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Elena howls inland; none seriously injured

By DAN EVEN The Associated Press

MILOTT, Miss. — Hurricane Elena, fleetly howled ashore along the Mississippi coast Monday with winds up to 122 mph, ripping off roofs, uprooting trees, flooding highways, slinging telephone poles and leaving almost 300,000 customers without power. Despite the damage, no serious injuries were reported as the season's fourth hurricane made landfall after zigzagging around the Gulf of Mexico for four days. Earlier, the storm contributed to three deaths in Florida. More than half a million people were evacuated in Florida, Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana after Elena reversed course off the coast of Florida on Sunday and headed northwest with winds of 125 mph. The hurricane's highest sustained winds quickly dropped after it hit land here just before 8 a.m. By late afternoon winds were down to about 40 mph, just above tropical storm strength, and all hurricane warnings were discontinued along the coast. By 7 p.m., the storm's center was about 55 miles north of Baton Rouge, La., and it was moving west-northwest at around 15 mph. Curfews were set in at least five stricken communities, and National Guard troops were called out in Mississippi and Louisiana. Several dozen of the 2,000 National Guard troops called out in Florida over the weekend remained on duty Monday, helping to maintain order as an estimated 1 million refugees returned home. "It was a major hurricane, ... worse than Frederic in 1979," said Hal Gerrish, a forecaster at the National

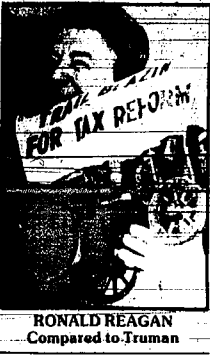
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Hurricane Center in Florida. He said the hardest-hit areas appeared to be Dauphin Island, Ala., and Pascagoula. Frederic caused between \$2 billion and \$3 billion damage, mostly in the Mobile-Pascagoula area, the National Hurricane Center has said. Herb Sully, a Red Cross volunteer worker, described Pascagoula as "bombed out," according to Terri Gaultier, an American Red Cross spokeswoman in Mobile. "He said there were trees in half, houses collapsed, semis turned over," said Ms. Gaultier. "He said he saw one Goodyear store where all there was was steel girders. Completely gone. It looked like one big tornado in the whole town. His words were 'bombed out.'" The mayors of Biloxi, Gulfport, Pascagoula and Ocean Springs set an 8 p.m. to dawn curfew for Monday night, and warned that civilians seen on the streets during those hours could be arrested. In Gulfport, an apartment complex burned leaving as many as 330 families homeless, officials said. There was no immediate word on the fire's cause. "The fire started right in the height when the storm was going over," said state Rep. Bob Short, who spent the day working with civil defense officials. "The only thing we could possibly do was to get them out." Officials said they had expected Elena to be worse.

Reagan touts his tax reforms to Midwest crowd of 15,000

By HARRY F. ROSENTHAL The Associated Press

INDEPENDENCE, Mo. — President Reagan, making his first major public speech since his cancer operation, plugged his tax revision plan in Harry S. Truman's hometown Monday with an admonition "to take our current tax system out and string it up." Reagan, Washington from 21 days of vacation in California, shed his jacket and stood under the canvas canopy of a restored covered wagon as he spoke to a crowd estimated by Independence police chief Robert E. Rinehart at 15,000 to 20,000 people. A life-sized bronze statue of Truman stood nearby. Reagan sounded in good spirits as he declared himself "rarin' to go" and said the people who oppose his



RONALD REAGAN Compared to Truman

tax programs are "the people who have a vested interest in the status quo." The speech was short, and not broken often by applause by the friendly but restrained crowd on a broiling hot day. Several hundred people showed up with signs protesting Reagan's decision last week not to impose sanctions on shoe imports, but kept quiet during the president's speech. Republican Gov. John Ashcroft of Missouri, who introduced Reagan, compared him to Truman as "a president of and for working Americans." One protester's sign said: "We helped you get your job, now help us keep our job." "Put yourself in my shoes, Mr. President," said another. "Later, as he boarded Air Force One for the return, flight to ... See TAXES on Page A2

Nation applauds working people with parades, picnics and speeches

By ARTHUR BUCKLER The Associated Press

Americans halted the working person Monday by taking the day off for Labor Day parades, picnics, rock music and sun-bathing, but Hurricane Elena was no vacation for hundreds of thousands on the Gulf Coast. In New York, tens of thousands of marchers representing hundreds of unions paraded up Fifth Avenue to press for the creation of more jobs. "This is the high holy day of the working people in this country," said New York Gov. Mario Cuomo, who marched in the vanguard. "It's a day to remember the role unions have played in our progress. It's a day to recall what the situation was before unions." Cardinal John O'Connor reviewed the parade from the steps of St. Patrick's Cathedral. "It's absolutely imperative to keep the concept of labor and unions alive," O'Connor told the marchers. "It's so easy to forget what things were like before we had unions." In El Paso, Texas, AFL-CIO President Lane Kirkland told about 600 people at a Labor Day breakfast that unions, as well as the U.S. economy, are threatened by a flood of foreign imports. But he dismissed the notion that organized labor was weakening. "What I see today from the grassroots up is not a weak, sick, discouraged labor movement," he said. "The labor movement is the first line of defense and the only real avenue of progress for the plain people in this country." Labor Day was wet and windy on the Gulf Coast, where Hurricane Elena came ashore with winds more than 100 mph, ripping off roofs, uprooting trees, flooding highways and knocking out power to 100,000 people. More than half a million people had evacuated in Florida, Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana as Elena approached. But on Southern California's beaches, Los Angeles County liegaurd Phil Tobar predicted a big crowd there Sunday, when more ... See LABOR on Page A2

U.S.-French team locates Titanic

By The Associated Press

PARIS — A U.S.-French expedition has located the wreck of the Titanic about 560 miles off Newfoundland, a French government institute announced Monday. The British luxury liner struck an iceberg and sank in 1912 with the loss of 1,513 lives. The Institute for Research and Exploitation of the Sea said the wreckage, found in 13,120 feet of water, was identified by the French-made SAR — submarine sonar

system and American-made ARGO underwater cameras. The Titanic, which its owners billed as unsinkable, was found for New York on its maiden voyage when it went down on the night of April 14-15, 1912. In its announcement, the agency said the French and American institutes sponsoring the expedition agreed in advance not to make public statements on the results of the search "unless they were absolutely certain of the facts."

ciel television network CTV broadcast what it said was a ship-to-shore interview with Dr. Robert Ballard, an American member of the expedition, in which he said the team found pieces of the wreck early Sunday about 360 miles south of Newfoundland. The distance he gave conflicted with that given by the French agency. According to the conversation broadcast by CTV, Ballard said from the U.S. Navy research ship Knorr: "We came on it early this morning." ... See TITANIC on Page A2

Lawmakers reluctant to take budget ax to farm programs

By JIM DRINKARD The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Congress returns to Washington this week on a collision course with President Reagan over farm policy, with many members newly sensitized to rural problems and more reluctant than ever to make the budget savings the president is demanding. Exasperation with the administration's insistence on billions of dollars in farm program cuts was not limited to Democrats. Some of the greatest concern was voiced by GOP lawmakers, who said weak commodity prices, plummeting land values and lightning credit make this the wrong time to save money in the farm budget. Current farm law expires at the end of September and interviews with a number of lawmakers suggest the war that got from farm voters during the August recess will make it all the more difficult to fashion a new bill and fill it within approved budget appropriations. Agriculture in general is on thinner ice

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than most people realize," said Rep. Sid Morrison, D-Wash., after returning to his heavily agricultural district. Minnesota farmers "go to great pains to try to prove to you that this is not the normal kind of agricultural dilemma, that this thing is so bad it's getting the really good people." Sen. Dave Durenberger, a Republican, reported from his trip home. And Rep. Charles Whitley, D-N.C., predicted, "Every farm district congressman who visited his district will come back more concerned than ever about increasing the income of farmers." Many lawmakers interviewed by the Associated Press said they encouraged new legislation during their visits. "There is a wishfulness out there that it

somehow be turned around with a stroke of magic," said Senate Agriculture Committee Chairman Jesse Helms, R-N.C., who has vowed to hold the line on farm spending. "Unfortunately, there is no magic. The hard numbers of arithmetic will prevail." Those numbers mean at least a \$17 billion cut over the next three years in House and Senate bills now earmarking some \$51-billion to \$60-billion for farm programs through 1988. The difficulty comes in making the cuts at a time when some farmers — particularly those in the Midwestern grain belt — are facing their most difficult financial plight in decades. Despite the problems, Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole was predicting success. "If we want to get a farm bill, I think we can do it," Dole told reporters. "If we want to do it, then we have to pass one and the president will have to sign it, and we have to start over." Dole added: "I think we can have a good solid bill, and it will be within the budget president's veto threat. It's time to do what's right for the farmer with the budget we've got."

western Kansas district is the nation's largest wheat-producing area," said heightened rural concern was reflected in crowds that were double their normal size during his three-week visit of 58 county courthouses. "It's an eyeball-to-eyeball with a guy who's about to lose his farm and a whole crowd of people who are madder than hell," Roberts said. "I had to tell them: 'You'd better not put too much faith in Washington. It's not a pleasant task.'" Roberts said his task was complicated by President Reagan's comments two weeks ago in his regular Saturday radio speech threatening to veto the farm bill if budget targets are not met and maintaining that many farmers are in good shape. "If spending more money on agriculture would solve the problem, we already would have solved it by now," Reagan said. "That's what I really needed," Roberts said. "I don't care about the budget president's veto threat. It's time to do what's right for the farmer with the budget we've got."

Roberts said he will propose that cuts be made in non-income-support parts of the farm budget to achieve at least part of the necessary savings; others said the tough targeting benefits to the mid-streec farms most in need; still others say Congress will just have to live with a higher level of farm spending. The administration reiterated its dissatisfaction with Congress' farm bill progress over the weekend in a statement from the Agriculture Department. "Congress either has not learned from the lessons of the past or has chosen to ignore them," said Randy Ruesch, assistant secretary. John Block, adding that farm bills now before the House and Senate are merely extensions of failed current policy. But several members of Congress said they don't believe Reagan will veto a farm bill except in the most extreme circumstances, in part because to do so would mean falling back on so-called "permanent law," the outdated provisions that go into effect when current policy expires Sept. 30.

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than a million bathers flocked to the ocean.
"This is the last weekend at the beach for a lot of kids," he said.
At Santa Monica beach, teams from the University of Southern California and the University of California at Los Angeles, supported by bands and cheerleaders, competed in a sand-sculpting contest.
Beverly Hills held its first-ever Labor Day bash, with 100 Rolls-

Royces chauffeur, celebrities at the head of the parade and gourmet food stands lining its route, which included post-Rodeo Drive.
At San Francisco's Golden Gate Park, tens of thousands heard rock stars Paul Kantner and Marty Balin, co-founders of Jefferson Airplane, at a benefit concert for the city's hungry and homeless.
By Monday night, 371 people banded on the nation's highways during the three-day Labor Day weekend.

The National Safety Council had predicted that between 450 and 550 people could die in traffic accidents during the holiday weekend, beginning at 6 p.m. Friday and ending at midnight Monday.
President Reagan on Monday ended his vacation at his California ranch and flew to Independence, Mo., to lobby for his tax reform proposal. In his first speech open to the general public since he underwent cancer surgery.

Massive fire scorches Passaic



A fireman battles the blaze that consumed four blocks.

PASSAIC, N.J. (AP) — A massive fire engulfed a four-block industrial complex Monday and spread to a warehouse filled with fuel and at least 15 apartment buildings and houses, forcing more than 150 residents to flee, officials said.
Plumes of thick black smoke could be seen 20 miles away as loud booming explosions and short pops rocked the air.
More than 150 firefighters fought the blaze, which had caused one minor injury to a firefighter, said fire battalion chief Frank Termyna.
The fire, which was reported at 1:30 p.m., spread to three-story apartment buildings and single-family homes along the six-story brick complex that houses about 100 small businesses, said Termyna.
It then spread to a block-long warehouse where 16,000 gallons of kerosene and diesel fuel were stored, feeding flames more than 100 feet high, said Passaic firefighter Edward Peterson.
"These (the nearby buildings) are gonna go," he said as the fire burned out of control. "There's nothing we can do about it."
The blaze continued to burn out of control seven hours later.
The firefighters' efforts were temporarily hampered by turned-off fire hydrants and low water pressure, but pressure was eventually restored.

Taxes

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Washington, Reagan voiced a non-committal comment when asked about Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's criticism. In an interview with Time magazine, of the U.S. at the time toward their forthcoming summit meeting.
"I'll meet him in November," Reagan said.
The president made no comments to reporters when he arrived back at the White House early Monday evening.
Reagan, who had a two-foot section of his colon removed July 15, plans another tax speech Thursday in Raleigh, N.C. White House spokesman Larry Speakes said the president also plans tax speeches Sept. 12 and Sept. 18, but would not say where.
"Those vested interests just hate it when we talk about reform and they loved it when they thought I was laid up and out of action," the president said. "Well... I'm back, and I'm going to go up for the battle that has only just begun."
He urged his listeners to write

Congress, saying "If the members don't read all their mail, at least they count the letters."
Recalling Truman's days as a county judge in Independence, Reagan related a story the 33rd president once told about a big-city judge serving on a Missouri jury.
"When the judge asked the defendant, the juror replied, 'Oh, no, judge, I think we ought to give the bum a fair trial first and then string him up.'"
"Let me tell you why we ought to take our current tax system out and string it up," Reagan said.
He said the system penalizes families, hinders economic growth and is not progressive as some opponents of his proposed overhaul contend.
"Recently the Treasury Department completed a study on the taxes paid by those in the top brackets," the president said. "It was not a pretty sight. True, nearly half paid the heavy tax, but a

sizeable number took advantage of the so-called loopholes and tax shelters.
"In the year 1983 there were 250,000 persons who had incomes from all sources of a quarter of a million dollars a year or more. Almost 30,000 of them paid virtually nothing at all."
"In a democracy like ours, it's hard for us to get worked up and united over something unless it's truly dramatic like a sensational murder," Reagan continued.
"Well, our tax code is not a sensational murder — it's more like a daily mugging and we've turned to it with it."
The Treasury Department is sending Congress a set of revisions to the tax plan, to make up what the Joint Committee on Taxation says would be a \$25 billion loss in revenue. Treasury officials will meet with House Ways and Means Committee members next weekend at a retreat in the Virginia hunt country near Washington to discuss the changes.

Titanic

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It was just bang, there it was right on top of it. Our initial reaction was excitement, then a coming down-off that realize that we had found the ship where 1,500 people had died."
Ballard is associated with the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution in Cape Cod, Mass. Shelley Lauson, information manager for the institution, said Monday she was trying to reach the Knorr to confirm the report.
"I'm sure our scientists would not say they found something unless they actually found it," she said.
The French agency's announcement said it and the Woods Hole institute would hold simultaneous news conferences about the discovery, in Paris and Washington, on Sept. 13, with the members of the expedition participating.
It did not give the precise location at the wreck, apparently for security reasons.
At the time of the disaster, the Titanic was the largest and most luxurious ocean liner ever built. The wreck is believed to contain a fortune in jewelry and diamonds.
The expedition was sponsored jointly by the two institutes and the National Geographic Society after long negotiations. The French announcement said the agreement — codenamed White Star, the name of the British shipping company that operated the Titanic — outlined the property rights to anything recovered from the wreck under both French and American law.
The agreement was signed in June, a few days before the French institute's research ship Surlet left for the "suspected area" of the wreck in the North Atlantic. The announcement said the Surlet began work in the area June 28 and was joined by the Knorr on Aug. 5.
"Those on board the Surlet were almost sure they had pinned down the Titanic," Monday's announcement said. "But we had to be certain, and the agreement prevented making any statement. The cameras of the American ARGOS system came in the past few days and confirmed the discovery."

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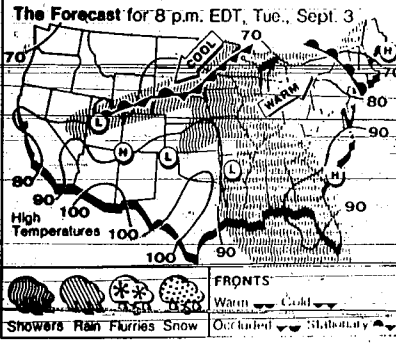
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Today's weather

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Twin Falls, Burley, Rupert, Jerome and Gooding:
Today, partly sunny. Highs 70 to 75. Lows 50 to 45. Wednesday, Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid-70s.
Camas Prairie, Halley, Lower Wood River Valley:
Today, partly sunny. Highs 65 to 70. Lows in the 30s. Wednesday, mostly sunny. Highs in the 70s.
Northern Utah and Nevada:
Utah: Scattered showers and thunderstorms today and continuing into Wednesday. Gusts near thunderstorms. Lows upper-40s to 60s. Cooler days with highs in the upper 60s to near 80.
Nevada: Widely scattered showers and thunderstorms and cooler today. Continued cool. Highs in the mid-60s. Lows in the upper 30s and 40s.
Synopsis:
The National Weather Service says an upper level trough of low pressure continued to affect weather across Idaho and the Pacific Northwest, but today was strengthening and moving southeastward. The clouds and showers that had been over the state then began to move eastward, leaving partly cloudy skies and drier conditions for today.
Afternoon skies Monday were mostly cloudy across the state with some breaks in the overcast in southern and southeastern Idaho.
Some isolated rain showers and thunderstorm activity continued through portions of southeastern Idaho. An unconfirmed report of a tunnel cloud was received Monday afternoon near Rockland. However no other weather of any significance was reported with these thunderstorms.
Temperatures remained cool under



the heavy cloud cover. Most stations were reporting temperatures in the 60s.
This cool and damp weather should be replaced with partly cloudy skies and warmer readings. Afternoon winds were generally from the northwest at speeds less than 10 mph.
Highest in the state Monday was 84 degrees at Salmon, while Deadwood had the low at 31 degrees.
The agricultural outlook for Southern Idaho, today through Friday, shows conditions for field work and harvesting will be good through Wednesday. Scattered showers Thursday and Friday will make locally poor conditions. Good conditions will return Saturday. Precipitation amounts will be mostly under .20 of an inch. Irrigation demands will remain below normal through the period, with the lowest evaporation rates on Friday. Winds will be mainly westerly 5 to 15 mph today and Wednesday.
The extended forecast for Southern Idaho: Scattered showers Thursday and Friday. Dry Saturday. Cool, with highs in the upper 60s to mid-70s and lows in the upper 30s and 40s.
Elsewhere in the nation, temperatures ranged from a high of 108 degrees in Imperial, Calif., to a low of 37 degrees in Big Lake, Mont.

National			
City	High	Low	Wind
Kansas City	81	72	Portland, Ore. 70
Las Vegas	80	61	St. Louis
Albuquerque	84	63	San Francisco
Atlanta	85	70	Seattle
Chicago	82	62	Spokane
Dallas	87	79	Washington
Denver	81	64	New Orleans
Des Moines	82	67	New York
Detroit	78	62	Oklahoma City
Houston	97	78	Omaha
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Hurricane with 120-mile an hour winds capsized a large shrimp boat in the Gulf of Mexico.

Elena roars into coastal stretch; Pascagoula looks 'bombed out'

PASCAGOULA, Miss. (AP) — A 40-mile coastal stretch from Pascagoula to Gulfport bore the brunt of Hurricane Elena, with shattered buildings, twisted water oaks and scattered power poles everywhere. "This is a package store. The sign is around here someplace," said David Kelly, selling 75-cent bags of ice to storm victims. "I've got to sell all this ice before it melts." Although damage estimates were still being compiled, Pascagoula appeared to have been the hardest hit by the storm, said Terri Gautier, an American Red Cross spokeswoman in Mobile, Ala. Herb Sully, a Red Cross volunteer worker surveying the damage described Pascagoula, a town of 29,000 residents, as "bombed out." "He said he saw one Goodyear store where all there was steel girders. (It was) completely gone," Ms. Gautier said. "It looked like one

big tornado in the whole town. His words were 'bombed out.'" Elena's winds, which exceeded 100 mph, blew out lights along Mississippi's Gulf Coast, broke plate glass windows and ripped off roofs. Mike Manring nailed plywood to the smashed window of his auto repair shop here. "I'm trying to get some boards up to stop looting," he said. Armed National Guardsmen were posted for the same reason. Some fashionable homes at Pascagoula Beach were damaged, one completely leveled. Nearby, Dr. W.M. Overstreet and his son, Michael, used a bow-saw to cut away branches from fallen pine trees blocking his driveway. Farther down the coast, traffic was congested as motorists cut crooked paths around fallen lines, traffic lights and other debris. As one squall after another washed over the area, streets flooded in

Discovery crew prepares for return

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — Discovery's astronauts, basking in the news that the satellite they repaired now seems in good health, spent much of Labor Day cleaning their spacecraft and preparing it for a pre-dawn landing Tuesday in California. Mission commander Joe Engle, explaining that "a clean ship is a happy ship," set his four-man crew to scouring the decks, walls and ceiling of their Spacecraft, getting it ready for a 9:15 a.m. EDT touchdown Tuesday on a dry desert lakebed at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif. The crew was happy about the rapidly improving health of Syncom 3, the \$85-million-communications satellite that they repaired with two daring spacewalk salvage efforts over the weekend. Hughes Communications Inc., owner of the satellite, said the Syncom 3 batteries and liquid-fueled rocket systems were in good shape, despite spending four lifeless months in the intense cold of space. "Outstanding," said Engle, when told about Syncom. "That's good news." Signals received from the satellite by Hughes engineers showed that only about a fourth of the liquid-fuel froze in a rocket thruster system on Syncom 3. Officials said this presented no problem. The thrusters proved they could work when, on command from the ground, they caused the satellite to spin up to 6 rpm.

Pastor scolds parish over AIDS issue

NEW YORK (AP) — A pastor of a Roman Catholic church in Manhattan has scolded his parishioners for their opposition to the establishment of a shelter for AIDS victims. The Rev. Kenneth J. Smith said Sunday in homilies in English and Spanish that he was saddened by the opposition because "the weakest of our community need help, and we were unable to offer that help." Smith told parishioners at the Holy Name of Jesus Church he understood their concerns but it was the obligation of faithful Christians "to look within ourselves to change our hearts." Smith's criticism followed a decision Thursday by the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of New York to drop plans to shelter patients with AIDS, or acquired immune deficiency syndrome, in a former convent on Manhattan's West 97th Street.

