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Big Sky gets green light

Jerome County Commission OK's project on appeal

By Nate Poppino Staff writer

JEROME — Jerome County commissioners tentatively decided 2-1 on Monday to approve the controversial Big Sky Farms Limited Partnership feedlot...

The decision, which will be finalized later this month in a memorandum decision, came after a judge sent the decision back to the county level, admonishing...

BREAKING NEWS

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Jerome County commissioners for basing their decision largely on the county comprehensive plan rather than its zoning ordinances. Commissioners had previously rejected the Big Sky projects permit in fall 2007...

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ESA overhaul

Proposal would let federal agencies decide if projects affect endangered species

By Juliet Elipera The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration Monday proposed a regulatory overhaul of the Endangered Species Act to allow federal agencies to decide whether protected species would be imperiled by agency projects...

The new rules, which will be subject to a 30-day comment period, would use administrative powers to make broad changes in the law that Congress has resisted for years.

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A NEW DEAL part three



Dan Arnold, a recovering meth addict, finishes his first cigarette of the day shortly after 5 a.m. on July 11. After incarceration on drug charges, Arnold cherishes his new freedoms — like the ability to sit outside his apartment before starting work.

safety in routine

Parolee remains wary of people, places with potential to drag him back to drugs

By Melissa Davlin Staff writer

From across the street at 5 a.m., there isn't much to see at the house on Locust Street.

A man sits alone on his front step, sipping coffee, smoking a cigarette and taking in the morning. He is silhouetted by yellow light flooding from his doorway...

We see our neighbors almost daily. They're as much a part of the neighborhood scenery as the trees and mailboxes. Still, it's easy to know nothing about them.

What happens to inmates after they've served their time? Ninety-five percent of Idaho prisoners will eventually be released, according to the Idaho Department of Corrections...

Many end up back behind bars; nearly two-thirds of those admitted to prison have been there before.

Others become your neighbors. Dan Arnold is on parole after spending four years in prison and in jail for dealing meth in Canyon County. After his release from the Twin Falls Community Work Center in April, he decided to stay in Magic Valley. Make a life here. Try to stay clean.

It hasn't been easy, but he has had some help. So far, he is on the right track.



Dan Arnold sits with his mother, Mindy Arnold, in his Twin Falls home on April 21. Mindy traveled from Eagle to visit Arnold for the first time since his April 9 release.

ABOUT THIS SERIES

From February to July, Times-News features writer Melissa Davlin shadowed Daniel David Arnold as the convicted meth dealer prepared for parole, walked out on the day of his release from the Twin Falls Community Work Center, and adjusted to freedom and sobriety.

She also interviewed Arnold's mother, his parole officer, work center employees and Idaho Department of Corrections representatives, and gathered statistics on Idaho inmates from the Urban Institute, Justice Policy Center and the Corrections Department.

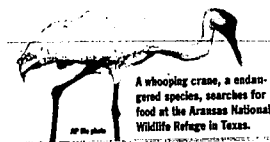
SUNDAY: With parole, Arnold gets another chance at building the sober life he never had.

MONDAY: Arnold's first day out of jail brings bewildering choices — and the elating freedom to choose.

TODAY: In his first three months out, Arnold builds a routine and one important relationship.

If you missed Sunday and Monday's installments, go to Magicvalley.com

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A whooping crane, an endangered species, searches for food at the Aransas National Wildlife Refuge in Texas.

Hefty but healthy

Half of overweight adults may be heart-healthy

By Lindsey Tanner Associated Press writer

CHICAGO — You can look great in a swimsuit and still be at heart attack waiting to happen. And you can also be overweight and otherwise healthy.

A new study suggests that a surprising number of overweight people — about half — have normal blood pressure and cholesterol levels, while an equally startling number of trim people suffer from some of the ills associated with obesity.

The first national estimate of its kind bolsters the argument that you can be hefty but still healthy, or at least healthier than has been believed.

The results also show that stereotypes about body size can be misleading, and that even "less voluptuous" people can have risk

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TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Sun Valley Summer Symphony concert, Musician's Choice Chamber Music Series, 5:30 p.m., open house and 6:30 p.m. concert...

The Wah-Ho Review, featuring the Wild West Players with singing, dancing, comedy and audience involvement...

CHURCH EVENTS

Registration deadline for Precept Indivisible Bible Study training, Hagerman Chapel, 241 N. State St., Hagerman, \$80 for training...

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Magie Valley Toastmasters meeting and no-host lunch, with focus on teaching and encouraging members in communication and leadership skills...

Barber Rotary Club meeting, noon, Burley Inn, 878-9382.

Cassia County 4H Teen Association meeting, 7 p.m., Cassia County Extension Office, 1013 West 16th St., 879-9461.

Rupert Kiwanis Club meeting, noon, Rupert Elks Lodge, 850 S. 200 W., 436-8124.

Snake River Flats meeting, 7:30 p.m., Harmony Hall, 123 K St., 436-6047.

Twin Falls Citizens Protecting Resources (CPR) meeting, 7 p.m., Idaho Fish and Game building, two miles north of the Plying J on Hwy. 93, 324-3202.

Snake River Weavers' Guild monthly meeting, with hostess Ise Hyton, 1:30 p.m., 734-6258.

The American Legion Post 7 and Auxiliary Steak Fry, pull-out on desserts and side dishes, 6:30 p.m., social hour with dinner to follow (no meetings), Post Home, 447 Senstrom St., Twin Falls, \$5 per person, friends and guests welcome, 734-1435.

Hagerman Valley Historical Society annual picnic, open to all interested in local museum, history or historical Society, 6 p.m., Blingsley Creek Lodge and Retreat, one mile north of Hagerman on Highway 30, fried chicken, sodas and bottled water provided; bring side dish or dessert, (208) 837-6060.

Snake River Flats meeting, an all-male singing group, 7:30 p.m., Harmony Hall, 123 K St., Rupert, 436-6047.

FESTIVALS AND FAIRS

Cassia County Fair, "Caution: Cassia Under Construction," Cassia County Fairgrounds, Burley, (208) 879-1850.

Gooding County Fairgrounds, "In the Mood for a Centennial Celebration," Gooding County Fairgrounds, www.goodingproceeds.com.

GOVERNMENT

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068.

Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln, 874-2700.

Hagerman Chamber of Commerce, noon, Snake River Grill, 837-9131.

Twin Falls City Planning and Zoning Commission, 6 p.m., 305 Idaho Ave. E., 735-1726.

Blaine County School Board, 6:30 p.m., district office, 118 W. Bullion St., Halley, 578-5000.

Cassia County School Board, 7 p.m., center office, 237 19th St., Burley, 878-4387.

Owens Ferry City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 119 E. Second, 366-7418.

Gooding School Board, 7 p.m., district administration office, 507 Idaho St., 934-4321.

Hellgate City Council, 7 p.m., city office, 246 Main, 829-5415.

Hollister City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 2392 Main, 656-4225.

Jerome City Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., council chambers, 100 E. Ave. A, 324-8189.

Kimberly City Council, 7 p.m., community center, 120 Madison W., 423-4151.

District School Board, 7:30 p.m., school's business room, 406 N. Park, 544-2102.

Shoshone School Board, 7:30 p.m., district office, 409 N. Apple, 866-2038.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

The Otto Bock RoadShow and information seminar, for lower extremity prosthetic wearers, friends, family members and health care providers; directed by Michael Johnson, CPO for OrthoPro of Twin Falls, includes pre-fitting of lower extremity...

Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class, 10 to 11 a.m., Living Waters Presbyterian Church, 823 E. Main St., Wendell, no cost, 737-5988.

Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class, 10:30 a.m., First Segregation Fire Station, Eden, no cost, 737-5988.

Ongoing exercise program for people with Parkinson's disease, offered by Magie Valley Regional Medical Center, 11 a.m. to noon, the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 371 Eastland Drive N., Twin Falls, no cost, 737-2977.

SilverSneakers Fitness Program, innovative exercise program designed specifically for Medicare beneficiaries' unique health and physical needs, 11:15 a.m. to noon, Twin Falls YMCA, 1751 Elizabeth Blvd., no cost for Humana-insured, Twin Falls YMCA members and \$5 per class for non-insured, 733-4384.

"Strong Women Stay Young" exercise and nutrition program taught by Rita Lanning, noon to 1 p.m., Twin Falls County Extension Office, 246 Third Ave. E., Twin Falls, \$15 one-time fee, weights provided, (208)734-9590 or rhlanning@idahouda.edu.

Adult Children Anonymous (A.C.A.) meeting, for individuals recovering from alcoholic or dysfunctional family environments, 7 p.m., Canyon View Psychiatric and Adult Services, 228 Shoup Ave. W. (west entrance), Twin Falls, no cost, 308-5656.

Mini-Cassia Shelter for Women & Children women's support group, 6 p.m., 123 S. C. St., Rupert, (208) 436-0987.

Celebrate Recovery, a place to learn life-affirming, healthy behavior, 7:30 p.m., Magie Valley Evangelical Free Church, 824 E. Haves, Jerome, 324-7237.



USS Twin Falls: the wackiest ship in the Air Force

What's the smallest town after which the U.S. Navy ever named a ship?

It may be Twin Falls, Idaho, population 21,000 when the Navy laid the keel of the Victory ship USS Twin Falls Victory in December 1944 ...

Victory ships were large cargo boats that carried troops and equipment across the Atlantic and Pacific oceans during World War II ... But that was just the beginning of the Twin Falls' bizarre career ...

According to Navy records, the ship is one of a very few that also served with another of the armed services, in this case the Air Force ...

Come again? ... In 1960, the Navy handed the Twin Falls over for use as a "missile range instrument-ation ship." ... The Air Force was testing the accuracy of the ground-launched Pershing missile, tracking test shots in the Atlantic ... The Twin Falls even tracked a couple of Project Mercury manned space missions ...

Show and tell

If it's weird, quirky, sad, poignant or funny and it happens in south-central Idaho, I want to hear about it. Call me at 735-3223, or write to scrump@magievalley.com.

The ship was equipped with tracking radar and a special radar that tracked splashes ... It also was fitted with a hangar to house a tethered blimp ...

She handled the job for nine years before the Air Force turned the Twin Falls back to the Navy for use as a survey ship ... But even stranger things were to come ...

In 1972, the Maritime Administration, the federal government agency in charge of disposing of old ships, turned the Twin Falls over to the New York City Board of Education ... That's right, the school board ...

Rechristened the USS John Brown II, the ship served as a training facility for New York's Food and Maritime Twin Falls before being sold for scrap in 1982 ...

Only two other Idaho cities have ships named after them ... The USS Boise is a Los Angeles-class attack submarine that participated in the war in Iraq and is now part of the aircraft carrier John F. Kennedy's battle group ...

cities have ships named after them ... The USS Boise is a Los Angeles-class attack submarine that participated in the war in Iraq and is now part of the aircraft carrier John F. Kennedy's battle group ...

An earlier Boise was a light cruiser with a long combat history during World War II ... It was sold the Argentine Navy and renamed the Nueve de Julio ...

The USS Pocatello was a World War II frigate that served as a weather ship in the Pacific ...

IF YOU'VE FORGOTTEN to send a card to that special someone for a noteworthy occasion, good or bad, Regence BlueShield of Idaho comes to the rescue ...

The Lewiston-based health insurance company offers free video e-cards that contain a friendly reminder

to lose weight, quit smoking, check cholesterol, and my personal favorite, get a colonoscopy ...

In the video an embarrassing-looking fartsomebody guy explains the risk of colon cancer in middle-aged folks and remarks that having a colonoscopy is "a little like going to the dentist." ...

If he says so ... Actually, the state of the art of colonoscopy is changing fast ... Virtual colonoscopy uses X-rays and computers to produce two- and three-dimensional images of the colon ...

It can be done either with CAT scan or MRI, but not every hospital has the equipment to perform the non-invasive version of the procedure ...

And yes, you still have to take laxatives ... But then again, 50,000 Americans die of bowel cancer every year ...

To send a Regence e-card, log on to http://www.vmyregencecard.com ...

Steve Crump is the Times-News opinion editor.

AROUND THE NATION

WASHINGTON

Bush denounces Russia's military crackdown in Georgia

President Bush on Monday warned of a dramatic escalation of violence by Russia in the former Soviet republic of Georgia. He pressed Moscow to accept an immediate cease-fire and to pull back its troops.

Bush put the crisis at the top of his agenda as he returned from the Olympic Games in Beijing.

In a Rose Garden statement, he said there appeared to be an attempt by Russia to prevent Georgia's pro-Western president, Mikhail Saakashvili.

He demanded an immediate cease-fire, the withdrawal of Russian troops from the conflict zone and a return to the status quo as of Aug. 6. Russia has ignored calls for a truce and has responded with overwhelming military force. It appeared Bush had leverage to win Moscow's compliance.

Europe. It is time for Russia to be true to its word and to act to end this crisis."

"Just met with my national security team to discuss the situation in Georgia. I am deeply concerned by reports that Russian troops have moved beyond the 'zone of conflict,' attacked the Georgian town of Gori, and are threatening Georgia's capital of Tbilisi," Bush said.

— The Associated Press

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

HOBBIES AND CRAFTS

Cornor Quilters Guild meeting, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., The Fat Quarter Quilt Shop, 112 W. Main, Wendell, open to public, no cost, (208) 934-5941.

LIBRARY

Story Hour: Alphabet Soup, for preschoolers and primary grades, K-3rd, 10 to 10:30 a.m., Deco Community Library from room, 2722 or Westmont Meat Cutting, Deco, 554-2722 or 545-9433.

Twin Falls Public Library Book Club, discussion: "The Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid," a memoir by Bill Bryson, 5:30 p.m., Twin Falls Public Library program room, 201 Fourth Ave. E., light refreshments, 733-2964 ext. 109 or jhills@lib.tfid.org.

MUSEUMS AND PARKS

Faulkner Planetarium Sky Quest/ Live Sky Tour at 2 p.m., "Mysteries from the Depths of Space" at 7 p.m.; and "Led Zepplin: Maximum Volume 1" at 8:15 p.m., Herrett Center for Arts and Science, north end of the College of Southern Idaho campus, Twin Falls, 44 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens, \$2 for students and \$9 for families, 732-6655.

SCHOOLS

Kimberly Elementary School registration, for new and returning students, 4 to 5 p.m. at the school, required: official/certified birth certificate and up-to-date immunization record for new students, 423-4170, ext. 3308.

Kimberly Middle School registration, for all grades, noon to 8 p.m., required for new students: official/certified birth certificate and up-to-date immunization record, 423-4170, ext. 3308.

Kimberly High School senior and junior student registration, 8:30 to 11 a.m. seniors and 12:30 to 3 p.m. juniors, at the high school, 423-4170 ext. 3308.

To have an event listed, please submit the name of the event, a brief description, time, place, cost and contact number to Suzanne Brown by e-mail at sbrown@magievalley.com; by fax, 734-5538; or by mail, Times-News, PO Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548. Deadline is noon, four days in advance of the event.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, Aug. 12, the 225th day of 2008. There are 141 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight: On Aug. 12, 1944, during World War II, Joseph P. Kennedy Jr., eldest son of Joseph and Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy, was killed with his co-pilot when their explosives-laden Navy plane blew up and crashed into the ocean. On this date:

In 1867, President Andrew Johnson sparked a move to impech him as he defied Congress by suspending Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton.

In 1981, IBM introduced its first personal computer, the model 5150.

In 1995, the world's worst single-aircraft disaster occurred as a crippled Japan Air Lines Boeing 747 on a domestic flight crashed into a mountain, killing 520 people.

In 1988, the controversial movie "The Last Temptation of Christ," directed by Martin Scorsese, opened in nine cities despite objections by some Christians who felt the film was sacrilegious.

Ten years ago: Swiss banks agreed to pay \$1.2 billion as restitution to Holocaust survivors to settle claims for their assets.

Five years ago: Liberia's leading rebel movement agreed to lift its siege of the capital and vital port, allowing food to flow to hundreds of thousands of hungry people.

One year ago: A gunman opened fire in the sanctuary of a southwest Missouri church, killing a pastor and two worshippers.

HOROSCOPE BY JERRALDINE SAUNDERS

IF AUG. 12 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Your electric personality and easygoing friendliness attract new people to you like a moth to the flame, especially between September and the end of November. This is a good time to make exciting changes and discard old routines ... but if you want to investigate permanent improvements, wait until November when you will have additional assistance from other others. In January you may have to fight off the restless urge to make drastic changes or take unpredictable actions that could impact your reputation or undermine the trust of others.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Precision and accuracy are the best tools under these stars. Your famous diplomacy and sense of humor, along with group settings, but might not endear you to a potential love interest.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't be in such a rush to make a decision or instigate a new business plan. Right now you should take care of the old and simply investigate and enjoy the new.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): This is a good time to stick pennies in the piggy bank and heed the rules you so are ready for anything.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): This is a good day to use resource-

fulness and make it do or do without. Hold off on signing contracts or making firm commitments.

VIROGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You might be your own harshest critic so give yourself a boost in confidence. Concentrate on being a perfectionist in the workplace, as well.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You have been relying on the tried and true when there is a better and more efficient way.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Just because someone is agreeable is no reason to risk an investment partnership.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Your values and self-worth have a great deal to do with your hopes and dreams for the future. Take care to spend wisely and

investigate more efficient ways to reach your objectives.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You are one of those people who know what "you can never be too thin or too rich means. This may be a good time to start a diet or to hide away a few pennies for a future rainy day.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Move closer new people who may be familiar to you through association. You can network successfully — especially if you rely on past social contacts.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You may feel more popular than usual and receive applause or a much-needed pat on the back. Newfoundland, however, might not move your best interests at heart.

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Canyon View Psychiatric and Adult Services, 228 Shoup Ave. W. (west entrance), Twin Falls, no cost, 308-5656.

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safety in routine

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Since his release with two boxes of possessions, Arnold has appreciated small freedoms. He is free to rent an apartment and live alone — for his first time. Free to drink fresh-brewed coffee out of a mug instead of the work centers from cups. Free to go to the store whenever he wants instead of waiting for a twice-monthly supervised trip.

