Minidoka County landowners should think of the greater good and give up land that has been in their families for almost a hundred years is an easy argument to advance when it's somebody else's property.

You mentioned that developer John Primm had abandoned Burley's current airport and would like one that could allow bigger jets, appears to me to be a hoped for quid pro quo: he is hoping to swap acre for acre four acres of land of much lesser value for prime Highway 30 land owned by Burley.

His hoped-for swap was scheduled to be voted on at the June 17 city council meeting, but was tabled because his ramrod wasn't able to get a majority prior to the meeting.

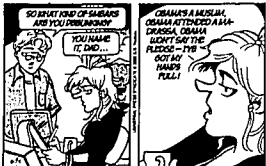
Next month I'll tell you something else on the topic. JOHN WALSH
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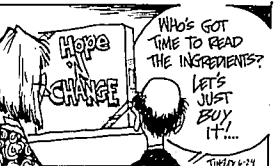
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By Bruce Tinsley



Nuclear disarmament in our lifetimes? It could happen

Speaking to the Los Angeles World Affairs Council in March, Sen. John McCain surprised many listeners when he said that the "United States should lead a global effort at nuclear disarmament."

It has been a long time since a Republican presidential candidate said anything close to this, let alone seemed to think it would help him win election. But McCain senses what many may have not: This is a rare moment in national and international politics, a period of rapid change that promises a transformation in global nuclear policy.

This transformation is the result of four converging factors. The first is the deep and ongoing concern about existing nuclear threats. These threats include the possibility that a terrorist group might get hold of a nuclear weapon; the fact that there are still 20,000 existing nuclear weapons held by nine nations today; the efforts of a few countries to develop their own nuclear weapons for the first time; and the possible collapse of the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty regime triggering a cascade of proliferation.

The second factor is the widespread sense, among policymakers and the public, that existing U.S. policies have failed to lessen these dangers. President Bush sought to maintain U.S. supremacy through a reduced but still large nuclear arsenal, new nuclear treaties, rejection of arms treaties limiting U.S. freedom of action and preemptive military action against hostile states. But nuclear threats only increased as confidence in American leadership decreased.



JOSEPH CIRINCIONE

Third, there is a new drive for the complete elimination of nuclear weapons. This once utopian dream is now the focus of a bipartisan appeal from Republicans George Shultz and Henry Kissinger and Democrats William Perry and Sam Nunn in two *Wall Street Journal* op-ed articles for "A World Free of Nuclear Weapons."

Finally there is a nearly simultaneous leadership turnover in most of the world's major nations, creating openings for leaders less rigidly wed to the failed policies of the past. By early 2008, four of the five permanent members of the U.N. Security Council, seven members of the G-8 and a number of other major states will have installed new executives.

Together, these factors offer an extraordinary opportunity to advance new policies that can dramatically reduce and even eliminate many of the dangers that have kept political leaders and security officials worried about a nuclear 9/11.

The drive to reduce and eliminate nuclear weapons comes from the very center of America's security elite. The conservative Hoover Institution at Stanford University, where Shultz and Perry are both scholars, is the epicenter of this nuclear policy earthquake. Of the 21 former national security advisers and secretaries of State and Defense who are

The clearest failure is the Iraq war, which was the prototype for what the Bush administration hoped would be ongoing U.S. policy: the use of military means to stop proliferation preemptively. But there was no Iraqi nuclear weapons program ... and the war, in the end, actually provoked Iran and North Korea to accelerate their programs.

still living, 17 have endorsed the Hoover campaign for a series of practical steps leading toward nuclear abolition. They favor deep reductions in our and others' nuclear arsenals, as well as a complete ban on nuclear tests and on the production of bomb materials. They also have called for the rapid securing of all bomb materials to prevent nuclear terrorism and taking U.S. and Russian missiles off hair-trigger alert so a president has more than 15 minutes to decide if he should initiate Armageddon.

These former officials recognize that the current strategy has not worked. The clearest failure is the Iraq war, which was the prototype for what the Bush administration hoped would be ongoing U.S. policy: the use of military means to stop proliferation preemptively. But there was no Iraqi nuclear weapons program — and there were no chemical or biological weapons either — and the war, in the end, actually provoked Iran and North Korea to accelerate their programs. Both have made more progress in the past five years than in the

previous 10. The idea that we and our allies could keep our nuclear weapons and simultaneously prevent others from getting them also proved bankrupt.

Indeed, the most dangerous country in the world is not our adversary Iran, which is still five to 10 years from a nuclear capability, but our ally Pakistan. Its unstable government, growing mountain of nuclear weapon material and tolerance of al-Qaida bases within its territory give Osama bin Laden the best chance he has had of acquiring the nuclear weapon he seeks. This is one reason realists like Kissinger have concluded that we must turn "the goal" toward ending nuclear weapons into a practical enterprise among nations. "This policy is in tune with the American people, with 70 percent favoring nuclear elimination in polls.

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Desperate times call for Spam

As if times were not depressing enough what with the high price of gas, the falling real estate market and the upcoming presidential election, people are eating more Spam.

As food prices soar, Spam has suddenly become a bargain. According, more or less, to the breathless press releases I have been receiving, a family of four can subsist for 30 days on a 12-ounce can of Spam, assuming no one takes more than one bite of the stuff, which is fairly typical in my experience.

My dad was a huge fan of Spam. To my knowledge, it was the only thing he knew how to cook, not that Spam really benefited from cooking one way or the other. His technique was to melt approximately four parts of oleo in a skillet and then fry as many slices of Spam as he deemed necessary, which was usually about half a can. Putting the fried Spam between two slices of white bread was, in his opinion, "gliding the lily." A dab of horseradish was, however, acceptable.

This is the same man who, at a buffet luncheon, was asked whether he had chosen the chicken or the fish.

"I don't analyze," he responded while chewing. So, no, I don't come here to bury Spam, as tempting as it may be. But before you rush out and buy a crate of the stuff, there are some things you need to know:

Residents of Hawaii eat an average of four cans of Spam per year. Hawaiians, in fact, are 80 percent Spam.

Sen. Robert Byrd of West Virginia is said to eat a sandwich of Spam and mayonnaise on white bread three times a week. He has had no detectable pulse for the past 10 years.

In 1993, the \$5 billionth can of Spam was sold. These people must be anticipating a lot of hurricanes.

More than 60 million people in the U.S. eat



DAVID GRIMES

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Spam. However, we also re-elected George W. Bush, so that statistic is really not all that shocking.

If you laid 5 billion cans of Spam end to end, it would be tantamount to saying you have no life. "Spam" is also the word used to describe useless, unsolicited and/or irritating e-mails. Make of this what you will.

I haven't bothered to investigate this because it involves research, but in the old days you opened a can of Spam with this cool little key thing. When the lump of Spam exited the can, it made an unforgettable splash sound. After that, it was pretty much all downhill.

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Executive salaries haven't lost their bloat

The hand pays on. In boardrooms across America, groups of directors continue to bestow upon their executive buddies gilded compensation and a lot of time with performance.

The latest survey of executive pay by the Associated Press shows the median compensation for companies in the Standard & Poor's 500 rose 1.5 percent to \$300,000 last year, to nearly \$8.4 million.

Pay increased as the economy struck sour notes: the credit crunch unfolded, overvalued mortgages imploded, foreclosure rates skyrocketed and the country teetered toward recession. While executives wallowed once again at the pay trough, tens of thousands of workers under their lost their jobs.

Nowhere was this more prevalent than on Wall Street. The year's most bloated pay package went to John Thain, who inherited a lengthy to-do list at Merrill Lynch. Merrill paid Thain \$83 million by the AP's calculation, which included a hefty "signing bonus" as if he were a star cornerback. The shower of money came after Merrill paid Thain's predecessor, Stanley O'Neal, \$46.4 million for causing the problems Thain must mop up. That doesn't include the \$161 million in stock, options and restricted bonuses that Merrill bestowed on O'Neal for grazing the firm with his exit. By my count, Merrill's shareholders have coughed up almost \$300 million to shuf-



LOREN STEFFY

le suits. O'Neal, by the way, was the fifth-highest paid executive on the AP's list in 2006, and one of those in the top 10 that has left.

