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Last-minute questions dog Ketchum's Rapport

City's economic directors probe development
corporation's executive director's past

By Cassidy Friedman
Staff writer

"It couldn't be" — that's most
people's reaction.
The criminal background of
Ketchum's economic guru hired

two months ago to steer the town
toward its master plan is now
being probed by the people who
gave him his job.

Gary Rapport, the executive
director of Ketchum's fledgling
Community Development Corp-

oration, said the board that hired
him is investigating allegations
that it may have failed to discover
a possible criminal record
when screening Rapport for the
job.

Calling the accusations
"mean-spirited," Rapport said
any crimes charged against him
previously have been dropped.

"There's no truth at all to it,"
Rapport said. "Any charges that

were filed were dismissed. My
board of directors is investigating,
and after they complete their
investigation then I will talk to
the press."

Rapport said he would com-
ment on Friday after the board
finishes looking into the accusa-
tions. An *Idaho Mountain
Express* reader posted those

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**Lighthouse lights,
PA system get OK
from T.F. Council**

By Jared S. Hopkins
Staff writer

The Twin Falls City Council on Monday
unanimously approved a request by
Lighthouse Christian Fellowship to allow
nighttime lighting for its football field and a
public address system, a reversal of an earlier
decision with the hope to balance concerns of
residents with the wishes of the combined
school and church.

The 7-0 decision came after the council
agreed to several special amendments to the
request that would diminish its impact on the
surrounding neighborhood in eastern Twin
Falls. With the amendments, the public
address system and lights may not be used
past 10 p.m. unless football games run into
overtime or are delayed due to injuries, and
the public address system is not to exceed 78
decibels.

"I don't see any difference between church
schools and public schools," said Councilman
Don Hall. "This is a positive thing for our kids
to be involved in."

Hall was absent on May 12 when the City
Council voted 3-3 on the request — one vote
shy of a clear majority — and effectively
denied the request. The request had previously
passed the Twin Falls Planning and Zoning
Commission 4-3 after similar mandates were
attached.

Much of the council's concern rested on
how — or whether — Lighthouse should be
limited in how many nighttime events it
could have on its football field.

Two attempts — including a last-minute
effort by Councilman Will Kezele — to

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"There's no truth at all to it. Any charges that were filed were dismissed."

— Gary Rapport, executive director of Ketchum's Community Development Corporation

**Taken by
the river he
loved**

Body of T.F. outdoor
icon recovered Monday

By David Cooper
Staff writer

Months before making his final whitewater
voyage, Bill Studebaker foresaw taking his
last breath in an Idaho river.

The body of Studebaker, who drowned in a
whitewater kayaking accident Friday on the
East Fork of the South Fork of the Salmon
River, was found Monday, according to Valley
County Sheriff Patti Bolon. A family member
said the body was found by a kayaking friend
1 1/2 miles downstream from where
Studebaker was last seen.

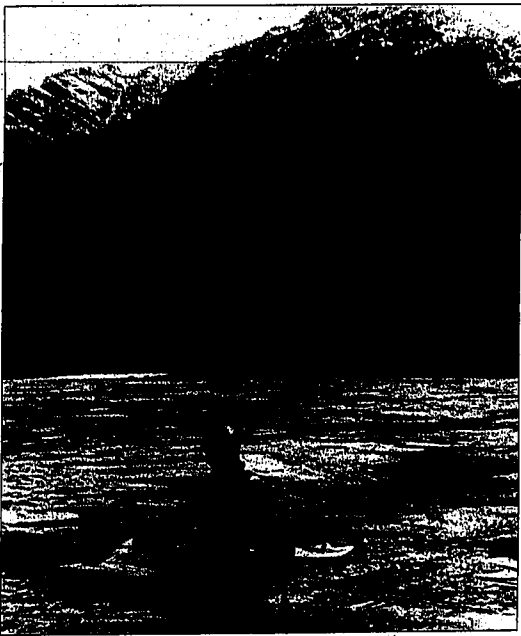
Studebaker, an iconic figure among Idaho's
outdoor and literary communities, wrote an
essay recently about the elements, and
described the sensation of death in the water.
"He wrote about the loss of air and nearly
drowning," said Rick Ardinger, director for
the Idaho Humanities Council and a close
friend to Studebaker. "It's a compelling piece
of non-fiction and a personal experience that
has a lot more weight for people who read it
now."

Studebaker's accident happened Friday,
near Yellow Pine, on a technical Class V rapid
stretch known as Flight Simulator.
Studebaker's oldest son Rob said his dad was

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Bill Studebaker kayaks down a slope in the Sawtooths for a winter recreation segment on Idaho Public TV.



Bill Studebaker, who died Friday on the Salmon River, is pictured on the Snake River near Hells Canyon on a kayak trip this past spring.

**Police question
wisdom of
hypermilers**

Drivers doing what they can
to increase gas mileage could
be creating unsafe roads

The Associated Press

BOISE — Motorists who try to increase their
gas mileage by coasting with their engines off,
drafting behind big rigs and driving much
slower than the speed limit may be acting dan-
gerously and even illegally, officials say.

"Hypermilers," as they're known, say those
techniques and others, such as overinflating
tires, can help them get 50 to 100 miles a gallon
in a normal car, saving on gasoline that costs
more than \$4 a gallon.

"The goals of hypermiling are positive, such
as eliminating aggressive driving and saving
energy," Marshall L. Doney, A.A.A. Automotive
vice president, told the *Idaho Statesman*.
"Unfortunately, some motorists have taken
their desire to improve fuel economy to
extremes with techniques that put themselves,
as well as their fellow motorists, in danger."

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On the Web

To read a tribute of Bill Studebaker on Idaho
Public TV go to: [http://www.idahoptv.org/out-
doors/01_stories.cfm](http://www.idahoptv.org/out-
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Taking the fight to their front doors

Animal rights protesters
increasingly torment
scientists at their homes

By Marcus Whelan
Associated Press writer

BERKELEY, Calif. — In the hills
above the University of California's
Berkeley campus, nine protesters
gathered in front of the home of a

toxicology professor, their faces
covered with scarves and hoods
despite the warm spring weather.

One scrawled "killer" in chalk on
the scientist's doorstep, while
another hurled insults through a
bullhorn and announced, "Your
neighbor kills animals!" Someone
shattered a window.

Borrowing the kind of tactics
used by anti-abortion demonstra-
tors, animal rights activists are
increasingly taking their rage

straight to scientists' front doors.
Over the past couple of years,
more and more researchers who
experiment on animals have been
harrassed and terrorized in their
own homes, with weapons that
include firebombs, flooding and
acid.

Scientists say the vandalism and
intimidation threaten not just
themselves and their families but

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Animal rights
activists, who
declined to
give their
names,
demonstrate
outside the
home of a
University of
California
professor,
May 31, in
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Rapport

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accusations Friday on the Wood River Valley newspaper's Web site in response to a story about the charges Rapport has in store for Ketchum.

Rapport declined to identify what criminal charges were filed against him. The *Idaho Mountain Express* reader accused him of white collar crimes, including embezzlement.

Meanwhile, Ketchum Police are also investigating a possible connection between Rapport and a missing criminal defendant they say

matches Rapport's name and description out of Southern California.

A defendant by the name of Gary Rapport, 50, described in Orange County court records as standing 5 feet 4 inches tall, weighing 210 pounds, with brown hair and brown eyes, failed to appear in Orange County court in June 2002 to stand trial on a felony charge of burglarizing the Seal Beach Market.

"We are going to do a further investigation and look into this a little deeper," Kim Rogers, a spokeswoman for the Ketchum Police Department, said. "To make sure it's the right person, at

this point we're not sure and we are in contact with Seal Beach (police). If it's him then we have some issues to deal with, that's for sure."

Rapport's wife, who was asked whether Rapport is that defendant when she called the *Times-News* Monday, declined any comment on behalf of her husband. She also declined to provide Rapport's birthday to see if it matched the defendant's.

Farrah Emami, a spokeswoman for the Orange County District Attorney's office, and Rogers both said they are waiting for the Orange County Sheriff's Office to provide a mug

shot of Rapport.

The CDC is a relatively new non-profit that's independent but that depends heavily on public funds.

The CDC launched in late 2006 with seed money from Ketchum taxpayers, said board member Jason Miller. Now a functioning non-profit it charged with guiding the city's master plan, it remains sustained primarily by public funds from the city, Miller said. The City Council appropriated \$105,000 for fiscal year 2008 and council member Larry Helzel sits on CDC's board, said Ketchum city council president Baird Gourlay. The city attorney

and city staff have also donated considerable work time to build the non-profit, Gourlay said.

"It's a sad deal," Gourlay said. "I have a lot of respect for Gary. This is something that somebody dug up from his past. I can't imagine it's substantiated or there are any convictions. If they become true that" — determining what action to take — "will be the board's decision."

Gourlay said the board's current investigation into Rapport's criminal background suggests a board subcommittee did not conduct a background check before giving Rapport the paid leadership position, Rapport,

who last worked for Rural Community Innovations in Bozeman, Mont., was said by that company to have 25 years of experience working with international relief organizations. He won his latest job over several other applicants, Miller said.

Rapport also acts as a consultant for local non-profit ARCH Community Housing Trust.

Rebekah Helzel, the president of the trust's board of directors, declined comment, saying the non-profit's policy is to offer no public comment on employees or consultants.

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Studebaker

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familiar with the area. Witnesses told him his father properly scouted the terrain before leading a group through it.

All the years that we paddled, from a skill standpoint, this was within his limits," Rob said.

Studebaker was upended after hitting a pour-over rapid. He quickly righted himself with a roll but was still facing upstream when he went backwards over another pour-over.

Rob said his dad made sure to eight revolutions in the water. Once he churned out, he was still upside-down.

The expert kayaker tried twice more to roll back over, but each time came either turns. Then he ejected from the boat and tried to swim through more high rapids.

Friends tried to paddle down in pursuit of Studebaker. One of them, Rod Burks — moving into a position to reach him. But witnesses told Rob they believe his dad had either a stroke, or struck his head on a rock while underwater.

"He was swimming but not with much deliberation," Rob said. "He almost seemed dazed to a point."

Burks got out of his boat to try and catch Studebaker, but the water once again pulled Studebaker under. Burks was eventually the kayaker who located Studebaker on Monday near a boulder downstream. Some 20 to 30 volunteers, many of them friends of Studebaker, joined U.S. Forest Service and Valley County search teams to find the body.

News that one of Idaho's most renowned outdoorsmen died on his beloved Salmon River was greeted with almost little surprise.

"We always kind of expected that phone call," said Jason Kitley, another friend of Studebaker's and a former Twin Falls resident. "But I know in my heart there was no other place Bill would rather have been."

"Just recently, Bill was talking about life and death," said Jerry Glunge, a friend from Twin Falls. "And Bill said, 'I'm going to die with my feet in my boat.' Isn't it just like Bill to leave us with one more riddle?"

Studebaker taught for years at the College of Southern Idaho and Idaho State University, composing works of poetry, essays, fiction and non-fiction. A native of Salmon, his outdoor upbringing near the river was reflected through-

out his work, including 14 years as a columnist for the *Times-News*. In 2005, he was given the Outstanding Achievement in the Humanities Award by the IHC.

"No writer is better identified with Idaho than he was," said Ardinger. "He felt that geography really did influence Western expression. He wrote about deserts, rivers, the landscape. There's no other writer in the state we can call the true poet laureate of Idaho."

Bruce Reichert, director of Idaho Public Television's Outdoor Idaho program, interviewed Studebaker repeatedly for his diverse understanding of the state, its land and people.

"In one of the shows, he was talking about locking up wilderness, and I thought he was someone who appreciated that," Reichert said. "But then he said, 'You know, the folks I know, they feel they're on a reservation, they feel the land is closed to them, kind of like the Native Americans.'"