New Japanese 'Super Pill' Insures Rapid Weight-Loss

BEVERLY HILLS, CA — An exciting new "all natural" weight-loss "Super" Pill developed by the JMA (Japanese Medical Association) has just been approved for distribution in the United States. Reportedly, it can guarantee that you will lose more than a pound a day without dieting, from the very first day until you reach your ideal weight and figure. News of this "Super Pill" is literally sweeping the country. It's called Amitol and there has never been anything quite like it before. "Flushes Calories Right Out Of Your Body" What makes Amitol so thrilling and unique is its reported ability to flush calories right out of your body. Amitol is completely safe, it contains no drugs whatsoever. Its ingredients are derived solely from the Konjac root which grows primarily in Northern Japan. "Why the Konjac root? It has been used in Japan for over 1600 years to produce rapid and natural weight-loss." Japanese studies verify that Konjac root actually prevents fat producing calories from being absorbed into your system. They say it does this by surrounding much of the fat, protein and carbohydrates you have eaten with a protective viscous coating which is then gently flushed out of your system. And according to Japanese research this produces absolutely amazing results. "And who can disagree? Amitol (although brand new to this country) is already being called by many people, "the most exciting weight-loss breakthrough of the century." In fact, every-

Navy man's murderer identified

WASHINGTON (AP) — The terrorist who killed Navy diver Robert Dean Stethem during the hijacking of TWA Flight 847 was identified in a photograph shown to crew members by FBI agents, the plane's co-pilot says. First Officer Philip G. Maresca said he and two other crew members picked out a picture of the hijacker who shot and killed Stethem, 28, a passenger aboard the plane that was hijacked June 14 after takeoff from Athens, Greece. Stethem was beat and shot June 15

in the plane's cockpit, and his body was dumped on the tarmac at Beirut International Airport. During a telephone interview last week from his home in Salt Lake City, Maresca said the terrorist's picture was on a sheet of six mug shots that FBI agents showed crew members following their release from 17 days of captivity. "We were able to pick out one of the photographs," he said. Maresca declined to identify the gunman by name, saying only that "he was very well groomed, you would never have guessed he would be a hijacker." The two other crew members, Capt. John L. Testrake and Benjamin C. Zimmermann, the flight engineer, could not be reached for comment. Their home telephone numbers are unlisted. FBI agents interrogated the 36 passengers and three crewmen after they were released July 1 by Shiite Amal militiamen and flown to a military hospital in Wiesbaden, West Germany.

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Summer starting into its stretch run

You can tell summer is in the home stretch. Sure, there will still be some warm afternoons. But by sundown, the air is starting to cool. Sunset comes earlier now, and it's still dark when the alarm buzzes about 6 a.m.

That's the best part of late summer provided you are an early riser, a reader of the Old Farmer's Almanac, or someone who likes to bounce out of bed and scan the morning skies.

Right now they are at their best — perhaps sort of a preliminary round for the approach of Halley's Comet later this year.

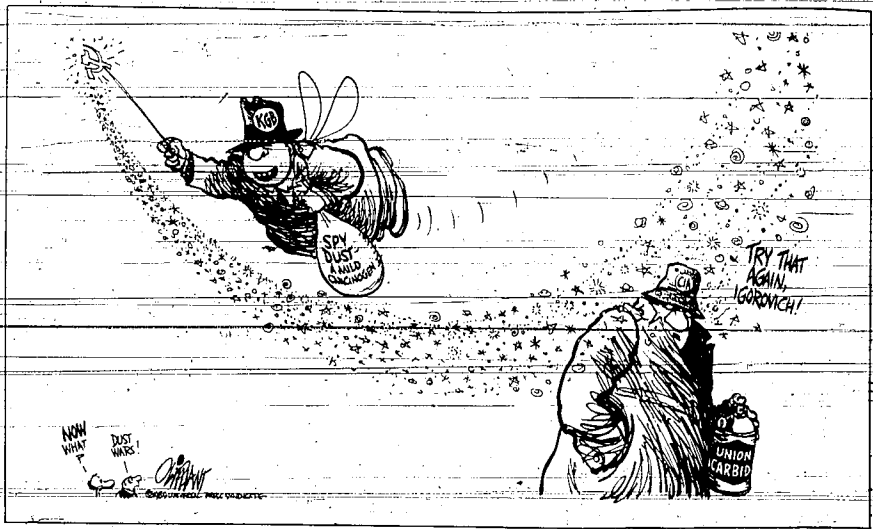
It doesn't take an expert to figure out that bright globe climbing in the east is Venus. Off to its right is the constellation Orion, the Great Hunter, starting an early jaunt across the heavens. Sirius, the Dog Star, his faithful companion and the brightest star of all, follows Orion as he has for ages. High above, red Aldebaran and the Pleiades lead the way.

There, down by the horizon is another bright point of light. That's the most interesting of all. For a few mornings now in late August and early September, Mercury, the planet nearest the sun, is at the point in its orbit where it is clearly visible, although it will soon swing out of sight again.

Standing barefooted in the yard and contemplating the heavens as the sky brightens with the rising of the sun produces two results. One is a bit of a chill and goosebumps. The other is an appreciation for Creation and the wonders of nature.

The two combined make early rising worth while in late summer. Before long the advancing change of seasons will alter the billing in the celestial show and the morning chill of autumn will make viewing it less than comfortable.

So for a few weeks longer, the cool mornings and warm days of late summer will offer Magic Valley residents one of the most enjoyable — and perhaps one of the least recognized — times of the year.



Letters

Look at one-time colonies today

Thank you for this opportunity to express my thoughts about South African apartheid. I applaud the few courageous national figures who have spoken publicly against the media clamor for USA sanctions against South Africa.

Summarizing briefly from Nevada's U.S. Sen. Clive Hecox's Washington report, August 1985: "There is abundant evidence that American investment in South Africa has raised the living standard for most blacks substantially.

"There are many strategic metals which can be obtained only from South Africa and the Soviet Union. If we impose economic sanctions, the government there could topple and be replaced by one with close ties to the Soviet Union. Would blacks be better off? Would America be better off? To which add: Are the former African colonial countries better off today?"

"Some years ago my wife and myself prepared income tax returns to augment our meager income. Lois worked alone with a black gentleman in a branch office. During personal conversation

he used the epithet "nigger." Seeing her expression change, he stopped and said: "Believe me, there are black people and there are niggers."

"People only recently removed from ignorant savagery in the bush are not capable of voting intelligently on the affairs of a nation. We are deceived when we accept the idea they are. The excesses during so-called reconstruction of the South following our Civil War offer ample proof. One hundred years later when southern blacks were moved into fancy new public housing in St. Louis, they responded by throwing away window screens because they didn't want to bother removing and replacing them. They broke out the basement windows because they weren't familiar with crank mechanisms and wouldn't bother to learn. They built bonfires in the bathhouses to barbecue pork. All this and more at your and my expense as taxpayers. In six to eight months they literally destroyed new housing (much nicer than what this taxpayer was or is living in).

Therefore, South Africa's way of temporary apartheid may be more effective than ours. It is definitely more sensible. Let the blacks learn to

read and write, observe basic sanitation practices, and govern their own local affairs, to demonstrate fitness for full citizenship. The white minority has developed South Africa to the point where there is now something worthwhile in a power struggle for. Let them control their own affairs and enjoy the fruits of their efforts. They should be commended for their willingness to spend their money to bring the black natives into modern culture; rather than condemned in the liberal controlled media of the world.

Evidently the world liberal power structure does not include the owners of South African wealth. Is the big push in the media an effort to use our government and world opinion to get control of this wealth? Or is the probability that apartheid will prove successful in time; so distasteful to the liberals they feel a need to destroy it before it can succeed? Or is it tied to Soviet efforts to gain political control of South Africa and its strategic minerals? Or maybe a combination of all these, with many altruistic persons being used as dupes?

LEONRICE
Jackpot, Nev.

Sanctions could be counter-productive

WASHINGTON — I oppose general economic sanctions against South Africa for one simple reason: they will not work and, in fact, could be highly counterproductive to the long-term goals we seek to advance.

For one thing, the South African government has too many tools available to either blunt or avoid the most serious effects of unilateral American sanctions. The result could be that America companies, which operate under the Sullivan principles, would soon be replaced by other foreign companies, or South African ones, with little or no concern for improving the status of blacks. For another, there is nothing in South Africa's history to suggest that the white minority will respond any better to anger and frustration than it does to hope and cooperation.

Proponents of economic sanctions argue that by aiding the South African economy, we are effectively aiding apartheid. That certainly is one way to look at U.S. investments there, if one simply ignores the fact that American companies operating under the Sullivan principles are one of the few sources of evolutionary change in South Africa. These companies are providing good jobs at fair pay for thousands of blacks who

Sen. Nancy Landon Kassebaum

might otherwise have no hope at all. In a real sense, we should be doing everything possible to provide more such jobs, more education, better housing and more hope for black South Africans, not less.

In that regard, the legislation pending in Congress contains a number of worthwhile features. It offers increased funding for black scholarships and for human rights efforts in South Africa. It seeks to support black-owned businesses. It also makes clear our impatience with the lack of progress by calling for selective sanctions focused on the government of South Africa.

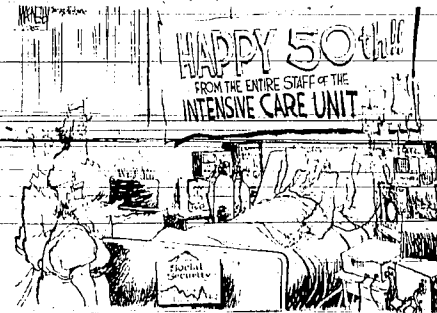
While no one claims this legislation is perfect, as a whole it moves in the right direction. It supports forces of internal change in South Africa while taking a more assertive approach toward the South African government. In light of recent events, this is a necessary change — one that I

would have preferred to see directed from the White House and the State Department, rather than from Congress.

Events in South Africa over the past few months indicate that the situation there is becoming increasingly polarized. Extremism and an all-or-nothing mentality seem to be growing among both whites and blacks. I believe the United States must aggressively work to reverse this trend. We must object to extremism and violence, whether it comes from the government or from its opposition.

We must not be placed in the position either of defending the status quo, which is indefensible, or of supporting its immediate overthrow, which could occur only through violent upheaval and extraordinary suffering. Instead, we must support every effort to build a middle ground where peaceful change can take root and grow, to the lasting benefit of all South Africans.

Nancy Landon Kassebaum is a Republican senator from Kansas and chairman of the Foreign Relations subcommittee on African affairs.



China plays off barbarians, mends fences on Soviet border

PEKING — Is the United States underestimating the extent of new rapprochement between China and the Soviet Union?

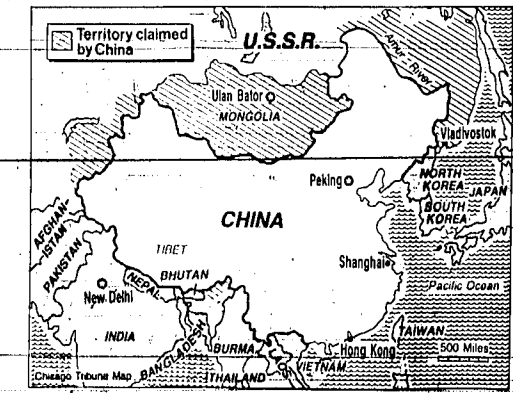
In the Soviet Union is its 14-year tilt toward the West?

Those questions are raised by a series of events indicating that in 1985, China's approach to the Soviet Union has undergone considerable change.

Last winter, after the death of Soviet leader Konstantin U. Chernenko, China took steps to mend its fences with the Soviet Union. A high-level embassy, Vice Premier Li Peng, was sent to Chernenko's funeral. He carried a message to Gorbachev to the new Soviet leader, Mikhail S. Gorbachev — the first cordial exchange between the world's two largest Communist parties in a quarter-century. Gorbachev responded, in his first public speech, by calling for "serious improvement in relations" between the Soviet Union and China.

Since then, relations have continued to improve, though in a less dramatic way. Last month, for the first time in 20 years, a Soviet delegation visited the 21st Federalation of Trade Unions, a move that European diplomats here see as a step toward possible resumption of ties between the Soviet and Chinese Communist parties.

China has announced that border trade with the Soviet Union has increased sharply in three provinces that adjoin the Soviet Union — Xinjiang, Inner Mongolia and Heilongjiang. Asian diplomats report that China and the Soviet Union have in the last year quietly opened travel lanes. China, for example, has begun to allow Japanese and Kazakh living in Xinjiang to cross the border to visit their families in the Soviet Union. In the past, the border was closed, and these people had to travel by way of



Jim Mann

Peking and the Trans-Siberian railroad.

Moreover, China has been siding of late with the Soviet Union in disputes between the two superpowers. Although U.S. officials tend to great length to explain the Strategic Defense Initiative to Chinese officials, last month Deng Xiaoping, the Chinese leader, was quoted as opposing American policy.

American policy, he said, should be to categorize China in overly simple terms and then lock it into those positions. In the early years of this century, U.S. officials decided

that the Kuomintang, or Nationalist Party, was the embodiment of Western democratic values and they held to this view in the face of growing evidence of the Kuomintang's loss of popular support.

In the 1950s, after the communist victory in the Chinese Civil War, the United States adopted Secretary of State John Foster Dulles' view that China was inevitably a partner and, to some extent, a client of the Soviet Union. Dulles' perception guided American policy until the late 1960s, even as China and the Soviet Union were carrying out an increasingly rancorous ideological dispute.

Now, Washington seems stuck on what

might be called the Henry A. Kissinger perception of China and Sino-Soviet relations. According to this view, the salient factor was not shared communist ideology but nationalistic rivalry; the two countries were unable to overcome a historic legacy of mistrust.

In 1970, Kissinger told a group of newspaper editors that Sino-Soviet conflicts had a "quasi-religious connotation" and that their dispute was "the deepest rift which may exist in the world today." The Soviet Union, Kissinger wrote in his memoirs, had an "obsession" with the "Chinese menace."

At the time, such perception made sense. When President Nixon and Kissinger arrived in the White House, they found China and the Soviet Union on the brink of all-out war. There were border clashes at several points along the 4,000-mile frontier. On a couple of occasions, Soviet officials hinted consideration of a nuclear strike against China.

But that was 15 years ago. Should the U.S. attitude devised by Kissinger be considered any more permanent than the Dulles policy it replaced? Underlying assumptions have changed. China and the Soviet Union are not on the verge of war; their ideological differences are no longer as great as they were, at the time. Along separate paths, but in ways not so different, both countries are trying to overhaul — with incentive schemes — socialist economic systems once wholly dependent on central planning.

Furthermore, 15 years ago the Soviet Union was moving toward détente with the United States and felt itself to be threatened most of all by China. Now, Soviet-American relations have deteriorated and the Soviets, by all appearances, fear the U.S. military buildup more than China's People's Liberation Army.

To be sure, China and the Soviet Union are not on the verge of becoming the closest of

friends. The Soviet Union still has an estimated 53 divisions, 600,000 to 700,000 troops, on the Chinese border, together with missiles and aircraft.

China has said repeatedly that there are three impediments to improvement in relations with the Soviet Union: the Soviet invasion of the border, the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, and Soviet support for Vietnamese troops in Cambodia.

Yet these "obstacles," as the Chinese call them, no longer seem as insuperable as they once did. A few years ago, Chinese analysts deplored the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan; more recently, they have merely said that the Soviet Union is bogged down in Afghanistan.

It is conceivable that China and the Soviet Union could simply set these obstacles aside while they upgrade their relations — just as, in a sense, China and the United States ignored their differences over Taiwan when they began to normalize relations in the 1970s.

Last month, in the course of a visit to Peking, Rep. Patricia Schroeder, D-Colo., asked Vice Premier Li the man who carried greetings to Gorbachev, about improved Sino-Soviet relations. Li answered that China naturally wanted better ties with its biggest neighbor — just as the United States likes to have friendly relations with Canada. To any student of history, the comparison is preposterous, yet Li's remark indicates the drift of Chinese thinking.

No one can be certain how far this drift will go. At least, China has seized the opportunity presented by the friction between Moscow and Washington to position itself for a good old Chinese stratagem — playing off the barbarians against one other.

Jim Mann writes for The Los Angeles Times.

Khadafy promises to unite Arab nations by moral, military force

SABHA, Libya (AP) — Col. Muammar Khadafy, the Libyan leader, has vowed to transform Arab nations into a single entity by moral and military force, hinting that a possible first step might be Syrian annexation of Lebanon to end the troubles there.

But while Khadafy defended Libya's right to further Arab unity by force and revolution, Sunday's celebrations commemorating the nearly bloodless coup he masterminded 16 years ago, were notable for the lack of traditional displays of

military prowess. The 43-year-old colonel appeared in full military dress and reviewed about 100 soldiers at a barracks in this desert oasis, 400 miles south of Tripoli.

But the parade was a "people's affair" of some 4,000 men, women and children, many decked out in green, the color of the Libyan flag. It was a striking contrast to years past when hundreds of tanks, thousands of troops and military air shows dominated the celebrations.

Spectators at Sunday's anniversary festivities in Tripoli said the parade culminated in a display of Libyan-made consumer goods and items such as container trucks.

A few military aircraft did fly in formations above Tripoli, the main city in this northern African nation, but they were few in number. Libyan officials said there were no military parade details.

S. African strikers still on job

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — The black miners' union, striking the nation's gold and coal mines, said thousands of workers stayed on the job Monday under threat of violence. The Rand fell strongly after government intervention, regaining value lost in last week's nosedive.

Police reported rioting in mixed-race townships, mostly around Cape Town. There were no immediate reports on casualties.

More than 650 people have been killed in a year of rioting against apartheid, the race laws that guarantee supremacy for South Africa's white minority. Nearly all the victims have been black.

Hundreds of workers have been injured by rubber bullets and tear gas, said statement issued Monday by the black National Union of Mineworkers. Management spokesmen said they knew of no violence, and police said they had not been called in.

The union, demanding higher pay, issued its strike call to 61,000 men and said by late Monday that 26,000 were out. Company officials said about 12,400 workers walked out at six gold and coal mines. Black miners earn about 350 rand a month, \$172 in terms of a 45-cent rand. White miners are paid about 2,000 rand.

It was impossible to verify the extent of the strike at the mines, which are scattered along the Reef, a mile-high ridge running east and west near Johannesburg. Reporters were not allowed into the area and it is illegal for workers to picket outside the mine gates.

Union spokesman Howard Gabriels acknowledged that most miners went to work, but said private mine security guards told them they would be fired and sent home to their black homelands if they walked out. Management spokesmen denied the allegation.

Nearly all black miners live in dormitories and have contracts of up to 18 months. Foreign blacks work in the mines, but cannot belong to the union.

Economics fires Bolivian protesters

LA PAZ, Bolivia (AP) — At least 10,000 workers marched in La Paz Monday and strikes spread through Bolivia in protest of severe economic measures the government imposed to combat an inflation rate of 14,000 percent.

One placard carried by a marcher read: "Our children will not have any milk," a reference to the government decision to reorganize state companies, including those that produce dairy products.

About 50,000 miners and factory workers were on strike Monday. Oil workers, bank employees and teachers have threatened to walk out their jobs Tuesday.

Last Thursday, the 27-day-old conservative government floated the peso, effectively devaluing it by 85 percent, froze wages until December, increased the price of gasoline by 1,000 percent, removed subsidies on food and announced the reorganization of state companies.

"The Bolivian Workers' Central labor federation called the austerity program criminal."

"Workers are calling for an indefinite general strike in response to the most cruel and inhuman measures that have taken place in our history," said a federation leader, Jose Maria Palacios.

"The government has violated the law," said Juan Lechin Oquendo, executive secretary of the federation. "Now the people have the right to violate the law because the government has led the way."

President Victor Paz Estensaboro said the measures were necessary to prevent economic collapse and control inflation, which he said would have reached 44,000 percent by the end of the year without them.



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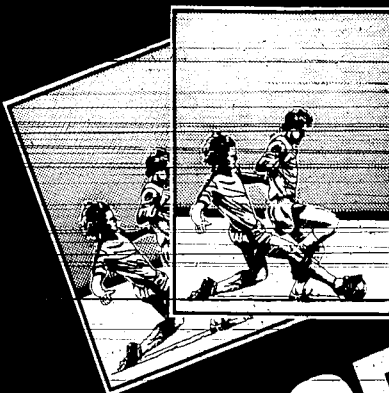
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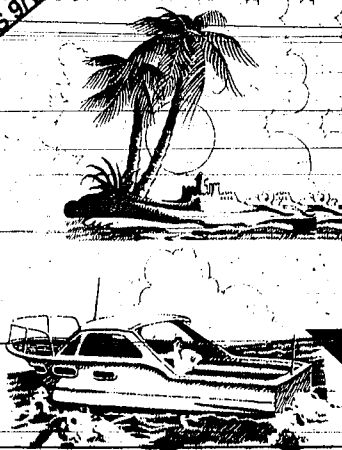
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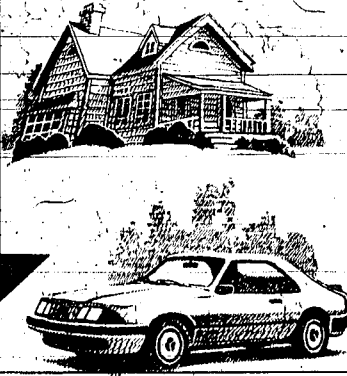
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Briefly

Imminent Ulster accord dim

DUBLIN, Ireland (AP) — Talks between Britain and the Irish Republic on the future of Northern Ireland have reached a crucial stage, and "highly complex" issues still block agreement, an Irish government source said Monday.

In Northern Ireland, a Protestant member of the British Parliament from Belfast warned of a violent backlash to any agreement that gives the Irish Republic a say in running the troubled British province.

About 2,500 people have died in sectarian and political strife in Northern Ireland over the past 16 years.

Debts squeeze Latin America

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Latin American officials are showing signs of impatience with the terms for repayment of a \$350 billion foreign debt that has squeezed their economies and driven their poor deeper into poverty.

Few Latin American economies, if any, will show robust growth this year. Unemployment has grown steadily worse and many people who still have jobs can buy less with their pay now than a few years ago.

From Mexico to Argentina, Latin American nations are struggling to find enough money to cover interest on their debts and at least some repayment of principal. About one-third of the money is owed to U.S. banks.

Benjedid backs Algerian head

MONASTIR, Tunisia (AP) — Algeria's leader came here Monday for an emergency meeting with President Habib Bourguiba on Libya's threats against Tunisia and expulsion of Tunisian workers.

Algerian President Chadli Benjedid was received by Bourguiba, who is 82 and ailing, at Monastir, Bourguiba's birthplace in southern Tunisia.

Officials of both governments said the brief visit emphasized Algeria's "active solidarity" with Tunisia in confronting threats and acts of hostility by Libyan leader Muammar Khadaffy.

Algerian sources said Benjedid assured Bourguiba that Algeria would not tolerate violations of Tunisia's sovereignty and independence. Benjedid returned home later in the day.

Christian agreement reported on Syrian plan

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — News of a Christian-Muslim militia was reported in weekend visit to Damascus, the Jumbilati leader of the Druse Progressive Socialist Party, and Nabih Berri, head of the Shiite Muslim

State-run Beirut Radio said Christian and Muslim leaders were expected to meet with Syrian officials on the proposed solutions to the civil war. Among the militia chiefs agreement from Muslim leaders or fighting between Christian and Muslim leaders was reported in Damascus were Walid the Syrian government.

The leftist Beirut daily As-Safir said a top-level delegation of President Amin Gemayel's predominantly Christian Phalange Party approved the disarmament plan during a reported visit to Damascus.

Thatcher reshuffles Cabinet to gain political advantages

LONDON (AP) — Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher announced a major Cabinet reorganization Monday night aimed at bolstering her sagging political fortunes and dealing with persistent record unemployment before the next general election.

Her Conservative Party, in third place in late political polls, gets a new chairman, and the Department of Employment gets a new minister who has spent the last year trying to create new jobs.

The prime minister said the reshuffle was designed to make it clear her government is "putting greater emphasis on enterprise and employment."