No. 1 last year was Yahoo's Terry Semel, \$71.1 million, who left the company in a fine mess that was compounded when founder Jerry Yang resumed the top job and botched a buyout offer from Microsoft. Yang's ouster is all but assured, meaning Yahoo shareholders, like their Merrill counterparts, may soon be shelling out massive severance payments to reward failure.

It's a song that remains the same. Take Rick Wagoner at General Motors. Just weeks after he announced plans to shutter four auto plants, cut thousands of jobs and revamp the automaker's product line, he scooped up a 64 percent raise — to \$15.7 million by the AP's tally. Wagoner made out better than his investors, who saw the value of their stock plunge almost 20 percent as the company ran up a \$39 billion loss.

Companies litter their

proxies with lengthy discussions of how they monitor pay and link it to performance. Defining "performance" in boardspeak is like defining "is" in the Clinton White House.

Consider KB Home. Slammed by the collapsing housing market, especially the evaporation of subprime loans which were a mainstay of its low-end business, KB's shareholders watched as the company's shares tumbled 60 percent. The company booked a loss of almost \$930 million.

Chief Executive Jeffrey Manger, though, raked in \$24.4 million, including a \$6 million bonus, according to AP's calculation. The bonus, you see, wasn't tied to things like stock performance or profitability, but to the company's striding on a customer satisfaction survey and other murky measures.

In the boardrooms of companies across America, the music plays on like a symphony in defiance of shareholders. Definitions are tweaked, compensation packages massaged, logic twisted to ensure that no matter what, the guy at the top gets more.

No wonder "say on pay" proposals were a shareholder favorite in proxies this year. The problems with such measures is that shareholders know bad pay plans when they see them, but they may not be adept at discerning good ones.

Pay is the job of the board, and directors have a duty to enact pay plans that unite the interests of management and investors.

Things have gotten so off-key that both presidential candidates have said they favor Congress putting limits on executive compensation.

For too long, executives have taken credit for success while blaming failure on external factors. Compensation plans may tie the rewards to investors' returns, but rarely does an executive's pay face the same risk as a shareholder's investment.

Executives and their bands of boardroom buddies have a tin ear for the rising rancor. Ignoring the call for fairer compensation plans, they pay on.

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Zimbabwe's opposition leader bows out, HQ raided

HARARE, Zimbabwe (AP) — Zimbabwe's opposition leader took refuge in the Dutch Embassy after pulling out of the presidential runoff, and the U.S. Security Council condemned the government Monday for a "campaign of violence" that has prevented a fair election.

President Robert Mugabe and other top leaders pushed to press ahead with Friday's vote, despite the international criticism and the lack of a viable opposition.

In a unanimously approved statement, the 15-nation council said it "condemns the campaign of violence against the political opposition ahead of the second round of presidential elections," resulting in the killing of scores of opposition activists and other Zimbabweans.

The U.S., France and some other Western powers tried but failed to include language asserting that Zimbabwean opposition leader Morgan Tsvangirai should be considered the legitimate president, until another fair election can be held.



Tsvangirai

Council members also warned that the violence and restrictions on opposition activists imposed by the government of President Robert Mugabe "have made it impossible for a free and fair election to take place" on Friday.

Tsvangirai returned to Zimbabwe a month ago to campaign, despite warnings by his Movement for Democratic Change party that he was the target of a state-sponsored assassination plot.

Since then, his top deputy has been arrested on treason charges — which carry the death penalty — and Tsvangirai has repeatedly been detained by police. His supporters have faced such violence that the opposition leader said Sunday he could "not run."

Dutch officials said Monday that Tsvangirai sought shelter in their embassy in Harare following his announcement Sunday that he was withdrawing from the runoff, but said he

hero whose defiant anti-Western rhetoric long resonated in a region with a bitter colonial past. Tsvangirai's decision to pull out of the runoff and take refuge in a Western embassy may have been aimed at forcing his African neighbors to take a strong stand.

At a news conference in Harare late Monday, Zimbabwe's police commissioner, Augustin Chihuri, said neither Tsvangirai nor his party had reported any threats, and police were not seeking the politician.

"Mr. Morgan Tsvangirai is under no threat at all from Zimbabweans and he should cast away these delusions," Chihuri said.

Condemnation of Mugabe poured in from the U.S., Europe and elsewhere.

"In forsaking the most basic tenet of governance, the protection of its people, the government of Zimbabwe must be held accountable by the international community," Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said in a statement.

"Clearly a government that emerges out of elections in which the opposition can't even participate could not be considered free and fair or legitimate," she said.

Tsvangirai won the first round of the presidential election on March 29, but did not gain an outright majority against Mugabe. That campaign was generally peaceful, but the runoff has been overshadowed by violence and intimidation, especially in rural areas.



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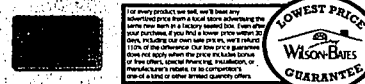


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U.S. may open diplomatic outpost in Iran

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration is considering setting up a diplomatic outpost in Iran in what would mark a dramatic official U.S. return to the country nearly 30 years after the American embassy was overrun and the two nations severed relations.

Even as it threatens the Iranian regime with sanctions and possible military action over its nuclear program, the administration is floating the idea of opening a U.S. interests section in Tehran similar to the one the State Department runs in Havana, diplomatic and political officials told The Associated Press on Monday.

Like the one in communist Cuba, an interest section, or de facto embassy, in the Iranian capital would give the United States a presence on the ground through which it can communicate directly with students, dissidents and others without endorsing the government, one official said.

It would process visa applications and serve as a center for American cultural outreach to locals, the officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity to discuss internal deliberations.

Now, the U.S. has no diplomatic presence in Iran and relies on the Swiss Embassy in Tehran to serve as its "protecting power." The Swiss now pass messages to the Iranian foreign ministry on Washington's behalf and handle the affairs U.S. citizens in the country.

The idea of a separate U.S. flag office was born in part out of concern about Switzerland's decision earlier this year to sign a long term gas contract with Iran.



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Federico steps down as Twin Falls baseball coach

Replacement to be named Thursday

By David Bashore
Staff writer

After eleven seasons and a handful of trophies with the Twin Falls High School baseball team, head coach Mike Federico has decided to call it quits.

Federico confirmed his resignation Monday, but said it had taken

effect near the end of May. He cited difficulty in wearing two hats simultaneously as the primary reason for his resignation.

Federico is also the athletic director at Twin Falls High School, and will continue in that capacity and help streamline the district's transition into two high school athletic programs.

"I just want to do my job the best that I can," Federico said of his AD post. "It's tough trying to do two jobs at once."

Federico, who coached Twin Falls from 1995-2000 and 2004-2008, never had a losing season with the Bruins.

"I didn't keep track of overall records, I was never really into that, but I'm pretty proud of never having had a losing season,"

Federico said.

He also led them to a clutch of trophies, including this season's consolation trophy and the state runner-up hardware in 2006 and a number of other state tournament appearances.

The Bruins finished 24-5 this season, and won the Class 5A Region Four-Five-Six championship for the second successive season.

His 26-year coaching career

included stops at the College of Southern Idaho, North High School in Florence, a visit to southern Utah, and a pair of stints as the Bruins' skipper.

Federico said his replacement, subject to board approval, is expected to be unveiled at 6 p.m. Thursday.

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Signing off from Mini-Cassia

I came to Burley in September, a rookie sportswriter with a notepad and a voice recorder. With no family or friends in the area, my beat covering the five Mini-Cassia schools became my life.

Care to see?

ZACH KYLE

I covered the second installment of 46 and back-to-back. I clownwed with Bubba, Smiley and the Dribbags. I saw Burgam cross the T on 40-0 and Hammond's triumph. I dictated as a Raft River girls team on the bubble weaned into the state tournament then rallied into the championship game.