And he has privacy. Arnold furnished his apartment almost immediately after moving in, a week after he had made. Trips to thrift stores yielded furniture, including a couch and television stand. He didn't have a bed yet, but didn't mind sleeping on the sofa.

For his kitchen, he bought new Knorr plates and steak knives. ("I hope I'm allowed to have these," he said. "There wasn't much use for them yet; he hadn't grabbed much at the grocery store. The day after his move, his cabinets held tortilla chips, crackers and a plastic cup from a fast-food restaurant. A peck in the freezer and refrigerator revealed strawberry ice cream, sandwich findings, soda and orange punch. On a table at Costco Wholesale, he picked up 36 rolls of toilet paper.

"I figured it's not going to go bad," he said.

Other than that, the apartment was mostly bare. A roaster rug lay on the kitchen floor, and a pink stuffed animal sat atop the refrigerator.

"That's for my niece," Arnold said. He hadn't met her yet, but he meant the toy for her out of a machine.

Since his release the week before, he said, he hadn't stopped smiling.

"You don't realize what it's like. This is compared to that. No nightly head counts, no early wake-up calls.

The new routine: Arnold starts his days at 4:30 a.m. He has about an hour before he produces to his job at S & G Products, where he started as a work center inmate. He makes a pot of coffee and steps out on his porch for a few minutes.



While on parole, Arnold's freedom is still dictated by the Department of Corrections. At 6 a.m., he makes a call to the parole office. Parolees are assigned a color group — Arnold's is orange — and those groups are randomly called for drug tests one or twice a week.

Once every two weeks, Arnold meets with Eli Martinez, his parole officer. Martinez, a big, friendly guy with rock music constantly playing in his office, asks about Arnold's well-being, job and finances. As long as Arnold doesn't lie to him and follows the rules, Martinez will stay on his side.

"If I go out and get high, who knows what they'll do," Arnold said. "But that's not gonna happen."

In the three months since his release, Arnold has thrown himself into his job. He spends up to 12 hours a day mowing and doing a boxes of produce bound for restaurants and stores across southern Idaho.

"I went from dealing meth

to dealing food," he joked. That's how he likes it nowadays — so much that he mostly avoids socializing. As long as he focuses on work, he figures, he's less likely to encounter temptation.

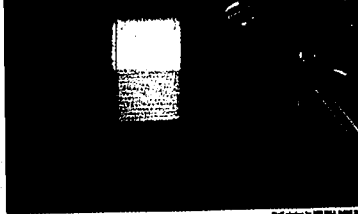
A friend, Juan Luna, sometimes takes him fishing or out to dinner. Twice a week, Arnold attends Narcotics Anonymous and Alcoholics Anonymous meetings, and once every two weeks, he goes to Intense outpatient therapy.

Other nights, he goes straight home from work, where he watches television, eats dinner and goes to bed by 9 p.m.

Someday, Arnold said, his lonely lifestyle will change. He'd like to start a family, but right now, it's just not an option. He wants to concentrate on work; besides, he's had too many bad relationships.

He has no marrings. In those moments on the porch, start alone.

But working on his



ABOVE: Dan Arnold turns on the television in his home on April 18. Although Arnold had access to TV when incarcerated at the Twin Falls Community Work Center, he had to share with other inmates. Now, for the first time, he lives by himself and can watch whatever he wants.

LEFT: Dan Arnold, right, chats with his parole officer, Eli Martinez, about Arnold's outstanding court fees in late June.

relationship with his mother can't wait. While her son was incarcerated in St. Anthony, Mindy Arnold traveled from her home in Eagle to visit him as often as she could.

On April 21, Mindy visited him for the first time since Arnold's release. She couldn't remember the last time she had seen him — Thanksgiving? His birthday? — but the two tried to make up for lost time.

It's been very emotional for me to visit him in his house," the short, spunky woman said. No longer did they have to talk through barred wire or windows. She was a guest in his home, helping him make dinner, having real conversations. And she had so many reasons to be proud.

"He's legal driver now" she bragged, sitting with her son on his couch. "He's a man of respect."

Mindy always knew her son had a good side. But until he spent time at St. Anthony Work Camp and the Twin Falls work center, she said, that side stayed hidden.

"His other incarcerations, he would write and I couldn't even read his writing," Mindy said. "It wasn't coherent." Now his handwriting looks more mature, she said, just like everything else about him. As she spoke, with tears in her eyes, Arnold looked at his hands.

Toward the end of the evening, their tone turned serious again.

"I just have had a glorious two days with the son I've always wanted," Mindy said. "Regardless of what happens, I treasure the two days I've had with him."

"I'm not going to change," Arnold reassured her. "This is it, right here."

In early July, Arnold decided it was time to visit her in Eagle.

To leave the jurisdiction, Arnold applied for parole board approval. The board OK'd the trip, and he arranged a day off work.

Days before his scheduled visit, though, he called it off. Almost everyone he knew in Boise was an addict, and he didn't want to put himself near temptation. Besides, he said, he had never driven long distances without feeling high or drunk. He wasn't sure how he'd perform sober. Maybe in a couple of months, he said.

This is it, right here. And it's too precious to jeopardize.

Arnold's mornings on the front porch give him a chance to relax before work. And today, July 11, is a big day. A day after his 49th birthday, two days after the three-month anniversary of his release, he's gotten a small promotion at work. Starting today, he supervises two workers.

Through his open door, his apartment looks more lived in. Receipts and old dishes line the counter, and a crumpled blanket on the couch. Arnold is still more comfortable sleeping there than in his bed. At 49, Daniel David Arnold is a rich man, by his standards.

He has a car. A place of his own. A coffee maker and a television and a steady job. He has self-respect and a stronger relationship with his mother. Freedom, and a resolve to keep it.

A porch, and the expectation of slipping off there again tomorrow.

Melissa Davlin may be reached at 208-735-3234.

Big Sky

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For McFarland, the decision represents a long-fought victory after more than a year and a half of hearings and meetings. He originally filed an application on behalf of Big Sky Farms for an 18-month permit in late 2005, and re-filed for 13,000 animals in May 2007.

"It's about time," said John Lothspeich, McFarland's attorney, shortly after Monday's decision.

More than 20 people filled the commission chambers to listen to the hour and a half of discussion among the three commissioners. County Prosecutor Mike Seib and Planning and Zoning Administrator Art Brown. In the end, Commissioners Charlie Howell and Joe Davidson said they felt the judge's decision left them no choice but to approve the permit. Commissioner Diana Obenauer voted to reject it, citing a long list of concerns including waste management and the fact that a traffic study wasn't completed until after the date it was required.

Seib now has until Aug. 25 to draft the memorandum. The commission will review it and finalize the decision at that time. Though the decision was different, Monday's decision contained some parallels to its predecessor in October. Obenauer summarized her concerns in a 22-page document she said she wrote the night before. That left Seib questioning whether she had prejudiced herself beforehand.

"You're supposed to come to this hearing with open minds, untainted," Seib said. The prosecutor replied that she was unbiased and that her list was simply things to consider. But her language seemed tilted against the feedlot.

"We can use that as justification

to turn it down," she said after elaborating on one issue.

Though he was less vocal about it, Davidson — who joined Obenauer to deny the permit in the October and November meetings — initially also seemed not to have changed his mind, pointing to the fact that cattle owners in the county almost ran out of feed for their cows this year as a reason to deny more permits. The commission had no choice in the matter anymore.

"It has nothing to do with what's right or wrong," Davidson said, explaining his change of vote. "It's what the judge said to do."

Even Howell seemed to join in at times in the search for a way to deny McFarland's permit. "Davidson didn't accept or agree with you," Howell said at one point to Obenauer. ("But") It's not there, it's not there."

On the advice of Seib, the commission didn't accept additional testimony that it provided at previous hearings. That left both Lothspeich and attorney Rich Carlson, representing neighbors of the site, chafing in the audience.

Carlson suggested during the meeting that commissioners hold a work session to hear advice from h.c. Lothspeich and Seib, but was turned down. He said after the decision that he plans to ask for time on the commission's agenda on the day of the next discussion to suggest letters accomplishing the same thing.

"I feel a lot more optimistic that the reasoning that they gave in their decision fits perfectly well with the Jerome County ordinances," Carlson said.

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Overhaul

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animals and plants to an independent review by the Fish and Wildlife Service or the National Marine Fisheries Service. Under the proposed new rules, dam and highway construction and other federal projects could proceed without delay if the agency in charge decides they would not harm vulnerable species.

In a telephone call with reporters Monday, Interior Secretary Dirk Kempthorne described the rules as a "narrow regulatory change" that "will provide clarity and certainty to the process under the Endangered Species Act."

But environmentalists and congressional Democrats blasted the propos-

al as a last-minute attempt by the administration to bring about a dramatic change in the law. For more than a decade, congressional Republicans have been trying unsuccessfully to rewrite the act, which property owners and developers say imposes unreasonable economic costs.

"I am deeply troubled by this proposed rule," said federal agencies an unacceptable degree of discretion to decide whether or not to comply with the said Rep. Nick J. Rahall, D-W.Va., chairman of the House Natural Resources Committee, who asked for a staff briefing before the proposal was announced but did not receive one.

"Eleventh-hour rulemaking rarely if ever, lead to good government — this is not the type of legacy this Interior Department should be leaving for future generations," Bob Irvin, senior vice president of conservation programs at the advocacy group Defenders of Wildlife, questioned how some federal agencies could make the assessments, since most do not have wildlife biologists on staff.

"Clearly, that's a case of asking the fox to guard the chicken coop," Irvin said, adding that the original law created "a giant caution light that made federal agencies stop and think about the impacts of their actions. What the Bush administration is telling

those agencies is they don't have to think about those impacts anymore."

However, Dale Hall, who directs the Fish and Wildlife Service, said the move would not apply to major federal projects and would give his agency more time to focus on the most critically endangered species. He said his agency would be conducting reviews of projects that pose little threat.

"We have to have the ability to put our efforts where they're needed," Hall said, adding that individual agencies will have to take responsibility if their projects do harm a protected species. "This law belongs to all of us. You're responsible to defend it."

Health

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factors commonly associated with obesity, said study author MaryFran Sowers, a University of Michigan obesity researcher.

"We're really talking about taking a look at a very different lens" at weight and health risks, Sowers said. In the study, about 51 percent of overweight adults, or roughly 36 million people nationwide, had mostly normal levels of blood pressure, cholesterol and blood sugar.

Almost one-third of obese adults, or nearly 20 million people, also were in this healthy range, meaning that most or only one of those measures was abnormal.

Yet about a fourth of adults in the recommended-weight range had unhealthy levels of at least two of

these measures. That means some 16 million of them are at risk for heart problems.

It's no secret that thin people can develop heart-related problems and that fat people often do not. But that millions defy the stereotypes will come as a surprise to many people, Sowers said.

Even so, there's growing debate about the accuracy of the standard method of calculating whether someone is overweight. Health officials rely on the body mass index, a weight-height ratio that does not distinguish between fat and lean tissue. The limits of that method were highlighted a few years ago when it was reported that the system would put nearly half of NBA players in the overweight category.

A number of experts say waist size

is a more accurate way of determining someone's health risks, and the study results support that argument.

Dr. Robert Eckel, a former American Heart Association president and professor of medicine at the University of Colorado, said the new research may help dismiss some of the generalizations that are sometimes made about weight and health.

Study co-author Judith Wylie-Rosett, emphasizing that the study shouldn't send the message "that we don't need to worry about weight." That's because half of overweight people do face elevated risks for heart disease, explained Wylie-Rosett, a nutrition researcher at Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York.

Idahoans get financial aid from United Way program

BOISE (AP) — When Shon Vanhooyer handed over his tuition check at Boise State, he felt like he'd completed a long-term group project.

Vanhooyer, 29, is the first person in the community to graduate from United Way's Individual Development Account program, or IDA.

Vanhooyer spent more than a year working his way through the program, which is designed to help working Idaho residents with modest incomes establish financial security.

The Idaho Statesman reported. The program helps participants save for one of three things: buying a first house, getting a secondary education or starting a small business.

"These are the things that create stability in the long run," said Melissa Nickell, who oversees the IDA program as director of community impact investment at United Way.

Participants must have a stable income, make regular deposits in a savings account, meet regularly with a case-worker and complete 10 hours of financial education on topics like maintaining good credit and home ownership.

In exchange, United Way adds \$2 for every \$1 that the participants deposit over the course of the program.

The added contributions max out at \$4,000. The money comes from a five-year federal grant for \$500,000 and matching funds from donations.

Without the tuition help, "we'd be in trouble, or at least in debt," Vanhooyer said. "Tuition is pretty high these days."

Vanhooyer, a newlywed, hopes to study biology while

continuing his job testing printers at Hewlett-Packard. His wife, Huidan Vanhooyer, is studying for a degree in accounting.

Shon Vanhooyer says the IDA program taught him that he's frugal.

"I'm more responsible than I originally thought," Vanhooyer said. "It was funny, at first, making deposits. None of the bankers knew what was going on.

IDA? What are you talking about? They had to go get their supervisors."

The program is still small, with 117 Idaho residents participating. That's an increase from only seven in January, and program officials say there's enough funding for more.

Marcia Munden with Catholic Charities, which is working with United Way on the program, is Vanhooyer's

IDA case worker. She said the program targets working people with defined goals who could use a helping hand but may be ineligible for other assistance programs.

IDAs started appearing in the early 1990s, generally created by nonprofit organizations or local government departments, but for-profit groups, like banks, also have created IDA programs.

Thirty-three states currently have laws on the books governing IDAs.

Participants can stay in the Idaho program between six months and two years, Nickell said.

"The goal is to lift families into a more stable and self-sufficient situation, so that after two years they will have a livable wage."

To be eligible, participants must be at least 18, have a

stable source of earned income, have a household income at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty level and a household net worth of less than \$10,000, not including their home and one vehicle. Those who are eligible for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families — a federal cash assistance program — or the Earned Income Tax Credit also qualify.

Idaho F&G to set sage grouse season

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — The Idaho Fish and Game Commission is preparing to set the hunting seasons for sage grouse and waterfowl. The seasons are expected to be set today, and they're expected to include a two-bird daily limit on sage grouse in Clark, Fremont and Jefferson counties. It will be the first time a two-bird daily limit has been set in the region for 13 years.

Idaho Department of Fish and Game biologists proposed doubling the limit after finding healthy numbers of birds on leks — the spring breeding grounds of sage grouse.

Biologists are also proposing closing sage grouse hunting in most of Bonneville County. Regional manager Steve Schmidt says there isn't enough data about the fragility of grouse populations in the county.

Lawyers close to picking jury in Duncan case

BOISE (AP) — A federal judge has scheduled opening statements for Wednesday in the death penalty sentencing for Joseph Edward Duncan III.

The scheduling order follows a productive day for lawyers picking the jury responsible for imposing a punishment on Duncan, who pleaded guilty to 10 federal counts in the 2005 kidnapping of two north Idaho children and the murder of one of them.

By the end of the day Monday, 62 potential jurors had been approved by prosecutors and Duncan, who is acting as his own attorney.

Court rules require a minimum of 59 qualified jurors before lawyers can begin whittling down the list. Duncan faces the death penalty for kidnapping Shasta Groene and her brother Dylan from their Coeur d'Alene home, and the torture and slaying of Dylan at a Montana campsite.

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Twin Falls man accused of molesting grandchildren

Rickie A. Perkins charged with seven counts lewd conduct with a minor

By Andrea Jackson
Staff writer

A one-handed grandfather told a courtroom Monday he needs help after allegedly molesting his granddaughters.

Rickie A. Perkins, 64, is charged with seven counts of lewd conduct with a minor, all felonies that could send the

Twin Falls man to prison for life.

Authorities are looking into whether any other children were victimized, said Twin Falls Police Capt. Matt Hicks. "We're not done with our investigation."

Police said Perkins told them on Friday he molested the children, now aged 12 and 8, at least 20 times, court

records show.

Perkins turned himself into the police station with family members and a counselor in tow, after one of the children told her parent about the abuse, court records show.

Perkins is charged with lascivious acts over a two-year span to gratify his own lust, court records show.

He allegedly used a garage

or the downstairs of his home at 231 Washington St. in Twin Falls to victimize the children, court records show.

Hidden behind a pair of spectacles, Perkins told the court Monday he shouldn't be allowed near the children, and a no-contact order was issued.

"I want to get some help," Perkins said Monday in 5th

District Court in Twin Falls. "I need clinical counseling."

Perkins had worked as a trucker, according to documents from the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office. Prosecutors said he didn't have much of a criminal record.

Perkins said Monday that if he's released from jail he'd live in a mobile home on a ranch.

"I'd like to have an expedited, speedy trial," he said in court.

Bond was set Monday at \$100,000.

Andrea Jackson may be reached at 208-735-3300.



Perkins



Maria Mares talks about her daughter Margarita Guardado, 16, Monday afternoon in her Halley home. Guardado was murdered last year outside the home. Freddy Tellez was sentenced last week to 24 years to life for second-degree murder.

Gooding hospital moves to finalize HUD finances

Groundbreaking planned next month for new building

By Nate Poppino
Staff writer

Almost one year ago, Gooding County Memorial Hospital CEO Earl Fitzpatrick sat in a *Times-News* conference room, sharing his plan to raise money for a new building by converting the hospital to a nonprofit.

In two months, Fitzpatrick could have his money—in the form of loans from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Partners in Healthcare Inc., the nonprofit created to manage the facility, has been approved as a 501(c)3 public charity by the Internal Revenue Service, clearing the way for officials to complete the final documentation for \$30 million in federal bonds, Fitzpatrick said. HUD officials visited Gooding earlier in the summer to discuss the new building and recently gave the hospital approval to move forward with the construction loan.

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A life discarded

Victim's mother: Tellez 'devastated and ruined our lives'

By Cassidy Friedman
Staff writer

Maria Mares has relived her daughter's murder every day for nearly one year.

Her cheery house is adorned with prominently placed framed photos of her murdered daughter's, Margarita "Maggie" Guardado, smiling face.

