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## U.S. implementing Salvador plan

By JOHN E. NEWHAGEN  
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SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (UPI) — The United States is implementing a "military and economic security plan" to restore control over and repopulate areas of El Salvador overrun by leftist guerrillas, a U.S. official said Saturday.

The military aspect is the "first, hardest and most important" section of the scheme to wipe out guerrillas in Usulután and San Vicente provinces, two rich farming zones where guerrillas are able to strike at will, the official said.

Asked specifically if the program was designed after the U.S. Civil Operations and Revolutionary Development Support program used in the Vietnam War, the source said he would "discount it as a major policy change."

Newsweek magazine also reported Washington hopes to eradicate the guerrillas' stronghold on the two provinces, but said a more ambitious "grass-roots" effort styled after the Vietnam-era CORDS program would be used.

"Search and destroy" missions will wipe out leftist guerrilla opposition by June, Newsweek said. A "pacification" program of social and economic reform will follow, combined with

the formation of local militias, the magazine said.

The U.S. official in San Salvador, who asked not to be identified, said U.S. and Salvadoran officials are working to "integrate a military and economic security plan" that will be implemented this year.

He said a "logical outgrowth" of the military plan will be the repopulation of hamlets and medium-sized cities that have been abandoned for more secure zones by civilians who have fled violence in the countryside.

He said the plan will "pick out areas most economically and strategically important and keep them in the best shape."

The announcement of the program came one week after Provisional President Alvaro Magana announced plans to hold presidential elections before 1984.

President Reagan Thursday proposed \$110 million in emergency military aid to El Salvador for 1983 to stem the spread of communism in Central America.

Thomas Enders, assistant secretary of state of Inter-American Affairs, in a Cable News Network interview said increased U.S. aid to El Salvador would not lead to a Vietnam-type American involvement in the Central American nation.

Asked how the plans for El Salvador were

different from those used in Vietnam, he said, "Because these political and economic measures are going to win down there."

In another development, the U.S. Embassy said it wanted "to see justice done" in the case of three Salvadoran soldiers arrested in the shooting death of a young American tourist.

Military officials confirmed three soldiers from a garrison in northeastern Morazan province had been jailed in the Oct. 31 killing of Michael Kline, 21, an American whose mother lives in West Germany and whose father lives in Chicago. Kline was riding a bus in eastern El Salvador when he was killed.

## Reagan comes down on education, 'leaks'

Lie detector order called a civil liberties issue

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Reagan's new directive to plug the leaks of classified information raises serious civil liberties concerns and "smacks of a government that just bullies its people," critics said Saturday.

Rep. Don Edwards, D-Calif., said the administration order requiring federal employees with security clearances to submit to lie detector tests in a leak investigation has "a totalitarian ring to it."

Edwards said the House civil and constitutional rights subcommittee,

which he chairs, will hold hearings. Reagan, increasingly annoyed over leaks of classified information to the media and others, issued the order Friday. It establishes for the first time a "standard policy on using lie detector tests."

The order requires all federal agencies to amend their policies to allow polygraph tests and warns that workers who refuse to take a test, if requested, may be subject to "adverse consequences."

In the past, federal employees could take a lie detector test voluntarily but

were not penalized if they refused.

In addition, more federal employees having access to ultra-sensitive classified material now must promise to submit manuscripts to the government for review before publication.

"Safeguarding against unlawful disclosures of properly classified information is a matter of grave concern and high priority for this administration," Reagan said in the directive affecting hundreds of thousands of federal workers.

'Learning love affair soured,' says President

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Reagan charged Saturday the Department of Education had soured the nation's "love affair with learning" and should be abolished in favor of a return to the basic elements of education.

Reagan also urged Congress to approve a school prayer constitutional amendment and enact tax credits for private and parochial school students.

"It's time to face the truth. Advocates of more and more government interference in education

have had ample time to make their case and they've failed," Reagan said in his weekly radio address, made from the presidential retreat at Camp David, Md.

"Look at the record. Federal spending on education soared eightfold in the last 20 years, rising much faster than inflation. But during the same period, scholastic aptitude test scores went down, and down and down."

Reagan said permitting prayer in public classrooms would be "welcoming God back in our schools."

Reagan said his tuition tax credit proposal "will soften the double-payment burden for those paying public school taxes and independent or parochial school tuition. This proposal will help those who need help the most, low and middle income families."

In the Democratic response to the president's speech, Rep. Harold Washington, D-Ill., said it is "misleading" for Reagan to talk about beefing up education when he has proposed funding cuts each year since he took office.

## Locker rooms get a bit overcrowded during peak times

By HARRIET GUTHERTZ  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — After 30 years of pounding from the feet of thousands of sneaker-shod teenagers, the hardwood floor of the Twin Falls High School gym remains unscarred. The locker rooms, however, have not fared as well.

The paint on the lockers is chipped, and the warped doors look as if they have been kicked repeatedly.

Each class period, more than 30 girls must change into their sweatsuits in an 80-by-20-foot room. Some must share lockers. The boys have to switch into gym shorts in a 55-by-50-foot space.

Out on the gym floor, more than 60 male and female students play volleyball at one time. Students have to wait for a space in the weight room, and wrestlers have to work out in a cold mat room.

Gym classes, intramural events and varsity sports keep the building full from 8 a.m. into the late evening, every week of the school year, says Duke Wiseman, the high school

athletic director.

Although many improvements and additions have been made to the high school over the years, the gym has not been touched. It was built for team sports — not for intensive use as a classroom, Wiseman says.

In 1953, when the present facility was built, athletics primarily were for boys. But since then, there has been a growing interest among girls in physical education and team sports. Federal regulations require equal access for participants.

Approximately 400 students take physical education as an elective.

"The gym itself is a fine facility, but there isn't enough of it," says Frank Charlton, the high school principal.

Thirty years ago, people wanted a spectator gym, says Jerry Kleinkopf, a physical education instructor. It is still a good spectator gym, but it is not up to present-day demands, he says.

To remedy the problem, the school board has proposed a \$1 million expansion and renovation project.

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Twin Falls photo by MARY A. SCHWARTZ

With more emphasis on intramural sports in their curriculum, Twin Falls High School does not have adequate facilities

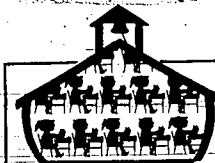
## School, gym project may go as package deal on ballot

By HARRIET GUTHERTZ  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — When Twin Falls residents go to the polls April 19 to vote on the \$4 million school bond issue, they probably will have to accept or reject plans for a new elementary school and a high school gym as a package.

School board members originally thought of splitting the projects, but they apparently have decided against that option.

Because the need for an elementary school is easier for the public to grasp than the need for a gym, the board is afraid that separating the two might confer "second-class" status on the gym proposal, according to two board members, who asked not to be named.



**Crowded Schools**  
Twin Falls seeks an answer

Editor's note: On April 19, Twin Falls residents will go to the polls to decide the fate of a \$4 million bond issue for the Twin Falls schools. In the two articles below, the third in a

weekly series, Times-News staff writer Harriet Guthertz takes a look at the issues surrounding the need for a new gym at the high school.

But the risk is that if voters perceive the gym as a luxury that could be postponed until the economy recovers, the whole bond issue may fail.

In that case, school officials could try another bond election in six months, with the issues presented separately, or propose only of the two.

Although the board is hoping that the need for an elementary school will carry the gym proposal, Richard Ryall, a former Twin Falls school board member who supports both projects, says the gym might also carry the school.

Edaine Crissman, the president of the Harrison Elementary Parent-Teacher Organization, says that young parents often do not realize that their children will end up at the high school eventually.

"If they were well-informed, they would realize that we need both," she says.

Dave Nelson, a pharmacist and bicycling enthusiast, also supports both projects.

"I'm a lifetime sports advocate. Team sports leave out a lot of people," he says.

Whether the bond issue is split or not, school officials will have to work

hard to pass the bond issue. A majority is needed to win a bond issue election, and few school districts have been able to jump that hurdle in recent years.

Voters in the Kimberly, Piler, Jerome, Castleford, Cassia and Minidoka school districts voted down school bond proposals last year. Bond issues in the McCall, Middleton and Meridian districts also have failed recently.

The key to getting a bond issue passed these days is to include only what is absolutely necessary, says Jerry Callen, a former member of the Jerome school board.

"People have to see a severe need before they will approve a bond," says Gus Hein, the Meridian School District superintendent.

But school boards go for what they need and find it hard to split proposals, says Edward Schenk, the

superintendent. Castleford residents rejected a bond issue for a new high school and vocational building in October. According to local opinion, the high school part of the package caused the levy to fail.

In Jerome, voters twice have rejected a bond issue that would have provided for an elementary school and an addition to the high school shop. Callen thinks they may have failed because of the shop addition.

In Meridian, a dissident school board member campaigned against a new high school. He thought an addition to the old high school would be adequate, Hein says. The bond issue lost by 85 votes in November.

Twin Falls school officials, however, are optimistic.

"Whether they pass together or separately, both projects are necessary," Ryall says.

# Briefly

## Carter's motorcade stoned

Palestinians on the Israel-occupied West Bank hurled stones at the motorcade of former President Jimmy Carter Saturday and protests against his private visit to Israel left five people injured.

Carter's limousine had long passed through the center of the West Bank town of Ramallah when Palestinian youths aimed rocks at the last vehicles in his motorcade.

The stones fell harmlessly, while Carter's vehicle was at least a half-mile ahead.

Israeli soldiers quickly chased off the stone throwers. After the Carter party had passed through the town, protesters were dispersed with tear gas and water cannons. Israeli radio said two policemen were injured.

## Sixth bank closed

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif. (UPI) — Federal regulators who closed the sixth bank to fail this year — a bank that aspired to serve the wealthy — said it will reopen Monday as a branch of the Trans America National Bank of Monterey Park.

Federal authorities took over the 3-year-old Newport Harbor National Bank after closing hours Friday because of serious loan losses.

It was the sixth bank failure in the United States and the second in California this year. American City Bank, based in Century City, was closed by state banking officials Feb. 25.

## Nothing new in fires

PUEBLO, Colo. (UPI) — Authorities were questioning 11 people Saturday for leads on the "denied, angry or flat-out mean" arsonist who touched off six fires at a university dormitory, injuring 32 students and an ambulance attendant.

Fear spread among the fewer than 100 students who stayed on at the Belmont Residence Hall at the University of Southern Colorado for the weekend. Normally 525 students are housed in the building.

Security was increased at the residence hall and authorities reported "absolutely nothing new" in their investigation.

## Texaco denies contact

BOGOTA, Colombia (UPI) — Texaco Saturday denied reports that a mysterious overflight group had demanded a \$50 million ransom or even contacted them about kidnapping American oil executive Kenneth Bishop.

"We haven't even received a single telephone call from the kidnappers, nor has the family," a Texaco spokesman said about the gunmen who seized the Huntington Park, Calif., native Monday.

"If the group is going to make demands, as press reports indicate, they had better hurry up because we are completely in the dark," the spokesman said.

The Peoples Revolutionary Organization, in an announcement Wednesday, gave the company until March 29 to comply with a list of undisclosed demands saying Bishop would be "executed" otherwise.

## Intense search under way

FORT MYERS, Fla. (UPI) — An intense air-sea search was under way Saturday for eight people, including four children, who climbed into a small life raft when their 45-foot yacht split open in the stormy Gulf of Mexico.

The search was centered about 45 miles southwest of Fort Myers, the last known position of the yacht "Misty Blue."

Names of those aboard were not known, and no signs of the vessel or the raft had been found by Saturday night when the air search was called off.

"We have really banged our faces against the wall, but come up with nothing," said Coast Guard spokesman James Sadder. "But there's always a chance."

## 'Bo' Gritz comes home

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — Former Gene Bellet James "Bo" Gritz returned home Saturday from his command foray to hunt for missing Americans in Indochina and was quickly whisked away for questioning by the FBI.

Gritz, asked to remain seated until authorities came aboard his commercial flight to escort him off, was questioned for about three and a half hours at Los Angeles International Airport.

"He was never in custody, he was never under arrest," Fred Reagan, an FBI spokesman, said Saturday night. "There are no federal charges pending against him."

Gritz, 44, a retired Army colonel, and his four-member team left Thailand Friday under a suspended sentence for possessing illegal road gear. The five left via Bangkok and Tokyo for Los Angeles and arrived on a Pan American flight Saturday shortly after 11 a.m. PST.

## Six rescued from sea

DUTCH HARBOR, Alaska (UPI) — The crew of a capsized crab boat — five men and a woman — spent three hours bobbing in 12-foot waves lashed by gale-force winds in the frigid Bering Sea before being rescued by another fishing vessel.



Overcrowding and an inadequate number of lockers are two of the problems facing students

# Gym

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The \$4 million bond issue that will be voted on April 19 also includes \$3 million for an elementary school, to built on a site near Robert Stuart Junior High School. Design West, a Boise-based architectural firm, would draw the plans for both projects.

The possibility of expanding the gym was first raised 10 years ago, and school officials even drew plans for it. But the project was postponed in favor of remodeling the library and science classrooms.

Both school officials and a citizens committee, which studied the district's building needs last year, have identified the gym as the high school's top priority now.

not stressed, says Kathleen Anderson, a physical-education teacher. Almost everything is done on a coed basis, and participation has been better because of it, she says.

Ideally, Anderson would like to include units in swimming and racquetball, but the necessary pool and courts have not been included in the proposal because of financial limitations.

Because a pool is expensive to maintain, Wiseman does not think it would be economically feasible to operate one in a high school. Instead, he suggests a cooperative effort between the city, CSI and the high school.

If the pool were located at CSI, the expertise needed to maintain it properly would be available, he says. Work-study students also could be used to cut down on staffing costs, he says.

Even if a pool were to be built at the high school, the gym still would be necessary, Wiseman says. "It's a needed classroom."

If the gym is not built, the school would have to meet the state's new physical-education requirement on a piecemeal basis, he says. That would mean more students in a class and more time spent as an observer, rather than as a participant, he says.

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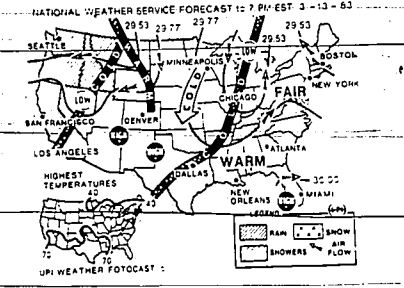
## Afternoon showers most likely

Twin Falls, Burley-Rupert, Jerome-Gooding areas:  
Occasional showers increasing by afternoon. Southerly winds 12 to 25 mph today and tonight. Scattered showers and cooler on Monday. Highs today 50 to 55, lows mid 30s.

Camas Prairie, Halley, Wood River valley:  
Occasional rain or snow, and windy. Snow level 5,000 to 6,000 feet. Scattered showers and cooler tonight and Monday. Highs upper 30s to mid 40s, lows in the 20s.

Northern Nevada and Utah:  
Rain is likely in northern Nevada today and tonight. Utah also shows increasing moisture.

Systems:  
To sum up the picture, cloudy, windy and wet weather are on tap for both today and Monday.



Pacific Monday systems will continue to invade Idaho: One such frontal system passed through the state Saturday. Another, and still stronger, is expected late today and tonight. This latter system will bring cooler air and light to moderate precipitation tonight and Monday.

Saturday's system brought very light precipitation to Idaho. Boise received .03 of an inch. Very light showers were reported across the Magic and upper Snake River valleys and in the panhandle. Reports of very light snow were received from the central mountains.

Moister Nature left a reminder Friday night that spring is still a little over a week away. Low temperatures dipped into the mid 20s to mid 30s in the valleys, and into the teens and sub-teens in the mountains.

Stanley had the state's lowest temperature of 17 degrees early Saturday morning.

Other cold spots were Burley at 23 degrees and Malad at 24. High for the state Saturday was Malad with 55 degrees.

Elsewhere in the nation, Lake Havasu, Ariz., had the high of 85 degrees.

greas, while the low of 3 was recorded at Marquette, Mich.

### Idaho road report

United Press International

Roads throughout most of the state were generally bare or wet Saturday night with icy spots lingering at a few areas with higher elevations. This road-by-road report was furnished by the Idaho Transportation Department and the Department of Law Enforcement.

U.S.95 — Oregon line to New Meadows, wet. White Bird Hill to Coeur d'Alene, wet and raining. Coeur d'Alene to Bonners Ferry, wet.

S.H.55 — Boise to Horseshoe Bend, bare. Cascade to McCall, wet to icy spots and snowing. McCall to New Meadows, wet and raining.

I-90 — 4th of July Canyon and Lookout Pass, wet and raining.

U.S.12 — Lewiston to Tolo Pass, wet and raining.

S.H.21 — Boise to Idaho City, wet. Idaho City to Lawman, icy spots, broken snow—floe—and snowing. Lowman to Stanley, closed for the winter from Grandjean to Stanley.

1-94 — Caldwell to Boise, bare. Boise to Mountain Home, wet. Mountain Home to the Utah line, bare.

U.S.20 — Mountain Home to Fairfield, bare. Fairfield to Carey, icy spots. Carey to Arco, icy spots to icy spots. Arco to the Montana line, bare.

U.S.33 — Nevada line to Twif Falls, bare. Twif Falls to Arco, icy spots. Arco to Salmon, bare. Lost Trail Pass, bare to icy spots.

S.H.75 — Shoshone to Ketchum, wet. Galena Summit to Stanley, wet to snow floor.

S.H.33 — Mountain Home to the Nevada line, icy spots.

1-96 — Raft River to American Falls, bare.

1-15 Utah line to Mondia Pass, bare.

U.S.30 — Soda Springs to Montpellier, bare to icy spots. Montpellier to the Wyoming line, bare.

S.H.46 — Fairfield to Gooding, closed due to wash-out.

### National

City	High	Low	City	High	Low
Kansas City	40	23	Portland, Ore.	63	46
Albuquerque	70	37	St. Louis	51	30
Atlanta	68	34	Salt Lake City	62	30
Boston	42	31	San Francisco	56	32
Chicago	45	16	Seattle	52	44
Dallas	63	35	Spokane	47	35
Denver	63	36	Washington	48	40
Des Moines	42	21	Idaho Falls	49	31
Honolulu	81	70	Lewiston	49	25
Houston	68	37	McCall	35	24
Indianapolis	38	21	Postville	54	31
			Salmon	51	33

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"Teaching physical education is every bit as important as teaching science and computers," he says. The object is to give students a well-rounded education.

Original plans called for a 20,000-square-foot gym, with separate rooms for weightlifting, wrestling and exercise machines for handicapped students. However, Clyde Weber of Design West says the gym might have to be scaled down to about 15,000 square feet to fit the budget.

School officials stress that the gym would be used to teach "lifetime sports," and would not be used for competitive events.

Lifetime sports is a term used to describe a physical-education curriculum that stresses jogging, swimming, tennis, racketball and conditioning, rather than competitive team sports. The concept was introduced in the early '70s, and it has been used at the high school for eight years.

In using the lifetime-sports concept, students still play basketball, volleyball and football, but drills are

## Almanac

By United Press International

Today is Sunday, March 13, the 72nd day of 1983 with 293 to follow. The moon is approaching its new phase.

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# Blacks map ways to defeat Reagan

ATLANTA (UPI) — About 30 of the nation's black leaders met secretly at an Atlanta airport office Saturday to map ways of defeating Ronald Reagan in 1984 and to discuss fielding a black candidate in the next presidential election.

The meeting, which brought together "three of the nation's most prominent black mayors, two black congressmen and religious and civil rights leaders" got under way at 7:30 p.m. EST Friday and lasted until 3 a.m. Saturday.

One of those who attended, the Rev. Joseph Lowery of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, said the meeting was made "absolutely neces-

sary" by the silence of announced candidates on issues affecting blacks and by the Reagan administration's policies toward black Americans.

In an interview Saturday afternoon, Lowery said the group would develop a platform on employment, health care, defense spending, education, housing and civil and human rights.

"For the next two days to seven weeks, we'll be pulling people from across the country" to discuss the platform. Then we'll distribute it to all candidates and party leaders," he said.

Lowery said the group would consider supporting a candidate who addresses the platform and if no one

responds, the group will consider choosing a black candidate of its own. "We are determined not to be ignored. The Democratic Party knows we're serious," he said.

There has been speculation Operation PUSH President Jesse Jackson might launch his own presidential campaign soon, but no decision was made on whether the leaders would join in backing that effort.

"I'm open to Lowery; those attending the meeting included Atlanta Mayor Andrew Young; Gary, Ind., Mayor Richard Hatcher; Washington, D.C., Mayor Marion Barry; Washington, D.C., congressional delegate Walter Fauntroy and Rep.

Mickey Land of Houston, Texas, and Rep. William Gray of Philadelphia.

Also in attendance was Coretta Scott King, wife of slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr.

"We gathered to insure as best we can that black Americans are equipped in 1984 to defeat Reagan and to elect a successor who is committed to redressing historical wrongs a successor who places human needs first on the American agenda — and reversing the erosion of our civil rights," said Lowery.

He said the group set as goals increasing black voter registration and increasing the number of black delegates to party conventions.

# Decline reported in toxic enforcement

WASHINGTON (UPI) — There has been a sharp decline under the Reagan Justice Department in civil prosecutions for violations of environmental laws — especially those on toxic waste, a House subcommittee said Saturday.

"The civil enforcement process at Justice in the hazardous waste area appears to have ground virtually to a halt," said a report by the House Energy and Commerce subcommittee on oversight and investigations, chaired by Rep. John Dingell, D-Mich.

A "dramatic disparity ... has arisen

during the last two years" between the number of cases of all kinds referred by the Environmental Protection Agency and those filed by the Justice Department, the analysis said. It said "EPA officials have expressed concern" about the disparity.

During the 1980 fiscal year, under the Carter administration, the Justice Department prosecuted 83 percent of the cases EPA referred. That figure dropped to 13 percent in 1982, and 14 percent in 1983 so far, the analysis said.

The report said "the disparity is

even more pronounced" in Superfund cases — those in which companies are required to pay for cleanup of toxic waste dumps they created. Of 16 Superfund cases EPA referred for prosecution in 1982 and 1983, only one has been pursued by Justice to date, the analysis said.

EPA Administrator Anne Burford, facing investigations by six congressional subcommittees and the FBI of alleged political favoritism and mismanagement in the Superfund program, resigned Wednesday.

The EPA, established in 1970, cannot pursue its own cases, but must

refer them to the Justice Department for prosecution. Congressional critics charge the Justice Department is dragging its heels.

Last month, Sen. Daniel Moynihan and Rep. James Scheuer, New York Democrats, introduced legislation to replace EPA with a congressionally authorized, independent Environmental Protection Commission that would have the power to control its own litigation and represent itself in court.

The law allows EPA to represent itself if Justice does not act within 150 days.

# Gas price drop may cause third crisis

DETROIT (UPI) — The nationwide drop in gasoline prices may result in the auto industry's third crisis in a decade, but this time the move will be not toward abundant fuel efficient models but to now-scarce large cars.

The conflict within OPEC that has driven down gasoline prices to near \$1 a gallon comes just when the Big Three automakers have invested \$10 billion to revamp plants for production of small, fuel efficient cars.

Even before the latest drop in fuel

prices, General Motors Corp. and Ford Motor Co. said popularity of large cars in the past year would create problems in meeting 1983 federal Corporate Average Fuel Economy standard of 26 miles per gallon.

Ironically, the firms traditionally have made more money on full sized models than on the smaller cars, which is one reason Detroit was reluctant in the mid-1970s after the Arab Oil Embargo to build too many

compacts.

Following the second oil crisis in 1979, the auto companies reacted by closing plants and curbing large car production.

"They thought gas prices would hit at least \$2 a gallon in 1981. But it never reached that level and began falling in 1982.

Now, prices have fallen as much as 20 cents a gallon in recent months in what Chase Econometrics calls "Energy Shock III." It is just as

unexpected and may have as severe an effect on the auto industry as the energy shortages, Chase says.

Last year, big car sales jumped to 11.6 percent of the market from 10.4 percent the year before.

"There is no doubt in my mind whatsoever that the decline in fuel prices will accentuate an already beginning movement, a moderate movement back to large cars," said Ford analyst L. Raymond Windecker.

# Researchers study quiet Kilauea

VOLCANO, Hawaii (UPI) — U.S. Geological Survey scientists, using Kilauea Volcano's one-week lull to study their data, are trying to figure out what one of the most active volcanoes in the world will do next.

Kilauea has withheld its molten fireworks display for more than a week, giving scientists time to see what they can learn from one of the world's most active volcanoes.

Underground tremors are continuing and the volcano remains unstable, they said, but scientists would not speculate on when any further eruptions would occur and whether they would be from the flank or the summit.

The latest off-and-on eruption on

Kilauea's east slope began Jan. 3 and reached a spectacular climax three months later when a river of molten lava fed by several days of foaming, crushed two homes in a housing area, 4 1/2 miles downslope. No one was injured.

The eruption made the largest of the Hawaiian Islands even bigger.

Scientists estimate the eruption so far has poured out 16-million to 20-million cubic meters of new rock. It created a new lava dome about 75 feet high, crowned with a line of steep-sided cones. The river of lava leading away from it is now jet black and hardening.

Robert Decker, in charge at the

USGS's Hawaiian Volcano Observatory, said scientists found it odd that Kilauea seemed to have saved its best for last, erupting most vigorously from Feb. 25 to March 4. Also curious, he said, was the fairly constant rate of molten rock that trickled down from higher within the mountain.

The relative slowness of this process, Decker said, may mean that much of the eruption is being fueled by huge quantities of magma that moved into the rift zone without ever erupting on the surface. "We find this eruption had many similarities to the 1977 eruption in that the last phase was larger than the first ones, he said.

# Witnesses tell of brutality

DALLAS (UPI) — Nov. 8, 1980, dawned with policeman Gregory Neupert bleeding to death in a ditch in the Algiers section of New Orleans. By nightfall, word was out in the mostly black neighborhood to stay off the streets.

Eleven witnesses told an all-white federal court jury in the first week of a trial for seven white New Orleans policemen that at least three innocent citizens were beaten by officers trying to find their comrade's killer.

The officers are charged with conspiracy and violating the Civil Rights Act.

Clarence Green, 31, Ervin Hughes, 31, and his brother, Raymond, 24, all said the police sweep made staying off the streets sensible. Still, the witnesses testified, they were taken into custody and "brutalized" at police headquarters for several hours.

Robert Davis and Johnny Brownlee, also named as victims in the five-count indictment, will testify next week.

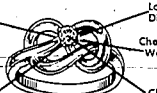
All five men have filed civil suits against the city, police department and various individuals.

Prosecution witness is Oris Buckner, 31, who at the time was the department's only black homicide detective. He testified under immunity that he participated in several beatings.

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### Use valley fairs to check on health

Last year at this time, hundreds of Magic Valley residents flocked to the Twin Falls Health Fair to get information on good health, and not incidentally, to go through low-cost, thorough health checkups.

The fair is being repeated this year, sponsored by the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, CSI and various civic groups, and similar fairs will be held elsewhere in the valley, between next week and early April.

We think they provide residents with an excellent opportunity to practice some preventive medicine at a modest cost, and we urge residents to attend them.

Most of the fairs focus on preventing health problems from developing. For example, the Twin Falls fair, March 25 and 26, will offer computer diet analyses, weight screenings, and tests for vision, blood pressure, glucaemia, pulmonary functions and anemia.

For the modest cost of \$10 — try duplicating that in a hospital or at a doctor's office — a comprehensive blood test is available, screening for diabetes, kidney and liver disease, gout and cholesterol.

There is a good deal of developing interest in preventive medicine in America these days, and for good reason. Most of us are aware that diet, exercise and regular health checkups can go a long way toward preventing serious diseases or catching potential problems early enough to nip them.

But for lots of reasons — some related to lifestyle and others to will power — we don't do as well in watching our health as we all could. The various health fairs in the valley this month give us all an opportunity to do better. So check the dates given in last Friday's Times-News, pick a fair and plan to go.



## Legislative tax jam will break soon



Bruce Hammond

Momentum finally is starting to build within the Legislature. After two months of false direction and reverse plays, things are starting to break loose.

The key, of course, is the 1984 budget for next year's schools and state agencies. Once lawmakers get a consensus on how much money that will involve, budgets can be set and tax-increase bills can be passed.

And Idahoans should be warned — much of next year's picture is dependent on raising revenue via new or expanded tax packages.

All sorts of proposals are floating around the Capitol for raising taxes, so that the state budget can be increased from today's estimated \$413 million to somewhere in the neighborhood of \$440 million to \$450 million.

The prime concern here is for public-school funding — or the lack of it.

At the \$413-million level, a \$195 million public-school appropriation is likely. Locally, that would mean an \$800,000 cut to Twin Falls schools and even a \$33,000 cut for the tiny Bliss School District.

Several vocal lawmakers, including Reps. Lawrence Knigge, R-Filer, and Dan Kelly, R-Mountain Home, are arguing that school funding must be maintained at least at this year's level of \$215 million. The problem is how to do it.

Among the tax options being considered:

- Expanding the state sales tax to include services as well as materials, to bring in an additional \$28 million.
- Increasing personal- and corporate-income

taxes, to raise about \$22 million.

- Repealing or limiting recently passed business tax incentives, to save the state anywhere from \$8 million to \$19 million.

Proposals also are being discussed to hike the sales tax another one cent. But instead of implementing it as a temporary increase, these calls are for a permanent tax increase.

This latter option is the one most frequently suggested by Magic Valley educators and businessmen. They say if a tax increase is necessary to maintain schools at current levels, then legislators should use a broad-based tax like the sales tax.

But so far, legislators have shied away from these proposals.

Primarily, they fear strapping some businesses that cannot pass a sales-tax increase along to consumers.

Reluctance also comes from the fact that lawmakers just passed a temporary one-cent sales-tax increase to balance this year's budget.

So instead, they are seeking more innovative ways of wringing extra tax from the present system.

Certainly, the climate for passing some tax

increase is right — even though Republican caucuses in the House and Senate have been torn on just how to do it.

One indicator was seen last week, when the House narrowly passed the three-cent gas-tax increase. Some lawmakers speculate that the Legislature had to get its feet wet on such a necessary bill, before moving on to other types of tax bills.

In part, this is due to the fact that so many legislators ran re-election campaigns last year on promises of "no tax increases."

But faced with the possibility of triggering property-tax increases to balance the state budget, most legislators slowly are coming around to considering alternative tax hikes.

Since the passage of the gas-tax bill last week — and the renewed debate of other tax increases in the House Revenue and Taxation Committee — the scene appears to be opening up, so legislators can set budgets and try to go home.

After weeks of going to push through the \$413 million package, only to have it recalled, any forward motion can be considered a breath of fresh air.

Last week may have marked the start of the homestretch for this session. But the move is so late that budget-setting surely will continue into April, thereby constituting one of the longest sessions in Idaho history.

Bruce Hammond covers politics and state government for The Times-News.

## Hansen says tips tax should be repealed

To the editor:

Your editorial of March 4 about the withholding of the 8 percent of waiters and waitresses' tip income seems to be based upon a misunderstanding of what the law does. The law is not merely a "menstruating" of income, as your view implies. It is an actual withholding of funds from the earning of these special targets to pay a tax on money they probably do not receive.

Perhaps an example will show you the pernicious nature of the provision. If a waitress actually earns one hundred dollars a week and her portion of the 8 percent of the revenues of the restaurant comes to another hundred dollars on the arbitrary formula, her actual wages, i.e. the original hundred dollars, are then taxed as if she had earned two hundred dollars, which she probably did not. This is a large jolt for people whose earnings are not big to begin with. Most important, all this is done without regard to the tips she actually made, whether it is two or two hundred dollars.

My objection to the entire scheme is not that

people are made to pay taxes on what they earn. But it is not right for them to be taxed on what the government says they should be getting in tips. It would be a legitimate comparison to suggest that the government might say that all newsmen should be making, in addition to their salary, 8 percent of the gross of the paper on which they work, and forcing their publisher to withhold from their actual salary the extra taxes on what the IRS thinks they ought to make, even though they do not get that money.

This is a far cry from "menstruating." It is very close to arbitrary confiscation of money which no one is sure the waiters and waitresses owe. Years ago, the food service employees and I fought this out with the IRS who then was using an arbitrary 12 percent of all food checks as the tip amount received by those who served those meals. Now this unfair idea is not just a regulation but it has become law.

Also, then as now, no provision is or could be made for the many cases which simply do not fit the

rule such as hostesses who get no tips while they act as such, or places where the custom is for tips considerably below the arbitrary amount such as near a school campus. Let the who has never refused to tip a waitress remain the first editorial.

The rule makes the same as always. People should pay taxes on their income. But no one should be made to pay taxes on money they didn't get, just because the government itself has budget problems and needs the additional income. Government should be seeking the less fortunate, but hard-working people who cannot protect themselves with shelters and dodges.

Our tax system is fast becoming one which picks on the easy targets and lets the affluent off. I hope, on your reviewing of the matter, you will come to the same conclusion that I have. The Tip and Dole (Tip 'O' Neil and Bob Dole) "waitress tax" is unfair and should be repealed.

GEORGE HANSEN  
Member of Congress

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## Letters/ Taxes on church activity draws minister's comments

**Tax some 'church' uses**

Your guest editorial furnished by the Burlington, Iowa Hawk Eye (Feb. 28) concerning the subject of churches paying taxes was right on target. Any church, or so-called church, or convention of churches, earning finances in any way other than through the free will gifts of members or friends should pay taxes on the same.

Any church that uses any of its property for other than worship or Christian education, or community concerns, and earns money therefrom should pay taxes on said earned money. Any program by any church which earns money for the church or denomination apart from its worship and Christian education activities is morally and legally obligated to pay taxes on the same.

For instance, a church's donation of churches rents or leases property and receives payment for the same, when that property is not specifically used for worship or Christian education, taxes should be paid accordingly.

This applies to any church or convention of churches where investments have been made in bonds, certificates of deposit, stocks, etc. All interest paid to a church on investments are subject to taxation.

Every church should be willing to pay such taxes. No church should be in competition with tax-paying business whether it is having a bake sale, bingo, dances, and auction or whatever. To do so in the name of Christianity is to mar the image of Christianity. No longer should churches try to hid behind the usual saying, "It's in the name of the Church," to save paying taxes.

Does not the Church's guidebook, the Bible, talk about honesty, filthy lucre and mammon? Did not the Lord at one time drive out the money changers?

Does not the Church receive money that is given by the love and concern and willingness of her members and friends?

Again, any activity by any church not specifically a worship or Christian education activity whereby the church earns money is subject to taxation.

Uncle Sam seems to be checking into this matter, and churches had best start paying to Casassa that which is Casassa's due.

I speak for myself, I am a Baptist, but if any Baptist church or convention of Baptist churches is receiving finances from any source other than worship or Christian education, taxes should be paid. It is a moral and ethical responsibility.

REV. GILBERT B. MOORE  
Pastor  
Gooding First Baptist Church

**A course for self-defense**

In light of the recent incidents of assault on women in the Magic Valley, and statistics indicating an increase in violent crime from 1981 to 1982 as reported by The Times-News on Feb. 28, I would like to inform readers about a course offered at the College of Southern Idaho.

This course is designed to provide women with some effective techniques for both preventing and dealing with assault situations.

The course is called "Karate-Women's Self

Defense," and it is taught one night a week by Joyce Houston. I strongly encourage women in this community to take advantage of this course and hope that CSI will continue to offer such a valuable course. Watch for it in the CSI's fall catalogue.

M. Hutchison  
Twin Falls

**Academics to come first**

I really appreciated the comments and observations on education.

My greatest gripe is that school plants have been woefully lacking in requirements of the future, both as to size and equipment. Instead of building for the future in a growing community we have operated with the goal of "getting by" without raising taxes. Today, nationwide, we hear the cry of a developing shortage of people in the field of science, of technology, of the coming age of computers.

I supported a Teachers Union in Idaho but rebelled at affiliation with the AFL-CIO of Chicago and Pittsburg. I recognized Speaker

Stivers, not because of his views in education but for his courage in differing with Gov. Evans.

Let me say that it doesn't take much mentally to take another's views, expressed in 100 words, and not pick what he did not say, or infer his meaning.

I do disagree with Sen. John Peavey (D-Cary) when he points out that Idaho ranks 49th in money allocated to education. The crucial point to that is not the dollars appropriated but how those dollars are spent.

Good education does not draw many headlines in the press but if a student makes a record by standing on his head for "x" number of hours he is praised to high heaven. Note the coverage for any athletic event while not one word praises the scholastic achievement of his place of learning.

We cannot meet the needs of this nation by giving all praise to athletics and none to academics and teachers who instruct.

CECIL GALHOUN  
Buhl

## Rub-a-dub-dub, a would-be gov goes blub, blub in a tub

Political campaigns frequently produce the unexpected: so you learn to cope with almost anything. It's not often, however, that the candidate experiences a definite high along with the abyssal low the same day.

Jacque and I were being hosted by a prominent and charming couple at Elkhorn-Sun Valley. The fundraising event was held at my host's sumptuous home located by some fearsome fifth fairway of the Elkhorn golf course. As my mediocre game had previously been destroyed by that 650 yard side-hill monster, I should have been prepared for disaster.

But the party was a smashing success. The host and hostess displayed a collection of paintings which would do credit to the Louvre. The guests, first-class both in dress and political savvy, enjoyed the home and

where a party was in progress. The owner was a surgeon from out of state. He and my sponsor were well-acquainted, so we were greeted with enthusiasm. As a rough estimate, I'd say that vacation pad was worth at least \$40,000. The doctor was understandably proud of it.

His friends and neighbors had been having a good time — and were not totally compatible with the sober politician. So, when the owner offered a tour of his home, we readily accepted.

A magnificent sunset was rapidly being devoured by the mountain darkness. Our guide urged us to hurry out on the deck and have a good look, before nightfall erased the view.

There was about a half-acre of barely visible deck around the house. I dashed

through the sliding door, not wanting to miss anything.

The next thing I knew, I was looking up through water at the twilight sky. Being made of starchy stock, I made it safely to the edge of a king-sized hot tub and scrambled out.

Necessity was my host's, both old and new, were non-plussed. I was a water-logged blob. It was out of the question to go back through the throng of guests. We opted for a plan to circumnavigate the house and meet at the end of the driveway.

The lawn was brand new, and our route took us through an ocean of mud. It was as steep as a mule's face, but Jacque's acerbic comments concerning the incident gave us renewed vigor. We alighted to the top and, turning our heads from view, dashed by the doorway and on to my original patron's car.

That automobile was an elegant machine, with peashooter and inaccurate interior. As I was dripping like an Abraham, I was reluctant to climb inside. But my benefactor insisted, and we decamped for the motel. My suit, Polly Ester, survived almost intact, but it was to wet to wear.

I had brought only grubbies for the return home, therefore we tried to get off for dinner. Fortunately, we were persuaded otherwise.

Replete with blue jeans and farmer's shirt, we enjoyed a Christiana feast. The conversation was animated. It came to light that this was my first try at hot-tubbing. I may learn to like it.

Former Lieutenant Governor Phil Batt writes a regular column from his onion farm in Wilder.



Phil Batt

# Marcos warned revolution has begun

By RON REDMOND  
United Press International

MANILA, Philippines — Church and opposition leaders Saturday urged President Ferdinand Marcos to grant a general amnesty, hold fair elections and restore press freedom, warning him that the revolution already has begun.

In separate meetings, the Roman Catholic archbishop of Manila, Cardinal Jaime Sin, and opposition leader Salvador H. Laurel called on Marcos to demonstrate his desire for national reconciliation.

"The revolution is no longer just a threat," said Laurel, president of a coalition of 14 opposition parties.

"It has begun," he said, adding that it threatened to spread.

Sin said the government recently invited the church to participate in a series of government social and economic programs meant to benefit the population of Asia's only Catholic country.

"Can Holy Mother the Church enthusiastically enter into such a collaboration knowing all the while that in the jails and detention centers of the state some of her anointed and consecrated children are ignobly denied their freedom?" Sin asked.

Philippine human rights groups estimate there are at least 200 political prisoners in the nation's jails and perhaps as many as 900. The government says there are no political prisoners.



**FERDINAND MARCOS**  
Told to open doors

"I pray that... our Christian leaders will open the doors to the fullness of freedom for our nation through creative, noble acts of political amnesty, social reconciliation and economic security," Sin

said. Sin, who delayed a trip to Rome to deliver Saturday's speech at the end of a two-day meeting between Filipino bishops and businessmen, said the church has sided with the oppressed at the risk of being labeled subversive.

"Are we also planning the badge of subversion on acts for which the martyrs shed their blood? Are we, as Diocletian did, as Hitler did, as Stalin did, driving the church underground?"

Sin lambasted the country's pro-government news media, which is largely controlled by relatives and close friends of Marcos.

"Truth, when distorted into propaganda, dehumanizes citizens and transforms them into a herd for the manipulation of the powerful," Sin said.

Addressing law students at Manila's Far Eastern University, opposition leader Laurel said revolution had begun and threatened to engulf the entire nation.

He said the communist New People's Army, which seeks the overthrow of Marcos' 17-year-old government, was moving almost at will in many parts of the country.

Laurel presented a five-point plan as the "only antidote to a violent revolution."

The plan calls for a general amnesty, legalizing the Communist Party, restoring press freedom, the holding of free elections and the drafting of a new constitution.

# OPEC ministers haggle on

LONDON (UPI) — OPEC oil ministers Saturday gathered for a crucial, full-scale meeting, delayed six hours for more behind-the-scenes talks on an elusive pricing and production agreement aimed at averting a global price war.