I was there for Kass's heave at the buzzer, Babbitt's five touchdowns and Molly's three jacks. I missed Alli's no-no, but caught her 17 and two 16s. I was at my desk typing track results for Blauer's four-pack, but I was in Idaho Falls to see Matt Jones ditch field for his championship.

I saw hang-ups. Anybody remember the ceaseless siren at the Raft River-Oakley boys JV basketball game? There's the Mincio football game killed by a smoking transformer that finally cut the power. I shuffled through a dark Declo gym when a downed power line snuffed the lights and the girls basketball game.

I made the trip to Council for the ridiculous Oakley football semifinal, the single greatest sporting event I've ever witnessed. I was gripped by the comeback, and by Colten Wardsworth's mother, who clutched me with both arms, jumping, as the clock struck zero. The game was also intense.

I got geeky about the job. Oh yes, I did. Ask me about girls hoops. I'll tell you to give me Nicole Harper on the break, Sally Hansen finishing strong, McKell Webb on the pullup, Nicole Tolman at the stripe and Kass Kerbs from downtown. I'll argue Macey Jones led the counties in bruises but Molly Mills left more skin on the court.

Bring up 8-man football and I'll say Brian Babbitt is a freak athlete — half jackrabbits, half tank. I'll tell you no hole is too small for Babbitt to squeeze through or big enough for him not to hit somebody. I'll say Colton Bedke, all however many unimpressive pounds and few inches, is an absolute beast to tackle. Babbitt will run wild next season, but he might have to juke an extra linebacker under lead blocks from Bedke, the toughest kid in Mini-Cassia.

Please see KYLE, Page B2.

Rosy start in England



Defending champion Roger Federer shares a joke with Slovakia's Dominik Hrbaty, as they sit alongside each other during their men's singles first round match on Centre Court at Wimbledon on Monday. Federer went on to win the match 6-3, 6-3, 6-3.

Federer, Serena begin well at sunny Wimbledon

By Steven Wine
Associated Press writer

WIMBLEDON, England — Wimbledon began with a few surprises Monday. There was lots of sunshine, Serena Williams wore a raincoat anyway, and Roger Federer's changeover routine was interrupted by a friendly visit from his opponent.

The tennis went mostly as expected. Federer, Williams and new women's No. 1 Ana Ivanovic won in straight sets. Australian Open champion Novak Djokovic also eased into the second round, while American men went 1-4.

The top-ranked Federer began his bid for a sixth consecutive Wimbledon title by winning the first match on Centre Court. Sporting a classy cardigan, he stepped onto the fresh grass promptly at 1 p.m. and looked eager to dispel the notion he's in decline, winning the first 11

points and beating former doubles partner Dominik Hrbaty 6-3, 6-2, 6-2.

During a changeover one game from the finish, the 30-year-old Hrbaty broke with protocol by wandering over to the seated Federer.

"I looked over and there he was," Federer said. "He asked if I could sit next to me. I said, 'Sure. There's no problem. There's an extra seat. We go way back. ... He said it might be his last Wimbledon, so it was almost a little bit emotional."

Said Hrbaty: "If I had been someone else, I wouldn't have done it. ... We've had a lot of good times together. I just wanted to tell him he's a great friend of mine, and I appreciate that."

Federer extended his grass-court winning streak to 60 matches, including 35 at all the England Club, and yet his continuing domination is in doubt because he

struggled the first half of the year.

"That might help explain his prematch jitters."

"I did feel all of a sudden a little pressure about two minutes before I went on court," Federer said. "I felt like, 'Wow, OK, here we go. Let's try to get off to a good start.' I did."

He looked as regal as ever in his warmup outfit, highlighted by a beige, four-button sweater with gold trim and a stylized F on the left breast.

But judging from post-match interviews, Federer was upstaged on the fashion front — perhaps a further sign he's in decline. His apparel inspired only one question, while Williams fielded five queries about the stylish white trench coat she wore on court before beating Kaia Kanepi 7-5, 6-3.

A sample of the questions and Williams' responses:

Q: Was that an effort to keep the rain away this year?

A: I just love coats. I'm always buying Burberry coats. And I don't know why, because I live in Florida, so it doesn't really add up. Now I have a wonderful white coat I can wear on the court.

Q: It looked almost Carnaby Street-inspired. Was it a '60s retro look?

A: It's definitely kind of retro-inspired — buckles on the wrist, the waistband tie. You can tie it or button it.

Q: It's definitely not athletic attire. But it's ladylike, and I'm very ladylike. It goes perfect with my personality. ... It's just delectable.

There were only three questions about Williams' Please see WIMBLEDON, Page B4

Georgia battles back to take upper hand at CWS

By Eric Olson
Associated Press writer

OMAHA, Neb. — Joey Lewis hit a tiebreaking double in Georgia's four-run eighth inning, and the Bulldogs came from three runs down to defeat Fresno State 7-6 in Game 1 of the College World Series finals on Monday night.

Fresno State appeared to take control in the top of the eighth when it scored three runs to go up 6-3. But Georgia (45-23-1) wasn't finished, and now stands one win away from a second national championship to go with the one it won in 1990.

Fresno State (45-31), 4-0 in elimination games in the NCAA tournament, will try to keep its improbable postseason run alive when the teams meet in Game 2 on Tuesday.

After Matt Olson singled leading off the bottom of the eighth, Fresno State called on closer Brandon Burke. Gordon Beckham sent Burke's second pitch over the fence in left-center for his 27th homer, with Burke breaking into a big smile and shaking his head as



Georgia's Rick Poythress, right, before Fresno State catcher Ryan Overland gets the ball in the eighth inning of Game 1 of the NCAA College World Series championship series, in Omaha, Neb., on Monday. Georgia came from behind to win 7-6.

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Haney going on double duty at WWCC

By David Bashore
Staff writer

FILER — One of the architects of the Filer High girls soccer program is headed to the next level.

Jill Haney, despite playing just one year of sanctioned high-school soccer, signed a National Letter of Intent on Monday to play two sports at Walla Walla Community College. She'll play softball in addition to soccer for the Warriors next season.

While Walla Walla was one of two schools to offer Haney dual scholarships, she said, choosing Walla Walla over Southwestern Oregon Community College was easy.

"I knew as soon as I got to the campus that Walla Walla was the school for me," Haney said. "It's a lot closer to home, and my parents can come see me play."

Haney was part of a group of girls at Filer who pushed to have girls soccer added as a sport. As an attacking midfielder, she led the team in scoring and was the driving force in getting the Wildcats to the Class 3A state tournament in their first year.

Now, she'll take her game to Walla Walla as a forward, and she'll yet another mark from which Filer girls soccer players can learn.

"It's very exciting to help get the team started, to help get it to state. ... That helped me get to the next level," Haney said. "Even though I only played for one year, I'm going on (to play in college), and I think that can give the girls hope that they can too."

Filer soccer scholarship was what drew her to Walla Walla, and once there she got a softball offer almost by accident, she said.

Walla Walla women's soccer coach Chad Bodnar knew Haney played softball, and Bodnar is good friends with softball coach Mike Staudenmaier. One thing led to another, and after hitting two buckets of softballs in batting practice, Staudenmaier offered what he could, Haney said.

That sequence of events came as a bit of a surprise, but Filer girls soccer coach Shane Hill was confident Walla Walla knows what it's getting. He also believes that the legacy Haney leaves won't be limited to the program she helped create.

"Jill's the epitome of what student-athlete should be. She's great in the classroom and a great competitor," Hill said. "I think Walla Walla is going to love having her as a student and as an athlete. This shows the kinds of opportunities that are available if you put in the work in the classroom and on the field."

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

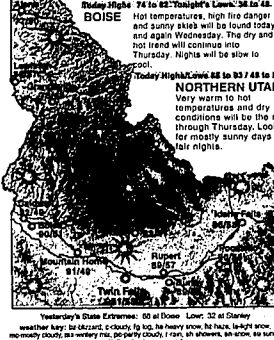
Today: Sunny skies and above-average temperatures. Afternoon highs around 90.
Tonight: Mostly clear. Evening temperatures remain warm. Overnight lows eventually falling into the upper 50s.
Tomorrow: Another very warm day with sunny skies and light winds. Highs close to 90.