Leaving her driveway everyday for work, Mares enters Mountain Ash Drive where her remaining five children pedal around on their bikes.

But looking upon that patch of land in front of her home, Mares sees only the blood-stained cement and burn marks from where a 17-year-old Freddy Tellez beat Guardado with a

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WATCH: An interview with Maria Mares one year after her daughter's murder.

hammer, burned her beyond all recognition and tossed her into a garbage bin as if she were trash, Mares said.

Forgive Tellez and "Make peace with God," Mares said her friends tell her. Others tell her to move out of her home and leave the demons behind.

But Mares, who refuses to run away from her problems, says it's impossible to move on when what haunts her isn't her

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Shinings of Margarita Guardado play in the street where Guardado, 16, was murdered last year by Freddy Tellez.

"He is a cold, cruel and heartless person. Freddy discarded my daughter like a piece of trash. He is an animal. We do not have peace. He has devastated and ruined our lives."

— Part of a letter written by Maria Mares and read to the courtroom

M-C employer offers \$10,000 reward for info on killer

By Laurie Welch
Staff writer

The employer of a Minidoka County man who was attacked Aug. 2 in his home and died later that day at a Boise hospital is offering a cash reward for information leading to the arrest of the suspect.

Blincoe Farms Inc., which employed Merced Jose Rodriguez, 24, who died from wounds sustained in an attack at his home, is offering \$10,000 in reward money for anyone who provides the Minidoka County Sheriff's office with information and evidence leading to a conviction in the case, according to a letter written by Blincoe Farms' attorney, Donald Chisholm.

The letter was addressed to the Minidoka County Sheriff's and Minidoka County Prosecuting Attorney's offices.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Lutz's condition upgraded to stable

Trevor Lutz, injured in a Friday morning rollover crash on Interstate 84 west of Jerome, was upgraded to stable condition Monday.

Lutz, 15, spent the weekend listed in critical condition at the St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center intensive care unit before doctors moved him to the surgical floor of the hospital at 10:45 a.m. Monday, his mother, Karl Lutz, said.

"He's doing a lot better," she said.

Trevor Lutz was taken off a ventilator and was responsive Monday, his mother said. She also voiced her appreciation for the community support her family has received.

"It's been wonderful and I think it's made a big difference in his healing and recovery," Karl Lutz said.

A memorial fund for Trevor Hine, 15, who died from injuries sustained in the crash, has been set up at

Magic Valley Bank. Donations to the Hine family may be made at any Magic Valley Bank branch in Twin Falls and Gooding.

Mom, child injured in Saturday farm accident

A woman and her 5-year-old son were involved in a farm accident Sunday night, both suffering hand injuries near Thousand Springs Resort, officials said.

The child, stuck his fingers into a chain and sprocket

while helping his dad work on a water pump, said Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office Spokeswoman Lori Nebeker.

The mother, Araceli Munoz, tried to pull the child's fingers free, but also got her hand stuck, said Nebeker.

Both may have lost parts of their fingers, Nebeker said.

The father, Omar Munoz, freed their hands and called authorities from the resort at about 7 p.m., said Nebeker.

The child was taken to the hospital by ground ambulance, and his mother was air-

lifted to St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center, said Nebeker.

Authorities said the incident was an accident.

CSI construction restricts Falls traffic

Construction on the new College of Southern Idaho Falls Avenue entrance will further restrict traffic today and Wednesday.

Eastbound and westbound traffic on Falls Avenue will be reduced to two lanes on Tuesday and one lane regulat-

ed by flaggers on Wednesday as crews install cement footings for traffic signals and light poles, a Monday release stated. The lane restrictions are expected to last through the end of Wednesday.

The single lane of entry to the CSI campus from Falls Avenue also may be closed during this period. Motorists are encouraged to find alternate routes around the construction zone if possible.

Work on the new entrance is on schedule and expected to be finished by Sept. 12.

Richard L. Brady

Richard L. Brady, 63, passed away Thursday evening, Aug. 7, 2008, at his home.

Richard was born in Twin Falls on Dec. 7, 1944, to Joel A. Brady and Barbara Faye (Stevens) Brady. He graduated in 1963 from Twin Falls High School and joined the National Guard. In 1964, he met Barbara Bennett (Kinberly). They married in September of that year and became the proud father of three children, Paul and Danny, twin boys in 1967, and daughter, Angie, joined the family in 1972.

Richard had many jobs during his life. He was happiest working for the Twin Falls Feed and Ice as a meat cutter until he retired in 1978. He then went to work for Elaine Frazier Foods, that later became Lamb-Weston. He worked there for 21 years. He then went to work doing something that he was always good at, helping other people. He worked for Community Partnership for a short time and then Comfort Keepers until he retired in 2006. His job was being the best of his grandchild being all of his grandchild's camping and fishing buddy, even when they caught bigger and more fish than him.



Richard is survived by his wife of 45 years, Barbara; his two sons, Paul (Patty Browning) and his son, Kalb of Twin Falls, Danny (Diana) Brady and their children, Bryan, Anthony and Chelsey of Filer; and his daughter Angie (Hillman) of Fort Stewart, Ga., and children Britney Stults and Jayden. He is also survived by one brother, Joel (Moni) Brady, and two sisters, Barbara (Howard) Brown and Kathy (Gill) Kellogg. He was preceded in death by both of his parents, one brother, Bob, and one sister, Jean.

There will be a memorial service held at 5 p.m. today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls. There will be a celebration of his life from 2 to 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 16, at the Filer City Park. The dress is casual; please attend and bring your favorite side dish and your fondest memories.

SERVICES

Russell Wayne Christensen of McMinville, Ore., and formerly of Twin Falls, memorial service at 10 a.m. today at Macy and Sons Funeral Home, 135 N.E. Eriksen in McMinville, Ore.

Fern A. Tracy of Filer, graveside service at 11 a.m. today at the Rupert Cemetery (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Iola Adams Telford of Twin Falls, funeral at 1 p.m. today at the LDS Church, 667 Harrison Blvd. in Twin Falls (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls).

Bryson Keith Striber, infant son of Striber, funeral at 2 p.m. today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Michael L. "Mike" Hager of Jerome, funeral at 11 a.m.

Wednesday at Farnsworth Mortuary Chapel, 1343 S. Lincoln in Jerome; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today and one hour before the service Wednesday at the mortuary.

Harold "Bud" H. Bell Vandersypen of Burley, funeral Mass at 2 p.m. Wednesday at St. Nicholas Catholic Church, 802 S. in Rupert; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Russussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and at 1:45 p.m. Wednesday at the church.

Kolby S. Johnson of Missoula, Mont., and formerly of Twin Falls, memorial service at 3 p.m. Wednesday at South Hills Evangelical Church in Missoula (Cremation and Burial Society of the Rockies in Missoula).

Reward

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"The victim was an outstanding young man, and the Blincoe family wants to help your offices in apprehending and convicting the responsible party," the letter said. Rodriguez and his wife Karina Rodriguez, who was treated for her injuries and released, were attacked at their Rupert home at 100 W. 270 N. before 3 a.m. by a suspect described as a light-skinned, heavy-set man. The man may have attacked couple with a baseball bat or large flashlight and likely fled the home with blood on his clothing.

Blain County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Vic Watson said Monday the investigation is ongoing but no arrests have been made.

"We're working on it everyday. We do have leads and are following up on each and every one of

them," Watson said. Minidoka County Prosecutor Nicole Cannon said after the investigation is complete the charges will be determined and could include homicide, burglary, attempted rape and aggravated battery.

The reward money will be given to Minidoka County as a conditional gift and paid to the person or persons providing information leading to a conviction, after a final appeal has been resolved.

If a case is not proceeding toward a conviction by Aug. 1, 2010, the offer will expire.

The letter said Blain County recognizes the potential need for confidentiality of informants. Anyone with information may contact the Minidoka County Sheriff's office at 208-434-2320.

Laurie Welch may be reached at 208-677-0767.

Discarded

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Guarado with a hammer four times, doused her in an accelerant and lit her on fire, county prosecutors said. Guarado was a bright, well-balanced girl. She went to dances, had boyfriends, and made many other close friends. She dated in her English as a second language class and won awards for reading. She was going to college, her family said.

On Thursday Mares begged the judge in the letter to not "deceive" her faith in justice. But the mother, who is a cleaning woman for the city of Hatley, said that's just what the judge's sentence did.

"The sentence means at the very least that a man capable of exacting unthinkable harm on a 16-year-old girl may strike again, she said. And at the worst the sentence suggests the system is racist, she said. For the horrific killing of his Latina ex-

girlfriend, Tellez received a fraction of the two life sentences a separate judge handed Sarah Johnson, who was convicted of shooting both of her white parents the morning of Sept. 2, 2003, in their bedroom.

Tellez had apologized to Mares and two of her children in Spanish during the hearing, an apology she called an insincere ploy to garner sympathy.

The day after the murder he and his brother went to Nampa to buy a new transmission — like a normal day shopping, Mares said. She said that little anecdote tells it all.

Blaine County Deputy Prosecutor Matt Fredback said that after the sentence he sensed Mares was disappointed. He had contacted the family for all decisions, including the plea bargain and the sentencing recommendation.

Fredback said that regarding reducing the charge from

first-degree murder, which entails malice of aforethought, to second-degree murder, which may be a spontaneous act, county prosecutor Jim Thomas "makes the calls." Thomas did not return a message from the Times-News on Monday. But Fredback said "one of the main issues was proving pre-meditation."

The judge also heard arguments from Tellez's legal team.

His attorneys pointed to Tellez's small rap sheet and insisted Tellez carried out the killing in a state of panic, rather than as a "cold, calculated murder." They indicated Tellez, who reportedly has been a good behavior in the jail, is capable of rehabilitation.

His hearing Thursday, Tellez was handed over to the Idaho Department of Correction.

Cassidy Friedman may be reached at 208-735-3241.

DEATH NOTICES

Larry M. Christensen

Larry M. Christensen, 78, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, Aug. 10, 2008, at his home. The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 14, at the LDS Church on Eastland Drive; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 13, at White Mortuary in Twin Falls and one hour before the funeral Thursday at the church.

Phyllis Tracy

ALBION — Phyllis Tracy, 81, of Albion, died Sunday, Aug. 10, 2008, at Aspen Grove Assisted Living. A funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 14, at Albion LDS church; visitation one hour before the service at the church (Blansen-Payne Mortuary in Burley).

Donald W. Tompkins

DEFERISSON, Ga. — Donald Willis Tompkins, 64, a former football coach at Oakley High School, died Sunday, Aug. 10,

2008, at his home. The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 15, at the LDS Church, 4059 Mount Olive Road in Commerce, Ga.; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 14, at the Evans Funeral Home, 1350 Warden Highway in Jefferson, Ga.

Daniel L. Moon

JEROME — Daniel L. Moon, 59, of Jerome and formerly of Gooding, died Monday, Aug. 11, 2008, at the Gooding County Memorial Hospital. Arrangements will be announced by Demaray Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel.

Lucinda L. Carlson

SIOSHONA — Lucinda Lou Hinn (Carlson), 55, of Shoshona, died Sunday, Aug. 11, 2008, at her residence. Cremation is under the direction of Demaray Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel.

Trevor James Hine

Trevor James Hine, 15, of Twin Falls, passed away Friday, Aug. 8, 2008, due to an automobile accident in Jerome. He was born July 19, 1993, in Jerome, Calif., the son of Todd W. Hine and Cindy Olson Hine. Trevor started school in Palo Cedro, Calif., and then moved to Twin Falls in 2003. He became active in sports as a young age and excelled in whatever he participated in. He received many trophies that attested to his athletic abilities. Trevor was a member of the Twin Falls wrestling team and, in the eighth grade, he took first place in state wrestling at Wood River. He loved most of his outdoor activities, motorcycle riding, fishing, camping, and he especially liked playing Frisbee golf with his best buddies, Trevor Lutz, Tyler Black, Justin Hulse, Josh Settember, Brent Johnson and other friends. He was also active in Boy Scouts and 4-H, where he received many awards.



He is survived by his parents, Andy Hine and Todd Hine; brother, Tyler Hine; maternal grandmother, Barbara (Ed) Olson Nichols; paternal grandmother, Elaine Hine; uncles and aunts, Phil Olson, Don (Kim) Olson, Mike (Angie) Olson, Rick (Christy)

A gathering for family and friends will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 12, at White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park." A celebration of Trevor's life will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 13, at the Roper Auditorium, 615 Filer Ave. E., with interment to follow at the Twin Falls Cemetery. Donations in Trevor's memory may be made to the Twin Falls High School wrestling team. Trevor, the short time you were here, you blessed us with your mischievous smile, sense of humor and your quick wit. You will forever be remembered and loved. Please join the family in honoring Trevor by signing the online guestbook at www.Mem.com.

Gooding

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It's an exciting time for us right now," Fitzpatrick said, crediting U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson and his staff with helping to move the IRS application for completion in January 2010, the new North Canyon Medical Center will replace the current hospital and is planned for the southeast corner of the intersection of U.S. Highway 26 and state Highway 46 in Gooding. The loans will cover everything from construction to furnishing for the 52,000-square-foot building, and won't come a moment too soon. Construction equipment will begin arriving at the site the first week of September,

Fitzpatrick said. Members of the public are invited to view construction plans at a groundbreaking from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sept. 16.

That event will trigger a busy year and a half for both the hospital and the local governments relying on it. Fitzpatrick has made regular visits to city councils in the area to keep them informed, he said. The hospital has organized a transition planning group made of physicians, employees, board members and others who will spend the next year creating the best way to move between buildings. "It won't be a very long time," Fitzpatrick said of the transition window, citing the need to continuously serve

patients during that time. "It'll happen rather quickly once the trigger's pulled."

The building isn't the only construction project hospital officials are involved in this year. Work began Thursday on a \$25,000 remodel of the indoor pool at the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind, Fitzpatrick said, which has n't even had water in it for three years.

The school quit using the pool, built in the early 1960s, ten decades later because of the costs involved in maintaining it. ISDB Director Mary Dunne said. It's since been leased to the Gooding Recreation District. The deal will provide Gooding with a year-round

pool to complement its current outdoor one, Fitzpatrick said. It will also ensure space for the hospital to offer water-based physical therapy, a better type of therapy for people with weight problems, leg injuries and other issues, he said.

Along with fixing the cracked pool, volunteers will improve disabled access to second-floor locker rooms and install a new boiler system. The hospital is seeking volunteers to help with renovating the area and other jobs, Fitzpatrick said. The work should be complete in late October.

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Prosthetic seminar and roadshow held in Twin Falls

An Otto Bock RoadShow and information seminar for lower extremity prosthetic wearers, friends, family members and health care providers will be held today.

The event includes a pre-fitting of a hand volunteer with the C-Leg prosthesis from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at OrthPro of Twin Falls Inc., 762 N. College Road, Ste. A, Twin Falls. An information session on the C-Leg will be held from noon to 2 p.m. at the Center for Physical

Rehabilitation, 714 N. College Road, Ste. B, Renaissance Office Park, Twin Falls.

Company representatives of Otto Bock, manufacturers of the C-Leg, will be answering questions and discussing C-Leg's technology, function, and performance. The event is directed by Michael Johnson, certified prosthetist/orthotist and founder of OrthPro of Twin Falls, and is open to the public. Space is limited. For more information: 208-733-0505.

Girl Scout meeting held in Ketchum

KETCHUM — The Girl Scouts of Silver Sage Council will hold an informative open house from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at TechnoLab Books, 211 N. Main St. in Ketchum for parents, current volunteers and anyone interested in the Girl Scout program.

Representatives from the Girl Scouts will explain volunteer opportunities and the Girl Scout program. Drinks and refreshments will be available for purchase during the event.

For more information: Katy Kulesa at 208-733-9623.

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Russia opens new front, drives deeper into Georgia

By Christopher Torchia and David Nowak
Associated Press writers

ZUGDIDI, Georgia — Russian tanks roared deep into Georgia on Monday, launching a new western front in the conflict, and Russian planes staged air raids that sent people screaming and fleeing for cover in some towns.

The escalating warfare brought sharp words from President Bush, who pressed Moscow to accept an immediate cease-fire and pull its troops out to avert a "dramatic and brutal escalation" of violence in the former Soviet republic.

Russian forces for the first time moved well outside the two restive, pro-Russian provinces claimed by Georgia that lie at the heart of the dispute. An Associated Press reporter saw Russian troops in control of government buildings in this town.

Georgia's president said his country had been sliced in half with the capture of a critical highway crossroads near the central city of Gori, and Russian warplanes launched new air raids across the country.

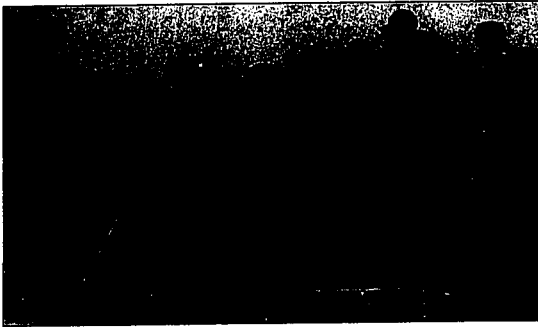
The Russian Defense Ministry, through news agencies, denied it had captured Gori and also denied any intentions to advance on the Georgian capital of Tbilisi.

New York-based United Nations Security Council held an emergency session at Georgia's request, the fifth meeting on the fighting in as many days.

A Russian assault expanded the days-old war beyond the central breakaway region of South Ossetia, where a crackdown by Georgia last week drew a military response from Russia.

While most Georgian forces were still busy fighting there, Russian troops opened the western attack by invading into a second separatist province, Abkhazia, that occupies Georgia's coastal northwest arm.

Russian forces moved into Senaki, 20 miles inland from the coast, and seized police stations in Zugdidi, just outside the southern



Georgian soldiers are seen in a truck as they prepare to take positions on a road leading from Gori to Tbilisi, Georgia, Monday. Russian armored vehicles rolled deep into central and western Georgia on Monday, quickly taking control of a key city, several towns and a military base, according to Georgian officials and witnesses.

fringe of Abkhazia. Abkhazian allies took control of the nearby village of Kurga, according to witnesses and Georgian officials.