"He grew up in the land, working it and he understood that connection," Former CSI president Jerry Meyerhofer said Studebaker's connection to students and the landscape made him a natural fit to lead the school's outdoor program.

"Bill was a unique person," Meyerhofer said. "A gifted

outdoorsman who could sit down and write poetry on things that you don't think had a thread ... People are hurting. It's a loss for many people, but especially for our community."

Studebaker is survived by his wife Judy, their two sons and two daughters, and five grandchildren. — Memorial

services are tentatively planned for Saturday at the CSI Horret Center.

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EDITORIAL

Time for an accounting of virtual charter schools

Next time your kids tell you that their school doesn't have enough textbooks to go around, remember where a lot of your hard-earned tax dollars are going these days.

Out of state, that's where. A Times-News investigation found that two of Idaho's four virtual charter schools are closely linked to out-of-state companies, which take home most of the public financial support.

Idaho Virtual Academy Inc. — the state's largest with 2,366 students — received \$8.97 million from the taxpayers and passed seven-tenths of it on to K-12 Inc., a for-profit company based in Herndon, Va., that has operations in 23 states.

The IVA buys curriculum from K-12 and the virtual school's top administrators are all K-12 employees working under a contract awarded without competitive bidding — which was not required by the state.

And Inspira Academics Inc., with 255 students, received \$329,831 from the state and spent 85 percent on services provided by Connections Academy, a Baltimore, Md.-based company that has school management contracts in 15 states.

We have three problems with that:

Oversight: While virtual charter schools get state funding, they're not accountable in the same way as traditional public schools. Their trustees usually are appointed, not elected. Nor are they subject to the same use-it-or-lose-it funding requirements as traditional public schools: If public charter schools don't spend all their state money for teachers and instruction in a year, they get to keep it.

Public schools also contract for services, but most of their state support flows through the regular school district budget.

"In a sense, the darker side is 'who's profiting?'" said Bert Marley, a former legislator and the Magic Valley regional director of the Idaho Education Association. "Is it taking money from the educational system as a whole to line the pockets of out-of-state companies, or is it benefiting people in the state like we'd like to see?"

The nebulous mix between commerce and a core taxpayer-funded responsibility of the state.

"How much for-profit activity can you have in delivering what is in essence public education?" asked Sen. Elliot Werk, a Boise Democrat who sits on the budget-writing Joint Finance-Appropriation Committee. "When does a public school turn into a private school?"

Performance: None of the virtual charter schools made adequate yearly progress in 2006-2007, which is mandated by the 2001 No Child Left Behind Act. IVA was on alert for three criteria, including reading and math. The school also didn't make six goals for adequate progress.

Idaho's other three virtual schools made all but two or three of those goals.

We hope the Charter School Commission — appointed by the governor — will address these issues. It's working to draft an administrative rule that may refine oversight.

But whatever the commission comes up with will be only as effective as the Legislature's willingness to insist on fiscal transparency and performance accountability. School choice is wonderful, but lawmakers aren't playing with just their own money here. The rest of us want an accounting.

A few years back, when "subprime" generally referred to beef, economists used to congratulate themselves on their progress since the 1970s. Central banks had learned to tame inflation. Politicians had learned to appreciate the folly of price controls. Thanks to the economics profession, policy-makers had grown

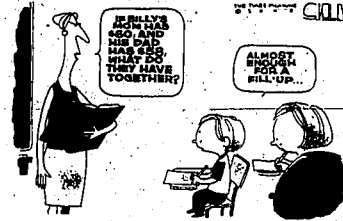


SEBASTIAN MALLABY

Wiser. Well, inflation has returned. And politicians are out to control prices again, this time in futures markets. You see this most clearly with oil prices. Barack Obama worries that "unregulated energy speculators may be distorting the market." John McCain complains that "while a few reckless speculators are counting their paper profits, most Americans are coming up on the short end." On Thursday a measure demanding a clampdown on oil trading passed the House 402-19.

So it's time for a quick refresher: Richard Nixon's only, the 1970s price controls were a disaster. Administering the controls on energy alone took an estimated 5 million man-hours per year and punished motorists with gas lines. Repeating this experiment by clamping down on oil trading is like burning your hand on a gas stove and then sitting on a barbecue.

Would-be Nixons argue that hedge funds and their ilk are piling into oil futures, driving prices above "reasonable" levels. They note that in 2000, speculators owned just



over a third of the "paper oil" traded on the New York Mercantile Exchange but now more than two-thirds. This buying pressure on paper oil is said to be pushing physical oil up. Stop the speculation, they say, and prices would revert to normal. The most basic problem with this claim is that a speculator will buy paper oil only if someone else sells to him. For every trader who bets on a price rise, there must be another who bets the opposite. So an increase in the number of speculative players does not show whether prices will move up or down. Think of a youth soccer team: If it adds two extra players it doesn't become more likely to win, because its opponents will add two players as well.

What matters is who those players are: Will they aggressively push the ball up the field, or will they retreat? Sometimes the bulls are more eager than the bears, and prices spiral upward. But this is not some autonomous force that comes out of nowhere. If the bulls have the upper hand, it's generally because supply and demand favor higher prices. The fundamentals of physical oil drive the psychology around paper oil more than vice versa.

Why do I think that? Financial behavior often

influences the real economy. In the recent mortgage bubble, for example, financiers made mortgages available to people who had been ineligible. They changed the fundamentals of demand for housing. But oil speculators is not like that. Investors who buy paper oil do not alter the demand for physical oil. Every paper claim they buy is a paper claim they will later sell, because they have no intention of converting their paper into real oil. It's not so expensive and cumbersome to store. A speculator is not going to show up in Cushing, Okla., when his futures contract matures and drive away with a tanker truck full of oil.

The uncertain connection between speculation and price trends is clear in recent history. The Commodity Futures Trading Commission reports how much paper oil is bought and sold by commercial users — oil companies, miners — and how much is bought and sold by speculators. During the first seven months of 2007, speculators as a group tripled the amount of paper oil they owned, buying it from commercial players. But since last August, speculators as a group have not added to their positions — yet this was when oil prices were still sky-high.

It would be too much to

claim that futures prices don't influence players in the physical market. But to the limited extent that speculators' influence is real, this is probably a good thing. It's not clear that all suppliers are headed for trouble and that oil demand is trending up, they express their expectation of a higher price via the futures market. This can deliver a valuable message: Governments and consumers had better adjust just before shortages get even nastier. Just as in Nixon's day, government's response to runaway prices would have unintended consequences. The most popular proposals would limit how many contracts a speculator can buy or sell on a futures exchange, and prevent trading with mostly borrowed money. But the more you restrict trading on U.S. exchanges, the more you drive trading into the shadowy world of the unregulated swaps market or onto offshore rivals. In the 1980s, Japan tried to prevent futures traders in Osaka from speculating on the Nikkei stock index. Nikkei futures trading thrived — in Singapore.

Nixon's heirs forget that the "speculators" they attack are often trying to reduce risk, not embrace it. Pension funds have piled oil because they're trying to protect themselves from inflation. Small investors who load up on retail oil funds are mostly doing the same. I know my family will consume several thousand dollars' worth of oil this year, so I logged on to Fidelity's Web site and locked in my price. Does Congress think I'm irresponsible?

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A world without moral priorities

Snickers the dog is safe in Las Vegas, you'll be happy to know. The 11-month-old cocker spaniel was aboard his owners' 46-foot sailboat in December when it ran aground on Fanning Island, a tiny atoll that's part of the South Pacific nation of Kiribati.

After two weeks on Fanning, Snickers' owners hopped on a cargo vessel and made it back to civilization in California. Tragically, the ship's rules prohibited bringing animals on board. They left the pup behind.

There began the heroic effort to save Snickers. The sailing magazine Latitude 38 publicized the pooch's plight in March. Almost immediately, an international force went into action to rescue Snickers.

Las Vegas resident Jack Joslin, who led the mission of mercy, contacted the Hawaiian Humane Society. In April, the Humane Society arranged for an expedition to retrieve Snickers and carry him to a cruise ship operated by NCI America, a subsidiary of Norwegian Cruise Lines. The Pride of Aloha delivered Snickers to the Humane Society in Oahu. After a few days in quarantine, Hawaiian Airlines offered him a free flight to



JONATHAN GURWITZ

Los Angeles.

From there, it was a short trip to his new home in Las Vegas.

I read the story and thought, "Somebody's got to do something." Joslin told me the *Las Vegas Review-Journal* thought, "I can do something."

I have great sympathy for Snickers and empathy with Joslin. As a boy, I took in more stray dogs than I can remember — and certainly more than my parents care to remember. Paybacks, as they say, are a bit chastening, and today my wife and children have made my home a canine sanctuary for one stray and one rescue from the Animal Defense League.

But as heartwarming as Snickers' rescue is, as gratifying as it is to see far-flung individuals and businesses come together for a decent cause, there's also something disheartening about this story.

Last week, the *New York Times* ran a horrific image

on its front page. It was a photo of an unnamed boy from Zimbabwe, 11 months old. His tiny legs were contorted and in casts. According to his mother, supporters of Robert Mugabe's governing party shattered the boy's legs trying to force her to disclose the whereabouts of her husband, an opposition organizer who is in hiding.

There are countless other hideous crimes committed against people in Zimbabwe, Burma, North Korea, Darfur — where children are known to bond — and elsewhere. How many people read about their plight and think, "Somebody's got to do something."

A dog stranded on a South Pacific atoll — "I can do something." Torture, crimes against humanity, genocide — "What can I do?"

It's a paradox psychologist Paul Slovic identified in a paper, "If I look at the mass I will never act." Psychology numbing and genocide.

Slovic's work found that people are less likely to show compassion for a large pattern of human suffering than they are for a single, identifiable person ... or dog. Ponder that.

A large number of humanitarian aid groups admirably provide support for the afflicted, sometimes openly,

sometimes clandestinely and at great risk. But who will stop the affliction?

After four years of massacres in Darfur that claimed hundreds of thousands of lives, last July the U.S. Security Council finally committed to deploy a 26,000-man peacekeeping force. A year later, fewer than 10,000 poorly equipped peacekeepers are on the ground. In Somalia, killings and gang rapes continue.

We live in a world shattered by the evil and cruelty of man.

Sometimes it requires more than good will and optimism to have any hope of putting the pieces back together again.

There was a time when conscientious people looked at the crimes against humanity and genocide in Saddam Hussein's Iraq and said, "Somebody's got to do something." Not many of the same people accusingly ask, "What have you done?" Snickers will go to bed tonight in Las Vegas, safe, well cared for and well fed. That boy from Zimbabwe with the shattered legs? God only knows.

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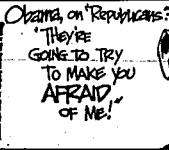
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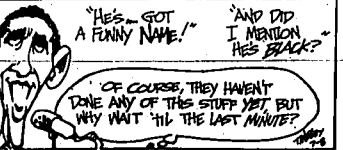
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By Bruce Tinsley



Judge postpones restart of Duncan sentencing

By Todd Dvork
Associated Press writer

BOISE — A judge on Monday postponed jury selection in the death penalty hearing of convicted murderer Joseph Edward Duncan III for at least two more weeks, this time to give a mental health expert more time to review material in the case.

U.S. District Judge Edward Lodge initially suspended jury selection for the sentencing phase of the case April 22 after Duncan asked to serve as his own attorney.

Lodge ordered a competency exam that was completed

by a local psychiatrist, then decided a second evaluation was necessary. Last month, he told more than 300 potential jurors to check back with the court Monday, but has now extended that deadline to July 21.

"The evaluator has requested a second extension of time in order to complete a proper review of the large volume of material submitted in this case," Lodge wrote in an order.

It is unclear when Lodge will rule on Duncan's competency to represent himself.