QUINCY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Sunny skies and above-average temperatures. Afternoon highs around 90.
Tonight: Mostly clear. Evening temperatures remain warm. Overnight lows eventually falling into the middle 50s.
Tomorrow: Another very warm day with sunny skies and light winds. Highs near 90.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY SURROUNDING MTS.
Moody sunny and very warm days with clear and cool nights can be expected through Thursday. Winds will be light and generally out of west and northwest.



REGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY
The man of the man who treasures his friends is himself.
- Regg Middlekauff

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 5 columns: Today, Tonight, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday. Includes weather icons and temperature ranges (High 91, Low 58).

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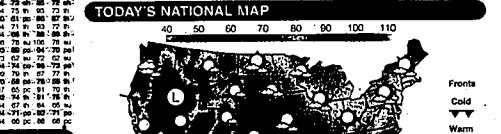
Table listing weather forecasts for various cities in the region, including Boise, Pocatello, and Idaho Falls.

Yesterday's Weather

Table showing weather conditions and temperatures for various cities (City, Hi, Lo) for the previous day.

NATIONAL FORECAST

Table listing weather forecasts for major US cities, including New York, Los Angeles, and Chicago.



CANADIAN FORECAST

Table listing weather forecasts for major Canadian cities like Toronto, Montreal, and Vancouver.

Wimbledon

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match, even though it provided a bit of drama when she faced a break point serving at 5-all in the first set.
Kanepi, an Estonian who reached the French Open quarterfinals, takes lacy swings that often put two-time champion Williams on the defensive. But Williams endured the onslaught and took charge after Kanepi double-faulted to end the first set.

"Today definitely was not an easy match," Williams said. "She was playing unbelievable. I felt like she wasn't making any errors. I just felt like I just had to hang in there and stay positive."

"The match was the first for the Williams sisters since they lost on the same day in the third round at the French Open. They flew from France to Florida and prepared for grass by hitting on hard-courts."

"The orthodox preparation for Wimbledon is standard for the sisters and not to be questioned — they've won the title six of the past eight years.
"We just go home and practice in the hot sun," said Serena, who is seeded third. "We're so ready to leave Florida. We're like, 'We're going to do anything we can to stay at the tournament as long as we can so we don't have to go back in that heat.'"

Defending champion Venus Williams begins her bid for a fifth Wimbledon title Tuesday when she faces wild card Naomi Camaday of Britain.
Ivanovic played her first



Serena Williams returns a ball during her first-round victory over Kaja Kanepi of Estonia on Monday at the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club in Wimbledon, England. Williams won the match 7-5, 6-3.

final. Set-pumped his way to a five-set victory over Robin Haase. Two-time Grand Slam champion Marat Safin also won.

Despite the sunny weather, it was another in a series of dismal days for U.S. tennis. The only American woman to join Williams in the second round was Bethanie Mattek, who rallied past Severine Bremrod 5-7, 6-0, 6-1. Ashley Harklerod lost to 2005 champion Amelie Mauresmo 6-4, 6-3.

The lone U.S. male to win was Bobby Reynolds, who advanced when Filippo Volandri retired with a sore left knee after losing the first two sets.

The three highest-ranked Americans — Andy Roddick, James Blake and Mardy Fish — are scheduled to play their opening matches Tuesday. No word yet on what they'll wear.

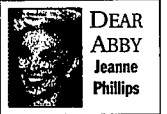
Daughter-in-law's language can be a bridge, not a barrier

DEAR ABBY: I'm writing in response to "The In-Laws" (April 26), who think their daughter-in-law is rude for speaking a foreign language to her parents and children in front of them. I'm disappointed you didn't point out the opportunity Carmela has to enrich the lives of her husband's parents.

The United States is one of the only first-world nations that does not require its children to learn more than one language, which has left many people feeling that anyone not speaking English is being "rude." Bilingual people can tell you that the pattern of speaking with family in the native language is deeply ingrained and is not easily broken. It isn't intended to exclude others. The in-laws are not out of line to ask Carmela to translate what she's saying, but they could use it as a chance to be a part of their grandchildren's language development.

I come from a bilingual family. My husband is monolingual. We're aware that not speaking English can make him feel isolated, so we do our best to translate to keep him in the loop. This approach has enabled him to start learning the language — and he's coming along nicely. Multilingualism is an asset to society — not a flaw.

— BILINGUAL AND PROUD, ALEXANDRIA, VA.
DEAR BILINGUAL: Thank you for the input. The "in-



DEAR ABBY Jeanne Phillips

laws" had let Carmela know the private conversations made them uncomfortable, and I felt a little more sensitivity to their feelings was in order. However, the responses that have poured in offer varied perspectives. Read on for a sample:

DEAR ABBY: I doubt Carmela was speaking the foreign language to be rude. She may not even realize she's doing it. When you have spoken one language to your parents all your life, switching to another is awkward and unnatural. I speak Taiwanese to my parents, but English to all my friends. Your brain automatically changes languages without you even thinking about it. Carmella's in-laws should know she probably isn't doing it to exclude them, but is only doing something that is second nature.

— WAN-JEN IN UTAH

DEAR ABBY: I am a white, English-speaking, middle-aged woman living in a multiethnic, multi-language community. I can tell you firsthand that learning a few words in another language goes a long way toward community and family harmony. May I suggest the New Jersey

in-laws show some polite interest and ask Carmela for help with basic greetings and courtesy terms such as "please," "thank you" and "How are you?" Perhaps they could also learn "I love you" in her language to share with their grandchildren.

— JANET IN IDAHO

DEAR ABBY: I am French, married to an Englishman who does not speak French. For the last 10 years, I have spoken only French to my children. When others are present, I always let them know I am not being impolite or trying to keep them out of the conversation. My kids are perfectly bilingual now, and in order to achieve such a goal you must be consistent. To me, preserving the richness of two cultures is more important than offending someone. But children should know they can translate for other people in the room when appropriate.

— SIMONE IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR ABBY: Having the ability to speak some English doesn't mean someone is always comfortable doing it at length or can express what they truly mean. Some colloquialisms, jokes and terms of endearment do not translate. If the in-laws accept that it's not all about them, they will soon realize the "family" can cross language barriers.

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FUEL REPORT

Gas prices continued climbing in south-central Idaho, pushing regional prices about 4 cents higher than the national average.

As of Monday, the average price for a gallon of gasoline in south-central Idaho was \$4.14, about 5 cents higher than the previous week.

The average price for a gallon of diesel increased less than 2 cents from the prior week.

Prices are expected to increase in coming weeks following a report by Saudi Arabia that it will increase summer production by 100,000 barrels per day — far below what U.S. officials were hoping for.

Gas prices

- Twin Falls: Maverik Country Store, 120 6th Ave. W.; \$4.04
- Jerome: Flying J, 5350 U.S. Highway 93; \$4.04
- Burley: Smith's Fuel, 937 E. Main St.; \$4.00

Diesel prices

- Twin Falls: Fill Mart Phillips 66, 1612 Blue Lakes Blvd. North; \$4.74
 - Jerome: Flying J, 5350 U.S. Highway 93; \$4.74
 - Burley: Loves Travel Stop & Country Store, 260 Centennial Dr., Hoyburn; \$4.70
- *Prices quotes by Mapquest.com as of Monday afternoon. Subject to change at anytime.