The surprise casualty was Home Secretary Leon Brittan, who lost what is traditionally considered the third-ranking post in the Cabinet. He becomes minister of trade and industry.

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Gorbachev meets with French leader

MOSCOW (AP) — Georges Marchais, head of France's Communist Party, met Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev on Monday in the Kremlin, the official news agency Tass reported, without giving details.

Marchais, who has led the French party for 12 years, was re-elected secretary-general at the party's congress in February.

He has been in the Soviet Union for more than a month, although his itinerary has not been disclosed. He is known to have visited Artek, one of the summer camps for the Soviet Communist Party's youth program, the Young Pioneers.

Marchais was considered to have good relations with Yuri Andropov, the Soviet party leader, who died in February 1984, and is believed to have good relations with Gorbachev, who succeeded Konstantin Chernenko as party leader in March. Gorbachev is to visit France next month in his first trip to a Western country, as Soviet leader.

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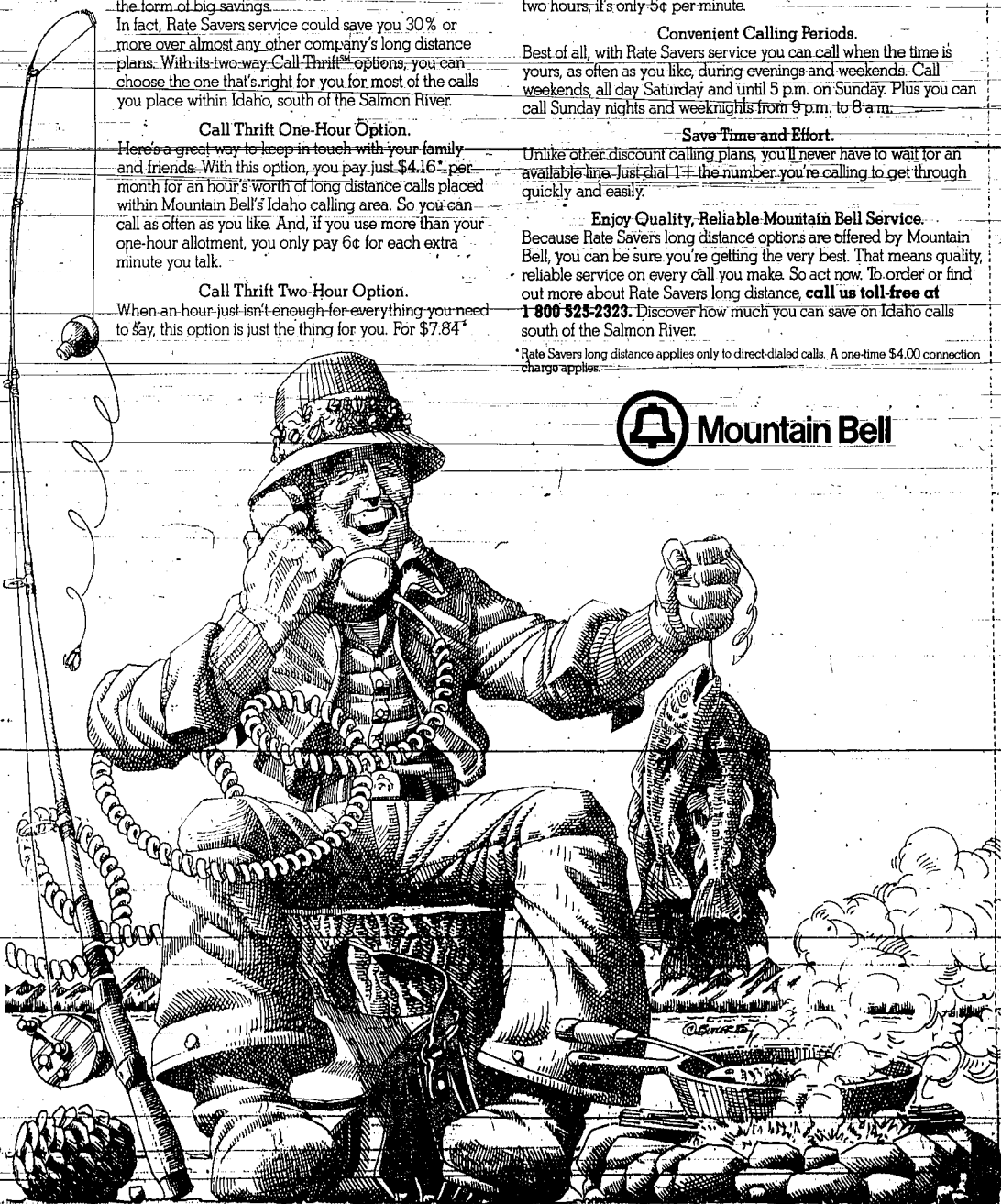
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George gives go-ahead to husband's campaign

People

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — When Phyllis George resigned as co-anchor of the "CBS Morning News," she gave her husband, former Kentucky Gov. John Y. Brown Jr., "the green light" to run for governor again, he said.

"She made a hard decision and I'm proud of her," Brown said in a copyright story in the Lexington Herald-Leader on Monday. "She concluded that she needed to be with us."

Brown, a 51-year-old Democrat, said he's almost certain he'll run in 1987, although he does not plan a formal announcement until late next year.

"I don't think anything could change my mind," he said. "If the people still want me and the polls still look good, my inclination is that is what I'd like to do."

Brown was governor from 1979-83. State law bars a governor from serving consecutive terms. The current governor is Martha Layne Collins, also a Democrat.

Ms. George, who resigned from CBS on Friday, had been continuing

between her job in New York and her family's home in Lexington.

Yankee wives collect canned food for hungry

NEW YORK (AP) — The wives of the New York Yankees went to bat for the city's hungry during the Labor Day weekend, collecting 6,000 pounds of canned edibles from the team's fans, a spokesman said.

The food, taken in at Yankee Stadium during Sunday's game with the California Angels, will be distributed to hungry people through Goldman, spokesman for the group Impact on Hunger.

Collecting the food were Gari Meachen, wife of shortstop Bobby Meachen; Debbie Sample, wife of outfielder Billy Sample; Gretchen Randolph, married to second baseman Willie Randolph; Leslie Bordi, wife of pitcher Rich Bordi; Meg Bystrom, wife of pitcher Marty Bystrom; Yolanda Szala, married to bullpen catcher Dom Szala; and Susie Torborg, whose husband is

Yankee coach Jeff Torborg.

Nixon, Nakasone meet for trade discussion

TOKYO (AP) — Former President Richard Nixon met with Japanese Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone Monday and briefly discussed trade issues between the two countries, an official of the Prime Minister's Office said.

Japanese officials declined to provide further details, saying Nixon was on a private visit.

Japan's Kyodo News Service said Nixon told Nakasone that Japan

should implement measures proposed to open its markets to foreign goods in order to reduce friction stemming from Japan's huge trade surplus with the United States.

Rostropovich receives accolades in Sicily

TAORMINA, Sicily (AP) — Mstislav Rostropovich conducted as the National Symphony Orchestra of Washington opened a European tour in Sicily, receiving calls for encores



and praise from critics.

The orchestra played Beethoven's Symphony No. 4 and Prokofiev's Symphony No. 5 for an audience of about 1,000 in the Greek amphitheater in this eastern Sicilian city Saturday evening.

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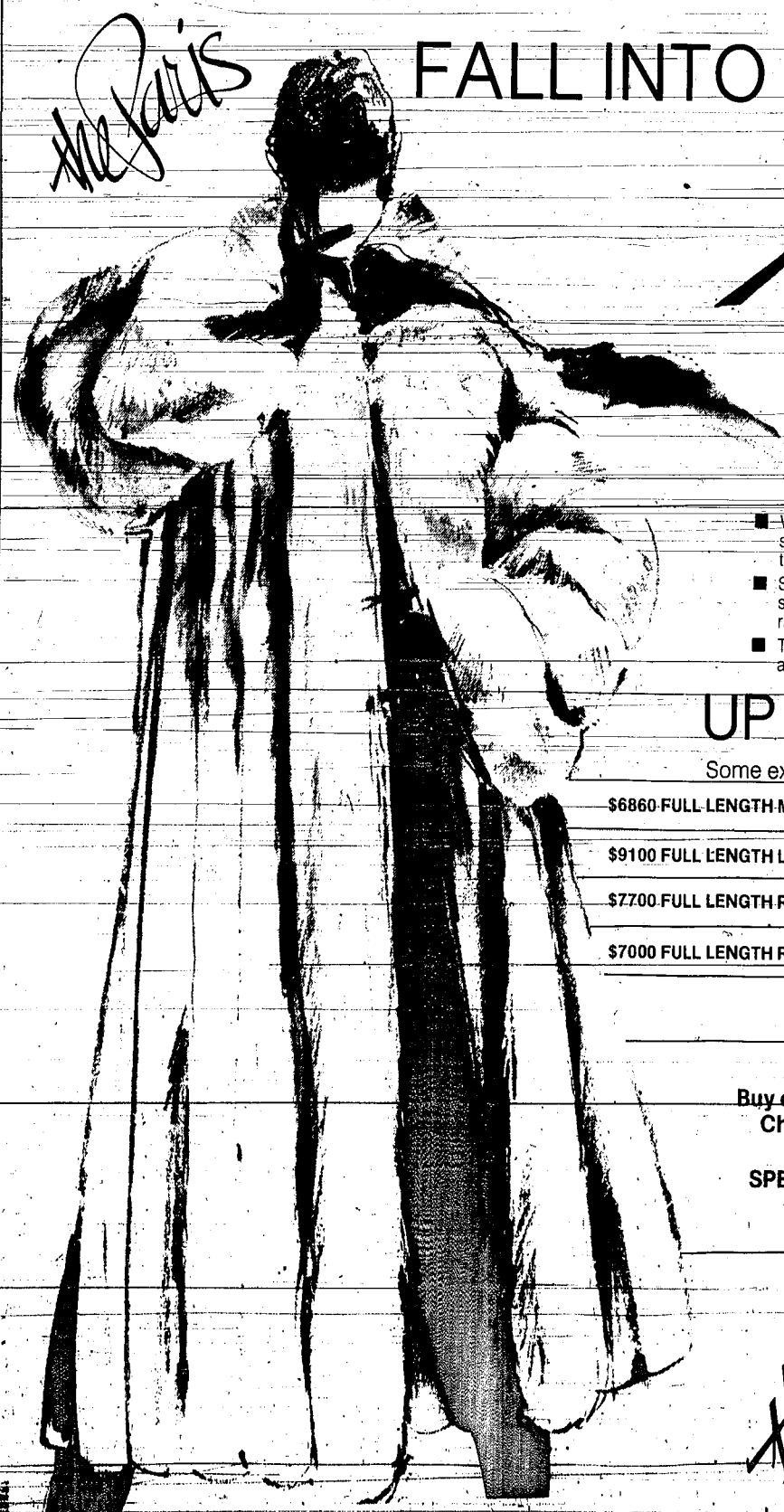
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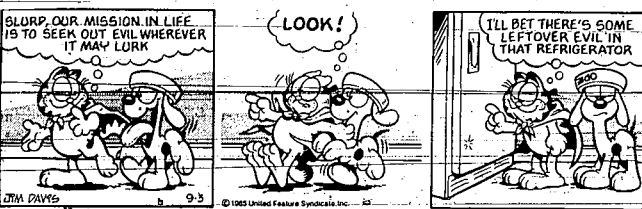
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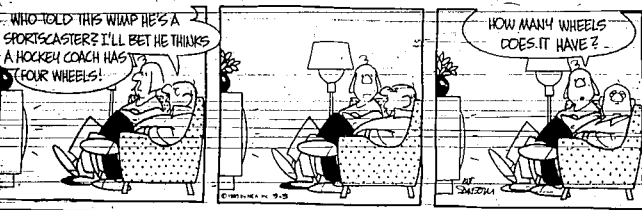
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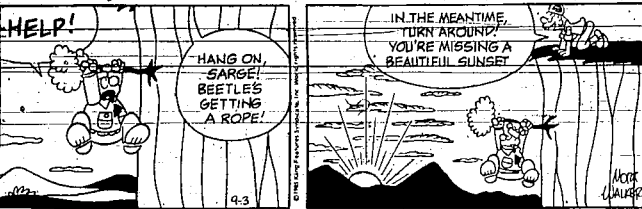
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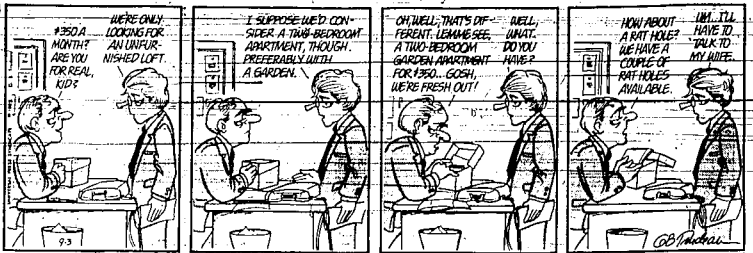
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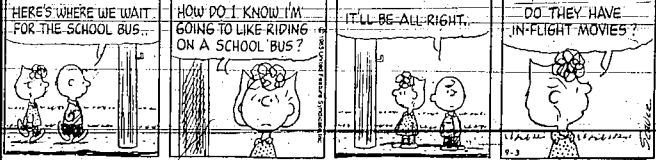
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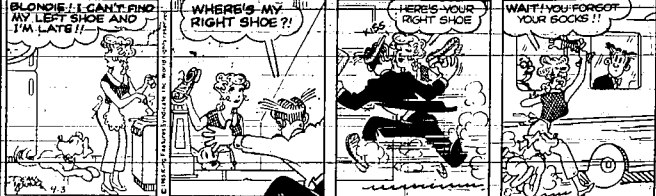
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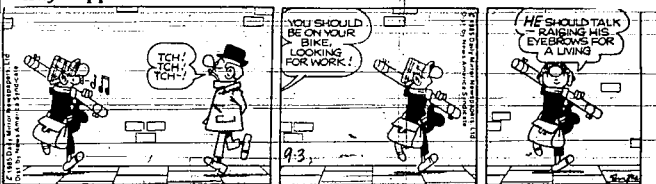
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A. The Gulf Stream.

New Zealand has more geysers than anywhere else, right?

B. More than anywhere else except Yellowstone Park.

I know the Teddy Bear was named after President Theodore Roosevelt. But why? And who named it?

A. Roosevelt on a Mississippi hunting trip in 1902 refused to shoot an undersized bear. Washington political cartoonist Clifford K. Berryman sketched the incident with a caption that prompted people to refer to it as "Teddy's bear."

AS THE DOME TURNS

The castron dome of the Capitol in Washington, D.C., heats up with the sun. It's like a sunflower. It moves three maybe four inches as the sun moves.

A panel of doctors recently decreed that more than half of the 20-million-plus hysterectomies in the 1970s were unjustified.

Adelle penguins are bullmaces -- they gorge, regurgitate, and gorge again.

If somebody around your place does a ton of laundry a year, that's typical.

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GENERAL TENDENCIES

The daytime finds you able to find out quite easily what is expected of you by others and the best manner in which you yourself can have the vision to see how to handle matters.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You can reach important decisions in the morning. In the afternoon, practical affairs crop up which can be annoying.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Study into your private matters and see how they are working out and then you can find a better way of improving them.

Daily Horoscope

ing the day, so keep at them diligently. Don't go off on any tangents in the evening.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) A fine day for reaching an understanding with the one you want to be an associate, but forget details agreed upon.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Add more color and efficiency to your work and make it more profitable and easier, but an associate could prove bothersome.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Get into that creative course you have planned early and do well during the daytime. Avoid drudgery in the evening.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) You can do well at practical affairs dur-

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) You can handle personal affairs well today, but in the evening may feel frustrated in gaining your desires.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Fine day to accomplish much of real value especially where your career is concerned. Rest up and be happy tonight.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 31) If you are more cognizant of conditions around you, you can forge ahead more quickly, but don't procrastinate.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) You can do well at practical affairs dur-

Fundamental conditions can now be changed to your greater satisfaction during the day. Cheer up, depressed mate tonight!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) You can communicate well with others during the day, but don't be forceful with kin in the evening.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to March 20) Garner data so that you can handle financial affairs much better, but don't commit yourself monetarily.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY...he or she will have a healthy interest in just about everything which can lead to finding the right progressive profession requiring little knowledge about many things. Teach early to keep an open mind and not to argue with others.

Gas well find may spur drilling

CASPER, Wyo. (AP) — A Wyoming gas well that set a record in July as the deepest producing well in the Rockies could spark a flurry of activity in Wyoming's depressed drilling industry, said industry experts.

The 24,877-foot well in Fremont County's Madden anticline has led to the discovery of gas producing formations below the 20,000-foot level that could require at least 20 more wells to develop, a spokesman for the Monsanto Oil Co. said Thursday.

Bob Beilert, land manager for Monsanto, operators of the well, said the well cost \$26 million to drill, about \$1 million a foot.

But the discovery by the ultra-deep well are "very exciting" for Wyoming's depressed drilling industry," said Janet DeVries, a staff geologist with Hotline Energy Reports of Casper.

Holladay could become a city

HOLLADAY, Utah (AP) — Residents of this Salt Lake suburban community were to decide Tuesday whether to become Utah's newest city, or remain an unincorporated part of Salt Lake County.

Also to be determined by ballot was the form of government the new city, if approved, would have.

If incorporation is approved by voters, Holladay officials would be elected in November and the town, southeast of Salt Lake City, would begin operation July 1, 1986.

The proposed Holladay city would be bounded on the north by 45th South, on the west by Highland Drive, on the south by Interstate 215 and on the east by the Wasatch Forest.

School distaste rubs off on kids

ODGEN, Utah (AP) — If you hated going to school as a child, the chances are good that your offspring will share that distaste for education, a Weber State College professor says.

"Maybe a lot of parents need to look at themselves and see if they have to develop a new attitude about school," said Randy Chatelein, a child and family studies assistant professor.

"There is a whole group of people whose experience in school was not too successful, and they tend to degrade the school system," he said.

Giving lip-service to the benefits of education is not enough, Chatelein said. Parents who want their children to do well in the classroom must first develop a love of schooling themselves.

Predators devour brine shrimp

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Microscopic predators with tremendous appetites have virtually wiped out one of the few life forms in part of the Great Salt Lake — the brine shrimp.

The invasion of ctenidids, organisms which look like speck-sized submarines propelled by pairs of oars, has left the huge, less-salty south arm of the lake nearly lifeless. Piles of dead ctenidids, having eliminated their own food source, line the shore.

The lake's larger, and briner north arm, separated from the south end by the Southern Pacific Railway causeway, still maintains a thriving shrimp population, said Orlando Cuellar, a University of Utah biologist who discovered the shrimp decimation.

Wyoming reservoir plans held

CASPER, Wyo. (AP) — Plans for a \$61 million reservoir near Baggs in the Little Snake River will be delayed at least a year because of geotechnical problems at the site, the Wyoming Water Development Commission learned last week.

Property near the proposed Sandstone Reservoir is suffering from "land creep," a slow shifting of the strata, and a year's testing will be needed to determine the extent of the damage, a spokesman for Stone and Webster Engineers told the commission.

Although the land's movement poses no danger to the proposed dam itself, the reservoir's capacity could be reduced by 25 to 30 percent as earth moves into the space, the spokesman said.

Fire crews contain Wyoming blaze; Salmon firefighters assisted by rain

By The Associated Press

Firefighters Monday contained a fire burning over 6,000 acres in Wyoming's rugged Rattlesnake Hills, while workers in Washington state battled to save houses from a blaze that had already left 19 families homeless.

In Idaho's Salmon National Forest, an army of 1,000 firefighters, aided by rain, helicopters and bulldozers, launched a major offensive against a 31,150-acre fire.

In northern California, a 1,700-acre, wind-whipped blaze burned in a steep canyon.

The 4-day-old Wyoming blaze, about 50 miles west of Casper, was contained Monday morning after firefighters extinguished a 40-acre flare-up created when the main blaze jumped fire lines.

About 12 hours earlier, another group of workers contained a 1,028-acre blaze in Grand Teton National Park in western Wyoming.

Grand Teton spokesman Norm Huntsman said 500 firefighters remained in the 310,000-acre national park to try to bring the fire under control by Monday evening.

A park road adjacent to the fire had been closed when reopened, but a popular hiking area behind the blaze remained off limits.

In northeast Washington,

firefighters were pulled away because they had gone without sleep for 48 hours.

"We left those people on as late as we could but it became obvious we couldn't control the fire," he said. "When they left, they fell the fire wasn't a threat."

Firefighters in Idaho had no estimate on when the mammoth Salmon National Forest blaze, ignited by lightning on July 20, would be contained.

"The strategy today is to attack the west, south and east flanks by holding and strengthening firelines and mopping up," said Forest spokesman Jim Stone said Monday.

The blaze had already burned 19 dwellings, ranging from tents to large frame houses, said Okanogan County Sheriff John Johnston.

Some of those left homeless were angry with authorities for pulling firefighters off the lines Wednesday night.

Clay Brown of the state Department of Natural Resources said

Okanogan County firefighters hoped to contain the 25,000-acre Barker Mountain fire by late Monday. They were burning tinder-dry brush and grass in some areas to reduce the chance of a breakout and were trying to save an undetermined number of houses that were inside the fire lines.

fish markets in the state sold steelhead, he said.

After monitoring the Aug. 23-28 era restaurants and at least two

Sportsmen's group protests steelhead sales

BOISE (AP) — An Idaho sportsmen's group has vowed to push legislation outlawing the sale of steelhead in Idaho after discovering that the fish has been sold in Idaho restaurants and stores.

"It seems ridiculous to scream and yell, and then to buy fish from

the people we're trying to talk into letting our steelhead alone," said the Columbia River, the group Dan Magers, treasurer for Idaho learned that 20,500 steelhead were Steelhead and Salmon Unlimited, harvested and sold to fish buyers, he said. That prompted the group to investigate whether steelhead was offered in Idaho, and it found that sev-

eral restaurants and at least two

Utah boy dies in fall down mine shaft

BRIGHAM CITY, Utah (AP) — An 11-year-old boy fell 500 feet to his death when he leaned from his three-wheel recreational vehicle to peer into an abandoned mine shaft, Box Elder County sheriff's officers say.

Sgt. Curtis Larsen said search and rescue team mountain climbers rappelled into the shaft and recovered the body late Sunday.

The victim, Kris Marchant, son of Lynn and Kathy Marchant of Ogden, was three-wheeling in the Promontory Point area with his father, brother and two friends when the accident happened at 11:30 a.m., Larsen said.

The accident east of the Lake Crystal Salt Company property occurred on the southwest corner of the Promontory Range, about 85 miles from Brigham City.

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Four killed in light plane crash in field

OGDEN, Utah (AP) — A light plane crashed on the edge of a field west of here, killing all four people aboard, Weber County Sheriff George Fisher said Monday.

The two men and two women were from outside Utah, but Fisher said authorities had not confirmed their identities.

The aircraft took off from the Ogden airport at 12:41 p.m. and probably was in the air for 18 minutes, Fisher said. Witnesses told investigators they believed it was headed west.

The wreckage was found in the field at about 300 S. 3600 West in the West Weber area. The wings and tail section appeared to be intact, but the nose section was heavily damaged.