The Georgian president, Mikhail Saakashvili, told CNN late Monday that Russian forces were cleansing Abkhazia of ethnic Georgians.

"I directly accuse Russia of ethnic cleansing," he said. At the U.N. on Friday, each side accused the other of ethnic cleansing.

By late Monday, Russian news agencies, citing the Defense Ministry, said troops had left Senaki, 20 miles inland from the Black Sea port of Poti, "after liquidating the danger," but did not give details.

The new assault came despite a claim earlier in the day by a top Russian general that Russia had no plans to enter undisputed Georgian territory.

Saakashvili earlier told a national security meeting Russia had also taken control of Gori, which is on Georgia's only east-west highway, cutting off the eastern half of the nation from the western Black Sea coast.

But the news agency interfax cited a Russian Defense Ministry official as denying Gori was captured. Attempts to reach Gori residents by telephone late

Monday did not go through. Fighting also raged Monday around Tkshinvali, the capital of the separatist province of South Ossetia.

Even as Saakashvili signed a cease-fire pledge Monday with European mediators, Russia flexed its military muscle and appeared determined to subdue the small U.S. ally, which has been pressing for NATO membership.

"The bombs that are falling on us, they have an inscription on them: This is for NATO. This is for the U.S.," Saakashvili told CNN.

Russia's massive and multi-pronged offensive has drawn wide criticism from the West, but Russia has rejected calls for a cease-fire and said it was acted to protect its citizens. Most residents of the separatist regions have Russian passports.

In Zugdidi, an AP reporter saw five or six Russian soldiers posted outside an Interior Ministry building. Several tanks and other armored vehicles were moving through the town but the streets were nearly deserted. Shops, restaurants and banks were shut down.

In the city of Gori, an AP reporter heard artillery fire and Georgian soldiers warned locals to get out because Russian tanks were

approaching. Hundreds of terrified residents fled toward Tbilisi, many trying to flag down passing cars.

An AP film crew saw Georgian tanks and military vehicles speeding along the road from Gori to Tbilisi. Firing began and people ran for cover. Cars could be seen in flames along the side of the road.

Georgia borders the Black Sea between Turkey and Russia and was ruled by Moscow for most of the two centuries preceding the 1991 breakup of the Soviet Union.

Both provinces of South Ossetia and Abkhazia have run their own affairs without international recognition since fighting to split from Georgia in the early 1990, and both have close ties with Moscow.

When Georgia began its offensive to regain control over South Ossetia, the Russian response was swift and overpowering — thousands of troops and tanks poured in.

Georgia had pledged a cease-fire, but it rang hollow Monday. An AP reporter saw a small group of Georgian fighters open fire on a column of Russian and Ossetian military vehicles outside Tkshinvali, triggering a 30-minute battle. The Russians later said all the Georgians were killed.

Slaughterhouse case fuels kosher justice movement

By Rachel Zol
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Very little goes unexamined in the kosher world.

From meat and poultry to the coating on vegetables and the ingredients in mouthwash, rabbis who determine whether a product meets Jewish dietary laws scrutinize the most minute details about all things consumed.

For religiously observant Jews, that concern has rarely extended beyond the product itself.

But now, allegations of worker abuse at the nation's biggest kosher slaughterhouse have some Jews demanding that food companies be judged not just by the purity of their products but by the way their treat their employees.

"How can you sit at your table and eat a product packaged by a pregnant woman who has been standing on her feet all day?" asked Rabbi Morris

Alten of Menut. He is developing a certification program that aims to protect workers and the environment in the kosher industry.

Interest in Alten's "hekshsher tzedeck," or "certificate of righteousness," has ballooned since a May 12 immigration raid at Agriprocessors in Postville, Iowa.

Nearly 400 illegal immigrants were arrested at the

plant in the biggest such raid on a single work site in U.S. history. State officials say dozens of underage workers were employed there in violation of child labor laws. Agriprocessors has denied any wrongdoing.

Many Jews are embarrassed and angered by the allegations and, along with some religious leaders, are rethinking what it means to be certified kosher.

"The 'hekshsher tzedeck' would be awarded to companies that pay fair wages, ensure workplace safety, follow government environmental rules and treat animals humanely, among other criteria.

The program, which could begin as soon as next year, would be separate from the traditional certification process that measures compliance with Jewish dietary law. A company that fails to obtain a "hekshsher tzedeck" could still get its food certified as kosher.

Allen, of Beth Jacob Congregation in Mendota Heights, is developing the program through the United Synagogue for Conservative Judaism and its Rabbinical Assembly, to which he belongs. Conservative Judaism holds a middle ground between the liberal Reform and strict Orthodox traditions, allowing some innovation in Jewish law to adapt to modern times.

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Federal Reserve finds deepening credit crisis

By Martin Crutinger
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — More banks are tightening lending standards on home mortgages and other consumer and business loans, a survey says, as a deepening credit crisis exacts a heavier toll on the economy.

The Federal Reserve said Monday the percentage of banks reporting tighter lending standards rose across various loan types in its July survey. In April, the central bank had found that the percentage of banks reporting tighter lending standards was already near historic highs.

The new survey, conducted in early July, found that about 75 percent of banks, the survey indicated they had tightened their lending standards for prime mortgages. That was up from about 60 percent of banks who said they were tightening lending standards for prime mortgages in the previous survey.

The Fed's July survey covered 50 banks which hold about 80 percent of the residential mortgages on all commercial banks.

Out of this group of 50 banks, the survey said, 55 still originated so-called nontraditional home mortgages. Among these 32 banks, about 85 percent said they had tightened their lending standards for nontraditional home mortgages in

the April survey.

The Fed defines nontraditional mortgages as adjustable-rate mortgages with multiple payment options, interest-only loans and "Alt-A" mortgages that require limited verification of income.

The Fed survey found that only seven of the 50 banks said they were still participating in subprime mortgages. In subprime mortgages, loans made to borrowers with weak credit histories. Of those seven, six said they had tightened lending standards on subprime loans with only one saying it had left standards basically unchanged for subprime loans.

The survey found that most banks were reporting

tighter lending standards across a broad swath of consumer and business loans over the past three months.

For home equity lines of credit, 80 percent of banks surveyed said they had tightened their lending standards in this area.

For credit cards, the percentage of domestic banks reporting tighter lending standards was about 65 percent, more than double the 30 percent who reported they were tightening lending standards for credit cards three months ago.

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TIME FOR TWO-A-DAYS



Jerome High School senior Kevin Williams reaches for a pass Monday during the first day of practice.

Everything once again

Everything: the back-of-the-T-shirt mantra for the Jerome Tigers this year.

When last we left the Tigers, everything came to an end last November when the Pocatello-Indians beat Jerome to advance in the bracket. Last weeks prior, they had left everything on the field in a narrow home loss to Minico.

New, every team is 0-0. This season, the Tigers will get everything because that's what it will take to keep advancing in the Class 4A state playoffs. They reconvened on Monday for the first official practice.

Head coach Gary Krumm, entering his third season with the Tigers, worked with the offense, yelling instructions across the practice field behind the high school. While one group took a snap and receivers ran routes, dozens of other players stood behind the line,



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buzzing in anticipation. They were frequently pushed back by the coaches as they got too anxious and crowded the players in formation.

Something went wrong during one of the snaps. Krumm: "There's no such thing as a bad snap. Even though that was." The exercise continued as the coaches explained the key words and other signals the players must listen for in this non-hostile offense.

Following a water break, the entire squad — nearly 100 players — lined up in rows along the practice field's sideline for sprints. Across the width, they



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WATCH: A video of Jerome's first fall practice.

touched the other sideline and sprinted back. Clap-clap-clap... "J-Town!"

Following a few announcements and positional meetings, everything was done. Monday morning was just the first step toward everything else.

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Reporters try their best to give vivid description of the events they witness — such as football. If we're good, we can capture the atmosphere, and if we miss it, it's obvious to those who were there. Sometimes, it still can't compare to seeing the real thing. So we — particularly, I — went for broke and shot

some practice footage for the first time, rather than write the same "first official day of fall practice" story we print year after year. In this case, we went to Jerome, just one of the many programs that started the season on Monday.

The video will be attached to this column's story page on the Times-News Web site, Magicvalley.com. It's just a brief slice of the valley's high school football scene, though the camera work may not fall in the same league as ESPN or the NFL Network. We hope you enjoy it all the same.

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Defense controls BSU scrimmage

By Dustin Lapray
Correspondent

BOISE — It wasn't pretty, but when it comes to football, what is?

Imagine the dismay felt by the 1,000 or so fans at Bronco Stadium on Monday when they realized the defense is better than this vaunted offense at this early mark of fall camp.

Monday was the first time the Broncos spent more than five minutes at full contact this fall. Head coach Chris Petersen wasn't upset about the results, but the low-energy emitted from his team got him riled. He made the entire team run after practice.

"Early on you're going to have quite a few errors, the first scrimmage," Petersen said. "But when you're young, it's hard to get excited and encourage your teammates when all you're trying to do is take care of yourself for the most part."

BSU players are asked to do their job at their position, and then take care of their teammates. After the scrimmage, Petersen met with all the Bronco seniors at the 50-yard line. But he did not put any blame on his guys.

"That's not me," Petersen said. "That's something we haven't had to coach in the past, so we'll learn from that. We're going to coach everything. We're going to coach the energy and excitement and enthusiasm."

Petersen isn't the Eastern philosophizing man predecessor Dan Hawkins was, but his logic is clear and poignant.

"Nothing great is ever without energy, excitement and enthusiasm. Nothing," Petersen said. "Great football is not going to be played without that either."

This first scrimmage was laden with typical mistakes. They figured out the QB exchange, but there were dropped passes, false starts, holding penalties and a few busted plays.

"It's going to be up and down," Petersen said. "It's going to be hard to establish a rhythm. You get a couple good plays in a row, and then a penalty or a drop can throw a wet blanket on the party in a hurry."

The defense claimed blame on that blanket party Monday. The unit was solid. There were eight dropped passes in the scrimmage, but at least that many were broken and batted away by defenders in a few arriving a bit early.

Brandy Thompson, Tim Brady and Cedric Febis broke up passes. Ryan Winterswyk, Matt Wilson, Darnell Peretta, and Tony Smith recorded sacks. Wilson's blitz and sack off the edge took away a 20-yard touchdown pass from Nick Lomax to Fanyon Bissell. Arey's bone-crushing sack of Moore forced a fumble.

"It's definitely a credit to our defense," running back Ian Johnson said. "Our defense has really swelled up. They've taken this year as something they really want to prove, that they are a good defense — that they can make stops and not let teams score on them, which is something they have been criticized for."

Other than a 51-yard score from Kellen Moore to Darnell Peretta, an out route that Peretta burned up the sideline, the defense gave up no big plays.

"Vinny's a really fast player," Moore said. "He can take make stops and not let the way to the end zone. It's early. You know you're going to make mistakes. You just

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CSI volleyball team opens up practice in familiar surroundings

By David Bashore
Staff writer

While Monday marked the first batch of two-a-days at various high school football fields around the Magic Valley, the College of Southern Idaho volleyball team got down to business in the Student Recreation Center after returning from a season-opening team bonding retreat in Ocean Shores, Wash.

If the opening session was anything to go by, CSI coach Heidi Cartisser said, this team should be poised to use last season as a platform to start practicing at the national tournament, rather than strive to just equal the mark.

"We're further along than where we were (at this point) last year," Cartisser said. "Our freshmen have done a very good job; they're open to learning and picking things up really quickly. ... I think they're glad to be at home. On the retreat we were able to work on some ball-handling but now we're back breaking things down and implementing offense and defense."

The first practice was a welcome sight for freshmen and sophomores alike, choosing to view it as a diversion from the summer doldrums, rather than the appetizer for a season-long grind, as the search for the program's ninth national championship begins. "Our freshmen are here and they're ready to push hard," said Croatian sophomore setter Jelena Savic. "I think they're going to keep doing that, and help us keep our goals high."

Savic and her fellow returnees understand what college volleyball is all about. This

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Make room for Phelps: Winningest Olympian ever

The Associated Press

BEIJING — Michael Phelps joined a stellar cast, including Mark Spitz and Carl Lewis, to become one of the winningest Olympians ever by grabbing his ninth gold medal.

Phelps dominated once again at the Beijing Games, winning the 200-meter freestyle with a third straight world record Tuesday morning. His latest gold medal adds to an already remarkable career that shows no signs of slowing down and leaves him tied for most in Olympic history.

This was the "Race of the Century" at the Athens Games four years ago, when a 19-year-old Phelps took on the 200 free just so he could compete with Ian Thorpe and Pieter van den Hoogenband. He touched third that night. In China, he has no equal.

Racing out of lane six, he



quickly surged to the lead and led by a full body length halfway through the second of four laps.

Michael Phelps reacts after setting a world record to win the gold medal in the men's 200-meter freestyle event at the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing on Monday. Phelps won his third gold medal in as many attempts in Beijing, setting his second world record of the Olympics.

Phelps was nearly two seconds ahead of the field when he touched in 1 minute, 42.56 sec-

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onds, breaking the mark 1:43.86 he set at last year's world championships.

Phelps is now 3-for-3 in Beijing, keeping him on course to beat Spitz's 36-year-old record of seven golds in a single Olympics.

Along the way, he'll take care of

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Former Oakley football coach Don Tompkins dies in Georgia

By Ryan Howe
Staff writer

Former Oakley High School football coach Don Tompkins passed away Sunday at his home in Jefferson, Ga. He was 64.

The renowned coach leaves behind a legacy that has endured long past his tenure as his influence is still felt throughout the Oakley community today. Tompkins will be remembered as a tough-as-nails coach who demanded the most out of his players, and for the most part got it. The Hornets were perennial

winners under Tompkins and won the 1985 Class 1A 11-man state championship. "He felt like some of those kids turned out to be better men than just football players, and that was very important to him," said Antoine Clark of Layton, Utah, Tompkins' brother-in-law.

One of those players was current Oakley football coach Nick Greenwell.

"He was a disciplinarian; it was his way or you didn't play. Every body seemed to like it that way, and the system worked," said Greenwell, a member of the



Tompkins

1985 state championship team. "He didn't do it in a demeaning way, it was always real positive. It helped us grow up, and we bonded as a team. He didn't come and pat you on the back a whole lot, but there was a way he looked at you that made you realize that he approved of the way you were playing."

Atwo-time Idaho Coach of the Year, Tompkins was a strict dictator who built a powerhouse program that stressed execution and running the football. Although he long since moved back to his native Georgia, his name is still legendary in Oakley, even with today's players. Last season, as the Hornets made its first state title run since that 1985 season, Tompkins made a speech to the Oakley players over a speaker phone.

When Oakley made it to the

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BEIJING OLYMPICS



Rafael Nadal of Spain makes a return against Potito Starace of Italy tennis at the Beijing 2008 Olympics in Beijing, Monday.

Usual suspects advance

It sounds like the opening round of a major: Rafael Nadal, Roger Federer and the Williams sisters all advanced. Nadal won his Olympic singles debut, beating Italy's Potito Starace 6-2, 3-6, 6-2, and Federer beat Russia's Dmitry Tursunov 6-4, 6-2, then received congratulations from one of the spectators — LeBron James.

Venus Williams, playing her first match since winning Wimbledon, beat Sachin Karne of India 6-3, 6-2 and showed no sign of the knee injury that sidelined her in recent weeks. Serena Williams finished out her weather-suspended match against Belarus' Olga Govortsova.

Her sister, seeded fourth, won all four games when her match was interrupted by an overnight rain interruption, and she beat Olga Govortsova of Belarus, 6-3, 6-1.

Novak Djokovic beat Robby Ginepri of the United States 6-4, 6-4. American Sam Querrey lost to Igor Andreev of Russia 6-4, 6-4, leaving James Blake as the only man to make the second round of the U.S. team in singles.

Nicolas Pietrangeli of Chile entered his bid to represent his Olympic championship by beating Steve Darics of Belgium 6-4, 7-5. Masuu won the gold at Athens in both singles and doubles. No. 5 David Ferrer and No. 6 Andy Murray were eliminated.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

A day after the U.S. men routed China, the women won by an even more lopsided score.

Tina Thompson powered a 23-0 run in the first quarter that sent the Americans well on their way to a 108-63 victory. By the time Kobe Bryant and the rest of the men's team settled in their seats at the end of the first quarter the U.S. was up 33-11.

"We were really locked in and focused," U.S. co-captain Katie Smith said. "We didn't want to let them seek around. We wanted to let the crowd know that we were ready to play. You don't want to play around with teams, if you have a chance to make a statement and put them away, you do that."

The U.S. seemed focused to play the host country after losing to them in the gold medal game at the 2000 Olympics.

Phelps

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some other historical landmarks. Phelps' ninth career gold tied him with Spitz, Lewis, Soviet gymnast Larisa Latynina and Finnish runner Pavo Nurmi for the most wins in Olympic history. The mark isn't likely to be shared for long. Phelps will go for his fourth medal of these games and 10th overall on Wednesday in the 200 butterfly. He will have another event in which he holds the world record. Phelps qualified for

Poland struggles to another loss

Former College of Southern Idaho volleyball player Asia Kazor attempted a block, and two spikes during the second game of Poland's 3-1 loss to China on Monday. The Poles are now 0-2 in pool play.

Final next plays Japan at 8 a.m., EDT, on Wednesday.

medal game of the Good Luck Beijing tournament in April. However, that U.S. team only had four players from the current Olympic team on it.

China figured to be the toughest test for the Americans in their pool. Up next will be a matchup with Mall (0-2), which lost Thursday to the hosts of the Houston Comets to an ankle injury in the third quarter of an 81-47 loss to the Czechs.

In other games, Russia edged South Korea 77-72; Belarus topped Latvia 80-57; and Spain defeated New Zealand 85-62.