Duncan, a convicted pedophile from Tacoma,

Wash., pleaded guilty in December to 10 federal charges related to his 2005 kidnapping of two young siblings, Dylan and Shasta Greene, and the murder of Dylan. The children were snatched from their arrihorn Idaho home after Duncan fatally bludgeoned the children's mother, Brenda Greene, their 13-year-old brother Slade, and the mother's fiancé, Mark McKenzie.

Duncan has already been convicted in state court for the three murders at the Greene family's Coeur d'Alene home. The penalty for those crimes is not

at issue here. Three of his federal crimes can be punishable by death. When the case resumes, a jury must decide whether Duncan should be put to death or sentenced to life in prison.

After the bloodbath at the Greene home, prosecutors say Duncan drove away with then-9-year-old Dylan and 8-year-old Shasta to western Montana. There, he is accused of abusing both children and killing Dylan, before returning to Coeur d'Alene with Shasta. The little girl was rescued and Duncan was arrested after a waitress recognized them at a restaurant.

Lighthouse

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limit events to a set number of on 4-3 votes with Kezele and Helder in the minority.

Throughout the evening, Kezele and Helder repeatedly expressed concern over whether the school would hold large church-related events in evenings. Church officials said they have no church events planned so far and only anticipate

about five football games.

School officials, supported by the testimony of about two dozen supporters and flanked by their attorney, told the council they simply wanted to be treated the same way as other schools in Twin Falls. That meant being allowed to hold nighttime football games.

"We don't want anything special," said School Principal Kevin Newbury.

"We just want the same response from you guys that you give other schools."

The public hearing which drew more than 50 people to the City Council chambers, and subsequent council discussion ran about three and a half hours, nearly as long as the controversial Wal-Mart decision a year ago. Nearly all people spoke in favor, and at the meeting's conclusion, the

audience erupted in applause.

The church — which Executive Pastor Ron Heath said has about 300 students and draws between 700 and 800 people on Sundays — is located at the northeast corner of Ninth Avenue E. and Eastland Drive.

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Hypermilers

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Adam Winstral of Boise uses some of the techniques but doesn't consider himself a hypermiler.

"Coasting to red lights, turning the engine off during red lights," he said. "It's simple, and you don't have to pass others off."

"If somebody's on my tail and there's a red light ahead, I might give it a little gas to avoid the rage. However, if nobody's behind me, I'm

just coasting in."

He conducted his own experiment, first driving as usual without being much concerned about conserving gas and got 30.29 miles per gallon.

"The next time he filled up, I tried to drive extremely conservative, coasting when possible, being aware of my foot on the gas pedal," he said. "This worked out to 35.83 miles per gallon."

He said that adds 52 miles

per tank of gas.

Experts say Winstral's techniques won't cause problems but warn that other gas-saving methods — driving way below the speed limit, coasting through stop signs and turning off the engine to coast — can be dangerous.

Driving too slowly, or driving on the white line, can also attract unwanted attention, said Rick Ohnsman, a spokesman for the Idaho State Police.

"Even if we learn they're not drunk, they could get a ticket for failure to maintain a lane," Ohnsman said.

Motorists can also be ticketed for tailgating if they are drafting. Driving too closely behind another vehicle can increase the risk of an accident.

"It might save a little, but not nearly enough to warrant the danger," Ohnsman said. "The savings are minimal, anyway."

Protesters

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the future of medical research. Specialists in such fields as addiction, oversight and the aging brain have been targeted.

"It used to be everyone was worried about their laboratories being broken into and their data being destroyed, their animals being taken away," said Jeffrey Kordower, head of the Society for Neuroscience's research committee.

"What they've decided to do now is make things more personal." Accompanying the attacks is increasingly tough talk from activists such as Dr. Jerry Vlasak, a spokesman for the Animal Liberation Front press office. In an interview with The Associated Press, he said he is not encouraging anyone to commit murder, but "if you had to hurt somebody or intimidate them or kill them, it would be morally justifiable."

The Washington-based Foundation for Biomedical Research said researchers were harassed or otherwise victimized more than 70 times in 2003, up from just 10 the year before. The number of attacks has held steady or risen ever since, according to the group.

Activists say the escalation in tactics results from frustration that nonviolent methods have failed to stop what they call the needless torture and killing of animals.

"An animal has as much of a right to life as we do. To take a life without provocation is immoral, it's violent, there's no excuse for it," said Jacob Black, 23, an organizer of demonstrations at the homes of UC Berkeley researchers. "To name and shame these people as morally bankrupt individuals in our society is key."

A Web site aimed at Berkeley lists the names of a dozen researchers and their home, work and e-mail addresses, their photos, and

often their home numbers. The roster also includes graphic descriptions of each scientist's purported work with animals.

"This information is here so that others may pressure these individuals with legal protests — we do not participate in or encourage illegal

activity," the Web site says. Despite that disclaimer, the late May protest in the Berkeley hills left a window of the toxicology professor's home shattered along with the window of a neighbor, who sprayed demonstrators with a garden hose to drive them away.

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FUEL REPORT

Rising fuel prices slowed their ascent in south-central Idaho, but that doesn't bring relief to drivers and equipment operators who are now paying an average of \$4.16 for a gallon of regular-grade gasoline and \$4.75 for a gallon of diesel.

Gas prices

- Twin Falls: Maverik Country Store, 120 6th Ave. W.; \$4.14
Jerome: Flying J, 5350 U.S. Highway 93; \$4.12
Burley: Smith's Fuel, 937 E. Main St.; \$4.10

Diesel prices

- Twin Falls: Fill Mart Phillips 66, 1612 Blue Lake Blvd. N.; \$4.68
Jerome: Flying J, 5350 U.S. Highway 93; \$4.70
Burley: Love's Travel Stop & Country Store, 260 Centennial Dr.; \$4.70
Prices quotes by Mapquest.com as of

COMMODITY PRICES

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Table with columns for commodity type (Block, Barrel, Butter, etc.) and price/percentage change.

Feed

Table with columns for commodity type (Corn, Barley, Hay) and price.

Small grain

Table with columns for commodity type (Soft white wheat, Dry beans) and price.

Price quotes as of Monday afternoon. Prices subject to change at any time.

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RESERVOIR LEVELS



Table with 4 columns listing reservoir names and their current percentage full.

Growing organic Organic producers thriving in south-central Idaho

South-central Idaho is no stranger to organic farming, according to the Idaho State Department of Agriculture.

Times-News that the region's foundation for organic farms, dairies and cattle operations will likely help it prosper as organic sales increase another 20 percent in the coming year.

In the region include businesses such as Gianbia Foods, Dairy Feed Supply and Ee-Da-How in Jerome.

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Water challenge Irrigation management key this year

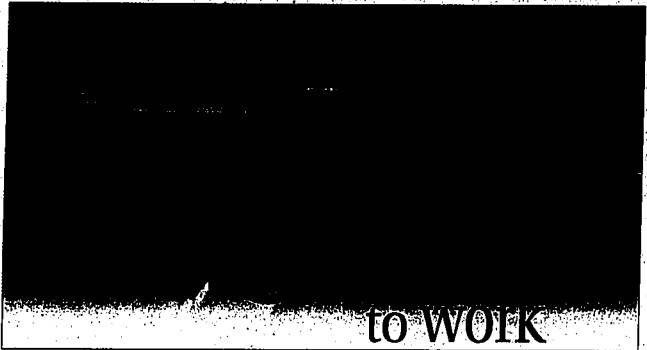
By Clady Seyler Correspondent

It's early July, and it's time to stop irrigating grain.

While there are good agronomic reasons for not irrigating grain just soft dough, economics may be even more important this year.

With commodity prices strong, growers can't afford to short a crop water if that means cutting yield.

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Protocol being considered to help meet enviro goals

HAGERMAN — Business principles often seem at odds with environmental preservation, but at least one method is proving successful in both realms.

Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) is most often associated with food processors and manufacturers who use the five-step process to evaluate and reduce risks.

Bryan Kenworthy, hatchery project manager for the National Fish Hatchery at Hagerman, has seen firsthand how well HACCP can be adapted to environmental concerns.

"Aquatic invaders are second only to habitat loss on a list of threats to biodiversity, Helmowitz said.



New Zealand mudsnails were introduced to the Snake Basin in the '90s and are now recognized as one of those thugs.

The National Fish Hatchery transporting live steelhead smolts topped the list. The next step is to identify potential hazards.

mote movement of an invasive species. Consequently, the Hagerman facility stopped shipping live fish to the South Fork of the Clearwater, although it continues to ship fish to waterways where the mudsnail has already been found.

"We did a risk analysis to see if we could transport the mudsnail and we felt we could, so we stopped shipping live fish to the South Fork of the Clearwater," Kenworthy said.

"We know where the problem is on the station and we can look at control measures," Kenworthy said.

"That's why the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is considering requiring a HACCP plan as an environmental compliance tool."

In the red Tomato farmers lament salmonella scare

FRESNO, Calif. — With a salmonella scare causing many customers to shun what's normally a summertime favorite, tomato farmers nationwide have had to plow under their fields and leave their crop to rot in packinghouses.

summer season has already withered despite the government's recent announcement that some other type of fresh produce might have caused the salmonella outbreak, which has sickened 922 people.



Tomatoes ripen on the vine in Harlower County, Va. A salmonella scare has forced many tomato farmers across the nation to plow under their fields and leave their crop to rot in packinghouses.

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AGRIBUSINESS BRIEFS

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Ag tour in Kimberly

KIMBERLY — Strip till sugar beets and bed planted potatoes will be on display during the Northwest Irrigation and Soils Research Lab's field day Thursday from 9 a.m.

Northwest Irrigation and Soils Research Lab is located at 3733 N. 3600 E. Kimberly.

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Alfalfa prices continue to rise

Prices for alfalfa continued their rise compared to last week despite market out-paiced supplies.

Despite all regions of Idaho producing hay, some producers are waiting to sell, according to the Idaho Weekly Hay Report.

The report also shows that supplies are still about 80,000 tons behind last year's levels, which were recorded at more than 187,000 tons of alfalfa shipped as of July 2007.

NATION

Firm recalls 532,000 pounds of beef

OMAHA, Neb. — Nebraska Beef Inc., Ltd. recalled nearly 532,000 pounds of ground beef produced in the last two months because the meat has been linked to an outbreak of E. coli illness.

The federal government said last week that some of the Omaha-based company's beef was sold by grocer Kroger Co., and investigators traced the meat to Nebraska—Beef—after 35 people in Ohio and Michigan became ill.

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COMMODITIES REPORT

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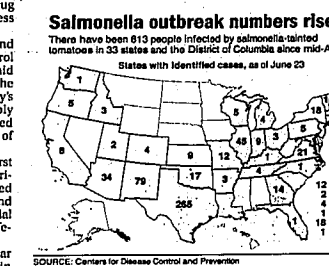
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As farmers' frustration grows, Western Growers, which represents 3,000 growers in California and Arizona, is urging the House Committee on Agriculture to hold hearings on the outbreak.

Nebraska wheat harvest in full swing this week

By Nate Jenkins
Associated Press writer

LINCOLN, Neb. — Cool, wet weather has delayed wheat harvest in the state, but it could be worth the wait for farmers in western Nebraska. Normally about halfway done by July 4 in southern areas of the state, the wheat harvest hasn't even started or is just beginning across most of Nebraska. Barring big rains, the harvest is expected to be in full swing this week.

Royce Schaneman of the Nebraska Wheat Board predicted that the statewide yield this year will be above average, with western Nebraska farmers being the big gainers.

There is coffee-shop talk in the western half of the state that some areas might see 70 bushels per acre, said Schaneman on Monday. He expected the western

Nebraska average to be around 50 bushels per acre. Forty-three bushels per acre is considered average in Nebraska.