COMMODITY PRICES

Dairy

Block	Close	Change
Average price	\$1.996	-.060
Barrel		
Average price	\$1.990	-.160
Butter		
Average Price	\$1.494	+.021
Whey protein concentrate		
Average price	\$930	-.167
Class III milk		
Average price	\$18.18	—
Class IV milk		
Average price	\$15.26	—

Feed

Corn (Per 100 pounds)		
Dairy Feed Supply	\$11.25	—
Land O'Lakes	\$13.00	—
Rangen	\$10.60	—
Barley (Per 100 pounds)		
Rangen	\$9.50	—
Ogdon	n/a	n/a
Pocatello	\$7.25	—
Burley	n/a	n/a
Hay (Mid/Ton)		
Alfalfa	Low \$165	High \$187
Wheat straw	Low \$180	High \$200

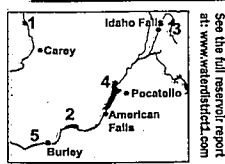
Small grain

Soft white wheat		
Rangen	Ask	N/A
Wendell Elevator Co.	\$9.00	—
Ogden	\$7.85	+.40
Pocatello	\$7.45	+.95
Burley	\$7.35	+.20
Dry beans (per 100)		
Rangen		—
Pinto	\$33.00	—
Small Red	\$40.00	—
Pinks	\$32.00	—
Soranco		—
Pinto	\$33.00	—
Small Red	\$40.00	—

Price quotes as of Monday afternoon. Prices subject to change at any time. To be included in this table, call Joshua Palmer at 208-735-3231.

More commodities on C2

RESERVOIR LEVELS



*Percentage of reservoir capacity.

Aphid tracking network to be expanded

Scientists hope to find out where aphids originate

By Joshua Palmer
Staff writer

MOSCOW — Each year swarms of aphids infiltrate crops throughout Idaho and eastern Washington, however, scientist do not yet know exactly where they come from.

But that may change soon. The U.S. Department of Agriculture will provide more than \$1.25 million to expand an aphid monitoring network, which is currently being conducted by University of Idaho entomologists.

The network will help Idaho and eastern Washington pea and lentil producers gauge when to fight back against the insects.

University of Idaho entomologist Sanford Eigenbrode pioneered the aphid detection net-

work in 2006 with the help of growers and scientific colleagues at Idaho and Washington State University.

The Moscow-based USA Dry Pea and Lentil Council provided early financial backing for the project.

The latest investment will help the project expand over the next three years into a detailed landscape ecology study of aphid infestations — the project will also be financially supported by U.S. Department of Agriculture funding.

The point, Eigenbrode said, is to help growers monitor both the number of aphids throughout the season and evaluate the likelihood of outbreaks of three major viruses, pea enation mosaic virus, bean leaf roll virus, pea streak virus that could cut crop yields.

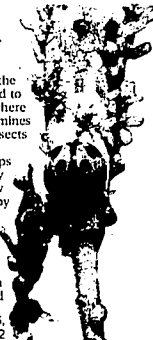
He said this is done by collecting the insects

through traps. Most of the traps will be located by pea fields and a few will be located by lentil fields.

The study will emphasize a landscape ecology approach — that may help solve a fundamental aphid

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"If mitigation markets were available and useful, we could resolve these problems in a more reasonable manner."

— Tom Arkoosh, attorney representing members of the Surface Water Coalition

The 'Water Market' debate

Trying to find a currency for water

By Cindy Smyer
Correspondent

SUN VALLEY — If there's one lesson to be learned from almost 20 years of water rights administration in Idaho, it's that administering water rights is contentious.

But at least one water law attorney thinks the answer may lie in markets rather than the courts.

"Water is available — at a price," Tom Arkoosh told fellow attorneys and water users. "If mitigation markets were available and useful, we could resolve these problems in a more reasonable manner."

Arkoosh spoke during the Idaho Water User Association's annual summer water law seminar. The Boise-based attorney is representing members of the Surface Water Coalition, who made a water delivery call against junior groundwater users in January 2006. That action

helped set in motion litigation and administrative hearings.

"The allocation of scarce resources through markets happens every year," he said.

He envisions water mitigation markets operating like the agricultural commodity markets growers are already familiar with. Water users with junior water rights could purchase mitigation or replacement water through the market to provide to senior water right holders who are injured through the junior's actions.

Water could be bought and sold on an annual basis. However, one challenge would be developing a common currency for exchanging water. For example, when the potato market was developed, producers and buyers agreed on a system to make every potato equivalent to a number 70 and then traded number 70s.

Growers need to be able to walk into their bank in the fall or early spring and know what their priority date is and what their water sup-

ply is going to be, Arkoosh said. As it is now, groundwater users start each year with the threat of curtailment and surface water users aren't sure how much water they'll actually have. It makes planning more of a challenge.

"As administration shifts to the judicial branch, as seems to be happening, I don't think economics will carry the day in a judicial forum," he said.

But Handy Budge, an attorney from Pocatello who represents ground water users, isn't convinced a water mitigation market is needed to resolve conflicts over water on the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer. He thinks the current process is working.

"No acre was left fallow by any surface water user or unharvested," Budge said. "Yes, there were some yield reductions but water is out there."

Ground water users paid \$1.5 million for 45,000 acre-feet of water for recharge in 2007 at a cost of \$20.60 per acre-foot. While water can be rented from Upper Snake Basin users to

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Water flows through a canal just south of Twin Falls Friday afternoon.

S. Korea, U.S. agree on beef deal

By Bart Herman
Associated Press writer

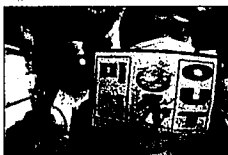
SEOUL, South Korea — South Korea said it will resume imports of U.S. beef after American and South Korean suppliers agreed to block meat from older cattle, aiming Saturday to soothe health concerns that sparked weeks of demonstrations against new President Lee Myung-bak.

South protest leaders argued the plan doesn't go far enough and staged the latest of their daily candlelight rallies.

Procedures to put the new import agreement into effect were to start Monday, Trade Minister Kim Jong-hoon said, but it was not clear when American beef would reach South Korean markets.

Lee, a pro-U.S. conservative who took office in February, had agreed to allow resumed American beef imports in April, seeking to improve relations with Washington and pave the way for a larger free-trade deal between the two countries to help reinvigorate the South Korean economy.

The beef-loving South has allowed



South Korean protesters march during an anti-government rally against U.S. beef imports in Seoul, South Korea, Saturday. All U.S. beef exported to South Korea will come from cattle less than 30 months old, officials said Saturday, in a deal made to placate South Korean protesters worried about mad cow disease. The sign reads 'Out, Mad Cow Disease.'

intermittent U.S. beef imports since banning it in 2003 after the first case of mad cow disease was discovered there.

The April agreement had few restrictions on what meat would be allowed,

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

USDA Rural Development to close Rupert office

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 Blaine counties. These counties will continue to be served by the Central Idaho Area 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/.

University of Idaho Field Day

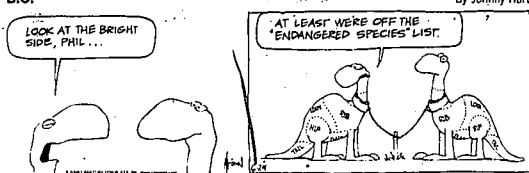
MOSCOW — Weed control, agronomic practices, variety development and uses will be the focus of the University of Idaho Rapeseed, Canola and Mustard Field Day on Wednesday.

Canola and mustard cultivar adaptability, end-use quality, biological plant resistance and biodesired developments at the University of Idaho will be on the agenda.

The event will run from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Parker Farm along the Troy Highway about a mile east of Moscow. For more information, contact Jack Brown at 208-885-7078 or via email at jbrown@uidaho.edu. Information is also available on the Web at <http://www.ag.uidaho.edu/brassica>.

B.C.