The ministers in the evening walked into a conference suite, rarely used during 10 days of "sporadic" private meetings to save the oil cartel from disintegration.

There were no immediate reports on the status of the meeting and it could not be confirmed whether representatives of all 13 members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries were present.

Ministers said if there was any progress in the meeting, they would resume the meeting Monday after a day of rest, Saudi Arabia, OPEC's

traditional leader, has threatened to leave OPEC if an agreement is not reached.

All OPEC partners except Iran have a "general understanding" the base oil price must drop from \$34 per barrel to \$29. But they could not agree on how to share a fixed production limit, to avoid flooding the world market with oil.

Venezuelan Oil Minister Humberto Calderon Bert said the South American oil producer was the only nation asked to decrease its production quota.

"We are willing to make sacrifices but (only) to a certain limit," he said, indicating Venezuela may object to an agreement.

Calderon Bert said "at least two other countries" also were unhappy with their quotas. He would not name

the other holders, but conference sources said there had been heated disputes between Iran and Saudi Arabia over allocations.

The full-scale meeting initially had been scheduled to begin at noon. But ministers, after gathering in the conference suite, adjourned the meeting for six hours to discuss differences in private sessions and to consult with home governments, OPEC officials said.

Total OPEC output must come down from the present fixed maximum of 17.5 million barrels per day to reflect a shrinking world market, most OPEC nations have agreed.

Venezuela, with a \$30 billion foreign debt, pleaded for an export quota of 1.8 million barrels per day. The OPEC partners, who initially set a maximum 1.5 million barrel maximum,

# Shultz enters into peace talks

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Lebanese Foreign Minister Elie Salem met with Secretary of State George Shultz Saturday and said he is confident of reaching agreement with Israel on troop withdrawals and of peace in the Middle East.

Emerging from a 90-minute meeting with Shultz at the State Department, Salem expressed strong optimism that the United States can help to break the stalemate over Lebanon that is blocking efforts for an overall peace.

"We believe that there is an opportunity for peace in the Middle East and an opportunity for peace in Lebanon," Salem said. "And if we succeed in having peace in Lebanon I believe a peace in the Middle East is possible in the not too distant future."

"Such opportunities will not occur very often in history," he said. "We feel confident with the Reagan commitment, with Secretary Shultz' effort to make this effort come true, we feel quite confident that an agreement could be reached with respect to Lebanon and ultimately with respect to the Middle East crisis as a whole," Salem said.

Salem gave no other grounds for his optimism except to say "I think there is a good chance for an agreement if, if the people are reasonable, if people are pragmatic and if people are really ready for peace."

"There are difficulties there are fears. I believe these difficulties and fears could be overcome," he said.

Shultz, intervening personally for the first time in negotiations on the withdrawal of Israeli troops from Lebanon, conferred earlier Saturday with special Middle East envoys Philip Habib and Morris Draper and will meet Sunday with Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir.

Shultz have said he may attempt to arrange such a joint meeting with the two foreign ministers if there appears to be a breakthrough in issues that 10 weeks of negotiations in Israel and Lebanon have failed to resolve.

But Salem ruled out such a meeting.

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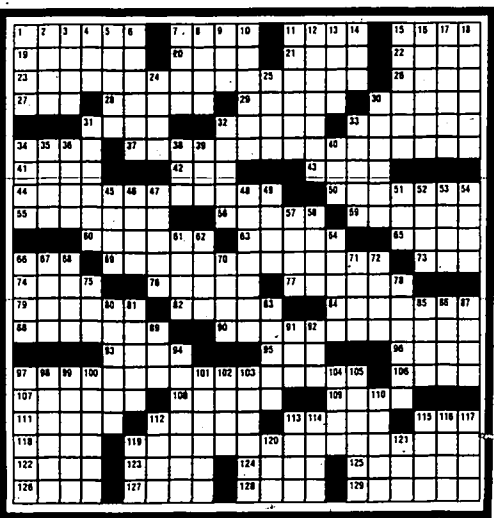
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By Ralph G. Beaman Edited by Herb Ettenson

- ACROSS**
- 1 Early computer
  - 7 That claqueurs do
  - 11 Brandish
  - 15 Catalpa
  - 16 Grasshopper
  - 20 Entry
  - 21 Take down — (humble)
  - 22 Concerning
  - 23 Cuckooed or unworthy, as a lie
  - 26 Swear at
  - 27 Kates' last
  - 28 Moon's age on Jan. 1
  - 29 Very much
  - 30 Left entry
  - 31 Villain
  - 32 — one's stuff
  - 33 Leatherneck
  - 34 Healing plant
  - 37 with 44A
  - 41 Wording
  - 42 Little or vain
  - 43 TV clip
  - 44 See 37A
  - 50 Spotted at
  - 55 Less
  - 56 Bernard or Louis
  - 59 Distasteful
  - 60 Cleans a carburetor
  - 63 Impressive
  - 65 Rowlands of the screen
  - 66 Current measure
  - 69 Aristocratic person
  - 73 Tiar
  - 74 Pen
  - 75 Struck
  - 76 Mixed with
  - 79 Narrows to a point
  - 82 Damocles' reminder
  - 84 Energy-producing unit
  - 86 View carefully
  - 90 See 37A
  - 93 Morse code words
  - 95 Tip of a spiklet
  - 96 Lounge
  - 97 Or superior quality, with 90A
  - 106 Summers in France
  - 107 Prepared, with up
  - 108 Flowers
  - 109 Open a crack
  - 111 Rabbits
  - 112 Water wash
  - 113 More sound
  - 115 — Lippo Lippi
  - 118 Cuckoo
  - 119 Through-and-through
  - 122 Altar thro' or thermo



- 123 Mexican money
- 124 Always
- 125 — his own
- 126 Dorothy's dog
- 127 Fast planes
- 128 Pedestal part
- 129 Bandage
- DOWN**
- 1 Likeable
- 2 Hopalong Cassidy's Bill
- 3 Skip problem
- 4 Snip
- 5 Certain escort
- 6 Increase
- 7 Elegant
- 8 Milk; pref.
- 9 Mount Blanc, for one
- 10 Pedestal base
- 11 Roust
- 12 I will come
- 13 Within — wine
- 14 Hawk
- 15 "The — and I"
- 16 Waiters of
- 17 Soon
- 18 Royal fur
- 19 Lessee
- 20 Corridan
- 25 Heart
- 30 Subordinate
- 31 — (of dilapid)
- 32 Wires holding a mast
- 33 Standish the settler
- 34 Minute particle
- 35 Son of Leah
- 36 Draft animals
- 38 Pounds; abbr.
- 39 Gypsy prose
- 40 Abner
- 45 Pravage
- 48 Hungarian
- 49 Premier, once
- 47 Jew in months
- 48 Oriental
- 49 Food; pref.
- 51 Eat-all
- 52 Mimic
- 53 Gambling city
- 54 Depict
- 57 Night; pref.
- 58 Eat man on earth, lo
- Polynesians
- 61 Household women
- 62 Before white or job
- 64 About
- 65 Play part
- 67 Sound of anguish
- 68 The Boston —
- 70 Gr. promenade
- 71 Kind of beer or misa
- 72 Digger or mine
- 75 Energy
- 78 Hunter of birds
- 80 Decorates afresh
- 81 Burn with water
- 83 Attacking times
- 85 Disturbance
- 86 Run disengaged
- 87 Movers
- 89 Friends' word
- 91 Borer
- 92 Chemical suffix
- 94 Most active
- 97 Shocked
- 98 Shack
- 99 Ranch rope
- 100 Quickly
- 101 Parts of sonatas
- 102 Bone; pref.
- 103 Hammered metal
- 104 Novel by Zola
- 105 Forces out
- 110 Sagitta
- 112 Bread and whiskey
- 113 Cude building
- 114 Preis for sol
- 115 Apartment
- 116 Affluent
- 117 Hurt
- 119 Refugees
- 120 Govt. utility
- 121 Vote

## 1st inning: Rodents 1, Baseball 0

FORT WORTH, Texas (UPI) — Baseball players see the light at the end of the tunnel in their war against the prairie dogs that are undermining the great American pastime.

For weeks now, far too many burrowing rodents have dug holes and tunnels under their southeast Fort Worth playing field.

Players have fought back with cleats, clubs and state engineers. But the hardy little pests have persevered.

"We thought that the noise created by baseball players would keep the little critters off the diamond, but we were wrong," park official Gary Kutliek said Friday.

"They pop up everywhere, digging holes that could cause injuries."

Kutliek says his department has suggested to City Council a plan to get to the bottom of the problem.

"We proposed to take about 8 inches of topsoil off the diamond, install a horizontal barrier consisting of a metal mesh and then replace the topsoil," he said. "We believe this will control the problem."

Kutliek acknowledged the so-called "underdogs" will have the run of the rest of the park and adjoining areas, including nearby Loop 820 where state engineers have long complained prairie dogs have undermined the roadway.

### Battle continues

SALT LAKE CITY (UPI) — Doctors don't expect any dramatic improvement in the condition of artificial heart patient Barney Clark, who probably will continue his battle with aspiration pneumonia for weeks, a spokeswoman said Saturday.

"The doctors don't expect any drastic improvement," said Anne Brillinger, spokeswoman for the University of Utah Medical Center. "It will take some weeks to see a clearing."

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So now it's Joe Namath who is into the business of designing jeans. The Athletic Knitwear Corp. will announce its Namath line March 21 at a Manhattan press party. The former football star

will take time out from rehearsals for "The Rainmaker" in Philadelphia to attend.

"Fatherhood is a fearsome commitment," John Volight told Glamour magazine. The divorced actor said: "You can't have it both ways. If you're the parent, that's it. It's going to be inconvenient most of the time, but it's also a blessing."

Jascha Heletz, 81, has sued the University of California, alleging that the school reneged on a promise to allow \$100,000 for his master's program for the instruction of up to 15 young students and set up a \$1 million endowment for it.

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# With many thanks to 'Mrs. Calabash'

PITTSBURGH (UPI) — Mrs. Calabash — wherever, whoever you are — the jobless of some Pittsburgh area's hardest-pressed mill towns thank you.

Two unknown women, working separately, have taken the moniker of Jimmy Durante's "Mrs. Calabash" and have kept two food banks stocked with cash in nearby Beaver County, where the unemployment rate is 25 percent.

The food banks set up mainly to help laid-off steelworkers make ends meet, have been swamped as a result of the steel industry's worst slump in 50 years.

The anonymous largesse began last August when a woman donated \$1,000 to the Presentation Food Bank in Midland, Pa., run by the Presentation Church and United Steelworkers Local 1212.

Since then, she has given \$13,000 to the food bank, donating at Thanksgiving, Christmas, Valentine's Day and St. Patrick's Day. The last contribution, \$2,000, was accompanied by a note reading, "Happy St. Patrick's Day."

"Naturally, we're pretty elated. I'm sure everybody appreciates the fact she's been so good to us," said food bank official Jack Conway, who described the woman as "fairly attractive, in her mid-60s."

"She just hands someone the envelope (with money in it)," said Conway, who needs \$12,000 a year to run the bank. "Several people in here have

**'Naturally, we're pretty elated. I'm sure everybody appreciates the fact she's been good to us.'**

**— Jack Conway**

seen her."

The generosity has not been restricted to the Presentation Food Bank. In late February, another woman using the name Mrs. Calabash gave \$3,000 to the United Way Food Bank in Beaver County.

Herschel Shearer, a volunteer at the United Way food bank that serves about 4,000 people a month and runs on about \$3,000 a week, said, "We just can't believe how generous she's been."

T.R. Graham, executive director of the United Way of Beaver County, said he has never seen "Mrs. Calabash" and refuses to say whether he knows her name.

"I'm personally convinced she is a genuine person here in Beaver County," Graham said. "We've had two contacts with her. One by telephone ... the other when she made the payment."

Graham said he has no desire to reveal the woman's identity. "We respect her apparent desire to remain anonymous," he said.

took the name given the Presentation's supporter. Graham said that's how the woman first identified herself to the United Way. But Conway said his group named their friend after Durante's well-known alias, "Good night, Mrs. Calabash, wherever you are."

"We tagged that name on her (after her donation in August)," Conway said. "The first time she came in we asked her if she wanted a receipt. She said she didn't want anybody to know who she was."

Until late last week, it was not certain whether there was one "Mrs. Calabash" or two.

Things started to become clear, when St. Patrick's Day gift.

"I asked her if she was the one who had donated to the United Way. She said, 'No, maybe I should have,'" said Anna-Marie Tomlinson, a secretary who took the gift.

Ms. Tomlinson's claim was confirmed Friday when the United Way's "Mrs. Calabash" called Graham.

"She told me she's not the same person who contacted the (Presentation) Food Bank. But she did use the name," said Graham.

As for other food banks that have yet to hear from either "Mrs. Calabash," well, they're waiting. "If you run into her, tell her we're over here," said a volunteer at the Armo Inc. food bank in nearby Ambridge.

## Parade may not be all 'greenery'

NEW YORK (UPI) — The burning question in the Big Apple — will Cardinal Terence Cooke appear in his scarlet robes on the steps of St. Patrick's Cathedral Thursday to view the 22nd annual St. Patrick's Day parade led by a staunch IRA supporter?

The cardinal is keeping mum as Irish political heavyweights line up against the parade because of the choice of Michael Flannery, recently acquitted of federal charges of running guns to the Irish Republican Army, as grand marshal.

St. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, D-N.Y., touched off the boycott by Irish-American politicians shortly after Flannery was named to lead the wearin' of the green up Fifth Avenue this year.

His stand was supported by Sen. Ted Kennedy, D-Mass., and the boycott was joined by former Gov. Hugh Carey, the Irish consul and Flannery's stationed airline, Aer Lingus, one of the sponsors of the parade.

While Cooke refuses to say whether he will attend, the archdiocese has withdrawn nine Catholic high school bands that traditionally march in the parade.

"This year the parade has assumed a political stance which seems to be overshadowing the cultural celebration," the archdiocese said.

Flannery, 81, said bluntly he hoped the parade would be a statement of support for the IRA.

Cooke has been coy about whether he will assume his post during the parade, because "he does not want to be seen as taking sides," the Rev. Edwin O'Brien, spokesman for the Archdiocese, said.

The cardinal has been, frank, however, in his views on the IRA and the purpose of the parade.

In a statement, the cardinal said he feared the parade was "being in-

terpreted as a sign of support for the Provisional Irish Republican Army and its campaign to achieve political and social affects through indiscriminate violence."

"Not much attention has been given to one central fact: Saint Patrick's Day is a religious feast day," Cooke said.

Nevertheless, Flannery, who will

also lead San Francisco's parade on March 20 and will be marching in Nutley and Newark, N.J., over the weekend, says the controversy will draw as many as 2 million people to march or watch, and many will be watching to see whether Cooke attends.

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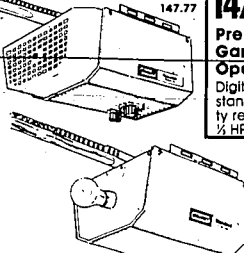
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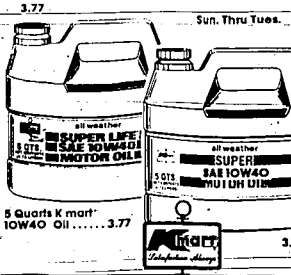
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## Magic Valley sites make National Register

By KELLY EVERITT  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Idaho recently has had 139 new sites listed with the National Register of Historic Places, including nine in the Magic Valley.

The buildings are all part of the Idaho Historical Society's recent submission to the national register of buildings that were built by the firm of Tourtelotte and Hummel of Boise at the turn of the century.

Some of the firm's work included the design of the state Capitol building.

Buildings and other sites accepted to the national register are "considered worthy of preservation" for historical or cultural reasons, according to Jennifer Attebery, the architectural historian in charge of nominations for the Idaho Historical Society.

"The thematic group (submitted) included the best buildings we could locate by Tourtelotte and Hummel that were relatively unaltered," Attebery says.

In the Magic Valley, the nine buildings, listed on the register — by the names by which they originally were known — are:

- Four buildings in Glens Ferry — the

Corby Opera Theater, located at Idaho and Logan streets; The O'Neill Brother's Building, at Idaho and Commercial streets; Our Lady of Limerick Catholic Church, 113 W. Arthur Ave.; and the J.J. McGinnis Building, at First and Commercial streets.

- Two buildings in Gooding — the Trinity Episcopal Church, at Seventh and Idaho streets, and the old Thompson Mortuary Chapel, 737 Main St.

- The old West Point grade school near Wendell.

- The Bald Mountain Hot Springs complex in Ketchum, at Main and First streets.

- St. Charles of the Valley Catholic Church and rectory in Halley, located at Pine and First streets.

Attebery says the list of Tourtelotte and Hummel buildings was developed from a study of some of Idaho's most important architectural groups.

Except in areas where zoning ordinances or comprehensive plans provide means of protection for buildings named to the national register, the main effect of the designation is honorary, she says.

"Otherwise, only projects using federal money must take historic-preservation values

into account when there is a potential impact on a building listed as an historic place. That will not necessarily save a building, but the issue is at least raised.

There are some benefits to the present owners of such buildings, however.

According to Attebery, an owner can take advantage of the designation by applying through the Idaho Historical Society for tax benefits related to renovation of the buildings.

In addition, an owner can "donate" a tax easement on the frontage of such a building to a non-profit group. That procedure gives that group a right to review any alterations, but it gives the owner a tax break.

## Cost of housing federal prisoners may be going up

By BONNIE BAIRD JONES  
Times-News writer

JEROME — The rates the Jerome County Jail charges to house federal prisoners may increase by about \$10 per day, according to the county's chief deputy.

The increase would help financially strapped Jerome County, which — like all local governments — has been hurt by the economy.

Deputy Larry Webb offered the prediction on jail rates to the three newly elected Jerome County commissioners, who made their first official inspection of the jail last week.

Webb said the county now receives \$14 a day for each federal prisoner housed there, but some other jails in Idaho are being paid \$24 a day.

A suggestion from the federal inspector prompted the Jerome County sheriff, Elza Hall, to apply for an increase in the fees for housing and feeding the prisoners.

The higher federal reimbursement rates for handling the prisoners may not apply to illegal aliens who are arrested, Webb said, but there might be some increase for these prisoners as well.

"There are only three jails in the whole state of Idaho, as far as I know," Webb said, "that are approved to house federal prisoners. These include our jail, one in Bonanza County and another in Boise."

The jail can house 34 prisoners, and it is used to incarcerate illegal aliens from throughout most of southern Idaho, he said.

Fees for housing those and other federal prisoners add about \$80,000 a year to Jerome County's coffers.

Webb said a large percentage of the prisoners in the Jerome County Jail are there because of federal violations, or they are being held for federal authorities.

The previous county commissioners had authorized the sheriff to establish a recreation area in the Courthouse basement, in an effort to continue to meet federal jail standards and thereby qualify for the reimbursement revenue.

Webb said the county has not had enough money to finish the recreation area, but that agencies have brought their own weight-lifting equipment to the recreation room. Plans were to install other recreational equipment, a reading area and a television for the prisoners when funding permitted.

"So far, we haven't had a prisoner ask to use the recreation area since we put in the weights, but we have had a lot of requests for books from the law library," Webb said.

Jail standards also require that law books be made available to prisoners. An arrangement has been made with Fifth District Court magistrate Judge Roger Burek; so that books from the county law library in Jerome may be taken to inmates who request such services.

"Right now, it requires one officer to go with the prisoners if they want to use the recreation facility. When money is available, we will put in a camera and some audio equipment for monitoring," Webb said.

He said that if the number of inmates using the facility increases, it would be almost a full-time job for another deputy to monitor them unless the audio-visual equipment is installed.



Creuza Rosa Maciel spoke in Twin Falls on the religious struggle for justice and peace in Latin America.

## Human-rights advocate sees U.S. being repressive in Latin America

By MARTY TRILLHAASE  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Latin America will seek its own self-determination, and the United States cannot hold back that historical trend, says a leading Brazilian peace and human-rights advocate.

"We in Latin America do not want to have to choose between either imperialistic American capitalism or the imperialistic Soviet communism," says Creuza Rosa Maciel, the secretary-general of the Justice and Peace Service, an international peace movement committed to non-violence.

"For this, we ask for the right of self-determination."

Maciel visited Twin Falls as part of a 10-day tour of the United States. She appeared Friday and Saturday at the invitation of the local chapter of the Fellowship of Reconciliation; before continuing on to San Francisco.

Her organization gained national prominence in 1980, when its general coordinator, Adolfo Perez Esquivel, was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

Maciel was accompanied by her husband, the Rev. Brady Tyson, a professor of Latin American studies and international relations at American University in Washington, D.C. Tyson interpreted

his wife's remarks from Spanish into English during an interview with The Times-News.

Maciel draws a distinction between the policies of the U.S. government toward Latin America and the views of the American public. In her view, the "policy of the United States government is more and more repressive and oppressive" toward Latin America.

That stance is particularly acute in El Salvador, she says.

Yet, she says that she is impressed with public opposition to the Reagan administration's position in that Central American nation. And she says that she has found the public responsive to her statements on the issue.

"Never have I found the Americans to be surprised. Americans already know this," Maciel says. "More important than being oppressed or oppressors is the fact that we are all brothers and sisters."

The 42-year-old human-rights advocate speaks of two major influences in her life — poverty and religion.

She has pursued both, serving eight years as a nun, as well as working for 11 years with the destitute "street people" of Brazil.

"I myself, am from the poor class. I have been poor. When I was born, I soon had to observe my

family searching for a place to live, a place to survive."

The seventh of 13 children born to rural peasants, Maciel worked in the fields until, at age 16, she left her rural home and worked her way through junior high and high school.

Maciel now holds a master's degree in philosophy and theology from the Catholic University in Sao Paulo.

Her efforts with the street people involved a rejection of what she calls the paternal social welfare system, in favor of working and living with the poor.

"We go there and live with them. We try to stay with them — as much as possible, to understand their lives and to know their lives."

The program attempts to give value to the lives of street people, as well as building self-dependency, she says.

One highlight of her efforts has been the re-education of prostitutes. But Maciel contends that "the re-education of prostitutes is not really any different from the re-education of other street people."

Street people may survive by stealing or by subsisting on scraps of garbage, she says.

"We began to help them create other alternative ways of making a living, such as handicrafts," she says.

## County officials withdraw measure

By MARTY TRILLHAASE  
Times-News writer

BOISE — Representatives of Idaho's county governments say they have withdrawn a bill designed to limit the authority of the State Tax Commission over property-tax assessments.

Idaho Association of Counties officials say they concluded the bill, which was pending in the House Revenue and Taxation Committee, was unconstitutional.

"We've notified the chairman that we do not intend to pursue it, so it is virtually dead," says Chuck Holden, the IAC executive director.

Among those disappointed with the news is Dorothy Hamby of the Twin Falls County assessor. Hamby was one of several county officials who were locked in a dispute last summer with the Tax Commission over property-tax assessment rates.

That dispute led to an Idaho Supreme Court ruling in favor of the higher property-tax assessments sought by the Tax Commission.

However, Hamby said last week that she does not expect a repeat of the dispute in 1983.

"We know what we have to do," she says. "We know we have to be at market value, and we're working toward that goal."

The bill, House Bill 206, was intended to provide counties with the ability to appeal property-tax assessment-setting decisions made by the Tax Commission directly to the Supreme Court.

Under current law, the Supreme Court sits as an appellate body on Tax Commission matters, but its discretion is limited to determining whether fraud can be shown. IAC officials wanted the law changed in order to give the Supreme Court authority to make factual conclusions.

The problem with the proposed IAC bill is that such access to the Supreme Court — now reserved to the district courts, the Public Utilities Commission and the state Industrial Commission — would require an amendment of the state constitution. County officials learned of that fact



DOROTHY HAMBY Disappointed with action

after the bill had been drafted. Holden says IAC officials will not attempt to pursue legislation that would "spill out" appeal procedures through the district courts.

"If we appealed directly to the district court, we end up with a process of delayed property-tax collection, since it takes a while for the district courts to act. Even if they did so readily, whichever side loses would, in all probability, appeal it to the Supreme Court," Holden says.

Such an appeal could last up to two or three years. And once the final decision was rendered, property owners might be entitled to refunds on property-tax payments from previous years.

"You'd end up with the local units of government having to set up a contingency fund for the potential of having to reimburse those people," Holden says. "So the mechanics become bogged down. If you're going to maintain the orderly flow of local government."

IAC members have not discussed whether or not to pursue the constitutional amendment route. But Holden says that counties will attempt to settle any potential conflicts with the Tax Commission early on.

## BLM advisory council holds meeting

By KELLY EVERITT  
Times-News writer

SHOSHONE — Members of the newly appointed advisory council for the Bureau of Land Management's Shoshone District met recently to organize and be briefed on current policy issues.

Tom Prescott of Jerome was elected chairman of the council, which was re-activated last fall after several years of inactivity. The council advises the BLM district on policy.

Topping the agenda was a review of the status of the federal government's "asset management initiative," an ongoing process of identifying lands being considered for potential transfer to state or other federal agencies, or sale to the public.

Approximately 15,000 acres, out of 395,000 acres under consideration in Idaho, have been targeted for sale in 1984. Clair Willock, the state BLM director, told the council.

Approximately 2,000 acres in the Shoshone District tentatively have been identified for sale, he said.

Council member Loretta Williams of Sun Valley requested that the district provide the council with a detailed map of the sale tracts, so members can visit the sites and provide comments on their suitability for disposal.

Prescott also named Jack Vartin of Fairfield and Doug Rose of Shoshone, both members of the council, to work with the BLM staff in preparing alternatives for its resource management plan, which involves identifying proper land uses and lands potentially available for disposal.

Also during the meeting, a resolution offered by Vern Ravenscroft of Boise was approved. It endorsed the district's handling of its asset management program to date.

Ravenscroft, whose appointment to the council as the representative of conservationists had raised the ire of some conservation and environ-

mental groups in the state, has complimented Willock and Charles Haszler, the district manager, for allowing council members to represent broad interests, rather than restricting them to certain viewpoints, according to Terry Castello, a BLM spokesman in the Shoshone District office.

"We must seek proper management of land, regardless of ownership, and allow the land to seek its highest and best use," Ravenscroft said, explaining his view of the council's role.

Other council members suggested the organization learn more about the BLM's fire-fighting responsibilities and its prescribed burning projects, and become involved in the range land rehabilitation, range land monitoring, and wildlife habitat-improvement projects.

The next meeting of the council, at which members of the public may comment on BLM policies tentatively has been set for May 10.



VERN RAVENSCROFT Offers resolution

# Briefly

## No fraud, rules jury

**TWIN FALLS** — A 12-member jury has ruled that Twin Falls real-estate broker L. James Koutnik did not commit fraud in a 1960 land sale.

The jury's verdict was reached Thursday, following three hours of deliberation in Fifth District Court.

Koutnik and his company, Western Realty Co. of Twin Falls, were named as defendants in a lawsuit filed by Kermit E. Fleck of Twin Falls. Fleck alleged that Koutnik acted improperly in the sale of Fleck's Jerome property in 1960.

According to Fleck's complaint, the plaintiff had listed the property, appraised at \$165,000, for sale with Koutnik's real-estate agency.

When no sale was arranged, the property was put up for auction and sold for a bid of \$115,000.

Fleck contended that Koutnik failed to disclose that he owned an interest in the company purchasing the property, Industrial Associates Ltd. Fleck was seeking \$8,050 as compensation for the money he paid Koutnik as a commission, as well as \$50,000 as punitive damages.

But the jury found that there was no fraud, misrepresentation or negligence committed by Koutnik that caused a loss to Fleck.

## Three released from jail

**TWIN FALLS** — Joseph Shelton and Mr. and Mrs. David Imbler, all of Kimberly, were released from the Ada County Jail late Friday night after posting bonds of \$10,000 each.

The three are among 12 persons who have been charged with conspiracy to deliver cocaine, following the arrest of a Sun Valley man last month that reportedly marked the largest seizure of narcotics in the state's history.

Bond for Shelton and David Imbler originally had been set at \$100,000, and at \$20,000 for Barbara Imbler. A bond-reduction hearing late Friday reduced the amount to \$10,000 each. The three paid the bond and were released.

The only suspects still remaining in custody, as of Saturday afternoon, were: Mike Powers of Sausalito, Calif., who is being held in California at present, and Richard Mason of Sun Valley, who is being held in the Ada County Jail. In lieu of \$250,000 bond, Mason is charged with distribution of cocaine.

## Highway section closed

**GOODING** — A section of Idaho 46, between Gooding and Fairfield, temporarily was closed to traffic Saturday in the Johnson Hill area.

According to Fred Stechelein, a dispatcher at the state Department of Highways's Shoshone office, a culvert that runs under the road washed out, decaying the fill under the road.

"It looked like you could drive on it, but you couldn't," Stechelein said.

The problem was first reported at 7 p.m. Friday night, and highway department crews worked until late Saturday repairing the road.

## Screening clinic scheduled

**GLENN'S FERRY** — A screening clinic will be conducted by the Glenns Ferry School District this Tuesday through Thursday for all children who will enroll in kindergarten next fall.

Children will be screened for vision, hearing and other potential problems that could interfere with learning. Free immunization shots also will be provided to ensure that each child has all the shots required by law for school attendance.

Students also can be enrolled in fall kindergarten classes at the same time.

Persons who have children who will be 5 on or before Oct. 15, should call the school at 338-7335 to make an appointment for the screening.

# Obituary

## Blanche M. Sears

**RUPERT** — Blanche M. Sears, 80, of Boise, and formerly of Rupert, died Thursday at her home.

Born June 16, 1902, in Peetley, Mont., she married Price D. Sears on March 9, 1921, in Butte, Mont.

They later moved to Idaho, where they owned and operated the Sears Hotel and Drug Store in Minidoka until 1947, when they moved to Rupert.

Mrs. Sears reportedly was the first woman in Idaho to sit on a grand jury. She was a member of the All Saints

Episcopal Church in Boise, a life member of the Rupert chapter of the Order of Eastern Star, in honorary and life member of the Adah chapter of the Order of Eastern Star, a past grand marshal of the Grand Chapter of Idaho, a past guardian and served on the council of the Job's Daughters in Rupert and served on the Job's Daughters Council, Bethel 54, of Boise. She also belonged to the Eagles Auxiliary and Rupert Grange.

Surviving are: two daughters, Marie Blanchard of Boise and Ellen Darling of Jerome; two sisters, Verna Miller of Bertman, Mont., and Irene Frank of

Stryker, Mont.; a brother, Grant Morris of Pocatello; 14 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be held Monday at 2 p.m. at the Episcopal Church in Boise.

A graveside service will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Rupert Cemetery, with the Rupert chapter of the Order of Eastern Star officiating. Summers Funeral Home in Boise is in charge of arrangements.

The family suggests that memorial contributions be made to the Rupert or Adah Eastern Star chapters.

## Services

**RICHFIELD** — A graveside service for Blanche P. Fiverson, 59, of Absarokee, Mont., and formerly of Richfield, who died Friday, will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Richfield Cemetery, with the Richfield chapter of the Order of Eastern Star officiating. The funeral home in Shoshone is in charge of arrangements.

Thursday, will be held Monday at 2 p.m. in the Rupert First Christian Church. Burial will be in Paul Cemetery. Friends may call at Hansen Mortuary in Rupert this afternoon and evening, and at the church one hour prior to the service on Monday. The family suggests that memorial contributions be made to the First Christian Church or the American Heart Association.

Alley, 24, of Kimberly, who died Thursday, will be held Monday at 11 a.m. at White Mortuary Chapel in Twin Falls. Burial will be in Twin Falls Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home today until 9 p.m. The family suggests that memorial contributions be made to the Idaho Heart Association or the Shriners' Crippled Children's Hospital in Salt Lake City. Saturday's obituary should have listed Mrs. Alley's address as Kimberly.

**RUPERT** — The funeral for Cash A. Peterman, 78, of Rupert, who died

**KIMBERLY** — The funeral for Lyle C.

# Hospitals

**MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER**  
Admitted  
Mrs. Steve Wallace, Mrs. Timothy Carroll, Karen Dewitt and Jason Houghton, all of Twin Falls; Mrs. Jack Messersmith of Jerome; Mrs. Walter Larson of Hooton; Mrs. Forrest Fjornaschek and Blayne Haynes, both of Kimberly; Rodney Swenson; Myrtle Russell and Scott Orr, both of Dubu; Lucian Fruits of Fairfield; and Travis Rogers of Gooding.

**Discharged**  
Falls; Arnold, Juan Azevedo, Elmer Bateman, Sherman Knass, Stewart Davis, Dave Dillendoffer and daughter, Mrs. William Langford and daughter, Gorman Arnold, Arnold Ritz, Mrs. K. Steve Wallace and son, Hazel Weller and Brent Yergensen, all of Twin Falls; Mrs. F. Duane Brooner and daughter, and Maurice Haynes, all of Kimberly; Laura Burch and Floyd Bennett, both of Jerome; Mrs. Maria Carmona and son of Castleton; Mrs. Ken Dalman and son of Piler; Ronald Rasterday, Bessie Fairchild and Gordon Young, all of Dubu; Mrs. Jimmy Kramer of Fairfield; Delana Mead, Joshua Mead, Mrs. Robert Perez and daughter, Mrs. Marvin Root, Mrs. Rodney Wattle and Mrs. Mark Sauter, all of Jerome; Alan Nielsen of Huppert; Mrs. Clifford Mitchell and Jason Young, both of Gooding; and Mrs. Robert Reese of Ketchum.

Sons to Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Carroll, and Mr. and Mrs. Steve Wallace, all of Twin Falls.

**ST. BENEDICT'S**  
Admitted  
Guy Duke and Mike Anderson, both of Jerome; Valerie Eng and Nancy Phelps, both of Wendell; and Roy Peak of Shoshone.

## 'Oklahoma' not on agenda

**HAGERMAN** — The musical "Oklahoma" will not be presented at Hagerman High School this year.

According to Superintendent Ken Black, lack of student interest and conflicts with other activities have brought the scheduled production to a halt.

"I'm kind of disappointed because I wanted to have a play this spring," Black said. But after the groundwork had been done, it became evident that the musical production was too big and too demanding for the school, he said.

Black says the school will try again next year, probably with a smaller play.

## ISU offers stress workshop

**PAUL** — A stress-reduction workshop will be offered by Idaho State University at West Minico Junior High in April.

The class will cover relaxation techniques, ways to handle depression and exercises to reduce stress. Two all-day Saturday sessions will be held April 9 and 16, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Victor Joe, the chairman of the ISU department of psychology, and Alexander Urfer, an assistant professor of biology, will teach the class. Participants will earn one academic credit.

Class fees are \$40 for undergraduate credit and \$47.50 for graduate credit. For more information, call Marjorie Stottlen at 734-4478.

## Science class still open

**TWIN FALLS** — Registration for "Science and Society," an Idaho State University class on the relationship between science and the humanities, is still open.

The three-credit course will be taught on Friday nights and Saturdays in Twin Falls. Kenneth Falser, an ISU chemistry professor, will teach the class for eight weekends, starting this Friday. The fee is \$120.

For more information, call 734-4478.

## Spell-a-thon set March 22

**JEROME** — Elementary students in Jerome are preparing for the fourth annual spell-a-thon, which will be held March 22.

Students are asking community residents for their support. The students are asking sponsors to contribute a small amount for each word they spell correctly during the event.

The funds raised will be used to help the schools with some needed improvements and equipment, such as blacktopping the playgrounds.

Last year's spell-a-thon raised \$7,000, all of which went back to the schools for improvements.

## Hailey school recognized

**HAILEY** — A Hailey school and four other Idaho secondary schools have been nominated by the state superintendent of public instruction, Jerry Evans, for a nationwide program recognizing outstanding schools in the United States.

The nominated schools are: Wood River Junior High School in Hailey, Caldwell High School and Jefferson Junior High School, both in Caldwell, Moscow High School and Canfield Junior High School in Coeur d'Alene.

Terrel Bell, the secretary of the U.S. Department of Education, says that he began the program to identify some of the distinguished schools in the nation. He says the intent of the program is to identify those schools that are doing "an exceptionally fine job, so we can honor them and thereby focus attention on what they are doing that is right."

To qualify for nomination, Evans says, schools needed to offer a complete program and be able to show that their methods were contributing factors to the school's educational effectiveness.

## A review

# Dilettantes' 'Carousel' first-rate

By WILLETTA WARBERG  
Times-News arts critic

**TWIN FALLS** — It was clear from the glitter and glamour of what's becoming the main social event of each season in the Magic Valley that Friday night's opening of the Dilettantes' production of "Carousel" gave a lot of people a great deal of pleasure.

Why does this Rodgers and Hammerstein musical comedy continue to play well after 33 years? Probably it is crafted expertly and deals with traditional American subjects. It also does not require the performers to have extraordinary theatrical skills.

Yet, Mike Winterholler's casting and directing delivered a production of which we can be proud. He stitched scenes, people and music together in such a fine manner that one could imagine his theater experience to be longer and more national.

Ted Hadley conducted a sound foundation of melodies, and his small musical ensemble played with enthusiasm. His orchestral leadership appears to be getting better and better.



Amy Greene and John Jesser practice their "Carousel" roles

It's hard to mention everyone in this enormous production, but every role was well acted. The music was good; the dancing, too. The staging was comfortable and the "players" well-chosen.

Beverly Hackney's dancers were sweet, light on their feet and energetic. There were moments, however, where the dancers could have used more stage space.

Amy Greene, who played Billy Bigelow's daughter, is already a masterful dancer. Still a teenager, her graceful, pretty body does not seem at all uncomfortable on the stage. She might belong there.

In an area the size of the Magic Valley, it might seem there are few trained singers and actors. That's not so. The leads in this show are the evidence.

Alice Anderson performed a lovely "Julie" and Gary Dalton's "Sollucky" as Billy Bigelow, the soon-to-be father, was truly artistic.

Shawna Fuller performed a clever "Carrie," and Harold Sheller sang the part of Carrie's husband, "Enoch Snow," with sincerity and humor, and their roles as the "lights" of the musical were clear.

Ether Nicholson was an adorable Mrs. Mullins. Jim Latham's "Jigger" was adequately sinister. Boy, does Latham have a nice voice.

The many people behind this remarkable performance of "Carousel," the Dilettantes' 25th anniversary production, are talented. And frankly, absolutely everything Friday evening was done superbly. The Magic Valley should overflow with pride.

The show continues with a matinee performance today. And there will be evening shows next Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

## Somebody Needs You

"Somebody Needs You," a public-service column that appears each Sunday in The Times-News, is designed to match those in the community who need volunteer help with those who can provide it.

Do you have the "heart room" and a bedroom for one more? Many children, for various reasons, are temporarily unable to remain in their own homes and urgently need another family to provide the concern, guidance, understanding, patience, and basic physical care necessary to their growth and well being. Your expenses will be reimbursed. Call the Department of Health and Welfare's foster-care program at 734-4000. A child needs you.

Nurses! Volunteers! The American Red Cross needs you. The Twin Falls office of the American Red Cross needs volunteer nurses to take blood pressures two times a week at the free blood-pressure clinic. In the Red Cross office at 718 Shoshone St. E. Also, several volunteers are needed to help with office work for a half-day each week. Call Ann Livingston at 733-6464 if you can help.

Volunteers are needed to help with the Jerome Health Fair to be held March 19. Call Jim Evans or Max Long at St. Benedict's Hospital at 324-4301.

The Rupert Head Start center needs a Dry Oven for food preparation. Also, Head Start centers throughout the area need cassette recorders and tapes to help speech- and language-impaired children with home therapy. Cash donations also are needed to help children in emergency situations. Call Penni Jones at 733-9351.

The Twin Falls Easter Seal Center needs a volunteer who has experience with electricity to help wire a display board for the upcoming Health Fair in Twin Falls. Call Penny Dalton at 733-5745.

If your organization needs a volunteer, call Bruce Bennett at the College of Southern Idaho 733-8554, extension 338, to have it appear in this column.

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# The Legislature/A closer look

## Swan Falls: Will ruling give utility control of water use?

**Editor's note:** The Swan Falls Dam-Idaho Power decision made by the state Supreme Court late last year has had, and will have, a far-reaching impact on the use of water in Idaho, particularly in the Magic Valley. One of the main issues is: Should precedence be given to power generation or development of more farmland? In the article below, Times-News writer Bruce Hammond takes an overall look at the issue and ongoing efforts in the Legislature to solve the issue.

By BRUCE HAMMOND  
Times-News writer



REP. J. VARD CHATBURN  
Fears utility's control

BOISE — Despite threatened legislation by the Idaho Power Co., legislators have moved a step closer to subordinating the utility's power and water rights at Swan Falls Dam in southwest Idaho.

A resolution cleared a Senate committee on Friday, asking Idaho congressmen to encourage the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to alter Idaho Power's generating license at the dam, so that upstream agricultural development takes precedence over power production. That measure passed the House earlier last week on a 40-28 vote.

Meanwhile, a proposed state law that would subordinate the utility's water rights all along the Snake River cleared a House committee on Thursday. Idaho Power's rights at its Hells Canyon dam have been subordinate to upstream development since their inception.

"I don't like the idea of entering into more lawsuits, but if this legislation

passes, we aren't going to have any choice," Logan Lanham, an Idaho Power vice president, told the House Resources and Conservation Committee last week.