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Council considers hazardous storage plan

By ANNETTE CARY
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls City Council will hold a public hearing today at 7 p.m. in City Hall on a zoning amendment to control the storage of large amounts of hazardous materials inside the city.

The present zoning code makes no reference to hazardous materials, nor provisions for where they can be stored. That allows the materials to be kept in any warehouses, which could include those near downtown Twin Falls and near some schools, city startmenters say.

The amendment to be discussed tonight restricts all new businesses storing, handling, using or selling large amounts of haz-

ardous chemicals to a special overlay district, designated as H-1, in the heavy manufacturing district of the southeast corner of the city.

Existing businesses storing large amounts of hazardous chemicals such as pesticides would be required to obtain special use permits if they want to expand sections of the businesses where the chemicals are stored.

Most retail operations, such as hardware and gardening stores, would be exempt.

This is the third time in recent years that the council has been asked to put restrictions on where hazardous materials can be stored. The latest proposal, however, is less restrictive and it also overcomes the defects of earlier proposals, say supporters of the plan.

Most importantly, it provides a clear and current definition of hazardous chemicals by using those listed in the Uniform Building Code adopted by the city council, they say.

Regular updates of the nationally-used building code will keep the local ordinance up-to-date as new chemicals enter the market.

It's a compromise proposal that should help insure fire safety, protect public health and maintain clean water, says Pam Shropshire, chairperson of the Twin Falls City Citizens Ordinance Committee.

The Twin Falls Planning and Zoning Commission has already approved the proposal at the urging of residents and health and environmental officials who spoke at an August meeting.

"Let's not get in the position of counting bodies before a decision is made by the city zoning commission and council to control hazardous materials," said Mike Mc Masters, local field officer for the Division of Environment of the Department of Health and Welfare.

Some commission members, however, were concerned that the proposal would be too restrictive to businesses or that there would be too many existing businesses not in the proposed H-1 zone.

Because the city has no formal system for issuing the licenses for hazardous materials storage that the law requires, city staff members were unable to tell commission members which existing businesses store hazardous chemicals as defined by the

Uniform Building Code.

The Citizens Ordinance Committee was formed last spring with the council's approval to draw up an ordinance which would be fair to both businesses and residents. The group includes area residents and officials representing business, government and health care concerns.

Since the committee was formed, the state has stepped in to settle a long-standing feud between the Idaho Neighbors Network, a citizen's action group, and the city council over storage of hazardous materials in the Burna Vista neighborhood.

State fire officials declared the storage of farm chemicals in a warehouse operated by Elmo Muir an "extreme, hazardous condition."

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Former fire chief runs for council

By ANNETTE CARY
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Concern over fire safety and the City Council's "high-handed methods" have prompted former fire chief Fred Higgins to announce his candidacy for one of the three Twin Falls council positions to be filled in the November city election.

The city of Twin Falls has enjoyed one of the best fire safety records in the state, but the present City Council is cutting corners which could endanger that standing, he says.

The consolidation of police and fire departments has not really been tested, since the city has fortunately had no large fires recently, he says.



FRED HIGGINS
Critical of consolidation

"But you take two departments and ask one man to supervise them, you're asking quite a bit," he says. "As chief of police, Tim (Qualls) does a good job with all he has to keep up with, but then to throw the fire department under him, also with all its new rules and regulations and the building department, too, is just more job than any one man can handle."

Higgins says he is particularly concerned about the way the present council handled the consolidation.

"It bugged me when the citizens voted against it and then the council in its wisdom said, 'we know more than you do, and we're going to run it our way,'" Higgins says.

He also is critical of the council's handling of fire safety issues.

He's not for strict enforcement of fire codes — "that's a nasty word, but enforcement, yes," he says. "I'm for reasonable enforcement and that's what the code calls for."

In the last two years, the council has relaxed fire safety standards in the city. Members have dropped an ordinance which tied the issuance of liquor licenses to fire safety inspections and have allowed provisions of city codes to be waived if a builder can show that fire safety and other

standards cause a hardship or there are other special circumstances. One safety inspection position has been cut, and there is talk of cutting another one next year.

"I don't know what the council is up against, but I think they are going against it the wrong way," Higgins says.

Asked about other issues facing the city, Higgins says he does "not think there is any catastrophe facing the city that cannot be worked out."

Revenue "always was and is a problem," he says. If one source of revenue dries up, as federal revenue sharing is likely to do, then the city will have to find another, he said.

Services can only be cut to a certain point, he says. Every spring, residents are still going to want to have the potholes in the streets repaired; fire and police services have to be maintained; and a host of less visible jobs have to be done to keep the city running, he says.

On the subject of the swimming pool, he says he would like to see a bond issue on the November ballot.

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Final touches done for fair's opening



Ralph and Kande Jones carry their spider plant into the fair exhibition center.

Judging under way on antiques, horses

By KENNETH A. BROWN
Times-News writer

FILER — Even with official opening still a day away, the county fairgrounds were a "beehive of activity" Monday, according to Fair Manager Tom Shouse.

While the gates were officially closed to the general public Monday, competitors giving some last-minute preening to their animals and exhibitors readying their displays for this morning's a.m. opening gave the fairgrounds an atmosphere of being anything but closed.

Judging was already under way on Labor Day in a number of fair activities, including the 4-H horse competition, antiques and home arts.

In addition, judging was already completed in some premium competitions such as produce and poultry, according to Shouse.

More, however, is still to come. "It's going concern tomorrow," said Shouse of the fair. Judging will continue in a variety of other events throughout the week, concluding on Saturday, he added.

One of the highlighted competitions according to Shouse will be the "Open to the World" steer show. Shouse said "it's truly open to the world" — he added, "people come from all over with their animals to compete."

In the beef barn a number of cattle had already arrived. Most were from Idaho, but there were also a number of out-of-state "visitors" in the pens, including animals from Oregon, Oklahoma and Wyoming.

Most competitors in the beef barn spent the day cleaning their animals. Some were hosed down and scrubbed outside. Others, having had time to dry off, were being gone over with hand-held vacuum cleaners.

If the weather turns hot, chances are the cattle may be the most comfortable group at the fair: most had their own private electric fan in

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90% attendance rule revised

By PAULA EUBANKS
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls School District has issued a new interpretation of the state regulation that requires 90-percent school attendance of kindergartners through 12th grade public school students.

The local policy last year contained contradictions on what qualified as an absence and resulted in misunderstandings by students, said Dr. Kent Heaton, assistant superintendent.

The new policy, which stresses due

process and parent-teacher communication, is to be effective Sept. 9, but must first be approved by the Twin Falls School Board at its Sept. 6 meeting, Heaton said.

The board, principals and administrators have reviewed the policy this month and proposed changes that eliminated the contradictions, Heaton added. Despite the changes, "it's difficult to write a policy that covers each person's situation," he said.

"The 90-percent attendance rule will never be 100-percent understandable," Heaton said at the August

school board meeting.

At that meeting, board member Bob Knighton said that the state lawmakers overreacted to the problem of student absences and that the local districts were left to make the law workable.

"They accomplished something by overkill. We must make it livable for the community," Knighton said.

"You can't teach kids who aren't in school," Heaton said Friday.

The state laws says "credit will not be given to any student in a subject when the student was not in

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Teachers to vote on contract today

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls public school teachers are invited to vote for the approval or disapproval of the negotiated teachers contract for 1985-86 at 4 p.m. today at the O'Leary Junior High School.

The votes of both Twin Falls Education Association members and non-TFEA teachers will guide the TFEA negotiations team to accept or reject the current version of the contract, TFEA President Ray Grubbs said.

Only TFEA members would be allowed to vote for ratification.

The negotiations have continued for over a year.

Negotiations for the 1985-86 contract will not begin until the present contract issue is settled.

Activities fill fair day

- TUESDAY**
- 8 a.m., flag raising.
 - 9 a.m., judging of open class swine, followed by 4-H swine breeding, swine barn area.
 - 9 a.m., judging of Holstein cattle, show arena.
 - 9 a.m., flowers must be in, produce bldg.
 - 10 a.m., horse equitation and pleasure classes, rodeo arena.
 - 10 a.m., judging of sheep, sheep arena.
 - 10 a.m., Judging of dogs, dog bldg.
 - 10 a.m., judging of flowers, produce bldg.
 - 1 p.m., 4-H breeding goats, quality & fitting & showing, horse arena.
 - 1 p.m., 4-H bowl, pavilion bldg.
 - 1 p.m., Judging sale cattle, showing ring.
 - 2 p.m., Judging of Charolais & Jersey, show arena.
 - 2 p.m., 4 p.m., Sage Gymnastics, band shell.
 - 3 p.m. & 5 p.m., kung fu demonstrations, band shell.
 - 3 p.m., Judging of Stimmentals & Junior Stimmentals, show arena.
 - 4 p.m. & 8 p.m. Sawtooth Country Cloggers, band shell.
 - 4 p.m., judging of junior flower gardeners, produce building.
 - 4 p.m., Judging of Angus cattle & Junior Angus show, show arena.
 - 4:30 & 6:30 p.m., roller skaters, band shell.
 - 5 p.m., Judging of shorthorn cattle & Junior shorthorns and exotics, show arena.
 - 5 p.m., flag lowering ceremony.
 - 7 p.m., ladies' lead line, sheep arena.
 - 8 p.m., mule performance, rodeo arena.



Friends gleam from heading for parade

Briefly

Oregon man hurt in rollover
TWIN FALLS — An Oregon man was injured Monday morning in a one-car rollover south of Twin Falls.

Woman killed in U.S. 93 crash
TWIN FALLS — The third fatal traffic accident on U.S. Highway 93 south of Twin Falls in as many weeks occurred at 12:35 a.m. Monday when a California woman was killed in a head-on collision.

Council

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The council's plan to build a covered pool at the Twin Falls High School but does "think children ought to have a place to go swimming."

The council is also expected to take a formal vote on putting a bond election to partially finance a new swimming pool on the ballot in November.

A straw vote taken last week indicated the majority of the council is in favor of the vote.

Higgins

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He opposed the council's plan to build a covered pool at the Twin Falls High School but does "think children ought to have a place to go swimming."

He says, "We have to make room for people."
What extent the council should become involved in recruiting businesses and using tax dollars to provide the benefit that will lure them here, should be up to the people, he says.

O'Leary a fire trap. Tests on similar buildings showed that within 10 minutes of a fire starting, corridors could not be used, he said.

Obituaries

Terry L. Henderson
GOODING — Terry L. Henderson, 69, of Gooding, died Sunday at Gooding Memorial Hospital.

Nina A. Rauson
SHOSHONE — Nina A. Rauson, 84, of Salt Lake City, and formerly of Shoshone, died at her home in Salt Lake City.

Abe Ariel Hansen
BURELY — Abe Ariel Hansen, 64, of Burely, died Sunday evening in Cassin Memorial Hospital.

Minnie Mae Brooks
HAZELTON — Minnie Mae Brooks, 83, of Yuba City, Calif., and formerly of Hazelton, died Sunday at a rest home in Yuba.

Wyth Dunavan
BUHL — Wyth Dunavan, 81, of Buhl, died Monday morning in Magic Valley Regional Medical Center after an extended illness.

Henry Wuebbenhorst
BUHL — Henry E. Wuebbenhorst, 76, of Buhl, died Sunday evening in Magic Valley Regional Medical Center after a lingering illness.

DeWayne Bloxham
BURELY — DeWayne Bloxham, 78, of Burely, died Monday at Cassin Memorial Hospital.

Stella Peterson
HEYBURN — Stella Peterson, 85, of Heyburn, died Sunday afternoon in Mindoka Memorial Hospital.

Henry Wuebbenhorst
BUHL — Henry E. Wuebbenhorst, 76, of Buhl, died Sunday evening in Magic Valley Regional Medical Center after a lingering illness.

Luell Jane Bodily
BURELY — Luella Jane Bodily, 94, of Burely, died Monday morning at the Burely nursing home.

Clyde M. Metcalf
TWIN FALLS — Clyde M. Metcalf, 70, of Twin Falls, died early Monday morning at his home after a long illness.

Services
BUHL — The funeral for Frances E. Langford, 90, of Buhl who died Sunday, will be held at the First Baptist Church at 11 a.m. Wednesday.

Hospitals
MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
Mrs. Dwayne Burton, Aunead Shinn, Dusty Lynn Edwards, Treasa Lynn Niles and Janet Woodson, of Twin Falls; Don G. Corrie, Mrs. Elmer Corrie, both of Hansen; and Hector Nevarez of Buhl.

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MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Hector A. Nevarez of Buhl and a son to Treasa Lynn Niles of Twin Falls.

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School

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School student misses any attendance at least 90 percent of the time that subject was being taught.

After the high school student misses five classes and a grade school student misses 10 days, parents will receive a letter that explains the 90-percent rule, possible consequences of exceeding its limits, suggestions for home-school cooperation, and information about ways to exempt student absences due to serious illness or injury.

When a high school student has seven absences and a grade school student has 14, the student's parents will be asked to confer about the rule and consequences with the school principal or vice principal.

Fair

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It was a similar flurry of activity at the sheep and swine barns as contestants gave their animals some careful preening.

One of the busiest spots, however, was the rodeo arena where portions of the 4-H's horse competition were under way.

Competition will held Monday in Western riding, trail showmanship, halter and Western reining, Dauven said.

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Union promotes education funding

POCATELLO (AP) — Higher teachers salaries, more education funding and tax reform will again top the Idaho Education Association's political platform during the 1990 Legislature, the union's incoming president says.

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Cocaine trial likely to interrupt several ballplayers' seasons

By ALAN ROBINSON
The Associated Press

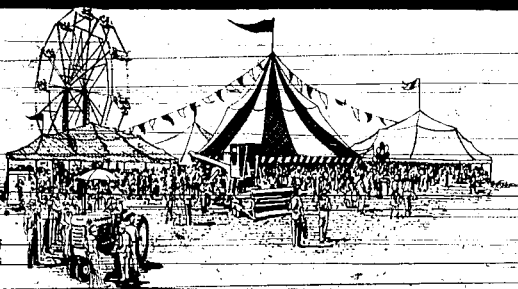
PITTSBURGH — Several of baseball's best-known players, including Dave Parker of the Cincinnati Reds and Keith Hernandez of the New York Mets, may be called away from their teams during the pennant races this week to testify in the federal drug trial of a former Philadelphia Phillies clubhouse caterer.

Baseball — U.S. Attorney J. Alan Johnson, in papers filed last Friday before U.S. District Judge Gustave Diamond,

faces 16 cocaine distribution counts beginning Tuesday in a trial in which players are likely to be asked to detail under oath how extensive the cocaine problem is in major league baseball.

said nine current players and one former player may be called to testify. All received immunity from prosecution in return for the testimony before a federal grand jury. Included were Parker, Hernandez, Dale Berra of the New York Yankees, Al Holland of the California Angels, Rod Scurry of the Pittsburgh Pirates, Lee Lacy of the Baltimore Orioles, Jeff Leonard of the San Francisco Giants, Eric Cabell of the Los Angeles Dodgers, Lonnie Smith of the Kansas City Royals, and former Pirate outfielder John Milner, who is retired. Parker, Berra and Lacy are caine, the dates and approximate times of the deals and the location.

COUNTY FAIR SPECIALS



Next to the displays at the fair, the nicest display of fresh fruits and vegetables in the county during fair week is found at Swensen's. Swensen's haven't quite got the nerve to hang blue ribbons above all their produce but you will find inexpensive price tags to go with the fine quality. (See examples listed below). On the other hand, if you've ever wondered what it would be like to savor and experience a choice cut of beef while gazing at the beautiful 4-H livestock at the fair that curiously can be economically satisfied at Swensen's U.S.D.A. Choice Cut Meat Dept. (Please notice specials listed below). Have fun at the Fair! If you decide to eat any meals at home this week, be sure to shop Swensen's & Save!

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Foreign bankers may speed reforms

By JAMES F. SMITH
The Associated Press

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — In the end, it may not be black rioters and overseas sanctions that will force the white government into political and social reforms. It may be hard-nosed foreign bankers.

After the value of the South African currency tumbled by 30 percent in two weeks, the government took the unprecedented steps Aug. 27 of shutting the stock market for five days and halting all foreign currency transactions in an effort to stop a flight of capital.

The road jammed because some foreign bankers were calling in maturing short-term loans and refusing to renew credit to South African borrowers. At the same time, a number of large overseas firms were quietly selling off South African interests, sending more money out of the country.

The reason for the flight of capital, analysts suggest, was the fear that more black unrest appeared likely because of seeming government intransigence on race reforms.

Even more than the rioting with its 650-plus deaths, the harsh reality of a battered economy has brought home to some of South Africa's 5 million whites the

need to face up to black political demands for reform. Four years ago, one pundit said, the currency market was frozen on Aug. 27 after the rand fell to an all-time low against the dollar of 37 cents — about one-fourth its former value.

Anton Rupert, head of the bank of the same name, said in a speech, "This is the government's final opportunity to correct past wrongs and introduce a new constitution for the country, its citizens and its people."

As the rand's value fell, the cost in rands of South Africa's \$17 billion foreign debt has soared, raising doubts about the nation's ability to repay on time. Nearly \$12 billion in routine loans to private companies, banks and the government are due within a year.

The figures are not dramatic in world terms, and until now South Africa has boasted of its excellent repayment record. But few anticipated the sudden calling in of loans on the side of credit.

The governor of the Reserve Bank, Gerhard de Kock, says South Africa can afford to repay about 400 million rands a month, or 4.8 billion rand a year.

But with the rand's value at 35 cents, 4.8 billion would be just \$1.68 billion, far less than the debt unless

it is "rolled over" or refinanced — a routine procedure in the past.

So the government was forced to step in with the dramatic five-day freeze on currency dealings and stock trading while De Kock flew to London and Washington to try to repair the rand's shattered credibility and renegotiate the loan repayment schedule. There was speculation he would offer to swap some of South Africa's gold reserves to payment.

To make his task more difficult, De Kock's plane broke out near Cape Town while he was away, leaving nearly 30 blacks dead in that area in three days.

Business leaders acknowledged the need for some immediate emergency surgery to save the rand, but many joined Rupert in saying the long-term cure lies in political reform, not economic or financial treatment.

Gavin Reilly, chairman of the powerful Anglo American Corp., South Africa's mining multinational, said, "As the causes for the run on the currency were not economic but political, any economic measures that the authorities may introduce will have no more than a short- to medium-term effect unless they are also accompanied by a new political dispensation."

Above all, he said, the government must "enter into genuine negotiations with representatives of all (race) groups in South Africa for a new political system of genuine power-sharing."

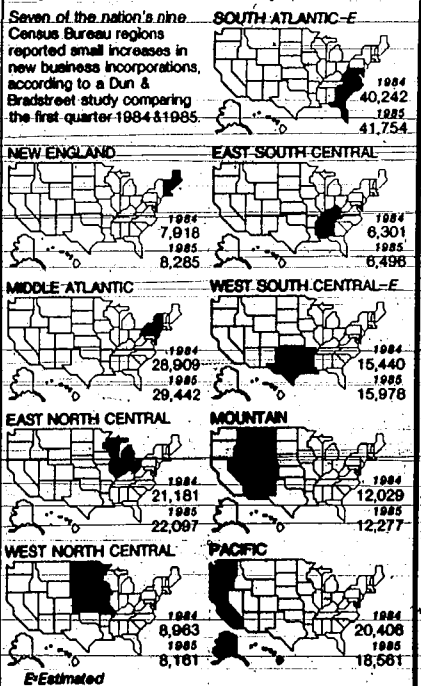
Four influential industry and business federations representing all races called on President P.W. Botha to open talks with all black leaders, including those in jail, to draft an agenda for abolishing apartheid and planning a future to include the 24 million blacks.

"Our survival depends on making the necessary structural changes to uphold the political, social and economic values pursued by our major trading partners which represent in essence, the great international community," the business groups said.

During the past year of rioting, business groups have spoken out more and more for reform and negotiation. A recession has gripped the country for two years, preceding the riots by 18 months. Business executives have joined government foes in saying a major factor in the economic decline is the expensive bureaucratic machinery of apartheid, which includes separate education systems, migrant labor and the black homeland policy confining millions of blacks to tribal reserves.

Behind the slide also lies the fall in the price of gold, which earns nearly half South Africa's foreign revenues.

Slight Increase In Incorporations



Census Bureau counts 5,535 robots

By RANDOLPHE SCHMID
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — American industry produced 5,535 robots last year, the Census Bureau said Wednesday in its first-ever survey of mechanical men.

Best known for its counts of the American people every decade, the Census Bureau also studies many other things, including business and industry. It now has added robots to its series of Current Industrial Reports.

While movies have given robots the popular image of clanking, humanoid monsters, most are basic industrial machines used to speed production and free humans from dangerous or repetitive jobs.

In the past, robots counted in the Census of Industry — conducted every five years — have been classified according to end use, such

as welding machines, parts assemblers, paint sprayers and so forth, Ken McBeth of the Census Bureau's Industry Division explained.

But that made it hard to measure robot production and use and complicated the business of tracking imports and exports of robots, prompting the Robotics Industries Association to ask for the separate count, McBeth said.

Association spokesman Jeff Burnstein said the group's current aim is to have a new Standard Industrial Classification code issued for robots, giving them a separate listing on government censuses and other collections of statistics.

That would make it easier to count the growing number of imported robots, Burnstein said in a telephone interview from his Dearborn, Mich., office.

But to obtain such a classification

New incorporations show slight increases

By The Associated Press

NEW YORK — New business incorporations in the first quarter edged up 1 percent to a record 163,989 from the previous high of 161,389 in the same three months of 1984, Dun & Bradstreet Corp. reported Thursday.

The relatively slight increase was "consistent with the general slowdown in economic activity during this period," said Joseph W. Duncan, a corporate economist and the chief statistician for the business information company.

Seven of the nation's nine Census regions reported small increases in new incorporations, Dun & Bradstreet said.

They were led by New England, up 4.6 percent, and the East North Central states, up 4.3 percent. The South Atlantic, West South Central and East South Central states

Summer saw few changes

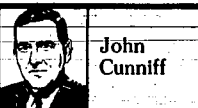
NEW YORK — Returning to the job scene after letting the mind, if not the body, rest during the summer, Americans are finding that things really haven't changed that much.

The old issues are in the same place they were left last June, ready to be dusted and put back into service. There is still a budget deficit, and the national debt ceiling wall, as expected, have to be raised again.

The employment situation hasn't changed much. Neither have interest rates — the gross national product, inflation or the other numbers by which we rate the condition of the economy.

Tax reform? It's right where it was, a bit tattered from being manhandled by those lobbyists who didn't take a vacation. It is still viewed by the public in the same old way: a good idea, but not when it hurts me.

A very few issues have become a bit sticky in the high humidity, and at least one, protectionism, has



John Cunniff

heated to the boiling point. Ironically, it has done so as the dollars weakens a bit, making it easier for Americans to export goods.

The old arguments among economists and futurists are right where they were a few months ago. That is, they continue without any resolution in sight, giving employment to those who devise them and headaches to everyone else.

Will the Federal Reserve tighten the money supply? Will the dollar fall further? Will the stock market rise? Will interest rates decline? Will inflation return? Will consumers continue to show a mild degree of confidence?

Nobody knows the answers to these questions, but that doesn't

mean — the search will end. If lotteries now are one of the biggest consumer industries, with sales up 36 percent to \$8.4 billion in the 12 months through June 30.