VOLEYBALL

The U.S. women's team lost to Cuba in three sets. The good news: Barbara Bachman, the mother of 2004 Olympic champion Elisabeth Bachman McCutcheon and the mother-in-law of U.S. men's coach Hugh McCutcheon, has had her condition upgraded to stable after being stabbed during the attack.

He also killed her husband and then himself. U.S. setter Lindsey Berg said she wasn't sure if the tragedy played into Monday's loss, but said "It was an emotionally draining 48 hours."

"We are extremely grateful for the outpouring of assistance and generosity that we have received and hope to convey our appreciation to everyone who has supported us and kept us in their thoughts and prayers," the McCutcheons wrote in an open letter.

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Poland struggles to another loss

Former College of Southern Idaho volleyball player Asia Kazor attempted a block, and two spikes during the second game of Poland's 3-1 loss to China on Monday. The Poles are now 0-2 in pool play.

Final next plays Japan at 8 a.m., EDT, on Wednesday.

Athens, opened his attempt to add a lightweight gold to his collection with a 10-2 win over Tunisia's Saïfeddine Nejmaoui.

China figured to be the toughest test for the Americans in their pool. Up next will be a matchup with Mall (0-2), which lost Thursday to the hosts of the Houston Comets to an ankle injury in the third quarter of an 81-47 loss to the Czechs.

In other games, Russia edged South Korea 77-72; Belarus topped Latvia 80-57; and Spain defeated New Zealand 85-62.

VOLEYBALL

The U.S. women's team lost to Cuba in three sets. The good news: Barbara Bachman, the mother of 2004 Olympic champion Elisabeth Bachman McCutcheon and the mother-in-law of U.S. men's coach Hugh McCutcheon, has had her condition upgraded to stable after being stabbed during the attack.

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IGA Juniors first round complete

Staff reports
Day 1 of the IGA Juniors state championships was held Monday in Rupert and Turley, and it's the out-of-towners that hold most of the top positions.
The top Magic Valley competitor is Zach DeKruy of Jerome, who is in second place in the boys' 18-hole competition. Twin Falls duo Jordan Hamblin and Casey Fought are in the tie for third and seventh, respectively.
Hannah McNeely is tied for third in the girls' competition.
The final round is today.

- ### 2008 IGA Juniors State Championships
- Boys 1-18
Boys 1-18: 1. Zach DeKruy, Jerome; 2. Jordan Hamblin, Twin Falls; 3. Casey Fought, Twin Falls; 4. Matt DeKruy, Jerome; 5. Matt DeKruy, Jerome; 6. Matt DeKruy, Jerome; 7. Matt DeKruy, Jerome; 8. Matt DeKruy, Jerome; 9. Matt DeKruy, Jerome; 10. Matt DeKruy, Jerome; 11. Matt DeKruy, Jerome; 12. Matt DeKruy, Jerome; 13. Matt DeKruy, Jerome; 14. Matt DeKruy, Jerome; 15. Matt DeKruy, Jerome; 16. Matt DeKruy, Jerome; 17. Matt DeKruy, Jerome; 18. Matt DeKruy, Jerome.

LOCAL PRACTICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The following is a list of first grade or tryouts for various sports teams. Information is provided for each school athletic program, listed by school alphabetically.
- FILER**
Football: A meeting for all players and parents will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday at Filer High School. Information: Coach Robertson at 309-3993 or Coach Patterson at 308-6357. Filer Middle School will hand out uniforms to all seventh and eighth grade football players at 6 p.m. on Thursday in the middle school gym. Practice begins at 6 p.m. on Monday. All students must complete a physical and pay a sports fee to participate. Information: LaRell Patterson at 731-8411.
 - OODIN**
Volleyball: First practice is at 8 a.m. on Friday at the high school or tryouts information: Jennifer Anderson at 727-7452 or Jenny Koski at 934-8516. Middle school team practice begins at 4 p.m. on Thursday at the middle school gym.
 - MINICO**
Soccer: Boys soccer tryouts are at 5 p.m. today at the Minico soccer fields. Players should bring cleats, shin guards, physicals and water. Information: Coach Thoma at 431-6143.
 - RAFT RIVER**
Football: Equipment checkout will be from 8 to 10 a.m. today. Practice begins at 3:30 p.m. on Monday. All incoming freshmen and juniors need to have physicals completed in order to participate. Information: Randy Spaeth, 645-2627.

BSU

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gotta bounce back make some bigger plays. When those chances are there you gotta make them."
Moore and Dush Hamdan both took reps with the first-team offensive line. When they did, they wore white jerseys, allowing the defense to hit them full contact. Moore threw for 137 yards in 9-of-22 passing. Hamdan was 5-for-15 for 48 yards. Nick Lomas took a pretty good — 7-of-9 for 68 yards — but that was against the second unit defense.
The quarterbacks looked good in places, but few in others. Both Hamdan and Moore were careful with the ball, no interceptions. But they took sacks, threw a lot of balls away and forced others into tight coverage.
"That position is so dependent on other people," Petersen said. "The protection broke down. We'll see if taking that sack was a good decision or if throwing the ball away would have been a better decision."
The Broncos are off today to study and to enjoy to Hoaring Springs water park. The film study is imperative to this team's improvement.
A lot of the bad things that happen are good things for us," Petersen said. "We start to point out some holes, some areas where we need to coach them better. The thing we know is that it is never as good as it seems, and it's never as bad as it seems when you put that tape on."
As camp continues the offense will get better. Everyone Monday was talking about the lack of energy and the fact that this is the first scrimmage. It's too early to be making judgments on who will identify this season.
"Not everything is firing on all cylinders," Johnson said. "We're rotating a lot of guys. Not everyone is 100 percent familiar with each other... it feels like Day 30 of camp, but it's only Day 6."

CSI

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period of intense practice, the arduous double-sessions day after day before a single match is played, is the timeframe that will see if taking that sack was a good decision or if throwing the ball away would have been a better decision."
That's the case in any sport, of course, but there's a certain level of urgency attached to collegiate sports that can't be experienced to those who haven't yet been indoctrinated into the high-pressure atmosphere.
But still, those that are new to the college scene generally took the adaptation from high-school volleyball to CSI's brand of volleyball in full stride.
"It's way different than in high school or club volleyball. There are so many expectations ... it's rough but it's fun. It's only to make you better," said Alex Van Dyke, a freshman right-side attacker from Glencoe High School in Hillsboro, Ore. "There's not really a lot of standing around, and you don't get a very long break in a drill. You're always doing something, always getting better."
The 6-days continue until the season-opening CSI Outback Invitational on Aug. 22-23.
David Bashore may be reached at 208-735-3230 or dbashore@magicalvalley.com.

Coach

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Georgia College in 1966 with a double degree in physical education and history. He later earned two masters degrees from the U.S. Sports Academy. Tompkins spent nearly 40 years teaching physical education, history, health and social studies. He also coached basketball and track and field. "There's a legend here in the sports world, even for the kids now that have never met him," Greenwell said. "He taught us if we worked hard and kept pushing ourselves, we were going to figure out a way to be successful."
Tompkins is survived by his wife Kathryn Clark Tompkins, three daughters and his sons. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., EDT, on Friday in Commerce, Ga.
Donald Willis Tompkins was born Feb. 16, 1941, in Jefferson, La. His family and four Willis Tompkins. He graduated from North Ryan Howe may be reached at 208-677-8766.

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Mostly sunny and quite warm. Light southwest winds becoming northwest. Highs around 90.
Tonight: Clear and mild. Winds staying light westerly and shifting to the south. Lows 55 to 60.
Tomorrow: Another very warm day. Sunny with southwest breezes shifting to the northwest later. Highs near 90.

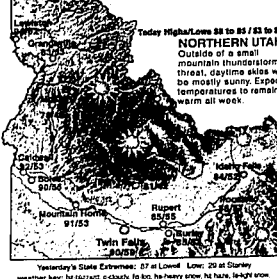
BURLEIGH/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Partly sunny and quite warm. Light west winds under 10 mph on hour. Highs near 85.
Tonight: Clear and mild. Winds staying light westerly early, shifting to the south later. Lows 50 to 55.
Tomorrow: Another very warm day. Sunny with light south winds shifting to the north later. Highs near 85.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
A quiet week of weather coming up. Mostly sunny days and clear nights can be expected through Friday. Warm days will be followed by cool nights.

Today High: 72 to 81. Tonight's Low: 57 to 68.
BOISE
Temperatures will remain elevated the remainder of the week. Expect sunny days and clear nights.



REGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY
"greater weakness lies in giving up the most certain way to succeed in life just one more time."

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 5 columns: Today, Tonight, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday. Includes weather icons and temperature forecasts.

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Table with columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure, Sunrise and Sunset, Moon Phases, Moonrise and Moonset, U.V. INDEX, Pollen Count.

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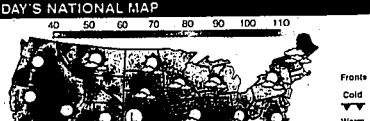
Table listing weather forecasts for various Idaho cities including Boise, Pocatello, and Idaho Falls.

NATIONAL FORECAST

Table listing weather forecasts for various national cities including Denver, Phoenix, and Dallas.

WORLD FORECAST

Table listing weather forecasts for various international cities including London, Tokyo, and Sydney.



Long-distance relationship may founder on fidelity

DEAR ABBY: I have been involved in a long-distance relationship for the past year. I'm crazy about him and have been completely faithful to him.
While we were talking on the phone today he asked, "What would you do if I cheated on you?" It came out of the blue, and I realized he was serious! My family and friends believe he has already cheated on me and is feeling guilty. Part of me thinks they may be right. Can you settle my disturbed thoughts?

return our grill, but they actually refused, saying it was GIVEN-to-him-with-a-smile.
We would love some advice.
— MISUNDERSTOOD NEIGHBORS IN PENNSYLVANIA
MISUNDERSTOOD: It's time to start

doing a little public relations work of your own. If you are on speaking terms with any of your other neighbors, tell them what has happened and why you and your husband now avoid The Monchers.
From my perspective, they appear to be peculiar bordering on the eccentric,

not to mention extremely nasty. Avoiding them is your best defense, unless you're planning on moving.
DEAR ABBY: It is poor manners for people to leave an event, concert, show or graduation before the final piece is played or spoken because they want to avoid

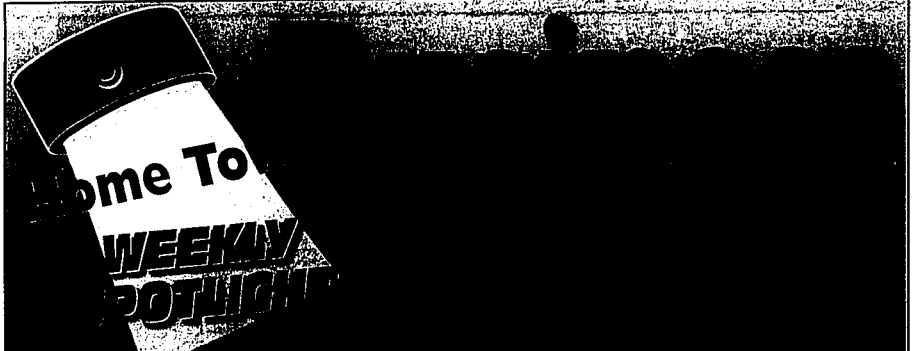
the crowd or traffic at the conclusion?
It annoys me, and I'd like to know if my view is justified.
— ANNOYED IN MARYLAND
DEAR ANNOYED: If someone has paid admission to an event, concert or show and wishes to leave

before the end, it is his/her privilege (or loss, depending on how you view it). However, in the case of a graduation or other ceremony in which people are being honored, good manners dictate that attendees stay until the last honor is bestowed and the last achievement is recognized.

DEAR UNSETTLED IN DERRY, PA.
DEAR ABBY:
Jeane Phillips

DEAR UNSETTLED: Long-distance relationships can be especially challenging. When someone asks a question like your boyfriend asked you, it usually means the person has cheated or is considering doing so.
It would be interesting to know how you responded to his question. If it's not too late, tell him, "If you cheated, I would be hurt and disappointed."
And if you have already cheated, then it's time we BOTH started seeing other people."

DEAR ABBY: I have lived next door to "The Monchers" for three years. Things have gotten so bad that my husband and I avoid them at all costs, which isn't easy, as they live in close proximity to our home.
If we're on our porch or in the backyard and they see us, they always ask for something. We have been friendly and have helped them in the past, but feel as though our kindness has been mistaken for weakness and we have been taken advantage of.
The Monchers have asked to borrow our outdoor grill, pieces of our living room furniture, toys for their grandchildren to play with, permission to hang their laundry on our clothesline (which we have since removed), and have even asked for Christmas ornaments right off our tree!
Since we have started avoiding them, we have gotten a bad reputation in our neighborhood as being "unfriendly."
We have asked them to



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Advertisement for a cappuccino blast with text: "\$1.00 OFF A Cappuccino Blast", "Get Blown Away!", "baskinBRobbins", "677 Blue Lakes Blvd.", "734-5507", "One coupon per customer per visit."

Advertisement for a special section with text: "Contact your Sales Rep Today and Advertise in This Special Section for a Low Rate!", "PUBLISHED EVERY TUESDAY - ROTATE TO GET YOUR OWN WRITE-UP!", "733-0931", "Published every Tuesday - Rotate to get your own write-up! 733-0931"

Stocks (AP) Stocks ended higher Monday but well off their peak after crude oil prices pulled off their lows and the Federal Reserve said more banks are tightening lending standards. The decline in oil since last month has eased investors' concerns about the drag of rising prices on the economy.

Dow Jones Industrials 11,782.35 **Nasdaq composite** 2,439.95 **D&P Standard & Poor's 500** 1,305.31 **Russell 2000** 1,316.78 **10-year** 751.06

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FUEL REPORT

Fuel prices in south-central Idaho continued to decline last week. The average price for a gallon of regular-grade gas in the region was \$4.08 on Tuesday — some retailers even sold gas below the \$4 mark for the first time in almost March. The average price for a gallon of diesel fuel in south-central Idaho declined more than 10 cents compared to the previous week to an average of \$4.55. The national average for a gallon of regular gas was \$3.81, according to AAA Daily Fuel Gauge Report. Oil prices fell below \$114 on Monday for the first time since early May. Analysts say more signs of an economic slowdown could push crude prices back below \$100 a barrel — a level not seen since early April.

Gas prices

- Twin Falls: Mr. Gas, Sinclair, 911 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.: \$4.00
- Jerome: Flying J, 5350 U.S. Highway 93: \$3.99
- Burley: Bowen Cardlock, 502 N. Fifth: \$4.05

Diesel prices

- Twin Falls: Mr. Gas, Sinclair, 911 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.: \$4.60
 - Jerome: Flying J, 5350 U.S. Highway 93: \$4.46
 - Burley: Loves Country Store, 260 Centennial Drive: \$4.46
- Price quotes by Mapquest.com as of Monday afternoon. Subject to change at anytime.

COMMODITY PRICES

Dairy

Block	Close	Change
Average price	\$1.961	-.087
Barrel		
Average price	\$1.841	-.098
Butter		
Average Price	\$1.55	+.011
Whey protein concentrate		
Average price	\$63	—
Class III milk		
Average price	\$18.24	-2.01
Class IV milk		
Average price	\$15.26	-.68

Feed

Corn (Per 100 pounds)			
Dairy Feed Supply	\$11.50	—	—
Land O'Lakes	\$11.00	—	—
Rangen	\$10.50	—	—
Wendell Elevator Co.	\$12.00	—	—
Barley (Per 100 pounds)			
Rangen	\$9.20	—	—
Ogden	\$10.53	—	—
Pocatello	\$8.00	—	—
Burley	\$9.59	—	—
Wendell Elevator Co.	\$10.00	—	—
Hay (Mid/Ton)			
Alfalfa(Supreme)	Low \$240	High \$250	—
Alfalfa(Good)	Low \$150	High \$215	—
Alfalfa(Fair)	Low \$150	High \$190	—

Small grain

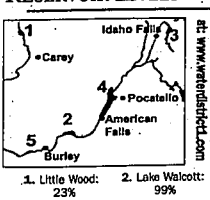
Soft white wheat			
Rangen	Ask	N/A	—
Wendell Elevator Co.	\$6.45	—	—
Ogden	\$6.87	—	—
Pocatello	\$6.58	—	—
Burley	\$6.43	—	—
Dry beans (per 100)			
Rangen	\$34.00	—	—
Small Red	\$40.00	—	—
Pink	\$33.00	—	—
Soranco	\$35.00	—	—
Small Red	\$40.00	—	—

ADM(Not releasing prices)

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

More commodities on C2

RESERVOIR LEVELS



NRCS hoping to recruit more interns

By Cindy Snyder
Correspondent

Sometimes a summer job is just a summer job, but for others it's a first step on a career path. For those in agriculture, an internship is almost a necessity. "In our business, an internship is extremely important," said Amy Smith, an agronomist with Western Farm Service in Twin Falls, which has conducted an internship program for almost eight years. Smith directs the research program for Western Farm Service and puts the summer interns to work doing such things as evaluating plots for pest problems, taking soil samples and harvesting. Bo Isham, a recent graduate of

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— Amy Smith, an agronomist with Western Farm Service in Twin Falls

the University of Idaho, has worked as an intern for three summers. "My work expands what I learn at school," Isham said. "I can see how production agriculture is dealing with a fertility problem or an insect problem instead of just reading about it." He grew up on a farm in eastern Idaho, but credits his internship program with exposing him to dif-

ferent crops and production systems. "I like to get the interns involved with talking to farmers, scouting fields and working with the branches so they can see how the entire business functions, not just the research program," Smith said. Amanda Pangburn, who is pursuing an agricultural science degree at McPherson College in Kansas, is working through the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service office in Twin Falls, to assist farmers who are adopting practices to protect soil and water resources. "I'm getting to see the ins and outs, ups and downs, pros and cons of the whole process," she said. Pangburn works with farmers who are coming into the office to get information about a program, completing contracts and doing periodic field inspections to make sure practices are being installed correctly. Sue Ellis, human resources officer for the NRCS in Boise, said the goal of the program is to convert student trainees to full-time

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N. Idaho seeing grasshopper infestation, South-central Idaho not yet seeing spread of insect

The Associated Press

LEWISTON — State agriculture officials have distributed more than 28,000 pounds of grasshopper bait in hopes of stemming an infestation of the crop-hungry bugs. The amount of bait — all distributed in Latah County — is a dramatic increase from the nearly 4,000 pounds given out in 2007. "That's how it can suddenly change in a given year," Dick Lawson, of the Idaho State Department of Agriculture, told the *Lewiston Tribune*. "The bait's purpose is to protect crop production. The biggest use so far has been for regrowth on hay fields. After the first cutting, farmers look around and grasshoppers are eating their regrowth." The bait is a dry pellet that is not toxic for bees, but effective on grasshoppers. Farmers as far north as Careywood have been reporting grasshopper infestations, the *Coeur d'Alene Press* reported. Department of Agriculture officials said there has not been a significant increase in the number of grasshoppers in south-central Idaho. "In 50 years I have never seen anything like this," said Ron Rex, who finished his hay harvest just in time to protect it from the hungry insects. By Friday his property was swarming with what he first thought were locusts, he said. Some of his neighbors' gardens were stripped clean, he said. "It's unbelievable. They are swarming. It's almost to the point you don't want to go outside," Rex said. The grasshoppers weren't expected to move that far north this year, Lawson said. The Department of Agriculture will send a crew to the region on Monday to evaluate the infestation, he said. Steve VanVleet, an agent with Whitman County cooperative extension in Washington, said similar

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Remote control herding

Researchers to herd headset-wearing cows from afar

By Melanie Daborich
Associated Press writer

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — It's Old West cattle herding with a 21st century twist — part of a project involving the USDA and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology on the government's Jornada Experimental Range in southern New Mexico. The wireless headset, called the "Ear-A-Round," has stereo earphones that transmit sounds directly into the cow's ears to guide its movement. Powered by a small solar energy panel, the unit contains a GPS device to monitor a cow's location and movement. Researchers hope the device will give ranchers and farmers the ability to herd cattle from afar, said Daniela Rus, an MIT professor of electrical engineering and computer science who teamed with Anderson. "It has the potential to give farmers a much finer control of pastures, finer management of where animals are and a better use of the land," said Rus, a robotics expert. "With this technology we can also find out what the animals do all day."