By Johnny Hart



Baby Blues

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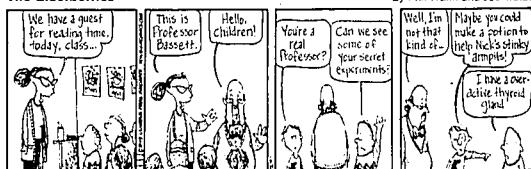
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By Phil Frank and Joe Troise



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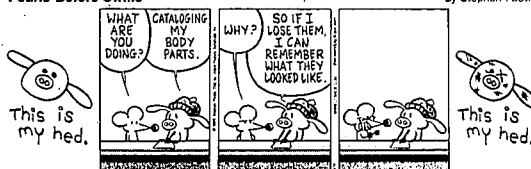
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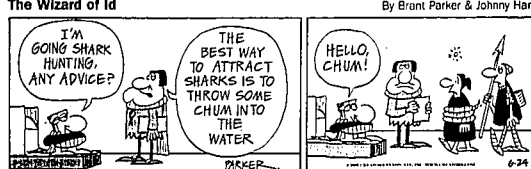
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LOST Galco cat, female, long hair. Answer to my cat name is Missy, has pink collar. Missing from corner of Hells Canyon Dam. N. Please call, family misses her very much. 208-358-3103

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Case No. CV-2008-2420
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
In the Matter of the Estate of EVAN O. TYLER, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice and said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the firm of Coleman, Ritchie & Robertson, 156 2nd Avenue West, PO Box 525, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303-0525, and filed with the Court. DATED this 12th day of June, 2008.
J.P. Public Notice Sharp

PUBLISH: June 17, 24 and July 1, 2008

In accordance with federal and state guidelines for public hearing, the City of Twin Falls issues the following notice: The design for the Falls Avenue to Pole Line Road phase of the Washington Street North project is ready for public review in a public design hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, July 1, 2008, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. (open forum format) at the College of Southern Idaho, 315 West Washington Street, Student Union Building, Room 232. The design hearing is intended to provide an opportunity for the public to view and discuss the design aspects being considered for this project. These aspects include additional right of way requirements, property access, access locations and items needing to be removed or relocated (such as trees and fences). Written comments related to the project design will be accepted at the meeting. During and following the meeting, the design team will work with the public to answer additional questions or resolve any concerns related to the project design. Your involvement in this project is appreciated and we cordially invite you to attend and participate in this public hearing. If you require special assistance or auxiliary aids for communication, please notify Aaron Wert or Josh Barrard at (208) 735-2445 at least two days prior to the hearing.

PUBLISH: June 24, 2008

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Ford 96 Fairlane, 4 door, four engine, lots of extras. ...

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OPERATION GREEN THUMB

Mission:
Turn a gardening greenhorn into a pro.

Objective:
Find 10 of the Magic Valley's best gardeners and gather their wisdom.

Operative:
Times-News features reporter Melissa Davlin. Code name: Agent M.

Timeframe:
A single growing season.

Tactics:
Complete 10 assignments, finding an expert teacher for each.

- Plant early-season crops.
- Prune roses.
- Operate a drip irrigation system.
- Cultivate and weed.
- Plant late-season crops.

- Thin carrots.
- Trellis pole beans.
- Intervene against insects.
- Deadhead flowers.
- Harvest and share the bounty.

Progress:
Davlin got a start on her mission in May, knocking off the first two assignments. Does she have what it takes to finish the season?

Getting smart about water

Objective:
Operate a drip irrigation system

Target:
Howard Neibling

Melissa Davlin's field report: When I was scooping out this mission's target, drip irrigation expert Howard Neibling, one source told me he could talk about his specialty until I was bored to tears.

The source exaggerated. Neibling reminded me of a big flannel-wearing teddy bear with a friendly smile. And boy, does he know irrigation.

A drip irrigation system is a series of tubes that lie on the ground next to plants. It delivers water to roots through tiny holes, or emitters, punched into the sides of the pipes, much like soaker hoses. The irrigation system, however, can't be picked up and moved around.

"Drip irrigation, Neibling said, conserves more moisture than other watering methods. Because the water dribbles onto the



Howard Neibling, a water management engineer with University of Idaho Extension in Twin Falls, installs a drip irrigation system in a raised garden bed near Kimberly.

ground right by the plant, 95 percent goes straight to the roots. With a typical pivot-head sprinkler, he said, only about 65 percent of water is used effectively in lawns.

Another plus is a drop in plant rot. Foliage doesn't get wet when the water goes straight to the ground, reducing problems with fungus and rot. In the 15 years he has used drip irrigation on his wife's roses, they have never needed a fungicide,



Howard Neibling explains the process of making a drip irrigation system to reporter Melissa Davlin.

Neibling said.

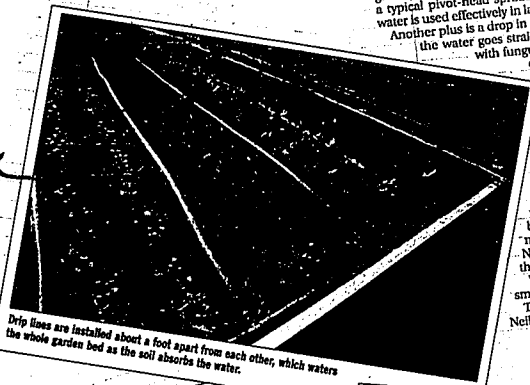
"OK, sounds good, I said. Let's get building this thing.

We modeled our system after an identical patch a few feet away. I sliced the tubes with little problems, but the real challenge was assembling the tubes and joints.

Attaching T-joints to the plastic piping was the biggest pain in the butt, irremediable — for me, anyway. After 10 minutes of my struggle with the "stupid" things, Neibling mercifully took over. He wiggled the pipes into place in less than 10 seconds.

What a showoff. I thought as my hands smarted.

Then again, he's had a lot of practice. Neibling has worked with drip irrigation for 15 years. In that time, he



Drip lines are installed about a foot apart from each other, which waters the whole garden bed as the soil absorbs the water.



Reporter Melissa Davlin cuts a pipe.



Howard Neibling attaches pipes to a T-joint.



Times-News reporter Melissa Davlin measures how long a pipe should be.

MORE INSIDE
Agent M attacks her enemies (weeds) where they live.
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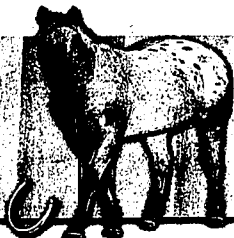
has assembled drip-line systems for almost every garden and extensive flower beds all use drip irrigation. One downside is the look. Pipes sticking out of planters and lining the rows in gardens are a little unsightly, but Neibling said they can be hidden with mulch or rearranging. Start-up costs for large-scale operations, like farms, can be steep, but materials for small gardens are reasonable. Neibling estimated it would cost \$30 to buy the materials to build a system for a small garden like the one we worked on, and many of the materials can be used again on other plots.

Not a bad price to pay for convenience and efficiency, but here's a tip: Get someone else to assemble it for you. I suggest Neibling. With sore hands, this is Agent M, signing off.

Horse Monthly

JULY 2008 SCHEDULE

Disclaimer: The dates and times of events listed below may change.



Every Saturday (12:00 -2 pm) Magic Valley Pony Club meetings at the Southwind Ranch in Jerome, Idaho www.ponyclub.org or call 324-1496 for more details.

Every Tuesday & Thursday (6pm-8pm) College of Southern Idaho Equestrian Team meetings at the CSI Expo Center or at the Arrow E Arena when the CSI Expo Center is being used for other events. www.hisajoin.com or call 324-1496 for more details.

Second Monday of each Month (7 pm) Magic Valley Reined Cowhorse Association meetings at Travelers Oasis Eden, ID. Contact Mike Zebarth (208) 423-9055 for more details.
Thursday Evenings (7pm) Jackpot Ranch Sotings & Practice Copus Cove Arena, Buhl, ID. Call 543-6695 or 731-6635.

Silver Spurs Equestrian Team, would like to welcome new members please contact Charlene Royce (208) 539-5804 or Luann Studer (208) 731-4311 or Rochelle Shank (208) 731-9812 for meeting details. The club has put together a fund raiser to raffie three items a saddle, saddle pad, and saddle rack. The drawing will take place during the T.F. county fair. Contact a member to purchase your tickets.

Filer Junior Riding Club, are seeking more members (ages 8-18) for 2008 riding year. Contact Karen Stoker at 308-3377 or Rick Schulz 308-4552.