"We have to protect ourselves and our ratepayers, or we're liable for every, every suit from our ratepayers," he said. "Frankly, and honestly, our lawyers are convinced that what you're trying to do simply won't stand up to the light of day in court."

"The Swan—Falls—controversy evolved from a complex 1977 lawsuit. That lawsuit claimed that Idaho Power owed its customers millions of dollars because it had "given away" water at Swan Falls. That allegedly was done by actively encouraging and

connecting high-lift pumping projects for irrigation all along the Snake River, thereby depleting the flow of water at Swan Falls.

But the state Supreme Court ruled last November that the utility's 1919 water right at Swan Falls was not subject to later upstream development. This ruling contradicted most state doctrine, which historically had granted a preference to agriculture over power generation.

Consequently, state officials have stopped issuing any water permits within the entire Snake River Plain, including its aquifer and remote tributaries, such as the Wood River system. Also, they warn that if the Swan Falls right is not subordinated, the most recent wells and diversions will have to be shut down, so that all of Idaho Power's water right at Swan Falls is restored.

"This worries us tremendously," says Sheri Chapman, of the Idaho Water Users Association. "We believe that if subordination does not occur, between 122,000 and 181,000 acres could be forced out of production, resulting in a tremendous economic loss to the state."

City officials in Jerome also are worried, since their newest municipal well went into use after the original Swan Falls suit.

"The Jerome well is a large, consumptive use, and conceivably, it could be shut down under this Supreme Court decision," says Martin Peterson of the Association of Idaho Cities.

But Lanham insists that no drinking-water projects or existing

irrigation systems will be shut down by the Idaho Power regardless of the court decision.

"What is, will remain," he says. "All we're saying is that in the future, people wanting to develop water should have to come to us and reimburse our ratepayers for the water they want to use."

But that would amount to having a public utility dictating water policy and development all across southern Idaho, claims Rep. J. Vard Chatburn, R-Abion. He also notes that future officers of Idaho Power could take a different stand.

The Legislature's resolution to the FERC will come up for final approval in the Senate this week. And the state's subordinating legislation has to be voted on in the House, probably this week also, before moving on to the Senate for final approval.

In response, Idaho Power officials already have begun examining state water records to see which individual water-right holders the utility may want to sue. Those irrigators and businesses would be the large, consumptive users with the most recent water filing dates.

"We're looking at having to sue 3,500 to 4,500 individual Idahoans if you (the Legislature) pass this legislation," Lanham said. "That's something we believe would be most unfortunate and most unwarranted, since we have already offered a workable solution."

Specifically, Idaho Power has promised to recognize existing irrigation development and all future drinking-water development in

exchange for having the Idaho Public Utilities Commission removed from supervising the utility's water rights. The removal of the PUC from water-right consideration effectively would avoid repetition of the 1977 lawsuit, which Idaho Power customers brought through a complaint to the PUC.

But Sen. Laird Noh, R-Kimberly—who is co-sponsoring the Swan Falls bills with Chatburn—says the utility's proposal would recognize only the current status of the Snake River Plain, without answering any of the questions concerning future growth and development.

"Essentially, growth across southern Idaho could be stopped, and our water states would then be in a position of claiming all the water that flows out of the Snake River system that was tied up in meeting the Swan Falls water rights," Noh says.

Others not sure

## Barker says early retirement plan is working

By BRUCE HAMMOND  
Times-News writer

BOISE — Despite arguments to the contrary a year ago, an early retirement program for public employees appears to be saving state and local governments money.

At least that's the report of Sen. John Barker, R-Buhl, the chairman of the Senate Health, Education and Welfare Committee. He says that first-year savings will gross almost \$1.3 million.

The latest survey shows: participating school districts saving \$683,967 this year, colleges saving \$182,712, state departments and highway districts saving \$26,331 and cities and counties saving \$113,590.

The plan allows state, city, county and public-school employees to retire early without loss of benefits if their age and years of service add up to 90. For firefighters and police officers, the magic number is 80.

"The idea is to allow these people who have been loyal employees for many years to retire, say at 60 or 62," Barker says.

The plan there was a lot of debate when we passed this new program last year that it wouldn't save any money and might even cost us money," he says. "I knew it worked in other states, but I couldn't prove that it would do the same here in Idaho.

"But the verdict is now in," Barker says. "Over the long haul, early



SEN. JOHN BARKER  
Claims plan saves money

retirement options do save money." That's because an employer can replace a long-time — and high salary — employee with a new person at a lower wage.

"For example, a state administrator can retire from his \$30,000-a-year job, allowing a replacement to be hired at \$20,000," Barker says.

"At the same time, it allows people who really do want to retire, who maybe are tired of the job, to get out

without losing face — or benefits," he says.

Several Magic Valley schools and city governments participate in the state retirement program, but their participation in the early retirement program has been more by accident than by design. Specifically, these area officials say, employees who would have retired early anyway simply are qualifying now for the expanded benefits.

Twin Falls schools Superintendent James Sawin says his school district cannot manage its staff by dictating — or predicting — when anyone will retire.

"The program is a nice thing, in that it allows the individual this early retirement option," Sawin says. "But there has been no particular change in the number of our retirements (even though Twin Falls was included in Barker's statistics).

"Last year, we did have a few people retire early, but they probably would have anyway," he says. "We also had one person retire who had worked well past 65."

Karl Black, the business manager at the College of Southern Idaho, says none of the school's employees took advantage of the program last year.

"We simply didn't have anyone eligible," Black says. "In the next few years, some people will become eligi-

ble, but no one has talked to me about exercising this option."

The 1982 measure passed the Senate by a slim margin, 17-16, and the House by a 47-22 tally. Magic Valley delegates split over the issue.

Opposition to the plan has continued to be the fear that it will cost more money to retire employees early because of the extra pension benefits involved. Today, that opposition remains evident in many governmental groups that refuse to participate in the optional plan.

Barker's figures, however, do not reflect increased costs to the state for paying early retirement benefits. And state officials estimate that the increased cost amounts to less than a 1 percent increase over regular retirement payments.

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# School lunch menus

**CASSIA**  
**Monday:** Chicken patties on bun or hamburger, peas, fruit cup and milk.  
**Tuesday:** Chili, vegetable sticks, fruit, cinnamon rolls and milk.  
**Wednesday:** Sliced turkey sandwiches, later tots, orange slice, fruit, cake and milk.  
**Thursday:** Burritos, corn dogs, french fries, cherry cobbler and milk.  
**Friday:** Spaghetti or fish patties, peas, celery sticks with peanut butter, fruit, hot rolls and milk.

**GOODING**  
**Monday:** Hot dogs on bun, french fries, peas and milk.  
**Tuesday:** Turkey gravy, whipped potatoes, hot rolls, carrot sticks, applesauce and milk.  
**Wednesday:** Taco, corn, peaches and milk.  
**Thursday:** Pork sandwich, green beans, mixed fruit and milk.  
**Friday:** Surt burger, french fries, cherry cobbler and chocolate milk.

**WENZEL**  
**Monday:** Vegetable beef soup, biscuits, cake, fruit and milk.  
**Tuesday:** Tacos, buttered corn, chocolate pudding and milk.  
**Wednesday:** Barbecue on bun, buttered green beans, peanut butter squares and milk.  
**Thursday:** Roast turkey, whipped potatoes, gravy, lime jello with peas, rolls and milk.  
**Friday:** No lunch.

**RICHFIELD**  
**Monday:** Salad, pizza, cookies and milk.  
**Tuesday:** Fish sticks, macaroni salad, applesauce and milk.  
**Wednesday:** Hogie, french fries, fruit and milk.  
**Thursday:** Salad, burritos, cherry crisp and milk.  
**Friday:** Spaghetti, rolls, green beans and chocolate milk.

**GLENN'S FERRY**  
**Monday:** Mexican salad, fruit, cinnamon rolls and milk.  
**Tuesday:** Spaghetti, tossed salad, banana split, french bread, salad bar and milk.  
**Wednesday:** Hot dog on bun, french fries, peas, oatmeal cookie and milk.  
**Thursday:** Chili, celery and carrot sticks, maple bars, salad bar and milk.  
**Friday:** Barbecue on bun, cabbage slaw, fruit, salad bar and milk.

**HAGERMAN**  
**Monday:** Wiener wrap, corn niblets, applesauce and milk.  
**Tuesday:** Turkey sandwich, french fries, fruit cup, carrot sticks and milk.  
**Wednesday:** Hot nacho cheese tortilla chips, salad bar and milk.  
**Thursday:** Soft cheese burrito, green beans, peas, chocolate cake and milk.  
**Friday:** Hamburger on bun, later tots, fruit and chocolate or plain milk.

**VALLEY**  
**Monday:** Cheeseburger on bun, french fries, green beans, apple and milk.  
**Tuesday:** Burrito, later tots, corn, apple cobbler and milk.  
**Wednesday:** Chili, sweet rolls, peaches and milk.  
**Thursday:** Irish beef stew, biscuits, cheese sticks, green jello with peas, and milk.  
**Friday:** Grilled cheese sandwich, tomato soup, carrot sticks, fresh fruit and milk.

**JEROME**  
**Monday:** Hamburger deluxe, french fries, fruit, peanut butter cookie and milk.  
**Tuesday:** Sloppy joes, vegetable stick, hash browns, fresh fruit and milk.  
**Wednesday:** Roast turkey-potatoes and gravy, candied carrots, fruit, peanut butter cookie and milk.  
**Thursday:** Dagwood sandwich or fish sandwich, cucumber sticks and dip, later rounds, fruit and milk.  
**Friday:** Spaghetti or macaroni and cheese, green beans, fruit and milk.

**TWIN FALLS**  
**Monday:** Corn dogs, buttered green beans, gingerbread with topping, applesauce and milk.  
**Tuesday:** Texas chili with beans, green salad, nacho chips, pineapple and milk.  
**Wednesday:** Sloppy joes, french fries, apricots, peanut butter cookie and milk.  
**Thursday:** Pork gravy and mashed potatoes, vegetable sticks, whole wheat roll, bananas and strawberries and chocolate or plain milk.  
**Friday:** Submarine sandwich or cheese sandwich, later tots, orange quarter and milk.

**MINDOKA**  
**Monday:** Chicken burger, later tots, beans, cookies and milk.  
**Tuesday:** Spaghetti, bread sticks, tossed salad, fruit and milk.  
**Wednesday:** Turkey gravy, whipped potatoes, celery stick with peanut butter, whole wheat roll, fruit cup and milk.  
**Thursday:** Baked cheese sandwich or peanut butter sandwich, buttered green bean, carrot sticks, St. Patrick's jello, cake and milk.  
**Friday:** Chili, finger foods, peaches, sweet rolls and milk.

**KIMBERLY**  
**Monday:** Barbecue, later tots, carrots and peas, applesauce and milk.  
**Tuesday:** Meat loaf, potatoes and gravy, celery sticks, raisin rolls, peaches and milk.  
**Wednesday:** Chili dog, potato chips, green beans, applesauce and milk.  
**Thursday:** Roast turkey, dressing, gravy, french fries, pudding and milk.  
**Friday:** Tacos, buttered corn, kolaches and milk.

**BLAINE**  
**Monday:** Taco, sweet roll, apple half and milk.  
**Tuesday:** Wiener on bun, pork and beans, peaches and milk.  
**Wednesday:** Oven fried chicken, rice, green peas, rolls, orange jello with pineapple and milk.  
**Thursday:** Macaroni and cheese, mixed vegetables, bread sticks, peanut-raisin cups, applesauce and milk.  
**Friday:** Barbecue beef on bun, corn, peas and chocolate milk or plain milk.

**HANSEN**  
**Monday:** Chicken nuggets, french fries, buttered green beans, hot rolls, orange half and milk.  
**Tuesday:** Baked macaroni and cheese, buttered Japanese vegetables, cherry crisp and milk.  
**Wednesday:** Sausage pizza, tossed green salad, tutti frutti pudding and milk.  
**Thursday:** Taco, buttered carrots, french fries, peaches and milk.  
**Friday:** Chili, cauliflower and celery, applesauce, maple bars and milk.

**STATE SCHOOL**  
**Monday:** Fillet of sole, scalloped potatoes, buttered spinach, butterscotch pudding with whipped cream, french bread and milk.  
**Tuesday:** Hamburger pizza, buttered carrots, salad bar, vanilla ice cream with chocolate topping, and milk.  
**Wednesday:** Taco, buttered carrots, french fries, buttered squash, green olives, peaches, hot rolls and milk.  
**Thursday:** Porcupine meat balls, creamed potatoes, peas and turnips, apple wedges, cinnamon rolls and milk.  
**Friday:** Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, broccoli with pimiento, mixed jello cubes, ugly duckling cake and milk.


**MURTAUGH**  
**Monday:** Chicken and noodles, peanut butter cup, peas and carrots, fruit cup and milk.  
**Tuesday:** Turkey or ham pocket sandwiches, carrot sticks, fries, oranges and milk.

**WEDNESDAY:** Finger steaks, later tots, corn, hot rolls and milk.  
**THURSDAY:** Creamed turkey over whipped potatoes, cheese sticks, green beans, hot rolls, fruited jello and milk.  
**FRIDAY:** Hamburgers, fries, carrot sticks, fruit and milk.

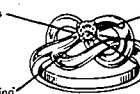
**DIETRICH**  
**Monday:** Spaghetti with meatballs, green salad, hot french bread, chocolate cake, fruit and milk.  
**Tuesday:** Chicken and homemade noodles, buttered carrots, pineapple chunks, cookies and milk.  
**Wednesday:** Meatloaf, baked potatoes, green beans, jello and milk.  
**Thursday:** Fried chicken, whipped potatoes and gravy, buttered peas, spice cake and milk.  
**Friday:** Chili with beans, hot cornbread, cherry pie with whipped topping, fruit and milk.

**WENZEL**  
**Monday:** Vegetable soup, biscuits, cake, fruit and milk.  
**Tuesday:** Tacos, buttered corn, chocolate pudding and milk.  
**Wednesday:** Barbecue pork on bun, buttered green beans, peanut butter squares and milk.  
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by Jo Ann Rose

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# Features

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## Washington one-liner big shots in demand

By DICK WEST  
United Press International

WASHINGTON — A freshman House member, never previously noted as a great wit, delivers a series of hilarious one-liners that make him the star of a press club "congressional night" dinner.

A White House aide who does have a reputation for cleverness lets it be known she needs a few ad libs to spice up an out-of-town speech. Her office is quickly swarmed with gags contributed by other executive mansion staffers.

Both of the above are beneficiaries of the Washington humor underground, an unstructured, largely anonymous group of part-time, unpaid quipsters. The system can work two ways, however.

An Air Force general hears an off-color joke while visiting a West Coast base. He lets back to Washington but by the time he can spring the story on his colleagues the

Pentagon already is splitting its five sides over the punch line.

He is a typical victim of the self-same underground.

Although countless thousands of waggish workers in the federal establishment and environs are willing to contribute mots without remuneration, the speed with which a wisecrack makes the rounds in the capital can be dismaying.

The armed forces once did their part by transmitting newly minted knee-slappers over the communications network that linked the nation's far-flung outposts.

Within minutes after some bit of Chaucerian ribaldry had circulated down a Defense Department corridor from the Joint Chiefs of Staff area, it could be tickling funnybones in faraway places with strange-sounding names. Or so sources in the military arm of the humor underground have confided.

Apparently, the high technology equipment now in use is

### Current events make excellent humor subjects

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Current events traditionally provide the staples of Washington humor. At the moment, politics and falling oil prices are among the topics favored by both amateur and professional jesters.

There's a gag making the rounds that OPEC, the Organization of Petroleum Exporters, is on the verge of changing its acronym to LOWPEC to reflect the current price dilemma. Meanwhile, Sen. Robert Dole,

R-Kan., tells reporters he keeps getting telephone calls from politicians suggesting that the GOP field a Bush-Dole ticket if President Reagan doesn't run in 1984.

"I inform them I am not interested in running for vice president again," quips Dole, who was Gerald Ford's running mate. "And they say, 'We're not talking about you; we're talking about Elizabeth.'"

(For the benefit of those who need that joke explained, the senator's

wife recently joined Reagan's Cabinet as secretary of the Transportation Department.)

And Reagan himself figures in a joke, especially popular with congressional Democrats, about his budgetary policies.

The story has Satan begging Saint Peter to transfer Reagan to Heaven.

"He's only been here three days," laments Satan, "and he's already shut down five furnaces."

are being repeated in high places by powers that may take all the credit unto themselves.

Some presidents, justices, lawmakers, military leaders and other movers and shakers can, and do, hire professional speechwriters with a ready flow of wit. Gerald Ford was the first chief executive to retain a full-time professional gagman on the White House staff.

The situation, however, seems to have changed somewhat since Elizabeth Carpenter was gaining a "funny girl" reputation while a member of Lady Bird Johnson's staff.

Minions who toil for President Reagan say it no longer is possible to exact humorous contributions from flawless civil servants in the bureaucracy. However, Landon Parvin, the speechwriter usually called upon to feed laugh-getters to Reagan, conceded he occasionally "reaches out to the joke people around town."

less-sulted-for jocularity. Some present-day Pentagon personnel say they never heard of jokes being spread in that manner.

Next to the rapidity with which jokes age and become stale, the most conspicuous aspect of the Washington humor underground is its appetite. This town is verily a bottomless pit insofar as mirth is concerned.

The National Press Club is perhaps the oldest established levity consumer in the capital. Its upstairs cousin, the Washington Press Club, likewise has functions that place a premium on waggery.

The celebrated dinners given by the Gridiron Club are noted funny factories, as are the musical spoofs staged by the Hexagon Club. Other

steady drains on drollery come from the Alafra Club, the Circus Saints and Sinners and myriad other organizations, such as associations of White House correspondents.

And most of the material comes from the jesters who are willing to exercise their risibilities with no hope of reward other than the satisfaction of knowing their wisecracks

## Nothing sacred to gagsters

WASHINGTON (UPI) — What do professional gagwriters find funny about the Reagan administration?

Here are some quips chosen by Robert Orben, author of 45 books on humor, as typical of the material he is churning out these days for his "Current Comedy" newsletter:

"There has to be something basically wrong with a world in which M-A-S-H goes and W-A-T-T stays."

"In these very depressing economic times, let us all pay tribute to the EPA for all it has done to keep American industry from being down in the dumps."

"First, there is no truth to the rumor that Alan Cranston models for doorknobs."

"Or, that John Glenn is planning to campaign under an assumed charisma."

"What this country really needs is lower interest rates and higher keisters."

"Have you noticed how the administration keeps renaming things? The MX missile is called 'Peacekeeper.'"

"Taxes are now 'revenue enhancers.'"

"Next thing you know, unemployment will be known as a 'vacation extender.'"

"If I understand President Reagan's report on his first two years in office — he's a big hit."

"It's the world that's a flop."  
"I'll say one thing for James Watt: He's proved that he has the courage to do the unpopular thing — like stay in office."

"I think President Reagan put it very well when he said, 'Don't blame me for higher gasoline taxes. Look at all the cars — I inherited them from the previous administration.'"  
"I can call my car the Ted Kennedy. It looks good. It sounds good. It just won't run."



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with the theme 'Don't Bug Me.' It is designed to prevent destruction of California's \$14 billion agriculture industry.

## Humorists give Reagan passing grade for his wit

By DICK WEST  
United Press International

WASHINGTON — Since passing the midway point in what will be, either his first or only term, President Reagan has been subjected to a barrage of assessments, appraisals and performance ratings in various areas of government.

Even so, not all of the ground has been covered. Still to come is Reagan humor "report card."

Robert Orben, easily the capital's most prolific professional gagwriter, gives Reagan high marks for personal drollery but says Washington is a funny place regardless of who is in the White House.

James Boren, who makes a living spoofing the federal establishment, subscribes to the latter observation. But minority views were entered by Sidney Yudin, publisher of a weekly newspaper that spotlights anti-behavior in Congress.

As Orben pointed out, a U.S. president necessarily is more than a military commander in chief, foreign and domestic policy formulator and titular political leader.

He is also, perforce, "a stand-up comedian."

"A president customarily speaks at a few functions every year at which he is judged solely on the basis of humor," Orben told an interviewer.

He mentioned in that regard the spring Gridiron Club program, the White House Correspondents dinner and other social functions by groups that primarily exist for the purpose of throwing parties.

Whatever the "raison d'etre" of the audiences, Reagan makes Orben's honor roll both as an ab-libber and a deliverer of carefully rehearsed punch lines.

Reagan's joshing ability also was praised by Landon Parvin, the member of the White House speechwriting team who usually gets first call when chuckles are needed.

Parvin submits as many sallies as he can dream up or liberate from other wits around town. However, he was pleased to report that "the president has a knack of witting his own" quips and jocular remarks.

Orben particularly admired the way Reagan "soothed an entire nation" by joking about the 1981 attempt assassination attempt. He cited such hospital badinage as, "I hope the surgeons are Republicans."

Reagan's light-hearted patter while awaiting surgical removal of a bullet was "a giant moment in the use of humor" in Orben's judgment.

"His show-biz background certainly doesn't hurt when it comes to timing, buildup and the other arts of comedy," Orben added.

"This may prove that it takes one to know one."

Orben himself had extensive show business experience before coming to Washington. In Hollywood, he supplied material to such television and cabaret comics as Red Skelton, Jack Paar, Red Buttons and Dick Gregory.

Locally, however, his main claim to fame was 1974 employment by President Ford as the first full-time gagwriter employed by the White House.

The author of some 45 books on mirth, Orben now edits a "Current Comedy" humor service for toastmasters, lecturers, clergymen, bureaucrats, politicians and others who occasionally find themselves at the podium with minds devoid of witticisms.

His ability to think up about 25 jokes a day — "Sometimes it takes two hours, sometimes 12" — makes Orben uniquely qualified to judge the administration from a humor standpoint. But he declined to be drawn into comparisons.

"The amount of funny material really doesn't vary much from one president to another," he said.

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## Dioxin: a deadly time bomb that is ticking

By PETER COSTA  
United Press International

NEW YORK — Dioxin imperils towns in Missouri, threatens other sites around the country and has become the most feared of any non-radioactive poison.

More than 170,000 times as deadly as cyanide, dioxin can exist indefinitely, environmentalists and government scientists say. There are 75 types of dioxin and all virtually defy control after being discharged into the environment.

Scientists say only three ounces of the 2,3,7,8-TCDD form of dioxin, the most deadly compound ever assembled by man, could kill the entire population of New York City.

A leading toxic waste expert, Dr. Samuel Epstein, describes dioxin as "absolutely deadly... a time bomb that is ticking." He wants a "Peace Corps" for this country, a Manhattan Project to deal with the problems of hazardous waste.

Geraldine Cox, Ph.D., vice president and technical director of the Chemical Manufacturers Association, advocates more study on the effects of dioxin.

"I'm not saying there is no problem," Ms. Cox said, "but before we run in a panic, we better sit down with a panel of experts to see how bad the problem really is."

It was dioxin that forced evacuation

of Times Beach, Mo., and a \$33 million federal "buy-out" of the small community. The Love Canal pollution episode, it would be the first purchase of an entire town made unlivable by hazardous waste.

In a cruel irony, a suburban St. Louis mobile home park to which some Times Beach residents relocated was one of four newly discovered Missouri sites found contaminated by dioxin. The other three new sites brought to the number tainted with the toxic chemical in the state.

At a site in Frontenac, Mo., dioxin levels were discovered that exceeded safe levels by 100 times. Until the late 1970s, the Frontenac site was used by waste hauler Richard-Bilse to store waste oil and chemicals. Authorities said the field became contaminated when dioxin-laced oil spilled during transfers between trucks and storage tanks.

Scientists fear dioxin may be strewn alongside many highways and in waste dumps around the nation. A recent study showed dioxin in fish taken from lakes and rivers in Michigan.

Dioxin was among wastes found in the 1970 Love Canal pollution case near Niagara Falls, N.Y. In 1970, dioxin was a contaminant in the defoliant Agent Orange sprayed in Vietnam and in many herbicides used in the United States.

If dioxin is this dangerous, why did man create it? He did so almost by accident, while making other things.

In technical terms, dioxin is a byproduct from the chemical reactions of chlorine and hydrocarbons in the manufacture of plastics, herbicides and wood preservatives.

The dioxins and another toxic substance family called dibenzofurans are formed from other halogenated hydrocarbons in the presence of oxygen from the air, especially at high temperatures.

The federal Environmental Protection Agency says dioxin is highly stable and resists breakdown by

chemicals or bacteria. In its free state it can bond tightly to solid surfaces like soil and other particulates and is extremely nonsoluble.

Medically, it is a nightmare. Dioxin literally can make one's skin crawl. Some scientists say people exposed to even a billionth part of dioxin can contract a potentially fatal

skin disease called chloracne.

Dioxin — also has been linked to cancer in laboratory animals and is listed by the government as an extremely potent carcinogen. In laboratory tests on animals it has caused birth defects and diseases of the nerves, liver, kidneys and bladder.

Epstein, a physician, pathologist and author of the book "Hazardous Waste in America," said in an interview, "Without any question at all, it is the most toxic substance known to man. There is overwhelming evidence that humans exposed to dioxin suffer high blood lipids, abnormal liver functioning, high incidence of coronaries. And there is a wide range of experts of cancer even without symptoms of chloracne."

Other scientists like Ms. Cox claim more tests are needed to determine how dioxin affects humans. They say scientists cannot generalize from animal studies.

"If this material is so deadly toxic," Ms. Cox said, "then we should have seen something more serious than chloracne in children that went away with time in the Italy exposure case; for example."

Epstein called this reasoning "nonsense."

"The industry, party line — if you don't have chloracne, there is nothing to worry about and there is good dioxin and bad dioxin — is madness. See DIOXIN on Page C2



A church in St. Louis where dioxin has been found in a playground used by children

# Dioxin

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 "bio-madness," he said. "The position of the chemical industry is a reflection of wishful thinking, ignorance and a need to trivialize the hazardous waste issue and to deceive the public."  
 Chemical manufacturers counter that the media and some environmentalists are uninformed and trying to scare the public.  
 Epstein agrees with environmentalists who claim the dioxin problem is far beyond the study stage.  
 "Unless you want to have literal 'leakage' throughout states like Missouri, what is needed is a massive national awakening," he said. "And, first and foremost, we must toilet train the chemical industry."  
 Although there is some debate on the effects of dioxin solutions on humans, nearly everyone agrees dioxin

in poses a massive environmental problem.  
 Incineration of PCB-containing trash — plastics and copy paper, for example — is likely to produce dioxins and dibenzofurans. Some of these chemicals have been found in fly ash from municipal incinerators, according to a report by the New York Academy of Sciences.

Dioxins also are found as contaminants in chlorophenols, which are produced worldwide at the rate of 200,000 tons a year. Chlorophenols are used as herbicides, fungicides and wood preservatives; if the plants or the wood they are used upon are later burned, the chlorophenol burns, too, and dioxins are created and released in the smoke.

In addition, chlorophenols are used to make the disinfectant hexachlorophene and the herbicides 2,4,5-T and 2,4-D.  
 Dioxin contamination was dramatically brought to national attention in the case of flood-ravaged Times Beach.  
 In the early 1970s the city's unpaved streets were sprayed with waste oil

contaminated by dioxin as a dust-control measure. The waste hauler, Russell Bliss, said he did not know the oil was contaminated.  
 When horses in the area died, investigators noticed the waste oil and started making tests. Preliminary results showed contamination of as much as 300 parts dioxin per billion parts soil in much of the St. Louis

suburb.  
 (One part dioxin per billion is considered a significant health risk.)  
 The federal Center for Disease Control advised people to stay out of town. A new round of tests was ordered after record flooding by the Meramec River in early December spread the contamination throughout the town of about 2,000 residents.

# Humor

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 "Every administration has high visibility matter. The trick is to convert it into political laughs."  
 Yudin's approach also was taken by Boren when asked to evaluate Reagan and his colleagues as humor generators.  
 "All administrations that come to Washington are humorous symphonies of movement and sound," said Boren.  
 "Each has its budgetary ding-a-lings, its political woodwinds, its special interest strings, its policy loopholes, its boozing loons and its managerial yo-yos."  
 "One administration may be overloaded with ding-a-lings and yo-yos, while another may specialize in pratfalls through loopholes. All are funny — if you can survive them."  
 Boren, by the way, is something of an authority on "managerial yo-yos." As co-founder of the International Association of Professional Bureaucrats, he has made a career of sorts out of poking left-handed fun at the foibles and lingo of civil servants.

According to Orben, Washington's humor output is second only to that of Los Angeles, headquarters of a small army of television sitcom and funny movie scriptwriters. But Yudin has noticed a sharp decline in the quality of political humor since he began writing "Sid-Bits," a column of one-liners, about two decades ago.  
 The Roll Call publisher blames television.

In the past, Yudin explained, great speakers and humorists had to attract and hold audiences with their own power of speech — the promise of new jokes and so on.  
 Now, he continued, politicians "are packaged for TV by media advisers convinced that seriousness is more effective. They've only got 30 seconds to get their messages across and as often as not they are not even in it."  
 Yudin cited the Congressional Record, a daily transcript of proceedings on the House and Senate floors, as evidence that members of Congress "don't think on their feet anymore."  
 "Try finding a funny extemporaneous exchange in the Record," he challenged.

The "My Favorite Story" set piece that lawmakers contribute to his paper also has become a problem.  
 Not only are contributors harder to find, it takes them longer to complete their copy and "then there's no punch line," Yudin lamented.

Besides falling flat, political humor also can backfire. Orben cited President Carter as a victim of a jolly backlash.  
 "Jimmy Carter's attempts at levity hurt more than they helped," he said. "Carter just didn't seem to have a sense of the ultimate impact" of presidential flippancy.  
 By way of illustration of why wit gone awry, he mentioned Carter's famous "Montezuma's revenge" comment during a state visit to Mexico.

Other public servants to whom Orben would give low grades include former Agriculture Secretary Earl Butts and Alfred Kahn, Carter's "inflation czar."

Butts, he said, was a "joke machine" who never knew when to turn himself off. And while Kahn exhibited a "treaty quick wit," he tended to use it ill-advisedly, Orben said.

(Sample: Kahn's substitution of the word "banana" for economic terminology at the White House considered pejorative.)

Despite prodigious production, the Washington humor bill has sent very few home-grown comedians to the big time. Mark Russell, who got his start in local night clubs and ostensibly was "discovered" by Yudin, is a notable exception.  
 Orben recalled he once bumped into Russell in an airport somewhere and, while waiting for planes, the two began discussing the humor potential of the Reagan administration.

"They agreed that Interior Secretary James Watt — 'everybody's favorite villain' — was the most likely target."  
 Other subjects from whom both Orben and Russell have extracted considerable mileage include "Reagonomics" and jelly beans.

Whatever the topic, Orben definitely is not among the legions of unpaid wits who anonymously provide gratis materials to politicians for whatever reflected glory they might enjoy. His motto: "Anything worth doing is worth doing for money."

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## 7 ranked teams secure NCAA tourney bids

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Led by No. 1 Houston, seven ranked teams made it official Saturday and two more got a chance to clinch a berth in the NCAA Tournament.

Houston, No. 8 St. John's, No. 11 Nevada-Las Vegas, No. 15 Tennessee-Chattanooga and No. 20 Illinois State clinched NCAA bids by winning their league tournaments while No. 4 Indiana and No. 7 UCLA qualified for the championship tournament by clinching their league's regular season crowns.

In tournament finals Saturday, Houston won the Southwest Conference. St. John's captured the Big East. UNLV took the Pacific Coast Athletic Association. Tennessee-Chattanooga won the Southern Conference and Illinois State captured the Missouri Valley Conference.

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Also, Boston University won the ECAC North Atlantic tournament to earn a bid and West Virginia qualified for the NCAA by winning the Atlantic 10 tournament.

Indiana clinched the Big Ten crown with an 81-60 win over Ohio State and UCLA backed into the Pac-10 championship despite a 78-75 loss to Arizona State. The Bruins won the league title by way of Washington's 76-75 upset victory over No. 16 Washington State.

Today, No. 2 Virginia meets North Carolina State in the Atlantic Coast Conference finals and No. 3 Louisville meets Tulane in the Metro Conference championship.

At-large bids for the 32-team tournament will be announced by the NCAA on today.

In Saturday's conference tournaments:

**Southwest Conference**  
At Dallas, 7-foot Akem Oluajun put a dent in TCU's upset hopes with 19 points and Houston fought off the Horned Frogs, 62-59. In the championship game and moved into the NCAA Tournament for the third straight year. Houston ran its record to 27-2 and won its 22nd straight by finally wearing down the scrappy Frogs, who had stunned No. 5 Arkansas in the semifinals Friday night. —TCU, experiencing its second-best season in history, dropped to 21-10 with the loss.

**Big East**  
At New York, tournament MVP Chris Mullin scored 23 points. Billy

Goodwin added 20 and David Russell had 19 to help St. John's to an 85-77 victory over No. 13 Boston College in the finals. In winning the league title for the first time, St. John's avenged its two losses to the Eagles during the regular season. The triumph also raised the Redmen's mark to 27-4, the most victories the school has recorded in its history—Boston College, the top seed in the tournament and projected for a fifth-place finish in the league at the start of the season, fell to 24-6.

**Pacific Coast Athletic Association**  
At Inglewood, Calif., Eric Booker hit his only basket of the game with two seconds left in overtime to give UNLV a 66-63 victory over Fresno State in the championship. After a pass by Fresno's Tyrone Bradley was knocked away by tournament MVP Sidney Green (23 points) of UNLV, Booker retrieved the ball, dribbled

into his own front court and drilled his game-winning shot.

**Southern Conference**  
At Charleston, W.Va., MVP Willie White scored 17 points and Skip Clark came off the bench for another 17 to lead Tennessee-Chattanooga to a 70-62 triumph over East Tennessee for its third straight conference tournament championship.

**Missouri Valley Conference**  
At Normal, Ill., Rickie Johnson and Raymond Malinae came off the bench to spark No. 20 Illinois State to an 84-64 victory over Tulsa in the title game. The victory, ISU's 24th in 30 games, clinched the school's first NCAA berth.

**Atlantic 10**  
At Philadelphia, Russel Todd scored 23 points and Lester Howe and Greg Jones added 19 each to lift West Virginia to a 86-78 victory over Tem-

ple in the championship game. The Mountaineers, 25-7, took a 15-point lead late in the first half and used that cushion to repel a comeback bid by the Owls, 14-15, in the second half in earning their second straight trip to the NCAA tournament.

**ECAC North Atlantic**  
At Boston, Boston University, getting 22 points from MVP Mike Alexander and clutch foul shooting down the stretch, gained its first NCAA berth in 24 years with a 63-62 victory over Holy Cross in the championship game.

**Atlantic Coast Conference**  
At Atlanta, No. 2 Virginia, led by junior guard Othell Wilson with 18 points, blew by Georgia Tech 96-67, breaking the game open late in the first half, and senior guard Derek Whittenburg scored 11 points in

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## Idaho could receive berth in NIT classic

By MARV CLEMONS Times-News sports editor

RENO, Nev. — Big Sky Conference Commissioner Ron Stephenson and Idaho basketball Coach Don Monson both expressed optimism Saturday night that the Vandals would receive an invitation to the National Invitational Tournament (NIT) sometime today.

"We've been on the phone several times today (Saturday) with Scotty Whitelaw (commissioner of the Atlantic Coast Conference and a member of the NIT selection committee). Maybe I'm being as presumptuous as hell to think that we'd get three teams into tournaments because we only had one in the past, but Whitelaw indicates that both Idaho and our conference runner-up will get a berth," Stephenson said at halftime of the Big Sky Conference title game between Nevada-Reno and Weber State.

Stephenson said maybe "I am dreaming," because only one team from the Big Sky has gone in the past. "I really think Idaho is going to be offered an NIT berth," Stephenson said. "Last year the NIT wouldn't even return my calls and this year they're calling us."

Later in the day Stephenson had a conversation with Pete Carlismo, executive director of the NIT. Mr. NIT and he wanted to know if he could announce on TV that our conference runner up and Idaho would be in the tournament," Stephenson said. "As I understand it, the NCAA pairings will be announced on CBS around 1 p.m. (MST) and that the NIT is trying

to get together with NBC and announce its pairings around 3:30 or 4 p.m."

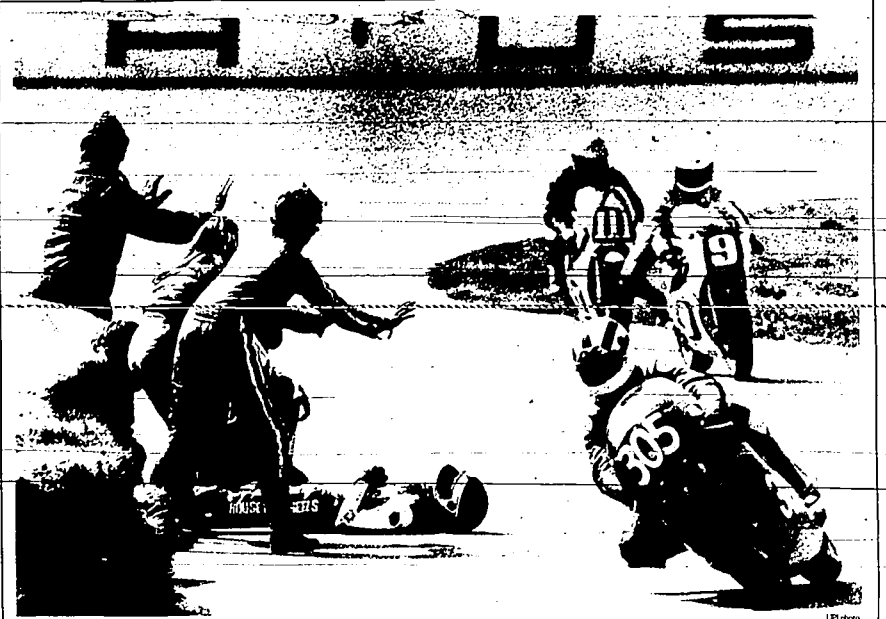
Monson, whose Vandals suffered a 78-73 loss to Reno in Friday's conference game, said, "We're hanging in there," Monson said. "Ron tells me that he thinks it is a 90 percent possibility. The problem we have is that we're on spring break and a few of our players have already gone home, but if we are selected, we'll gather again and go from there."

Neither Monson nor Stephenson speculated on where Nevada-Reno or Idaho would play, or just who they would play.

"We have no idea about that, but it doesn't matter," Monson said. "We'll practice and be ready to go anyplace if we do get an invitation."

Several reporters at the Big Sky tournament speculated that Idaho could face neighboring Washington State if the Cougars, runners-up in the Pac-10 to UCLA, do not receive an NCAA berth. Utah State was ousted from the NCAA tourney earlier this week by San Jose State, while Washington State closed the season with a loss to Washington Saturday afternoon.

The NCAA journey field will include 52 teams, while the NIT will offer invitations to 32 teams. One of the NCAA sub-regionals is scheduled for Thursday and Saturday at Boise State while the NIT first-round games are usually played at one of the teams' home courts to insure good attendance. The NIT semifinals and finals will be held in New York City.



**Careful**  
A group of rescue workers motion racers to stay away as they tend to George Wallace of Houston, Texas. Wallace had been competing smoothly before he lost control of his Formula 2 motorcycle during the Lightweight 100 road race in Daytona Beach, Fla. Wallace suffered unknown injuries and was taken to the track hospital for observation.

## Free-throw success lifts Weber State

RENO, Nev. (UPI) — Greg Jones scored 18 points and teammate John Price hit 11-of-12 free throws late in the game to lead Weber State to an automatic NCAA tournament berth with an 87-78 triumph over Nevada-Reno in the finals of the Big Sky Conference post-season tournament.

Nevada-Reno, the conference regular season co-champion with Weber State, ends its season at 18-11 with hopes of getting an at-large berth from the NCAA Sunday. The Wildcats are 23-7.

Nevada-Reno led 44-34 at halftime but that lead slowly evaporated in the second half as Weber State was near perfect at the free-throw line, hitting 25-of-28 in the period.

While the Wildcats were cashing at the line, the Wolf Pack was doing just the opposite. Nevada-Reno missed three 3-and-1 attempts and a single attempt down the stretch.

The Wildcats, who had lost to the Wolf Pack in both regular-season matchups, led the contest by beating the Nevada-Reno press for easy buckets.

Ken "Tree" Green scored 34 points for Nevada-Reno to set a tournament scoring record with a two-game total of 67 points.

Randy Worrster added 16 points and Tom Heywood and Royal Edwards each chipped in 14 more for the winners.

### Milwaukee bests Cubs, 7-2

## Brewers show pennant-winning power

By United Press International

The Milwaukee Brewers have turned on the power that carried them into the World Series last year early this spring.

Behind two homers and three RBI from Ben Oglivie and a three-run homer by Gorman Thomas, the Brewers blasted the Chicago Cubs 7-2 in a Cactus League game Saturday at Sun City, Ariz.

The Cubs scored one run in each of the first two innings, but Oglivie homered in the second to make it 2-1 and tied the game by ripping a single after Robin Yount had tripled to open the fourth.

Yount knocked in the winning run in the fifth inning with a ground rule double that scored Jim Gentner. Oglivie led off the sixth inning with his second homer of the day and Thomas completed the scoring with a three-run blast in the eighth.

Elsewhere:

- At West Palm Beach, Fla., Reid Nichols hit a two-run home run in the eighth inning to give the Boston Red

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Sox a 5-3 triumph over the Montreal Expos. Left-hander Bruce Hurst scattered three hits over the final three innings of shutout relief for the win.