Technician Roy Ubehan holds a cow wearing an early prototype of the "Ear-A-Round" device at the USDA's Jornada Experimental Range in Las Cruces, N.M. The device, created by researchers at the experimental range and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, can transmit voice commands and sounds directly into a cow's ear to guide them while out on the range.

his air-conditioned office and check on the location of his animals by logging on to a computer. Another potential benefit would be eye-friendly visits that have no fences.

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AGRIBUSINESS BRIEFS

MAGIC VALLEY

University of Idaho to hold compost course

GOODING — The University of Idaho Extension Office at (208) 934-4411 over via e-mail at gooding@uidaho.edu. Sessions will meet at 203 Lucy Lane on the Gooding Fairgrounds. Cost for both sessions is \$20 per person. To register, contact the Gooding County Extension Office at (208) 934-4411 over via e-mail at gooding@uidaho.edu.

IDAHO

U of I to hold course for small- to mid-sized farms

CALDWELL — The University of Idaho Canyon County Extension office in Caldwell will hold a 12-week course on helping small- and mid-sized farms identify emerging markets. The course will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. beginning Sept. 2 at the University of Idaho Canyon County Extension office in Caldwell. The course fee is \$200, which includes a comprehensive resource manual and several farm tours. For more information, or to register, call (208) 459-6003 or via email at are@uidaho.edu. —From staff and wire reports

MUTUAL FUNDS

Table of mutual fund performance data including columns for Name, Last Chg, % Chg, and various fund names like American Funds, Fidelity, and Vanguard.

COMMODITIES REPORT

Table of commodity prices for various futures contracts including Wheat, Soybeans, Corn, and other agricultural products.

CHEESE

Check the cheese price on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange News, 11:20 a.m. EST. © 2008 Dairy Farmers of America.

POTATOES

CHICAGO (100) - Major potato markets FOB shipping point. © 2008 Idaho Potato Commission.

LIVESTOCK

MINNESOTA (100) - Live Cattle Auction on Thursday. © 2008 National Live Stock and Horse Raisers' Association.

METALS/MONEY

See Exchange Rates. New York (AP) - The currency exchange rate Monday, August 11, 2008.

BEANS

Yellow Beans: Price for wheel per bushel, med. grad. beans, and beans from hand truck.

GRAINS

Yellow Corn: Price for wheel per bushel, med. grad. corn, and beans from hand truck.

INTEREST RATES

Prime Rate: Prime rate for 30-day T-bill, 11.5 percent.

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Summary of market movements for various indices and sectors.

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Table of major market indices including S&P 500, Dow Jones Industrial Average, and others.

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Table of NYSE market activity including volume and price changes.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR FISCAL YEAR BUDGET 2008-09
CITY OF MURTAUGH, IDAHO

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of Murtaugh, Idaho, will hold a public hearing for the consideration of the proposed budget for the fiscal period October 1, 2008 to September 30, 2009 pursuant to provisions of Section 50-1002, Idaho Code, said hearing to be held at City Hall, Murtaugh, Idaho at 8:00 PM on Wednesday August 21, 2008 at joint hearing with other public meetings to appear and show cause, if any they have, why said proposed budget should or should not be adopted.

PROPOSED EXPENDITURES

The following is an estimate total for said proposed budget of the total proposed expenditures and accruing indebtedness, the City of Murtaugh, Idaho, for the fiscal period October 1, 2008 to September 30, 2009, including the two previous fiscal years.

Table with 4 columns: FUND, Actual, Budget, Proposed. Rows include General Fund, Economic Administration, Street & Park Maintenance, Water & Sewer Fund, Total Expenditures.

ESTIMATED REVENUE

Table with 4 columns: FUND, Actual, Budget, Proposed. Rows include Property Tax, Sales Revenue, Street & Park Fund, Local Revenue, Water & Sewer Revenue, Total Revenues.

The estimated revenue for the fiscal year, Idaho, for the fiscal period October 1, 2008 to September 30, 2009 is as follows:
Property Tax Levy \$26,698.00 \$26,538.00 \$27,744.00
Sales Revenue 18,628.00 25,856.00 19,419.00
Street & Park Fund 5,396.00 1,735.00 1,735.00
Local Revenue 8,130.00 2,111.00 2,111.00
Water & Sewer Revenue 90,765.00 71,000.00 71,000.00
TOTAL REVENUES \$147,817.00 \$120,240.00 \$121,012.00

I, Verne Adams, Clerk for the City of Murtaugh, Idaho, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct statement of the proposed expenditures and estimate revenues for Fiscal Year 2008-09, all of which have been tentatively approved and entered into the Journal of Proceedings. I further certify that the City of Murtaugh, Idaho, did give notice for said hearing with notice having been published twice at least seven (7) days apart prior to the adoption of the budget by the City Council. Citizens are invited to attend the budget hearing on Wednesday, August 13, 2008 at 8:00 PM and have the right to provide written or oral comments concerning the entire City Budget. A copy of the entire City Budget is available from the City Clerk.

Dated this 29th day of July 2008.
Verne Adams, City Clerk

NOTICE OF SPECIAL GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND ELECTION

Pursuant to the laws of the State of Idaho and the Bond Election Resolution of the Board of Trustees of Joint School District No. 331, Minnick, Idaho, and Lincoln County, Idaho, adopted on June 25, 2008, notice is hereby given that a Special General Obligation Bond Election will be held in the District on Tuesday, August 26, 2008, beginning at the hour of 7:00 A.M. and closing at the hour of 7:30 P.M. on said date, for the purpose of taking a vote upon the following question, to-wit:
QUESTION: Shall the Board of Trustees of Joint School District No. 331, Minnick, Idaho, and Lincoln County, Idaho, be authorized to issue general obligation school bonds of said District in the principal amount of up to \$4,400,000 to be issued in one or more series and in such installments as may be fixed by the Board of Trustees, the final installment of each series to fall due not more than twenty (20) years from the date of the series of bonds, for the purpose of financing the costs of capital construction, including and including the use of new elementary schools in Adaquats and Heyburn, including all lighting, heating, ventilation and sanitation facilities and appliances necessary to maintain and operate said schools, and for the purpose of providing for the District as authorized by the Board of Trustees on July 21, 2007?

Said election shall be held at the following places:

- Minnick County:
Rupert Elementary School
202 1st Street
Rupert, ID
Harrison Elementary School
201 North 1st Street West
Paul, ID
East Minico Junior High
1805 H Street
Rupert, ID
Mint Elementary School
292 West 100 South
Rupert, ID
Cassia Junior High
155 South 600 West
Paul, ID
Jarvis County:
John O'Hara Residence
1071 South 200 East
Hazelton, ID
Lincoln County:
Clint Harper Residence
451 West Hwy. 24

ABSENTEE ADDRESS:
Joint School District No. 331
Minnick, Cassia, Jarvis and Lincoln Counties, Idaho
633 Front Avenue
Rupert, Idaho 83350

Notice is further given that only qualified electors of the District, being United States citizens eighteen (18) years of age or older, who have resided in the District for thirty (30) days preceding the Bond Election and who are registered or who register at the polls on the day of the Bond Election, as provided by law, are entitled to vote at said election.
Any registered elector of the District may make written application to the Clerk of the District to receive an absentee ballot, provided that an absentee ballot must be received by the Clerk at the above Absentee Address not later than 8:00 P.M. on the day of the election in person.

If at said Special General Obligation Bond Election two-thirds (2/3) of the qualified registered electors eighteen (18) years of age or older voting at the polls at said election, and the interest rate on the bonds to be issued, shall be the lowest negotiable bonds in the amount of completion of construction, furnishing and equipping of new elementary schools in Adaquats and Heyburn, including all lighting, heating, ventilation and sanitation facilities and appliances necessary to maintain and operate said buildings and facilities, such negotiable bonds shall be issued for such vote purposes in one or more series and in such installments as may be fixed by the Board of Trustees, the final installment of each series to fall due commencing at the expiration of not more than two (2) years from the date of each series, and ending not more than twenty (20) years from the date of each series, and shall bear interest and be payable from all valorem taxes in accordance with the provisions of Section 33-1107, Idaho Code.

The following information is required by Section 34-438, Idaho Code:
The total existing bonded indebtedness of the District, including interest accrued, as of August 28, 2008, is \$22,254,956.41. The interest rate on the proposed negotiable bonds is approximately four and three-tenths percent (4.3%). The range of anticipated rates is from two and one-half percent (2.5%) to five and one-half percent (5.5%). The amount to be repaid over the life of the proposed negotiable bonds, based on the anticipated interest rate, is \$6,567,774.56.

Verification
Beth Ann, the Clerk of the Board of Trustees of Joint School District No. 331, Minnick, Cassia, Jarvis and Lincoln Counties, Idaho, being first sworn upon such oath and says that she is the Clerk of the Board of Trustees of Joint School District No. 331, Minnick, Cassia, Jarvis and Lincoln Counties, Idaho, that she has read the within information required by Section 34-438 of Idaho Code, and believes the statements therein contained to be true.
Beth Ann, Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Twin Falls Housing Authority and the Housing Authority of the City of Jerome have developed that Agency Plans in compliance with the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998. They also have on display the revised Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy. They are available for review. 200 Elm St., Twin Falls, Idaho. The Authority's hours of operation are 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM Monday through Thursday and 8:00 AM to 12:00 Noon Friday. In addition, a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, October 14, 2008 at the Twin Falls Housing Authority Office located at 200 Elm St. N., at 8:00 AM. Everyone is invited.

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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT PLAN FOR PUBLIC REVIEW

SUBJECT: Proposed use of one federally funded Block Grant Plan Available for Plan for public review.
PURPOSE: The purpose is to receive comment on the proposed use of funds from the Federal Fiscal Year 2009. The Block Grant Plan being reviewed will be:
Department of Health Block Grant
PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULE: A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD ON Monday, August 11, 2008 at 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM in the 5th floor conference room of the Peto Connersua Building. All written comment and data concerning this plan must be received by August 25, 2008.

Availability of Plans:
This plan will be available for public review at:
Department of Health and Welfare Office located in the Peto Connersua Building, 5th floor, 450 West State Street, Boise, Idaho.
SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS: Anyone may submit written comment regarding the proposed use of funds transferred to the Department of Health and Welfare Office. A copy of the Plan may be obtained from the Central Office 450 West State Street, 5th floor, Boise, Idaho, or call (208) 334-4932.
Department of Health and Welfare, 450 West State Street, 5th floor, P.O. Box 83620, Boise Idaho 83620-9938

DATED this 7th day of August 2008.
Richard L. Williams,
Administrator
Division of Management Services
5th Floor, 450 West State Street,
P.O. Box 83620
Boise, Idaho 83720-0038

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MINNIKA

Case No. CV 2005-1144
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
2620 POUND SALES, INC., an Idaho corporation.
Plaintiff vs.
Lyle Lindauer Douthitt and Mark Raymond Douthitt, wife and husband;
Defendants/Counterclaimants.

MARK DOUTHITT and JULIE L. DOUTHITT, husband and wife,
Third Party Plaintiffs,
vs.
ROBERT WILLIAMS,
Third Party Defendant.

UNDER AND BY VIRTUE of an Order for Sheriff's Sale issued by the District Court of the Fifth Judicial District, State of Idaho, in and for the County of Minnick, on the 2nd day of July, 2008, in the above-entitled action, wherein Plaintiff, 2620 Pound Sales, Inc., obtained a First Amended Final Judgment against Defendants, Lyle Lindauer Douthitt and Mark Raymond Douthitt, jointly and severally, on the 11th day of June, 2008, I am therefore, commanded to sell that certain real property and outbuildings, improvements and water rights appurtenant thereto located in Cassia County, State of Idaho, commonly known as 359 South 359 Street, North 0208th Street, West (Recorded as North) for \$27,000.00 plus the West section line to a 1/2 inch robar;
That North 0208th Street (Recorded as East) for 204.00 feet to a 1/2 inch robar;
That South 0208th Street (Recorded as East) for 204.00 feet along the South line of the North 0208th Street, West (Recorded as West) IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 28th day of August, 2008, at 10 o'clock A.M. of that date I, the undersigned, Sheriff of the County of BURLEY, County of CASSIA, I will, in obedience to said Order of Sheriff's Sale, sell the above-described real property to the highest bidder. Plaintiff's Judgment with interest thereon and costs to the highest bidder for cash, lawful money of the United States.

That the said property is subject to redemption from the purchaser within six (6) months after the sale by the Plaintiff or other redeemer pursuant to Idaho Code § 9-202.

Dated this 31st day of July, 2008.
PUBLISHED BY CASSIA COUNTY
By Sheriff

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to established procedure, notice is hereby given that the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing for a plan and funding update on the community building/community extension office/Holding on Monday, August 25, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Office, located at 111 West B Street in Stocheno, Idaho.

PUBLISH: August 12, 2008

LEGAL NOTICE INVITATION FOR BIDS

The Idaho Water Resource Board has canceled its invitation for Bids originally dated July 15, 2008 to construct monitoring and injection well for the Idaho Water Resource Board's W-Canal Recharge Project, located approximately 2 miles northwest of Burley, Idaho. A revised invitation for Bids with additional specifications will be re-advertised and the bidding period reopened. Bids will be accepted by the Idaho Water Resource Board at 322 E. Front St., PO Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0098 until 5:00 P.M. on August 21, 2008. Bids may be submitted, by mail or hand delivered. Copies of the invitation for bids may be obtained at 322 E. Front Street, Boise, Idaho, or at the Board's website at http://www.idwr.idaho.gov.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Actions planned and taken by your government are contained in public notices. They are part of your right to know and to be informed of what your government is doing. As self-government charges all citizens to be informed, this newspaper urges every citizen to read and study these notices. It is the duty of every citizen who seeks further information to exercise their right to access public records and public meetings.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

TS No. 08-34881 Title Order No. W831024
The following described property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder, payable in lawful money at the time of sale. In the name of Allstate Title & Escrow located at 1411 Falls Ave. East 1315 Twin Falls, ID 83401, on 12/22/2008 (Trustee's Sale) for the purpose of foreclosing that certain Debt recorded 02/25/1998 as Instrument Number 899-002-0000150 in favor of HOWARD R. MYERS, and SHARON R. MYERS, HUSBAND AND WIFE, as Grantor(s), in favor of COUNTRYNEWS, INC., as Beneficiary, to RECONSTRUCT COMPANY, the Current Trustee of record, covering the following real property located in Twin Falls County, state of Idaho, to-wit: TRACT 15 OF JOHNSON SUBDIVISION, TWIN FALLS COUNTY, IDAHO, ACCORDING TO THE MAP THEREON, AS SET OUT IN PARCELS OF SAID COUNTY. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-entitled property, but is currently acting in compliance with Idaho Code, Section 50-113, the Trustee has been informed that the stated acreage of 15.00 ACRES, more or less, ID# 83328 is sometimes associated with said real property. Bidders must be prepared to tender 100% of the sale price at the time of the sale in the form of cash, or a cashier's check drawn on a state or federally insured savings institution. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in that certain Debt of Trust. The default for which this sale is to be made is: 100% of the principal, interest and impounds of 01/10/2008 of principal, interest and impounds and subsequent installments due thereafter; plus attorneys' fees and court costs. The sale is to be made at 10:00 a.m. on August 12, 2008 at 83328 is sometimes associated with said real property. Bidders must be prepared to tender 100% of the sale price at the time of the sale in the form of cash, or a cashier's check drawn on a state or federally insured savings institution. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in that certain Debt of Trust. Therefore, the beneficiary elects to sell, or cause said trust property to be sold, to satisfy said obligation. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION YOU PROVIDE WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE, AND THAT THE DEBT MAY BE DISPUTED. THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS NOT A GUARANTEE OF THE SECTION 45-1500A(4) IDAHO CODE NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE CURRENTLY PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION. DATED: 08/04/2008 Name and Address of the Current Trustee: COUNTRYNEWS, INC., COMPANY 1500 2006 Canyon Rd. 5VZ-202 SIMI VALLEY, CA 90029-1821 PHONE: (800) 281-8219 RECONSTRUCT COMPANY, Trustee Attn: Ruby, Ms. Assistant Secretary (ASAP) 28452094

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LANDS FOR LEASE

BID FOR RIGHTS TO LEASE FARM/PASTURE LEASES
The Bureau of Indian Affairs is now accepting sealed bids until noon, August 27, 2008 on various farm/pasture leases on the Fort Hall Reservation. Bid forms and additional information can be obtained by contacting the Bureau of Indian Affairs at 808-283-2008.