But that isn't the only evidence of a gambling spirit. Real estate investment vehicles have proliferated, as they do when money is relatively easy to come by, and some of them have lost their customers' wallets and shirts.

This is a recurring phenomenon, and the script seldom varies. In the latest example, Equity Programs Investment Corp. convinced people to invest in its program of buying single family houses, the income from which was known to be insufficient to handle the utility expenses, such as mortgage payments.

Unusual buying and selling of another sort has also picked up. Reading your newspaper, you might wonder: what is the business of business: to sell goods and services, or to buy up other companies, often against their wishes?

Dollar strengthens in Europe; gold also higher

By The Associated Press

LONDON — The U.S. dollar gained vigorously against all of Europe's major currencies Monday, following a renewal of optimism in the U.S. economy. Gold prices also rose.

Money traders said the dollar strengthened despite quiet trading conditions due to the Labor Day holiday which closed U.S. markets.

They said pre-Labor Day sentiment was sparked by Friday's release of several U.S. economic indicators for July which were better than expected.

In Frankfurt, the dollar gained

almost all the ground it lost over the past three weeks. It should advance to well over 2.85 West German marks during the rest of this week, possibly reaching 2.90 which it last touched on July 11, one dealer said.

Although the dollar gained in London against the British pound, the pound gained in Europe against other currencies largely because of the weakness of the South African rand, for which sterling has become an alternative currency, dealers said.

Late dollar rates Monday compared with levels in Europe late Friday:

—2.835 West German marks, up from 2.8060
—2.340 Swiss francs, up from 2.2950
—8.675 French francs, up from 6.5375
—3.1870 Dutch guilders, up from 3.1440
—1,893.00 Italian lire, up from 1,672.00
—1.9715 Canadian dollars, up from 1.3640

In London, one British pound cost \$1.3817, cheaper for buyers than Friday's \$1.3908.

The dollar was also rising in Tokyo where it closed at 238.50 Japanese yen, up from 237.10.

Although gold traditionally goes down when the dollar rises, prices edged up because of worries over South Africa, which has suspended repayment on foreign loans for four months, bullion traders said.

Gold traded late in London at a bid \$334.50 a troy ounce, up from \$334 late Friday. The Zurich late bid price was \$335, up from \$333.50.

Gold closed earlier in Hong Kong at \$336.03, up from \$334.88.

Silver bullion was quoted late in London at a bid \$8.23.5 a troy ounce, down from \$8.25.5.

Reagan plan cuts federal deduction for state, local taxes

To slash the peak rate imposed on the (highest level) of anyone's income from 10 percent — it was once 91 percent — to 35 percent, President Reagan proposes to make almost every change possible in order to squeeze out each drop of revenue from every other source.

This is supposed to make the total impact of the proposals approximately "revenue neutral."

Against a deficit averaging steadily toward mammoth sizes, just about every unmentionable becomes mentionable. No laughter allowed. For instance, a chief source of new revenue from any tax cuts would be the removal of a federal deduction for state and local taxes, including real estate taxes, to pay for schools, roads, police, fire protection.

The arguments for cutting out this

share of the poor (for whatever reason) will get more of the poor, causing risk of a social indexbox.

Higher tax rates will be forced to cut services to and into the bone — or keep effective tax rates so high people won't be able to afford to live in their own states, forcing them to live in the states with the lowest rates (such as New York) to competitors in London or Tokyo.

Home ownership — the basic American dream — would become impossible for many, because of the loss of the real estate tax deduction. The main beneficiaries would be the rich whose highest tax rate would go down from 50 percent to 35 percent. There would be a shift of more dollars out of the pockets of poorer people who get state and local services into the coffers of the

affluent.

Ugh, ugh — up and down. What are the options? Some are unmentionable, but since it's fashionable to speak the unmentionable these days (even if to condemn the option), here goes:

1) Focus on the "fairness" aspect. Why give another 10 percent tax break to the ultrarich on top of the tax cuts the rich already have received?

2) Phase out tax-exempt bonds, honoring the sanctity of the tax-exempt already issued. This would require some means to permit localities to get essential credit, such as a window at the Federal Reserve for credit up to a specified percentage. We subsidize loans such as this for foreign countries through our support of the World Bank — so

why not subsidize loans for us at home?

3) Push for lower interest rates to cut the expense of paying interest on the debt. ("A penny saved is a penny earned.")

4) Cut back on deductions for lobbying. That might save only a few hundred million directly, but consider the greater ease of tax "simplicity." I'm still wondering as I write and it's hot outside.

5) Reverse the current policy of trying to centralize more and more federal operations in Washington. Do the work more directly, simply and with less costly paper-shuffling on the spot.

6) Add a surtax on the highest incomes. Wouldn't yield much, but might make you more willing to report your tips to a waiter.

7) Shift the focus of today's national debate from taxes to economic growth — which means to the incentives to create more jobs.

Yelping about taxes doesn't get you anywhere. We scratch, we itch, we tinker, we shift back and forth — but in the end we get nowhere at all, by giving the rich another 10 percent tax break. We will merely siphon into the top layer of the frosting on the cake.

Let's get off tax "reform" and into what matters: our nation's efficiency, plant and equipment. Reagan didn't mean this to come out of his reform proposals. Take it back, Mr. President. Let's start again.

Sylvia Porter Writes on Fiscal matters for Universal Press Syndicate

Business

Saturn announcement sparks Tennessee real estate boom

By MIRIAM ROZEN
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SPRING HILL, Tenn. — One day before General Motors announced that it would build its \$3.5 billion Saturn plant in Spring Hill, two Dallas real estate investors signed a contract to buy a 158-acre farm less than one mile from the proposed auto plant.

"You can buy a Tennessee ottentop in early," said Dan Ross, the 32-year-old officer at Option One, which bought the property near the plant for \$5,000 an acre. GM says the new facility will create 6,000 jobs and spawn 14,000 others in related activities.

Since the automaker's July 30 announcement, Ross and his partner, Jimmy Crow, have signed purchasing contracts on about 2,000 acres in Maury County, Tenn. The two Texans, paying speculative prices ranging from \$5,000 to \$15,000 per acre, hope to buy about 2,000 acres more.

The two Texans are among dozens of developers and investors from across the country congregating in

Maury County, townspeople report, stirring talk, lawsuits and government scrutiny.

Central Tennessee — which has acquired the nickname "Little Detroit" after Nissan, GM and now possibly Toyota have decided to start operations there — is a hot real estate ticket. Land speculation and related talk have overtaken the three quiet neighboring towns in Maury County — Spring Hill with 1,200 people, Columbia with 28,000 and Mount Pleasant with 3,300.

Signs along the local — two-lane — roads advertise farmland. Real estate brokers, who are working seven days a week, broadcast radio ads proclaiming: "Now is the time to move. We have buyers, buyers, buyers."

At the Holiday Inn, the only major motel chain represented on Route 31, the main drag through town, the no-vacancy sign is on most nights. In the hotel lobby, out-of-towners negotiate deals by day and brag to each other at night over cocktails, the receptionist said.

The county office reported brisk sales of its \$2 maps. "We've received calls from all over the country," said A.C. Howell, budget director in charge of the office. Another map, which claims to show the roads the state

would build to accommodate GM's need, was reportedly selling for \$6,000 up front and \$60,000 later after it proved accurate. However, state highway officials said that such a map was impossible to produce accurately at this stage.

Editor David Logsdon at the Daily Herald, the Columbia newspaper, admits that his five-man editorial staff can't cover all the real estate activity. But Herald editorialists outlined some of the criticism — the land speculation has raised — local officials and town leaders, as well as state real estate authorities, "fear that the townspeople selling their land may get short shrift by sophisticated speculators."

An Enoch executive director of the Tennessee Real Estate Commission, has assigned two investigators to work full time in Spring Hill. She shares the newspaper's skepticism, saying many of the contracts that investors have drawn up are "not illegal but still unfair to the seller." Typically, she said, the contracts call for the seller to arrange for the financing and pay all the surveying costs. Buyers enjoy 45-day option periods when they can turn down the property for reasons not

necessarily spelled out, Enoch said.

Enoch also is concerned that Texans are trying to act as brokers in Tennessee, which they cannot do legally without a license. And only state residents can acquire the licenses.

Two Maury County sellers have filed lawsuits in the Maury Chancery County Court, asking the court to declare contracts they signed invalid because they allegedly were not informed of land prices before consenting to sell the suits, both pending, have not prevented any contracts from closing yet.

But some of the investor interest may be quelled when, as county budget director A.C. Howell said, "The hard cold reality that has left this town sells back in."

GM's plant is not expected to open until 1988. Much of Maury County land, Enoch said, is on a flood plain — not appropriate for commercial or residential building. The county, which once relied on the citrus for zoning, is creating an umbrella planning board to oversee all development. Two weeks ago, the Columbia planning board delayed action on an unprecedented 26 items that were reviewed.

Small town residents mostly happy with arrival of Virginian Coors plant

By PATRICK YACK
Staff Writer, The Denver Post

MCGAHEYSVILLE, Va. — Alma Speck can look out through the front window of her grocery and imagine working in a new sewer pipe.

She thanks the Adolph Coors Co. of Golden for her fantasy because one day soon she believes that her wish will come true.

The Colorado brewery is going to build a big plant down the road, she said, but signs are already being put up. She and her husband, Robert, own a grocery store. With industrialization of this microdot on the Shenandoah Valley, she said, she doesn't know that she will change a whole lot.

"I don't know that I'm standing behind her counter and keeping an eye on the spot around here," she said. "But it should provide a lot better job and a sewer system. Everyone here has a septic tank."

She said she is optimistic and enthusiastic. Coors, which has been known for its Rocky Mountain

location and spring water, announced last week that it will build a packaging plant and probably a brewery smack in the middle of the Shenandoah Valley.

The site for the new Coors facility is about 16 miles east of Harrisonburg, in the heart of poultry and dairy country, where barns and chicken tents dot acre after acre of gently rolling hills.

Many folks still make a living off the land, but signs are everywhere that the valley is quickly changing.

Coors will join a growing constellation of companies and businesses and manufacturers that have found Virginia, which is a right-to-work and low-tax state, an ideal spot to locate.

The economic evolution is due in part to an aggressive marketing job by the state government with a 75-person staff and \$6 million budget, Virginia's Office of Economic Development has been aggressively seeking new businesses.

Although the state makes no

special tax deals for companies, it does offer them a chance to make use of the state's industrial training program, which will train workers generally at the cost to employers, according to Mark Kiduff, chief of the economic development office.

Coors' decision, Kiduff said, means "a very significant capital investment, with a possibility for very significant employment."

Coors has purchased a "little more than 2,000 acres of prime farm land in Rockingham County where it will start construction of the \$70-million packaging plant next spring. When finished, the plant is expected to employ about 230 workers."

"If a brewery is added, people say the Coloradans will get their water either from wells drilled into the underground aquifer or from springs that ripple out of the Blue Ridge Mountains. One of the peaks is even named Rocky Mountain."

Although many are farming areas, McGaheysville, which was named after a former postmaster, has a

Spencer Beef moves into Nebraska plant

SCHUYLER, Neb. (AP) — The takeover of the Schuyler beef packing plant by Spencer Beef Corp. means a new life for the community and Spencer's parent company, E.A. Miller and Sons of Salt Lake City, Utah.

Spencer President John R. Miller said about 30 civic leaders and company representatives met to discuss the acquisition of the Spencer Beef Division of Land O'Lakes on Aug. 1, when the Utah firm's first step toward becoming a national beef producer.

E.A. Miller and Sons, which started in the 1930s by Miller's us was the people on the line — the grandfather and two sons, decided in quality of worker," he said.

Miller said the plant will be producing and selling beef, "We don't like alcohol and we don't think it ought to be produced in our county. So how will he and his friends cope with Coors?"

"It's just like when we see a hawk on a rattlesnake out here, we just live with it," he said.

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Property taxes jumped 42 percent in 40 of nation's largest metropolitan areas

By JIM LUTHER
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Property taxes in the nation's 40 largest metropolitan areas rose 42 percent between 1976 and 1983 — an increase that was moderated significantly by voter-ordered cuts in California, the Tax Foundation reported Saturday.

Property taxes of metropolitan residents averaged \$40 per person in 1983, compared with \$310 seven years earlier. They ranged from \$94 in the Nassau-Suffolk, N.Y., area to

\$164 in New Orleans.

The foundation, a non-partisan research organization, said the seven-year figures show the profound effects of Proposition 13, the California voter initiative adopted in 1978 that limited local government spending by requiring property tax reductions.

Only six of the 40 areas showed property tax reductions over the period — all six are in California. In 1976, the seven California metropolitan areas included in the nation's 40 largest were among the

12 highest in per capita property taxes, the foundation said. San Francisco was second; San Jose, sixth; Los Angeles-Long Beach, seventh.

"By 1983, these areas had fallen below the top 40 median," the report stated. "San Francisco dropped to number 25 and San Jose, to number 24."

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GM announces price hikes on 1986 models; 3 percent jump offsets costs of labor, materials

By The Los Angeles Times

DETROIT — General Motors announced Friday that it will raise the price of most of its 1986 model cars by an average of 3 percent over its 1985 prices.

However, because the 3 percent increase was calculated based on what the company called "comparably equipped" models, and since some equipment that was optional

on earlier models is now standard on the new models, actual sticker prices may reflect a higher increase.

The No. 1 automaker said that the increase reflects higher costs for materials, labor and other manufacturing expenses as well as "improvements" on the 1986 models, which are scheduled to be introduced Oct. 3.

At the start of the 1985 model year, GM raised its prices an

average of 2.3 percent. However, this January, the company hiked prices another 2 percent, leading to speculation that another increase is possible during the 1986 model year.

A GM spokesman said that the price changes on 1986 models will range from a 3.4 percent price reduction on the Chevrolet Camaro to a 3.8 percent increase on the Corvette.

Auto analyst John Hammond of

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Auto safety group asks for recall of Fords with alleged engine surges

WASHINGTON (AP) — An automobile safety group said Monday it is asking the government to investigate and recall 1.4 million 1984-85 Ford Motor Co. cars that allegedly are prone to sudden acceleration and engine surges.

"The sudden acceleration condition occurs spontaneously and without warning, causing cars to shoot forward at a high rate of speed from a standstill," the Center for Auto Safety said. "The engine surge causes cars to speed up and race down the road when the owners are driving at normal highway speeds."

The center asked National Highway Traffic Safety Administrator Diane Steud to open a full defect investigation into the alleged problem, and to order the recall of all defective cars as soon as possible.

The request covers full- and mid-size Ford cars with fuel-injected 3.8 and 5.0 liter engines. The center cited 50 reports of sudden acceleration and surging, including 18 accidents and seven injuries, which is said constitute "frightening evidence that conditions described in Ford bulletins are widespread and dangerous."

It said Ford was aware of the alleged defect because it has issued a technical service bulletin to its dealers on that sudden acceleration and surging.

Ford spokesman Jerald Terlorst said the automaker believes "there is no safety-related defect in approximately 1.4 million cars about which the Center for Auto Safety claims to know of only 50 complaints."

The center's recall request covers the 1984-85 Ford Thunderbird, LTD, Crown Victoria, and Mustang, as well as the Mercury Marquis, Cougar, Grand Marquis, Capri and Colony Park.

Boise firm snares billboard market

BOISE — Idaho Outdoor Advertising of Boise has captured most of Idaho's billboard market by acquiring Shelby Outdoor Advertising of Pocatello.

Idaho Outdoor president Michael L. Macgowan recently announced the purchase of Shelby, saying it will extend the company's reach statewide. Terms of the agreement were not disclosed.

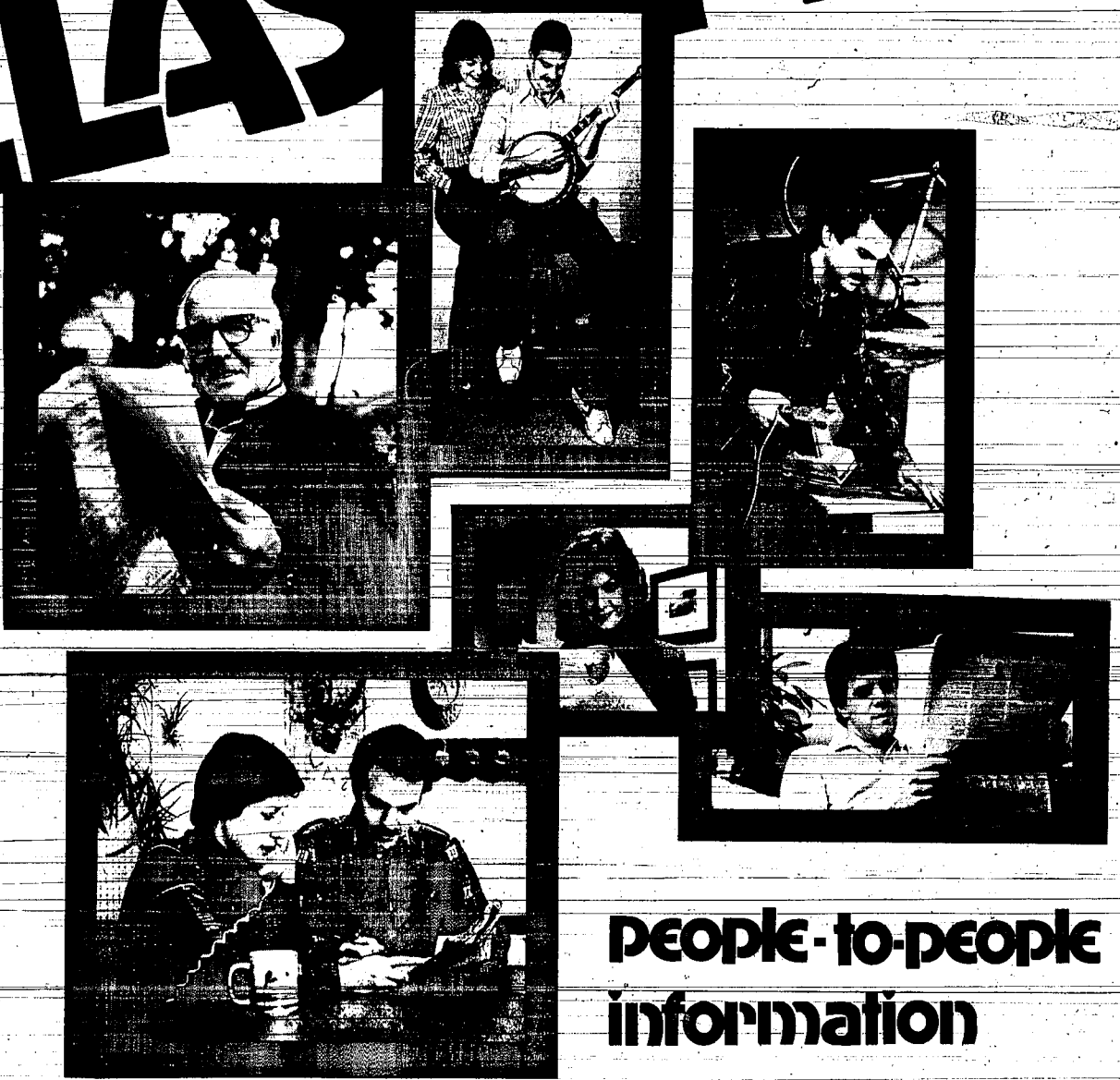
Shelby, which has a Twin Falls office, has operated primarily in southeastern and south central Idaho from offices in Pocatello and Twin Falls. Idaho Outdoor has held out operations in the western part of the state from its Boise headquarters and in the northern part of the state as far as Pullman, Wash., from a Lewiston office.

The acquisition of Shelby will double Idaho Outdoor's billboard locations to 600 from the previous 300, said Vice President Scott Butterfield. "This makes us by far the biggest outdoor advertising company in the state of Idaho," he said.

Idaho Outdoor Advertising is one of two billboard companies owned by Circle K Corp. of Phoenix.

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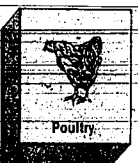
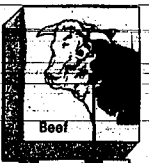
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Fair, freedom swing into action

This year's Twin Falls County Fair celebrates being free

By TERRY RICH HARTLEY
Times-News correspondent

FILER — Filer begins its annual — awakening — this week, abruptly leaving behind its quiet, small-town image to swell into a bustling metropolis as the 69th Twin Falls County Fair swings into action.

The theme of this year's five-day event is "Freedom in Action," showing the many different endeavors we as a free people choose to pursue and the excellence that is achieved because of that free pursuit.

According to Fair Manager Tom Shouse, it is the spirit of the community and "the many people willing to pitch in that will make this fair as successful as those of the past. As an example," he points out that numerous people from the area have donated money and paint to clean up buildings on the fairgrounds. "Buhl Glass and Paint gave us 30 gallons," Shouse says, adding, "There are just so many nice people around here, we can hardly

go wrong!" One difference at this event will be a change in rodeo producers. In an attempt to bring new blood to the rough- and tumble of the arena, the fair board committee has contracted with Swanee Kirby of Utah whose rodeo stock will be featured. Some of the livestock has seen action at the larger rodeos in Denver, Las Vegas and Houston.

In addition to the new rodeo products, there are new acts, such as a Roman riding team in which one person rides two horses, and a veteran clown who has appeared at the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association national finals in Oklahoma City.

Of major importance to the pocketbook — prices will remain the same this year as last with box seats in the first three rows of the grandstand going for \$8 per night; reserved seats elsewhere at \$5.50 each; general admission, \$4.50; students, \$3; and children under 12 years old, \$2.50.

Tuesday offers a special money saver for fairgoers, with general

admission free for those under 12. The price is \$1.50 for others. Wednesday through Saturday, general admission is \$3, or \$1 for those 6 to 12 years old.

Compared with other entertainment, entrance prices are very conservative, considering the amount of free daytime entertainment one can see once inside the gate. Music will fill the air at the bandshell, with the Idaho — Old — Time Fiddlers featured. In the grandstand will be the Miss Rodeo — Idaho Queen Pageant Horsemanship competition.

Also Tuesday will be Charolais, Angus, Shorthorn, Salar, Simmental, exotics, swine and sheep shows, followed by the Mule Performance Show at 8 p.m. Wednesday will feature horses, draft horses and mules, while the Idaho Intermountain Dairy — Holstein Show and Junior Division Steer Show will be held Thursday.

Friday's feature is the Tom Callen Standard of Perfection Polled Hereford Show, sponsored by the American, Idaho and Twin Falls County Polled Hereford

associations. The national judging event offers \$10,600 in premiums.

Inland Empire Shows of Las Vegas will again be present with its assortment of over 30 rides guaranteed to thrill youngsters as well as the young-at-heart. The Midway, as always, will be lined with game booths and dispensers of cotton candy, corn dogs and other carnival goodies.

Ride ticket prices have gone up modestly this year. Single tickets will cost 35 cents each, while \$8 will purchase a booklet of 20 tick-

ets. All-day amusement tickets will sell for \$9.95, except for Tuesday, when thrill-seekers can climb aboard all rides for \$5.95, from 5 p.m. to midnight.

Yet with all the action events, rodeo and midway food, it is probably the cultural activity that makes the Twin Falls County Fair a major event for the area. Whether one enjoys art, music, or handicrafts, or just the down-home delights of viewing garden vegetables, canned food and baked goods, the fair has something for everyone.