- At Sarasota, Fla., home runs by Jerry Martin and George Brett led the Kansas City Royals to a 6-4 triumph over the White Sox, handing Chicago its first loss in six spring games.
- At Dunedin Fla., the Toronto Blue Jays, powered by home runs from catcher Ernie Whit and third baseman Rance Mulliniks and strong pitching from right-hander Dave Stieb, beat the Cincinnati Reds 6-2.
- At St. Petersburg, Fla., Mookie Wilson had four hits and drove in four runs and Hubie Brooks also had four RBI to lead the New York Mets to a 10-5 victory over the St. Louis Cardinals. Tom Seaver made his first Grapefruit League appearance for the Mets since being reacquired from Cincinnati and was touched for three runs in three innings.
- At Bradenton, Fla., Mike Easter had two hits and scored two runs to help lead the Pittsburgh Pirates to a 3-0 victory over the Philadelphia Phillies. Easter scored the Pirates' second run in the fourth on Lee Lacy's RBI-single and scored the final run in the sixth with the help of two Philadelphia's five errors.
- Also, Pittsburgh Pirates third baseman Bill Madlock will undergo arthroscopic surgery on his left knee Monday but should be ready for the start of the 1983 season, a team spokesman said.
- At Cocoa, Fla., Pedro Guerrero, Mike Marshall and Franklin Stubbs hit home runs for Los Angeles to give the Dodgers an 8-5 win over the Houston Astros in a game marred by seven errors, four charged to Houston, and three passed balls.
- At Pompano Beach, Fla., Atlanta second baseman Randy Johnson's throwing errors on consecutive plays in the eighth inning led to three unearned runs and gave the Texas Rangers a 5-3 victory over the Braves.
- At Lakeland, Fla., Aurelio Lopez solidified his spot in the Detroit bullpen with three strong innings of two-hit pitching that helped the Tigers rally to a 9-3 victory over the Minnesota Twins in 10 innings. Tom Brookens drove in the game-winning run with a single off Minnesota reliever Ron Davis in the 10th.
- At Phoenix, Ariz., Rickey Henderson drove in a pair of runs and three Oakland pitchers combined for a three-hitter to pace the Oakland A's to a 5-2 victory over the San Diego Padres.

## Heathcote, Grant reportedly among finalists for BSU job

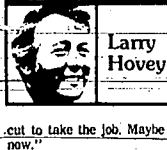
TWIN FALLS — They're saying in Boise that about 50 applicants have been trimmed to a final three and the BSU basketball coach could be named as early as this Friday.

What they're also saying is that Judd Heathcote and Boyd Grant are two of the three finalists.

"With everyone running around the country playing in conference tournaments and/or trying to pollitick themselves into a better NCAA berth position, it isn't easy to run out this down.

Grant, for instance, left Fresno State Wednesday morning and we couldn't contact him before he took his team to the NCAA playoffs. But the worst out of the BSU staff remains skeptical that Grant would take the BSU job because of money.

"I know," said one of his associates Saturday night, "that when Boise State contacted him last time (when Dave Leach was hired) that he told them he couldn't afford the pay



cut to take the job. Maybe he can afford it now."

Saturday's action also works somewhat against Boise State's hope in that Grant would have beaten Nevada-Las Vegas in the NCAA finals and clinched a spot in the NCAA tournament instead of losing to the Rebels in overtime. (Fresno State went the last 81-70 without a field goal and at one earlier stage held a 21-point advantage.)

It must be remembered here that Fresno State returns everyone from this year's team

plus a red-hot redshirt and the fresh recruiting list has been good.

Another thing is Grant's relative certainty that Fresno State will get at least a bid to the NIT. He was certain three years ago of the same thing but saw that go a glimmering when Cal-Irvine and Long Beach were selected instead. They pulled a crowd of about 2,400, which wasn't exactly what the NIT had in mind. Fresno State's almost built-in guarantee of 6,500 paid is considered a very good enticement for the NIT's attention this time around.

It is known that Grant likes Idaho and the fact Boise has horse racing all summer is an attraction. He likes horses. He'd like to get into the horse-racing business as an owner.

On the same hand, Heathcote also is an Idaho boy and there are those who say he plans to return to the state.

One of his former associates, qualifying it by noting he hadn't talked to Heathcote

specifically about a move to BSU, said he would be surprised if Judd left after this year.

"He has a young team and one he thinks will improve," the associate said. "Also, I don't think Judd would think about leaving on a losing note. He's pretty stubborn and proud about things like that. Maybe if things went well for him next year he might be interested in moving back west. But I'd be surprised if he left this year."

This, of course, brings up the other rumor that Heathcote will replace Marv Harshman at University of Washington in another year. Harshman originally was thought ready to retire at the end of the current season but put that in abeyance because Washington will host the NCAA finals in 1984. Heathcote was head man at Washington State and therefore is known in Seattle.

Idaho's Don Monson has been linked with

that post, too, and he won't comment on any speculation in this area. Neither will he talk about the Oregon job, even though his Vandals are ostensibly done for the year.

It is known that the Oregon athletic director sat in on Friday night's game when Idaho bowed to Reno. It is doubted he was then to recruit any transfers.

In that same light, Mike Mitchell, the former CSI cage coach, said the predominant rumor in the midwest is that Bob Boyd "has a lock" on the Oregon job. Boyd, currently at Mississippi State, wants back in the Pac-10, the story goes. He served as the head coach at Southern Cal for many years.

If you need anymore rumors, the mill says that if Heathcote does leave Michigan State, Wyoming's Jim Brandenburg will replace him at the Spartan helm. Of course, that continues the thread of Brandenburg replacing Heathcote when Judd left Montana.

Heathcote, Grant reportedly among finalists for BSU job



# Sports briefs

## Jenkins scores hole-in-one

TWIN FALLS — Glen Jenkins of Twin Falls collected a hole-in-one Saturday at Blue Lakes Country Club, the third ace of his career. Jenkins, who got the ace on the 119-yard, par-3 15th hole, played with Chuck Colner, Ooch Dooks and Chuck Rountree. Jenkins used a 9-iron.

## Utah captures NCAA skiing

BOZEMAN, Mont. (UPI) — A second-place finish for the University of Utah men's nordic-skiing relay team here Saturday capped a strong four-day performance by the Utes, as they won the first of two NCAA skiing championships. Utah led throughout the tournament and finished with 666 team points. Second-place Vermont, which outscored Utah on Saturday by 21 points, had 650 points, and Wyoming took third with 629 1/2. The Utah men's team of Trygve Mikkelsen, Knut Engebretsen and Bert Lunt covered the 22.5-kilometer course at the Crosscut Ranch near Bozeman, Mont., in 1:17:05. The Vermont men — Frederick Thalow, Todd Boonstra and Pal Sjuistad — won the event with a time of 1:14:56. New Mexico won the 15-kilometer women's relay race in 58:29, skied by Wenche Hobbolt, Kjersti Stenberg and Heidi Sorensen. Wyoming took second, Vermont third and Utah fifth.

## Kea still in critical condition

SALT LAKE CITY (UPI) — Ed Kea, Salt Lake Golden Eagle defenseman and a 19-year NHL veteran, remained in critical but stable condition Saturday at Holy Cross Hospital, where he is being treated for a severe head injury. Kea was injured Monday during a head-on collision with George McPhee of the Central Hockey League's Tulsa Oilers. Kea, who wasn't wearing a helmet, hit his head on the boards following the collision.

A spokesman for Holy Cross Hospital said Kea's condition had not changed since he underwent a 4 1/2-hour operation to remove blood clots from his brain early Thursday.

## Citizenship for tennis player?

WASHINGTON (UPI) — A lawyer for Hu Na, the Chinese tennis player who defected eight months ago, said Saturday he is optimistic his client will be granted asylum in the United States very soon.

"I hope it's imminent," said Terry Adamson, representing the 19-year-old tennis star. "We've been told it would be next week but this has been going on for six weeks. We're still hopeful it's imminent but I've learned not to get overly excited."

Adamson spoke in a telephone interview from his law office and said Miss Hu was with him but would not come to the telephone. He said she met Friday with a group of congressmen who have been supportive of her asylum request to thank them for their help.

The Communist Chinese government has demanded Miss Hu's return and she reportedly fears persecution if forced to go home.

## TV producer eyes USFL club

SAN DIEGO (UPI) — Television producer Quinn Martin and the United States Football League have engaged in preliminary negotiations aimed at bringing a franchise of the new league to San Diego.

USFL commissioner Chet Simmons Friday confirmed that Martin had contacted the league about obtaining a franchise, but said no real steps had been taken to grant him one. "Quinn has been talking to us," Simmons said. "We hadn't talked to him for a while, then he surfaced again, and he might have had someone else along with him."

San Diego was to have had a USFL franchise this season, but the owners had trouble reserving dates at San Diego Jack Murphy Stadium, home of the NFL San Diego Chargers. The franchise was shifted to Los Angeles and became the Los Angeles Express before the season started.

Simmons, who was approached last Sunday in Los Angeles by another group of investors anxious to obtain a USFL franchise in San Diego.

"We told them we would sit down and talk to them about a team for next season," Simmons said.



MIKE NICOLETTE Owns six-stroke edge

# Nicolette enlarges cushion

ORLANDO, Fla. (UPI) — Mike Nicolette, in search of his first victory on the PGA tour, carded an even-par 71 Saturday to hold a commanding six-stroke lead after 54 holes of the \$50,000 Bay Hill Classic.

Nicolette, who stands at 4-under-par with a three-round total of 209, was the only player able to complete 54 holes under par.

Greg Norman and Seve Ballesteros were tied for second, six shots back at 215. D.A. Weirring was alone at 216, while Jack Nicklaus, Bill Rogers, Larry Nelson and rookie Donnie Hammond were bunched at 217.

Bob Gilder, who faded from second place with a 77 Saturday, and Tom Watson led a group of seven players at 218 — nine shots off the pace set by Nicolette.

Nicolette, who has led since the first round, played a steady round that included two birdies and two bogeys.

"I didn't really hit the ball that well, but I never really got into trouble," said the 26-year-old Nicolette, whose previous best finish was a second at last year's Doral Open. "I'm going to play as aggressive as possible (Sunday). There's no such thing as playing

it safe. I'm going to give it my best shot."

Nicolette was never challenged during Saturday's round. Hammond of Longwood, Fla., closed within two strokes six holes into the round, but bogeyed No. 7 and triple-bogeyed the 15th to fall off the pace.

"Nobody put a charge on him," said Norman, who was 1-over for the day. "He never had any heat put on him. We've been trying to play a patient game this week because of the weather, but tomorrow I think we'll have to change our attitude and go for him."

# Coe sets indoor 800-meter record in U.S.-Britain meet

WOLVERHAMPTON, England (UPI) — A world indoor best performance in the 800 meters by Britain's Sebastian Coe highlighted the indoor track and field international between Britain and the United States Saturday, with Coe clocking 1:46.41.

seconds to smash his own world mark by more than a second.

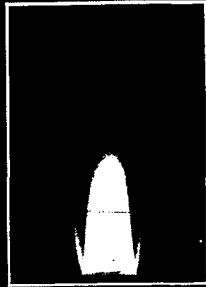
The 26-year-old Olympic 1,500 meters champion, roared on by a capacity crowd of 3,600, clipped 1.09 seconds off his previous best time of 1:46.00 set two years ago.

It was the 11th time in four years that Coe had broken a world record or set an indoor best — and he did it virtually on his own Saturday.

Britain's Colin Szved set a torrid early pace — going through 400 meters in 51 seconds — and only Coe

managed to stay with him. Peter Elliott, the 20-year-old European indoor silver medalist, trailed by five meters and could make no impression on the leaders.

Coe hit the front with 1 1/2 laps remaining and gritted his teeth,



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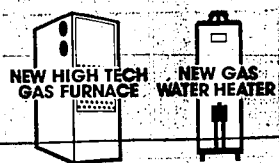
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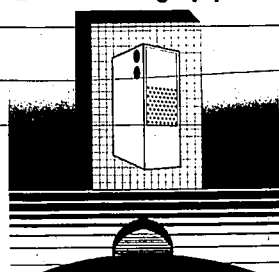


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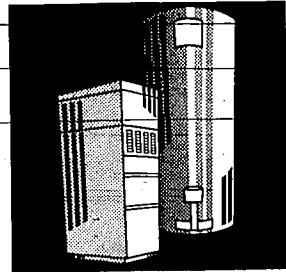
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# Klammer takes Cup downhill

LAKE LOUISE, Alberta (UPI) — Franz Klammer was older than all his rivals but his passion to call back the glory years was younger.

Klammer, in another of his heart-stop finishes, held off six of the young lions of skiing Saturday to win the fifth World Cup downhill championship of his career, ending a long and difficult 5-year comeback.

The 1976 Olympic gold medalist placed second to teammate Helmut Hoeflechner, who won the first World Cup race of his career. The Austrian veteran entered the race needing to place ahead of Conradin Cathomen of Switzerland, whom he led 86-85 in the downhill standings after 10 races.

Five other skiers could also have overtaken him with a victory.

"I needed to take risks. I needed to have an incredible run," said Klammer who, at 29, became the oldest skier ever to win a World Cup championship.

Until this season, Klammer had endured a slide from grace which began in 1978 after a string of four World Cup titles. His decline included being dropped from the 1980 Austrian Olympic team.

The 2,903-meter Whitehorn course became increasingly fast under clear skies with temperatures at freezing. Cathomen, sking from the 12th starting position, took the early lead with a time of 1:40.75, leaving Klammer with only one chance at the title — he had to beat Cathomen.

The Austrian, whose domination of the downhill has earned him the nicknames "Kaiser," "King Franz" and "The Express," came down the course with arms flailing in his familiar windmilling style to nip Cathomen by 2-100ths of a second. Two racers later, Hoeflechner came from the second seed to post the winning time of 1:40.52.

The second-place finish gave Klammer 95 World Cup points, while Cathomen placed second in the standings with 92 and Harti Weirather of Austria took third with 74.

Klammer, grinning widely, shook his fist in the air and was carried from the course on the shoulders of his teammates. They then gave him an icy champagne shower before a crowd of about 15,000 which included Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau.

# McKinney wins crown — maybe

VAIL, Colo. (UPI) — An obscure rule Saturday cast doubt on whether Tamara McKinney had become the first American to win a World Cup women's overall championship.

The question involved a Federation Internationale de Ski (FIS) rule governing the selection of champions in case of a tie.

McKinney's giant slalom win Saturday, her third straight, gave her the maximum 210 points in the World Cup overall standings. Erika Hess of Switzerland could match that total by winning the final slalom and giant slalom races in Furano, Japan, next week.

FIS officials decided McKinney had wrapped up the overall crown because of her six individual wins. Hess, if she wins twice in Japan, would finish the season with five victories.

Late Saturday, however, U.S. Ski Team spokesman John Dakin said the rule book apparently considers the number of total points, excluding points awarded for the overall standings — to be the deciding factor in determining the champion.

The only person who could confirm whether McKinney had won the title outright was World Cup President Serge Lang, who flew to San Francisco Saturday after the World Cup men's downhill race at Lake Louise, Alberta. Lang could not be reached by telephone, and officials said a formal decision on McKinney's overall championship might not be made until today.

McKinney overcame a 01-second, first-run lead by Cindy Nelson of the United States and zipped through the second course in 1:11.84 for a combined time of 2:23.43. Nelson added a time of 1:12.47 for her first-run time of 1:11.58 for a total of 2:24.05. Her second-place finish was her best in the giant slalom this year.

Hess' times of 1:12.16 and 1:12.16 gave her a combined total of 2:24.32 and a shot at the world title.


"Today I was pretty nervous, even last night and this morning I was nervous," McKinney said. "If I can put up with that, I can put up with it more in Japan. I would have liked to win (the overall title) at Vail, but I still haven't won."

Nelson said she did not let up to give McKinney a chance for the overall crown.

"I haven't won a GS since '76, and I wasn't going to make it any easier on Tamara," Nelson said. "I was going as fast as I could, and I knew it was going to be tight. She got me on the second run, so she pulled into the lead. It was my best giant slalom in years."

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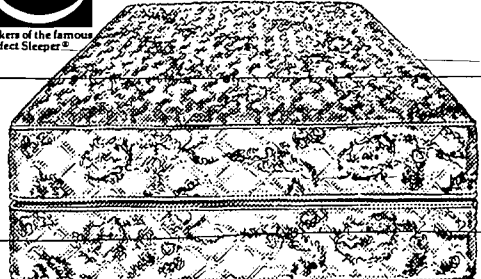
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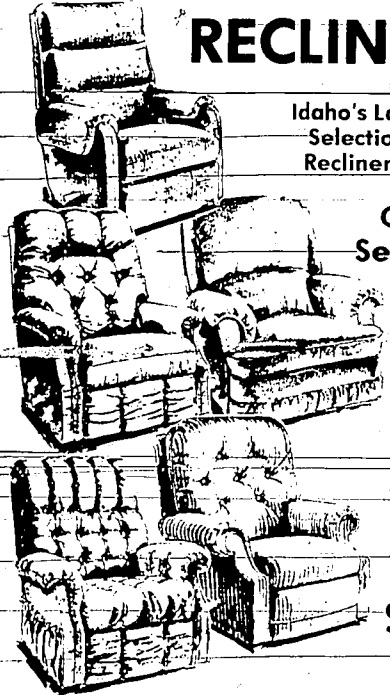


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### Livestock Hall of Fame to induct 5

By DAVID MOFFAT  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — Five area farmers and ranchers will be honored this week when they are inducted into the Southern Idaho Livestock Hall of Fame.

Maurice Guerry Jr. of Castleford, John M. Varin of Gooding, George "Bud" Ewan Wilson of Burley, J. Louis Solosabal of Glenns Ferry and Blain M. Nielsen of Paul were chosen from a slate of nominees to receive the honor at the organization's annual meeting this Tuesday.

The Southern Idaho Livestock Hall of Fame honors those farmers and ranchers who have made contributions to the livestock industry in southern Idaho and who have given years of service to their community, according to Larry McEllitt, the president of the organization.

More than 100 farmers and ranchers have been inducted into the Hall of Fame since its inception. This will be the organization's 24th year.

Here's a brief look at this year's award winners:

• Maurice Guerry Jr. is president of the Idaho Wool Growers Association. He is the son of Maurice Guerry Sr., who was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1962.

Guerry was born in Castleford in 1930. Except for years spent at college and as a lieutenant in the Air Force, he has lived on his family's ranch his entire life.

Together with his wife, Marlene, and two sons, he runs a 3,000 ewe, 600-head cow-calf operation on 750 acres of farm ground and 9,500 acres of deeded grazing land.

Of Basque heritage, Guerry is recognized in the West as a leader in the industry.

He has served as director of the National Wool Growers Association, as a past director of the American Sheep Producers

Council, a member of the Idaho Sheep Commission and in numerous other positions in private industry and on government advisory boards.

He also has served as a member of the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center board.

• John M. Varin has been a rancher in Gooding since 1931. He was born in St. Anthony in 1906.

He began his cow-calf operation with his wife, Susan, shortly after their marriage. But it soon grew with acquisitions of land in Lincoln and Camas counties and BLM and Forest Service grazing rights.

At one time, it also grew into a feeder operation, although it is now primarily cow-calf oriented.

Varin has served as chairman of the Gooding County school board, the Gooding hospital board and the Gooding Fair and Rodeo Board.

He also has served as director of the Idaho Cattlemen's Association.

• George "Bud" Wilson currently owns and operates a lamb operation and feedlot in Burley.

He was born in Nyssa, Ore., in 1909, and entered a partnership with his wife, Helen, in 1932.

In 1943, he purchased a ranch and two bands of sheep in Hell's Canyon, expanding this operation to 4,200 ewes in the late '60s.

In the early 1950s, after his marriage to his wife, Helen, he expanded into the ewe-lamb and feeder-lamb business.

During a given year, he might oversee the feeding of 20,000 to 30,000 feeder lambs and one or two bands of ewes, as well as run the Hell's Canyon operation.

The federal government forced him to sell the Hell's Canyon operation in 1973, however.

Wilson currently is a member of the Idaho Sheep Commission.

• J. Louis Solosabal has lived for 60 years in the Glenns Ferry area, where he is a cattle rancher.

He was born in Bolso in 1917, the

### Water

#### Montanans aim to use their supplies first

By ZACK STEVENS  
United Press International

**HELENA, Mont.** — Water is a hot item in Montana.

Some state leaders are moving to sell the water to raise money and protect water rights from thirsty downstream states.

"In the future, we may have to market our water much like harvesting our own crops," Montana Farmers Union President Terry Murphy says.

"Use it or lose it" has long been the rule in Western water rights. Some Montanans aim to use the water before someone else does.

Montana's mountains are the source of water courses as mighty as the Columbia, Missouri and Yellowstone Rivers, which annually carry more than 41 million acre-feet of water out of the state. Top Montana officials, with varying degrees of caution, propose that by selling some of that water they could establish a claim to it.

Word trickled back to Montana last year that South Dakota cashed in on its water marketing program. South Dakota agreed to sell Energy Transportation Systems' Inc. 50,000 acre-feet of water annually for the next half century for about \$1.2 billion.

That whetted the appetites of Montana officials, who are seeking money for economic development of the state.

Marketing the water could lead to a confrontation between the upper-basin states and those lower-basin states that demand a constant flow to allow for barge navigation.

Missouri, Iowa and Nebraska have already asked the federal courts to halt the ETSI diversion, saying it could set a precedent for interbasin transfer of Missouri River water.

ETSI plans to transport much of the water 280 miles to the coal fields near Gillette, Wyo., where it would be mixed with pulverized Wyoming coal and slurried 1,600 miles to power plants in Arkansas and adjacent states.

The Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation has warned that navigation could be halted on the Missouri by the year 2020 if prolonged drought follows construction of a major water diversion. It notes that Exxon Corp. has proposed diverting 1.1 million acre-feet to the Colorado River Basin, and the federal government has suggested a 4 million acre-foot diversion to the High Plains region.

When the Great American Desert was opened to settlers and fortune hunters in the Nineteenth Century, it was quickly apparent that no miners, ranchers or farmers could long prosper without a claim to the nearest available water.

The importance of water to successful homesteading in the Great Plains prompted the government to stand the cost of water reclamation states as an incentive to settlers. Those living close to reclamation dams got the water they needed and survived. Those who lived too distant to get irrigation water abandoned their

parched lands.

The value of water has increased greatly since the plains were settled.

Farm spokesman Murphy estimates the market value of water "at about \$10 to \$100 per acre-foot here in the plains states. But where multiple harvests can be achieved in the Southwest and West, water would be valued at \$200 to \$300 per acre foot for agricultural purposes, and up to \$1,000 or more per acre foot for industrial use.

"Someday, as world populations continue to increase and demand for food grows also, we may have to face certain truths. Moderate climates can be more productive, and federal priorities may someday demand that our water be sent south to increase grain harvests."

A dilemma for Montana officials comes with attempts to justify claims on all the waters flowing out of state. Montana is a state as large as Japan but with less than 1 million residents. It has little claim to good growing

### Transfer plans fuel debates

By MELANIE RIGNEY  
United Press International

South Dakota's plans to sell precious water reserves for industrial use has, barge interests, Indians, railroads and neighboring states worried that they may be left high and dry.

The state, wanting to make best use of its water and hoping to improve one of the lowest per capita incomes in the nation, wants to sell 50,000 acre-feet of Missouri River water out of the basin each year.

The proposed interbasin transfer for industrial purposes is unheard of for a federal reservoir in the Upper Missouri Basin, and may set a national precedent.

South Dakota stands to receive at least \$1.4 billion for water development funds in the next 50 years if ETSI is a consortium—whose partners include the Bechtel Group Inc., Texas Eastern Corp., Kansas Nebraska Gas Co. and InterNorth Inc.

slurry pipeline.

The pipeline would move coal from Wyoming's Powder River Basin to southern power plants.

ETSI would build an aqueduct from the Oahe Reservoir near Pierre, S.D., allowing groups to tap it along the way as it moves to Wyoming, where the water will go into the coal-slurry pipeline.

As a side benefit, 25 percent of the aqueduct's water would be available to parched ranchers and farmers in the arid western part of South Dakota.

The \$4 billion, 1,400-mile pipeline, slated for completion in 1986, would carry about 30 million tons of coal annually. So far, work has not begun on the pipeline or the aqueduct.

The remaining 30,000 acre-feet ETSI is buying could be used in future pipelines or sold to other interests.

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Southern Pacific Railroad's Black Mesa pipeline from Arizona to the Mohave power generating station in Nevada is the only slurry pipeline currently in operation in the United States.

A dozen others are under study, including one from coalfields in Virginia-West Virginia and Kentucky to the VEPSCO-Tidewater area generating plants, and a twin line from southern Illinois and the Huntington, W.Va., area to plants in Georgia and Florida.

Other companies are talking about using pipelines to move coal from Montana and Wyoming, most notably Powder River Pipeline Inc. It would carry coal across South Dakota to ports in Minnesota and Wisconsin.

Powder River expects to make a final decision by mid-summer on whether to build the project.

In Wyoming, the Legislature has given approval for Chevron Chemical to export water from the Big Sandy

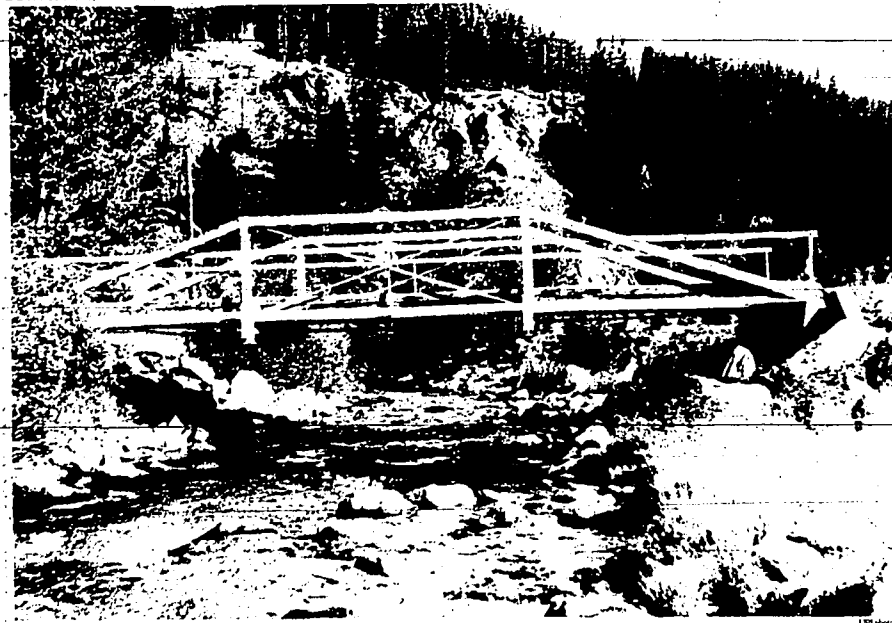
river in southwest Wyoming to Utah. The water would be used for a slurry pipeline to haul phosphate from Utah to a planned fertilizer plant near Rock Springs, Wyo., where it would be used to get the water back.

However, Chevron, citing economic conditions, has postponed construction of the fertilizer plant for at least two years.

In the meantime, Wyoming is scurrying to impound as much water as it can to prevent downstream states from appropriating it.

In neighboring Montana, the use of the state's water in coal slurry pipelines is prohibited. However, the Powder River Pipeline may be able to get the statutes repealed so it could use Montana water in its plans.

The concern for water availability for the most part comes from points west of the Mississippi River. An Army Corps of Engineers spokesman in Cincinnati said there



Snow melt from Montana's mountains creates small streams like this and also the mighty Missouri and Yellowstone rivers

# Montana

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 seasons, and much less claim to waterway commerce.  
 Montana has some protection in the O'Mahoney-Milliken Amendment to the Flood Control Act of 1944, which assures a consumptive use of water west of the 98th meridian. The state Natural Resources Department expects the law to be challenged in court.  
 The department recommends that Montana negotiate when problems arise and watch the actions of other states while helping develop the water within its boundaries — including the water on Indian reservations.  
 In the few confrontations that have developed between the upper and lower-basin states, the courts have generally ruled in favor of states that have put the water to beneficial use. If both claimants have developed beneficial uses of the water, the

courts have appeared to rule in favor of the most heavily populated areas.  
 Legislation introduced in the Montana legislature calls for earmarking the funds derived from marketing water to construct a series of off-stream reservoirs that would impound primarily flood waters and rainfall.  
 The Montana Natural Resources Department has defined about 20 sites in the state that could be used to impound a million acre-feet or more of water.  
 Such impoundments would guarantee that water continues to flow down the river in dry years. Replenishing the underground waterways beneath the reservoirs also would be important in High Plains states, where water wells have all but depleted the Ogallala aquifer.  
 Flood control and additional hydro-

electric power potential would also be provided by impoundment.  
 Of particular value to Montana would be increased irrigation potential, improvement of wildlife habitat, recreational use and economic benefits from construction and operation of the reservoirs.  
 Farmers' fear of drought and lobbying by Burlington Northern Railroad spurred Montana in 1979 to declare that slurry lines are not a beneficial use of water — thereby prohibiting the use of state water in them. That prohibition is being questioned now by government leaders.  
 Some agricultural leaders now suspect the railroad used them to solidify its rail monopoly for hauling coal and grain out of state.  
 Water lawyer Ted Doney, former state Natural Resources Department head, fears a pipeline company could file claim to the water Montana wants

to sell before the state can enact legislation setting up the sales.  
 "Right now a pipeline company could file on the water, challenge our law, and not have to pay a cent for the water since we have no legislation covering marketing of water," Doney says. "And I wouldn't be surprised if the first one to file on the water would be the Burlington Northern Railroad.  
 Railroad officials continue to fight coal slurry lines, despite the admission of some industry officials before U.S. Senate committees that railroads would be at the forefront of slurry systems once they prove economical.  
 BN officials have intimated that use of a coal slurry line would force them to lay off more workers in Montana, and probably force them to increase hauling rates to recoup the losses of coal shipments by rail.

# Funds needed for extension

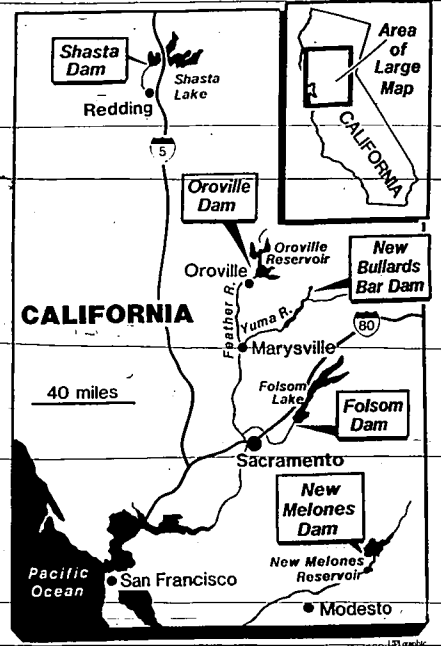
By LINDA WERFELMAN  
 United Press International

WASHINGTON — The Agriculture Department's Cooperative Extension Service needs more money to help improve its educational programs on farm production technology and marketing strategies, a special committee says.  
 The committee, appointed by the department and the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges, also recommends an expanded effort to use computer systems to help make the agency's research programs available to public use.  
 The extension service, with offices in virtually every county, is designed to help solve the problems facing farmers, gardeners and others through the use of Agriculture Department research findings.  
 Money is one key to making those advances, the committee said in a report released early this month.  
 "Support for extension programs in real dollars has been static for a decade or more," the panel said. "Support must be increased if CES is to fulfill its mission of transmitting to the people practical knowledge generated by the land-grant system, the USDA and related agencies."

The agency was created in 1914. At the time, 30 percent of Americans lived in rural areas, and their educational level was far below the national average, the report said.  
 But in recent years, the report noted, people have left their farms for life in the cities and suburbs, and new technology has taken over many farm chores.  
 "If the Cooperative Extension system is to remain vital, it must address these changes," the committee said. "It must be prepared to modify its organization. Its focus and its use of resources."  
 The panel recommended the agency retain "broad flexibility" to respond to changing farm problems.  
 But committee members also said the extension service should concentrate on agricultural programs and the distribution of information about those programs to farmers and ranchers.

The agency should intensify efforts to inform farmers of new developments in management technology that can be used in making decisions on land use, the report said.  
 Other programs should offer more information on the marketing system, financial planning, use of agricultural chemicals, and the impact of international policies on agricultural sales, the committee said.  
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# California fights unending water war

By ROBERT CRABBE  
 United Press International  
 SACRAMENTO, Calif. — On Cliff Gregory's desk during late January's California storms, there was a computer display screen and a telephone with 10 lights, eight of them flashing.  
 Gregory, 54, an engineer at California's Flood Control Center, kept pecking the phone buttons with his index finger and saying, "Gregory here."  
 A dozen men and women around him were equally busy.  
 California was being roughed up by its worst storms this winter.  
 Waves riding on record tides damaged more than 3,000 dwellings along the state's 840-mile coast. Winds up to 85 mph swept the landscape.  
 Hundreds of people, wise from bitter experience, fled their houses and

trailer parks in the lowlands of the state's Central Valley without waiting to be warned.  
 In the 1,200-square-mile delta of the Sacramento and San Joaquin Rivers, youngsters from the state's Conservation Corps sandbagged levees guarding low-lying farmland.  
 Before the storms blew out, at least nine people had been killed.  
 One caller told Gregory that a helicopter had rescued 12 men trapped by high water when a levee they were sandbagging gave way.  
 Next, an engineer needed to know the water volume in the Sacramento River. Pecking at the computer keyboard, Gregory called the numbers to the screen and told him.  
 "The Flood Center, where Gregory and other engineers like him work in emergencies on the 16th floor of a Sacramento office building, is the

"situation room" of the state's never-ending war with water.  
 Rain makes California the richest agricultural state in the country, with annual harvest worth about \$15 billion. Yet, almost yearly, storms cut a scary swath.  
 • In a 1965 flood, a levee guarding Yuba City in the Central Valley gave way at night, and 38 people drowned.  
 • Storms that belted Southern California for two months in 1969 set off floods and landslides that left 118 dead.  
 • Last year, 18 inches of rain fell in the San Francisco area in a few hours; the houses cascaded down hillsides, and 26 lives were lost.  
 • Urban regions on the coast like San Francisco and Los Angeles have suffered most in recent years.  
 Different dangers threaten the interior,

California's Central Valley is surrounded by mountains, and a snow level sometimes exceeding 20 feet delights skiers. But before summer, all the snow will melt, swelling the Sacramento, the San Joaquin and the rivers that feed them.  
 To harness and store the water, the state and the federal governments have ringed the valley with dams.  
 From October until late spring, engineers play a tricky game of holding water in the dams when rivers are high and releasing it when they aren't.  
 Oroville Dam on the Feather River is 770 feet high, tallest in the United States. The Sacramento River is checked by 602-foot Shasta Dam near Redding.  
 Several breaks occurred in the dikes during the latest storm, and thousands of acres were flooded.

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# Area farmers show interest in PIK plan

By KELLY EVERITT  
Times-News writer

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**TWIN FALLS**—The register deadline for farmers to participate in the federal government's payment-in-kind program passed Friday, with strong interest in the program being shown by Magic Valley farmers.

Although statistics on how many farmers elected to participate in the program will not be known for several weeks, Bob Ohlenschlen, Jerome County's agriculture Extension Service agent, says that based on his previous conversations with farmers, he "will be surprised if significantly less than 20 percent" of the farmers in the valley do not participate in some way.

The PIK program, designed to reduce the number of acres in production, offers farmers the opportunity to acquire grain stored in government surplus warehouses in exchange for not planting. One version of the program involves wheat and the other feed grains.

According to Ohlenschlen, the program offered farmers four choices:

- To ignore the program.
- To participate in the old set-aside program, in which farmers were paid by the federal government to leave up to 20 percent of their crop-acreage allotments idle.
- To partially participate in the PIK program, by planting 50 percent of their allotments, leaving 20 percent in the set-aside program and submitting 30 percent of their allotments to the PIK program. That option is known as the 50-10 program.
- To participate fully in the PIK program.

Under the provisions of the PIK program, farmers can "bid" on up to 35 percent of the proven yield of wheat on their land, or up to 80 percent of the proven yield of feed grain. Such bids, if awarded, will be made in exchange for surplus grain stored in government warehouses. A farmer will receive the government grain at a rate equal to the percentage of the bid on his proven yield of the acreages withdrawn from production.

"For example," Ohlenschlen says, "if a farmer bid 85 percent on a proven yield of 100 bushels per acre, he would receive 85 bushels" for each acre committed to the PIK program. In exchange, the farmer agrees not to plant any cash crops on those lands, "or for conservation purposes, alfalfa may be planted for fall grazing."

"It's a lot like playing 'The Price is Right,'" Ohlenschlen says. "You want to bid high enough" to make it worthwhile not to plant, "but low enough to be awarded a contract." There are limits to the number of farmers who can participate, based on the grain allotted each county by the federal government for exchange with farmers under the PIK program. The amount of grain that will be available is not known yet.

"The ASCS (Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service) offices will start with the lowest (percentage) bid and work their way up until all the grain available to the county (for exchange) is used up," Ohlenschlen says.

Persons failing to gain full-PIK program bids automatically can drop into the partial PIK program, where a similar process takes place.

"A lot of government programs haven't been suitable for use in the Pacific Northwest," Ohlenschlen says, "but this has some good applications here."

"We have some high (production) costs per acre" for many crops in the Magic Valley, especially those such as potatoes and sugar beets that require large amounts of irrigated water, he says.

"We found, in running individual farmer's costs through the computers (in the Extension Service offices), that participating in the program would be very advantageous to anyone with a proven yield close to the county average."

ASCS offices determine five-year countywide crop-yield averages. Individual farmers who consistently report their proven yields on their crop allotments may use their own figures for yields when bidding on the PIK.

Unfortunately, Ohlenschlen says, "a lot of farmers haven't got that base established."

Without a specific proven yield on an allotment, farmers must use the county averages.

The advantage with participation lies in numbers. As a hypothetical example, if a farmer's proven yield is \$30 per bushel, and each acre of his allotment yields 100 bushels, then potential gross income per acre is \$300.

But costs of production could run as much as \$125 per acre, for a net profit of only \$225 an acre. If the farmer wins a PIK bid at 85 percent of his yield, however, and sells the grain he receives from the government at the same \$30 per bushel price, he would realize about \$297 per acre. Subtracting about \$25 to cover the costs of letting his land lie fallow, net income is \$272 per acre. In effect, there is a \$43 per-acre net-income advantage in his favor by participating in the program.

"Generally, at least among those farmers who expressed an interest in participating, they tell me the program has to help," Ohlenschlen says. "And based on the cost analysis we've run for farmers on our computers, it was advantageous for most of them to participate in either the full-PIK or the partial-PIK program."

## Few wheat men enroll

**RITZVILLE, Wash. (UPI)**—Brent Heinemann, executive director of the Washington Association of Wheat Growers, says a poll shows only about 10-15 percent of eastern Washington farmers will participate in the government's PIK program. Heinemann said the WAWG's board of director members were polled in all 14 counties in eastern Washington this week before the projection was revealed.



Burlington Northern Railroad, primary Powder River Basin coal mover, opposes transfer of water to slurry-bearing pipelines

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have been no similar sales involving the Ohio River because there is so much water in the basin. Controversy surrounds plans for a water diversion project in suburban Philadelphia to move up to 95 million gallons of water daily from the Delaware River to provide drinking water for residents.

It also would be used to cool a nuclear reactor at the Philadelphia Electric Co.'s Limerick Nuclear Plant, which is uncompleted. Some opponents say the diversion would damage the river while others are concerned about construction of the reactor itself.

South Dakota Gov. Bill Janklow struck the deal with FTSI in 1981 when original plans for the pipeline involved the Madison Aquifer in the southwest corner of his state. It was approved within weeks by the South Dakota Legislature.

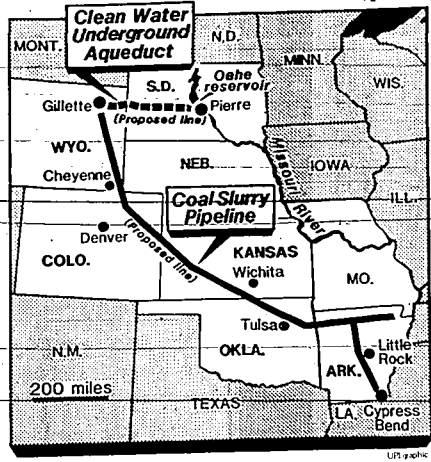
The governor justifies the deal by referring to the Flood Control Act of 1944, an act he says cost his state 600,000 of prime farmland through the construction of four mainstem dams along the Missouri River. Two others were built in North Dakota and Montana.

"The American people decided to prevent the ravages of the Missouri River," Janklow has said. "We permanently destroyed five communities under water for our neighbors."

The dams save cities like Sioux City, Iowa, and Omaha, Neb., from annual spring flooding and have allowed neighboring states to develop extensive irrigation systems, Janklow said.

But he said his state has not benefitted from the act. "To tell you the truth, if we didn't get a dime, we would probably have made the deal anyhow," said the Madison aquifer," the governor said.

South Dakota, its water interests and farmers may be happy with the plan. But its neighbors, Indians, railroads and barge interests are not.



Nebraska, Iowa and Missouri have filed suit against the federal government, as have the Kansas City Southern Railway Co., the Sierra Club and three chapters of the Farmers Union.