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NOTICE OF CORRECTION OF ASSESSMENTS OF GOOSE CREEK IRRIGATION DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Directors of GOOSE CREEK IRRIGATION DISTRICT have corrected the assessments of August 2008, at 4:00 o'clock PM as the time to meet to correct assessments, at the Oakley Canal Company office, 205 S. Corcoran, Oakley, Idaho 83348. The corrected assessments have been levied at \$3.50 per irrigable acre of land within the District. The levy is to operate the District, to compensate for professional services, to pay expenses of the District, to obtain water by purchase or lease, and generally to pay obligations of the District. Bidders in the District who do not have a convenient office, copies of the assessments will be at the office of Parsons, Smith & Stone, 137 West 13th Street, Burley, Idaho, for inspection.

DATED this 7th day of August, 2008.
GOOSE CREEK IRRIGATION DISTRICT
By/Ryan Crames, Secretary

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COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN IDAHO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE ELECTION AND DEADLINE FOR THE FILING OF NOMINATION PETITIONS

Notice is hereby given that a trustee election will be held in the College of Southern Idaho Community College District, Twin Falls and Blaine Harms, Idaho, on Tuesday, August 19, 2008, for the purpose of electing one trustee for a four (4) year term to succeed Dr. Thad Scholtes who term expires on December 31, 2008. Nominating petitions may be picked up at the College of Southern Idaho Business Office in the Taylor Administration Building. A candidate shall be a qualified elector of the district, shall be a candidate for a specific position of the Board and must declare which position he/she seeks on the Board of Trustees. Said nominations must be signed by at least five (5) qualified electors of said district and filed with the Clerk of the election at the College of Southern Idaho, 2008-2009, on or before 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 2, 2008. If you have questions or need further information, contact Mike Mason at 208-735-3324.

John M. Mason, Clerk of the Election
College of Southern Idaho
Community College District
Public Office and Posting Dates:
Twin Falls County Courthouse August 29-September 1, 2008
Jarvis County Courthouse August 12-September 1, 2008
Times News August 12 & 19 & 26, 2008
Blaine Harms August 12 & 19 & 26, 2008
Northside News August 12 & 19 & 26, 2008

PUBLISH: August 12, 19 and 26, 2008

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The Twin Falls Fire Protection District will hold its annual Budget Hearing for 2008 on Thursday, August 14, at 1:00 PM in Fire Station #1, 345 Second Avenue East.

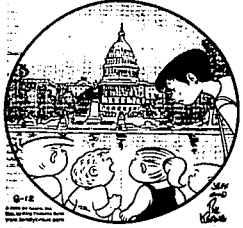
Table with 2 columns: Fiscal Year 2008-2009, 2008-2009 Commissioners. Rows include Contract/Utilities Approved, Contract Services, Contract Services E911/SIRC/COMM, Contract Services Bookkeeper, Office Supplies, Travel & Meeting, Advertising, Liability Insurance, Legal Fees, Accounting Fees, Misc. Fees, Election Costs, Special Tree Bonding Fee, Special Equity Purchase, Membership Dues, Vehicle Purchase, Misc. Expenses (Borrow/Awards), Building Fund, Special Equity Purchase, Equipment Payment, Total.

Twin Falls Rural Fire Protection District Budgeted Operating Revenues for Fiscal Year 2008-2009

Table with 2 columns: Fiscal Year 2008-2009, 2008-2009 Commissioner. Rows include Dated 06/08, Special Equity Purchase, Occupancy value, Subtotal.

I, I. Hawkins, Secretary/Treasurer, for the Twin Falls Rural Fire Protection District, do hereby certify that the above is a true and accurate statement of the Proposed Expenditures and Revenues for Fiscal Year 2008-2009.
I/rita Hawkins, Secretary/Treasurer
PUBLISH: August 12, 13 and 14, 2008

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bill Keane



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JEROME 172 Rainbow Dr. This 3 bdrm. home sits on 1 acre with sprinklers, built in 1984. \$152,000. 1528 Atlantic. Mountain View Realty. MLS #8366791. Call Bridger 420-8388.

JEROME New construction, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage. Call to see 208-280-4683.

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RUPERT 4 bdrm, 1 bath, w/rl built in 1984, 2 car garage, rents for \$215 mo. Great income potential. \$208-873-3222

SHOSHONE 3 bdrm, 2 bath, fenced yard, 1200 sq. ft., carpet & most appliances, 1 year old, 2 car garage, \$99,500. 888-2487

TWIN FALLS 1345 Wilmore off Blue Lakes and Locust, \$162,000. RV, 4 bdrm, 2 bath, full bent, brick, fenced back yard, great neighborhood. Call 208-670-5770

TWIN FALLS 1474 sq. ft. 3 bdrm, 2 bath, full new, great neighborhood, near O'Leary School, motivated seller. \$184,900. 658 Green Tree Way 733-2232 or 420-2195 or 733-7611

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Classified Department... Representatives are available from 8:00 am-5:30 pm

602 Unfurnished Homes

TWIN FALLS HOMES MANAGEMENT... Looking for additional properties to manage.

AFFORDABLE HUD HOMES

3 bdrm, 2 bath home... 2 bdrm, 2 bath home only \$129/mo

BUHL 1 bedroom

1 bdr, 1 bath, pet ok, \$400 - \$500 deposit

BUHL 4 bdrm, 15 bath

\$1100/mo... 1653 E 4400 N, 2008-539-9099

BUHL 4 bdrm, 1 bath

\$650 mo + dep... 2008-209-3786

EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES

Equal Housing Opportunity... This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertising

GOODING 3 bdrm, 2 bath

laundry room, large room, large walk-in pantry

HAGERMAN 1 bdrm cottage

style home... w/ storage shed \$450 mo + dep

HAGERMAN 1 bdrm detached

in wooded, fenced yard... pet ok, no smoking

TWIN FALLS 3 bdrm, 2 bath

1866 sq ft... pet ok, no smoking

TWIN FALLS 4 bdrm, 3 bath

large family room, den... pet ok, no smoking

TWIN FALLS 4 bdrm, 2 bath

all appliances... pet ok, no smoking

Unfurnished Homes

HAGERMAN 3 bdrm, 2 bath... \$540/mo deposit

HOLLISTER 2 bdrm, 1 bath

home, electric appliances... pet ok, no smoking

JEROME 1 bdrm, apt.

WD, hookups, most pet ok... \$375 month

JEROME 2 bdrm, 1 bath

with barn, no smoking/pets... \$625 mo + dep

JEROME 3 bdrm, 1 bath

no smoking/pets... \$650/mo + dep

JEROME CLEAN 1 bdrm

rental... \$400/mo + dep

JEROME large 2 bdrm

1 bath country home... \$700 mo + dep

JEROME Newly remodeled

1 bdrm cottage... \$450 + dep

KIMBERLY New 4 bdrm

2 bath in new sub... \$1100/mo

KIMBERLY New 2 bdrm

2 bath, new kitchen... \$650 mo + dep

SHOSHONE For Rent or Sell

3 bdrm, 2 bath... \$1200/mo

TWIN FALLS 1 bdrm, pet OK

water/shower... \$208-212-1878

TWIN FALLS 2 bdrm 1 bath

WD, hookups... \$500 mo + dep

TWIN FALLS 2 bdrm, 2 bath

pet ok, no smoking... \$600 mo + dep

TWIN FALLS 3 bdrm, 2 bath

new carpet, pet ok... \$500 mo + dep

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pet ok, no smoking... \$500 mo + dep

Unfurnished Homes

TWIN FALLS Beautiful home... 3 bath + bonus room

TWIN FALLS Beautiful new 3 bdrm, 2 bath

TWIN FALLS Complete renovated

TWIN FALLS Great Church

TWIN FALLS Duplex 3 bdrm, 2 bath

TWIN FALLS Newer townhome

TWIN FALLS Great NE location

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TWIN FALLS Unique 2 bdrm, 3 miles south

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Unfurnished Homes

JEROME Newly remodeled 1 bedroom... \$450 + deposit

JEROME Wooded Apts

KIMBERLY Sunset Apts

SHOSHONE Spacious, newly remodeled

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40 More spooky 41 Snug 42 Neutralizing substances

43 And vigor 44 Go downhill 45 Fatal drink

46 Last bio? 47 Full of desire 48 Vivaciously

49 Stem-to-stern beam 50 Well-planned swindle

60 Grain depository 61 Otherwise 62 Feel

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604 Unfurnished Apts. and Duplex

TWIN FALLS Nice 1 bdrm, \$395 or studio \$325

TWIN FALLS Studio & 1 bdrm

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607 Office and Retail Rentals

CROSSROADS POINT Great location

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701 Livestock/Poultry

COWS For Sale 2 young black cows

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Tuesday, Aug. 12, 2008

THE ACES ON BRIDGE

Bobby Wolff

"He who has never hoped can never despair."

G.B. Shaw

You or I might bid South's hand to four spades, a perfectly respectable contract. But suppose you end up in three no-trump instead, giving full weight to those excellent club spots...

Declarer's natural move is to win, not duck - or else he risks losing three clubs, one heart and a spade. Declarer should next play off to a top spade. If both opponents follow...

The trap is that South may think he can safely play off dummy's spade A-K, later leading toward the Jack if West turns up with four spades to the Q-10. The snag is that declarer has only one entry to hand...

For details of Bobby Wolff's autobiography, "The Lone Wolf," contact July 1972 and on. If you would like to meet Bobby Wolff, e-mail him at bobbyw@vol.com

NORTH A K J 6 2 A K 7 4 K 3 8 4

WEST Q 10 8 3 J 10 9 J 7 6 4 A 6

EAST 9 8 6 2 10 8 2 10 K Q 7 3 2

SOUTH 7 5 4 5 3 A Q 9 5 J 10 9 5

Vulnerable: East-West Dealer: North

The bidding: South West North East 1 NT Pass 2 Pass 3 NT Pass 2 NT Pass 3 NT All pass

Opening lead: Heart Jack

BID WITH THE ACES

South holds: A K J 6 2 A K 7 4 K 3 8 4

South West North East 1 Pass 2 Pass 3 Pass

ANSWER: Bidding two hearts will probably get you to a sensible spot. More flexible, though, is to double for takeout. If your partner picks a major, you are no worse off than if you had bid it yourself...

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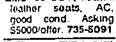
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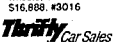
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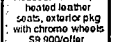


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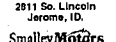


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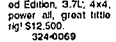
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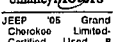


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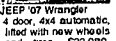


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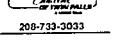


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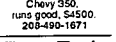


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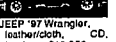
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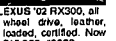


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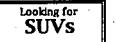


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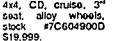


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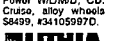


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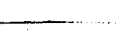
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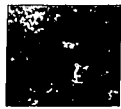
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OPERATION GREEN THUMB

Mission:

Turn a gardening greenhorn into a pro.

Objective:

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

Operative:

Times-News features reporter

Melissa Davlin. Code name: Agent M.

Timeframe:

A single growing season.

Tactics:

Complete 10 assignments, finding an expert teacher for each.

• Plant early-season crops.

Completed in May.

• Prune roses. Completed in May.

• Operate a drip irrigation system. Completed in June.

• Cultivate and weed.

Completed in June.

• Deadhead flowers. Completed in July.

• Intervene against insects.

Completed in August.

• Compost yard and garden waste. Completed in August.

• Fight plant diseases.

• Spread mulch.

• Harvest and share the bounty.

Progress:

Davlin is such a novice in gardening operations that she

missed her chance to complete a couple of her assignments. (Who knew that planting of late-season crops isn't in late summer?) Her handlers decided on a second chance — and gave her new assignments to redeem herself. Let's see whether she has what it takes.

TOP SECRET FILES INSIDE

Bugging off

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WATCH: Looking for more on produce pests? Meet the Blommers of Four Seasons Farm in our video alby.

with sparsely distributed bird feeders. They also let their chickens into the garden, concentrating them in one area with a moveable wire fence. Please see BUGS, Page D3

Objective:

Intervene against insects

Target:

Tristan and Ken Blommer, Kimberly farmers

Know the enemy

Have a garden insect, but not sure what kind — or how to deal with it? Information on bug identification and pest control: davegardner.com/guides/uf/

Melissa Davlin's field report

My garden's under siege. Aphids are swarming. Spiders are eating out my tomatoes or foe. And I don't know if they're eating or invading.

Some enemy insects I hate: aphids, spider mites, and ladybugs. I hate ladybugs in the war against aphids. I hate aphids in the war against spider mites. I hate spider mites in the war against ladybugs. I hate ladybugs in the war against aphids.

of Kimberly. The father-and-son owners of Four Seasons Farm agreed to help in my battle against the bugs. The Blommers cultivate several acres for a commercial vegetable garden. Three years ago they began selling eggs and veggies to friends. They use all-natural practices to care for their plants. And that includes insect control. The first line of defense: birds. The family depends on swallows to take care of many of the bugs, encouraging them



Ken Blommer holds one of the homemade earwig traps his family uses on the farm.



Tristin Blommer walks through his farm near Kimberly on Thursday morning. Blommer works with his father, Ken, and they sell their food to about eight families.

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B.C. By Johnny Hart

Panel 1: "NEXT UP IS GREG ON SHOT PUT." (A man in a suit is speaking to a crowd.)

Panel 2: "TOS" (A man is shown in mid-air, having been thrown.)

Panel 3: "PTOOEE" (A man is shown in mid-air, having been thrown.)

Panel 4: "BET YOU NEVER THOUGHT WE'D HAVE TO HEAR ABOUT ANYTHING IN 'ORBITS'." (A man is speaking to a crowd.)

Baby Blues By Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott

Panel 1: "HAMMIE!" (A man is shouting.)

Panel 2: "HAMMIE? WHERE ARE YOU?" (A man is shouting.)

Panel 3: "HAMMIE!" (A man is shouting.)

Panel 4: "HAMMIE!" (A man is shouting.)

Panel 5: "HAMMIE!" (A man is shouting.)

Panel 6: "I'M GOING TO DO SOME READING, SO TRY NOT TO BOTHER ME." (A man is reading.)

Panel 7: "I WANT TO KNOW WHAT YOU WANT." (A man is shouting.)

Beetle Bailey By Mort Walker

Panel 1: "I HAVE LOTS MORE IDEAS, SIR. I SEE YOU'RE TAKING NOTES." (A man is speaking to a man in a suit.)

Panel 2: "I'LL GO ON IF YOU'RE STILL INTERESTED." (A man is speaking to a man in a suit.)

Blondie By Dean Young & Stan Drake

Panel 1: "BOY, THAT ATHLETE IS A REAL HOT-DOG, ISN'T HE?" (A man is speaking to a man.)

Panel 2: "YES, DEAR. I THINK THERE ARE SOME HOT DOGS IN THE REFRIGERATOR." (A man is speaking to a woman.)

Dilbert By Scott Adams

Panel 1: "I'M ADDICTED TO OUR ONLINE JOB POSTING SYSTEM." (Dilbert is speaking.)

Panel 2: "IT HELPS ME FANTASIZE ABOUT HAVING A JOB I COULD ENJOY." (Dilbert is speaking.)

Panel 3: "THIS CAN'T BE GOOD." (Dilbert is speaking.)

The Elderberries By Phil Frank and Joe Troise

Panel 1: "Hey, Pertessor!" (A man is speaking to a man.)

Panel 2: "No! No, no, no! I am not falling for whatever ludicrous nonsense flows from your lips!" (A man is speaking to a man.)

Panel 3: "Hey, Pertessor! Meet my new puppets!" (A man is speaking to a man.)

Panel 4: "Hey, Pertessor! Ah, sold your furniture on eBay to a fellow 'Pak-istan'!" (A man is speaking to a man.)

Panel 5: "Hey, Pertessor... Happy birthday. We made you a cake." (A man is speaking to a man.)

For Better or For Worse By Lynn Johnston

Panel 1: "WHAT DO YOU MEAN 'COLLABORATION' ISN'T A WORD?" (A man is speaking to a woman.)

Panel 2: "I'VE DECIDED TO GET A WEDDING BECAUSE THE WEDDING IS THE BEST PART OF THE WEDDING." (A man is speaking to a woman.)

Panel 3: "I WANT YOU TO LIVE WITH ME AND HAVE SOMETHING WONDERFUL... BUT I CAN'T LIVE WITH YOU." (A man is speaking to a woman.)

Panel 4: "YOU'RE SOMETHING... WONDERFUL!" (A man is speaking to a woman.)

Frank and Ernest By Bob Thaves

Panel 1: "SOPHOCLES PLAYWRITING SCHOOL." (A man is speaking to a man.)

Panel 2: "EUCLID AND APHRODITE ARE WRITING THEIR PLAY TOGETHER." (A man is speaking to a man.)

Panel 3: "IT MUST BE A LOVE TRIANGLE!" (A man is speaking to a man.)

Garfield By Jim Davis

Panel 1: "HMMMM" (Garfield is thinking.)

Panel 2: "FUZZY LEFTOVERS OR PIZZA?" (Garfield is thinking.)

Panel 3: "JUST DIAL." (Garfield is thinking.)

Hagar the Horrible By Chris Browne

Panel 1: "WHAT DOES THE SIGN SAY?" (Hagar is speaking.)

Panel 2: "BEWARE OF TERMITES!" (A sign is shown.)