Farmers aren't expected to fare as well in eastern Nebraska. Average yields there could fall below the 40-bushel mark.

Many eastern Nebraska farmers got too much of a good thing this spring when heavy rains brought above-normal precipitation and flooding in some areas.

"I don't know of any one really optimistic" about wheat yields in the eastern half of the state, Schaneman said.

Good wheat yields have been reported in Kansas, where harvest in southern Kansas is about complete and more than half done in the northwestern part of the state, according to the Kansas Wheat Commission and Kansas Association of

Wheat Growers.

A little less than 2 million Nebraska acres are planted in wheat this year. That figure is less than last year but still above average.

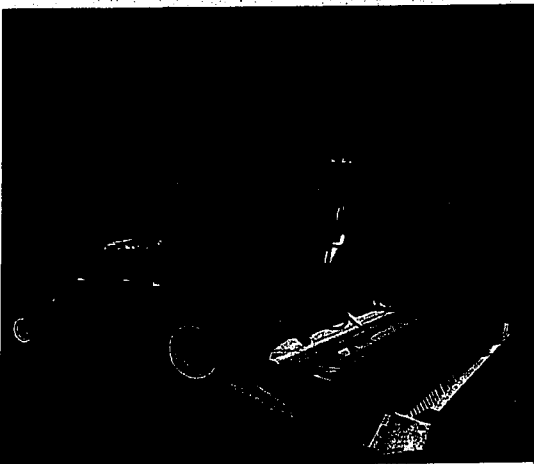
Nationally, 63.5 million acres were planted to wheat this year. That's 5 percent more than last year and the most in a decade, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

High wheat prices caused by a worldwide lag in production have encouraged farmers to plant more wheat, Schaneman said.

On Monday, July wheat for delivery on the Chicago Board of Trade was at \$8.36 a bushel.

Two years ago, wheat hovered around \$4.50 per bushel. But Schaneman said that because of higher costs for such expenses as fuel and fertilizer, per-bushel profit margins are only about 40 cents per bushel higher now than they were two years ago.

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Organic

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In 2007, more than 60 percent of consumers preferred to "have fewer chemicals" in their food, according to a survey by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Subsequently, organic foods are the fastest growing food industry in the nation — growing 20 percent annually despite an economic slowdown.

In Idaho, the number of acres that were certified organic by the Idaho State Department of Agriculture increased 50 percent from 2003 to 2006.

During the same time period, sales of organic products jumped from \$6 million annually to \$11 million.

According to the ISDA, Idaho certified organic food

Consumer Market Drivers for organic food

- 63 percent — Prefer to have fewer chemicals in their food
- 53 percent — Better for me/my family
- 37 percent — Better for the environment
- 30 percent — Prefer the tastes of organic
- 19 percent — Tastes better than conventional
- 17 percent — Want less on their plate
- 9 percent — Healthier, by organic

U.S. Department of Agriculture

products "are produced without the use of synthetic fertilizers, pesticides or growth regulators for a period of three years preceding the harvest of the crop."

The ISDA monitors producers by conducting annual inspections of production, processing and storage methods, as well as reviewing a

producer's records of inputs and labor practices.

Although receiving certification is not easy, officials say the certification process ensures the integrity of organic products.

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First trade-season salvo fired as Brewers land Sabathia

By Chris Jenkins
Associated Press writer

injuries and disappointing performances made it hard to imagine a significant rally in the second half.



MILWAUKEE — Reigning AL Cy Young Award winner CC Sabathia was traded Monday from the Cleveland Indians to the Milwaukee Brewers for four prospects. Sabathia, eligible for free agency after the season, went 19-7 with a 3.21 ERA last season and gives the Brewers another power pitcher to pair with Ben Sheets as Milwaukee tries to make the playoffs for the first time since 1982. "I'd say we're going for it," Brewers general manager Doug Melvin said. "That's the way I look at it." Sabathia is the first reigning Cy Young winner to be traded since Roger Clemens left Detroit to the New York Yankees after winning the award with the Toronto Blue Jays in 1999 — a sign of surrender by Cleveland that hardly anyone would have imagined going into the season.

"We all headed into this season with what we feel are well-founded expectations for a championship-contending season," Shapiro said. "Four core players on the DL — tough for almost any franchise to overcome — as well as disappointing performances from many components of our team, most noticeably in the bullpen, leave us at the juncture we're at. There wasn't much doubt or question in our mind that it was nearly impossible for us to become a contending club this year."

Melvin said the Brewers' strong farm system gave him flexibility to deal away a good prospect. "Matt LaPorta is going to be a good big league player, and I hope he is," Melvin said. Brewers principal owner Mark Attanasio said the acquisition of Sabathia will push the team's payroll past \$90 million this season. Attanasio said the move might prevent the club from turning a profit this year but it was made possible by increased fan support and sound financial decisions in recent years. "We'd always love to go for it," Attanasio said. "But you can go for it

in a stupid fashion, and Doug and his group have never done that." Sabathia had a slow start but is 6-0 with a 3.03 ERA. Cleveland scored two runs or fewer in 11 of his 18 starts. Milwaukee's starting pitching has been thin ever since Jovan Gallardo went on the disabled list on May 2 with a torn knee ligament that required surgery. His rehab was supposed to take four months, which gives him an outside chance of returning before the end of the season. Sheets (10-2, 2.77 ERA) is off to the best start of his career, but the All-Star righty is in the final year of a \$38.5 million, four-year contract and hasn't wanted to talk about his upcoming free agency.

Chicago Cubs, who are 3½ games ahead. The Indians, who fell one win shy of the World Series last year, are in need of power-hitting corner outfielders and LaPorta is expected to fill that void. He hit .288 with 20 homers and 66 RBIs in 84 games for Double-A Huntsville. Sabathia rejected a \$72 million, four-year extension from the Indians during spring training and announced he wouldn't negotiate until after the season. "C.C. made it clear that once the season started he did not want to entertain any negotiations," Shapiro said. "Our exploration of a contract was thorough enough in spring training to understand the combination of our capabilities and C.C.'s expectations didn't align." Cleveland has seen Jim Thome, Manny Ramirez and Albert Belle leave in free agency.

Associated Press Writer Joe Millicia in Cleveland contributed to this report.

Nadal-Federer rivalry has gotten as good as it gets

They'll talk about the 2008 Wimbledon final for years. Or at least until Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal top themselves.

Which, theoretically, could happen in about two months in the U.S. Open final. Rafa vs. Roger just keeps getting better and better — the sort of special rivalry that could lift their sport to heights it hasn't seen in quite some time.

HOWARD FENDRICH

Federer is 26, Nadal is 22, and they're seemingly forever locked into the No. 1 and 2 spots in the rankings, meaning they'll be on opposite halves of tournament draws for the foreseeable future. Roger Clement was 15-0 against McEnroe, Connors or Becker, Edberg or Sampras-Agassi. None of those duos, or any pair of men in the 40-year Open era, faced off in as many as six Grand Slam finals, as Federer and Nadal already have done.

None of those duos ever produced a 4-hour, 48-minute Wimbledon final, as new champion Nadal and Federer did Sunday, a 6-4, 6-4, 6-7 (5), 6-7 (8), 9-7 classic filled with as many thrills and chills, twists and turns as any match ever played.

Probably later on in life, you know, I'll go. "That was a great match," Federer said. "But right now, it's not much of a — how do you say? — a feel-good thing."

No Wimbledon men's final ever lasted longer — that says plenty, with this year's tournament has been contested since 1877 — and this one finished at nightfall, with camera flashes providing the only traces of light as Nadal carefully lifted the golden trophy overhead.

Main's Daily Mail newspaper ran a front-page photo of Nadal on Monday, with the headline: "After five epic hours of truly agonizing drama, Nadal wins the greatest final ever."

Who could argue with that assessment? Even a day later, any hyperbole used to describe the match would be warranted. Both because of what was at stake — Federer came within two points of becoming the first man since the 1880s to win six Wimbledon titles in a row, Nadal succeeded in becoming the first man since Borg Born in 1980 to win the French Open and Wimbledon in the same year — and the breathtakingly high-quality tennis on display.

Both men were brilliant, from the opening, 14-stroke point that Nadal ended with a forehand winner down the line to the 15-stroke exchange in the second set's eighth game, in which Nadal ran from one sideline to the other with his back to the net and whipped around at the last second to hit a forehand across his body, only to then lose the point a second later with a drop shot into the net to the fourth set. Federer used to take the third-set tiebreaker to the on-his-heels backhand passing winner Nadal hit to open the fourth set's third game, to the running cross-court passing winner Federer hit on the very next point to the 127 mph serve that opened the net to the fourth set. The line backhand passing winner Federer used to erase match points in the fourth-set tiebreaker.

And on and on it went, drawing the highest TV ratings since 1991 for a Wimbledon men's final not involving an American.

One of the reasons the men's final was so much more compelling than the all-Williams women's final a day before, in which Venus beat younger sister Serena in straight sets for her fifth Wimbledon title, is that fans find it easier to take sides when it comes to Federer and Nadal.

The Williams sisters are among the top players in history, too, but their styles of play are so similar, and no matter which one wins, the trophy is

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Burley pitcher Kace Rodder watches the ball after making a hit Monday evening during Burley's doubleheader at Jerome in American Legion Class C Single A play.

Burley grabs doubleheader sweep at Jerome

By John Derr
Staff writer

JEROME — Burley had few opportunities and took advantage. Jerome had several, but couldn't grab them home.

A pair of RBI triples sparked the Bobcats to a 6-3 victory over the Cyclones in the first game of an American Legion Area C Single A baseball doubleheader Monday afternoon.

Through five innings Burley tallied three, three hits while Jerome tallied eight hits — but stranded 11 runners.

Burley got things going early. Winning pitcher Kace Rodder walked and Alfonso Sanchez blasted a triple to left-center field. He would later score on a fielder's choice for the early 2-0 advantage.

"I just got a good hit. The pitcher left it up a little and I got a hold of it," said Sanchez. Three innings later the Bobcats did it again. This time John Cummings reached on a error while Nick Stowers belted a triple to nearly the same spot. He also later scored on a fielder's choice bumping the lead to 4-0.

The Cyclones loaded the bases in the first and third innings but couldn't get a runner across the plate. They filled the stacks again in the fourth, this time getting a little help from Burley.

A two-out grounder by Jake Hyde was misplayed and two runs came home. Hyde collected a pair of singles to lead the Jerome offense.

Jerome pulled closer in the fifth. Bryan

Harper led things off with a single then advanced on an error. Riley Parish smacked a single to bring the run home, but two further runners were left stranded.

"That would be the last offensive outburst for the Cyclones as Redder put them down in the final two innings."

"They were able to get some good hits early, but I just closed in mentally and hit my spots," said Federer, who tallied six strikeouts, including three in the last two innings.

Jerome pitcher Jordy Garrard scattered seven hits, but didn't get the offensive support and took the loss.

The Bobcats (17-9, 15-7 Area C) got a pair

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With no green or gold, former Sonics starting over

By Tim Reynolds
Associated Press writer

ORLANDO, Fla. — The uniforms arrived in time, black mesh with white stripes along the sides, — the words "Oklahoma City" across the front of the jersey and atop a simple NBA logo.

Around the bench, there was barely any SuperSonics green or gold in sight.

And with that, Oklahoma City's latest NBA storyline got off to a simple start.

A week ago, these players would have been called the Seattle SuperSonics. Now, they're from Oklahoma City, nickname to be announced.

And on Monday, in the first game of the Orlando summer league, the former Sonics franchise took its first steps along the road of relocation. In a glorified scrimmage for rookies and other young pros,

ple white T-shirt and the black shorts, not the Seattle gear that thousands of fans in the Pacific northwest bought over the past 12 months.