The states concede that the amount of water involved is relatively small—less than the amount that evaporates from the reservoir each year.

But they contend the sale sets a dangerous precedent for out-of-basin water transfers without the consent of neighboring states.

South Dakota wanted to intervene in the case, but U.S. District Court officials in Lincoln denied the request. Iowa and Nebraska have elected new governors since the suits were filed.

Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad will continue the state's involvement in the suit," said news aide Susan Neely. "He feels strongly about it," she said. "Iowa is getting the short end of

the stick in this deal and could get hurt by future sales."

Nebraska Gov. Bob Kerrey first said he saw nothing wrong with the transfer, then came out against it.

Nebraska is keenly interested in the proceedings since the level of the Ogallala Aquifer, used to irrigate the millions of acres in the western part of the state, is dropping and farmers may soon need an alternative water source.

Legislation pending in Congress would set up an interstate water compact, requiring the approval of neighboring states for interbasin transfers.

Barge interests also are upset, saying similar transfers could cut their season—and their profits—by lowering water levels. The only alternatives for the projects would be the railroads, which would be more expensive.

FTSI also is an unpopular topic with the Powder River Basin's primary

mover of coal, the Burlington Northern Railroad.

"We oppose them on several grounds, primarily because they are getting special treatment as a private carrier, which common carriers don't get," said BN public relations director Jack Martin. "They are seeking the right of eminent domain as a private carrier in Congress and that's not right," he said.

To get eminent domain, FTSI and other pipelines should be ready to serve everyone as a common carrier, he said.

In 1981, the BN carried 112 million tons of coal, 93 percent of it from the Powder River Basin.

"We definitely oppose them on the grounds of business loss," Martin said. "If all the coal slurry pipelines that are proposed are built, it would destroy us....The coal slurry pipelines after the initial construction won't provide hardly any jobs at all," he said.

The Association of American Railroads is lobbying hard against the eminent domain provisions, along with the railroad unions, Martin said. "The entire railroad industry is behind us on this," he said.

The Union Pacific Railroad lost a legal challenge to the slurry pipeline in 1980, but pledged to fight it in other venues on environmental and economic grounds.

Indian tribes fear they will lose their claim to the water while lengthy legal battles over their rights drag on. Treaties give the Indians rights to all the water they need. But the tribes fear they will be left with nothing.

Many individual Indians have aligned themselves with the Black Hills Alliance, a group that has filed suit in South Dakota court challenging issuance of a state permit allowing the transfer.

"The gold rush is on, the gold rush is back and the corporations are the epitome of the gold rush," Ray Beaulieu, the Alliance director, said in opposing the granting of the permit last year.

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# Outlook for farming little changed for '83

By KELLY EVERITT  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — A market-wise farmer — with a knack for good management, low operating costs and a little luck — might see minor improvements this year in the disastrous situation he has faced during two previous years of depressed farm prices.

But for most Magic Valley farmers, the outlook for 1983 will be pretty much the same as the last two years, experts believe. And if these trends continue, the valley will see a few more farmers turn in their plows to the bankruptcy courts.

"There's at least another year of pretty tough times ahead," warns Bob Ohlensehlen, the Jerome County agricultural Extension Service agent for the University of Idaho.

In the Magic Valley, the major crops are wheat, barley, potatoes, sugar beets, commercial and garden seed beans, and alfalfa.

Prices for all of those crops have hovered barely above — and often below — production costs for two years, and economists do not anticipate significant improvements in the near future.

But prices are only a portion of the problems farmers face.

"The key to the farm problem," Ohlensehlen says, "is that all costs are going up, and there is very little the farmer can do about it."

Costs for chemicals, seed, equipment and energy all have increased at a rate two to three times the national inflation average during the last two years. These cost increases have come at a time when farm income, adjusted for inflation, is the lowest since the Depression.

"From where farm prices were last fall," Ohlensehlen says, "they'd have to get better to be had."

The cost of money also has crippled farmers. Interest rates in the 14 percent to 18 percent range has made borrowing money for operations almost prohibitive — though still mandatory. And while farm prices have remained low, many farmers have had to borrow money to pay off debts incurred in previous years. In addition, farmers have put

off buying new equipment, trying to get a few more years out of older models.

But, Ohlensehlen notes, "the day of reckoning is at hand. Pretty soon, a lot of that stuff is simply going to start falling apart, and they're going to have to replace it."

"So even if farmers manage to get a little ahead this year, they still will be in a lot of trouble unless some fundamental changes in prices and (operating) costs happen."

With that said, there is some good news on the horizon.

According to Gene Nelson, the head of the department of agriculture and resource economics at the University of Oregon, "modest increases in prices paid, combined with reduced input use, should hold farm expenditures (in 1983) almost constant."

Nelson counts on farmers being conservative in operations management and continuing to restrain planting capabilities. In order to reduce the huge surpluses that exist for many crops.

"Farm and ranch managers are shopping for better buys, delaying purchases of capital assets," and reducing amounts of some production inputs used," he says.

"Participating in the crop acreage reduction program will cut input use for wheat and feed-grain producers. This, combined with continuing frugality by farmers and ranchers, will hold total farm expenditures almost constant during 1983."

"Although costs for fertilizer production are rising, only modest price increases are expected in the year ahead," Nelson says, adding that "fertilizer use should be down in 1983, due to lower crop prices and the wheat and feed-grain reduction programs."

In addition, Nelson predicts, pesticide and herbicide prices should climb about 5 percent in 1983. Fuel costs should decline, as well as the use of both fuel and chemicals, because of reduced operations. Machinery prices will rise 6 percent to 10 percent in the year ahead," he says.

But costs for electricity are outstripping the savings realized from efforts to reduce use. Irrigators have been particularly hard hit.

"The current increase in electricity rates for pumping irrigation water in several rural

**'From where prices were last fall, they'd have to get better to be bad.'**  
—Bob Ohlensehlen, Jerome County agent

electric cooperatives, as a result of the WPPSS situation, will force some farmers to shift to higher-valued crops, double cropping and crops with lower water requirements," he says.

"In some cases," he warns, "irrigation of land will no longer be feasible, and it will revert to less productive uses."

The final blow to farmers trying to hold on to their land is the cost of borrowing money. And while falling interest rates "could stimulate farmers' demand for credit to purchase farm equipment and make other capital expenditures, . . . the effect will be minimal without an upturn in crop commodity prices and earnings."

In addition, he says, "farm credit continues to be available, but it's harder to get than it recent years."

"It is more important for farmers and ranchers to be prepared with well-developed plans when seeking new loans and extensions."

"The tight economic situation has forced lenders to be more selective (and while) . . . the Federal Reserve is expected to relax its policy (on interest rates) . . . there is a delay (before lower rates) will be reflected at the farm level."

"Some farmers in the Magic Valley borrow \$100,000 to \$200,000," Ohlensehlen says. "You can see why a change in 1 percent (in interest rates) means to these guys."

"Hopefully, if interest rates fall," the Jerome agent says, "some farmers will have

an opportunity to catch up a little.

"But right now, with prices the way they are, none of the costs look good."

The price situation that has plagued farmers for two years is the result of a wide variety of factors, according to R.W. Schermerhorn, a professor of agricultural economics and applied statistics at the University of Idaho.

"Record world crop production has resulted in large surpluses yielding declining prices," he says.

"If worldwide production continues at record levels next year, the farm problem will continue and will result in severe financial problems for farmers during 1983."

As production has increased, demand worldwide also has gone up. But "unfortunately, this demand (in the Third World in particular) has not been backed up with the ability to pay for products," he says.

Ohlensehlen notes, for example, that with Mexico's foreign-debt problem, a nation that normally buys large amounts of beans from the United States, Mexico "is just not capable of buying any more."

The disappearance of overseas markets due to world economic problems has hit the Magic Valley hard.

"Some bean dealers in the valley have up to two years' supply on hand. And the price, which was \$30 a hundredweight just a couple of years ago, now is down to \$9 to \$10 a hundredweight," he says.

"There is just virtually no way farmers around here can cover all their costs and grow beans," he says.

Still, "for growers aware of their costs of production, there may be a limited number of favorable contracts available this spring," according to C.W. Gray, an Extension Service economist at the University of Idaho. But, he adds, "only high-quality beans are being taken in."

Ohlensehlen says that the crop with the best outlook for Magic Valley farmers is wheat. He expects to see a significant shift from bean production to wheat production, although he notes that "eventually we planted the whole valley in wheat, it would just be a drop in the bucket" to overall production of wheat in the Pacific Northwest. Prices, therefore, will be de-

termined by outside factors.

And those factors add up to relatively weak prices, according to R.L. Sargent, an Extension Service economist with the University of Washington.

"There may be reasonably firm prices in the Pacific Northwest early in the 1983-84 marketing year, but a large soft-red wheat crop may impose pressures on white wheat prices."

"Hard-red wheat prices may strengthen modestly, as a result of lower production and quite heavy placement of 1982 crop in the Pacific Northwest Reserve."

"Growers may have favorable opportunities to contract their 1983 production in late spring or early summer," he predicts.

Ohlensehlen says potatoes and sugar beets also should be among the more lucrative crops — relatively — in the coming year. "But large investments in production costs per acre," he predicts, "may prohibit some farmers from choosing that option."

Sugar-beet growers who receive contracts "can expect a price of \$33 to \$38 per ton," in 1983, Gray says; but "the burgeoning world supply of sugar has lowered world sugar prices substantially," and limits on refining plant capacities in the region should mean "contracted acres will be down again."

For potatoes, the price problem is less critical, but J.F. Guenther, another University of Idaho agricultural economist, believes that "the acreage planted this spring is the critical factor in the 1983 price outlook."

"Growers showed remarkable restraint in plantings the past two years, in spite of high potato prices. Grower organizations are to be commended for educating their growers on the dangers of overproduction."

But, he says, "depressed markets for grains and other crops may entice growers to plant more potatoes. Assuming good growing conditions and a similar acreage planted, 1983 crop prices may be similar to 1982."

"It would appear, that the 1982 farm problem will continue into the 1983 season," Schermerhorn says.

Ohlensehlen agrees. "There will be some pretty hard times until we get back on track."

## River cleanup effort before Congress again

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Sen. Bill Armstrong, saying the Colorado River is being slowly poisoned, has reintroduced his bill to reduce salinity in the river.

The Colorado Republican said he hoped Congress would enact the "critically important, environmentally sound and demonstrably cost-effective effort to clean up and rehabilitate one of America's most relied upon and spectacular rivers."

The river, Armstrong said, carries 10 million tons of dissolved salts every year. The salt comes from saline soils and mineral springs and has become concentrated by evaporation and increased use of the water.

The water in the river contains only 10 parts of salt per million at its headwaters in Colorado, but the salinity increases to more than 800 ppm by the time it reaches Mexico.

The Bureau of Reclamation has estimated the cost of the salinity damage at \$100 million annually and that could double by the year 2000, Armstrong said.

Salinity, Armstrong said, "is the southwestern equivalent of the Northeast's acid rain. Both pose dangerous water quality threats to a large portion of the country and both need to be placed high on the national problem-solving agenda."

Armstrong's legislation would: •Authorize construction of six new off-farm salinity control units. Three of these would be in western Colorado, in the Sinbad Valley of Mesa County, the Lower Gunnison Valley near Montrose, and McElmo Creek in Montezuma County.

•Authorize five new on-farm programs administered by the Department of Agriculture, three of which would be in the western Colorado locations.

•Create cost-sharing arrangements to the federal government would be reimbursed for all but the salinity benefits of the units.

•Replacement of incidental wildlife or other environmental values that might be affected by the salinity units.

## Poultry ad lays an egg

LONDON (UPI) — A television commercial urging home-makers to buy British chickens to help combat unemployment has been banned by an advertising screening association as too political.

The ad, prepared for one of the country's largest chicken processors, urged shoppers to "Buy a Hermann's chicken and create a job." The commercial featured pictures of the Union Jack, John Bull and No. 10 Downing Street.

The Independent Television Companies' Association, which screens potential commercials, quipped the picture of Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's official residence overstepped advertising guidelines.

The association said the shot of No. 10 implied Mrs. Thatcher was endorsing Walter Hermann and Son chickens.

A spokesman for the firm disagreed with the association ruling that the ad was too political.

## Hall

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the son of Joaquin Solosabal, a pioneer in the Idaho sheep industry.

He spent his early boyhood feeding and watering sheep. He became a partner in the Elmore Sheep Co. with his father during the 1940s.

Afterward, however, he decided to go into cattle ranching.

Starting with 30 Hereford heifers, he has built a 300 mother-cow herd. And in April 1981, he appeared in a front-page article in The Wall Street Journal, titled "Self-Made Millionaires in Idaho."

His family operation includes his wife, Ruth, his son and daughter, and numerous grandchildren.

He has served on the FHA board and the local draft board.

Blain M. Nielsen is a retired cattleman, sheepman and livestock buyer for Magic Valley Packing Co.

He was born in 1910 in Spring City, Utah, and began working full-time in the sheep industry when he was 14.

At that time, he worked for the Desert Livestock Co., but he soon moved to Idaho, where he worked for Henry W. Manning, who was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1963.

Nielsen and his wife, Paul, purchased a farm north of Paul in 1936. He continued to farm and raise sheep

and in the late 1950s, he purchased the Valley Livestock Commission Co. with his brother-in-law, Darryl Manning.

After purchasing Manning's interest in the company, he continued to operate it with one of his sons into the mid-1960s.

During this time, he also became a livestock buyer for James Allen and Sons — a role he continued after the company bought Magic Valley Packing Co. in 1968.

Nielsen has three sons and three daughters, 25 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. In addition to being a high priest in

the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, he helped form and organize the Minidoka County Citizens' Posse, and he has served 25 years on the local draft board.

The banquet honoring the five men will be held at the Twin Falls Holiday Inn. A cocktail hour will begin at 6:30 p.m., with the banquet starting at 7:30.

The cost of the banquet is \$12.50. Tickets may be purchased from the Twin Falls Chamber of Commerce, Ken Newman at Idaho First Security Bank or Larry McEllitt at Globe Seed Co.

## Oil found under Navy base

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (UPI) — A "unique" find of high quality crude oil beneath a U.S. Navy communications base west of Sacramento could signal the discovery of a major reservoir.

Bruce Brooks, president of Capitol Oil Corp. of Sacramento, said the oil field could produce up to 500 barrels of light crude a day, although his company — which found the oil — plans on pumping no more than 200 barrels each day from the single well.

Pumping operations were expected to begin by the end of the week, he said, and a second well was expected to be drilled in two or three months.

"This is only indicative of what yet may be found on the western side of the Sacramento Valley," Brooks said.

Brooks said the discovery of the oil field near Dixon, 20 miles west of Sacramento, in November "came as a complete surprise."

He said it was the first time his company, founded in 1964 to search for methane gas, had hit oil.

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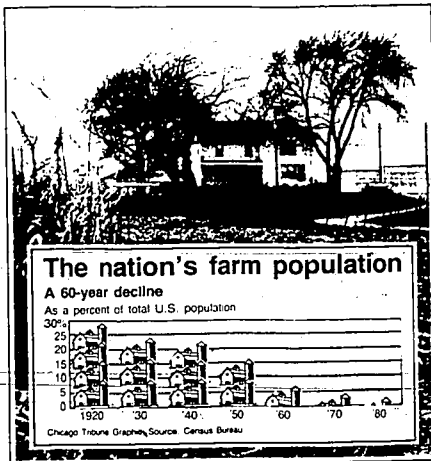
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# Most U.S. farmland in middle-sized tracts



LINDA WERFELMAN  
United Press International

WASHINGTON — More than half of all U.S. farmland is held in medium-size tracts ranging between 100 and 999 acres, an Agriculture Department report says.

The survey, conducted by Linda Lee, an assistant professor of agricultural economics at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, showed only 1 percent of all farmland is owned by farmers whose farms total less than 50 acres.

Another 21.3 percent is included in tracts of more than 1,000 acres, the survey said.

"These statistics indicate that comparatively few cropland acres are held in tracts that may be too fragmented to be economically profitable," Lee wrote. "Instead, the majority of U.S. cropland is held in larger and medium-size tracts, with the distribution skewed toward the larger holdings."

U.S. rangeland also is concentrated in larger tracts, she said, noting that 30 percent is held in parcels of more

than 10,000 acres, and 72 percent in parcels of more than 1,000 acres. But pastureland shows opposite ownership patterns, the survey said, noting about 26 percent is held in parcels smaller than 100 acres and practically none in tracts larger than 1,000 acres.

Lee's report, based on questionnaires completed by 37,000 owners of farmland across the country, also showed more than three-quarters of all U.S. cropland is held on family-owned farms or on farms that are in the hands of an individual owner. Family corporations hold another 4 percent of all cropland, and non-family corporations hold 3 percent.

But the small percentage of corporate ownership does not reflect the quick growth in that category, the survey said.

"Although corporate cropland ownership appears small, the amount of farmland held by corporations increased almost 20 percent between 1969 and 1974," Ms. Lee wrote.

Similarly small percentages are reported for corporate ownership of pastureland, which totals 5.9 percent.

the report said. But corporations control a considerably larger share of rangeland — about 19 percent, the report said.

Corporate owners shared about the same percentage of top-quality cropland and erosion-prone land as owners of smaller farms, the study found.

But Lee noted that owners of medium-size farms can boast a "slight concentration" of prime cropland.

Of the acreage classified as prime cropland, about 67 percent has been planted in crops in recent years, with the rest devoted to other uses, the report said.

In cases in which absentee landlords control cropland, they generally live relatively close to their holdings, the survey found, noting that owners of 78 percent of all cropland live in the same county as their land. Only 6 percent of cropland owners live across state lines from their holdings, and less than 1 percent live in other countries, the report said.

But absentee ownership is more common among owners of rangeland.

About 23 percent live outside the counties where they own rangeland, the report said, attributing the large figure partly to the relatively large size of the land holdings, which sometimes span more than one county.

People who list farming as their primary occupation control just 48 percent of all U.S. cropland, the survey said.

Findings indicate retired people make up the second largest group of landowners, with 17 percent of all cropland under their control, and white-collar workers are third, with 10 percent.

Farmers also hold about one-third of all U.S. pastureland and slightly more than half the rangeland, the report said.

The report also showed that people over age 55 own nearly half of all U.S. cropland, and about 25 percent of the land is held by those over age 65. Those under age 45 control only 18 percent, the report said.

Ownership of pasture and rangeland is distributed according to similar percentages, the report said.

## Over half of nation's farmers members of cooperatives

By LINDA WERFELMAN  
United Press International

WASHINGTON — More than half the nation's 2.4 million farmers are either members of cooperatives or patronize them as non-members, an Agriculture Department report says. Membership is greatest among dairy farmers, farmers in the Northern Plains and Great Lake States, and those with annual incomes of at least \$10,000, said the report in the current issue of the Agricultural Cooperative Service's "Farmer Cooperatives" magazine.

The report's author, agency economist Paul Wilkins, said the statistics were gathered by the department in a June 1981 survey of acreage and livestock and in interviews with about 17,000 resident farm operators.

"Cooperatives seem best adapted to serve the marketing and farm supply needs of medium- and large-scale farmers in dairy and cash grain commodities," Wilkins wrote. "They serve the largest proportion where there is considerable uniformity in farm production and farms are relatively large — cash grain farmers in

the Corn Belt and Northern Plains."

The survey found low participation in co-ops in areas in which small livestock farms are prevalent and their operations are diverse, Wilkins said.

Statistics showed 70 percent of all farmers with sales of at least \$100,000 a year held cooperative memberships. Dairy farmers in that income bracket recorded membership levels of 85 percent, the report said.

Lowest membership and use levels were recorded among farmers in the South Central states, livestock pro-

ducers and those with annual sales below \$10,000.

Supply cooperatives were more heavily used than marketing co-ops, the report concluded, noting that 60 percent of all dairy farmers belonged to supply co-ops.

Membership also included 44 percent of farmers who grow and sell grain, 28 percent of those who raise livestock and 24 percent of all other farmers.

Overall, 34 percent of all farmers were members of supply co-ops, and another 17 percent were non-member patrons, the report said.

The more profitable their farms, the more likely farmers were to belong to supply cooperatives, the report found.

Statistics indicated 20 percent of farmers with annual sales of less than \$10,000 used cooperative supply services, while 60 percent of those with \$100,000 or more in sales used the cooperatives.

A similar trend was reported in marketing cooperatives, which attracted only 7 percent of those in the low sales group and about half those in the top sales group.

But the percentages varied widely from one region to another, Wilkins wrote.

"One reason was the availability of marketing cooperative types needed by farmers in particular regions," he added. "For example, only 14 percent of cash grain farmers in the Eastern region held membership in and used a marketing cooperative, compared with 61 percent in the Northern

Plains." The number of farmers growing grain for sale — rather than to feed to their own livestock — was about the same in the two regions, Wilkins said. But he noted only 110 cooperatives marketed grain in the Eastern region, compared with nearly 800 in the Northern Plains.

"This situation limited opportunities available to Eastern region cash grain farmers to market cooperatively, compared with those in the Northern Plains," he said.

Wilkins said the survey showed 22 percent of all U.S. farmers were members of marketing cooperatives, and an additional 5 percent non-member patrons.

About 23 percent of farmers used cooperatives as non-members, even though some held memberships elsewhere, the report said, noting that non-member patrons were concentrated in the East and South Central states.

### Hired farm hands

## Old stereotype only partly true

By LINDA WERFELMAN  
United Press International

WASHINGTON — The stereotype of hired farm hands as poor, minority-group migrants is only partly true.

An Agriculture Department report, published in the current issue of the department's "Farmland" magazine, says the typical hired farm worker is "white, a non-migrant and part of a family with an annual income of \$10,000 or more."

Economist Susan Pollack of the department's Economic Research Service writes that only 8 percent of hired farm workers are migrants and only 25 percent of all farm workers are black or Hispanic.

But Pollack said her analysis, based on data gathered in 1979, shows other elements of the stereotype are "close to truth."

Average income for farm workers that year was \$4,185, considerably less than half the \$11,435 average for all American workers, she said.

Only some of the difference stems from the inclusion in the farm workforce of a large number of part-time workers, including students and housewives who may have spent only a few days a year working on a farm, she added.

According to the standard definition, Pollack said, "A hired farm worker" could be a college student who picks tomatoes only a few days a year for pay.

About two-thirds of all hired farm hands are classified as part-timers, her report said.

"Farm jobs were the primary source of income for less than a third of the hired farm work force," the report said. "Others, who used farm earnings to supplement other income sources, also did non-farm work, attended school, or kept house most of the year."

About 36 percent of those working on farms were students, the report said. Another 19 percent spent most of the year in non-farm jobs.

In her comparisons of migrants with non-migrant farm workers, Pollack reported that less than two-thirds of both groups had annual family incomes of \$10,000 or more. About one-third had incomes of \$15,000 or more.

Her statistics showed migrants' earnings were slightly higher than those of non-migrant farm workers, with their per-person incomes averaging \$4,852 in 1979, compared to \$4,126 for the others.

Migrants also were more likely to have other, non-farm work, she said, noting that only about 47 percent of their pay came from farm earnings. For non-migrants, farm income accounted for about 60 percent of their overall earnings, she said.

Pollack's findings showed that part-time hired farm workers who spent most of their time in non-farm jobs were likely to belong to families with higher incomes than employees who spent all their working hours in farm jobs.

"More than half the students, and more than a third of those receiving most of their earnings from non-farm jobs came from families with incomes of at least \$15,000 annually," she wrote.

"In contrast, those whose major source of earnings came from farm work had much lower family incomes," she added. "Only 20 percent of them were from families receiving at least \$15,000 annually."

The report also noted differences among the earnings of black, white, and Hispanic hired farm workers.

Family income statistics showed 64 percent of white farm workers belonged to families with incomes of at least \$10,000 a year.

### Snowpack only slightly improved

BOISE (UPI) — Idaho Power officials say despite a wet February the snowpack that melts into the Snake River and generates electricity improved only slightly last month over January.

Larry Taylor, speaking for the utility, said mild temperatures allowed some of the snow melt to run off earlier than normal.

He said surveys conducted during the first week in March showed the snowpack above American Falls to be 10 percent below normal, a five percent improvement over February levels.

Below the falls, Taylor said, snow depths averaged 15 percent above normal, a figure which matches last month's.

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# Energy futures focal point of battle between exchanges

By JEROME IDASZAK  
Chicago Sun-Times

The talk at the eighth annual meeting of the Futures Industry Association in Boca Raton, Fla., wasn't about regulation.

Instead, industry officials, lawyers and others were talking about the fierce battles being waged between exchanges for dominance in new contracts.

What's shaping up as the most aggressive battle for this year involves the New York Mercantile Exchange and the Chicago Board of Trade over energy futures. And they're expected to be joined later this year by the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, which will compete directly with both.

The volume in energy futures is still comparatively low. In 1982, the New York Mercantile Exchange traded about 1.85 million contracts on heat-

ing oil and leaded gas; the Chicago Board of Trade launched an unleaded gas contract near the end of the year and traded 8,736 contracts.

Most of the attention in 1982 went to the new futures on stock indexes. The Chicago Mercantile Exchange, trading futures on the Standard & Poor 500 index, posted volume of 2.9 million contracts.

But the prospect of energy futures has mouths watering.

"In the 1980s, I think energy futures will be like financial futures were in the '70s," said John Eiting Treat, president of the New York Mercantile Exchange.

The underlying cash market — a kind of benchmark for the potential of futures — is \$46 billion for Treasury bonds, said Peter Donnelly, manager of the new products group for the Chicago Board of Trade.

With the price of oil at \$30 a barrel, the underlying market for domestic

crude oil is \$150 billion, for gasoline \$80 billion and for heating oil \$33 billion, Donnelly added.

"The potential is excellent," agreed David Glans, chief of financial futures in Chicago for Paine Webber.

"And that's what the fight is all about."

The NYMEX, which used to be known for futures on Maine potatoes, changed its position and calls itself "the energy exchange." Heating oil futures are the mainstay at the NYMEX. Volume was less than 150 contracts a day in 1979, and it's now around 13,000 daily.

But the Chicago Board of Trade is making noise about grabbing the business.

"One of the areas we're excited about is energy," CBOT president Thomas Donovan told reporters over breakfast at the FIA. "We'd like to be the energy exchange."

The CBOT offers trading in un-

leased gasoline, and Donovan said the exchange will trade futures on crude oil a few days after federal approval, which might come March 25.

Treat said that NYMEX should launch crude oil futures by mid-April, joining its contracts on heating oil and leaded gasoline.

Assessing the CBOT's competitive threat, Treat said, "The key is whether the industry uses them (futures)."

Treat thinks that the design of contracts at the NYMEX is better suited for use by oil producers and refiners while the CBOT's contract terms are better suited for speculators. "You need both," he admitted, but said he thinks time will prove that NYMEX is going the better way.

"The speculative audience is a fickle one, we believe. The industry will be there in good times and bad. They need it (the futures market) for pricing," Treat said.

Donnelly said that the CBOT's contract terms promote liquidity, which

will attract industry trading. And he said that the contract has appeal to agribusiness cooperatives in the Midwest that own refineries.

"They already trade wheat, corn, soybeans and oats. And we intend to see them trade energy," he said.

"The energy complex," Donnelly added, "is the greatest thing to happen at the CBOT since T-bonds and Ginnie Maes (Government National Mortgage Association certificates)."

Whoever is right, there is evidence that the appeal of energy futures is expanding.

Michael Marks, NYMEX chairman, noted that Exxon waits until the NYMEX opening before announcing its daily heating oil price. And Treat said that the popularity of futures on rate products has made the idea of using futures for energy less alien to corporate controllers.

"It used to be that the (corporate) controller would say 'No' to futures," Treat said. "But he's hedging his

project risk (with interest rate futures) and his foreign exchange risk (with foreign currency futures.) So he is used to futures markets."

Treat added that "about 10 of the top 20" U.S. oil producers are using futures in a small way to get acquainted with the market.

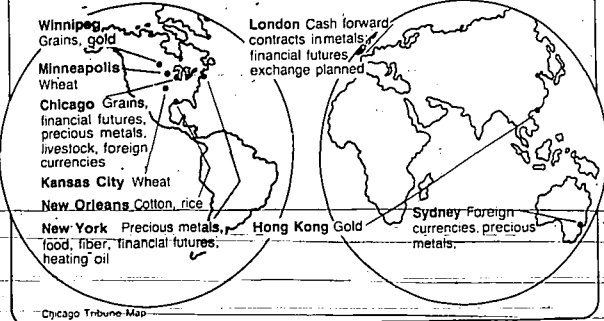
Amid all the euphoria, some caution was injected by Robin Woodhead, chairman of the International Petroleum Exchange in London, which offers futures on heating oil and plans a crude oil contract this fall.

"I wonder," he added, "how many separate energy contracts can be traded. It's still a very new and delicate baby."

Woodhead said that it took the IPE 4 1/2 years to build volume. The major producing companies were slow to use futures, viewing them "as a casino, as gambling." And Woodhead said that "it's the majors who hold the key to the future of these markets."

Too much expansion too quickly could drive some of the majors back to the sidelines, Woodhead said.

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## Leadership in next 2 years will point regulation course

By JEROME IDASZAK  
Chicago Sun-Times

BOCA RATON, Fla. — The leaders of futures exchanges — executives of brokerage firms and lawyers specializing in commodities law — were told that their leadership during the next two years would strongly affect the course and degree of regulation of futures trading.

Industry officials in 1982 were able to dilute efforts to impose a tax on trading — called a user fee. And they were able to delay efforts by some congressmen who want higher margins — the good-faith deposit required to begin trading in futures.

A key ingredient in the industry's success was creation of the National Futures Association, a self-regulatory organization financed by the exchanges and brokerage firms to handle registration of brokers and supplement surveillance that's done by the exchanges and by the federal regulatory agency, the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

The NFA began operation only last October, and its performance is due to be reviewed by Congress in 1984. The industry argued against a user fee, saying that it was paying for the NFA.

"The possibility of a user fee is going to be determined by the success or failure of the NFA," said Rep. Glenn English, D-Okla. "It's all in your hands. I don't think the CFTC budget is adequate to do its job. I hope the NFA can fill the gap."

If the NFA is ineffective, English said that "I personally would support a user fee with the money going to the CFTC."

While acknowledging that two years is a short time for a review of the NFA, English said that Congress will be asking whether the NFA has "made good strides, has it made a good-faith effort. This will be a classic example of the willingness of an industry to regulate itself."

English was on a panel of speakers from the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives who spoke at the annual meeting of the Futures Industry Association.

Rep. Dan Glickman, D-Kan, spoke about a study of futures trading being led by the Federal Reserve Board. The goal, he said, is to collect data so that any new regulations are based on solid information rather than impressions.

About the Fed-led study, which will look at margin levels, Sen. Donald W. Riegle Jr., D-Mich., said, "There are no clear clues whether they'll make any legislative recommendations."

He added that there is no apparent sense of urgency and that the report is expected "sometime this summer."

Meanwhile, he said, the Senate Banking Committee will have its hands full with non-commodity futures issues, such as consideration of increased lending for the International Monetary Fund.

Another frequent area of concern to the futures industry is talk of merging

the CFTC into the Securities and Exchange Commission.

"I don't think there are going to be any (agency) mergers," said Rep. F. Thomas Coleman, R-Mo.

Coleman said "most congressmen now approve of the CFTC, which was under heavy criticism in the late 1970s as being ineffective."

Glickman said cooperation between the CFTC and the SEC is necessary in order to avoid renewed talk of a merger or creation of some kind of "superagency."

While most of the comments were the kind of remarks that the industry wants to hear, there was at least one observation that some found worrisome. One member of the audience said he was concerned about efforts by state securities regulators to impose rules on futures brokers and rules on the sale of commodity pools — a kind of mutual fund. The futures industry had thought that the 1982 law that renewed the CFTC until 1986 made clear that the federal agency superseded the state regulators.

Glickman said rules on commodity pools have "always been a murky area." He added that if the jurisdiction over registration of pools "is not clear, it will probably have to be resolved in the courts. Don't expect any new legislation from Congress this year."

In fact, the year doesn't seem likely to bring new legislation on commodities at all, added Riegle, a member of the Senate Banking Committee.

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# Credit system foreclosures exceed 2,300

By LINDA WERFELMAN  
United Press International

WASHINGTON — The Farm Credit System reports foreclosures on more than 2,300 farms last year, along with a decline in its total loans to farmers.

The credit system, a federally chartered but privately financed operation, currently has loans out to more than 1 million farmers and farming cooperatives.

Officials of the Farm Credit Administration, the federal agency that supervises the lending system, attributed both the foreclosures and the declining rate of loans to the weak farm economy.

The decline in lending, officials said in their annual report, was a result of the efforts of farmers to borrow only what is absolutely necessary in the face of low commodity prices and diminished cash flow.

Agency Governor Donald Wilkenson told a congressional panel early in February that the Farm Credit System was "bending over backwards" to avoid foreclosing on farmers who had fallen behind in their payments because of problems in the economy.

Nevertheless, the agency's records showed an increase in foreclosures last year in one branch of the credit system: the Federal Land Banks foreclosed on 1,370 loans in 1982, compared with 719 in 1981.

Foreclosures totaled 1,072 last year among borrowers from the Production Credit Association, the agency said. No comparable figures were available for 1981.

Besides the foreclosures, more than 30,000 other farmers were reported delinquent in their loan repayments to the land banks and the credit associations.

Of that number, some 21,007 delinquencies were reported among the 667,912 Federal Land Bank loans still outstanding at the end of the year. The figure represents 3.2 percent of all borrowers, up from 2.4 percent the previous year.

ported 12,625 delinquencies among their 382,819 outstanding loans, or 3.3 percent. No comparable figures were available for 1981.

The credit system, which also includes the Banks for Cooperatives, had outstanding loans to more than 1 million farmers and 3,400 cooperatives at the close of 1982, the administration said.

In its report, the agency said the lending institutions had loaned farmers \$65.9 billion in loans in 1982, down more than 10 percent from the previous year.

In each of the two previous years, the credit system had reported smaller increases than usual in total amounts loaned.

The institutions said their outstanding loans totaled \$80.4 billion on Dec. 31. The sum reflects a 2.8 percent increase from the previous year.

The Federal Land Banks reported a sharper drop in lending than other branches of the credit system.

Their loans fell 36.4 percent from nearly 100,000 in 1981 to 63,399 last year, the agency said. Total lending involved \$7.5 billion in 1982, down 38 percent from the previous year.

The land banks had \$50.4 billion in loans outstanding on Dec. 31, up 8.4 percent from the previous year.

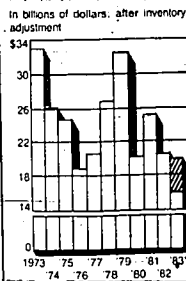
During the first nine months of the year, more than half the land banks' loans went to refinance existing debts, the report said, noting a slight increase from the previous year.

"This shows that many farmers are stretching out loan terms to lower mortgage payments or refinancing short-term obligations," the report said.

Production Credit Association loans totaled \$33.1 billion last year, down 5.3 percent from 1981, the agency said, adding that \$4 million in loans to 2,406 cooperatives were outstanding on Dec. 31. The figure is down 7.7 percent from the previous year.

Banks for Cooperatives issued \$23.5 billion in loans last year, down 5.3 percent from 1981, the agency said, adding that \$2 million in loans to 2,406 cooperatives were outstanding on Dec. 31. The figure is down 7.7 percent from the previous year.

## Net American farm income



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# Computers, aircraft latest weapons in war on rustlers

By DAVID KELLEY  
United Press International

LAS VEGAS, Nev. — Horse thieves and cattle rustlers still roam the range, but the days of posses and a hangman's noose have been replaced by computers and lawmen flying in airplanes.

About 50 members of the Western States Livestock Investigators Association met one February weekend in nearby Laughlin, Nev., on the Colorado River to compare notes.

"It's bigger than most people would think," said Doug Ward, president of the 11-state, 100-member organization. "It's quite a problem for ranchers."

Ward, who works out of the Kern County Sheriff's Department in Bakersfield, Calif., said it's nearly impossible to catch a rustler or horse thief in Utah.

"They just drive a truck or van out onto the range and load 'em up," he said. "In one day, the animal can be in California or Texas or Colorado. That's what makes our organization so important."

He said the association has a computer databank to keep track of

rustlers working in a number of states.

"It is very easy to dispose of stolen livestock," he said. "As a rustler, I can consume it myself, sell it to my neighbors and I've found a few restaurants in my area who will take stolen meat."

Capt. Bob Nordtome of the Arizona Livestock Department said people nowadays seldom rustle for food.

"People think it just went on in the territorial days, but it's bigger than ever before," he said. "Rustling is done primarily for money, rather than because they're hungry. It's greed."

Even in Los Angeles, horse stealing has increased by about 20 percent in the past year to about 12 cases each month, sheriff's Sgt. Bill Bacon said.

"A modern rustler looks for a good fat healthy horse," he said. "He comes back at night, walks the horse onto a trailer and hits the freeway for Phoenix," said the officer.

"The horses are killed, cut up, packaged, frozen and air shipped to France and Belgium, where con-

sumers regard horsemeat as a delicacy. The going rate for horsemeat over there is about \$40 a pound. In Japan it goes for over \$60.

"The average healthy horse is about 1,200 pounds. The thief gets 40 to 50 cents a pound, so he's getting \$500 to \$600 a horse."

The difficulty in catching rustlers and horse thieves is illustrated by Arizona statistics, which Nordtome said are fairly typical throughout the West.

"Last year in '82 we had 170 criminal cases to investigate. We made 24 arrests and had 24 convictions," the official said. "The sentences ranged from weekends in jail to a two-year term. Fines ranged from \$250 to \$2,500 and restitution was from \$750 to \$3,800."

Bacon said an increasing number of rustlers are women. He cited a 20 percent increase in the number of women horse thieves over the past five years.

Nordtome said one of his favorite suspects is a 40-year-old woman. "She has been convicted and sent to jail three times in Arizona," he said. "Every time she gets out she steals another horse."

## Obstacles will fall, Block says

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Congressional leaders have pledged to remove any tax obstacles that might have faced farmers participating in the government's crop reduction program, Agriculture Secretary John Block says.

In a telephone news conference, Block said leaders of both the House and Senate have told him they expect action this week on legislation to clarify the income tax status of farmers who enroll in the new payment-in-kind program.

"We received assurances this matter will be resolved by week's end," he said. "In other words, there are no tax obstacles."

Friday is the deadline for farmers to sign up for the payment-in-kind program, which promises a share of government surplus crops to farmers who leave large portions of their land idle.

Farmers will be permitted to do what they want with the crops, including sell them or hold them for sale at some future date.

But administration officials had complained that current federal income tax laws would penalize farmers in the program by forcing them to pay taxes in the same year they receive the crops. They said farmers would be more fairly treated if the law were changed to delay tax payments until after they have made their sales.

Block said he has no indication how many farmers already have signed up for the program, which is intended to increase prices paid to farmers by using up existing surpluses.

"I get a lot of hints from a lot of farmers," Block said. "Interest is great."

But he added that many farmers have delayed deciding whether to sign up for the program.

"I'm going to be running scared (about chances of high enrollment) until this thing's over," Block said. The Agriculture Department has promised a full report on farmer participation in payment-in-kind and other land diversion programs March 22.

## Ag officials probe claims milk holds illegal additive

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Agriculture Department officials say they are investigating claims that whey protein, a by-product of cheese manufacturing, was illegally added to non-fat dry milk purchased by the government.

The allegations involve "limited amounts" of dry milk bought by the federal Commodity Credit Corp. early in 1981 from one Midwestern source, department Inspector General John Graziano said. He offered no further identification of the source.

Department dairy scientists and the inspector general's office are investigating to determine if sales from

other sources also may have been involved, officials said.

The Commodity Credit Corp., which buys and stores surplus farm products, pays about 94 cents a pound for non-fat dry milk. Whey protein sells on the open market for about 50 cents a pound.

Graziano said the alleged fraud was discovered when another firm bought the non-fat dry milk from the government and its tests showed the powder did not meet proper flavor standards.

Human health would not be affected by the presence of whey protein in non-fat dry milk, he added.

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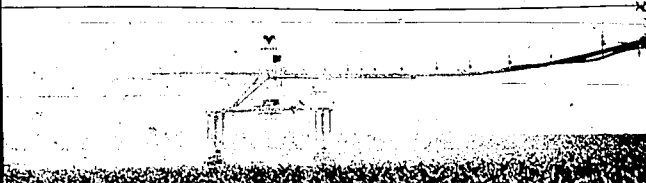
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# Nation's beef herd in 'holding pattern'

CHICAGO — The number of cattle in the nation's beef herd appears to be in a "holding pattern."

It is likely to stay there for the rest of 1983.

That's the opinion of four livestock economists who participated in a cattle cycle forum conducted by the Farm Bureau Federation.

The economists see no significant increase in either beef cattle numbers or supplies of beef on the market this year, but they do see a possibility that prices to both cattle producers and feeders could improve later this year provided the right combination of circumstances fall into place.

The panelists were Dr. Wayne D. Purcell of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University; Dr. Edward Uvacek Jr. of Texas A&M; Dr. Robert J. Reterson of Saga Corp. in Menlo Park, Calif.; and Glenn Grimes of the University of Missouri.

The economists agreed that after four years of losses, cattle producers are reluctant to expand the beef herd from the estimated 115 million head counted by the Department of

Agriculture on Jan. 1.

