

**Veggie Sprouts Blamed In E. Coli Outbreak**

HAMBURG, Germany (AP) — The terrifying E. coli outbreak in Europe appears to have been caused by vegetable sprouts grown on an organic farm in Germany, an agriculture official Sunday as the toll climbed to at least 22 dead and more than 2,200 sickened. Preliminary tests found that bean sprouts and other sprout varieties from the farm in the Uelzen area, between the northern cities of Hamburg and Hannover, could be traced to infections in five German states, Lower Saxony Agriculture Minister Gert Lindemann said. "There were more and more indications in the last few hours that put the focus on this farm," Lindemann said. Many restaurants involved in what is now the deadliest known E. coli outbreak in modern history had received deliveries of the sprouts, which are often used in salads, Lindemann spokesman Gert Hahne told The Associated Press. Definitive test results should be available Monday, Lindemann said.

**Bombings Kill 24 In Northwest Pakistan**

ISLAMABAD (AP) — A suicide bomber attacked a bakery in Pakistan's northwest on Sunday, killing 18 people, and another bomb in the volatile region left six others dead. The attacks were the latest in a wave of bloodshed to hit Pakistan since the U.S. raid that killed al-Qaida chief Osama bin Laden. Also Sunday, a Pakistani security official said authorities are nearly certain that a recent U.S. missile strike killed al-Qaida commander Ilyas Kashmiri. The suicide bomber struck the bakery in a neighborhood where army personnel live in the town of Nowshera, police said. At least two soldiers were among the dead. The attacker was a young man carrying around four pounds (eight kilograms) of explosives. The blast caused some gas cylinders in the bakery to explode, leading to a fire that left many of the 40 wounded in serious condition, said Fazal Maula, a police official. Earlier in the day, a bomb exploded at a bus stop in the Matani area of the northwest, killing six people and wounded several others, officials said. It appeared to have been planted at the bus stop, as opposed to a suicide attack.

**Arizona Forest Fire Triggers New Evacuations**

GREER, Ariz. (AP) — New evacuations have been ordered for communities along Arizona's eastern edge as a huge wildfire creeps toward more homes. The Apache County sheriff's office ordered an unknown number of residents along Highway 180 east of Alpine to evacuate their homes Sunday afternoon. The area is very close the border with New Mexico. Alpine has been under mandatory evacuation orders since Thursday night. Fire spokesman Eric Neitzel says the fire is not moving fast but has gotten close enough to the subdivisions to require residents to get out.

**Joplin Tornado Claims Three More Lives**

JOPLIN, Mo. (AP) — Three more people have died from injuries sustained during a massive tornado two weeks ago in Joplin. Officials in Joplin said on the city's website Sunday that the three additional people died recently from their injuries, bringing the total number of fatalities from the EF-5 tornado to 141. The city did not identify the three victims. The city says it plans to host a town hall meeting Monday night at the Taylor Performing Arts Center on the Missouri Southern State University campus. Officials at the meeting are expected to give details on removing debris from the tornado. The May 22 twister demolished about a third of the southwestern Missouri city.

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**HITTING THE ROAD**



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Todd Cameron, from left, Pete Gray and Dave VanLue get ready to head back to LaCanada-Flintridge after having breakfast at Newcomb's Ranch Restaurant and Bar on the Angeles Crest Highway in Chilo, California, in the Angeles National Forest on Saturday. The Angeles Crest Highway was officially reopened on Friday and many took advantage of the open road on Saturday. A seven-mile stretch of the Angeles Crest Highway had been closed since January 2010 because several sections washed away during heavy rains.