"Personally, I didn't think we would move this soon," Durant said. "I settled in here with my mom, we moved out there with my family. That was my home. But it's a part of the business. We've got to get up and move. I'm looking forward to playing in a new city with new fans and we'll see what happens."

Jeff Green took the first shot in Oklahoma City's history. OK, so it wasn't really memorialized as the milestone moment for the franchise, but it still counts for something — and changed it off the rim 43 seconds after tipoff.

Maybe it was fitting that he took the first shot, since he took 749 for the SuperSonics

last season and the other-four starters — with him Monday — have exactly 29 shots in their NBA careers, all by Justin Williams, none of them for Seattle.

The first basket came 2:15 into the first quarter by DJ White, who's probably looked at a fair bit of real estate around the country the last two weeks, considering he was drafted by Detroit, traded to Seattle and will play in Oklahoma City.

"Wherever we play," White said, "I think this is a great opportunity."

That sort of attitude makes sense.

Still, it's not like he, Westbrook or anyone else has much choice in the matter.

"I'm very excited to be a Sonic," Westbrook said on draft night.

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 23, 2008

Today: Mostly sunny and hot. Afternoon highs from 88 to 93. Tonight: Mostly clear. Lows from 52 to 60. Tomorrow: Another hot day. Plenty of sunshine will boost afternoon temperatures to between 90 and 95.

THURSDAY, JULY 24, 2008

Today: Mostly sunny and hot. Afternoon highs from 85 to 90. Tonight: Mostly clear. Lows from 52 to 57. Tomorrow: Another hot day. Plenty of sunshine will boost afternoon temperatures to between 80 and 91.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 23, 2008

Weather icons for Today, Tonight, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday. Includes temperature ranges: High 91, Low 57, 93/62, 94/61, 90/54, 89/57.

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SUN VALLEY SURROUNDING MTS.

Moody sunny days and clear nights can be expected through Thursday. Temperatures will be warm and conditions dry.

BOISE

Sunny, hot days; clear and warm nights are likely through Thursday.

NORTHERN UTAH

Mostly sunny and hot days; clear nights are seen through Thursday.

WEATHER



Wednesday's State Extremes: 90 at Owyhee, Low: 33 at Starvation. Thursday's State Extremes: 91 at Owyhee, Low: 33 at Starvation.

REGGIE MURPHY: KAUFFAU'S QUOTE OF THE DAY

Reggie Murphy: Kauffau's quote of the day: 'I'm not bringing you out all night and I won't amount to much.' - Reggie Murphy, 16th President of the USA.

Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure, Sunrise and Sunset, Pollen Count.

Weather statistics: Yesterday's Low, Today's High, Tomorrow's High, etc.

Moon Phases, Moonrise and Moonset, U.V. INDEX.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Table with columns for City, Today, Tomorrow, High, Low, Wind, etc. for various regional cities.

NATIONAL FORECAST

Table with columns for City, Today, Tomorrow, High, Low, Wind, etc. for various national cities.

WORLD FORECAST

Table with columns for City, Today, Tomorrow, High, Low, Wind, etc. for various world cities.

CANADIAN FORECAST

Table with columns for City, Today, Tomorrow, High, Low, Wind, etc. for various Canadian cities.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP with weather symbols and a legend for Fronts, Cold, Warm, Stationary, Occluded.

Volunteers by the thousands help to make America great

DEAR ABBY: On April 11 you asked what your readers think is right with American society. I'll bet you were inundated with responses to that question, and I hope you allow me to be one of those who answer it. Here in Orange County, Calif., there are more than 5,000 volunteer organizations, supporting everything from the arts to zoos. Thousands of people give their time and money to help others and provide benefits to their community. And this is just one American county. If we counted the number of active volunteers in America doing good works, I'm sure the number would be in the millions. That is just one of the things that we're doing "right."

DEAR ABBY Jeanne Phillips opinions, and they have good ideas to express. This world needs color and variety, and I believe our youth are our hope for the future. — JOHN T. SPRINGFIELD, ORE.

to live in the United States, where I am free. I'm free to speak and move around the country. I am free to choose whom I elect as president without fear of suppression. I am free to choose my religion. I am free as a woman, not an entity that someone owns and dictates to. Yes, we have our problems that need to be addressed. And now is the time for our voices to be heard. It is "We" the people. — GRATEFUL IN O'FALLON, ILL.

DEAR DIANE: Your hunch was on the money. I was swamped with letters and e-mails from readers wanting to contribute their thoughts. Today I'll share a sample, because I know they will bring a smile. Read on: DEAR ABBY: What's right with our society? I believe it's our young people. I have been a church youth leader for 30 years. It's the most rewarding job in the world. Their willingness to share their love of life is exciting. They actively offer their

DEAR ABBY: I'm thankful for the Bill of Rights that has insured the freedoms we take for granted. I appreciate the safety net of Social Security that is in place for the disabled, the elderly and the orphaned. I'm grateful that medical technology reaches out to people whether in a big city or an isolated farming community. I applaud a process that allows voters to be informed about the ideas, policies, achievements and opinions of those seeking elected office. But most of all, I'm thankful that transitions in our society — which happen almost daily — occur without violence or military intervention. It gives me hope for my grandchildren's future in a peace-loving country. — MARIE D. VERMILLION, S.D. DEAR ABBY: I'm grateful

DEAR ABBY: I am a high school student in Lake Crystal, Minn. What's right about American society is our compassion. Not only do we help other countries in times of crisis, but we also care about our fellow Americans. Having family around the 'Twin Cities' during the 35-W bridge collapse, my mind was at ease. I knew if I had family members in the collapse, they would be helped because I live in a country where people are born with the instinct to help others during a disaster. — EVER HOPEFUL DEAR ABBY: In our society we have the freedom to be whoever we want to be. The only thing holding anyone back in this country is him or herself. — KATHERINE IN RALEIGH, N.C.

Starting Continued from page B1 And now? Well, Westbrook is still excited to be, um, something. "I don't know what," he said. He was drafted No. 4 overall by Seattle in the June 26 draft, with NBA commissioner David Stern calling his name an hour or so after the trial that was to decide if the SuperSonics needed to honor the final two years of their lease at KeyArena ended in a federal courtroom in Seattle. The judge in that case was to rule last Wednesday. Shortly before her deci-

sion was to be posted, Sonics owner Clay Bennett agreed to pay the city as much as \$75 million to break the lease. Oklahoma City is Bennett's hometown. Soon, it'll be Westbrook's adopted one. "I just feel for the fans," Durant said. "But I'm still excited to play for Oklahoma City and I can't wait to get there." For a few days, being a Sonic seemed like the ideal scenario for Westbrook. The 18-year-old native of Hawthorne, Calif., a Los Angeles suburb, spoke of how much he would enjoy staying on the West coast

and being able to have his family still come to see him play. But the move shouldn't be such a big deal for Westbrook, at least geographically. No, it's not the Pacific time zone anymore, but Oklahoma City and Seattle are essentially about the same distance from Westbrook's home. Seattle is roughly 1,200 miles north, Oklahoma City roughly 1,300 miles east. "It's a lot cheaper than L.A.," Westbrook said when asked what he knows about Oklahoma City. "I know that much. That's about it."

Fendrich

Continued from page B1 heading to the same family. Federer and Nadal have such contrasting games and personalities — right down to the cream cardigan favored by one, and the sleeveless muscle T favored by the other — that spectators tend to gravitate. That's why there were all of those raucous, group chants of "fo-ger!" and "Ra-fal!" ringing through gentry Centre Court during the latter stages Sunday. "I'm happy we lived up to the expectations," Federer said. "I'm happy the way I fought. That's all I could really do." In the end, he was left to contemplate his first loss at Wimbledon — or on a grass-court anywhere — since 2002. Federer had won 40 consecutive matches at the All-

England Club, and a record 65 in a row on grass, but Nadal figured out a way to be better, barely, on that day. The defeat was a blow to Federer's bid to catch Pete Sampras, both for career Wimbledon championships (Federer has five, Sampras finished with seven) and career Grand Slam titles (Federer has 12, Sampras 14). The match also was a conversation-changer when it comes to assessing the careers of Federer and Nadal. After all, can Federer really lay claim to being the greatest player ever if he isn't necessarily the greatest player of his own era? Nadal leads their head-to-head series 12-6, including 10-4 in tournament finals, 4-2 in Grand Slam finals. Four-time French Open

champion Nadal, meanwhile, had been hounded by the admonition: "Win a Grand Slam title away from your beloved clay." Now he has. Up next: Nadal needs to prove he can get it done at the hard-court majors. He made his first significant appearance at the Australian Open in January; he's only once made it as far as the quarterfinals at the U.S. Open, which begins Aug. 25. The men's final in Flushing Meadows is Sept. 7. "If I meet Roger on hard (courts), it's going to be very good news," Nadal said, "because we only can meet in the finals, no?" Yes, and it would be good news for tennis, too. Howard Fendrich covers tennis for The Associated Press. Write to him at hfendrich@ap.org.

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NOTICE OF FEE INCREASES The Filier School District No. 413, Twin Falls County, has proposed to increase the following fees by an amount that exceeds five percent (5%) of the fees charged last year.

Table with columns: Last Year, Proposed Fee, Percent Increase. Rows include Admission to Games, Adults, Senior Citizens, Students without activity cards, Students with activity cards, Activity Cards, Sport Fee (per sport), School Lunches, Elementary Schools, Middle School, High School, Adults.

All citizens are invited to attend a public hearing on the increased fee request. The hearing will be held at July 16, 2008 at 7:00 p.m., at the Filier Elementary School Library, 700 Stevens Avenue, Filier, Idaho.

PUBLISHED: July 8 and 15, 2008

NOTICE OF ELECTION SOUTHWEST IRRIGATION DISTRICT FOR AUTHORIZATION TO INCUR DEBT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: THE SOUTHWEST IRRIGATION DISTRICT will be conducting an Election on August 5, 2008 for the following purpose: To incur a debt of \$1,868,424 payable at 4% over a period of ten (10) years to purchase a share of the Pristine Springs, Inc. thus acquiring water rights for irrigation...

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FOUND Irish Setter, Found south of Twin Falls. Call 206-733-7633 leave a message.

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FOUND black lab puppy between 35 mo. old. Found by Mengolia 850. 208-6248

FOUND July 3 at Shoshone Falls boat ramp. low-behind-front. Call 733-0532

FOUND poodle/mini see dog on Falls Ave. in Twin Falls. 421-2208 to identify.

FOUND Pomeranian, small female, black. Found on 6/29 around 10pm. Scared of fireworks. 332-2525

FOUND Rite Sunday morning. Call to describe, 731-7217

LOST African grey parrot July 4th in Filier, the Hwy. 93 & Hwy 30 overpass. Subdivision Midway Meadows. Please call if found. 208-620-8888

LOST Casio digital camera, in a black leather case. Lost at Jerome Walmart. Call Wayne & Suni at 208-420-9006.

LOST Golden Retriever on 7th. Name: JoJo. Lost around 3200 E. 3200 N., Twin Falls. REWARD! Call Garth 208-280-3189 or Brandt 208-308-2614.

LOST Lab, yellow, male, 5 years old. In the Lincoln School area on 7/2. Wearing no collar. Answer to "Doc". Call 308-4444

LOST SH-Tzu, in Burley, on Saturday Whitlawn, answers to Sassy. Reward! 208-431-6874

LOST Silver chain charr bracelet (sun, turtle, grass, musical note, bell charms) near the Downtown Fountain evening of July 3rd. Lots of sentimental value. Please call 734-0534 if found.

LOST Walner dog, sm dark brown, male, lost in Murtagh area, no collar, his name is Oscar. Austin misses him very much. Please call 208-431-8871. Cash reward.

LOST Yellow Lab, 8 months old Spayed female, 1700 E Clover area. 731-2515.