The outlook for price improvement depends on several big ifs, they said. They include:

• If signs of economic recovery prove reliable.

• If supplies of competing meats such as pork and poultry do not expand excessively.

• If inflation and interest rates decline enough to reduce production costs.

• If producers improve their marketing strategies as much as they have improved their production techniques.

How much influence the payment-in-kind (PIK) program will have on the beef industry remains in doubt.

Grimes says PIK should not have much impact on the beef industry unless it results in a lot of set-aside acreage on which cattle will be allowed to graze. Uvacek says PIK may bring down the cost of feed, which could strengthen prices for feeder cattle.

Reterson predicts that total meat supplies for 1983 will be down from

1982, but cautions that a buildup of pork and poultry supplies by the fourth quarter of this year could exert pressure on beef supplies because "while people like beef, they respond to the lower prices of pork and poultry."

Purcell says it will be difficult to judge the buildup in the beef herd as long as present demand patterns persist. He said beef producers need to "spend more time on developing marketing strategy and get more comfortable with forward pricing on either a cash or futures basis."

He predicts the nation's beef herd will stay in the hands of long-established producers who own their own land with a solid roughage base and are adequately financed.

In the fifth cattle cycle forum conducted by the Farm Bureau this past August, the outlook for the beef cattle industry was seen as "cautiously optimistic" by the same group of economists.

The next in the series of forums will be conducted in August, 1983.

# Administration seeks to shift waterways costs to farmers

By LINDA WERFELMAN  
United Press International

WASHINGTON — The government spends more than \$200 million a year to run the nation's inland waterways, but Reagan administration officials say someone else should be picking up the tab.

The administration has proposed shifting at least a portion of the operating expense to those who use the waterways, including farmers who transport their grains and oilseeds along the rivers to ocean ports.

An Agriculture Department report says a 1977 survey found 61 percent of the nation's soybean exports, half its corn exports and 29 percent of its wheat exports traveled on inland waterways.

Some of those shipments traveled as far as 1,700 miles along the rivers, until they reached port, according to the report, published in the current issue of the department's "Farmline" magazine.

Together, grain and oilseed shipments account for about 12 percent of the \$35 billion ton annual load trans-

ported over the inland waterways. But since farm products generally travel farther than lumber, chemicals, petroleum and other goods on the waterway system, they account for 30 percent of the \$9 billion, on-ton-miles, the report said.

At one time, the government picked up virtually all the costs of running the waterway system.

But a 1979 law ordered a tax on towboat fuel as a means of helping rebuild locks on the Mississippi River.

The tax initially was set at 4 cents per gallon, but gradual increases will push it up to 10 cents a gallon in 1985.

"Even at that level," the report said, "it will recover only 20 (percent) to 25 percent of the projected operation and maintenance costs for the entire system."

Administration officials consider those returns insufficient, the report said, noting that they already have proposed billing commercial users to recover all costs of operating and maintaining the rivers for commercial navigation.

"Administration representatives say user fees are the fairest way to fund needed maintenance on the

waterway system and that full cost recovery would result in more efficient waterway use and development, as well as lower federal outlays," the report said.

"Proponents of full recovery also say it would end what is, in effect, a government subsidy to commercial users of the waterway system," it added.

But supporters of the proposal do not agree on exactly what form the user fees should take, who should pay them, and whether the fees should be the same for the entire system or higher for shippers who use those segments of the system that have higher operating costs.

The report identified a system-wide fuel tax — similar to the gasoline tax used to help finance interstate highways — as "perhaps the best collection scheme for farm interests."

Since grain barges generally can be loaded more heavily and travel longer distances, they are more fuel efficient, the report said, adding, "A fuel tax would reflect this advantage." Other proposals would be more costly for the farming community.

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# Soybean growers eye USSR

By GLENN BLACKMON  
United Press International

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — A delegation of American scientists and agri-businessmen is working to get two diverse groups together — U.S. farmers with surplus soybeans and Soviet cattle farmers in desperate need of protein-rich feed.

"They want soybeans," said Park Waldroup, an animal science professor at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. "They're trying to build up animal agriculture and they can't grow soybeans themselves."

Waldroup was one of a team of U.S. scientists and soybean processors who met with Soviet trade officials, government purchasing agents and scientists in Moscow late last year. Waldroup said he was impressed by the Soviets' desire to increase purchases of soybean meal.

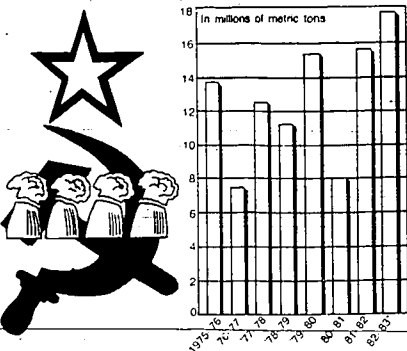
"They simply don't have the protein sources" for large-scale meat production, Waldroup said in an interview. "They have a little bit of sunflower meal and cottonseed meal. It's too far north for soybeans, though. The furthest south in Russia is about like Minnesota."

Sheldon Hauck, president of the Washington-based National Soybean Processors Association, said the potential Soviet market is staggering compared to what the U.S. currently exports.

"Some analysts feel the Soviet Union has a near-term potential as an export market for 3 to 5 million tons of soybean meal a year," Hauck said.

## Soviet grain imports

Imports from the U.S., July-June marketing years



Note: President Reagan's offer of 23 million tons is for the Oct. 1, 1982-Sept. 30, 1983, period.  
\*Preliminary U.S. estimate for July 1, 1982-June 30, 1983, marketing year.  
Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture

That would be a 40 to 50 percent increase over current total soybean meal exports.

Soviet eagerness to buy American soybean meal is matched by U.S. desires to sell part of the harvest in this country. U.S. surpluses have become so great President Reagan last week announced plans to use the extra grain for a "crop swap" program that pays farmers for not adding to the meal mountain.

"Right now the American farmer is really hard-pressed," Waldroup said. "He's got surpluses stacked up, and we've pretty well saturated the Japanese and Western European markets. Those are our primary markets, but they're only going to buy so much."

"Russia really opens up a tremendous market for American soybeans, and we've got the beans to spare."

Waldroup said the Soviets — "perhaps the last major market left" for exports — are considering soybean trade with the United States despite the suspicions created by President Carter's grain embargo. Failure to establish a successful meat production system based solely on wheat and corn is the reason, he said.

"They're under a great push to produce more meat," he said. "They tried doing it by feeding them more grain, but you just can't grow animals without protein."

"They recognize they have to import more soybeans, even though they are pretty upset because of the embargo thrown on them a few years ago."

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## USDA advises planting less acreage

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Agriculture Department predicts soybean farmers will make more money this year if they sell their crop later and grow less of it.

"Soybean acreage could be 1 million to 3 million below last year," the agency said. "This would set the stage for soybean price recovery; the extent of recovery will depend on how successful the acreage reduction programs are in lowering production and raising prices of crops that compete with soybeans."

The Agriculture Department offered farmers with government loans on their 1981 soybean crops an additional six months for repayment, hoping prices will rise later this year.

Without the extension, farmers would be forced either to sell their soybeans now to repay the price support loans or to turn over their crops to the government in lieu of repayment.

Farmers who accept the extensions will be charged interest at rates that now apply to the loans.

In its fats and oils outlook, the department noted that the 1982 soybean crop was estimated at a record 2.28 billion bushels, up 13 percent from the previous year's harvest.

The report also forecast 390 million bushels in carryover stocks. The production is higher than last season's 266 million bushels, but smaller than earlier estimates.

The department said farmers were receiving an average of \$5.56 a bushel in mid-January for their soybeans, compared to \$6.13 one year earlier.

Season prices are expected to average \$5.56 a bushel, compared to \$6.04 last year, the report said.

Domestic processors are expected to crush 1.12 billion bushels of soybeans in the 1982-83 marketing year — up 85 million bushels from last year, the report said.

Exports are expected to increase to 950 million bushels, up 21 million from last year, but low prices could keep the value below last year's levels, the report added.

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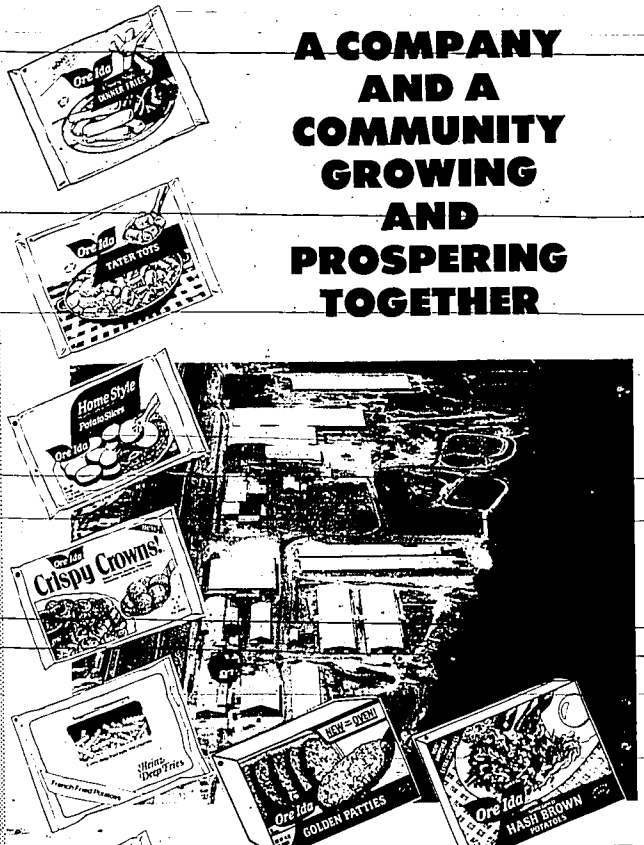
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# Drought trims Aussies' sales

By LINDA WERFELMAN  
United Press International

WASHINGTON — A long and severe drought in Australia is likely to bring at least temporary changes in the complexion of the world wheat market, an Agriculture Department economist says.

Mary Ponomarenko of the department's Foreign Agricultural Service says other major wheat-producing countries — including the United States — already are moving in to try to take over some of Australia's customers.

Early indications are that the year-long drought will reduce this year's Australian wheat harvest to 8 million metric tons, only about half the size of last year's crop. Australian wheat exports in the 1982-83 marketing year also are expected to be cut in half to about 6 million tons.

"This severe export reduction has opened market opportunities for the United States, Canada, France and Argentina," Ponomarenko said in a report published in the current issue of the department's "Foreign Agriculture" magazine.

"Record supplies outside of Australia have intensified competition for this additional business," she wrote.

While Australian wheat production has declined, supplies in other major exporting countries are up about 13 million tons from last year's level, she said.

Among the efforts to attract new buyers is the Agriculture Department's introduction of a program to offer a mix of direct credit and credit guarantees in order to reduce interest rates for sales of U.S. farm goods to developing countries.

The Canadian and French governments also have extended large amounts of credit to help increase their exports, and France has offered its credits considerably below market rates, Ponomarenko said.

Argentina may be considering the adoption of similar credit programs, she said.

"Those credit programs and other

purchasing incentives mark the beginning of a fight for some of Australia's wheat customers. Ponomarenko said, adding that she cannot yet predict which nation will gain the most from Australia's losses.

Nevertheless, she said it already appears certain that Australia will "sharply cut" sales to many of its long-time foreign buyers.

Most of Australia's exported wheat goes to Egypt, China and the Soviet Union, and those three countries are expected to suffer the largest cutbacks this year, Ponomarenko said.

She predicted that their purchases of Australian wheat may be cut to a total of between 3 million and 3.5 million tons, about half last year's levels.

Further reductions are likely in Australian sales to Japan, Malaysia, Indonesia and Singapore, she said.

Australia has waged an extensive campaign for a big share of the Middle East wheat market, and sales there are unlikely to be cut back, Ponomarenko said.

Not only will Australian wheat exports decline in the coming year, Ponomarenko said in her report, but officials may also be forced to import wheat and other grains, including rye, mulling barley, corn and sorghum.

Australian leaders already have authorized the Grain Sorghum Marketing Board to buy as much as 75,000 tons of American corn or sorghum, she said.

"If the Australian drought continues and the upcoming sorghum crop deteriorates, more coarse grain imports may follow," she wrote.

She noted that Australia already has bought small amounts of New Zealand corn and Canadian rye. If the Australians are forced to make large purchases of grain on the world market, she said, those purchases probably will be from the United States or Canada.

But Ponomarenko noted an obstacle to imports in the form of strict Australian plant quarantine regulations, which would raise the cost of any grains brought into the country.



## Enjoying the sun

Enjoying late winter sunshine during a break between storms, this mare peers over a fence at the grass in the next pasture near Santa Maria, Calif. The interval between the series of storms was not expected to last long, as more will be rolling in off the Pacific Ocean.

## Sharp contrast in administrations

# Research funding survives budget ax

PEORIA, Ill. (UPI) — Inside the unpretentious walls and within the almost dowdy laboratories of the Northern Regional Research Center, some pretty remarkable discoveries have been made.

They include the technology to produce penicillin on a large scale and the discovery of Super Slurper, a corn starch product that can absorb up to 2,000 times its weight in distilled water.

The Peoria facility is one of four such regional centers operated by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, seeking new uses for crops. The others are located in New Orleans, Beltsville, Md., and Berkeley, Calif. So far, researchers have escaped any serious damage by President Reagan's budget knife. While most domestic programs are suffering, USDA funding for agricultural re-

search remains stable. In Reagan's proposed budget for fiscal 1984, the centers actually would get about a 4 percent increase in funding, according to figures from the USDA.

The center's industrial coordinator, Roger Eisenhauer — an employee for 25 years — said there is a sharp contrast between the center's treatment by the Carter administration and the present one.

During the Carter administration, he said, the centers never would know what to expect; proposals would be made to cut the funding, and congress might or might not restore the cuts. "I took up a lot of people and we lost several prominent scientists as a result," he said. "Morale was low because it kept happening over and over again."

Under the Reagan administration, the center has been able to maintain the status quo.

The facility was established in 1938 because of large surpluses of cereal grains.

"We seem to have come full circle because, again, we have another surplus situation," Eisenhauer said.

Research has been done on corn, wheat, sorghum, oats, soybeans and horticultural and specialty crops. There are about 310 staff members at the Peoria facility — about two-thirds of them with technical degrees.

Through the years, scientists have been looking for new uses for agricultural commodities and their byproducts. They also have worked on projects to increase crop yields and decrease losses both before and after harvest.

Other work has sought ways to reduce processing costs and energy consumption, and to enhance food safety and quality.

While research is done on a variety of crops, the center has gained an international reputation for research on corn.

It was an accident which led to the

development of Super Slurper, which now is used in everything from fuel fillers to body powder. The uses seem almost limitless, Eisenhauer said.

"It's tremendous how it clears up diaper rash," he said. There also are numerous agricultural uses for the product. Researchers have found that by coating seeds with Super Slurper, farmers get quicker germination, a better stand and higher yields.

"Coating works best in fields where there is stress from drought," he said. "If you have optimum rainfall, it probably won't do you much good."

Another recent major breakthrough at the center also is the result of work with corn starch. Scientists have found a way to make a biodegradable plastic-like material.

Such a material could solve the problem of petroleum-based plastics that don't break down and remain for a long time in the environment, Eisenhauer said. The Peoria scientists also have come up with a water-soluble plastic made from corn starch that is used in many hospitals for laundry bags that dissolve in the wash, he said.

# Ford plowing in with new tractors

By MICHELINE MAYNARD  
United Press International

DEARBORN, Mich. — Ford Motor Co. officials say they expect a newly introduced line of tractors to increase the company's share of the farm implement market despite the current agricultural recession.

Ford Tractor also announced an industry first — a tractor care program under which all repairs and maintenance will be performed free of charge for purchasers of new TW Series tractors.

Tractor sales worldwide fell more than 40 percent last year to 708,000, the worst industry sales since World War II. Of those sales, 160,000 were in the United States.

The sales decline reflected the overall weak farm economy due to low commodity prices, spiraling inflation and overall unemployment. A year ago, analysts had predicted net farm income of \$30 billion. Instead, it ended up at \$20 billion.

Ford Tractor sales last year slipped 8 percent. Despite the decline, the automaker has introduced new models and revamped others in an effort to recapture sales.

At a news conference, Ford Tractor unveiled four new TW Series tractors over 100 horsepower, including the largest tractor ever built by Ford. Also introduced was a new six model line of 100 Series vehicles which are in the under-30 hp market.

Four new models will be introduced this spring in the current Series 10 line. These include the 2910 and 3910 which have 30 to 90 hp. Also available

will be narrow and narrow-orchard models of the 3910.

No prices were supplied for the tractors but the average vehicle can start at \$75,000 and up. Some owners, however, keep their tractors for 20 years or more.

Mervyn H. Manning, Ford vice president and general manager of Ford Tractor operations, said the automaker should make sales gains in 1983 although the company is not looking for an overall industry improvement.

He said North America and Europe are now "replacement markets" while Africa, Asia and Latin America are considered the world's growth markets.

On a related subject, it is too soon to tell whether the federal government's payment in kind (PIK) program will help tractor sales, Manning said. Under the program, a farmer agrees to leave land fallow in return for government surplus crops equal to what might have been grown.

Manning said PIK, if successful, will use up surplus crops and eventually drive commodity prices up.

"This means farmers will have more income and they will most likely invest that income in equipment and our sales will go up," he said.

As an incentive, Ford Tractor has launched a tractor care program it said will leave tractor owners with no other expense but fuel for three years or 2,500 hours of operation.

This can be a huge savings to farmers, Manning said. The average TW5 tractor over that amount of time can use 22 oil filters and 500 quarts of oil.

# Idaho grain acreage down

BOISE (UPI) — Idaho farmers will plant fewer acres of barley, dry beans and spring wheat according to a survey conducted by the Idaho Crop and Livestock Reporting Service.

Officials of the United States Department of Agriculture said the number of acres planted with corn and oats is on the rise throughout the country.

Idaho farmers also expect to in-

crease acreage intended for corn and oats production. Corn production is expected to be up one percent from last year and 72,000 Idaho acres are scheduled to be planted with oats.

The survey interviewed about 40,000 growers nationwide who report they will be growing 10 percent less spring wheat. They also say they will plant about 12.3 million fewer acres of corn and 22 percent less beans.

## Utah wins foods award

LOGAN, Utah (UPI) — A Utah State University food scientist is the recipient of a national technology award for his contributions to the cheese industry.

Dr. Gary H. Richardson, professor of food science and microbiology, will receive the Harold Macy Food Science and Technology Award from the Minnesota Section of the Institute of Food Technologists. The award includes a \$50 honorarium and an inscribed plaque.

Richardson was honored for his development of a process whereby cheese factories can use their own whey for making bulk culture media, which inhibits bacteria that causes cheese to go bad.

The whey technique has slashed the cost of producing the media that preserves the cheese, and is used in at least 60 factories in the United States and Canada.

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# Increase anticipated in irrigated farmland

CORVALLIS, Ore. (UPI) — Development of irrigated farmland in the Northwest has been slowed during the past few years but that will change later in this decade because demand for the region's crops will increase, an economist says.

"The Northwest has 21 million acres of cropland in production and 54 percent is irrigated, Robert McKusick, vice president of Northwest Economic Associates, said.

"Another 33 million acres in Idaho, Oregon and Washington are irrigable and could be brought into production if economic conditions were favorable, McKusick told a recent water and energy symposium.

"The growth of irrigated agriculture in the Pacific Northwest has been slowed by more scarce and

expensive water resources, greater competition from instream flows of the Columbia River by power, fisheries, recreation and navigation users and depressed prices for farm commodities," McKusick said.

He believes these conditions will continue to hold down development of irrigable land over the next few years, but development will increase beginning in 1986.

"Market demand is projected to increase for Pacific Northwest crops to the year 2000," the economist said. This, coupled with the high productivity of irrigated cropland in the area, gives the region a strong competitive standing among the large agricultural commodity-producing states, he said.

"The Pacific Northwest's favorable location as an exporting terminal to

Pacific rim countries also gives it a strong competitive position in U.S. agriculture, he said.

Some other areas, such as California's San Joaquin Valley and the Great Lakes region, do not have the same amount of cropland available to be brought into production when conditions permit, he said.

"A key policy issue facing the Pacific Northwest is what type of incentives, if any, should agriculture be offered to conserve water and energy," McKusick said. "And, should there be any energy cost adjustments to those areas especially hard hit by the Washington Public Power Supply System debt and rate increases.

"The future of irrigated agriculture in the region depends to a large extent not only on how regional producers respond to increasing energy costs, but also to how these costs affect commodity prices," McKusick said.

## For heifer, her place was home

GENEVA, Fla. (UPI) — For Juleann, there's no place like home.

The pregnant, 700-pound Brahma heifer walked 35 miles — jumping fences, swimming rivers and crossing highways — to reach the home of her former owner.

Described as a "free spirit," the 2-year-old cow suffered a few scratches and lost about 100 pounds during her 20-hour jaunt, but she arrived safely at Sidney Kraftow's northeast Seminole County farm just before dusk Monday.

"I've heard of dogs and cats doing that," said Kraftow. "But a cow? Never! All the cattle people around here are flabbergasted."

Kraftow said Juleann, a registered purebred, to Read Hayes Sunday. Hayes said he locked Juleann in a pen at his farm near Christmas in Orange County and last saw her shortly after dark Sunday.

Hayes said Juleann apparently jumped out of the pen, leaped over two 4-foot barbed wire fences that surrounded the pasture and then headed north.

Juleann's journey included crossing the Econlockhatchee River and several small creeks.

"Talk about instinct," Hayes said, "I'm just amazed that she had that good a sense of direction."

A University of Florida professor said he was shocked by the Juleann's feat.

"It's a homing pigeon instinct that cats, dogs and pigeons have," said Dr. Hal Wallace, chairman of the animal science department at the College of Agriculture. "But I'm not aware that cattle had that extent of an instinct."

Kraftow said he sold the cow because she was a "free spirit" that often jumped a five-foot cattle gate on his farm. Juleann would roam through nearby citrus groves, eating oranges and grapefruit, Kraftow said.

Hayes said he would retrieve Juleann later this week and put her in a pen with higher fences.

"She needs to have a calf and then she'll settle down," he said.

## Embryo transfers will improve herds

BRIAN MOTTAZ, Universal Press Syndicate

PULLMAN, Wash. — A cheap method of freeze-storing top-quality cattle embryos for implant into surrogate cows is the result of a 10-year research effort at Washington State University.

"It still is only a 40 percent success rate, however,"

Ray Wright, an associate professor of animal science at WSU, claims the method is the first big breakthrough in cattle breeding since artificial insemination arrived on the farm four decades ago.

"Not only does the process allow a cattle producer to increase the reproductive capabilities of a prize cow as much as 50-fold, but it also allows that producer to store genetically superior embryos for years, using them as needed.

"A cow in her lifetime would do well to produce five to seven calves," Wright said. "A cow is doing well to have a calf a year."

"Through embryo transfer, we can treat the donor animal with hormones and she would ovulate more embryos. Instead of one at a time, we could get 20, to 60 at a time and put them in average cows."

Wright said the end result would be a prize cow capable of producing 200 to 300 offspring — each potentially worth between \$10,000 and \$50,000.

"What we're offering is a system through which producers can make rapid genetic improvement," Wright said.

"The key to Wright's system is the use of a special plastic straw to extract an embryo from the donor cow at six to nine days of devel-

opment. The same straw is used to store the embryo, and to implant it in the recipient cow.

"We've taken out the major expensive component of the embryologist in the system," he said.

Wright said the process has about a 40 percent success rate with cattle, which he considers good when considering this method can be used right on the farm, much the same as artificial insemination.

He has experimented with other types of livestock, but the success rate has not been as good.

"It appears as though the bovine fortunately does pretty well in the system," Wright said. "The sheep and the goat probably do half as well, and the pigs are somewhat of a mystery because the success rate has been very small."

Besides the obvious benefits on the farm, Wright said the new method will make it much easier to ship genetic material.

"I once worked on a contract to ship 100 Holstein heifers to Saudi Arabia," Wright said. "We had to arrange to have a 747 go from Chicago to Saudi Arabia. The transportation cost alone was \$100,000."

But Wright said a supply of frozen embryos and genetic material in cows in Saudi Arabia could have been shipped for only a few hundred dollars.

"Embryo transfer and freezing will have a big impact on the use of more, as when artificial insemination came on the scene in the 1940s," Wright said.

Wright said his method was introduced in the field only in the past six months or so on farms in Washington, Oregon and California.

## Utahns to plant more barley, spring wheat this season

SALT LAKE CITY (UPI) — Utah farmers plan to increase plantings of barley and spring wheat this year, while keeping the same acreage in corn and hay, according to the State Crop and Livestock Reporting Service.

The state agency said its February survey of Utah farmers indicates they will plant about 595,000 acres of farmland to hay this year, and 90,000 acres to corn — about the same as 1982's

acreage.

But, the farmers said they will increase barley acreage by about 5,100 acres, up to 176,000 acres.

And, Utah farmers say they plan to increase spring wheat acreage

## Device cleans water

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (UPI) — A Texas A&M University chemist has patented a device he says will extract water clean enough to drink plus thousands of dollars of petroleum from all field waste pits.

Dr. Rod O'Connor said the patent has been assigned to Romec Environmental Research and Development Inc., a College Station firm formed to develop and market the device.

O'Connor, director of Texas A&M's first-year chemistry program, worked with about a dozen other people after hours and on weekends to perfect the system.

The first mobile model, housed inside a 16-foot trailer and capable of processing about 50 barrels of waste fluid a day, will be field-tested by a Louisiana waste treatment company, he said. A 40-foot unit could handle about 10,000 barrels of waste a day.

O'Connor and others working on the project first approached the university's patent office, which gave them permission to apply as individuals

since the work had not been carried out on Texas A&M property or during working hours.

The patent caps two years of effort, said O'Connor, who has a title of vice president at Romec but continues at the university on a full-time basis.

He said while the invention can produce usable water from oil field wastes, it can also recover brine which could be recycled in certain drilling muds.

Romec officials do not advertise the recovered water — as drinkable — but O'Connor said it exceeds World Health Organization standards for public drinking water and is only a third as salty as the local water.

Large systems might provide emergency drinking water during floods or other disasters when public wells and lakes are contaminated.

The complex system of chemical treatment, separation, centrifugation, filtration, adsorption and reverse osmosis should also bring more oil from pit wastes.

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# Demands for corn may ease under PIK

By LINDA WERFELMAN  
United Press International

WASHINGTON — Domestic and foreign demand for American corn is expected to drop considerably under the new payment-in-kind program, a study conducted for the National Corn Growers Association says.

But the decline is expected to be short-lived, the association says.

And despite the likely fall off in sales, the organization says it still views the crop reduction effort as the best means of reducing vast stockpiles of corn and strengthening the prices paid to farmers.

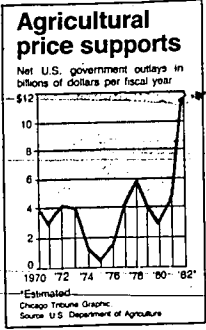
Friday was the last day for farmers to enroll in the program, which asks them to leave large portions of land idle and promise government surplus crops to those who agree. Participating farmers will be permitted to do whatever they wish with the crops they receive from the government, including sell the commodities or feed them to livestock.

Supporters say prices paid to farmers for their crops will begin to rise once the surpluses shrink.

According to the study, conducted by economic analysts at Chase Econometrics, American corn exports in the next two years will be 19.5 percent lower with the payment-in-kind program than they would have been otherwise.

The figure was calculated using a formula that assumed the program would remain in effect for two years. Agriculture Secretary John Block has announced only a one-year program, but suggested the effort probably will continue in some form for a second year.

The analysis suggests that export demand is relatively more sensitive to corn price increases than is domestic



demand," the report said.

"The implementation of PIK programs of the magnitude indicated would cost the U.S. some loss in share of world grain market trade," the document added. "Because the United States is so dominant in world coarse grain markets, the loss would probably be regained later as supply restrictions ease."

The report predicted average prices paid to farmers for their corn will increase to \$3.77 per bushel in the 1984-85 marketing year — up \$1.22 from the likely price had the payment-in-kind program never been implemented.

The following year, prices are expected to drop to \$3.37 per bushel, but by the 1986-87 marketing year, they probably will climb back to \$3.47, the document said.

The higher grain prices will in-

crease livestock feeding costs and reduce meat production by about 6 percent from the levels that would have been likely without the payment-in-kind program, the study predicted.

"Reduced meat production translates to higher meat prices," the report said.

Those higher meat prices, along with more expensive grains, will push up retail prices and increase the food segment of the government's Consumer Price Index, the report added.

But the study predicted the impact of those increases on the overall inflation rate is likely to be less than 0.5 percent.

Officials of the corn growers association said the study — arranged by the National Corn Development Foundation, a separate organization that sometimes finances association projects — indicated the need for heavy participation in the payment-in-kind program.

"Without an intensive acreage reduction program in 1983, the corn market will continue to be in excessive supply," association president Jack Parsons said.

Preliminary Agriculture Department reports have indicated farmers plan to reduce planted acreage of corn and most other major crops from last year's levels, but department officials have consistently refused to estimate how successful the program will be.

They have said only that they hope 23 million acres of farmland will be removed from production through the payment-in-kind effort.

A complete report on farmer participation in payment-in-kind and other 1983 land diversion programs is scheduled to be released March 22.



Champion judging team includes, from left, Orrie Baysinger, coach, Chad Newey, Frank Furtado, Jason Traum, Kenny Preston and Shawn Johnson

## Dietrich-Richfield FFA chapter wins Oregon judging competition

By DAVID MAFFAT  
Times-News Staff

RICHFIELD — An area chapter of the Future Farmers of America has brought distinction to the Magic Valley.

Recently, five boys representing the Richfield-Dietrich area won the Oregon Charolais Breeders Association judging contest.

The contest was part of the 15th annual Pacific International Livestock Judging Contest, held in Portland, Ore.

More than 160 FFA chapters, comprising 800 individuals, from the states of Washington, Oregon and Idaho competed in the judging event, according to Orrie Baysinger, a Richfield high school teacher and the coach of the FFA team.

Members of the winning team were: Chad Newey, Frank Furtado, Kenny Preston and Shawn Johnson of Richfield; and Jason Traum of Dietrich.

Chad Newey attained the highest individual score in the event — 293 out

of a possible score of 300.

And Kenny Preston scored 288, sixth place for individuals, while Jason Traum scored 283, good for 20th place.

A team from Kimberly finished 18th in the event.

The intent of a livestock judging contest is to judge which of several animals will provide the most meat, Baysinger says.

In some cases, this also includes determining which animal will pass the best characteristics along to its offspring, he says.

The team from Richfield-Dietrich scored 865 points out of a possible total of 900. This was 20 points ahead of the nearest competitor, Baysinger says.

The same group took second place at the recent Twin Falls district Angus judging contest at the College of Southern Idaho, and earlier in the year. It won a freshman dairy judging contest.

Baysinger credits the boys with the success. "They pay attention and are very eager."

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## Block thinks PIK will be debt brake

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The new payment-in-kind program is expected to slow the growth in farm debt at the same time it reduces crop surpluses and increases the prices being paid to farmers, Agriculture Secretary John Block said Friday.

In remarks prepared for delivery before the Production Credit Association's national meeting in Kansas City, Mo., Block predicted farm debt would drop between \$5 billion and \$6 billion below levels that would have been expected if the payment-in-kind program had never been implemented.

Supporters say the program will improve the farm economy by reducing the crop surpluses that have pushed down the prices being paid to farmers.

In his speech to the credit association, which issued 16 percent of the nation's outstanding agricultural loans, Block predicted the payment-in-kind program will have other benefits.

"By reducing stocks, it will help build a foundation under any future upswings in prices at the market," he added. "This will put many producers into a much better financial position to repay outstanding debts."

The program is likely to reduce farmers' demand for short-term credit by between \$1.3 billion and \$2.2 billion, Block said.

The Production Credit Association is one branch of the federal Farm Credit System, a federally chartered, privately-financed operation that last year issued \$63 billion in loans to farmers.

## Spud-panel to nominate for district

BURLEY — The Idaho Eastern Oregon Potato Committee will hold a nomination meeting to select the District 3 representative to the group at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 23, at the Burley Inn.

The committee administers a federal potato-marketing order that establishes standards for the sale and distribution of potatoes in the region.

District 3 includes the counties of Cassia, Minidoka, Blaine and all other Idaho potato-producing counties west and north of those areas, including Malheur County, Ore.

One committeeman and one alternate will be nominated to represent the district. The names of the nominees will be forwarded to the secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, who will make the one-year appointments.

The committee is charged with the responsibility of establishing regulations to "control size, grade, quality, maturity and packaging" standards of all fresh-pack potatoes intended for shipment outside the market-order area.

Also during the meeting, marketing-order regulations will be reviewed and growers' comments and recommendations heard.

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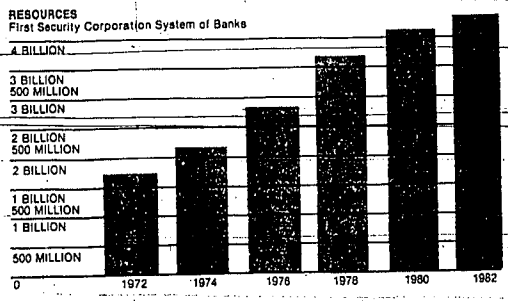
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## Years of recession bring changes

### Tilt toward high-tech may be West's spur

By MURIEL DOBBIN  
The Baltimore Sun

SAN FRANCISCO — The California tilt toward high technology may become the industrial revolution of the '80s in the West, according to analysts who predicted far-ranging changes in the Sunbelt as a result of the recession years.

"The diversification of high technology will have a major impact on the industrial economy in California and in other states now all seeking to attract electronics firms, partly because the industry bore up relatively well in the recession," said Ted Gibson, an economist with the Crocker National Bank in San Francisco.

According to the economist, substantial military contracts for the products of the high technology industry helped buffer it against the recession. The reliability of defense spending, it was asserted, had been of assistance to the sagging economy in states with military bases and contracts.

The forecasts of computerized pie in the economic sky were accompanied, however, by warnings that Western states such as California, Nevada, Arizona, Utah, Oregon and Washington were still limping out of the lean years.

"The analysts all spoke of 'cautious consumers' who were spending and borrowing less, looking for 'good deals' when they did spend, and who all knew people who were out of work. 'We think we're bottoming out in California, but any rebound in 1983 is going to be moderate,'" said Thomas Grady, a vice president at Security Pacific Bank in Los Angeles who painted a gloomy picture of the economic plight of the golden state where the current 11.2 percent unemployment rate is expected to top 12 percent before inching downward.

The reputation once enjoyed by both California and Nevada for being recession-proof was shattered over the last three years as the economic crisis demolished the housing boom and considerably reduced gaming growth. The jobless rate topped 20 percent in the wood and lumber areas of the Pacific Northwest, where 1983 is expected to see another 6,000 layoffs in the aerospace business, according to Richard Schroeder, director of the Washington department of economic development.

Arizona and Utah weathered the recession a little better than other Sunbelt states, according to bankers who stressed the efforts of both states to develop electronic underpinnings for their local economy.

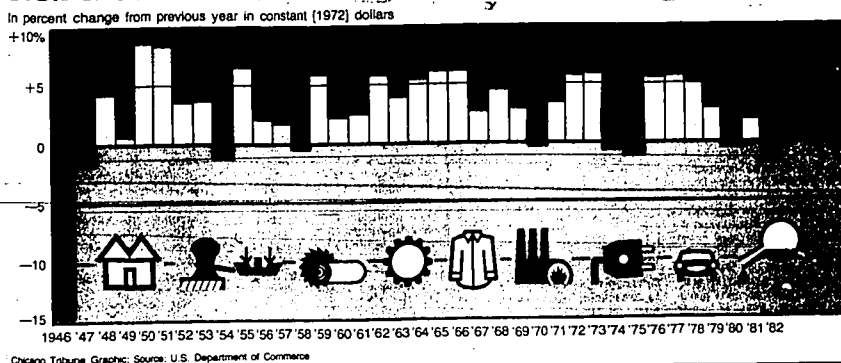
Elliott Pollack, manager of the economic planning division at the Valley Bank in Phoenix, noted that, although the state's jobless rate was above 10 percent, that was primarily due to the slump in its copper mining industry. The fact that unemployment was not higher, he asserted, was due to what he called its "high-tech base." Four out of ten Arizona workers were employed in the fields of electronics or aerospace, he said.

High tech may have hit a bit of a slump recently, but by comparison, it was a far milder slump than was suffered by most other industries, said Pollack.

Dr. Kelly Matthews, a vice president and economist at First Security Bank in Salt Lake City, also emphasized the importance to Utah of developing a diversified economy that leaned heavily on electronics. "Every state in the West is trying to lure high tech and Utah has been very competitive and quite successful," said Dr. Matthews. He noted that the Salt Lake City area had attracted such firms as Applied Digital Data, National Cash Register, Rockwell.

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## Farmers in classic struggle

By DANIEL ROSENHEIM  
Chicago Sun-Times

ROCKPORT, Mo. — From the air, the fields spray out from the Missouri River like swatches of faded corduroy this time of year — wide wales of brown, beige and grey dusted with snow.

Although another long winter month on the plains still lies ahead, it isn't too early for most farmers to begin thinking of spring planting.

But next year's crop doesn't figure in the plans of Carl Baker, even though he has farmed for virtually every one of his 49 years.

"I quit farming by request," he says, "the bank's request."

"The banker is not my best friend," Baker adds, explaining how he lost his hogs and cattle last year, along with 1,840 acres of corn, soybeans and wheat.

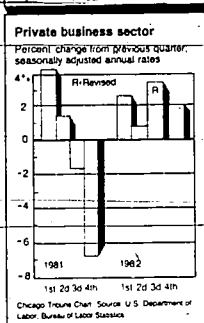
In some respects, Baker's story reflects the farmer's classic struggle with the elements.

"Since 1974, we had six droughts. I farm on bottom land, so what the drought didn't get, the flood or the wind did," he said. "That puts you in a stress position."

But this time, Baker's battle was fatally compounded by a national crisis of farm overproduction. "We didn't get any money for what we sold," he continued. "That puts you out of business."

Baker is only one among thousands of Midwestern growers who are being slowly squeezed out of business by the biggest agricultural crisis since the Great Depression sent farm workers

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migrating westward 50 years ago. "These people have gone from sound equity to negative cash flow and negative net worth," said Curt Soterberg of the Iowa Farmers Union, who predicts the number of farm closings in Iowa could double to more than 3,000 this year.

"Within the next 90 days, I expect to see a tremendous rush of bankruptcy filings by farmers," said William L. Needer, a Chicago bankruptcy attorney, who numbers large farmers in Nebraska among his clients. "People

just don't realize how bad it is out there."

The causes of the current farm crisis have been amply documented: a 15-month embargo against the Soviet Union that crippled the export market; a strong American dollar that has further undercut exports; a bumper grain crop and depressed prices that don't meet production costs. Add to this the elevated expenses of borrowing to meet operating costs, and the result for many farmers has been catastrophic.

"A debt-free corn farmer might have made money until now, but even if he's debt-free, he won't make money this year," said Mike Fletcher, a senior vice president at the Omaha Bank for Cooperatives.

In an effort to trim the nation's steadily increasing farm surplus, President Reagan is offering grain payments (payments-in-kind) to farmers who cut back production. But the Reagan proposal is getting mixed reviews from the agricultural community.

"It seems almost un-American to pay an efficient industry to take assets out of production," said Fletcher, who, despite such qualms, thinks the plan has merit.

"It needs safeguards to ensure the future value of the grain that's landowners won't force out rental farmers by retiring all their rental land," said Soterberg.

More effective than cutting production, according to many in the farm community, are efforts to rebuild

export markets. One such measure that is raising farmers' hopes is "contract sanctity" legislation, which guarantees existing grain export contracts in the event of an embargo.

"A sanctified contract goes a long way toward overcoming the problems we've had since the last embargo," said Fletcher.

"It's absolutely critical," said Nina Klarich, chief regional economist at First National Bank of Chicago. "We not only lost the Soviets as a market, but we lost many other countries that found out we're not a reliable source of supply."

Meanwhile, in towns like Rockport, as well as bigger cities like Omaha and Kansas City, where one out of six people works in agribusiness, the agricultural sector's depression is spilling over into other parts of the economy.

At Omaha Bank for Cooperatives, which lends to such giant agribusinesses as Farmlands and Land O'Lakes, average gross loan volume fell 9.7 percent in 1982 to \$765.1 million, while the bank's earnings slid 7.9 percent to \$15.0 million.

"We're not seeing the level of foreclosures you see in the urban businesses, but the pressure is out there," said Fletcher. "Agriculture is capital intensive, so interest rates have affected us intensely."

On a smaller scale, business at the Trill's End Restaurant just outside Rockport is averaging about \$1,100 a day, down 36 percent from a year ago. The restaurant depends heavily on

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## Energy slump Recovery lags for Southwest

By RICHARD ALM  
Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — The Southwest — a region that surpassed the nation in economic growth before the recession began 18 months ago — probably will recover in 1983 only at the moderate pace forecast for the rest of the U.S. economy.

To a large extent, the growth of the 5-state region will fall short of recent experience because of a lingering slump in the energy industry, where depressed prices will continue to discourage exploration across Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico.

Eyes on the national recovery, foreign competition threatens to keep unemployment high in the refining and petrochemical plants along the Gulf Coast. Farmers from Arkansas to New Mexico face another year of depressed prices. Mexico's economic problems probably will continue to curtail business activity in Texas border towns from Brownsville to El Paso.