1985 fair visitors will find some interesting changes

By PAT MARCANTONIO
Times-News writer

FILER — Visitors to the 1985 Twin Falls County Fair and Rodeo will find some changes this year, including a new livestock showing ring.

The dog show building and children's barnyard were torn down to make room for the ring. The dog pens will be found this year in Merchants Building No. 2, while some merchant space will be opened in the produce building west of the carnival area.

As for the children's barnyard, Fair Manager Tom Shouse said the exhibit wasn't a big drawing card for the fair and will be dropped. On the other hand, a second show ring was sorely needed, especially this year, he said. Several livestock competitions have been scheduled in conjunction with the fair. Among them is a national Polled Hereford show.

In the rodeo arena, there will be more changes.

Swanee — Kirby, of Utah — has replaced Cotton Rosser of Marysville, Calif., as rodeo producer. The Twin Falls County Fair Board voted last winter not to rehire Rosser, who had produced the rodeo in Filer on and off for more than a decade. Fair Board members said the change was part of an effort to boost sagging rodeo attendance.

Board member Gene Schiffler said the 1985 rodeo will have all new acts this year, including a

Roman riding team — where one person rides two horses — and a veteran clown who performed at the National Rodeo Finals.

Also new this year will be autograph tables in the arena so fans can meet the cowboys competing in the rodeo, Schiffler said.

Baby mules will be racing to their mothers in a new competition dubbed the "Dinner Bell Derby." In addition, mule owners may enter their animals in a new team obstacle course and team pulling contests.

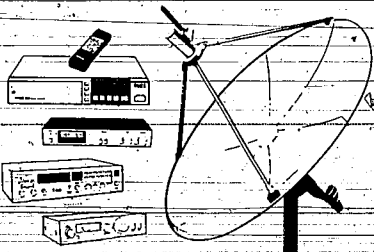
Across from the arena, fair visitors will find a slate of per-

formers in the bandstand area. A regular and popular act at the fair — the U.S. Air Force Band, will not be among the acts this year because of other commitments. The group of performers scheduled, however, include old favorites and new acts, said Neoma Shouse, a fair secretary coordinating the acts.

Although less noticeable than the rodeo or new show ring, there have been several changes in the competition classes in departments ranging from handicrafts to baking. The changes include additions, deletions, expansion and updating of some classes.

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Filer Wranglerettes return for 15th fair appearance

FILER—The idea of afternoon entertainment at the Twin Falls County fair and an opportunity for fair goers to take a break with a rest in the grandstand fostered what is now one of the area's largest and most complete horse shows.

The Filer Wranglerettes have been presenting a horse show for Filer fair fans for more than 15 years.

Charter member, Margaret Vincent of Filer, says the club decided there should be some ongoing entertainment at the fairgrounds and also an additional opportunity for 4-H horse project participants to compete in performance events, since they had the horses there and would show them only once in 4-H competition.

The annual event has now grown to one of the major horse shows in the area for youth and adult riders.

In 1972, for example, the show offered 12 classes. This year there are more than 30 classes and the show opens 30 minutes early to allow time for all of the entries to perform.

The show will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and spectators may drop in for any or all classes.

The Filer Wranglerettes' efforts now attract about 225 entries and some top performance and halter horses from over southern Idaho.

Margie Woody, who handles part of the secretary duties and rides with the Wranglerette drill team, says there is always a good crowd watching the competition and a growing interest by horse owners in the show contests.

"We have everything from the



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Precautions strictly followed to ensure safety

By PAULA EUBANKS
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Setting up the Twin Falls County Fair at the fairgrounds in Filer, is like creating a small city. With the creation of that city come safety and health inspectors toling rules and regulations that must be followed.

Fire and police protection, food and water inspection and first aid are provided each year to ensure a safe fair.

For example, Fair Manager Thomas Shouse sets the base for the safety system by instructing groundskeepers to "clear obstacles, firelanes and garbage and fill potholes."

Fair fire protection is provided by a Twin Falls County fire truck housed at the Filer firehouse. If

needed, Filer trucks would be dispatched after—the county truck, said Francis Wells, Filer city clerk.

Each fair booth is required to have a 10-pound, dry-chemical all-purpose fire extinguisher that a fire marshal has approved. Hydrants on the fairgrounds are tested before the fair opens.

Food booths must meet standards of the South Central District Health Department. Water used by the approximately 45 booths must be disposed of properly, must not be able to run backwards into the water supply, and be available for handwashing.

Food for sale must come from state-approved sources and cannot be homemade except in an approved kitchen, such as a church kitchen have. Special caution is taken with cream pies that

can spoil easily without proper refrigeration, said Alan Biermann, director of the district food inspection.

His team also checks for contamination in stews, chili and canned goods, especially, he said. Food must be stored off the ground.

"Ice is food," Biermann said, and his team checks that, too. "You wouldn't believe how dirty some of it is."

He tends to examine electrical wires for frays and grounding, although it is not required of him, he added.

The district has charged less

for the inspection during the past few years, but this year a new law wipes out the fee. Costs will be taken from the health department's general fund,

Biermann said. "Our biggest problem is staff turnover in the booths," he added. The safety tips and rules are not always passed from one generation of workers to the next.

In a kind of personal crusade, he also checks the wiring boxes of carnival rides to ensure they are locked, he said.

County Commissioner Marvin Hempleman noted that carnival

owners are heavily insured and bonded against accidents and that the carnival supplies inspectors for daily exams of the equipment.

The most dangerous activity at the fair, the rodeo events, are covered by two ambulances, Hempleman said. One ambulance is on the grounds during other times.

Traffic is corralled by members of the Twin Falls Lions Club. "We have no snarls," Hempleman said. "We have a lot of space, but if you turn people loose, they go helter skelter. The club's charge (for parking) is worth it."

Parking proceeds will aid Lions community projects

TWIN FALLS — About half of the dollars paid by non-pass holders to park at the fairgrounds will be used to fund Twin Falls Lions Club community projects, said club member Ed Bossard.

The Lions Club will rent a field from the fairgrounds, as they have for the past 15 years at least, and charge parkers \$1 per car.

Previously, money collected was used to pay for the field rent and support eye exams, eyeglasses and hearing aids for needy people. Some money paid for new Harmon Park shelters, Rock Creek Park shelters, City Park trees and Dierkes Lake playground equipment.

This year's collection will help sponsor the club's eyesight program.

Funds from \$3 parking passes, which enable drivers to park in the Lions Club lot every day without additional charge, will benefit the fair office, not the club.

The club's volunteer-traffic directors usually park about 40,000 cars during fair week, Bossard said. Despite the high-volume parking, he estimated that the club made about a \$1,000 profit last year.

Concession workers' cars can park for free.

The club commonly uses 2,000 worker hours to operate the parking lot.

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Fairgoers can travel by bus

FILER — This year, Twin Falls residents can take a bus to the Twin Falls County Fair and Rodeo in Filer. Daily bus service will be offered by Trans IV, said Director Charlie Chambers.

The Trans IV system provides transportation for the handicapped and elderly, commuter service from Twin Falls to surrounding communities such as Burley, Bull and Jerome, and general purpose transportation within Twin Falls, Chambers said. The nonprofit bus system, which began in 1979, is supported

through federal grants, contracts and fees. During the week of the fair, Sept. 3-7, there will be buses leaving Twin Falls at 12:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. They will return to Twin Falls at 6:30 p.m., 9 p.m. and 11 p.m.

The buses will pick up passengers at all the elementary schools and junior high schools in Twin Falls. The cost is \$1 a person per trip.

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Repair crews keep busy throughout year fixing up fairgrounds

By CLAUDINE CHAMBERLAIN
Times-News correspondent

FILER — Though the Twin Falls County Fair is the biggest event that takes place at the fairgrounds, the area is busy throughout all of the warm months, according to Fair Manager Tom Shouse.

Other events include circuses, horse shows, antique shows, and company parties. Various livestock sales also take place in the animal barns, he said.

Though none of the events take up the entire fairgrounds except the fair, a crew of workers keeps the area in shape during the rest of the year. The only time the fairgrounds are closed is during the cold winter months, because of problems with the water pipes, Shouse said.

Some of the buildings are used for anything from seed storage to meeting places for Magic Valley 4-H members. Riding clubs use the arenas to practice their skills, and in exchange, help out around the area during fair time.

Other activities include the Boy Scout Jamboree, Cub Scout Days, the Gem Show, and the Northwest Dairy Show.

The picnic area attracts many groups who use the fairgrounds for their company parties and class reunions. Recently, the area was host to a 50-year class reunion from Filer.

The rodeo arena has been used for the American Continental Circus and the Idaho State High School Rodeo Finals.

Though used for other events,

the Twin Falls County Fair is the largest. Last year, it brought out 88,800 people during the entire week. That amount was lower than usual because of the two cold days last year, Shouse said. This year, he expects around 100,000 people.

Some of the extra events will bring badly needed money to the fairgrounds. The buildings at the fairgrounds have not been painted in about three years and really need paint, he said.

In addition to painting, some buildings need roof repairs before winter comes. He does not expect the fairgrounds' income to cover the paint or repairs, also saying he is "not proud of the fairgrounds' buildings."

The fairgrounds will get about \$12,000 this year from Twin Falls County taxes, but about \$35,000 must come from other sources, such as fees for company picnics on the grounds, county fair admission charges, and livestock show barn rentals.

Shouse could not estimate the cost of needed painting and roof repair, but he said that the longer the tasks are put off, the worse the buildings' condition will become.

Roof repairs are first priority, he said. This summer a woman's restroom was damaged by a leaking roof.

"I hate to say it, but perhaps it can't be kept as nice as we'd want it," County Commissioner Marvin Hempleman said. "Still, it's the nicest fairground and county fair in the Northwest."

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Pavilions on fairgrounds' west side

Art offers a new look at neighbors

By DEAN S. MILLER
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — When archeologists unearth the cities of long-dead nations, it is to the arts, the homely arts and the functional crafts that they turn for insights into the human nature of men and women of the past.

The decorations on Viking flags, American Indian arrowquivers and Egyptian jewelry paint a picture in the mind's eye of the distant artisan and his mind's eye picture of his world.

The Twin Falls County Fair offers Magic Valley residents new insights into their living neighbors by looking at the way everyday items are artfully made and the way everyday landscapes and scenes are artistically captured.

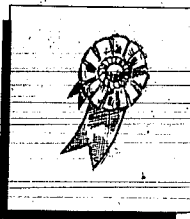
"The functional frivolities of

Snake River Canyon area culture and folk culture will be on display in the comfort of two pavilions on the west side of the fairgrounds this year, without the need for digging or archeological expertise.

The art section, housed in pavilion No. 21, will feature works in oil, acrylic and watercolor paints; ink and pencil drawings; mixed media; in three classes ranging from the open class to the Advanced Amateur and Amateur classes.

"Art co-superintendent Chef Nenzel, a Kimberly artist, says he expects about 200-250 entries, with oil paintings taking the largest number. He said area painter Dan Barsness is generally a strong entrant and Gary Stone's woodcuts are well received.

Area artists tend to stick with area subjects. "I think we all do



better with what we're familiar with. There are very few seascapes entered because there aren't any seascapes to look at," he says.

In the Home Arts pavilion, No. 24, there is planned a bewildering array of categories, to show the

beautification of the home, from floor rugs, to windows, to bed linens.

Co-superintendent Mary Krumm says the Home Arts competition draws a "massive" number of entries. "We have to add entries each year; there's always something new going on."

She says that while some of the older traditional crafts like weaving and wheat weaving don't draw as many entries, woodworking, dolls, and Teddy bears proliferate. Krumm says she expects about 500 entries.

And the entries in the handiwork section aren't limited to women. She says two years ago there were a number of men entered in the knitting and crocheting sections.

Magic Valley artisans will be able to enter clothing and

household accessories; rugs of six varieties; afghans of 20 varieties; bedspreads of four kinds; bedroom linens of 40 sorts; 46 kinds of home sewing; 23 infant entries; 19 crocheted items; knitted articles of 18 shapes; 19 pillows; miscellaneous; 3200 projects of 41 kinds; hobby displays, from arrowhead collections to hand-tied trout flies; five macrame categories; five multicolored, multifaceted stained glass categories; wood and metal entries, from duck decoys to wrought iron; ceramics; tile painting; miscellaneous crafty entries from paper mache to wheat weaving; photographs; neocolorists; and items made by men and senior citizens.

There is a smaller, but similar complement of categories of arts and crafts for children.

Plant shows market promise, study says

By DON KENDALL
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Jojoba, an oilseed plant native to Southwest desert areas, shows promise as a commercial crop because of its unusual chemical properties, the National Academy of Sciences says.

"It is not the miracle plant some have claimed, but neither is it a mirage," an academy report said.

Although present world production of jojoba oil is only a few hundred tons a year, scientists said it could quadruple in the next few years as new commercial plantations begin to mature in Arizona, California, Israel, Mexico, Latin America, Africa and Australia.

The report, issued this week, was based on a study by a committee of the academy's National Research Council. The work was financed by the William H. Donner Foundation and the U.S. Agency for International Development.

Jojoba oil is widely used in hand creams, facial treatments, shampoos, conditioners and other cosmetic products. And the committee said new uses could develop soon, including pharmaceuticals, lubricants, foam-control agents, healing oils, plasticizers, waxes and fire retardants.

One of the oil's distinguishing features is its molecular structure, which is fundamentally different from all other commonly used vegetable oils and animal fats. That makes it much more resistant to spoilage and gives it other unusual properties.

For example, recent experiments have shown that jojoba oil may penetrate the outer skin and

accumulate in the keratin layer underneath," the committee said. "Verification of these experiments . . . would mean that jojoba is superior for keeping skin supple and smooth compared with other more commonly used oils and lanolin, which temporarily soften only the skin surfaces."

The experiments also suggest that jojoba could be used to carry medications beneath the skin for treatment of acne, psoriasis or other disorders.

But the committee cautioned that potential new markets for jojoba will depend on steady reductions in its price. Current prices of about \$5.50 per pound of oil or about \$40 per gallon would have to be cut by more than 50 percent for jojoba to compete in the larger mass market as a lubricant in machinery or as a substitute for floor polishes, lipsticks, candles and other products.

Such cost reductions are possible, but the committee warned that "speculation in jojoba's future is not for the casual investor." In other words, "don't hock family jewels just yet."

"Although investments should be made with caution, the committee concluded that investments should be made."

"Many challenges are ahead, but none seem insurmountable, and success will provide the world with a new renewable resource that can fill many industry needs," the report said.

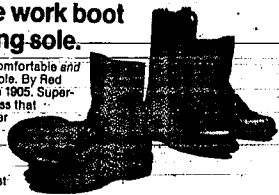
Because jojoba is one of the few plants with commercial potential that will grow in desert areas, the committee said it could be a high-value crop for poor inhabitants of arid lands, such as North American Indians, sub-Saharan Africans, Australian aborigines and farmers throughout the Middle East, Pakistan and India.



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Magic Valley DJ finally will announce home-county rodeo

By CLAUDINE CHAMBERLAIN
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — KEZJ Radio disc jockey Zeb Bell has worked as a rodeo announcer all over the United States and Canada since 1971 but has never announced his home-county rodeo until this year.

The 1985 Twin Falls County rodeo will feature Bell on horseback in the arena and announcer J. Harwood, from Sacramento, Calif., in the booth, together announcing the various rodeo events. The two have never worked together before, Bell says.

Bell came to the Magic Valley in 1989 after graduating from broadcasting school at Brown Institute in Florida. Since then, Bell says, he has worked for every radio station in the Magic Valley. He didn't consider rodeo announcing until 1971, when he went amateur. Three years later he turned pro and joined the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association.

Bell was recently informed by the PRCA that he is the only announcer to have worked 16 championship finals in only 10 years of being professional.

His list of rodeos include the largest outdoor rodeo east of the Mississippi and the Holmes Rodeo of Rudolph in Madison, Wis.

"I try to give all of the rodeos I do 100 percent of my ability," he says. "The best thing about doing this is when you get all the people in the stands to respond to you. The audience's response tells you

whether or not you've done a good job."

Bell is the morning man at KEZJ, doing his show from 8 a.m. to noon. He also handles some of the radio station's advertising accounts.

Although rodeo announcing is his main profession, Bell says he believes in having other jobs to fall back on. He is also part-owner of Steel-Dust-Outfitters, which has its headquarters at Cactus Pete's in Jackpot.

"For Bell, the life of a rodeo announcer is 'tough but good.' He is away from home nine months out of the year, which, he says, makes his family life hard.

"Moments with your family can't be replaced. I hate not being there for them all the time," he says. Bell and his wife have a 10-year-old boy and a 5 1/2-year-old girl.

According to Bell, rodeo is different in many ways from other sports. "It's more physically demanding, it takes more talent, and the people are nicer than in any other sport," he feels.

In the last 25 years, rodeo has become more professional. Cowboys are now also doctors and lawyers, he says. "Rodeo cowboys have an image problem. Everyone thinks they're wild drunks, which isn't true," he says.

Some changes in the rodeo this year include a new stock contractor, D.A. "Swanny" Kerby out of Salt Lake City will be providing what Bell considers "some of the wildest animals around."

One thing Bell says he feels has helped him in his career is the

fact that he has lost the use of both his legs. When Bell was 5 years old, he was struck by the 1952 polio epidemic. It hit him hard, he says, but he recovered well.

Ten years after that, a horse fell on his legs and, in 1972, he was one of the victims in a plane crash. "I've come close to losing my life more than once. I figure God let me live so I could entertain people. I'm not bitter at all," he says.

"Bell says he's done everything he ever wanted to do with his life, so the handicap hasn't slowed him down.

This is the third year that the Twin Falls County Rodeo has tried the idea of one announcer on horseback and another in the booth above the arena. Bell says that he and Harwood have nothing planned in the way of a script. "It's going to be two and a half hours of straight action," he says.

Before coming to Idaho and before he discovered rodeo, Bell also announced for the Minnesota Twins baseball games. He said he would love to go back to baseball if he ever left rodeo.

Bell is known nationally for his rodeo announcing skills. He says his secret is getting the audience involved. "You've got to feel like you're in the stands with them," he says. "You can't be impersonal. Rodeo is just as much entertainment as it is a sport."

He considers the rodeo to be good family fun and encourages every one in the Magic Valley to come and see "one heck of a rodeo."



Zeb Bell announces an Oklahoma rodeo in 1984

Farmers hurt by Soviet harvest

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Agriculture Department has provided another example of how harvest prospects in the Soviet Union can affect incomes of American farmers, and it's hot one of those far-fetched brainstorms dreamed up by economists.

One paragraph in a brief outlook summary issued recently by the department's Economic Research Service sets the scene: "Heavy Soviet buying has boosted U.S. corn exports this season to slightly over 1.9 billion bushels. However, prospects for a Soviet grain crop of 100 million metric tons will probably preclude a repeat of this magnitude, and exports are likely to continue their downward trend in 1985-86, falling to an estimated 1.7 billion bushels."

Exports are not the whole story of farm income, nor do the grain orders filed by Moscow represent the entire farm export trade of the United States. But every bit counts when American farmers are scrambling to find markets for a record corn harvest this fall,

an estimated 8.27 billion bushels.

If the Soviet Union had another poor harvest in the works — 190 million tons is one of the best in seven years — Moscow would have been looking again to the United States for much more corn than usual.

And that would have reduced the U.S. corn stockpile somewhat, perhaps adding a pen-

ny or two per bushel to the farm price.

Instead, according to the report, corn prices at the farm in 1985-86 are expected to weaken further, perhaps averaging in the range of \$2.40 to \$2.60 per bushel, compared with an estimated \$2.65 last season and \$3.25 in 1983-84 when drought and government curbs reduced output.

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Tater-Pigs

Sausage-in-a-spud pays singing group's travel bills

By CLAUDE CHAMBERLAIN
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — What started as simply a money-making idea nine years ago is now one of the most popular attractions at the Twin Falls County Fair.

The Magichords, a Magic Valley barbershop quartet, developed the Tater-Pig, a link sausage inside a baked potato, in order to raise money for traveling expenses to various singing competitions around the country. According to Magichord member Mel Mueller, one person suggested selling hamburgers, another suggested baked potatoes, and one thing led to another.

"I had tried the idea of putting sausages inside potatoes a few years earlier and we decided to try selling them at the fair," he said.

Tater-Pigs are made by digging a hole in a potato, inserting a frozen link sausage, and baking the two together. Mueller said that at first, they tried just drilling the holes in the potato with a drill, which proved to be fast, but messy.

The group has made many changes in the production of the Tater-Pigs since their first days at the fair, he said, including switches from microwave ovens to gas ovens, and, as demand grew, to commercial ovens.

The 35-40 "Barbershoppers" and their wives work the booth during fair time, and Mueller said they usually sell all that they can make. "Sometimes, during a lull, we'll even sing for the customers," he said.

The group is one of many chapters around the world in the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America. The group has chapters all around the United States and some in Canada, Germany, and Switzerland, Mueller said. The SPEBSQSA is over 40,000 members strong.

Earlier this year, at competition in Missoula, the Magichords qualified for the society's singing



finals to be held in Portland, Ore., this October. Traveling expenses will be paid by the sale of Tater-Pigs.

Money raised by the SPEBSQSA is donated to the Institute of Laryngology in Wichita, Kan. The institute helps and treats people with speech disorders. Last year, the society gave over \$4 million to the hospital. Recently, the Magichords paid the way of a Malad boy going there for treatment.

When they're not selling Tater-Pigs at the fair, the Magichords entertain various groups around the Magic Valley, including community organizations and churches. Every November they have a show at the CST auditorium.

The idea of Tater-Pigs has brought much attention to Mueller and the group. The society's national magazine carried an article about their unique money-making idea, and Mueller said he has received calls from all over the country from people interested in using the idea.

According to Mueller, he tried to patent the item, but wasn't successful.

Mueller attributes the Tater-Pig's popularity to the potato. "This is potato country and everyone likes a good meat and potatoes meal," he said.

The Twin Falls County Fair is the only time the group sells Tater-Pigs. Mueller said that they've had offers to sell them at other times, but setting up the stand was too complicated.

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Cranberry crop drops by 2 percent

WASHINGTON (AP) — This year's cranberry crop is estimated at 3.25 million barrels, 2 percent smaller than the record 1984 harvest of 3.32 million barrels, the Agriculture Department said last week.

Massachusetts, the No. 1 producer, is expected to harvest 1.58 million barrels, down 5 percent from last year, said the department's Crop Reporting Board.

The New Jersey crop was estimated at 270,000 barrels,

down 1 percent; Oregon, 95,000 barrels, up 16 percent; Washington, 121,000 barrels, up 17 percent; and Wisconsin, 1.18 million barrels, down 1 percent.

A barrel is 100 pounds of cranberries.

The report said last year's record harvest — the 1985 crop would rank second — was worth \$180.6 million, up 16 percent from 1983. Cranberry prices averaged \$54.40 per barrel, up from \$32 the previous year.

Thrill seekers get ready to li

A spin on new 'Gravitron' stars at this year's carnival

By ANNETTE CARY
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Early semi-trailers and trucks pulled into Filer earlier this week, transporting more than \$4 million worth of equipment to be operated by 180 employees.