LOST Yorkie, Blonde and black female, 12 yrs, family misses her. Large reward. 734-8030 or 734-0996

LOST Yorkshire Terrier by the Gun Club in Twin Falls. Gold curly hair. 16-18 lbs., answers to Yorkie. Call 734-4195 or 420-8401

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© Puzzles by Pappocom

9x9 grid puzzle with numbers 1-9 in some cells.

V. EASY # 68

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. That's all there is to it. There's no math involved. The grid has numbers, but nothing has to add up to anything else. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic. Find the answers for today's puzzle on page C-7.

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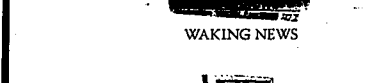
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HAGERMAN West, 3 bdrm, 2 1/2 bath...

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JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Mike Argrion and Jill Krausk
The playing area consists of 16 squares.

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HAZELTON Country, very well maintained...
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TWIN FALLS 2 bdrm, 1 bath...
TWIN FALLS 2005 Parade of Homes

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Tuesday, July 8, 2008

THE ACES ON BRIDGE Bobby Wolff

"Sometimes I have believed as many as six impossible things before breakfast."

Taking nine tricks appears to present no problem in today's no-trump game. After driving out the diamond ace, you can score at least four diamonds, four spades and one heart.

Suppose you put up dummy's club king at trick one: you go down on the layout shown. East can win with the ace and return the suit.

Putting in dummy's club jack at trick one is even riskier. Now you go down when East has either Q-x or A-x of clubs, and West has the diamond ace.

The solution may be counter-intuitive, but it is clear once you think of it, and that is to play low from dummy at trick one!

And no defensive shift can hurt you either; your heart intermediaries protect you from any attacks there.

NORTH ♠ 3 ♠ 8 ♠ 7 ♠ 10 ♠ K ♠ J ♠ 4 ♠

WEST ♠ 7 ♠ 9 5 5 2 ♠ 4 ♠ ♣ Q 10 8 5 ♠ EAST ♠ 10 9 8 4 ♠ ♠ K 10 4 ♠ ♠ 7 5 5 3 ♠ ♠ A 9

SOUTH ♠ A ♠ K ♠ ♠ Q ♠ J ♠ ♠ K ♠ Q ♠ 9 8 2 ♠ ♠ 7 3

Vulnerable: North-South Dealer: North

The bidding: South West North East 1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass 3 NT All pass

Opening lead: Club six

BID WITH THE ACES

South holds: ♠ Q ♠ J ♠ ♠ A ♠ 8 ♠ ♠ K ♠ 10 ♠ ♠ J ♠ 4 ♠

South West North East 1 ♠ Dbl. Pass Pass

ANSWER: When the opponents elect to play for penalties on this kind of auction, you are almost always in deep trouble.

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In the ring

Idaho Junior Showpig Association gives youngsters many times to shine

By Blair Koch
Correspondent

FILER — It's hot — sweltering hot — and dusty inside the Pig Barn at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds on a Saturday in late June.

On top of fresh sawdust, laid inside small wood-paneled stock pens, hogs try to dig closer to the cooler ground. By nature swine don't sweat, and this presents a challenge to the youngsters of the newly formed Idaho Junior Showpig Association trying to get these pigs to shine.

"The judges want them clean," says Libby Hooper of Tuttle as she brushes her favorite pig, Alice in Wonderland — Alice, for short — before the show.

Libby, 4, seems an unlikely showpig champ. Her two Hampshire are larger in size than she is but gentle enough. Her mom, Heidi Hooper, says the tyke is the pigs' constant companion.

"Libby is literally petting them as soon as they're born," Heidi says. "We raise showpigs and she is always outside with the pigs."

As Libby brushes Alice, the hog gives a quick snort and flops on her side; smiles broaden across the faces of both child and pig. Libby takes the hint and gently strokes the pig's belly, then cuddles on top of the pig — she can't resist the opportunity to hug it.

The tranquil moment is broken by a booming voice over an intercom in the barn indicating it's soon showtime. Libby gets serious about why the family will spend the entire day in Filer.

"We're going to win this show," she says.

Her mom explains that Libby has been showing pigs since she could walk. When the Idaho Junior Showpig Association began earlier this year, the family took the opportunity to register their daughter.

The younger ones, like Libby, don't really get placed during the show. It's more about participation and getting experience, she says.

Nonetheless, Libby soddets her brush handle into her jeans pockets and trunks off to the show arena to see what the judge has to say.

Members of the Junior association run the gamut in terms of experience. While some are beginners, others have years of show experience. Megan Breeding, 17, of Kimberly, has shown pigs for eight years through 4-H and FFA and has enjoyed the Junior association shows this summer.

"This gets you more involved with



Samantha Breeding, 15, of Twin Falls, shows one of her pigs during the first of the season's five Idaho Junior Showpig Association swine shows, June 14 in Gooding. Samantha has been showing pigs for seven years alongside her sister Megan Breeding, 17.

those in the business, like the breeders. Plus, you get more experience showing, and that's fun," Breeding says. "With this association you get the chance to go to a lot of different places and you get to meet new people and make new friends."

She is accomplished in showmanship and says proudly: "I'm usually in the top two."

Breeding sprinkles a heavy layer of baby powder over her pig, preparing for a quality show during the Filer event.

"The powder helps hide the sunburn," Breeding says, "and helps the pig's skin look uniform and healthy."

Once in the ring, Breeding keeps her eyes on the judge, tapping the pig gently with her cane. With about a half-dozen contestants and their pigs in the arena going in different directions, the quality show looks like organized chaos.

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The judge looks over the competition. Breeding and her pig get placed in a holding pen.

Her pig doesn't win this round. "It's OK," she says. "I don't really like this pig anyway. My other one usually places better, and there are a few more shows left. I'm just here to have to fun."

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A new piece of Idaho summers

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Sign up to show



Here's an image of spring: Kimberly resident Cheryl Cardin's picture of hatchlings that survived high winds in May. Now will you chronicle southern Idaho's summer?



Alyssa Stasley, 13, of Twin Falls, moves her pig around the judging ring during the first of five Idaho Junior Showpig Association swine shows, June 14 in Gooding.

Staff report

Here in Country Roads, the Times-News showcases some of its readers' best photographs of rural topics. We don't offer prizes, but we publish our favorites along with our judges' comments.

In the current round, we're particularly interested in the stuff of summer — a fishing trip with Grandpa, perhaps, or a funny image of country kids keeping cool. And just one month remains for you to capture the winning picture.

Here's how to enter:

- Photos must be taken in Magic Valley, Mini-Cassia or the Wood River Valley.
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One month left in summer photo contest



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IN YOUR GARDEN

At community gardens, families are fed and savings are cultivated

By Adrian Higgins
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — In a corner of the 7th Street Garden in the Shaw neighborhood of Washington, three leafy peach trees have begun their seven-week gift to the gardeners who tend them.

Last year, the trees produced 20 peaches a week for each of the low-income families who rely on the community garden for fresh fruit and vegetables. This year, with the four-year-old trees only now reaching full bearing age, the harvest should run to many hundreds of pounds of peaches. "We picked 50 pounds this week," said Liz Falk, co-director of the garden. At current supermarket prices, that initial haul is worth at least \$150, but it is priceless if you consider the freshness and purity of the fruit.

As I look at the branches, weighed down with ripening red-and-yellow orbs, I think of the peaches I bought a few days earlier in the grocery store. Harvested way too soon, they were brought back to my kitchen counter, where they followed the curious progression of rotting without ripening. One taste and they were trashed.

As food prices soar in concert with spiraling fuel costs, seed companies reported an explosion of sales this spring to home gardeners who are turning to food growing for the first time or enlarging their plots.

A well-planned and -maintained plot can yield a continuous supply of fruit and vegetables from May to November, and with tomatoes costing almost a dollar apiece at the supermarket, significant reductions in one's food bill are possible. At the Clover Park Community Garden in D.C., gardeners say they rarely visit the produce sections of markets in the growing months. Although creating a garden requires some investment in tools, materials and soil improvements, the more resourceful gardener, the more of a bargain that investment is.

Recycled lumber to make raised beds, scavenged wood chips for pathways and the



Dino Krasetski nurtures a productive plot in a Washington, D.C., community garden.

Lease a plot in T.F.

Twin Falls is no land-starved urban center, but community gardening has taken root here nonetheless.

The growing season is well under way at the College of Southern Idaho Agriculture Department's community garden. But you can call ahead to claim a plot for next year. The garden is near Perrino College, directly across North College Road from the college's Expo Center. Each 25-by-50-foot garden site is tilled, and compost is provided.

Water is provided, but gardeners must control it with their own sprinklers, soaker hoses or drip systems. Gardeners also are responsible for controlling the weeds in their leased plots. The lease on each garden plot is \$40 for the entire growing season. Information: Merry Olson, 732-6403, or mersol@csid.edu; Carolee Perry, 732-6400 or cperry@csid.edu.

Use of seeds over nursery-bought plants are some of the measures for making your garden more cost-effective.

At the 7th Street Garden, most of the produce is measured 8 feet by 4 feet and framed by 2-by-8 boards screwed together.

This somewhat modest community undertaking yields a lot of fruit, vegetables

and herbs in the growing season and last year kept as many as 12 families in "substantial quantities of food," Falk said, with weekly allotments of produce weighing between 30 and 60 pounds.

One of the lessons of the garden, co-director Susan Ellsworth said, is that a growing plot can be created relatively cheaply. "One doesn't have to have a huge amount of money in order to grow food," she said. "Almost everything in this garden is salvaged or donated or scrounged." In addition, it gives the low-income families who use it the skills and confidence to start their own gardens at home.

In addition to the food, recipients, the garden is tended by a cadre of 50 regular volunteers. The fever for growing your own is all well and good, but the ability to do it takes discipline, passion, planning, labor and patience. Fruit and vegetable gardening is not about instant gratification, but whatever the ups and downs of consumer food costs, the long-term trajectory of prices is pretty clear.

Skimming turf to convert a part of the backyard to a veggie plot is a laborious task, and learning how to grow various crops requires time and experience. I think it takes two to three years for a novice to become comfortable with the different grow-

ing requirements and seasons of various vegetables, but the learning curve is steeper in a community garden, where experienced hands can advise.

One of the many puzzles facing a new gardener is the optimum size of the plot. The wisest counsel is to start small but leave space to enlarge the garden as you learn. At its most basic, that might be a patio tomato and some basil in a half whiskey barrel.

Amusingly, one World War II-era book I own suggests that a family of five could meet all its fruit and vegetable needs in a "scant half-acre." As Brown points out, that size today would be considered a truck farm, given modern intensive-gardening practices. The garden has moved away from the family-farm model of large quantities of a few crops, which produced a seasonal surfeit and a canning frenzy, toward one of smaller quantities of more varied fare. In addition, imaginative use of forcing and trellising can almost double your space as you grow up instead of out.

Saving money in these hard times is satisfying, but what is more rewarding is the knowledge that your fruits and vegetables are more interesting, more organic and certainly tastier than most high-priced food at the grocery store.

Gardening books

Newsday

"Follage," by Nancy J. Ornda (Storey, \$24.95).

Beautiful photography helps Ornda drive home the point that flowers alone do not a garden make. Follage lends structure to a space, she explains, while ensuring season-long interest. Chapters are organized by color, shape and texture, and they illustrate the characteristics of dozens of plants and instruct on selection and appropriate plant combination.

"First-time Gardeners," by Kim Wilda (Collins, \$24.95)

Step-by-step advice coupled with illustrated instructions make this a wonderful guide for beginning gardeners. Hardscaping, planting, sowing, seedling and pruning techniques are covered in detail, along with basics such as soil, climate and sunlight requirements.