The region, however, will derive some relief from a recovery that will boost demand for its manufactured goods and services. Lower mortgage rates are expected to revive home building in a section of the country with a young and growing population. The rebound in housing, both regionally and nationally, will help the Southwest's extractive industries, such as copper in New Mexico and timber in Arkansas, Louisiana and Texas.

President Reagan's ambitious plans to rebuild America's military might will bring billions of Pentagon dollars into the region, which has a large share of the nation's military bases, research facilities and production plants. For parts of Texas, high-technology manufacturing promises new jobs.

The region's economists predict that, when all these factors are balanced, this year and next will be better than 1982 across most of the region. "It is expected the national economy improves. However, a return to the phenomenal growth of the late 1970s will not be possible without a dramatic turnaround in the pivotal energy industry.

"In the recent past, the Southwest region consistently outperformed the nation in terms of income, employment and population growth," said

Bernard Weinstein, an economist at the University of Texas at Dallas. "but so much of the prosperity was related to energy, a sector that will not be strong in 1983. As a result, the region as a whole will perform in tandem with the rest of the nation."

The region, once boastful about its immunity to recession, suffered through an uncommonly lean 1982. The slump, although milder and shorter than in other parts of the country, eclipsed unemployment records in Texas, Louisiana and Arkansas. Average jobless rates were 2.2 percentage points higher than 1981 figures in both New Mexico and Oklahoma.

In all-five states, employment declined last year. Economists expect the recovery to put at least some of the region's unemployed back to work this year. Mark Lauritano, a regional economist for Data Resources Inc., a Lexington, Mass., economic forecasting firm, said the number of jobs created in Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Louisiana would come within "very close to the national average."

According to DRI projections, employment growth in the four states will rise by 3.7 percent by 1985. Just slightly better than the nation's projected gain of 3.4 percent. From 1980 to 1982, the nation's employment fell by 0.9 percent while the four states increased employment by 2.5 percent.

University of New Mexico forecasters expect their state's employment to grow by 1 percent in the first half of 1983 and 2.3 percent in the second half. At that pace, it will do little more than make up for last year's job losses.

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries has been unable to reach an agreement to prop up oil prices, which have fallen below \$30 on spot markets around the world. Declining oil prices, welcome in the rest of the nation, sap the vitality of the economies of the Southwest states. "The health of the energy industry depends on the world price of oil," said James A. Richardson, an economist at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge. "Right now, the probability is the price will fall even more."

The prospect of falling oil prices during much of 1983 probably will do most to harm the energy-dependent economies of Texas, Oklahoma and Louisiana.

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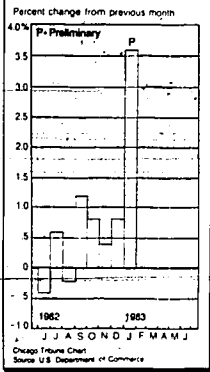
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 and had been chosen by American Express as a location for its data processing plant.  
 In northern California, where the computer age began, Gibson of San Francisco's Crocker Bank predicted that electronics would infiltrate local economies as the industry's products became more popular and dropped to a price affordable by the average householder.  
 "High tech will be the major market of the '80s," he said. "Those machines will be the color television sets of the next decade."  
 The diversification of high technology would be the key to its success, according to Gibson, who said that process was now under way as components once designed for aerospace and business moved into consumer goods at levels ranging down to small appliances.  
 However, the "high-technology ripple effect" as one economist described it, is likely to be accompanied by other changes in the economic structure of the West now taking shape as the recession slowly recedes.  
 Gibson contended that California, staggering from its worst slump in 40 years, would be unlikely to revert to reliance on heavy industry, having lost a substantial portion of its automobile, steel and chemical plants during the administration of former Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr.  
 "Those plant closures were not entirely brought about by the environmental leaning of the administration. It was also a question of centralizing such operations instead of having them in far-flung locations, and I doubt they will return even under more politically welcoming circumstances," he said.  
 David Shulman, an economist at the University of California, and a consultant to the U.C.A. Business Forecasting Project, said flatly that the state economy was "in a hell of a mess," citing the \$2 billion budget deficit, the impact of plummeting housing starts and the problems afflicting the state's massive agriculture industry which has been pinched by high energy and financing costs as well as a tighter export market.  
 Foreign competition was biting into both the rice and raisin industries, noted the analyst, and when agriculture, which accounts for 85 percent of the California economy, suffered any problems, repercussions were felt statewide. He noted the anxiety of farmers over the current glut of rice on the world market, threatening the export of almost half of California's huge rice crop to South

## The leading economic indicators



Chicago Tribune Chart. Source: U.S. Department of Commerce

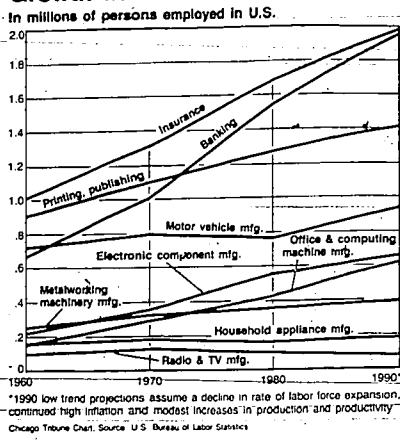
Korea, a nation which has been trying to grow more rice at home and cut back its spending of more than \$1 billion annually on imports.  
 Problems also have been growing in the raisin, peach and pear industries which have been complaining about their need for export subsidies in order to maintain European markets in competition with the subsidized and cheaper products of growers who were members of the European Common Market. The raisin growers have been especially hard hit by competition from subsidized Greek raisins.  
 The California raisin industry has lost \$28 million on exports in the last two years because of being forced to reduce prices below costs to keep a share of the European market, and there have been predictions of even higher losses to come unless export subsidies are provided by the administration. Even the once-booming California wine business has been dented by the competition offered by the falling price of foreign imports.  
 The current crisis in the California wine industry, reflected in 1982 shipments showing a decline, compared with the previous annual 10 percent growth, recently led to an appeal for congressional relief against imports.  
 "Right now you can buy a bottle of good French wine cheaper than a

bottle of good California wine here," said one wine consultant despondently.  
 According to the wine makers, American free trade policies permit unfair competition with domestic wines. California bankers said the deterioration of the value of the franc had a lot to do with the problem.  
 "As the exchange rates change, the wine situation may improve," said one economist.  
 "But as of now you would have to say that California wine is flat."  
 Tourism remained one of the few bright spots in the western economic picture, according to the analysts. Retirees continued to flock to Arizona and California, and even the especially depressed Pacific Northwest reported sharply rising numbers of visitors.  
 A Washington state official said the state was trying to dig itself out of its fiscal doldrums by increasing its export business to Asia, taking advantage of its situation with regard to Pacific rim markets, exploring wheat and lumber business with China, and also by attracting foreign and domestic visitors.  
 He reported that Seattle hotel building had resulted in another 3,000 available rooms, and said the fact that prices were slightly lower in the Northwest was being stressed as an inducement to tourists. Even Oregon, which suffered some population loss for the first time in a decade as a result of spiraling unemployment in

the lumber and construction business, had a cheerful report on its tourism.  
 "We're still cheaper up here and that's a real plus in a recession," said one banker.  
 But what the economists talked about most, and in grimmest terms, was the crisis in construction. Its many spinoffs into other areas, and the likelihood that recovery would be painfully slow.  
 "Start out from anywhere. In the current situation, and you wind up at nothing, which has affected so many areas of the economy," said Graves of Security Pacific, whose comment was echoed by fellow bankers in other western states.  
 Graves pointed out that in California, the 1977 peak of 270,000 housing starts had plunged to 78,000 units in 1982, and the industry would count itself fortunate to see more than 100,000 starts in 1983.

Gibson said he expected the housing industry comeback to be "lepid, with no real return until late in the year. Although housing prices already had dropped 10 to 15 percent in California, and interest rates were expected to stabilize around 12 to 13 percent, he continued, the real estate boom of the '70s had left a substantial inventory of unsold homes, especially in the South.  
 "We are slowly returning to a realistic level of housing prices," said the economist, "and incomes are gradually catching up."  
 As an example, he noted that in one

## Growth in selected industries



1990 low trend projections assume a decline in rate of labor force expansion, continued high inflation and modest increases in production and productivity. Chicago Tribune Chart. Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

northern California county, the median house price was now around \$120,000, still above the national average, but the median income level was over \$35,000.  
 The timber and wood products industry in California and the Pacific Northwest was finally showing "signs of life" as Seattle economist Edward McMillan put it, but the way back was likely to be long and slow, although a few saw mills had reopened on short work weeks in Washington and Oregon mill towns where the population had dropped because of lack of jobs.  
 Kevin Kelly, chief economist at BankCorp in Portland, expressed doubt that those who had left because of the timber depression would return.

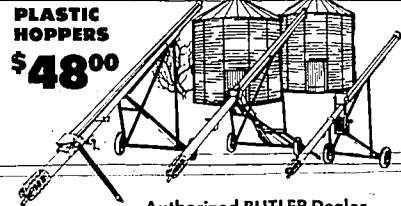
# Midwest

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 local traffic in the winter, when the tourist trade on Interstate 29 dries up.  
 The local people depend pretty much on the farmer, and the farmer is hurting," Trail's End manager Jackie Gfeller said, adding in a small voice, "Yesterday was our worst day, we did \$759. I cried when I saw the numbers."  
 Like so many other businesses, Trail's End has begun cutting back its payroll.  
 "I try to lay off the school kids and keep the adults," said Gfeller. "I'm not as worried about people trying to make extra money as I am about people supporting a family."  
 But primary wage earners are,

inevitably, among those laid off. And while rural unemployment rates still fall considerably below the urban numbers, joblessness in many Midwestern farm communities is approaching an almost-unheard-of 8 percent.  
 In one sense, Carl Baker is one of the lucky ones. He was able to find work almost immediately in a filling station and has since moved on to selling feed.  
 But his experience has left Baker embittered.  
 "Sure I wish I could go back to farming, I never wanted to leave," he said.  
 "I started with nothing and worked like a damn dog. You don't mind that, but you sure mind losing it all."

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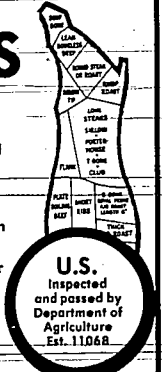


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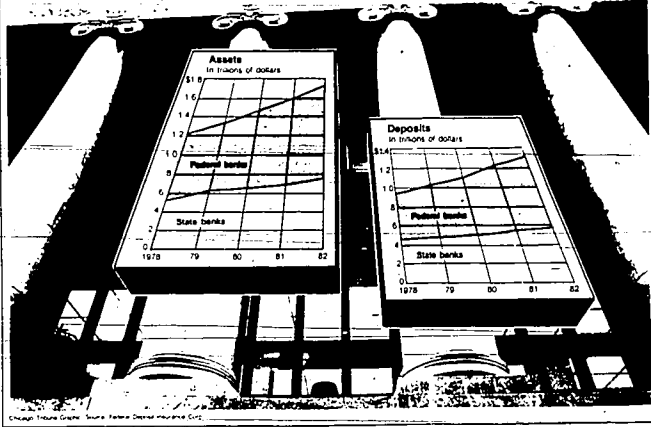
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# Americans worry if banking system sound

## The changing profile of American banks



By MARY TOBIN  
United Press International

NEW YORK — Depositors in the United American Bank of Knoxville that failed last week suffered only the inconvenience of not having access to their money for one day before the bank reopened under a new owner.

But the potential for problems is real should a large bank fail. And people are becoming concerned over the safety of their deposits despite insurance by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. and the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corp.

For the first time in 50 years Americans are questioning the soundness of the insurance and the banking system.

In Hawaii, panicky depositors withdrew \$45 million from Honolulu Federal Savings and Loan last week in a two-day run sparked by rumors the institution was in difficulty. An emergency cash infusion from other banks saved the day.

The depositors' concern has some foundation. The FDIC was created as part of the Banking Act of 1933 after failure of thousands of banks in the Great Depression wiped out savings of hundreds of thousands of Americans and destroyed faith in the banking system.

The FDIC was not universally welcomed. Bankers fought it, fearing

it would encourage sloppy banking practices and penalize well-run institutions.

There is just under \$14 billion in the FDIC insurance fund, plus a \$3 billion line to the Treasury, not enough to cover even one of the top 15 banks.

FDIC Chairman William Isaac acknowledged problems involved in paying off insured depositors in a large bank "would be enormous."

"The administrative and logistical problems that would be involved in the FDIC's assuming control of a large bank, preparing checks for insured depositors and liquidating the bank's assets are difficult even to contemplate," Isaac said.

The Heritage Foundation, a Washington-based research group with conservative leanings, has criticized several aspects of the FDIC, including its flat-rate charge to banks. Isaac said the agency is working on proposals to change that system.

Heritage suggested that private insurance for banks might better serve depositors on the assumption that insurance companies would have a financial interest in keeping banks on a sound footing.

"The federal examiner that examines a Knoxville bank or a Penn Square and has it fail on him six months later does not have to answer in the same way that an examiner for a private insurance company would," said Kathryn England, an economist at Heritage Foundation.

"A private insurer would be more likely to say, 'if you don't diversify your portfolio we're going to charge higher rates or cancel your insurance.'"

President Reagan said last year the government would stand behind the deposit insurance, but there is no law that it must do so. The only instruments legally backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. government are Treasury bills, notes and bonds and U.S. savings bonds.

The FDIC and FSLIC to date have either managed mergers or paid off depositors in most bank failures, albeit sometimes with delay, and few observers believe there is a serious possibility the government would let Americans lose on deposit insurance. "They usually are more sophisticated and have the clout to demand more openness," she said.

## Money crisis chances lessen, experts think

By GARY KLOTT  
United Press International

NEW YORK — A new study predicts only a 30 percent chance that international debt problems will lead to a world financial crisis and virtually no chance of the global economy heading into another Great Depression.

The study by Wharton Econometric Forecasting Associates, a leading forecasting firm headed by Nobel laureate Lawrence Klein, concludes that many of the responses needed to defuse an international financial crisis are being taken and that the probability of a crisis occurring "has lessened."

Even the worst case scenario envisioned in the study falls far short of a financial collapse. "It's not a crash, it's not a replay of the Depression," Howard Howe, co-author of the study, said.

Jonathan Francis, the other co-author, said the study placed the odds of a "mild" crisis at 20 percent; a "severe" crisis at 5 to 10 percent; and a crash or depression at "close to zero percent."

Whether the world economy can avoid reaching a crisis stage will depend largely on U.S. monetary policies and the willingness and ability

of private and official international lenders to bail out financially troubled debtor countries, the economists said. "So far, we have to say policy reactions have been in the right directions," Howe said.

However, he warned that deteriorating financial conditions and different policy reactions would place the world economy in "uncharted territory — so we cannot close off the possibility of a mild or severe crisis."

The integration of the world economy in terms of trade and the huge debts owed by developing countries to banks in industrialized nations make it impossible for any country — including the United States — to shield itself from an international financial crisis, the study said.

While short of a collapse, a mild crisis could keep U.S. unemployment above the 10 percent level for the next few years and a severe crisis could push the jobless rate past 13 percent, the Wharton study showed.

The potential for political and social unrest in countries around the world also increases, the study said.

Under the "mild crisis" scenario, crude oil prices fall to an average \$30 a barrel and commercial banks decide to pull back on new lending to lesser developed countries.

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# Mini-cartels may be down line for OPEC

By POLLY ROSS HUGHES  
Dallas Morning News

Unless Iran softens its hard-line position against a formal oil-price cut, OPEC could split into two mini-cartels led by political foes Saudi Arabia and Iran, some analysts say. Iran's refusal to endorse a cut in OPEC's \$34-a-barrel benchmark price proved a major stumbling block this past week as the 13 OPEC nations failed to reach a unanimous agreement on oil prices and production quotas. If the oil cartel does not reach agreement this week, the price of OPEC crude could drop to \$25 a barrel soon, Venezuelan oil minister Humberto Calderon-Berti warned.

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries is expected to regroup Wednesday in its attempt to avert a global price war. Meanwhile, Alberto Quiros, president of an operating unit of the Venezuelan-National Oil Co., said in London that he believes an OPEC agreement will not hold without Iran's participation.

Several energy analysts dismiss Iran's opposition as political grandstanding or posturing to enhance Iran's bargaining position. They note that Iran already has undercut OPEC's benchmark price by selling its oil as low as \$26 a barrel.

Neither Iran nor Saudi Arabia want to take blame for lowering OPEC oil prices. Analysts said that Iran, which consistently has called for the overthrow of the Saudi monarchy, is seizing an opportunity to portray Saudi Arabia as the price cutter.

"What they're trying to do is stir up public opinion against the Saudi leadership," said Robert Stobough, coau-

## Undercutting OPEC members Soviets slash crude oil price

HELSINKI, Finland (UPI) — The Soviet Union has cut the price of its crude oil to between \$28 and \$27.50 a barrel, undercutting OPEC producers embroiled in a bitter battle in London over prices. "The Soviets have actually offered discounts to some of their customers. It is still open whether their new price is \$28 or \$27.50," a Finnish expert, who asked not to be identified, said.

In New York, industry sources also said the Soviets were offering prices as low as \$27.50 a barrel on the approximately 500,000 barrels a day sold to European customers.

The Soviet price cut, Moscow's second in five weeks, came as oil ministers of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries in London struggled to reach an agreement on price reductions and production quotas.

A Western oil company official said the Soviet cut could be "very temporary" if OPEC manages to agree on a \$30 benchmark.

He interpreted the Soviet move as an attempt to preserve its current levels of production in the face of shrinking world demand, rather than an attempt to expand its share of the market.

"The Soviet Union normally never spearheads the world's oil markets," he said.

Although the price is officially kept secret, Soviet oil has for the last month almost certainly been selling for \$29.50 a barrel.

But the Finnish expert said Moscow was believed to have offered Italy and France crude oil at prices below the \$29.50 level.

author of Energy Future: A Report of the Energy Project at Harvard Business School. "If the Saudi Arabian leaders cut the OPEC price for the first time in history, they'll be (portrayed as) traitors of the Saudi people."

But if Iran attracts other dissident OPEC members to its side, some analysts believe OPEC could split formally.

Traditionally, Iran has led a radical faction within OPEC made up of countries that have larger debts, larger populations and fewer oil reserves than the Persian Gulf nations. These nations have included Libya, Venezuela and Algeria. Their short-term interests have supported policies that allow them to sell as much oil as possible at the highest possible price.

Saudi Arabia has led the Gulf states of Kuwait, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates, which generally have more oil in the ground and seek a moderate stance that is in their long-term interests.

"I think it's fair to say that this is a politically motivated grandstanding on Iran's part to discredit and embarrass and frustrate Saudi Arabia and other Gulf allies in forging an OPEC-wide agreement," said William L. Rando, senior energy analyst at First Boston Corp. in New York.

By itself, Iran could not precipitate an oil-price collapse because it is already producing oil at its current capacity of roughly 2.5 million barrels a day, analysts said. But if Iran rallies such OPEC members as Algeria, Venezuela and Libya against Saudi

Arabia, "it could spell trouble," Rando said.

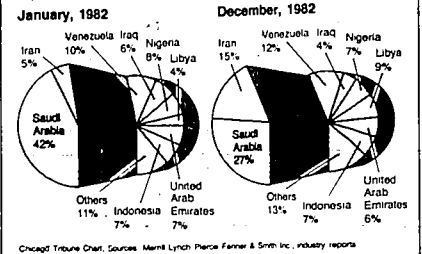
Arpad von Lazar, a Tufts University professor who closely follows OPEC, said he doesn't believe Libya, Algeria or Venezuela want to split from OPEC. The Libyans are "mortified" by divisions in the cartel and the Venezuelans view themselves as mediators, he said.

"Saudi Arabia can flood the world if it wishes. I think that anti-Saudi coalition is a weak coalition," von Lazar said.

"I think there's a chance that OPEC could end up splitting," said Alan Edgar, an oil analyst at Schneider Bernet & Hieckman Inc. in Dallas. "It won't be a cartel as we know it."

Walter Levy, chairman of Walter J. Levy Consultants Corp. in New York and a leading international energy

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expert, said Iran's demands amount to "unrealistic behavior."

"It could very well make it impossible for OPEC to reach an agreement," he said.

Before the war between Iran and Iraq, Iran produced between 5 million and 6 million barrels of oil a day, analysts generally agree that Iran could not immediately return to those levels, but in the long term, it could increase production.

"If Iran is outside the agreement it would be able, within a reasonable period of time, to increase its production," and might induce other OPEC members to do the same, Levy said.

But several analysts said they believe the deck is stacked against Iran.

"If the mainstream of OPEC can come up with an accord centered around a new benchmark with reasonable production quotas, it doesn't really matter what Iran does," Rando said.

Ted Eck, chief economist at Standard Oil Co. of Indiana, said he doubts Iran can return to its pre-war production levels but said the country could produce up to 4 million barrels a day three years from now. Many of Iran's oil facilities have been destroyed, and Iran has failed to invest in technology to maintain pressures and flows of its oil wells, he said.

The Saudi-led Gulf nations hold the long-term power because their share of OPEC production will increase from 40 percent now to 80 percent in the mid-1990s, von Lazar said.

## Oil drilling record set

DENVER (UPI) — The rate of well drillings and completions in the Rocky Mountain region set a record in 1982 for the fifth straight year.

Petroleum Information Corp. said 8,214 wells were completed in the 11-state region in 1982, 7 percent more than the 7,678 completions in 1981.

The increase was attributed to momentum from peak activity levels in 1981 and early-1982, setting a record despite a sharp decline in activity in the latter part of last year.

The completion figure included 2,050 new exploratory wells.

PI said there were 315 new field oil discoveries in the region in 1982 and 115 new gas fields, accounting for 21.4 percent of all domestic discoveries

last year. Areas of strongest activity included Wyoming's Powder River Basin, the Denver-Julesburg Basin and the Western Overthrust Belt.

Wyoming and Colorado led the region in drilling activity with 2,128 and 2,043 completions, respectively. Other state figures in the region were: Arizona 14, Idaho 5, Montana 1,088, western Nebraska 371, Nevada 23, northern New Mexico 301, North Dakota 318, South Dakota 71 and Utah 550.

PIC predicted continued strong drilling activity nationwide—this year, estimating 65,000 to 70,000 wells will be completed. Any total above 62,700 would make 1983 the third best year in the history of United States drilling.

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## Business Beat

### Denial of rate hike sought

MOSCOW (UPI) — A Sandpoint man, carrying petitions signed by nearly 400 northern Idaho residents, urged the state Public Utilities Commission on Thursday to deny a General Telephone Co. request to boost its rates by 34 percent.

George Nelson told the commission people in Sandpoint believe they have been receiving "less and less service" from GTE. In recent months, he said the petitions were signed by residents who believe it would be more realistic to slash the firm's rates than to grant an increase.

But GTE Vice President William Rigdon said the rate hike — which would raise about \$4.9 million — is necessary to maintain the company's financial health. He said recent economic conditions in Idaho have had an adverse impact on the firm's operations.

### Idaho prawn farm approved

BOISE (UPI) — The Ada County Zoning Commission has given approval for the state's first commercial geothermal prawn farm, expected to be in operation by spring.

The Idaho Aquatic Farm plans to grow 12-inch fresh-water prawns in 16 tanks filled with geothermal water from two nearby wells.

Property owner Dallas Harris had sought a conditional-use permit from the county to modify the floodplain of Warm Springs Creek so the prawn tanks could be placed next to the waterway.

### Saudis reduce investments

TOKYO (UPI) — Saudi Arabia has withdrawn part of its investment in Japanese bonds apparently because of the Arab country's worsening financial situation, Kyodo News Service reported Friday.

Kyodo said the fund brought home by the oil-rich nation is estimated at about \$425.5 million.

Quoting securities company sources, it said Saudi Arabia's total investment in Japanese national bonds is estimated at between \$11.5 billion and \$12.8 billion.

The report came after a major securities firm reported Saudi Arabia and other oil-producing nations have slayed out of the Japanese bond market in recent weeks, arousing concern among market officials.

### Tool import limit advised

TOKYO (UPI) — The Ministry of International Trade and Industry Friday said it was studying ways to aid the financially strapped U.S. motorcycle manufacturer Harley-Davidson.

"There has been no formal request from the United States (to help Harley-Davidson) but we anticipate it will be made in the near future," the spokesman said.

Harley-Davidson, the largest U.S. motorcycle manufacturer, has accumulated a heavy deficit because of poor sales stemming from the imported motorcycles from Japan's leading suppliers, including Honda, Yamaha and Suzuki, industry sources said.

### Aid for U.S. firm studied

WASHINGTON (UPI) — U.S. machine tool builders have asked the administration to limit imports of machine tools on grounds of national security.

In a petition filed with the Commerce Department, the National Machine Tool Builders' Association asked the government to set quotas limiting imports of metal cutting and metal forming machine tools from their present share of nearly a third of the U.S. market to less than a sixth for the next five years.

James Gray, president of the group, said this would give the U.S. industry a "breathing spell" to rebuild its production capacity, which would be needed in a national emergency.

### Courier service opens hub

SALT LAKE CITY (UPI) — A San Francisco-based international courier service will open hub operations April 1 at the Salt Lake International Airport.

DHL Airways-Worldwide Courier Express announced the hub operations will add about 60 pilots, mechanics and other personnel to the Salt Lake operations. The firm has employed 20 in Salt Lake since opening a branch station last October, said Dennis Grover, Salt Lake City station manager.

The company offers door-to-door delivery any place in the world within 24 to 48 hours and overnight service to domestic points, Grover said.

### Data center for Salt Lake

SALT LAKE CITY (UPI) — Billings Corp., the former Provo-based energy company which moved its headquarters to Independence, Mo., in 1979, is opening a data tech center in Salt Lake City.

Peter Berg, vice president of marketing for Billings Computer Corp., said the firm has five data tech centers, which markets and installs Billings Computers, and trains the company's customers in their use.

He said the opening of the Salt Lake operation will be handled in conjunction with similar openings in Denver, St. Louis and Chicago.

### Tandy posts sales increase

FORT WORTH — Tandy Corp. reports consolidated sales of \$181.8 million in February.

That is an increase of 24 percent over the \$146.94 million recorded in the same month a year earlier. The U.S. Radio Shack division reported an 18 percent gain to \$140.1 million in February from \$118.33 million in the same month in 1982.

## North Idaho loggers say signs appear better

SANDPOINT (UPI) — The timber industry is already showing signs this year might bring economic recovery for North Idaho loggers and mill workers.

Industry spokesmen and employment analysts said while no major recovery would occur, 1983 is already shaping up better than last year, when unemployment was as high as 33 percent in some North Idaho communities.

"We are optimistic," said Tom Royer, industrial relations manager for Louisiana-Pacific in North Idaho. "We are noticing a slow improvement."

"It is certainly better than it was at this time last year," Royer said. "Demand for wood products is making a small gain, and prices are coming up slowly."

Department of Employment analyst Pat Callahan said recent ac-

tivity in the housing industry has sparked some indications of a "modest recovery" this year.

"Translated to the local economies, loggers have been recalled to work and mills have begun gearing up," she said.

Callahan said 4,059 persons were employed in Bonner County last month. She said the figure is down from 4,175 in December, but up from 3,819 a year ago. Unemployment,

which was 14.1 percent in Bonner County in December, should decrease as spring approaches, she said.

She said the employment slide from December to January was mostly due to poor weather that reduced logging activity.

Royer said L-P reopened its Priest River sawmill in early December and its Sandpoint plant early last month. Both had been closed since last September, he said.

## 'Plantation' in works

EUGENE, Ore. (UPI) — Bio-Solar Corp. has entered into a contract valued at \$1 billion with Pacific Power & Light Co. for a 50-megawatt "energy plantation" near Lebanon, fueled by fibers of sugar sorghum.

Bio-Solar officials said West Coast Energy Corp. has been formed to manage the construction and operation of the facility. The cost of the completed facility and its fuel is estimated at \$60 million.

The 25-year contract calls for constructing two power plants to supply the Portland-based utility with 50 megawatts of electricity. The contract value is about \$1 billion.

Company officials said one 25-megawatt power unit is due for completion in 1985, with a second identical facility to be finished three years later.

West Coast Energy Corp. plans to fuel the biomass units with pellets manufactured from the fibers of

sugar sorghum, a plant grown throughout the world. The crop will be grown under long-term contracts with Willamette Valley farmers.

"The economic considerations of utilizing a source of power that will be grown locally will benefit the farming community and help to make our nation more self-sufficient," said Rudolf W. Gunnerman, president and chief executive officer of West Coast Energy Corp. and Bio-Solar Corp.

In addition to the energy to be supplied to Pacific Power & Light, the Lebanon facility will produce about 250,000 barrels of ethanol and an additional 100,000 tons of pelletized fuel each year. Gunnerman said the fuels would be sold to industries and institutions.

Bio-Solar officials said they are negotiating for similar contracts with other utility companies in the United States.

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# Perfect 'recipe' fails to work out

Universal Press Syndicate

It was way back in 1946 that the Council of Economic Advisers was created by the historic high employment act of that year.

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The Council of Economic Advisers was created in the same period that we formed the United Nations to try to usher in an era of lasting peace just as the CEA was to try to usher in an era of economic stability.

The failures of both of our great efforts (or should I write Idealistic grandiose?) are being underscored right now by the Reagan administration and skeptics everywhere.

The way business cycles — the technical expression for cycles of economic advance and decline, rising employment and declining job totals — were to be overcome seemed a good recipe. It was to work like this:

First, wages and salaries were to increase to keep pace with the increases in productivity that the economy automatically spun out — so that consumers (you) would be able to buy what they produced. This, there were to be no gluts of unsellable goods such as the gluts of the Depression '30s.

Second, the nation's economic budget of supply and demand was to be balanced at a high level of employment with the federal cash budget used as a "steering wheel." If a recession started, the federal government was to take in less than it spent, putting dollars into our pockets and thereby creating jobs. If inflation threatened, the opposite was to happen: Taxes were to be increased or spending would be cut in order to limit the amount we could spend, and thus limit what goods businesses could sell and what they could charge.

What went wrong? It seemed so perfect a "recipe." What went wrong was that the automatic productivity gains we had counted on to spin out year after year had stopped spinning out in the mid-1970s. That threw everything else off as well. Instead of the alternatives of inflation or stagnation, we developed both: "stagflation." Then we moved into the 1980s with a fatal dose of double-digit-inflation side-by-side with steep and rising joblessness.

How did this happen? Now the answer, sad as it is, emerges: The reason was the lag in the development of new technologies as garage-type inventions became less and less profitable and the unanticipated business benefits of World War II and the Apollo moon shot faded more and more into the past. Businesses increasingly worried about the bottom lines in financial statements that might trigger takeovers by hungry conglomerates, could afford to take fewer risks.

As space spectaculars became routine, their appeal dimmed — and space science, sparked by the Soviet "Sputnik" of 1957, moved back in the



Sylvia Porter

fancies of people and the facts of corporate planning.

Meanwhile, we, the people, became increasingly confused, frustrated and cornered. In looking for quick answers, old debates about the business cycle and high employment were reopened. Forgone was the concept of a balanced economy with expanding supply creating an economy of abundance and expanding demand.

Our leaders in government — the Council of Economic Advisers in particular — didn't even peer at the technological lag, the disappearance of garage-type inventions. Instead of encouraging our industry to borrow funds to invest in new, more efficient equipment that could raise productivity, we have been discouraging our businesses on every front. Our policies have been completely counterproductive — akin to huddling in the sheets to keep warm instead of getting up and closing the window.

The lag in productivity is why we have been unable to pay for our social commitments. This is why we have huge and growing budget deficits. This is a major reason our inflation hit the double digits.

We seem to be recognizing our productivity problem — at last. But what happened to our employment act of 1946? What happened to that compact we made with ourselves about our right to work? Is the way to overcome a productivity lag and encourage new, innovative technologies through tax cuts primarily benefiting the rich? Is the solution to deregulate protections for our environment, safety at work and consumers in the marketplace?

Some confiscatory top-bracket tax rates are gone; conceedly silly regulations have been wiped out. But unemployment remains far above tolerable levels. And our built-in inflation rate also is at a level we would not have accepted — much less welcomed — back in 1946.

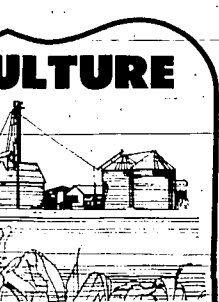
As a young American citizen, you must take over the job of fighting the business cycle and our society's failure to provide the employment you were promised would be yours. You must recover the "sponge" this administration's chief economic adviser have thrown in. You must stop the clear threat of deep business cycles smashing your hopes and dreams of a future with security.

It is a Herculean task — but there is no one else but you to tackle it. As a citizen who was there to watch the creation of the original CEA, to work and to cheer as those economists battled the skeptics of that era with extraordinary victories, I cannot resign myself to today's "experts."

They haven't even had the decency to apologize to you for their attitudes and failures.

Training will begin this month, and the team should begin operations by the end of April, Himmelsbach said.

He said the unit could "serve as a prototype" for other regions with high-tech industries.



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# Money funds' losses of cash slowing

By EDWIN DARBY  
Chicago Sun-Times

The flight of cash out of money market funds is of awesome proportions. Although the outflow has slowed, the funds have been losing cash at an average rate of \$3 billion a week. On Dec. 1 last year, \$22 billion was siphoned away in the funds. Then the savings and loan associations and the banks came blasting on the scene with their competitive money market accounts. By last week, the total held by the funds had plunged to \$189.5 billion. On average, the 300 funds in the business have lost 18 percent of their assets in a little more than three months, and some observers go so far as to predict that the funds will wither away to insignificance. After all, the country got along for centuries without money market funds. They have been around for less than a decade. The first fund did not make its appearance until 1971 and it wasn't until the mid-1970s that more

than a handful were offered to the public. The demise of a vehicle that is such a convenient and relatively profitable way of investing -- or saving -- is highly unlikely. An officer of one of the largest money market funds in the country confides that the fund's private projection was that it would lose as much as 25 percent of its cash during this period. So far, the same fund is beating the averages and has lost little more than 12 percent of assets. Before things settle down, the 25 percent figure may be reached, but that will still leave the fund with billions in hand. Two negatives -- and possibly a third -- worry funds. First, there's the competition from the banks and thrifts. In general, the money market funds operate distantly by mail and telephone. Many people like to have their money in a place they can, so to speak, touch. Initially, the financial institutions offered the public fancy premiums -- higher rates of return -- as they

campaigned for new accounts. And on average, they are still paying a better rate, something like 8.3 percent in the larger cities versus an average of 7.7 percent for the money market funds. That's enough to make a difference. But the gap may narrow in a volatile interest rate climate and as the banks and thrifts look at their expenses. Second, there's the ringing attraction of the phrase "federally insured." For months, the money market fund industry has been struggling to find a way to beat the advantage that safety factor gives the banks and thrifts. Industry leaders explored without success the possibility of federal legislation and of an insurance pool sponsored through the Investment Company Institute. Now some few funds are coming out with their own individually financed insurance. The trouble is the cost. Paying for the insurance could nick the yield to investors as much as 0.5 percent, and, of course, continue to put the funds at a disadvantage in competing with the banks and thrifts. Then there's that third possible factor, or nightmare. It is related to the insurance problem. Some thoughtful people in the

money market fund industry are concerned at the possibility that one or more funds will go bellyup in this climate of competition and falling interest rates. Throughout history, the fast-back boys have rushed to join up whenever the public became enamored of something new and big. So far the money market funds have been remarkably free of any taint, even though they attracted more than \$200 billion in a decade. But as with most things trouble can emerge when the going gets tough, as it has now. A Ponzi scheme will operate as long as new money rolls in. Now we have the case of the Texas Money Fund, a tiny fund (assets \$9 million) that was taken over under emergency conditions by a larger, stronger money market organization (The Calvert Group). Shareholders suffered no loss, but the Securities and Exchange Commission is asking questions about where some of the money (small amounts) went. Apparently, it is a version of the old story -- honest people, struggling, to keep going and tempted to cut a few corners. That one experience may be enough of a lesson to head off real trouble.

## S&P to start rating money market funds

NEW YORK (UPI) -- Standard & Poor's Corp. will begin evaluating money market funds that wish to be rated on safety and capacity to maintain yield. S&P said it is now accepting requests for rating from the roughly 300 taxable money market funds and that it expects to have initial ratings ready by this summer. It will monitor the funds on a weekly basis based on information "from sources it considers reliable." Although S&P said in its judgment "money market funds as a group have strong safety characteristics relative to other investments" its research has identified the need among individual and institutional investors for such evaluations, and led to development of rating criteria "for the mutual funds. Assets of money market mutual funds, which peaked at over \$230 billion last December before banks began offering competing money market accounts, now total roughly \$190 billion. The credit rating agency's safety ratings will use both alphabetical and numerical symbols -- AAA as the highest rating on safety and the

number 1 as the highest rating on the ability of a fund to maintain a constant share price and prevent reduction in yield due to losses. S&P's AAA-1 rating on a fund would indicate that the degree of safety is "excellent" and the fund has an "exceptionally strong" ability to maintain its share price and highest possible yield. The lowest alphabetical rating, B, would mean a fund has a limited degree of safety and the lowest numerical rating, 5, indicates a fund has an "uncertain" capacity to maintain share price and prevent reduction in yield. S&P said it would charge the funds between \$5,000 and \$20,000 annually for its rating depending on time required to monitor the fund. Only one other firm rates money market funds -- the Institute for Economic Research based in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. Donoghue's Money Fund Report, Holliston, Mass., publishes a "consumer investment guide" in which it rates funds on yield performance and on average maturities, with explanations on how to make judgments based on those criteria.

## Economic prospects brighten

NEW YORK (UPI) -- Standard & Poor's Corp. has raised its projection for the nation's economic growth in 1983. Projections in the S&P weekly publication, The Outlook, call for real gross national product to rise at a 3.8 percent annual rate in the current quarter, slowing to 2.9 percent rate in the second quarter, then expanding at close to 5 percent in the second half. The Outlook, which had been looking for a year-over-year growth of 1.7 percent for 1983, raised its projection to 2.2 percent. On a fourth-quarter to fourth-quarter basis, real GNP will grow 4.1 percent, it said. According to the publication, these projections assume that the Saudi Arabian benchmark crude oil price will be cut to between \$28 and \$30 a barrel from the current \$34. As to other economic indicators, the publication said interest rates may trend irregularly and moderately downward through most of 1983, rise around year-end and the forepart of 1984 and then level off. Inflation as measured by the GNP deflator, should run between 4 and 5 percent this year, edging upward early next year, it said. Industrial production should show strong gains, with factory capacity utilization rising from under 68 percent in last year's fourth quarter to around 75 percent in the second quarter of 1984.

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# Hatch wants Amtrak route

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, has asked Transportation Secretary Elizabeth Dole to make the historic and scenic "Zephyr" railroad route between Salt Lake City and Denver part of Amtrak's route.

The railroad line, snaking through central Utah into Colorado where it's carved into the Rocky Mountains would "reduce Amtrak's cost and increase ridership," Hatch said in a letter to Mrs. Dole.

Amtrak has been considering taking over the passenger service on the line from the Rio Grande Railroad, which has lost money on the run for several years. The old Zephyr train known as the "Silver Lady" would be replaced by modern Amtrak trains.

Hatch suggested to Dole that the line replace the existing Amtrak route through Wyoming as part of its service from Chicago to the West Coast. The current route attracts only 9,000 riders a year, he noted.

"The new operations from Chicago and the West Coast through Colorado and Utah should improve Amtrak's overall ridership and financial performance remarkably," Hatch said. "If the new route



is approved, Amtrak's federal subsidies could decrease by \$1.5 million and significantly increase the number of passengers."

The senator is counting on more riders wanting to travel through the scenic Rockies, a point highly advertised by the three railroads involved in the line for the old "California Zephyr," which ran between San Francisco and Chicago in the 1940s and 1950s.

The train from the Pacific Coast to the Midwest was eventually discontinued for financial reasons, but the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad continued operating the train through the Rockies as a scenic tour package between Salt Lake City and Denver.

Officials of the privately-run railroad company announced recently they could no longer carry the run because it was losing too much money.

Hatch believes the attraction of going through the Rockies could bolster the popularity of the Amtrak route. Amtrak began experimental runs in February to test the feasibility of taking the larger Amtrak trains over the Zephyr route.

"The Denver-Salt Lake City route is one of the most scenic in America, and that alone should induce a greater ridership," Hatch said.

"It is the belief of the Utah delegation that this new service will attract many more passengers (and) as the increased ridership comes about, we also believe that more workers will be needed for Amtrak which will decrease the unemployment picture somewhat in the rail industry."

The proposed route would provide rail service to the Utah communities of Thompson, Green River, Helper, Provo, Salt Lake City and Ogden. Hatch said the new route would mean Salt Lake City would for the first time be served directly by Amtrak's Chicago-to-San Francisco train.

Amtrak's directors are scheduled to meet Wednesday regarding the "Zephyr Route" proposal. If approved, the new service would go into effect April 24.

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## Rates key to future recovery

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Wall Street economist Henry Kaufman says a rise in interest rates, which usually occurs early in a recovery, would be exceedingly harmful to the U.S. economy.