Plant Foods Incorporated (arena schedule) **Wednesday Nights Roping** starting June 25th and Barrel Racing (Forms available: Shu-Fly Arena www.shuflaryana.com) on July 7th.

June 25th & July 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th (6pm)—Shu-Fly Arena (1772 E. 1400 S., Gooding, ID) Barrel Racing. Entry forms available online at: www.shuflaryana.com.
June 25th (Time Onlys 6pm & Jack-

pot 7:30pm)—**Jerome Barrel Summer Series**. Jerome County fair grounds, Jerome ID. Contact Fair Office at 324-7209.

June 27th - 29th - Toby Lapp's Building Value, Building Feel Clinic. Star-gazer Ranch, Twin Falls ID. For more information Contact Toby Lapp at (208) 731-3315 or (208) 732-5557.

June 28th - Magic Valley Reined Cowhorse Association Practice Show. Contact Mike Zebarth (208) 423-9055 for more details.

June 28th - Filer Fun Days Parade. 10am: Filer, Idaho.

June 27th & July 25th (6 pm) - Twin Falls Livestock Comm. Co. Horse Sale (Schedule: tack, registered horses, and then grade horses).
July 4th - Buhl Sage Brush Days Parade. 10am: Buhl, Idaho.

July 4th - Hailey Parade 12pm; Hailey, Idaho.

July 4th- 13th (5 days) - Horse Racing. Minidoka County Fair Grounds, Rupert, ID. Call (208) 431-9766 for more information.

July 5th & 6th (Time only's 10am & races start at NOON) —Shu-Fly Arena (1772 E. 1400 S., Gooding, ID) Turning Times Barrel Race. Breakaway: Sunday Only. Entries due by June 30th. Entry forms available online at: www.shuflaryana.com.

July 7th —(6pm-9:30pm) PFI Arena (Filer, ID) Created by Shu-Fly. Time only starts at 6pm and race starts at 7:30 pm. Entry forms available online at: www.shuflaryana.com.

July 7th & 13th (8:00 am) - The Grass Roots Cutters, which is an equestrian cutting club centrally located in Twin Falls are having a show each day at House Creek Ranch. For more information, contact Shauna Koopman by email koopsc33@yahoo.com, or our website www.grassrootcutters.com.

July 8th (7 pm) High Desert Back-country Horsemen Meeting. Interested Horsemen are invited to our membership meeting. For more information and meeting location call 324-4754 or 539-2766.

July 12th & 13th -Wrangler Team Roping Championships (J3T Arena), Filer, Idaho. Please contact Jeff Faulkner 539-4218 for more information to enter.

July 12th & 13th -Thomason Arena Dressage Show. IDEA Approved-Intro A fourth Level Classes; Stable Available. A fun Show to learn more about Dressage. For more information contact Kathleen Thomason, Show Manager, (208) 324-5129.

July 12th & 26th -ISHSA Show Events. Shows will be held at the Zebarth Arena at the T.F. County Fairgrounds (Filer). Contact Pam Bolton at (208) 734-5216 for more details or visit <http://ishsa.tripod.com> for entry forms and details.

July 12th in Challis, Idaho; July 19th in Rigby, Idaho; July 26th in American Falls, Idaho; - Idaho Junior Rodeo Association Visit. www.idajrta.org for more details. Entries must be turned in two weeks prior to rodeo.

July 12th - Kimberly Good Neighbor Days Parade 10am: Kimberly, Idaho.

July 14th - (Time Onlys 6pm & Jack-pot 7:30pm)—**Jerome Barrel Summer Series**. Jerome County fair grounds, Jerome ID. Contact Fair Office at 324-7209.

July 16th - (6:30 pm) Glens Ferry, Idaho **Magic Valley Team Sorting Association (MVTSA) Fair Series**. For membership & details contact Kayla at 587-9445 or 509-1034 or Penny at 587-9680 or 599-3533.

July 19th -Wrangler Team Roping Championships (J3T Arena), Shosho-

ne, Idaho (Lincoln Co. Fair Roping). Please contact Jeff Faulkner 539-4218 for more information to enter.

July 19th -4 H Silver Dollar Horse Show. Zebarth arena, Twin Falls County Fair Grounds. www.4cfair.com

July 23th -Wrangler Team Roping Championships (J3T Arena), Jerome, Idaho (Jerome Co. Fair Roping). Please contact Jeff Faulkner 539-4218 for more information to enter.

July 25th & 26th (8pm both nights) - Carey Pioneer Days (Open Rodeo). Carey, ID. Entries Due by July 21st. For more information call (208) 720-5907.

July 26th -Legends-Carroll & Hoffman Production Sale. White Water Arena, Cemetery Rd., Salmon, ID for more information call (435) 286-2281.

July 26th - (11 am) Shoshone, Idaho Magic Valley Team Sorting Association (MVTSA) Fair Series. For membership & details contact Kayla at 587-9445 or 509-1034 or Penny at 587-9680 or 599-3533.

July 21st-26th - District National High School Rodeo Associations Nationals in Farmington, New Mexico
July 26th- Aug. 2nd - Jerome County Fair. Parade: July 29th (6pm) Jerome, Idaho. For more details www.jerome-countyfair.com.

July 28th (6pm)—Shu-Fly Arena (1772 E. 1400 S., Gooding, ID) Barrel Racing. Entry forms available online at: www.shuflaryana.com.

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Formal gardens and wild patches

Hailey tour features horticultural variety

By Karen Bossick
The Wood River Journal

HAILEY — Eighteen years ago Dave and Debbie Town built their home on the site of an old Chinese brick factory. They oriented the home to make sure it didn't displace the one lonely white crab apple tree that occupied the otherwise bare two-acre lot.

Over the next several months they added bare-root sickies that they'd gotten from the Blaine County Conservation District and hand-me-down trees and shrubs from neighbors and family.

Today their yard at 5 Quigley Lane is an oasis of mature trees that stand over a formal garden divided into four sections; an orchard of Fuji apple, cherry trees and raspberry bushes; a pruned lilac tree; and a shaded bed of hostas. And they're opening it to the public Saturday as part of the Hailey garden tour.

The tour, which benefits the Hailey Library, is centered in the Quigley Road area west of Wood River High School. It will feature eight yards and gardens that vary from the towns' two-acre spread to tiny yards, from formal gardens to wild patches.

"Most people would be intimidated to start on a bare lot with just one crab apple tree, but Deb and Dave met the challenge by combining their gardening passions and Dave's carpentry skills to turn their two-acre lot into a masterpiece of beauty and color," said Ronica Henning, a member of the Friends of the Hailey Public Library, which is organizing the tour.

The highlight of the towns' yard may be the secluded formal garden, accessed through an arbor covered with clematis. It's actually one room divided into four gardens, according to Deb Town, a horticulturalist who works for the Sun Valley Garden Center. There's an herb garden, perennial garden, a rose garden made of "own root" stock and featuring a lavender-col-



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ABOVE: A columbine grows in the garden of Barbara Dargatz at 530 Deer Trail Drive in Hailey. The Dargatz home is one of eight on Saturday's garden tour.

LEFT: A picket fence lined with perennials outlines the garden of Kate Rosekrans at 17 Quigley Road in Hailey.

Our Neighbors' Gardens tour

When: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday
Where: Quigley Road area, west of Wood River High School, Hailey
Tickets: \$15, available at any

garden on the tour. Tour benefits the Hailey Public Library. **Walking and biking:** The tour is designed to allow people to walk or bike. Those with limited

mobility may want to drive from the homes in the Deerfield area to those on the other side of Quigley Road. **Organizer:** Friends of the Hailey Public Library

ored Florida-borne rose, and a white garden filled with plants that glow in the night.

The other gardens:

Robert and Barbara Dargatz, 530 Deer Trail Drive
Barbara Dargatz cut down on watering and maintenance by turning the south side of her yard into a brick patio shaded by spruce, chokecherry and aspen on an elevated terrace.

Dargatz spotted the design at the Ketchum/Sun Valley Ski and Heritage Museum and responded by encircling her snowflake crab apple tree with a circular pattern of bricks.