"Tending Your Garden: A Year-Round and Insect to Garden Maintenance," by Gordon Hayward and Mary Hayward (Norton, \$39.95)

Divided by season, this nuts-and-bolts guide covers every necessary garden chore and tells you when and how it needs to be done. Check full of tips and anecdotes. It also makes for good reading: the authors are full-time gardeners and

garden designers. Beautiful photography and some sketches nicely illustrate the how-tos.

"Pots in the Garden: Expert Design and Planting," by Ray Rogers (Timber Press, \$29.95)

Filled with discussions about color, form and texture, this book does, merely make plant and arrangement suggestions. Rather, Rogers instructs on design principles, pot selection, planting techniques and more, inspiring the reader to find his own style and develop his own applications. Photographs by Richard Harbridge are plentiful and present a wide variety of pots and plants.

"Inside Out: The Art and Craft of Home Landscaping," by Jeff Hutton (Breakaway Books, \$24.95)

Flipping through this beautifully photographed book is enough to motivate readers to rethink their walking paths, plantings, decks, patios, walls and fences. Hutton, a landscaper and novelist, applies the principles of interior decorating to the outdoor landscape, focusing on lines of sight, flow and color. What's more, his down-to-earth writing style makes this a guide that can be read over, instead of merely referenced.

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OFFSHORE

China dishes - vases - Lifan hand painted bowls and plates - wall paper and plaques - several vases - several yellow dishes - beer glasses - tea pots - pink depression creamer and sugar bowl set - candle holders - Pyrex mixing bowls - pitchers - candy dishes - ash trays - several boxes containing glassware that was packed away years ago and not opened to get listing.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

New LePrest Deluxe Gourmet Food Styler - aquarium tank - christmas decorations - pool table lamp - lunch box - throw pillows - games - fishing poles - 2 bar stools - pictures - Indian pictures - vanity lamp - electric heater - luggage set - other household miscellaneous

LAWN, GARDEN & SHOP ITEMS

Troy Bilt Tully rear tire rotator - George Foreman Indoor Outdoor Barbecue Grill - sprayers - weed sprayer - Sears electric grinder tool - power tools - hand tools - leaf blower - electric pump for 65 Corvette - engine parts - other miscellaneous items

NOTE: There are 3 small sheds full of antiques, collectibles and miscellaneous. Many boxes of items packed away years ago. It was very hard to get a complete listing.

CONDITIONED ITEMS

Old picture frames - recliner - vanity dresser with mirror - bookcase - end tables - old table with 3 leaves - swinging doors - 3 shelf cart - w/wed chair - entertainment center - curtain rods - clip on lights - wall table - lawn chairs - shop vacuum - Nursery Rymes pictures - gel glass milk jug - kitchen items - appliance coasters - roll of wire - awner - rain gutters - roll of black mesh - rose trelises - child's tent - trike - new 14" tires on rims - truck tie downs - 8.25x20 truck tie chains - 15" pickup tie chains - battery carrier - tow bar - truck bumper for 98 Ford F 150 pickup - pickup seat covers

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The Washington Post

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Frozen bloodsuckers

Cold spring delays start of West Nile

By Nate Poppino
Staff writer

Idaho's public health officials want to make sure you don't forget about the mosquito-borne West Nile virus. A public service announcement recently aired on local TV stations shows Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter on horseback, reminding the public to wear long sleeves and take other precautions against mosquito bites. The only thing missing this year seems to be the mosquitoes that carry the virus. "We just have not seen the

number of cases we have in the past years," said Cheryl Becker, epidemiologist manager for the South Central Public Health District. The virus, which entered the state in 2004, made itself known in 2006 when officials reported more than 1,000 cases, including 23 fatalities. Last year, the number of cases was down to 132, with only one death. The 2008 West Nile season is starting slow, Becker said, due primarily to the cold, prolonged spring the state experienced. State officials have yet to record Idaho's

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- Wear repellent containing DEET, Picaridin or Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus (all EPA-approved repellents) according to the label.
- Remove standing water around your home — this is where mosquitoes like to breed.
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Twin Falls County residents who have mosquitoes breeding on their property can call 208-734-9492 for traps. For more information: <http://www.westnile.idaho.gov>

first confirmed 2008 case of the virus in a human — though Idaho Department of Health and Welfare officials were tracking down one possible case in the Boise area on Monday, and Becker said she'd heard of another in the Pocatello area. Kall Van Leeuwen, Twin Falls County's weed and pest control supervisor, said his control workers have been

busy checking traps and distributing briquettes meant to kill larvae in standing water. Her employees saw few mosquitoes until about three weeks ago, she said. And none of those trapped have tested positive for the disease. Voters will have the chance in November to decide if Van Leeuwen wants to keep her funding for such

projects. County commissioners freed up nearly \$300,000 — two-thirds of it slated for this year — for an emergency abatement district in 2007, set to expire this year. The vote would allow the temporary tax district to become permanent. No matter the statistics, the public should still take precautions against catching West Nile, Becker said. It's now endemic to the state, guaranteed to show up at some point each year. And the virus can provoke two different reactions. About 20 percent of infected people experience neuroinvasive symptoms that can result in encephalitis, or inflammation of the brain. The rest just develop fevers. Those fevers may not have been tested or confirmed as West Nile, meaning people already could have caught it

somewhere in the state, Becker said. What was fever in one person could become fatal in others if the same mosquito bites them. "You don't want to be playing Russian roulette with West Nile virus," Becker said. Patients hospitalized with the neuroinvasive form will be able to be tested through the state laboratory, Health and Welfare spokesman Tom Shanahan said. But fever patients will have to order their own tests through other labs to confirm their West Nile cases. The state lab, Shanahan said, isn't allowed, to compete with those private labs, many of which now have the fever tests. Nate Poppino may be reached at 208-735-3237 or nppoppino@magicvalley.com.

T.F. council allows code enforcer to issue citations

By Jared S. Hopkins
Staff writer

Twin Falls' enforcer was bestowed a new superpower Monday. The Twin Falls City Council agreed Monday to allow the city's code enforcement officer to issue citations to violators of city code and various ordinances and zoning rules. The 7-0 decision authorizes Scott Standley, the city's code enforcement officer since October, to issue citations to city residents who have violated city code after they refuse to comply. City officials have said recently that the city is trying to be more proactive, not reactive, when dealing

with city ordinances. Currently, Standley is allowed to issue verbal warnings and tickets, but he must be accompanied by the Twin Falls Police Department in order to issue a citation. Standley received the same Peace Officer Standards and Training as other officers, said Twin Falls City Attorney Fritz Worderlich. "This move just takes the police department out as a middle stop," said Sherry Jeff, the city's sanitation director. The citation can result in fines of up to \$1,000 and/or six months in prison. The amount assessed to the violator would be determined

By Nate Poppino
Staff writer

Say goodbye to that barrel. Southern Idaho Solid Waste, the cooperative owned by seven south-central Idaho counties, will no longer accept waste in burn barrels on Monday. The decision is largely meant to reduce the fire risk to the company's stations and equipment, said Robin Baumgartner, public education coordinator. Several transfer station fires started by not-quite-cold ashes have damaged buildings and roasted bulldozers during the past few years, Baumgartner said. They've also started landfill fires, which burn slowly and are hard to put out, she said. Add to the fact that burning trash is illegal in the state of Idaho, she said, and officials felt it was time to end the practice at a time when it seems to be winding down anyway. "We've been seeing it kind of phase out over the past few years," Baumgartner said, adding that the more rural transfer stations can still see several burn barrel loads in a week. Any sort of decline is great news to local air-quality scientists, said the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality. Stephen VanZandt, with DEQ's Twin Falls office, said burn barrels often have to take a lower priority when compared with industrial emissions and other things the department regulates. But the barrels can lead to serious problems, he said, including fire hazards. "What we see a lot is a burn barrel that's left unattended," VanZandt said. "(It) burns down the garage, burns down the house, jumps over onto public lands (or) private cultivated lands." Other issues include noxious emissions from plastics — which has since been seen by people from burning most trash, with exceptions for organic materials and people

Bye-bye burn barrel

Transfer stations ban waste from barrels as fire hazards



Rick Erickson, manager at the Jerome Transfer Station, moves burn barrel ash Monday afternoon at the facility. As of July 14, burn barrel ash will no longer be accepted at the station.

On the Web

Learn more about SIVW's new policy at <http://www.sivw.org/humbarelinform.html>. To read state law regarding burning trash, visit <http://sdim.idaho.gov>. The new regulation doesn't add to his concern about the barrels, said BLM hazardous materials expert Tim Fuller — public lands are already used as trash pits in some areas. But the thought definitely worried him. "This would be trash on fire," Fuller mused.

T.F. woman, 39, dies in motorcycle accident

By Cassidy Friedman
Staff writer

Toni Barnes, 39, of Twin Falls, a farmer's wife, was killed Sunday evening when her motorcycle flipped on a road near Pine, said Elmore County Sheriff Rick Layher. "I don't know why yet she went off the left side of the road," Layher said. Barnes was riding southbound — returning from the mountains, Layher said — when she passed a corner at moderate speed. After navigating the corner, the bike slid sideways, the tires caught and the bike flipped, which threw Barnes forcefully to the ground, Layher said. Barnes was not wearing a helmet, Layher said. Barnes landed in a borrow pit while her bike continued to travel over a fence before coming to rest, Layher said.

Unidentified passengers of a white BMW stopped and helped until others arrived, Layher. Witnesses say it appeared those passengers observed more of the crash than they did but the BMW's passengers left before deputies, could interview them. "We could have talked to them we would have known more of what happened," Layher said. Layher asks anyone with more information about the crash to call (208) 567-2121 and ask to speak with Layher. Layher said he does not suspect Barnes was intoxicated at the time. Funeral services are pending under the direction of the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome. Cassidy Friedman may be reached at 208-735-3241 or cfriedman@magicvalley.com.

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who live far away from regular waste pickup programs. Fines can range from \$250 for repeat offenders to much higher for companies. DEQ continually works to spread the word about the law, VanZandt said, and a number of counties — including Twin Falls and Mindokko — have passed similar burn bans. Just because people wait until their barrels are cold to dump their ashes doesn't

mean those ashes couldn't start a fire, Baumgartner said. Trash fires burn at a low temperature and embers buried far down in a barrel may light again when re-exposed to oxygen. "And it's not like people can't still dispose of their cast-offs," Baumgartner said. The solid waste company accepts a wide variety of items, ranging from household trash to water heaters and motor oil. Some counties, such as Twin Falls County, charge fees at the gate to dump trash. Others, such as Jerome County, work the charge into property tax bills. Some of the transfer stations charge by weight, in which case burn barrel owners

may save money. Currently, they could be paying more on weeks when it's rained by dumping rain-soaked ash, she said. Still unknown is what people who insist on using burn barrels will do now that they can't dump them in public landfills. The barrels have been the cause of range fires in the past, Bureau of Land Management officials said. The new regulation doesn't add to his concern about the barrels, said BLM hazardous materials expert Tim Fuller — public lands are already used as trash pits in some areas. But the thought definitely worried him. "This would be trash on fire," Fuller mused.

T.F. planning and zoning to review parking space rules

By Jared S. Hopkins
Staff writer

The Twin Falls Planning and Zoning Commission will consider tonight whether to recommend increasing the number of parking spaces required for apartment buildings with at least three units. The changes would add one parking space per building for triplexes and fourplexes. Multifamily buildings of more

than four units per building would need to have 25 extra spaces per unit. For example, an eight-unit multifamily building would yield two additional spaces. Currently, city code requires all residential units — single family homes, duplexes, triplexes, fourplexes and larger multifamily facilities — must be accompanied by two spaces per unit.