Hi and Lois By Chance Browne

Panel 1: "EVERY CAR HAS A DIFFERENT SOUND." (Lois is speaking to Hi.)

Panel 2: "IT'S THE ONLY WAY I CAN FIND MINE." (Hi is speaking to Lois.)

Panel 3: "HONK HONK" (Hi is speaking.)

Panel 4: "BRAP BRAP" (Hi is speaking.)

Panel 5: "BLEEP BLEEP" (Hi is speaking.)

Luann By Greg Evans

Panel 1: "I LOVE MY LITTLE CAR AND WANT TO KEEP IT, BUT I DON'T WANT TO USE IT." (Luann is speaking.)

Panel 2: "EXCUSE ME?" (Luann is speaking.)

Panel 3: "I WANT TO USE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION UNLESS I CAN FIND ONE THAT'S KIND TO EARTH!" (Luann is speaking.)

Panel 4: "WELL, THAT'S WONDERFUL, MOM. I'M PROUD OF YOU." (Luann is speaking.)

Panel 5: "MOA! TURN OFF THE LIGHT!" (Luann is speaking.)

Panel 6: "SORRY! BOY, BEING KIND SURE MAKES YOU MEAN." (Luann is speaking.)

Classic Peanuts By Charles M. Schulz

Panel 1: "I HOPE THIS ISN'T ONE OF THOSE MOVIES WHERE A KID GOES TO BARKING SCHOOL, AND EVERYONE IS MEAN TO HIM..." (Sally is speaking to Charlie.)

Panel 2: "OR WHERE EVERYONE TEASES A GIRL BECAUSE SHE HAS FUNNY HAIR..." (Sally is speaking to Charlie.)

Panel 3: "I LIKE A MOVIE THAT SHOWS A DOG SLEEPING IN FRONT OF A FIREPLACE FOR TWO HOURS." (Sally is speaking to Charlie.)

Pearls Before Swine By Stephan Pastis

Panel 1: "HE'S DOING THE RINGS." (A pig is speaking.)

Panel 2: "THE RINGS? DO YOU KNOW HOW MUCH UPPER BODY STRENGTH IT TAKES TO HANG FROM THOSE THINGS?" (A pig is speaking.)

Panel 3: "YEAH, I'M NOT SURE HOW HE'S ABLE TO DO IT." (A pig is speaking.)

Pickles By Brian Crane

Panel 1: "I READ THAT PETTING A DOG LOWERS A PERSON'S BLOOD PRESSURE." (Pickles is speaking.)

Panel 2: "SO, IT'S A WIN-WIN SITUATION, ROSCOE. YOU GET PETTED AND YOUR BLOOD PRESSURE LOWERS." (Pickles is speaking.)

Panel 3: "AND NOW I HAVE TO GO WASH MY HANDS." (Pickles is speaking.)

Panel 4: "IF IT'S A WIN-WIN, HOW COME I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO GETS INSULTED?" (Pickles is speaking.)

Rose Is Rose By Pat Brady

Panel 1: "I'M THE SAME WAY!" (Rose is speaking.)

Panel 2: "BUT SHE BRINGS OUT THE BEST IN ME!" (Rose is speaking.)

Panel 3: "MEGAWAN! YOU SPEAK GONGGORE!" (Rose is speaking.)

Non Sequitur By Wiley

Panel 1: "UH-OH, I'M LATE." (A man is speaking.)

Panel 2: "GETTING A WIFE IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN GETTING A JOB." (A man is speaking.)

Panel 3: "I'VE DECIDED TO GET A WIFE BECAUSE THE WIFE IS THE BEST PART OF THE WIFE." (A man is speaking.)

Panel 4: "OH." (A man is speaking.)

The Wizard of Id By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart

Panel 1: "THE ROYAL SCRIBE DIED OF THE POX YESTERDAY." (A man is speaking.)

Panel 2: "GOOD!" (A man is speaking.)

Panel 3: "HOW CAN YOU SAY THAT?" (A man is speaking.)

Panel 4: "HE WAS DUE FOR A RAISE." (A man is speaking.)

Dennis the Menace By Hank Ketchum

Panel 1: "READY FOR SOME FUN... OR ARE YOU ONE OF THOSE SITTERS THAT JUST SITS?" (Dennis is speaking.)

Zits By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott

Panel 1: "I'M NOT CLEANING OUT THE GARAGE TODAY!" (Zits is speaking.)

Panel 2: "YOU WILL CLEAN THE GARAGE TODAY WITHOUT ANY OTHER WORD." (Zits is speaking.)

Panel 3: "GOT IT?" (Zits is speaking.)

Panel 4: "OHAY! OHAY! OHAY!" (Zits is speaking.)

Panel 5: "WHY DO YOU ALWAYS TAKE EVERYTHING I SAY OUT OF CONTEXT?" (Zits is speaking.)

OPERATION GREEN THUMB

TOP SECRET FILES INSIDE



Bernie Jansen of Kimberly walks on grass clippings that line his garden paths.

Compost, of course

Objective:
Compost yard and garden waste
Target:
Bernie Jansen of Kimberly,
Master Gardener

Gather intelligence

Composting isn't as easy as throwing vegetable peels into a box and letting them rot. For information on composting, from beginner basics to using hummanure (exactly what it sounds like), visit howto.compost.org.

Melissa Davlin's field report: When I opened this mission envelope, I had little idea what compost was. I knew it was something folks put on their gardens, but why? And when? And how? Considering how little my vegetable garden is producing, I figured I'd better learn for next season.

So I sought out the aid of Master Gardener Bernie Jansen to help me gather intelligence.

Jansen had just applied compost to his Kimberly garden that morning, so instead of showing me how to do it, he gave me a tour and told me what he does to

keep his garden healthy.

A store-bought compost bin sits in his backyard. Throughout the year, Jansen fills it with peels, leftover vegetables, and any food remnant except for dairy, meat and citrus fruits.

Why not citrus?

"It has a tendency to kill bacteria," he said. "That's why you see it in so many cleansers." And because the composting process relies on good bacteria to break down organic material, he keeps citrus out of his compost bin.

As for dairy and meat, they will eventually decompose. Meanwhile, though, they attract pests and smell pretty awful, Jansen said. He also avoids adding sick plants, which can pass on disease.

During the winter, Jansen doesn't bother with the compost bin, opting to put vegetable remnants directly on his garden bed.

"What the birds don't eat, I just till under next spring," he said.

Jansen also has a pile of cow manure that he bought for his garden last year. The pile was once a large hill but has shrunk as he applies compost a few times each growing season.

Before I arrived, Jansen had spread some manure on his flower beds and grass. He showed me the crumbly brown remnants of the compost between blades of grass. The application is simple with a compost spreader, he said. Then nutrients soak into the ground with subsequent waterings.

The result? His extensive plot hosts tomatoes, squash, corn, beans and many other veggie varieties to nurture Jansen and his wife, Laree. The garden looks healthy, especially compared with others I've seen. Like mine.

"I can tell a big difference in this yard and a lot of gardens that don't put organic matter on," Jansen said, tugging on a stray weed.

Jansen sent me off with a handful of cherry tomatoes and zucchini. I'm glad he did, because I'm not sure my garden will produce much of anything after its treatment this season.

Feeling garden envy, this is Agent M. signing off.



Bernie Jansen picks a ripe zucchini from his large garden just outside his home. Kimberly, Jansen uses compost from local dairies to fertilize his garden.

Bugs

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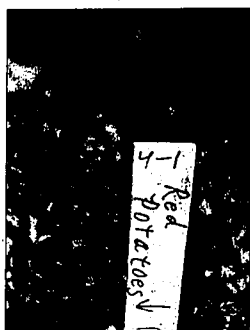
Using birds to control insects goes only so far, though. Potato beetles, for example, eat mostly nightshade vegetables and build up the toxicity from those vegetables. Chickens pick up on that and after one peck, they're not interested.

So what is there to do about potato bugs? Rotating crops helps, Ken said. If the beetles nest in the soil around this season's potato crops, there will be nothing to sustain them next season. Rotation helps the plants thrive as well, the Blommers said. For example, corn deposits nutrients in the ground that potatoes thrive on.

"Potatoes love where corn was," Tristan said.

Sprays fight bugs, too. As the Blommers pointed out, not all sprays are filled with chemicals. Their two commercial standbys use fungus and oil to repel insects instead of chemicals that might harm people if ingested with the vegetables.

Another tactic: using straw



Red potatoes are marked off in the garden. The Blommers sell a variety of vegetables including onions, grapes and crowd-pleasing sweet corn.

as mulch. Not only does it help retain moisture and discourage weeds, but bugs avoid the straw. "You'd think they'd be happy to inhabit it, but it just seems to deter them," Tristan said. Yet another of the

Blommers' tricks involves companion planting. They pair beans with their potatoes — apparently, beetles don't like beans. What about earwigs, my feared foe? "They say you should encourage them," Ken said.

The ugly little things eat aphids and other unfriendly bugs.

Still, earwigs are destructive, especially to leafy greens like lettuce and spinach. To combat them, the Blommers are experimenting with homemade earwig traps in the lettuce row. The traps are simply large yogurt containers, put in the ground with slits in the lids for earwigs to crawl into. The earwigs get stuck in the containers or are killed with oil.

Ken showed me a trap with earwig corpses piled in the bottom. Yeah, it looked effective, though, and I'll keep that in mind to help next year's lettuce.

Still quaking from my earwig encounter, this is Agent M. signing off.

When too much is a bad thing

By Scott Aker
The Washington Post

Q. Every year my tomato plants grow and produce nice-size tomatoes. However, before they completely ripen, they turn black on the bottom. What could cause this? Am I watering them too much? Too little?

A. This is a disease called blossom end rot. The immediate cause is a deficiency of calcium in the tomato fruit as it develops. This can take place even if you add a source of calcium, such as lime or gypsum, to the soil each spring.

This occurs because the tomato vine might be doing too well. Rampant vegetative growth robs the fruit of calcium. Too much water, fertilizer, or both are the real problems because they spur the tomato plant to grow too rapidly. Each of the plant's cells has a demand for calcium, and this need during periods of rapid growth

results in a deficiency of the mineral in the fruits.

Limit watering, and use a straw mulch to conserve soil moisture. Never use a liquid fertilizer on tomatoes after they become established. A shot of fertilizer is helpful at planting time but detrimental later. Mix a couple of tablespoons of slow release fertilizer or a shovelful of compost into the planting hole just before planting to give your tomato plant all the nutrients it needs for a full season's production.

You might also reconsider your varieties. Large-fruited beefsteak types are more prone to blossom end rot than smaller paste and slicing tomatoes, and it is a rare condition on cherry or grape tomatoes.

Summer's shots

Some of our readers' best garden photography.

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Multiply plants with stem cuttings

By Jessica Damiano
Newsday

Put your wallet away. You can multiply many plants simply and easily with stem cuttings. I did this recently with my sedums and catmints and had great success. Try it. It's not only economical—it's fun.

Take cuttings early in the morning or in the evening, when the sun isn't at its strongest. Cloudy days work, too. To increase your success rate, propagate early in the growing season:

1. Choose a fresh-looking stem that has not flowered. Cutting diagonally with sharp pruners, remove a 3-inch piece from the tip of new growth, just below a leaf.
2. Remove leaves from the bottom half of the cutting.
3. To increase your success rate, dip the cut end of the stem into rooting hormone powder and plant it in a small pot filled with equal parts of sand or perlite, peat moss and ground sphagnum moss for a few weeks, until roots begin

to grow. Keep the pot in a shady area. You'll know the time is right when a gentle tug on the stem is met with resistance.

4. Plant right into the garden or a container—1 1/2 to 2 inches deep—and water regularly.

Some perennials that can be propagated by stem cuttings:

- Alyssum
- Artemisia
- Aster
- Bee balm (*Monarda*)
- Bellflower (*Campanula*)
- Blanketflower (*Gaillardia*)
- Catmint (*Nepeta*)
- Chrysanthemum
- Clematis
- Coral bells (*Heuchera*)
- Coreopsis
- Dusty miller (*Senecio*)
- Shasta daisy (*Nipponeanthemum*)
- Penstemon
- Phlox
- Sedum
- Shearers daisy (*Leucanthemum*)
- Yarrow (*Achillea*)

Container gardens add flair

Newsday

Whether you're short on space or simply want to perk up your porch or deck, container gardens are a great way to add color and style to your yard. Make sure to choose a container that will accommodate plants at their mature sizes. Never use saucers, as they invite insects and impede drainage. Select plants with similar light and water requirements.

Never use soil from the garden; it can harbor dis-

eases and weed seeds and is too heavy for pots. Instead, use a soilless potting mixture that contains a combination of peat moss, perlite, vermiculite, nutrients, limestone and, if available, fast- and slow-release fertilizers.

Fertilize when planting (but not if potting mixture contains fertilizer) and again six to eight weeks later. Deadhead spent flowers and remove discolored or damaged leaves once a week, and periodically check for disease and insects.

Lilac trees shine in the sun

By Scott Aker
Special to The Washington Post

Q. My lilac tree, planted two years ago, has yet to blossom. It is about four feet high and very healthy, and though it seems to get full sun for a fair bit of the day, it is planted under large tulip poplars. Should I be patient and wait for the lilac to mature further, or do you suggest moving it to a sunnier position—and if so, when is the best time to do that?

A. Lilacs need full sun to flower well. Move it to a sunnier location. You call it a tree, so I assume that you are growing the Japanese tree

lilac, *Syringa reticulata*. It will need room to mature, and could reach a height of 25 feet with time. Move it to a sunny location where you can enjoy the bark in winter. It is mahogany red and shiny, like the bark of black cherry trees. Wait until the early fall to transplant the tree.

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

Rural know-how

Newsday

"Homemade Contrivances and How to Make Them" is the 101 Labor-Saving Devices for Farm, Garden, Dairy, and Workshop" (*Skyhorse Publishing*, \$14.95). If you feel the need to learn to make things, this book is a gem. The book reminds us of just how much work a pre-industrial farm requires while giving us information on contraptions we can build if we're so inclined. You may not want to know how to use hogs to convert straw into manure for fertilizer but the advice on building a trellis for tomatoes is useful and timeless. The book makes for wonderful reading with its insight into our agricultural past.

Growing the next crop of gardeners

By Terri McAfee
Correspondent

RUPERT—Renee Clark is a gardener extraordinaire from the dirt under her fingernails to rows and rows of flowers in her two-acre garden. A cadre of young people learn the same love of gardening under her expert direction and have a stack of blue ribbons and rosettes to show for it.

Devan, Alex, Linzy and Kahlan Bingham, children of Don and Richan Bingham; Isaac and Tyler Hunsaker, sons of Stacey and Gary Hunsaker; and Emilie Christensen, daughter of Kris and Dennis Christensen; range in age from 13 to 4. Kahlan, the youngest, has been gardening for two years and is adamant about doing everything on her own—including weeding with a trowel, which can be a heart-pounding experience for Clark. The older children started gardening three years ago.

"They begin with the seedling season," Clark said. The seeds are started in dell cups or cottage cheese cartons. Once true leaves are on the tiny plants, the containers are seedling trays and each seedling tray is placed in individual cells.

"You have to tear them apart," Emilie said. "It's a messy job."

Once spring arrives, the children are busy planting. Alex particularly enjoys using a drill with an auger to punch down planting holes. Fertilizer is placed in the bottom of each hole and the



A new variety of fire engine red zinnias draws Renee Clark, left, and her garden helpers into her Rupert cutting garden in anticipation of the Cassia County Fair. Alex Bingham, Devan Bingham, Linzy Bingham and Emilie Christensen gather around 4-year-old Kahlan Bingham as she checks it out for perfect quality.

Photo by TOM BOWEN

plant is slipped in and soil firmed up around it.

Each child plants a 50-foot row for his or her own use, and the kids help Clark plant the rest of the garden. Last year when it was time to transplant lily bulbs, Linzy helped plant "thousands." In return, Linzy got to choose first from the lilies in bloom for the Minidoka County Fair this year.

Emilie started a cutting garden at home for her own use. The Bingham children are preparing an area of their own as well. The Hunsaker children started late this year but have had an amazing success with planting the leftovers at their home, according to Clark.

With county fairs in full swing, the children keep an eye on what is blooming and coming into season for cutting.

"The best part of participating in a fair is Surprisingly, the children did not rate their premium checks at the top of the list.

"I like picking out the vases," said Linzy. Clark "probably has thousands."

The other children agreed. Clark's vases fill three rooms, and she is always on the hunt for new ones. She picks them up at TJ Maxx, Ross Dress For Less, yard sales and Desert Industries.

"I give the kids vases for Christmas and their birthdays," she added.

The children help pick flowers and place them in buckets of water to harden off the day before fair entry. The kids each have a table set up under shade trees in Clark's Rupert garden where they create their masterpieces.

The older children will

shape four or five arrangements as well as choose specimen flowers for the Cassia County Fair.

At the Minidoka County Fair, Linzy won three rosette ribbons and the Mini-Cassia Gardeners' Award of \$10 for the best youth arrangement. Emilie received two rosettes, and each of the other children received one rosette apiece.

Clark said she encouraged the youngsters to enter arrangements in different classes—to compete not with each other but with other gardeners in their age division.

And next year Clark and the children are discussing a Junior Master Gardener 4-H club.

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Plants sometimes get genetic mutations

By Jessica Damiano
Newsday

Q: I have a beautiful fragrant purple *Syringa* lilac shrub. For the first time this year, three stems contained a white lilac bloom. How did this happen? How can I keep the white blooms from appearing in the future?

A: It sounds like your lilac reverted.

Genetic mutations occur in the plant world. When that happens, sometimes horticulturists graft a piece of the oddity onto an existing plant that doesn't have the mutation, and a new

cultivar is born.

Ornamental cultivars are graded for certain desired characteristics, such as bloom color, foliage, habit or

size. Sometimes, the new plant will revert to its original state, or new shoots that come up match the parent without the "desirable" char-

acteristic, such as your white blossom. There really isn't anything you can do about it, except put them in a vase and enjoy.

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