They brought seven generators capable of pumping out 1,250 kilowatts of electricity — enough to run the entire town of Filer. Before they leave the equipment will burn 7,000 to 10,000 gallons of diesel fuel.

It's all part of the Inland Empire Shows carnival, back at the Twin Falls County Fair for the 10th year in a row.

This year the Williams family will bring 35 rides to the fair, including a few old favorites like the Sizzler, the Skydiver, Italian Bumper Cars, a Ferris Wheel and a merry-go-round with 60 colorful horses crafted in the 1930s.

But for those who crave new adventures, there will also be a few rides that have never been in the Magic Valley — most notably, the Gravitron.

The Gravitron was originally developed by NASA to demonstrate weightlessness, says Reed Williams, co-owner of the carnival. Now, it's used to give fairgoers a thrill.

The ride, shaped like a flying saucer, spins around fast enough to create a centrifugal force that lifts the seats with riders around the ride's perimeter.

Today will be promo night at the carnival. For \$5.95, thrill seekers can have the run of the carnival from 5 p.m. to midnight.

Wednesday through Saturday, fairgoers can pay \$9.95 for an all-day stamp. Individual tickets

will cost 35 cents — 5 cents more than last year. And the cost of a booklet of 20 tickets has increased from \$5 to \$6. One to four tickets is required per ride.

The Inland Empire Show will also bring about 40 games of skill and chance to the fair. That's about 10 fewer than last year, William says.

The Williams subcontract the concessions, but it's getting more difficult to find operators.

"It's tough to run a mom-and-pop operation today," he says. Concession operators are having to contend with tougher consumer laws governing carnival games and increasing costs for prizes.

State and county officials say Inland Empire Shows have run their carnival games honestly in past fairs and have had almost no problems with games involving gambling.

The Williams family emphasizes that their carnival is one of the safest in the nation.

Joe Williams, Reed's father, says two years ago the carnival beat the safety record of about 500 other ride units to win a national safety award presented by an association of ride manufacturers and an association of insurance underwriters.

The Twin Falls County Fair is more than just another stop for the Inland Empire Shows carnival, Reed Williams says.

It's home for the 25-year-old carnival. And it's also one of the nicest fairs they play, he says.

Attendance is good and it is well managed, he says. But best of all, ride operators rarely have to contend with unruly drunks since no alcohol is sold on the grounds, he says.



Angi Baker (left) and Marcy Andersen of Murtaugh take

Entertainment mixes old, new

FILER — Band shell entertainment at the Twin Falls County Fair will include some old favorites and a few new acts this year.

Entertainment new to the fair includes a martial arts demonstration and a performance of Basque dancing, say fair organizers.

Back for repeat performances will be youth from Sage Gymnastics and Skateland.

There will also be musical performances by the Sweet Adelines and Old Time Fiddlers. Performances by square dancers are also scheduled.

A schedule and complete listing of entertainment was not available at press time.

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USDA gives tips on foreign business inquiries

By DON KENDALL
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — If American companies would answer foreign inquiries promptly and in plain language, it could help boost U.S. farm exports, says the Agriculture Department.

The advice was circulated last week in a weekly "Export Briefs" report, a list of trade tips sent to private companies and other interested parties by the department's Foreign Agricultural Service.

According to agency officials stationed abroad, delays in responding to trade inquiries and ineffective correspondence are the main reasons for U.S. companies failing to develop new trading partners.

Only bare details are provided in the weekly "Export Briefs" report, but those include the names, addresses and telephone or telex numbers of potential buyers. The trade tips are varied,

Farm labor wages rise only slightly

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's hired farm labor force received an average of \$4.24 per hour this summer, an 8-cent increase from a year ago, according to a new report by the Agriculture Department.

The average wage rate included workers who were paid on an hourly basis, on a piece-rate scale and other methods of payment during a survey period, July 7-13.

Workers who were paid by the hour received an average of \$4.18 per hour, compared with \$4.12 a year earlier. Piece-rate workers, who were paid for the amount of work performed, received an equivalent of \$4.73 per hour, compared to the year-earlier average of \$4.66.

Other types of payment, such as by the day or week, averaged \$4.31 per hour in July, compared with \$4.17 a year earlier, the report said.

The July survey showed that 1,373,000 people were hired to work on farms, down 4.3 percent from 1,435,000 a year earlier.

sometimes exotic.

For example, in the current issue, a buyer in Japan was interested in beef jerky and chocolate and one in Taiwan wants a trial order of 20 live donkeys.

The report included some guidelines for American firms wanting to follow up on the trade tips.

— Always reply quickly. Use telex, the communication expected by most foreign buyers.

— If more details are required, a

brief telephone call is also an effective way to indicate your interest. Delay gives the edge to your competition. Unless otherwise specified by foreign inquiry, correspondence in English is acceptable.

— Respond completely. Furnish bank and trade references, pertinent company history and relevant exporting experience. Supply complete product information, using the metric system of measurement. Include full price

information when possible.

— Ask specific questions to pinpoint a buyer's needs. If the inquiry does not clearly spell out the products desired, let the buyer know what you have available. Do not neglect imprecise inquiries.

— When replying by mail, do not use form letters, keeping them friendly and interesting. Do not use slang. Be accurate.

The report said a prospective seller should not disregard a

trade inquiry made in poor English. Quite possibly the potential foreign buyer "knows" English only as a second language.

"Also, if the printing quality of the stationery does not meet standards you ordinarily expect, keep in mind that printing standards in your correspondent's country might be quite different," the report said. "Despite first impression, the inquiry may be from a reputable, well-established firm."

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Prospects look good for corn

WASHINGTON (AP) — The corn crop continues to look "mostly good" across the Corn Belt, although prospects appear "good to excellent" in some states, says the government's Joint Agricultural Weather Facility.

A record harvest was forecast earlier this month, based on August conditions, and weekly reports by the facility have continued to be favorable. The facility is operated by the department's Office of Commerce and Agriculture.

In the week of Aug. 19-25, the report said, corn crop conditions were excellent in Kansas and Colorado. In the major producing states, about 82 percent of the crop had reached the dough stage of kernel development, and 41 percent was in the dent stage or beyond. On the average at this time, development is 75 percent and 34 percent, respectively.

Cotton fields were reported in good shape in all producing states except Louisiana, where the crop was reported in fair-to-good condition. Bolls were opening on 23 percent of the acreage, compared with 16 percent normally.

"Pastures continued improving across the eastern half of the nation, but some areas in Texas and the Northeast remained dry," the report said. "Dryness continued hampering pasture growth in the west."



A lot of bull

Cowboy Dan Neal has had plenty of bull for rodeo in 1979. Thrills like this, plus other exciting action, can be expected at this year's Twin Falls County Fair rodeo, which runs one day at this point of a Salt Lake City circuiting action, can be expected at this year's Wednesday through Saturday at 8 p.m.

Depressed market forces state cattle slaughter up

BOISE (AP) — Faced with persistent depressed market conditions, Idaho ranchers are continuing to liquidate their herds, boosting cattle slaughter in July by 15 percent over the previous month.

The government's Crop and Livestock Reporting Service said the July cattle slaughter in Idaho totaled 71,100 head, up nearly 10,000 head from both June's 61,700 and the 61,300 in July 1984. The average weight was just under 1,150 pounds.

Through the first seven months of this year, ranchers have slaughtered nearly 463,000 head, up almost four percent from the same period in 1984.

Nationally, July beef production was up 5 percent from a year earlier.

Red meat production in Idaho packing plants totaled 49.5 million pounds for July, up 13 percent from June to bring total production for 1985 to just under 324 million pounds. That is 9 percent ahead of last year's pace.

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Model Kidd

From model cars to real dragsters and back, he now turns to judging

By BONNIE BAIRD JONES
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — When Mark Kidd was growing up in California around the age of 7, his father took him to the drag races and he fell in love with the cars.

It was a love affair that has continued throughout the rest of his life. At an early age he began building model cars and in 1970 when the family moved to Twin Falls, he entered some of his models in the county fair. His models were mostly race cars and he customized them to match his vision of the ideal dragster.

His work with models and the knowledge he gained sparked his interest in the real thing. When he reached his sophomore year in high school he abandoned the models temporarily and purchased his first real car. The 1967 Chevelle became his pet project and during his remaining high school years he built it into a dragster that doubled as his street rod. His first race, at Pocatello, was one week after his

graduation in 1981. Today the car is still being raced by Kidd and his wife, Sharron, as they tour the racing circuit around the Western states. The dragster, a bright orange with red and black stripes, powered by a highly modified 454 Chevrolet engine, has won its share of races, the owner says.

Now, at fair time, Kidd is back into models. He has completed the circle that he started as an exhibitor and currently judges the model class at the Filer fair. His advice to model builders, is "pay close attention to detail and perfection."

"When I am judging, I pay more attention to the quality of workmanship than to the cleverness or originality," he says. "Anything you do, whether it's restorations, stock or customized, or if it's boats, planes or fans, it should be to the best of your ability."

Linda Fix of Twin Falls, who has worked as a superintendent of the youth building displays for 10 years, says there are some very

innovative displays entered in the youth division.

"One year a young man entered our model division with a large plywood board covered with sand and a complete battle scene made from his long-saved soldiers and model military toys.

"He had made a real battle scene. But we didn't know what to do with it because we didn't have much space or any category of that type," she explains. "But it became the main attraction in the building, so we now have a class for displays that include farm scenes, car shows or most anything else a young imagination can come up with.

"The display of model vehicles is probably the most popular attraction in our youth building," she says. "Some of the builders combine several kits in their customizing and rod building."

The display includes modern cars and airplanes, classic cars, antiques cars and airplanes, dragsters, race cars and trucks. There are also many military equipment items, rockets, boats and tractors.

Utah's cattle industry gears up for an aggressive marketing war

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Tired of getting branded by a sagging beef market, Utah's cattle industry is preparing to become better at marketing, industry officials say.

"The Utah cattle industry has taken the bull by the horns," said Michael Sibbett, Utah Cattlemen's Association president. "We're the world's best producers, but we have ignored way too long the marketing side of it."

Red meat consumption has been declining for several years due to changing lifestyles. Reversing that trend is seen as the single most important factor in shorting up an industry reeling from low prices, a recent National Livestock and Meat Board survey shows.

Nationally, cattle prices remain in the high 50s while Sibbett estimates cattlemen need 83 cents per pound to break even.

"We've lost 500-plus ranches (in Utah) in the last five years and that's a lot," he said. "Unfortunately, I think we'll see a few more lost. We've seen several walk away from ranches in Box Elder County this year due to problems ranging from grasshoppers to prices."

Cattle ranching is a \$200 million industry in Utah and accounted for 32 percent of all agricultural cash receipts in 1983, more than any other Utah commodity.

Still, convincing the public that red meat is the problem of

primary import.

"The whole nation is changing the way it eats," said Sibbett. "We're a fast-paced society. Number one, people are looking for convenience. Number two, they're looking for a lean, nutritious dish. Somehow, the word has not gotten to consumers

that beef is a convenient, lean, nutritious dish."

Much of that is due to reports showing that fat and cholesterol found in red meat can increase the risks of heart disease and obesity, claims Sibbett dismisses as unsubstantiated and inaccurate.



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Utah's hot weather mixed blessing

By BOB MIMS

The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — A mild spring and hot summer have dried out Utah's once water-logged mountain slopes and given a healthy dose of sunshine to the state's crops, but officials are worried another arid year could diminish water supplies and parch farmland.

"We're going into (next year) in much better shape than we've been in the past two years," said Bill Alder, meteorologist-in-charge of the National Weather Service in Salt Lake City. "The prospects for (multisides) not occurring is higher in the spring."

In April, 1983 a massive mudslide blocked central Utah's Spanish Fork Canyon, backing up a river nearly three miles and covering the tiny mountain town of Thistle. In ensuing months, slides hit several northern Utah communities, leaving streets awash with knee-deep silt.

Floodwaters fed by record mountain snowpack overtaxed Salt Lake City storm sewers for two years running, forcing construction of sandbag rivers along major arterials.

But this year, scanty rainfall, gradual snowmelt and above-normal temperatures—the period April through July was the hottest on record—combined to dry out saturated soils along the slide-prone Wasatch Range and stanchied usually heavy runoff.

And as the mercury climbed to a state record 117 degrees in St. George July 5, evaporation accelerated on the Great Salt Lake, at its highest level in more than a century. State officials were able to shelve a \$100 million plan to pump water from the 30-mile wide, 60-mile inland sea into the western desert.

The lake, which has no natural outlet, peaked at 4,208.85 feet above sea level in May. Since then, it has lost 13 inches to evaporation, an inch shy of the total evaporation mark for 1983 and 1984 combined.

"Mother Nature tries to balance herself out," Alder said. "Ever since the latter part of winter, I've seen a tendency to get back to more of what we usually see, a semi-arid climate. If that's the odds are good we'll have a warmer, drier year (in 1984)."

Warmer temperatures have given a lift to Utah's farmers, with yields up sharply for most crops and fields dried enough to be planted, the state Agriculture Department says.

"The farmers are finally having a good year," said Rod Clifford, marketing director for the department.

"The hotter weather has been good for hay and corn particularly," he said. "The harvest is well on its way to being completed as far as grains and alfalfa hay. The second cutting is done, a little earlier than usual."

But while the sun is shining, Clifford and other farm industry officials worry about the consequences of a long-term return to a warmer, drier climate in Utah.

If 1986 repeats 1985's climatological patterns, "There could be some drought problems in scattered areas of the state," Clifford said. Parts of southern Utah, with its rangelands and deserts, would likely "be the hardest hit," he said.

"At this time, there really

aren't any drought conditions in the state as far as agriculture is concerned," Clifford said. "We're concerned at this stage, but we really don't know what's going to happen."

And as Old Sol glows brighter, the state's culinary and irrigation water supply systems are be-

ing taxed, said Gayle Smith, Bureau of Public Water Supplies director.

"Water consumption this year over last year will be up 30 or 40 percent," Smith said. He said continued hot weather next year not only could trigger water system failures, but "contamina-

tion if pressure cannot be maintained."

"There's a public health concern," Smith said. "We do have a large number of systems that have water quality problems. If you have a real lean, dry year, that just aggravates the problem."

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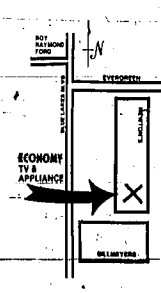
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Times-News writer

FILER — There will be an abundance of royalty at the Twin Falls County Fair this week.

Queens of such major Western events and organizations as the Snake River Stampede, Caldwell Night Rodeo and the Idaho State Sheriff's Posse are among the 13 talented and beautiful horsewomen who will compete during fair week in Filer for the Miss Rodeo Idaho, 1986, title.

Also participating will be **Nezaha Blake**, 22, of Boise, the current Miss Rodeo Idaho. She won the title last year, entering as the queen of the Caldwell Night Rodeo. She also placed as first runnerup in the Miss Rodeo America contest in December and was Idaho and National High School Rodeo queen in earlier contests.

Each contestant in this year's competition has already won honors in a major Western event in Idaho and is now after the top queening crown the state has to offer.

Karla Dennett of Mountain Home, Miss Rodeo Idaho coordinator, said it will be a busy week for the contestants. They arrive in Twin Falls and check in at 11 a.m. today and then begin a whirlwind schedule that continues through the 9 p.m. crowning of the new Miss Rodeo Idaho Saturday during the championship performance of the county rodeo.

The girls will be closely watched throughout the week by judges, and their chances to ride off with the title depend on their winning ways during judges meetings, interviews, while attending luncheons, banquets, and of course, during horsemanship performances at the Fairgrounds and their grand entry appearances each night during the rodeo.

The public may watch the horsemanship competition at the Fairgrounds arena at 7 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday and at 2

p.m. Friday. This year's candidates and their backgrounds include:

Wendy Lynn White of Twin Falls, the Twin Falls County Mounted Sheriff's Posse queen. She has Auburn hair and hazel eyes, weighs 122 pounds and is 5 feet, 4 inches tall. As with all 13 contestants, she says her goal is to win the Miss Rodeo Idaho title and represent the state in the national finals. She eventually hopes to marry and "raise a couple of little queens or cowboys of my own."

Heidi Peterson of Jerome, the current Twin Falls Western Days PRCA Rodeo queen and the daughter of Ted J. and Lois Peterson. She is 5 feet, 10 inches tall and weighs 136 lbs. Heidi has brown hair and brown eyes. She plans to attend Boise State University to major in business administration. She enjoys water and snow skiing, jogging, speaking, car racing, biking, rodeoing and horsemanship.

Michelle Kelley of Albion was crowned 1985 queen of the Pocatello Frontier Rodeo. She is the daughter of George and JoAnn Kelley of Albion and has brown eyes and hair, weighs 110 pounds and is 5 feet, 3 inches tall. She is an honor graduate of Clark College in Vancouver, Wash., and will attend Davis University of Calif., this fall studying biological science. She hopes to serve in the Peace Corps and attend law school.

Sue Chandler, queen of the Hells Canyon Rodeo and a resident of Weiser, is the daughter of Laurie and Ruth Chandler. She hopes to attend college and enter fashion merchandising and do some modeling. She is 5 feet, 10 inches tall and weighs 125 lbs. Sue is blonde with hazel eyes. She enjoys showing and riding horses, water and snow skiing, track and cross country running. She also likes hiking, fishing and hunting.

Shelly Schaub of Rupert is the Rupert Fourth of July Celebration queen and the daughter of Norman and Helen Schoen. She

has brown hair, hazel eyes and weighs 103 pounds. She is 5 feet, 2 inches tall. She plans to attend the College of Southern Idaho next fall, continuing studies in business and fashion merchandising. Some of her hobbies include drawing, swimming and snow skiing.

Lisa Lemrick of Caldwell, who won the Idaho State Sheriff's Posse queen title earlier this year, is the daughter of Fred and Marge Lemrick of Caldwell. She has red hair and blue eyes, is 5 feet, 9 inches tall and weighs 126

pounds. Her goals include completing her education. She enjoys racquetball, dancing, roping, four-wheeling, English riding and jumping and cooking. Wendy Christensen, queen of

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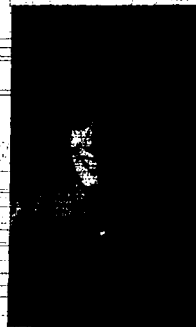
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Queens

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the Three Island Rodeo Association and a daughter of Keith and Linda Christensen, is a resident of Glens Ferry. She has blonde

hair and blue eyes, is 5 feet, 4 inches tall and weighs 118 pounds. She would like to become a flight attendant. Wendy enjoys swimming, ice skating, travel and being

with friends and family. Amy Gunning, a daughter of Gail and Susie Gunning of Jerome, is queen of the Jerome County Fair and Rodeo. She

would like to become a word processing supervisor for a major company. Her hobbies are aerobics, race walking, jogging, craft designing, biking and sight

seeing. Amy has strawberry blonde hair, hazel eyes and is 5 feet, 7 inches tall. She weighs 135 pounds.

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Queens

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Susan Westphal of Nampa lists her parents as Wayne and Darlene Schroll and Bob and Emily Westphal. She is a sophomore at Boise State University and hopes to complete her education there. She is queen of the Snake River Stampede. Susan hopes to become a registered nurse. Her interests include team and breakaway roping, showing horses and playing the clarinet. She has blonde hair, blue eyes and is 5 feet, 5 inches tall, weighing 123 pounds.

Ami Marie Harden of Boise, queen of the Caldwell Night Rodeo, is the daughter of Imogene Harden. Her goals are to be the best she can be at whatever she does. Hobbies include teaching aerobics, increasing her knowledge of the travel industry and staying involved with horses and pageantry. Ami, a blonde with blue eyes, is 5 feet, 8 inches tall and weighs 125 pounds.

Jules A. Frazier, queen of the Hailey Days of the 'Old West Rodeo, is the daughter of Gary and Margaret Frazier of Hailey. A blonde with green eyes, she is 5 feet, 8 inches tall and weighs 125 pounds. Her goals include a

career in photography, with emphasis on Idaho and its people. Her hobbies include travel, fishing, skiing, music and riding.

Tari Elquist, queen of the Cassia County Fair and Rodeo, is the daughter of Dallen and Norma Elquist of Oakley. A blonde with blue eyes, she is 5 ft., 6 in. tall and weighs 138 pounds. Tari is seeking degrees in animal science and dance at Utah State University. She would like a career as a county agent and dance instructor. She would also like to teach aerobics and conditioning to rodeo contestants. Her hobbies include dancing, riding, fishing, training and showing animals and public speaking.

Chris Higgins of Pocatello is queen of the Eastern Idaho Rodeo Association and the daughter of Danny and Rae Higgins. She has brown hair and brown eyes and is 5 feet, 3 inches tall, weighing 135 pounds. Chris enjoys outdoor sports, and reading. Rodeo is her favorite sport and breakaway roping is her favorite event. She plans to attend college to study retail merchandising and advertising but will "shape her future around her horses and competing with them."



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Cotton usage drops to lowest point, yet production increases

By DON KENDALL
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The amount of cotton used by textile mills and going into export shipments is expected to drop to the lowest level in this century, triggering the largest buildup of surplus inventories in almost 20 years, says the Agriculture Department.

A new outlook report by the department's Economic Research Service said Thursday that cotton use by textile mills is expected to be 5.19 million bales in the 1985-86 marketing year that began on Aug. 1. Exports are expected to drop to 4.0 million bales.

Thus, at 9.19 million bales, total cotton use in the coming year would be at the lowest level since 1896, the report said.

Last season, total cotton use was more than 11.6 million bales, including 5.37 million bales used by U.S. mills and 6.25 million bales in exports.

Meanwhile, based on current indications, this year's cotton crop could yield almost 13.8 million bales, up 6 percent from 1984. Added to an old-crop car-

royver on Aug. 1 of 4.2 million bales, the 1985-86 supply is expected to be about 17.99 million bales.

With total cotton use domestic plus exports projected at 9.19 million bales in the coming year, that would leave a cotton carryover next Aug. 1 of around 8.8 million bales. That would be the most since 12.5 million bales were counted on Aug. 1, 1967.

Textile imports during January-March 1985 were lower than a year earlier, but began surging again in April," the report said. "By June, textile imports for the year were 1 percent to 2 percent ahead of the pace set in 1984, and further growth is likely."

In an earlier related report, the USDA said world cotton production in 1985-86 is estimated at 79.6 million bales, a 7 percent decline from last season's record output of 85.8 million bales.

However, the 6 percent increase in the United States compares with an overall 10 percent decline in foreign cotton production.

U.S. egg production falls 2 percent

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's hens produced 5.66 billion eggs last month, down 2 percent from July 1984, says the Agriculture Department.

As of Aug. 1, there were an estimated 271 million hens in the flock, the 1984-85 flocking season, says the department.

egg-laying flocks, about 1 percent fewer than a year ago, the department's Crop Reporting Board said Thursday.

The rate of lay also was lower, averaging 66.3 eggs per 100 birds, compared with 67.5 eggs on Aug. 1, 1984.

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Reigning Miss Rodeo Idaho reflects on her rise to the top

By PAULA EUBANKS
Times-News writer



Reigning Miss Rodeo Idaho Neenie Blake

TWIN FALLS — "Queening" requires a lot of work for cowgirls who are out to be crowned the best. Twenty-two-year-old Neenie Blake, the 1984-85 Miss Rodeo Idaho, should know.