The issue arose last fall when a subdivision was denied by the planning and zoning commission but approved by the Twin Falls City Council upon appeal. The issue was due to parking concerns by commissioners, but the applicant argued it met the city's requirements, regardless of parking issues. As a result, the City Council — which has since seen two members change — asked

the city staff to review the issue and see if changes were possible. "In a sense it's a reaction to council direction," Community Development Director Mitch Humble said of the request. The city reviewed policies in other cities, according to a staff report. For example, multifamily units in Lewiston require two spaces per unit. But in Engle, multifamily units

are required two spaces per unit, plus 25 a space for guest parking — the slight change being proposed by the city. If adopted, the city will become one of the more "parking-heavy" cities in Idaho, said Humble. Currently the city is in the middle of the road. Humble also said there will likely be a decline in the number of special use permits that include extra requirements

mandating they be granted only if extra parking is available. That was an occasional occurrence at the planning and zoning commission, as special use permits do not need City Council approval. If the nine-member commission approves the request, a public hearing at City Council would be scheduled. The 6 p.m. meeting is at 305 Third Ave. E. and open to the public.

Jeané Emler

RUPERT — Jeané Ann Emler, age 80, of Rupert, passed away Thursday, July 3, 2008, at her home after a valiant battle with cancer. She was born Sept. 23, 1927, in Laramie, Wyo., the daughter of Mark Duden and Kathy Jean Byrd. She married Billy Jack Emler on May 24, 1947, in Laramie. Jeané had the privilege of being a stay-at-home mom. She loved her three sons and spending time with them was so important to her. She enjoyed fishing, hunting, camping, dancing and music. She is survived by her husband and her three sons: Ty Edward Rubeling (age 15), Austin Duane Emler (age 10) and Tristan Shaun

Emler (age 4) all of Rupert; her father, Mark Duden of Freeport, Ill.; her mother, Kathy Candler of Laramie, Wyo.; her father-in-law, Sam Emler of Rozette, Wyo.; her mother-in-law and step father-in-law, Cheryl and Dale Bourquin of Rupert; her grandparents, Leroy and Nancy Duden of Sterling, Ill., and Charlie and Betty Byrd of Laramie, Wyo.; and her siblings, Randy Duden and Jason Candler, both of Laramie, Wyo., and Katrina Duden of Sterling, Ill. The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, July 11, at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, where friends and family may call one hour prior to the service. Burial will be in the Riverside Cemetery in Heyburn. In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations to assist with expenses they have incurred during Jeané's illness.

Ruth Minnie Warren Smith

Ruth Minnie Warren Smith, 85, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, June 28, 2008, at Cenoma House Assisted Living, in Twin Falls, following an illness with Alzheimer's disease. Ruth was born Sept. 1, 1923, in Charlton, Mo., to Joseph and Bertie Riley. She graduated from high school at Huntsville, Mo., in 1941. Ruth married Eugene Warren in 1945, and they resided in Missouri, Australia, California, Colorado, Wyoming and Idaho. They adopted four children, two in Missouri and two in Australia. Ruth was the most special mother that any child could have. She loved us and everyone dearly. Eugene died in 1994. In 1997, she married Robert Smith, and they lived in Twin Falls. Robert died in 2007. Ruth had a wonderful later life that was completely contagious and could brighten any room. She was a member of the First Baptist

Church in Twin Falls. Ruth is survived by four children, Robert Warren of Australia, John Warren of California, Jennifer (Dave) Hiss of Twin Falls and Heather (Dan) Carper of Heyburn; a daughter-in-law, Kerry (Fred) Griffin; a son-in-law, Richard Scott in 1965 and Jay Lawrence in 1968. Upon graduation, Dick had many job offers, but the one that intrigued him the most was in Filer, with the Agrow Seed Company as head of its research department. With the help of dear friends, he moved his family in the middle of a snow storm to begin his new job in January 1969. He was quickly promoted to general manager of the Agrow Research Center. His expertise in botany and lower life work took him all over the world as a "trouble shooter" in the field of commercial seed technology. Dorothy often accompanied him to various international conferences. They especially enjoyed their business and pleasure trips to New Zealand and Australia, Boston, Monterey and Washington. D.C. Dick was acknowledged with many national awards for his work including the prestigious William E. Upjohn Prize in Recognition of Special Accomplishment in 1986. He retired in 2001 from Agrow/Seminis Seed Company but continued working as a consultant for several years in the United States. Dick enjoyed spending time with his family and friends. He was an assistant drill master for the Twin Falls Junior Riding Club and later the Filer Junior Riding Club, as his children rode in the competitions. He proudly

Richard Lawrence 'Dick' Sayers

BUHL — Richard Lawrence "Dick" Sayers, our much-loved husband, father and grandpa passed away suddenly at his home July 4, 2008, at age 69 due to a heart attack. Dick was born Nov. 22, 1938, in Laramie, Wyo., to Lawrence Frank Sayers and Helen Margaret Scott Sayers, his only child. In his early teens, the family relocated to Independence, Kan., to help run the family hardware business. Dick graduated in 1956 from Independence High School. He then went on to college at Colorado A & M, which the following year became Colorado State University. It was there that he met the love of his life, Dorothy VanTapp. He married his wife's companion on July 8, 1961, in Denver, Colo. He continued his education, obtaining his Bachelor of Science, Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy at Colorado State University, finally graduating in December 1968 as a plant physiologist. Since all of his children were born while he was in school, he worked full time to support his family at the CSU campus to support his family and complete his education. Brenda Sue was born in 1962, followed by sons, Fred and Kristin. Richard Scott in 1965 and Jay Lawrence in 1968.

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served for several years on the Twin Falls School Board. When his children became active in junior rodeo, he was always right there to help and cheer them on clear through their college years, attending every one that he could. His support continued for all of his grandkids, no matter what their activity. If he couldn't attend, he always wanted to hear them tell about it. He loved the sport of rodeo, especially the bull riding, and served for many years as a member of the board of directors for the Sixth District High School Rodeo. He was always supportive of any activities his children participated in. Dick was a great grandfather that supported what to Dorothy and her enjoyment of showing her dogs, attending her shows as often as possible as expert judges.

Dick enjoyed skiing for many years until his love of golf took over. Watching anything his children and later his grandchildren participated in was a great joy for him. He made special efforts to visit his kids and grandkids and dearly loved each and every one. He was extremely proud of all of his children, their spouses, the grandchildren, and all of their accomplishments. He particularly loved going to the Richards Ranch to visit the cattle work and to Montana to work with Scott's fencing business. With the very capable help of Jay, he turned his beloved acreage in Buhl into a place that brought him great pleasure. He and Dorothy especially enjoyed playing couples pinocle with their many friends and golfing together at the Home Country Club and then at Clear Lake Country Club.

Dick is survived by his loving wife of 47 years, Dorothy; his daughter and son-in-law, Brenda and Tony Richards; grandsons, Daniel Richards, Tom Richards and John Richards of Reynolds Creek, Idaho; son and daughter-in-law, Jay and Kristin Sayers of Boise. He was preceded in death by his son, Brett Franklin; his parents, Frank and Helen Sayers; and Dorothy's parents. We will miss the twinkle in his eye, his mischievous grin, his sense of humor and quick wit, his readiness to help, and especially his love. The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, July 10, at the Buhl United Methodist Church. A visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 9, at Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl. In lieu of flowers, the family would like donations to be made in his name to the Buhl Quick Response Unit, in care of the Buhl Fire Department, 201 Broadway Blvd., ID 83416 in appreciation for all they have done for Dick.

DEATH NOTICES

Billy D. Mays

GOODING — Billy "Bill" Dwight Mays, 78, of Gooding, died Thursday, July 3, 2008, at his daughter's home in Boise. The funeral will be held on at 11 a.m. Thursday, July 10, at Demaray's Gooding Chapel. Burial will follow in the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding.

Luella M. Kemp

Luella May Kemp, 91, of Twin Falls, died Monday, July 7, 2008, at Stoney Creek's Assisted Living. Arrangements will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Dorothy G. Patterson

BELLEVIEW — Dorothy G. Patterson, 89, of Bellevue, died Monday, April 7, 2008, at Bridgeway Estates in Twin Falls. A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, July 12, at the Bellevue Cemetery (Wood River Chapel of Halley, www.woodriverchapel.com).

Barbara Gray

HOLLISTER — Barbara Gray, 82, of Hollister, died Sunday, July 6, 2008, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. Arrangements will be announced by Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

Willa F. Carquist

HAZELTON — Willa Fitzgerald Carquist, 94, of Hazelton, died Saturday, July 5, 2008, at her home. The funeral will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, July 13, at the Hazelton LDS Church, 531 Middleton Ave.; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday, July

Toni Barnes

Toni Barnes, 39, of Twin Falls and formerly of Jerome, died Sunday, July 6, 2008, near Filer. Arrangements will be announced by Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

One injured in Payette Forest plane crash

YELLOW PINE (AP) — Authorities say at least one person was injured when a small plane crashed at a rural airstrip northeast of the mountain town of Yellow Pine. A Valley County Sheriff Department spokesman says

the accident occurred Monday at the Big Creek area in the Payette National Forest. Police say the plane came to rest about 75 feet beyond the southern end of the runway strip.

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In court, said Wonderlich during the summer, Stanley's fieldwork — more than 20 cases daily, he estimated — is heavy on weed complaints, often concerning them being too long and unkept. Other situations include junk violations, vacant vehicles left unattended and illegal signs across town.

The position, according to city officials, had been part-time and seasonal. When Stanley arrived last year, the job was restructured to include planning and zoning duties.

Jeff said the city tries to work with people who violate city code and ordinances, and rarely has problems. But, she said, occasionally residents are resistant.

"Unfortunately, some of them just won't do it," she said.

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Hattie L. Jones

BUHL — Hattie L. Jones, 77, died Friday, July 4, 2008, at her home in Buhl. Hattie was born Feb. 8, 1931, in Idaho Falls, to Orval and Hill Murphy. She was raised in the Boise area. She married Earl Jones in 1956. They had three sons, Orval, Neil and Miles (Mikie) Rice, and later divorced. She married Verl Jones in 1956. They had four children, Ward, Clay, Lyle and Nova (Hayes) Jones. They ranched in Challis for

47 years until Verl's death. Hattie moved to Buhl three years ago to live with her son, Orval Rice. She enjoyed her children, family and friends. Everyone that met Hattie enjoyed talking with her. She always had a story to tell of her life. Her stories were very sad, yet funny at the same time. Hattie was preceded in death by her husband, Verl; son, Mikie; three brothers; and one sister. The funeral will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, July 10, at Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl. A visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 9, at Farmer Funeral Chapel.

SERVICES

Mary Rita Miller of Wendell, Miss of Christian burial, 10 a.m. today at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Wendell (Demaray's Wendell Chapel).

Floyd W. "Bud" Hare of Burley funeral at 11 a.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley; visitation one hour before the service today at the funeral home.

Ston Jarvis Hazel of Rupert, graveside service at 11 a.m. today at the Riverside Cemetery in Heyburn (Hansen Mortuary Rupert

Chapel, 710 Sixth St.

Frank Henry Orakovich of Smithfield, Utah, and formerly of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Burley LDS Stake Center, 2050 Normal Ave.; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley; and 10 to 10:45 a.m. Thursday at the church.

Keth Corbridge of Hagerman, postluc open house from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday at the home of York and Arlynda Corbridge, 1127 B E, 2900 S. in Hagerman (Hansworth Mortuary in Jerome).

Della Davis

GOODING — Della Davis was born Dec. 2, 1921, in Fairly Glen, Saskatchewan, Canada, to Sam and Henry Lindborg. She passed away Sunday, June 29, 2008, at Gooding County Memorial Hospital.

She is survived by her husband, Roy; children, Nancy, Kurt and Scott; grandchildren and sisters in Couer d'Alene and Salt Lake City; and by her many friends.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, July 9, at Demaray Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel. Memorial contributions may be made as donations to your favorite charity in her name.

Funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, July 9, at Demaray Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel. Memorial contributions may be made as donations to your favorite charity in her name.

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