"It's nice and shady and very private," she said, looking at the wooden fence that separates it from the outside world. "And now I don't have to wash the dog's feet!"

Gayle and Bill Sullivan, 401 White Tail Drive
The Sullivans incorporated

a few of their favorite plants, such as heather, when they moved from Rhode Island to the high desert of the Wood River Valley eight years ago.

Gayle boosted her growing season with raised planting beds and veggie pots. This year she's trying out tomatoes in galvanized tin cans — an idea she saw in a magazine.

A Portuguese porcelain hand washer is among the fence hangings that add interest to the yard. An ornamental walkway along the patio saves maintenance where the grass doesn't grow well.

Nina Steffens, 421 Deerwood Drive
Professional gardener Nina Steffens has transformed a small yard into an Eden that offers privacy, beauty and even gaps of edible strawberries that might be ripe for picking during the tour.

Rosebushes and peonies line the walkway to the door where a plastic palm tree cov-

ering over bleeding hearts adds a whimsical taste of Mexico, one of Steffens's favorite getaways.

"The tiny front yard offers a sunny area with a stone bench while the backyard offers shade and a haven for birds that flit around more roses. There's a beautiful carved wooden temple in the front and folk crosses on the side of the house."

Howard and Carol Knight, 13 Quigley Road

Howard Knight calls his expansive lawn his "park" and with good reason. The grounds feature an irrigation pond suitable for a paddleboat that sits on its banks, as well as glades and perennial beds.

Kate Rosekrans, 17 Quigley Road

Kate Rosekrans' cedar shake-sided home is nestled among tall elder trees and tree peonies transplanted from

her Bellevue ranch. But it still maintains a nice view of Baldy to the north.

The home was originally the homestead of an Italian brickmaker, and remnant bricks are still scattered around, as are outbuildings that now serve as storage sheds.

A formal garden is hemmed by a picket fence, which in turn is bordered by perennials. In spring, humongous lavender and white lilacs scent the air. In fall, red maples surrounding the perimeter contrast with the bare, sculptural elders in the center of the yard. Sweet peas provide a bounty of colors throughout summer, and clematis adds to the visual feast as it climbs higher up the house every year.

John and Claudia Gaeddert, 1 Quigley Road

The first thing the Gaedderts did when they moved here four years ago was remove enough aspens that they could see the mountains beyond.

Now they're busy putting in a new bed of low-maintenance perennials in front of their sprawling success home and laying a rock walkway to the fire pit in back where their daughters have set up a soccer field and trampoline.

A wood chip path leads past a fire pit area under construc-

tion and an orchard of apple, plum and pear trees to a 200-square-foot office that John Gaeddert designed and had students in the Wood River High School Construction Academy build. The office sits on a patio surrounded by benches for those lovely summer days Gaeddert would prefer to meet outside with his clients.

Lill Simpson and Ned Wheeler, 7 Quigley Lane

The statue of St. Francis of Assisi, planted squarely in the middle of the vegetable garden, does more than hold up the rake and other tools Simpson chooses to leave there. The saint is testament to this couple's attempt to make their yard and garden a sanctuary for wildlife and humans alike.

Simpson and Wheeler turned an old horse barn into their home 15 years ago, adding a few touches that betray Simpson's Texan roots. They use no pesticides or insecticides and, Wheeler points out, there's plenty of horse manure for fertilizer.

The vegetable garden is on the south side of the house to attract the most warmth, and Simpson added pavers and rock to increase the heat to grow corn, tomatoes, cantaloupe, watermelon, squash, peppers, pumpkins and potatoes.

Plant a tree, reduce your carbon footprint

By Adrian Higgins
The Washington Post

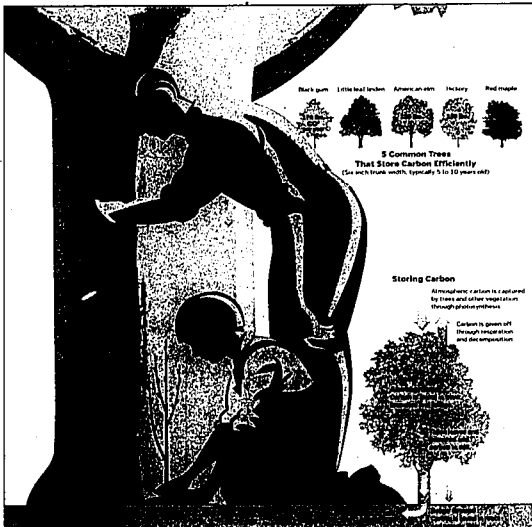
WASHINGTON — Over a drink recently, a friend in the horticulture business said I should tell people to plant a tree. I've been doing that for years, I explained. No, she said, to reduce one's carbon footprint. Plant a tree, save the planet. Duh.

Equipping because I hadn't made the link, I cast my mind back to high school biology class. Trees (and other green plants) take carbon dioxide from the atmosphere during photosynthesis and return oxygen to the air. The carbon molecules are used to make sugars and starches, which in turn feed the growth of cell walls, especially in spring, when everything is going gangbusters.

As long as the tree remains healthy, it just keeps stealing carbon dioxide from the air and storing carbon in its cellulose. Carbon remains there even if the tree becomes furniture or lumber. It is released only when the wood rots or is burned.

Carbon dioxide levels in the atmosphere have increased by a third since the start of the industrial revolution, due mostly to the burning of coal and other fossil fuels, which that buildup has been linked to global warming.

According to a neat calculator on the Web site of Casey Trees (www.caseytrees.org), a fair-size white oak tree with an 18-inch-diameter trunk would reduce atmospheric carbon dioxide by 622 pounds per year. A mature spruce or hemlock, it is released only when the wood rots or is burned.



trunk diameter of 12 inches. That sounds like a way of enhancing your yard and giving polar bears a future, until you dig a little deeper.

According to the Environmental Protection Agency, a two-person household in the U.S. is responsible for releasing 41,500 pounds of carbon dioxide into the air annually through the direct and indirect burning of fossil fuels.

To offset that entirely, you would have to plant 403 young trees and wait 10 years,

the EPA says. That might be a recurring yearly challenge if you live on a lot smaller than, oh, 100 acres. Another option, while you are thinking of ways to reduce your carbon footprint, would be to donate money to an environmental group that plants trees. American Forests (www.americanforests.org), based in Washington, D.C., accepts donations for its reforestation projects in the U.S. and a few other countries with a \$15 minimum gift. One dollar plants one tree.

So is planting a tree in your yard a futile gesture? No, said the group's executive director, Deborah Gangloff. "We aren't going to solve global warming by planting trees, but we can take up a lot of carbon."

And you can increase the carbon benefits of a tree 15-fold by using it to shade the



Washington Post photo by James Hooton

An American holly tree traps 229 pounds of carbon per year.

house in summer to reduce the need for air conditioning. American Forests suggests three trees: one on the east side to block morning sunlight and one each on the south and west sides. If you can plant only one, put it on the west side to counter the fierce afternoon sun. Gangloff points out that a deciduous tree will be bare in winter, allowing the sun to warm the house.

Find a site away from utility lines and buried drainage, and plant at least 15 feet from the house.

Gangloff said homeowners play a vital role in preserving and replanting the urban forest because they own most of it. And the benefits go beyond carbon sequestration. Trees filter pollution, prevent soil erosion, provide habitat for wildlife and can look pretty good.

Mark Buscalino, executive director of Casey Trees, said that if you plant one tree, you won't make much of a dent in global warming.

"But if you plant 10 and 'multiply it over their lifetime, they're going to sequester a heck of a lot of carbon," Casey Trees is a D.C.-based charity established to protect and restore the city's urban forest.

When I plant more trees I will think about that aspect, though it still won't be my first consideration. I will continue to ask: Do I have room? Have I picked the right tree for the site conditions, and how will it change the garden?

Casey Trees and American Forests offer online advice on correct tree planting at www.caseytrees.org/programs/treeplanting.html and www.americanforests.org/plantinghowto.php.

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