**Disastrous Spring Costing Mo. Billions**

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) — First a tornado tore through the St. Louis airport. Then rising waters swamped small towns and flooded miles of fertile farmland along the Mississippi River. Then the nation's deadliest tornado in six decades ripped apart the city of Joplin. Thirty days of destruction in Missouri. Billions of dollars of damage. And it may not be done, as communities along the Missouri River from St. Joseph to St. Louis brace for a new round of flooding. The economic aftershocks of Missouri's spring of disasters may be felt for years, even by many who weren't personally affected by the storms. Insurance premiums are likely to increase for home and vehicle owners. Restaurants and retail shops are likely to see lower sales in southeast Missouri. Utility rates are likely to rise in the southwestern part of the state. And Missouri's budget — already out of balance — now is tens of millions of dollars deeper in the hole, which could lead to more cuts to government services and schools. Missouri may be an extreme example. But it's far from alone in a spring of brutal weather. Tornadoes have wreaked havoc from Alabama to Massachusetts, while floods have inundated states from Montana to Louisiana. The recent Joplin tornado and a series of twisters that ravaged the South in late April caused a combined insurance loss of up to \$8 billion, according to preliminary estimates from Equicat, a firm that analyzes the effect of catastrophes for insurers and government agencies. Even before the recent flooding in the West and upper Midwest, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers said about 6.8 million acres had been flooded this year — an area equivalent to the entire state of Massachusetts.

GREER, Ariz. (AP) — Authorities ordered more eastern Arizona residents to evacuate their homes Sunday as a 225-square-mile blaze that has grown into the third-largest in state history crept toward more buildings. The Apache County sheriff's office told an unknown number of people east of the town of Alpine along U.S. Highway 180 to get out as the forest fire crept closer. Alpine itself has been under mandatory evacuation orders since Thursday night, along with the community of Nutrioso and several lodges and camps in the scenic high country. Subdivisions close to the New Mexico border that were ordered emptied Sunday included Escudilla Mountain Estates, Bonita, Dog Patch, and the H-V Ranch east of Highway 180, fire information officer Eric Neitzel said. People packed up their belongings as smoke covered the mountain vacation towns in a smoky fog, and wind blew smoke from the burning pine forest well into nearby New Mexico and Colorado. Crews have zero containment of the fire, which has been burning for a week. In the vacation town of Greer, which has fewer than 200 year-round residents, many people voluntarily left Saturday. Those who remained, mostly business owners, dealt with haze heavily tinged with smoke. Among them was the owner of the 101-year-old Molly Butler Lodge, who was hauling out his most valuable items. Allan Johnson spent Sunday morning getting antiques, including an 1886 table brought by covered wagon from Utah and a 1928 Oldsmobile the lodge uses for weddings, out of the fire's path. He said he was not taking reservations but was keeping the restaurant open, mainly as a meeting place. Greer is within miles of the fire, which officials expect will grow given a windy forecast and expected dry lightning Sunday and Monday. If the blaze comes within two miles of a containment line nearby, the town will be evacuated.

Winds died down overnight, allowing crews to burn 30 miles of containment lines between active and unburned areas that create a buffer from the most violent wind-driven runs. On Saturday, Gov. Jan Brewer called the blaze "horrific" following an aerial tour and said it was "the likes of a fire of which I have never experienced from the air." In Nutrioso, the blaze came within two miles of homes, and heavy yellowish smoke in Alpine reduced visibility to about a quarter mile. Heavy smoke drifted into northwestern New Mexico towns such as Fence Lake and Zuni Pueblo, said National Weather Service meteorologist Mark Fetting, and it was expected to reach as far north as Gallup. The haze could reach as far as Albuquerque by Monday as winds shift to the east. Spokesman Brad Pitassi said 1,300 firefighters were at the blaze, including some "from Oregon all the way to New York." Since the blaze started May 29, four summer rental cabins have been destroyed, the U.S. Forest Service said. No serious injuries have been reported. The fire is the state's third-largest, behind a 2002 blaze that blackened more than 732 square miles and one in 2005 that burned about 387 square miles in the Phoenix suburb of Cave Creek. The state also was contending with another major wildfire, its fifth-largest, in far southeastern Arizona that threatened a church camp and two communities. Air crews dumped water and retardant near the Methodist church camp Saturday as the 156-square-mile blaze burned around the evacuated camp in the steep Pine Canyon near the community of Paradise. Paradise, as well as East White-tail Canyon, was evacuated in advance and the nearby Chiricahua National Monument was closed as a precaution. Crews set backfires and kept the blaze from about a dozen occupied homes and other vacation residences Saturday.

