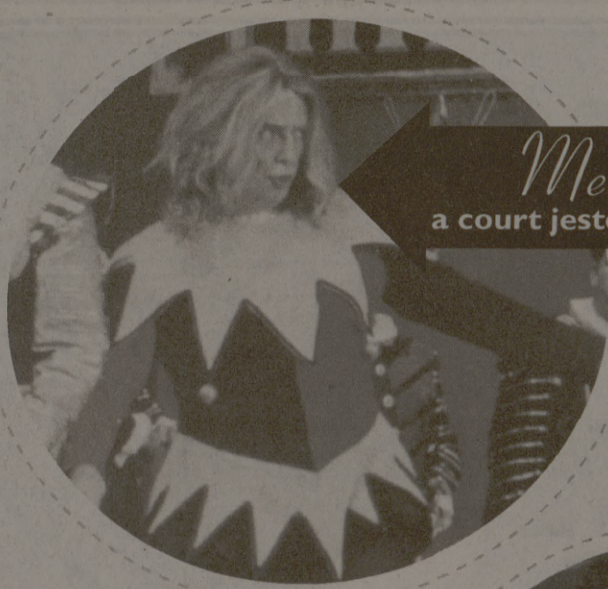


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Thursday, October 2, 2003

Silo explosion at Ohio lumber company kills two firefighters

By James Hannah
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW KNOXVILLE, Ohio — An explosion blew the top off a burning silo Wednesday, killing two firefighters who were trying to prevent the blast and injuring nine other people, authorities said.

The explosion sent chunks of the 75-foot-high concrete structure flying into a cemetery 100 yards away.

"It sounded like somebody had dropped a boulder or something on our home," said Nancy Buscher, 51, who lives several houses away from the Hoge Lumber Co.

New Knoxville Fire Chief Scott Schroer said firefighters had been trying to hose down the silo, which was filled with wood shavings and sawdust, for about two hours when the structure exploded about 9 a.m.

The two firefighters who died were believed to have been on top of the silo or in an aerial bucket, Schroer said.

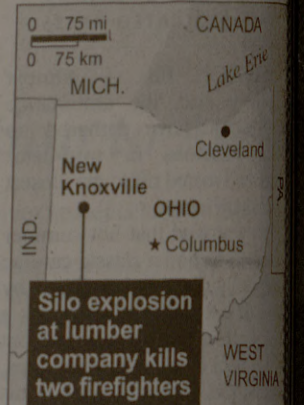
Kenneth Jutte, a firefighter for 18 years, was pronounced dead less than an hour after the explosion. John Garman, a 10-year veteran, died two hours later at St. Rita's Medical Center in Lima.

Schroer did not know the conditions of the nine injured people, or how many were firefighters or Hoge employees.

A woman who answered the telephone at the lumber yard said no one was available to talk. "We're keeping our lines open for emergencies," she said before hanging up.

Clark Froning, a co-owner of Hoge Lumber, would not comment on what might have caused the blast.

Hoge, a family-owned lumber company, touts itself as the



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SOURCES: ESRI; USGS; Associated Press

world's largest maker of wood bowling lanes.

Wood chips and other byproducts are fed into its generator, which supplies power to the plant and to New Knoxville, a village of about 900 people about 50 miles north of Dayton.

Study: Roving animals less likely to thrive in captivity

By Alicia Chang
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Animals that roam widely in the wild fare poorly when they are caged in zoos, according to a new study that calls for an overhaul of the way such animals are kept.

In captivity, nomadic animals like polar bears have a higher infant mortality rate and show more abnormal behavior than naturally sedentary animals do, according to British researchers who analyzed 40 years of scientific data.

The problem is so widespread worldwide that most zoos need to improve their confinement conditions by

building larger, more complex exhibits for roving animals, said Georgia Mason, an Oxford University zoologist and the study's lead author.

Alternatively, zoos could phase out roaming animals.

Zookeepers have long known that confining wide-ranging animals can disrupt their natural lifestyle.

The study, published in Thursday's issue of the journal Nature, was partly funded by the Universities Federation for Animal Welfare and six British zoos including those in Bristol and Edinburgh.

Zoos, particularly those in North America, have taken steps in the last few years to build

more natural, spacious habitats, said Michael Hutchins, director of conservation for the American Zoo and Aquarium Association, who was not part of the study.

Zoos now give animals variety in their enclosures such as borders for them to patrol and structures for them to climb, he said.

The British researchers studied 35 captive species and compiled data on infant mortality and on which animals paced back and forth more than 1,000 scientific articles published since the 1960s. Pacing is usually a sign that zoo animals lack stimulation in their enclosures.

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