Kaufman, managing director of the Salomon Brothers investment banking firm, answering a question from a National Press Club audience, said, "If we go through this year with just moderate expansion and a continued slowing of the rate of inflation, which I suspect will come, there will be a further moderation in the high level of interest rates."

He said home mortgage rates could come down to 12 percent during the year.

But the theme of Kaufman's prepared speech stressed the need to avoid rising interest rates.

With the exception of 1975-76, he said, interest rates on average have risen within a few months of the onset of recovery.

"A repetition of this pattern would be exceedingly harmful," he said, because much of the driving force of the current recovery is in interest-sensitive industries such as housing and autos.

Kaufman urged Congress to reduce budget deficits over the next few years, which otherwise would drive up interest rates by competing with private borrowing when recovery gets going.

The Federal Reserve should continue to follow its "judgmental approach" to managing the money supply rather than follow strict formulas, he advised.

Because rapid changes in the financial world have made the Fed's job harder, he said, it needs an experienced hand and therefore President Reagan should renominate Chairman Paul Volcker, whose chairmanship expires this summer, for another four years.

Kaufman also said there is a long way to go before the international debt problem is solved. He strongly urged Congress to approve the \$8 billion U.S. share of general increase in callable financial resources for the International Monetary Fund.

He said the United States should "re-regulate" rather than further deregulate the financial institutions in order to balance "their entrepreneurial drive with their fiduciary responsibilities."

He said new regulations might include the revaluation of assets, varying capital ratios, reserves or capital requirements on unused lines of credit, and the removal of lines of credit supporting commercial paper.

## Geneen retires

NEW YORK (UPI) — Former ITT chairman Harold Geneen is retiring from the company's board of directors.

Geneen, 72, who retired as chairman in 1977, will not stand for re-election in May, the company said.

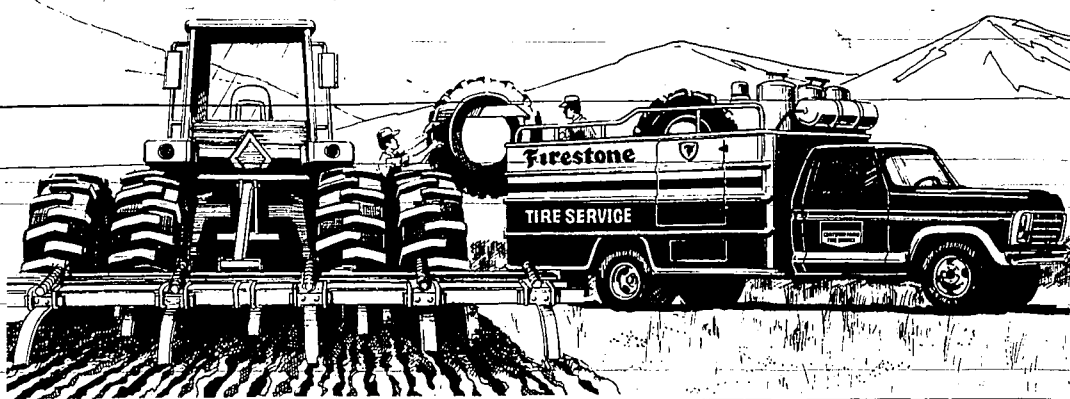
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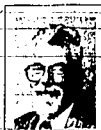
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# Industry's future isn't in bag

By JIM RITTER  
Chicago Sun-Times

CHICAGO — The paper industry is celebrating the 100th anniversary of the paper grocery sack, but the future doesn't look as rosy as the past.

Paper mills sold 25 billion paper bags last year. But makers of plastic bags have gained a small, growing share of the market. Chemical companies are investing heavily to build a better bag, and many grocery chains are experimenting with the products.

"Our industry has marked the grocery bag market as the next frontier," said John Hotz, a product manager for Northern Petrochemical Co.

The paper people are fighting back. The American Paper Institute is ballyhooing the glories of paper sacks in ads with grocers, reporters, consumer groups and anyone else who'll listen.

"The paper sack is a very integral part of grocery shopping," said Peter Bunten of the paper institute. "To some extent it's been taken for granted."

Here are the main arguments in the battle of the bag:

- Plastic bags with handles are easier to carry. That's good for city shoppers who walk or take the bus to the store. But paper bags stand up on their own — a plus for suburban car shoppers.
- Consumers are comfortable with paper bags, probably because they've been around so long. But chemical companies are developing bags that are stiff and crinkly like paper.
- Paper is a renewable, biodegradable resource. But plastic bags can be used over and over and don't fall apart when wet.
- Plastic bags are cheaper. "But paper bags are more cost-effective because they hold more food and are easier for the grocery boy to fill," Bunten said.

# Film coding process set

ROCHESTER, N.Y. (UPI) — Eastman Kodak Co. has developed an electronically readable code to be put on film that will enable 35-millimeter cameras to take better pictures, company officials said Thursday.

The new codes will be able to read the speed of the film and adjust the camera's exposure, Kodak vice president Frank Strong said. The codes will also signal the user to rewind the film after the last exposure, or even trigger the camera to rewind automatically.

Although no camera currently on the market can read the new codes, technical information has been distributed to manufacturers who will be able to design cameras that can.

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# No boom in building for 1983

NEW YORK (UPI) — Housing starts during the 1983 will run between 1.3 million to 1.4 million units, Industry Surveys reports.

At this level, the Standard & Poor's Corp. publication said, this will "not be a boom year" in home building but the number of starts would top last year's 1.06 million units, which was down 2.2 percent from 1981's extremely depressed 1.084 million units — the worst showing since 1946.

Nicholas Tetrick, building analyst for S&P, said that if housing starts do reach either of the predicted figures, they "would represent significant improvement — over 1982 — but either number would be short of what the industry calls a boom year — 2 million starts — or even a 'good' year — 1.6 million."

According to Tetrick, a wide variety of factors will determine the number of starts during 1983.

"We believe that the higher end of the range is the most optimistic level in view of the persistence of several negative factors," the analyst said.

Chief among these factors are mortgage rates, which are still high on an historical basis.

Tetrick added that although rates have been sliding in recent months, the a mortgage rate for a new single-family house is still close to 13 1/2 percent.

Also putting a damper on home sales, according to the analyst, is the high rate of unemployment.

"No matter how far mortgage rates fall, anyone who is unemployed is unlikely to be in the market for a home."

Another negative factor is the record pace of foreclosures on existing mortgages.

According to Tetrick, besides increasing the general atmosphere of gloom — foreclosures are expected to add more than 200,000 units to the number of homes put up for sales in 1983.

Adding that "since foreclosed homes are usually sold at bargain prices, they often sell first."

The publication noted that the median-priced house today sells for about \$72,000, and the buyer of such a home who assumes a conventional mortgage would have monthly payments of about \$635.

When utilities, maintenances, taxes, insurance are added to this, Tetrick says, the real after-tax cost of owning a median-priced home in 1983 would consume a whopping 39 percent of the median family income.

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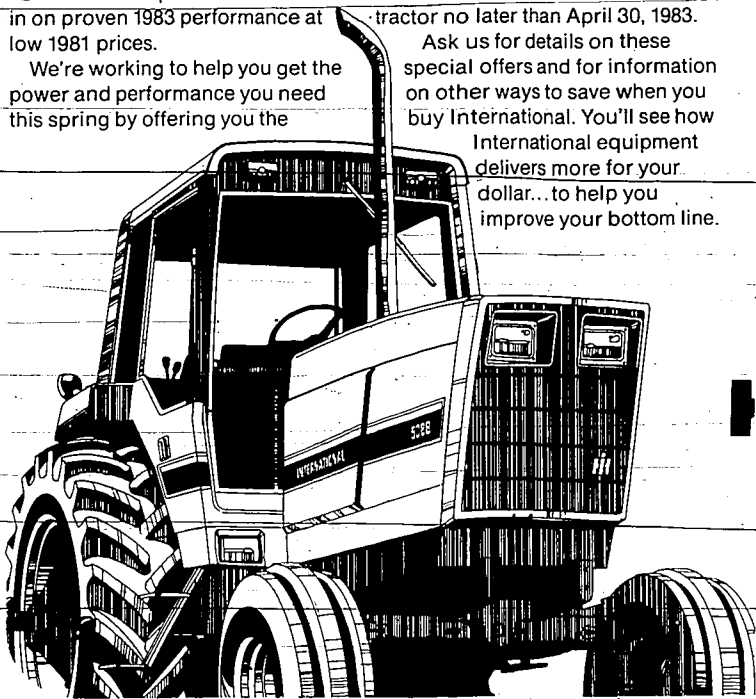
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# Big cars selling briskly across nation

By LAWRENCE KESSNER  
Baltimore Evening Sun

Large cars are selling briskly throughout the nation, spurred by declining gasoline prices and what one local dealership sales manager describes as "the American public's short memory."

Generally, sales of family-size four-door sedans such as the Chevrolet Caprice have greatly increased in the last several months, while more expensive luxury cars, such as the Lincoln or Chrysler New Yorker, have maintained a more gradual increase.

At Jerry's Chevrolet in Parkville, Md., sales manager John Sophocles said that Caprice sales have doubled from February, 1982, to February, 1983. Both the Caprice sedan and station wagon, he said, "have been moving like crazy."

"Smaller cars are still moving well because

they're priced lower," he said. "But there's definitely a resurgence of interest in larger cars."

Sophocles, who said he cannot keep enough Caprices in stock to meet customer demand, thinks that lower gas prices play a large role in the sales boom, and that "in this country, people just like bigger cars better."

Like several other dealers who sell cars in a wide range of sizes and prices, however, Jerry's Chevrolet still derives most of its revenue from the sales of small and intermediate-size cars. Sales of the Chevette, Chevrolet's economy car, represent 25 percent of the agency's total sales.

According to Jeff Zygmunt, an associate editor at Ward's Automotive Reports in Detroit, the auto industry is now "in a large car boom," while maintaining strong sales of smaller cars.

"The V-8 engine is making really big gains," he said. "Pontiac will soon have a full-size car, and

Chrysler is hanging onto its full-size bodies."

The auto manufacturers, though, are still not working on developing any new models of large cars for production in five or six years, as they are with smaller models. "They're responding to demand for large cars by manufacturing them, but they're still planning for fuel efficiency."

At Doug Griffith Chrysler-Plymouth in Baltimore, sales manager Bill Starr said that the two models of luxury Chrysler New Yorkers are selling well at about \$13,000. "But we pretty much always sell our large cars."

"Everybody's thinking about gas prices in the back of their minds," he said. "But it doesn't affect us that much." Starr said that the mid-size economy Dodge K-Car is the dealership's biggest seller, and that large cars account for only 15 percent of sales.

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## America's cars show their age

DETROIT (UPI) — The average age of an American car is 6.2 years, the oldest since the 1950s, an auto industry statistical firm said.

In its annual report, R.L. Polk & Co. also said the scrapage rate in 1982 — a figure used to gauge the age of the nation's vehicle population — was the second lowest since 1953.

At an average 6.2 years, the fleet of 106.9 million cars on America's roads is the oldest since the mid-1950s. Polk Vice President Joseph Cirincione said. The statistic is based on registrations as of June 30.

By comparison, the average car in the United States in 1970 was 4.9 years old.

"The silver lining is the potential for new car sales eventually to replace the old cars and the significance for the (replacement parts) industry in maintaining these aging autos," Cirincione said.

He said there are more than 6.8 million cars on the roads that are 15 years old or older.

"And these are cars with license plates that are on the road, not in museums," he said.

The Polk report also found only 8.4 million cars and trucks were scrapped last year, down from 9 million in 1981. This was only 6.5 percent of the total car population, the second lowest since 1953. In 1981, the scrapage rate was 7.2 percent.

The total increase in the 1982 car population was 1 percent, the lowest rate since World War II, when the industry was devoted to the war effort. Other than the war years, the percentage increase last year was the lowest since 1932.

During the industry's boom years of the mid-1970s, the increase in the car population was 3.2 percent annually.

## Savings seen in agreement

TORONTO (UPI) — Massey-Ferguson Ltd. says a new agreement with its worldwide lenders will save the company about \$600 million (U.S.).

The Toronto-based farm implement dealer said Wednesday \$550 million would be saved by a financial restructuring.

Lenders and governments have agreed to accept Massey shares instead of cash for interest and dividends to save \$520 million over several years, the company said in a prepared release.

"This will also be a savings of \$80 million, from reduced operating expenses by previously announced closings of various U.S. plants and a reduced workforce, the company said.

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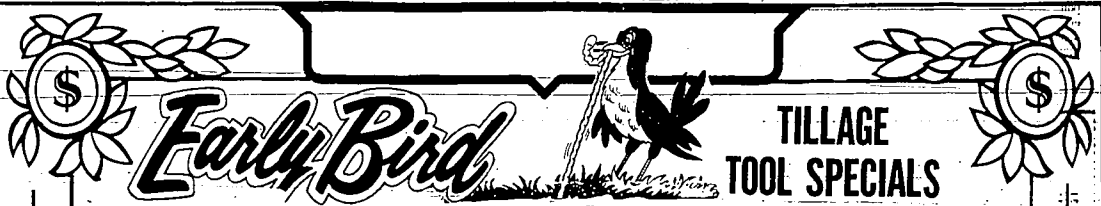
The slogan of a leading Toronto company is "The future belongs to those who prepare for it." Everywhere you turn, the world's work is being pushed steadily forward by men and women who have prepared for their future. The future looks black indeed to the unfortunate ones who lack rest, relaxation, things worthwhile, because of poor health and low vitality. Great achievements in the lives of men and nations spring from courage and conviction within.

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# Trade winds

James J. May of Twin Falls has been elected vice president and president-elect of the Western Trial Lawyers Association. May, of the firm of May, May, Sundweeks, Shindler and Stubbs, was elected during a seminar conducted by the association and a meeting of its board of governors. He is the first Idahoan to become head of the association, which includes about 15,000 attorneys in 13 Western states, Canada and Guam.



**JAMES J. MAY**  
Association president-elect  
Dr. John W. Howar, both of Twin Falls, have been inducted as fellows of the American Academy

Dave J. Montgomery has been promoted to store manager of Spencer's Office Supply in Twin Falls. Montgomery joined the firm in 1979 and has worked in both inside and outside sales. The appointment was announced by Robert Quinn, corporate vice president, and Ronald Ernst, general manager.

Dr. Frederick L. Surbaugh and



**DAVE J. MONTGOMERY**  
Promoted to manager  
of Orthopaedic Surgeons at the organization's 50th anniversary meeting in Anaheim, Calif.

Dr. Terry L. Freed, Twin Falls podiatrist, attended a seminar in San Francisco conducted by the American College of Foot Surgeons. Dr. Freed is a fellow in that organization.

Steven K. Berg of Twin Falls has been designated an accredited adviser in insurance by the Insurance Institute of America upon completion of requirements. He is a member of the first class receiving the award. Berg is affiliated with the Berg Insurance Agency.

Mrs. Lis Ghoch is the president of the Glenns Ferry Chamber of Commerce for 1983. Other new officers include Robert Janousek, first vice president; Betty Clark, second vice president; Elana Swanson, treasurer; and Dee Owen, secretary.

# Money funds' assets plunge over \$2 billion

NEW YORK (UPI) — Money market mutual fund assets fell \$2.2 billion in the week ended March 9, with most of the drop accounted for by institutional funds. Including a big Merrill Lynch fund.

The Investment Company Institute, Washington-based industry association, said assets of 304 reporting funds now total \$187.4 billion, down \$45 billion from the peak reached in early December before banks and savings and loan institutions began offering competing accounts.

Donoghue's Money Fund Report, Holliston, Mass., said most of the outflow came from funds for institutional investors. "This category includes the \$16.5 billion Merrill Lynch Ready Assets Trust, which had \$157.3 million outflow in the week," the firm said.

Donoghue's reported that the average seven-day yield on all money market funds fell to 7.71 percent from 7.76 percent.

During the same period, the yield on the Merrill Lynch Ready Assets fund fell to 6.5 percent from 8 percent, "putting it 121 basis points below the overall average." The firm attributed this to Merrill Lynch's "investment and conservative accounting policy," which gives it a yield advantage when rates first start down, but puts it at a disadvantage when yields are rising.

Donoghue's noted that "volatile" market conditions "often result in wide fluctuations in weekly returns," and it said "it is wise to review both long- and short-term yields" when selecting a fund.

Thirty-day yields on all funds eased to 7.78 percent from 7.80 percent.

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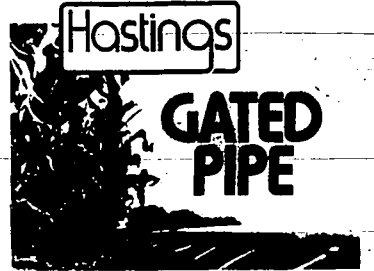
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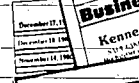
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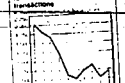
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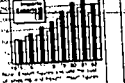
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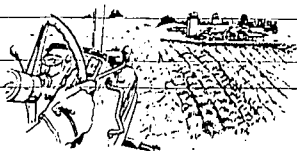
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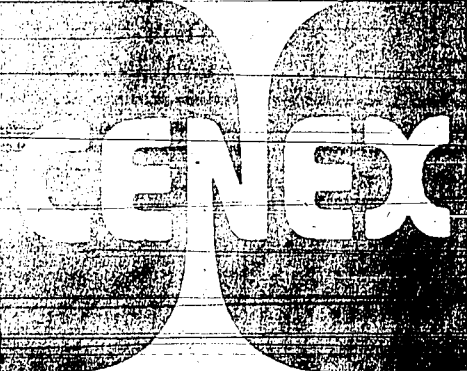
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## Marygrace Cox has busy schedule

By LORAYNE O. SMITH  
Times-News Lifestyle editor

**JEROME** — Marygrace Cox may well be the busiest retired person in Jerome.

This week finds her singing in the chorus of the Dilettante's spring musical, "Carousel." She's been involved in the annual productions for some 12 years, mostly as a singer.

But this is only the beginning of her activities. Tuesdays and Thursdays each week she helps with income tax forms at the Jerome Senior Citizens Center and serves as the Jerome County coordinator for that effort. Volunteers must train for the job and pass a test to qualify to help elderly persons with their tax returns.

On Mondays, she practices with the Senior Sunshine Singers and often stays to participate in quilting.

Wednesdays, she paints with the Jerome Art Guild. Her interest in painting, begun in mid-life, has brought her many opportunities, such as being invited to show in the International Biographical Arts and Communications Congress in Amsterdam in 1980, where her still life of red Oriental poppies won first prize.

Last year, Mrs. Cox, 72, won in the portrait division of the contest, held in England, and this July, the Jerome woman will participate in a show at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York City.

She's been active in many community organizations. She has belonged to, and served as president on the state or local levels, of the Business and Professional Women, the P.T.A. and the Jerome Education Association. She's also a 50-year member of the Order of Eastern Star and a life member of the Parents and Teachers National Congress and the National Education Association.

She's been a member of the Methodist Church for 57 years. She has taught Sunday school for 25 years, was church school secretary for a decade and still sings in the choir. In 1981, she headed the United Methodist Women's organization in Jerome. She's also past president of the Jerome Toastmistress Club and



Marygrace Cox of Jerome helps senior citizens with income tax forms twice a week. She also is an artist and singer

served as head of the Jerome Art Guild for 10 years.

Over the years, her dedication to volunteer work has brought her many rewards and opportunities, which she has used to good advantage.

While she was a state BPW officer, she was sent by the U.S. government as a "grassroots" representative to the historic founding conference of the United Nations in San Francisco in the spring of 1945 at the end of World War II.

A retired teacher, Mrs. Cox taught school for 34 years, most of it in Jerome, where her sixth-grade room at Jefferson Elementary School was called "Lucky Room 11" by her students.

In addition to routine academic schedule, the energetic teacher organized a patriotic club each year, in which students learned and discussed the meaning of the Pledge of Allegiance, held an art class on the U.S. flag and umpired baseball.

She and her husband, Hinkle

Cox, who died in 1970, came to Jerome County at the start of World War II. Mr. Cox was assistant director of the Relocation Center at the Hunt Camp, where Japanese American citizens were interned.

Mrs. Cox believes the occupants were placed there "for their own protection," and she says the center included a hospital, two elementary schools and high school.

After the war, the couple moved

to Jerome and she later resumed teaching. A native of Park Falls, Wis., where she was born on Oct. 29, 1910, she came west when she was a year old.

Her father, who worked for the Weyerhaeuser Co., was sent to estimate and buy timber. He purchased the Star Mill Ranch at Reubens, on the Big Camas Prairie in northern Idaho, where Mrs. Cox was raised with her four brothers and five sisters.

After graduating from Reubens

High School in 1928, she attended Lewiston Normal, now the North Idaho College, for two years and taught at Juliaetta and Grand Prairie before marrying Mr. Cox on Nov. 24, 1932.

They lived in Lewiston and Boise before coming to Hunt.

Mrs. Cox has four children: Janet Peterson of Filer, Bill Cox of Spokane, Camille Irwin of Denver and Carolyn Matsuoka of Twin Falls, plus 11 grandchildren.

During her teaching years, she returned to college, earning both bachelor's and master's degrees in education from the University of Idaho. In addition to serving as president of the Jerome Education Association, she was state secretary for six years of the International Reading Association. In this capacity she represented Idaho at a conference in Calgary, Canada.

The former teacher also is past president of District 41 of Classroom Teachers.

She discovered her artistic talent when the College of Southern Idaho first opened back in 1965. Assigned to teach "new" math, she enrolled for a math course and needing three more credits, she decided to take an art course from LaVar Steele.

"He took us down into the canyon to paint," she recalls. An avid pupil, she's been painting ever since and has studied with many different teachers.

But even her art has been put to use for community projects. She coordinated the painting of permanent murals on the walls of three buildings at the Jerome County Fairgrounds, and she recalls it was a challenge to "get everybody to work together."

After retiring from teaching in 1976, Mrs. Cox had another outstanding opportunity. She was invited to teach a semester in Guatemala, with the Christian Action Group, which is based in Long Beach, Calif. In addition to classroom work, she served as a missionary on weekends, learning Spanish, putting on pageants and taking part in evangelical efforts.

With her many varied interests and enthusiastic participation in whatever project she's involved in, Mrs. Cox offers convincing proof that retirement need not be dull.

## High-stepping Mitzi Gaynor: Marriage worth working at

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN  
Universal Press Syndicate



Abigail Van Buren  
Dear Abby

**DEAR ABBY:** A lot of people think that if you're in show business you stay married for about an hour and a half. Nuts!

To make a marriage work, you have to have more going for you than just "love." You have to like and respect each other.

In our case, Jack and I are best friends; we have to be. We've been married for 29 years and haven't been apart for more than a few days.

In order to get along with your guy, you have to play his game. If he likes

watching sports, start off the game by sitting on his lap. If he likes to eat, learn to be a good cook. If he gets sick, nurse him as only you can. Instructions and prescriptions are great, but he needs YOU.

For the past 16 years, I've performed in over 10 different cities, a real cross section of America, and let me tell you, the insecurities and uncertainties about marriage are the

same in Chicago, Houston, New York and San Francisco.

The song says, "Woman needs man and man must have his mate!" — well, girls, work at it! A lot of marriages break up because people get bored. I say, "Girls, get more interested in parlor, bedroom and bath!" Love.  
— MITZI GAYNOR (BEAN)

**DEAR MITZI:** With all the letters I get from losers in the marriage game, how refreshing to hear from a winner! Your letter made my day.

**DEAR ABBY:** I have a neighbor who is very nosy when she comes over to my house. Right away she starts

looking in my cupboards and closets. And even my drawers!

I told her I didn't like it, but she doesn't listen to me. Now I am thinking maybe I should tell her that if she doesn't stop inspecting my house she can't come over anymore, but she is one of my best friends and I feel that it would be hard for me to tell her this.  
— CONFUSED (AGE 10)

**DEAR CONFUSED:** You have a decision to make. You can tell your friend that if she wants to continue to come to your house, she will have to stop looking in your closets, cupboards and drawers. And if she does it anyway, stick to your word and end

your friendship.

Or, let her do as she pleases and put up with it. If you learn at age 10 how to prevent people from pushing you around and taking advantage of you, you will have learned a valuable lesson that some people never learn.

You are within your rights to demand privacy. Don't be a softie.

**DEAR ABBY:** To settle an argument, I am asking for your opinion. In the event of an evening wedding, which seems to be so popular these days, the bridegroom is left with a full day to do as he pleases. So to pass the time, he has a few (maybe five) beers

two hours before the wedding is to take place.

Abby, do you think morning wedding ceremonies would solve the problem?  
— HAWTHORNE, CALIF.

**DEAR HAWTHORNE:** If the wedding must be scheduled in the morning in order to ensure the sobriety of the bridegroom, the marriage is in trouble from the first "I do."

(Problems? You'll feel better if you get them off your chest. Write to Abby, P.O. Box 38923, Hollywood, Calif. 90038. For a personal reply, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.)

## Lady auctioneer finds acceptance

By LORAYNE O. SMITH  
Times-News Lifestyle editor

**KIMBERLY** — When Shirley Miller was a little girl, she liked to attend auctions with her father.

Like many children, she was impressed by the excitement and drama of this centuries-old sales method and wanted to be an auctioneer. Instead, after graduating from high school at Hansen, where her parents moved when she was a baby, she earned a secretarial and accounting diploma and did office work.

She later married Clifford Miller, and after her children arrived, she changed occupations, so she could be at home. She started her own business, raising French poodles and grooming and boarding dogs.

Now, four of her five children are in school, and last year, Miller decided the time had come to realize her early dream. After months of home study and a grilling two-week course of concentrated 12-hour days at the Missouri Auction School in Kansas City, Mo., Miller was on her way.

She joined forces with Roger Powell of Twin Falls, and Miller Auction Service was begun this past January. She is believed to be the only woman auctioneer in the immediate area, although like most male-dominated fields, women are entering it nationwide.

begin any new business, Miller faced the extra challenge of being accepted because she is a woman.

But she has met with surprisingly good response, she says.

"I'm shocked at the good acceptance," she says, adding that some people show up "just to hear a woman." But although they may come to listen, they often get involved in bidding, too.

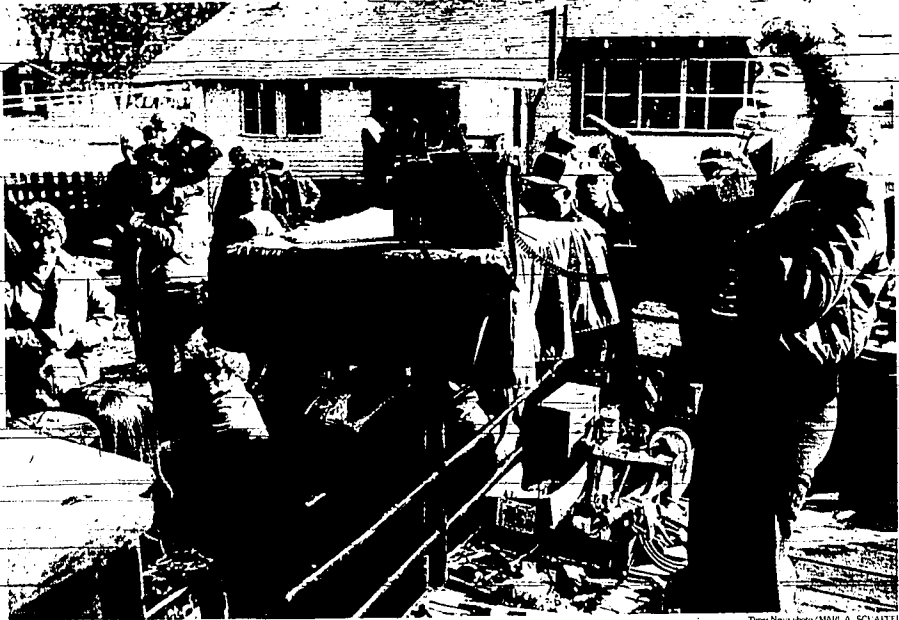
Obviously, one's voice is a major factor in being a successful auctioneer. Miller naturally was concerned about her voice, even though she had been told earlier that she had a good phone voice.

"A lot of women's voices are so high-pitched and whiny," she says.

The basic components of a good auctioneer's voice are volume, pitch and tone, according to Powell. Most men usually have acceptable pitch and tone, he says, and thus, they need concentrate primarily on volume.

But women usually have to work hard on all three aspects, he says. Miller is fortunate in that her voice naturally is lower-pitched than some women's and has a naturally pleasing tone, he added.

However, she listens to tapes of her performances and works to improve the sound of her "How much will you give?" Some of the hazards of the trade, Miller says, are smoke and cold air. A combination of these can play



Shirley Miller of Kimberly has fulfilled a longtime dream of becoming an auctioneer. She also has a dog grooming business.

# Engagements



Patricia Hill



Laren Sweet



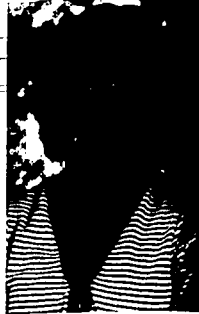
Lori Sims



Teresa Assendrup



Sheri Grant



Lisa Ladd

**WENDELL** — Jack K. Hill of Westerville, Ohio, announces the engagement of his daughter, Patricia Anne, to Dennis Higginbotham, son of William and Oetha Higginbotham of Wendell.

Miss Hill, a graduate of Westerville High School, attended Bowling Green University and is employed by an advertising agency.

Higginbotham, a graduate of Wendell High School and Idaho State University, is employed by Sandefur Management Co.

The couple plans a May 14 wedding in Columbus, Ohio.

**FAIRFIELD** — Mr. and Mrs. William E. Sweet of Fairfield announce the engagement of their daughter, Laren Kae, to Robert Randolph Erkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Erkins of Bliss.

Miss Sweet, a graduate of Camas County High School and Idaho State University, teaches fourth grade in Wendell.

Erkins, a graduate of Gooding High School, is a student at Boise State University.

The couple plans a March 25 wedding at the Fairfield Community Church.

Miss Sims, daughter of the late Gwen Sims, is a 1982 graduate of Wood River High School and is employed by the Sun Valley Co.

Adamson, a 1979 graduate of Carey High School, is assistant manager of Adamson Inc.

The couple is planning a March 25 wedding in the Salt Lake City Mormon Temple.

An open house will be held at 7:30 p.m. March 26 at the Halley Ward Mormon Church.

**FILER** — Mr. and Mrs. Gary Hall of Twin Falls have announced the engagement of her daughter, Teresa Assendrup, to Kenneth "Scott" Tverdy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Tverdy of Roseworth.

Miss Assendrup, daughter of the late Gary Assendrup of Filer, is a graduate of Twin Falls High School. She attended the College of Southern Idaho and is employed by Pay Less Drug.

Tverdy is a 1977 graduate of Castelford High School. He attended Boise State University, Idaho State University and the College of Southern Idaho. He farms south of Buhl.

The couple plans an April 16 wedding at St. Edward's Catholic Church in Twin Falls.

**HAZELTON** — Sheri Grant, former Hazelton resident, and Jim Faust of Caldwell have announced their engagement.

She is a 1976 graduate of Valley High School and a 1980 graduate of the University of Idaho with degrees in secondary education and psychology. She is employed in vocational rehabilitation in Caldwell.

Faust, a 1973 graduate of Monona Grove High School in Wisconsin and 1977 graduate of the University of Wisconsin at LaCrosse, is employed by the district health department in Caldwell.

The couple plans a March 19 wedding at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Caldwell. A reception-dance will be held from 6 to 10 p.m. March 20 at the Landmark in Hazelton.

**TWIN FALLS** — Mr. and Mrs. Manuel R. Ladd of Elko, Nev., announce the engagement of their daughter, Lisa, to Lonnie D. Abbott of Twin Falls.

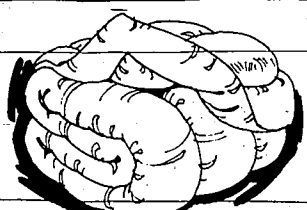
Abbott is the son of Bennie Abbott of Hermiston, Ore., and Helen Rossean of Mountain View, Wyo.

Miss Ladd is a 1982 graduate of Elko High School.

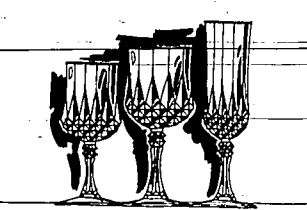
Abbott graduated from Jerome High School in 1974 and from Idaho State University vo-tech school in 1976. He is employed by J-U-B Engineers in Twin Falls as a civil engineering designer.

The couple will be married May 21 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Elko.

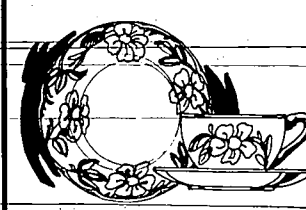
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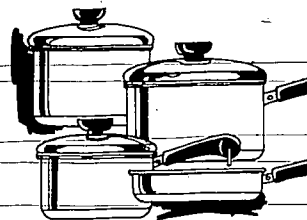
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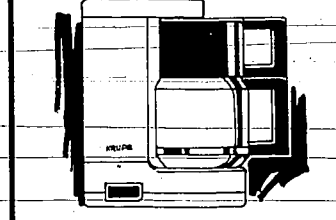
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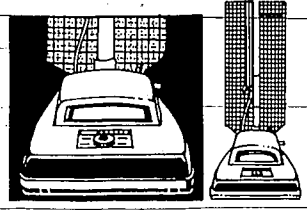
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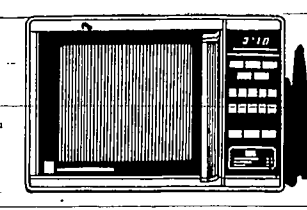
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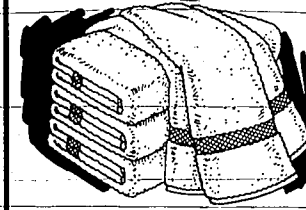
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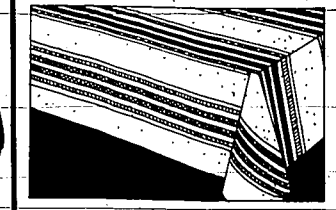
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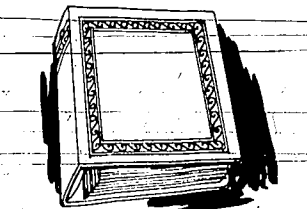
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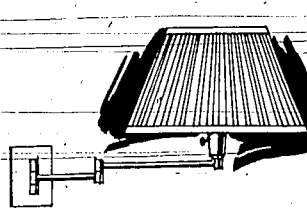
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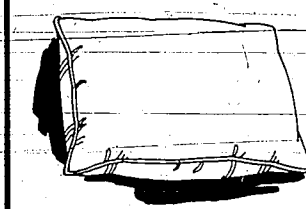
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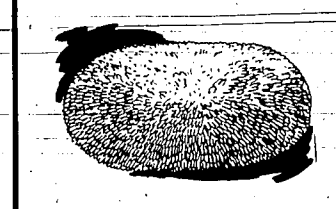
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# Weddings

## Mallory-Jordan

TWIN FALLS — Sheryl R. Mallory became the bride of Michael A. Jordan Feb. 18 at the Canyon Springs Inn in Twin Falls.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Palmer of Kimberly and the bridegroom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jordan of Twin Falls.

The Rev. Robert Van Nest officiated with Dennis McCracken as organist.

The bride wore a Victorian-style gown featuring chantilly lace. She carried a bouquet of Merry Devore roses.

Darlene Matlock, sister of the bride, was matron of honor. Bill Lynn of Pocatello, brother-in-law of the bridegroom, was best man.

Eric and Matthew Mallory were ringbearers and Kellie Lee Mallory was flower girl.

Special guest was Mrs. Annie Semons of Twin Falls, grandmother of the bridegroom.



## Fairbanks-Dey

TWIN FALLS — Tammy Fairbanks and Brad Dey exchanged wedding vows at the Christian Center in Twin Falls.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Fairbanks of Twin Falls and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Dey of Jerome.

Rev. J. L. Chandler officiated, with Mrs. Judy Wilcox serving as organist. Michelle Stansell and Clare Toossi were soloists. The bride's mother also sang.

The bride wore gown of chantilly lace over satin featuring a high neckline and long sleeves. She carried a bouquet of silk roses made by her aunt, Jeanie Sprague, of American Falls.

Deanne Tuttle was matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Candy Fairbanks, sister of the bride; Lori Ramsey and Christy Satterwhite, cousins of the bride, Altha Hopkins was flower-girl and Mike Fairbanks was ringbearer.

Brian Dey, brother of the bridegroom, was best man. Groomsman were Marvin Dunlap, Grant Hopkins, Kevin Lee and Randy Dey, brother of the bridegroom. Ushers were Dan Fairbanks, Theron Loesel and Randy McBride.

A reception was held following the ceremony. Lisa Cameron was in charge of the guest book and Janice Ramsey handled gifts, assisted by



Laura Reed, Keri and Renee Purrett, Kelli Fairbanks, brother of the bride; Jon and Shawn McInn were gift bearers.

Noralee Fairbanks, Norma Thompson, Portia Purrett, Sue Fairbanks and Ludean Hopkins served.

Special guests were Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Fairbanks of Twin Falls and Mrs. Melba Tyler of Heyburn, grandparents of the bride, and Mr. and Mrs. George Dey of Twin Falls and Mrs. Lilly Allen of Buhl, grandparents of the bridegroom.

The bride is a graduate of Kimberly High School. The bridegroom, a graduate of Jerome High School, is employed at Dick Deys auto agency in Twin Falls.

## Standouts

Sharon Greer Cassavant, the daughter of Mrs. Arthur Greer of King Hill, is the author of a book, "John Middleton Murry — The Critic as Moralist," published by the University of Alabama press.

The university asked Cassavant for permission to publish the work, which was her dissertation for her doctorate degree from Tufts University in Medford, Mass.

A reception was held following the ceremony. Judy Lynn, sister of the bridegroom, and Peggy Klausner, cousin of the bride, assisted with the gifts.

The bride is a graduate of Minico High School and is employed by Smith's Food King.

The bridegroom, a graduate of Twin Falls High School, is employed by Southern Idaho Distributing in Twin Falls.

The couple is living in Twin Falls.

## Schwarz-Pearson

TWIN FALLS — Tamara Jean Schwarz and Kelly Dean Pearson exchanged vows Dec. 19 at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Eden.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Schwarz of Eden and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Pearson of Salem, S.D.

The Rev. Edwin Iverson officiated. Kelli Surber and Larry Schwarz were soloists and Ann Schwarz was organist.

The bride wore a floor-length satin gown featuring lace bodice and sleeves with lace trimmed neckline, hem and skirt front. She carried a bouquet of roses and mums accented with ribbon streamers.

Ramona Sallor, sister of the bride, was matron of honor. Wendy Schwarz, also a sister of the bride, was bridesmaid.

Orrin Pearson was best man for his brother, Keith Pearson, also a brother of the bridegroom, was groomsman. Cary Schwarz, brother of the bride, and Roger Jackson were ushers. Greg Johnson was chauffeur.

Special guests included T.J. Schwarz and Rev. and Mrs. Otto Blessin, grandparents of the bride.

A reception was held after the ceremony. Carol Jones, sister of the bridegroom, served as guest book attendant. Xavria, Mandy and Lindy Schwarz, Brett Schwarz and Doug Schwarz, all cousins of the bride, were gift carriers. Nina Schwarz, Kathy Cox, Sharon Russell and Toni Schwarz served.

The bride teaches parttime at the Immanuel Lutheran School. The bridegroom is employed by Leslie R. Jones Inc.

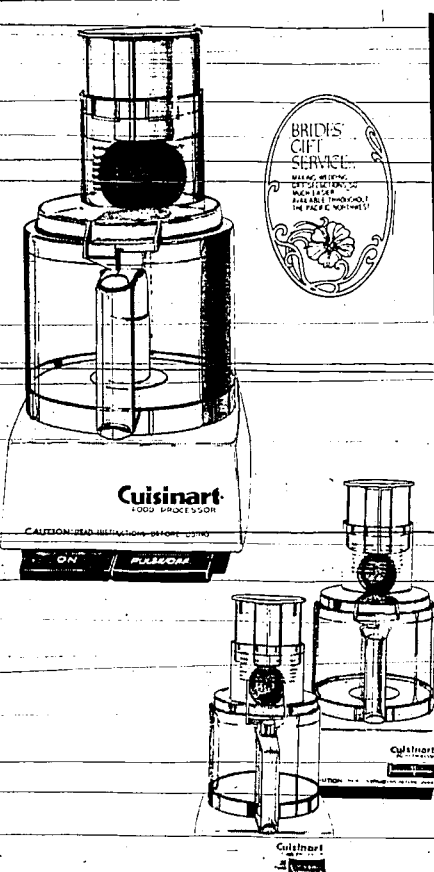


## Servicemen

GOODING — Second Lt. Lester O. Patterson has arrived for duty at Tempelhof Central Airport in West Berlin. Patterson, a communications and electronics systems officer with the 194th Communications Squadron, previously was stationed at Kessler Air Force Base in Mississippi.

His wife, Theresa, is the daughter of retired Air Force Master Sgt. Lawrence R. and Louise K. Ervin of Gooding.

KETCHUM — Staff Sgt. Robert O. Holloway II, son of Robert D. and Patricia J. Holloway of Ketchum, has arrived for duty in Mannheim, West Germany. Holloway, a motor sergeant with the 8th Infantry Division, previously was stationed at Fort Carson, Colo.



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