**OBITUARIES**

**Kathryn Meier**

COLERIDGE, Neb. — Kathryn C. "Kay" Meier, age 97 of Coleridge, Nebraska, died on Thursday, June 2, 2011 at the Park View Haven Nursing Home in Coleridge. Mass of Christian Burial will be on Tuesday, June 7, 2011 at 10:30 a.m. at the St. Michael's Catholic Church in Coleridge with Rev. Jeffery Loseke officiating. Burial will be in the St. Michael's Cemetery in Coleridge. Visitation will be from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. with a Vigil Service at 7:00 p.m. on Monday at the Wintz Funeral Home in Coleridge. Visitation will begin one hour prior to services on Tuesday at the church. Kay was born on June 13, 1913 at Osmond, Nebraska to Peter and Mary (Wurdinger) Hoffman. She grew up in Osmond and graduated from Osmond High School in 1931. She graduated from Wayne State College in 1933 and then taught elementary school at



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Osmond, Plainview, South Sioux City, Belden and Coleridge. She retired from teaching in 1982. Kay married Fred A. Meier on June 3, 1942 at Denver, Colorado. After their marriage they made their home in Coleridge. In 2005 Kay moved to the Embers Assisted Living in Coleridge and became a resident of Park View Haven Nursing Home in June of 2010. Kay was a member of the St. Michael's Catholic Church and Altar Society. She was a former member of a women's study club, the St. Gerard's Discussion Club, the Nebraska Education Association and the Ridgeview Manor Housing Authority Board. She loved to travel with her family and spend time with her friends and grandchildren. She enjoyed fishing, baking and especially loved to watch her beloved

Cornhuskers play football. Kay is survived by 2 sons and their wives, Gary and Rosemary Meier of Baton Rouge, Louisiana; Greg and Martha Meier of Coleridge, 5 grandchildren, John and Beth Meier, Peter and Vanna Meier, Joe and Monica Meier, Katie Meier, Jackie Meier and 8 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Fred, on December 6, 1982 at the age of 73, a grandson, Tim Meier, 5 brothers, Tony, Arley, John, Walt and Ed Hoffman, 3 sisters, Ann Stamm, Martha Collins and Teresa Schmitz. Yankton Press & Dakotan June 6, 2011

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**Mary Slowey**

Mary Evelyn Slowey, age 91 of Yankton passed away Saturday, June 4, 2011 at the Avera Sister James Care Center, Yankton, SD. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 7, 2011 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Yankton, SD with Rev. Dan Smith officiating. Burial will be in the Garden of Memories. Visitations will be from 4-9 p.m. Monday, June 6, 2011 at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton with a 7:00 p.m. rosary followed by a 7:30 p.m. Scripture service. Mary Evelyn was born on April 13, 1920 to Matt and Minnie (Erickson) Nooney near Irene, SD. On April 6, 1942, she was united in marriage to Leon Slowey at St. Columba Catholic Church in Mayfield, SD. They farmed in the Mayfield area until 1968, when they moved into Yankton. She was employed at Gurneys for a short time, and then worked with Leon at Mount Marty College until 1982. She then worked part time at the Library



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Restaurant. She was a member of St. Columba Catholic Church and the Altar Society and while in Yankton she was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Those who will cherish her memory are her son, Gary (Yvonne) Slowey of Yankton, SD; daughters: Judy Jensen of Irene, SD and Mary (Leslie) Marek of Yankton, SD; 8 grandchildren; 16 great grandchildren and one great great grandchild. She was preceded in death by her husband, Leon in 1985, her parents and three brothers: Joe, Tom, and Bob Nooney and son-in-law, Duane Jensen. Yankton Press & Dakotan June 6, 2011

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**Thomas Hummel**

SIoux FALLS — Thomas Junior Hummel, 81, died Thursday, June 2, 2011, at the Sioux Falls VA Medical Hospital. Memorial service are at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at United Parish. Burial of ashes will take place at 1 p.m. Tuesday in Westfield Cemetery in

Westfield, Iowa. Military graveside services will be conducted by the Elk Point VFW Post No. 915 and Elk Point American Legion. Visitation is 5-7 p.m. today (Monday) at Kober Funeral Home, Elk Point. A prayer service will begin at 7 p.m. followed by Masonic Lodge, Eastern Star and Odd Fellows rites.

**Mylo Preheim**

FREEMAN — Mylo Preheim, 95, of Freeman and formerly of Parker, died Saturday, June 4, 2011, at Oakview Terrace, Freeman. Further arrangements are pending with Walter Funeral Home, Freeman.

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