Since she first entered rodeo queen competitions about 10 years ago, the Boise woman has shaped junior high, high school and college classwork around the demands of the competitions. She signed up for speech and drama classes to prepare her for the public-addresses-queen-contestants must give.

Blake family dinners sounded like current event roundtables, she says, as her folks drilled her on possible questions rodeo queen judges might ask in front of thousands of people.

Blake took special courses in modeling and self-improvement. She worked on her must deer area, horsemanship. She bargained for former rodeo queens' Western suits that she needed for the competitions and arranged for new outfits to be tailored less expensively in Korea, where her sister lived.

In preparing for the 1984-85 Miss Rodeo America competition in Oklahoma City, Blake even withdrew from a quarter of her studies at Stanford University, Palo Alto, Calif. She won first runnerup.

"Queening has been a big part of my life; it was well worth the delay in schooling," Blake says.

"It's very time-consuming," says Blake.

Blake started riding when she was 4, started queening about 10 years after that, and started winning right away.

Since then, she has been featured in the book "All Those Girls in Love With Horses," by Robert Vavra, started playing polo for Stanford, and gained speaking experience that she said will help in job interviews.

She first thought her involvement with horses would end in rides around the block. But when her father retired from the U.S. Air Force, settled in Idaho and bought her the horse she wanted, Blake found that there was more to it than neighborhood tours.

"I didn't know there'd be 4-H, Eh-Capa Bareback Riders and quarter horse showing," she says. She now has two horses.

She says she also did not know queening would be mostly a non-stop activity. "You win one and

then you continue to get ready for the next (rodeo queen competition)," she says. "Even when I reigned for a year (as 1979-80 National High School Rodeo Queen of United States and Canada) I was busy. I did have a break, but I was still thinking about the next competition."

She says she spent time making outfits, speaking at queening clinics, and teaching her horse to perform contest demonstrations.

Queening contestants in most Idaho pageants and the Miss Rodeo America are judged equally on poise and personality, horsemanship, and appearance.

Blake says she passes on many of the tricks of the queening business. For example, clothes prices can be kept down with K-mart shirts onto which the contestant sews a Western yoke, or by painting cowboy boots to look like exotic leathers. Her family felt the costs of queening, with hauling horses and buying suits with hundred-dollar price tags.

"We try to make a silk purse out of a sow's ear," she quips. "It has to be a family effort."

As she progressed to higher-level queening contests, she learned to be a good winner as well as a good loser, she says. Blake tries to teach her lessons to younger girls. "Some have trouble dealing with competition," she says. "Even winners sometimes let it go to their head. They turn people off because they boast. They have to learn how to be humble."

Future queen contestants usually ask her about what to expect in judges' questions.

Blake isolates queening from straight beauty pageants by saying that although attractiveness is an asset in the competitions, maturity, speaking ability, broad knowledge about current events, rodeo standings and history, and horse anatomy are more important. It is an advantage to be able to ride well horses other than one's own, she says.

"Weighting all categories the same will get you a more well-rounded person, than, say, a competition with 90 percent given to horsemanship," Blake says.

Many of her fellow Stanford students are not familiar with what a rodeo queen is. They question her about the crown and rodeo queen belt buckle she keeps on her Teddy bear at school, she says.

"When they see me with my jeans tucked into my fuchsia boots they immediately think I'm from Texas," Blake says. "I'll wear my outfits to Halloween parties at school. Around here, that wouldn't be considered a Halloween outfit."

"They didn't realize competitions are involved as they are. To them it's another world. To them Idaho is another world."

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BEATRICE, Neb. (AP) — Church officials are seeking 11 tons of donated food and other goods to fill out a shipping container carrying five windmills made in this southeast Nebraska town to three African nations.

The windmills, built by Dempster Industries and ordered by Evangelical Lutheran Church of

Kokomo, Ind., will be used for long-term self-help projects that include five deep wells equipped with hand and windmill pumps.

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pedal pumps that hold 19 tons.

Because the windmill weigh only 8 tons, the mission board of the First Baptist Church of Beatrice is looking for donations, said Gwen Kennedy, who is heading the drive to get food, tools or other supplies.

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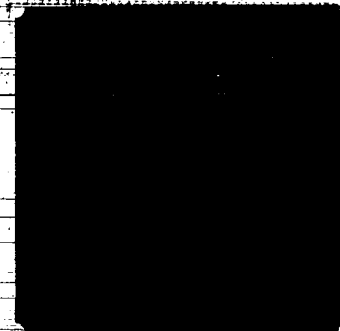
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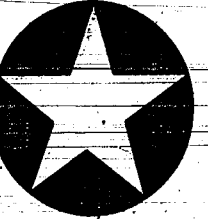
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1985 Twin Falls County Fair & Rodeo Schedule

Tuesday, Sept. 3

8:00 a.m., flag raising.
9:00 a.m., judging of open-class swine, followed by 4-H swine training, swine barn area.
9:00 a.m., judging of holstein cattle, show arena.
9:00 a.m., flowers must be in, produce bldg.
10:00 a.m., horse equitation & pleasure classes, rodeo arena.
10:00 a.m., judging of sheep, sheep arena.
10:00 a.m., judging of dogs, dog bldg.
10:00 a.m., judging of flowers, produce bldg.
1:00 p.m., 4-H breeding goats, quality & fitting & showing, horse arena.
1:00 p.m., 4-H beef, panion bldg.
1:00 p.m., judging of dairy cattle, show ring.
2:00 p.m., judging of charolais & jr. charolais, show arena.
2:00 p.m. & 4:00 p.m., Sage Gymnastics, band shell.
3:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m., lung too demonstrations, band shell.
3:00 p.m., judging of simmentals & jr. simmentals, show arena.
4:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m., Sawtooth Country Cloggers, band shell.
4:00 p.m., judging of junior flower gardeners, produce bldg.
4:00 p.m., judging of angus cattle & jr. angus show, show arena.
4:30 p.m. & 6:30 p.m., roller skaters, band shell.
5:00 p.m., judging of shorthorn cattle & jr. shorthorns and axoles, show arena.
5:00 p.m., flag lowering ceremony.
7:00 p.m., ladies lead line, sheep arena.
8:00 p.m., mule performance, rodeo arena.

Wednesday, Sept. 4

8:00 a.m., flag raising ceremony.
9:00 a.m., 4-H, FFA beef fitting & showing, sr. first, followed by beef breeding, show arena.
9:00 a.m., 4-H, FFA sheep, fitting & showing, followed by jr. division market lambs, sheep arena.
9:00 a.m., 4-H & FFA swine, fitting & showing, followed by jr. division market hogs, swine arena.
9:00 a.m., judging of horses: Morgans, Paints, Arabians, Appaloosa, Quarter Horses, horse arena; judging of draft horses & mules, horse arena.
10:00 a.m., 4-H, FFA poultry & rabbits.
2:00 p.m. & 4:00 p.m., Sage Gymnastics, band shell.
2:30 p.m. & 4:30 p.m., lung too demonstrations, band shell.
3:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m., Air Force Band, band shell.
Afternoon, FFA holstein cattle judging contest.
5:00 p.m., flag lowering ceremony.
7:00 p.m., 4-H assemble for entry into rodeo.
7:30 p.m., pre-rodeo entertainment - Filer Drill Team and Queen Horse-
manship free-style, rodeo arena.
8:00 p.m., rodeo.

Thursday, Sept. 5

8:00 a.m., flag raising ceremony.
9:00 a.m., 4-H & FFA sheep breeding, sheep arena.
9:00 a.m., junior division market steers, show arena.
2:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m., Air Force Band, band shell.

Friday, Sept. 6

3:00 p.m., "Open to the World" steer show, show arena.
3:30 & 5:00 p.m., Sage Gymnastics, band shell.
5:00 p.m., Magic Valley jr. beef breeding show, show arena.
5:00 p.m., flag lowering ceremony.
5:00 p.m., Sawtooth Country Cloggers, band shell.
5:30 p.m., aerobic dancers, band shell.
7:30 p.m., pre-rodeo entertainment - Filer Drill Team and Queen Horse-
manship free-style, rodeo arena.
8:00 p.m., rodeo.

8:00 a.m., flag raising ceremony.
8:00 a.m., Northwest Jr. Herford heifer show, show arena.
8:00 a.m., 4-H dog, fitting & showing, followed by dog obedience, sheep arena.
9:00 a.m., judging of polled hereford cattle, show arena.
11:00 a.m., ROM pen bull show, show arena.
1:00 p.m., Big Western Register of merit hereford show, show arena.
1:00 p.m., FFA round robin fitting & showing, swine arena & horse
grass area.
2:00 p.m., Miss Rodeo Idaho Queen Horsemanship, rodeo arena.
3:00 p.m., aerobic dancers, band shell.
5:00 p.m., flag lowering ceremony.
5:30 p.m., Sawtooth Country Cloggers, band shell.
7:30 p.m., pre-rodeo entertainment - Filer Drill Team and Queen Horse-
manship free-style, rodeo arena.
8:00 p.m., rodeo.

Saturday, Sept. 7

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8:00 a.m., flag raising ceremony.
9:00 a.m., Wranglerette horse show, rodeo arena.
10:00 a.m., 4-H & FFA Tai stock sale, sale barn.
2:00 p.m., Idaho Old Time Fiddlers, band shell.
3:30 p.m. & 5:30 p.m., roller skaters, band shell.
4:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m., Sweet Adelines, band shell.
5:00 p.m., flag lowering ceremony.
7:30 p.m., pre-rodeo entertainment - Filer Drill Team, rodeo arena.
8:00 p.m., rodeo.
10:30 p.m., release of beef & dairy cattle.

Sunday, Sept. 8

7:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., removal of all merchant's displays and livestock.
8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., removal of all 4-H projects.
9:00 a.m.-12 noon, removal of produce, fruit and flowers.
10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., removal of entries in home arts, kitchen & pantry, youth & art.

Monday, Sept. 9

9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
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10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., release of antiques, home arts that have entries in both



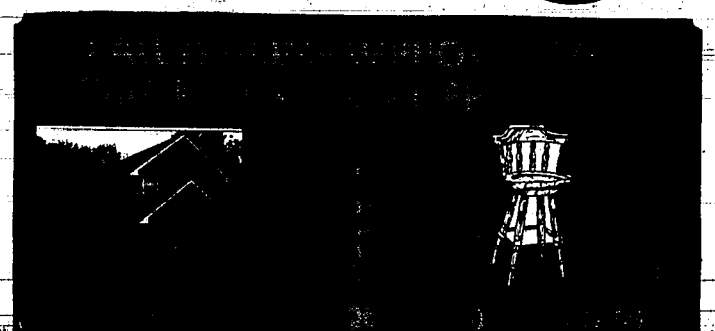
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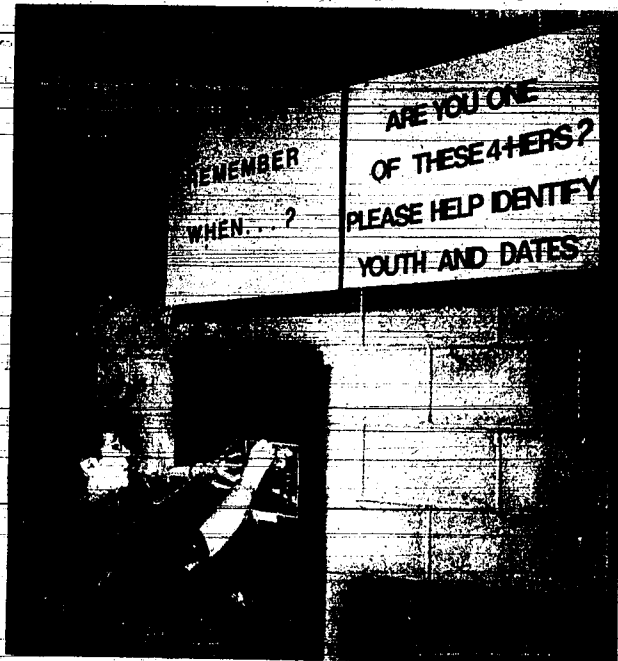


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Wilma Southwick pins up a photograph of 4-Hers from decades past before the fair

4-H offers alumni nostalgic walk down memory lane with photos

By LORAYNE O. SMITH
Times-News writer

FILIP: The 4-H has always been an important part of the Twin Falls County Fair; but this year fairgoers will be able to take an imaginary walk down memory lane.

At the Tom Parks Pavilion, they can not only view the many varied projects of youths currently enrolled in clubs throughout the county, but may see pictures of their parents, who were in 4-H several decades back.

And the public can help the project by providing identification for some of the pictures and clippings whose names have been lost, according to Debbie Nelson, Kimberly.

She says there will be a bulletin board with pencils attached so fairgoers who can identify pictures or provide dates of the various activities listed will be encouraged to do so.

The booth will carry out the fair theme of "Freedom in Action" and will display the U.S. flag, along with the white-and-green 4-H flag.

Nelson says some material on past activities has always been included in the 4-H displays, but this year an enthusiastic group of 4-H "alumni" has made an extensive effort to gather not only pictures—and news clippings, but

clothing once worn by club girls and signs indicating club members live here.

They also have located a postcard with pictures of the top club winner in each 4-H animal division in 1957. But none of the winners are named, Nelson says, so anyone knowing a top livestock 4-Her that year is urged to help with identification.

The postcard picture was used by a local seed company as an advertisement.

The former club leaders have contacted all the older 4-H clubs to assist in providing materials for the memorabilia project.

The display will include pictures of well-known area residents, such as State Sen. Laird Noh, Dr. John Lanting, Hollister veterinarian, and Curtis Eaton, Twin Falls banker, when they were 4-Hers.

The former leaders involved in the project in addition to Nelson include Rheta Lanting, Hollister; Carol Kohntopp and Joyce Gee, assisted by Wilma Southwick, county extension 4-H program assistant.

Two current 4-H members, Susan Noh, Kimberly, and Ned Quiggley, Buhl, are helping decorate the booth.

Nelson probably typifies the long commitment many area residents have to 4-H. She started when she was 9 years old, taking projects from homemaking to livestock, then became a leader and now is a judge.

Nelson, who has been a registered nurse for 10 years and then went back to school to become an enterostomal therapist, even wrote a 4-H project, on clowning, which is still available at the county club office.

No fries

Fried spuds no longer as appetizing in U.S.

HERMISTON, Ore. (AP)—Diet-conscious Americans are losing their appetite for french fries, but Asian consumers are eating more of them, potato growers were told here.

Linda McCashion, a representative from the National Potato Promotion Board in Denver, gave that message at a potato-growers luncheon here Monday.

She said the board is developing a french fry nutrition label, and is also hoping potato processors will back an \$800,000 advertising campaign for processed potatoes.

Glenn Chowning, a Hermiston grower and board member, said efforts to promote french fries in Japan have been so successful that processed potatoes from the United States have surpassed Japanese production.

Chowning said the board is now focusing on South Korea, where the 1988 Olympic Games is expected to create a big demand for fast food.

"This single event could be a break-through for U.S. potato producers in Korea," Chowning said.

He added, however, that a hard-sell campaign could backfire with Koreans, who want to develop their own potato business.

"The Korean government has put potatoes on a surveillance list. They don't want a lot of imports," he said.

But Chowning said he doubts Korea will be able to meet the growing demand, and added that U.S. potato producers should be able to compete on quality alone.

Chowning said there is also a potential market in Singapore and Hong Kong, both of which have high per capita incomes and thriving fast-food industries.

At home, where Americans are eating fewer french fries, efforts are under way to dispel the idea that french fries are bad for fitness.



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13-year-old program going strong

Master gardeners have answers

EDITOR'S NOTE - Backyard gardeners are a growing breed. In more ways than one. But they frequently get bad advice from ill-informed neighbors across the backyard fence. Now the amateur green thumb can get the ear of a Master Gardener, a volunteer trained by agriculture professionals.

LITTLETON Colo. (AP) - Along the Front Range of Colorado, the queries concern beetles on the pinon pine, what to do about the scale on aspen, and what happened to very expensive sod laid down over all that backyard clay.

In Seattle, hot topics are fruit trees, begonias, and those terrible slimy slugs.

In Hamburg, N.Y., homeowners line up during the country's largest county fair to figure out which bug's doing what. In each case, the answers come courtesy of the 13-year-old Master Gardener program, a nationwide volunteer effort that calls on the green thumbs of America to help out those who don't know a begonia from a bougainvillea.

Its roots go back to 1972 and King County, Wash., when two Cooperative Extension Service employees decided they were sick of saying too many homeowners' questions from April through October.

They noticed the questions weren't usually that hard, the sort of things a lot of amateur gardeners might have been able to answer.

So why not give that part of the job to amateur gardeners?

They did, asking only that the volunteers give back a like amount of time for the training they received from Washington State University professors.

Today some 250 Master Gardeners rotate volunteer hours at 22 neighborhood "plant clinics" and on a horticultural hotline.

Three-quarters of the 70 to 80 new Master Gardeners in King County each year come back for at least one more season, says Holly Kennell, who coordinates the Seattle program. Last year 40 applicants had to be turned away.

N. Yemen 3rd plan target

WASHINGTON (AP) - North Yemen is the third country to be targeted under a special, \$2 billion U.S. farm export subsidy program initiated earlier this year.

The program, announced Tuesday by Agriculture Secretary John R. Block, will enable North Yemen to buy up to 50,000 metric tons of U.S. wheat flour, the equivalent of more than 65,000 tons of wheat.

In addition, the Agriculture Department said North Yemen, a small country in the Middle East, has been granted \$20 million in

Denver County Extension Agent Carl Wilson says the Colorado program provided the equivalent of 8.6 full-time employees throughout the state in 1984. That's a savings of \$154,800 statewide and it meant 2,371 volunteer hours just for the Denver office, he noted.

Professors from state universities provide the training, which ranges up to 60 hours in some states.

The weekly training sessions begin in January, when Extension Service employees are least busy and the new volunteers will be ready when the public is ready to break out the garden tools.

In many places, including Arapahoe County, Colo., the work primarily is phone work.

"Good morning, Master Gardener. May I help you?"

"Hi. Something's eating my tomatoes. My lilacs are dying."

"What can I spray for?"

"To me, it's successful if even half the phone calls are funneled away from me," says Arapahoe County Extension Agent Carrie Green.

"When we first moved out here, nobody was into gardening the way they are now," recalls Marcia Nelson, a Master Gardener in Arapahoe County for six years. "You didn't know why things failed. It was just trial and error. I would have been one to have had something like this when I started gardening 20 years ago."

In upstate New York, Carl and Betty Walter have worked with the Erie County Garden Advisor program since 1979. She is a retired executive secretary and he still works as a tool-and-die maker at the Ford Motor Co.

The Walters today are known as among the best of the speakers' bureau offerings in the Buffalo area.

Recently, their repertoire was expanded to include slide presentations from a European garden tour they took last year and another that shows memorable public gardens within an hour's drive of Buffalo.

The Erie County Extension Office adopted the title "Garden Advisor" for its volunteers because "some of the women objected to the term 'Master,'"

guaranteed credit to buy U.S. wheat or wheat flour, if it chooses.

Under the program, sometimes called export PIK, exporters receive free amounts of government-owned grain as a payment-in-kind so they can reduce prices for selected foreign countries.

The first country in line for the subsidized export program was Algeria, announced on June 4, followed by Egypt on July 2. Another offer was made to Egypt on July 26. So far, only Egypt has announced an offer to buy commodities under the program.

Mrs. Walter explains. In Seattle, a phone call to the plant hotline is liable to reach Tony Manson, who volunteers from her home via a call-forwarding service.

"I'm into edible landscaping," she tells those who phone. No matter what else they want to know about, callers during Ms. Manson's duty hours are likely to hear the joys of surrounding one's home with plants that produce

something for the table.

Ms. Manson frequently refers fruit tree questions to Emory Keland, another Master Gardener who also is president of the Seattle Tree Fruit Society. Eighteen fruit trees flourish within Keland's 40-by-50-foot backyard.

Last year, King County decided to re-test all its advanced Master Gardeners every five years, to be sure the information they give out is current.

"Occasionally, after training, we do have to flunk somebody, so to speak," she says. "The economic value of somebody's yard or plants rests on the information they're giving."

"Before Master Gardeners, a person could lean over the garden wall and talk to their neighbor if they had a question," she says. "You might get a good answer, or you might not. We try to make sure all our information is good."



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Harvesting crop of his coaching

Pupils sit in for county's squash king

By BONNIE BAIRD JONES
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Pete Creed won't be bringing his giant pumpkins and squash or other vegetables to the Twin Falls County fair this year.

But many of the people he coached and encouraged as young gardeners will be there with their garden produce to carry on the tradition.

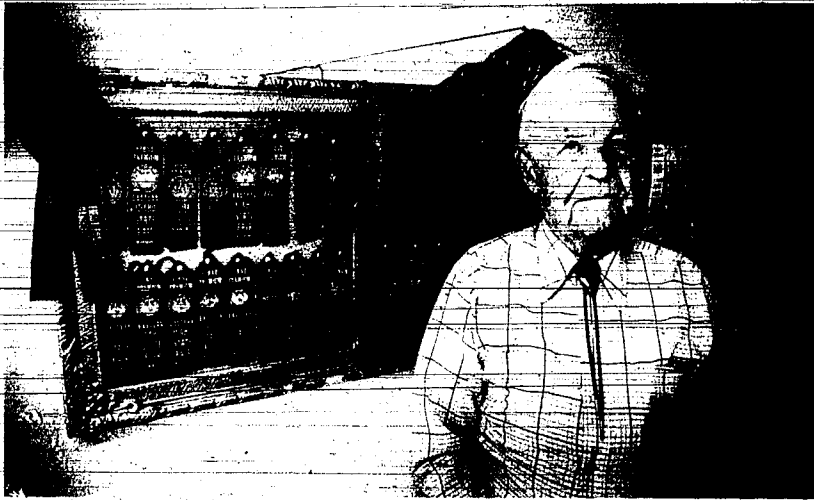
Creed, who built a reputation as the king of pumpkin and squash production in Twin Falls County, will be sitting out fair competition for the first time in about 65 years. But he hopes to attend the event. In one way or another, he has been associated with the Twin Falls County Fair since 1917. Now, he and his wife, Flossie, have retired from their farm and reside in the Heritage Manor retirement center.

"I had an offer of some ground for a garden this spring, but I just didn't think I could handle the irrigation and other work to get things ready for the fair. About all I have is a few tomatoes, eggplant, peppers and flowers," Creed says, noting he has to depend on his mental crutches for getting around.

However, he has no difficulty driving his car and says fair officials have guaranteed him a convenient parking place if he attends this year.

Creed may not mind being just a spectator. He has worked in not only fair and grange work but numerous other community programs over the past 68 years.

The Twin Falls County Fair made its first appearance in Creed in 1916. The following year Creed was there as night watchman,



Pete Creed won't be part of fair competition for the first time in 65 years, but says he hopes to attend the event


and in 1918 he worked on the fair's police staff. Back again in 1919, he sold tickets at the front gate.

Creed and his wife were married in 1920 and they entered their first garden produce in that year's fair.

"I was running a dray-line and I had my horses pastured just out of town, so I plowed up some of the pasture and planted a garden," Creed says of his first fair effort. "My brother and I entered what they used to call the 'farm display' before it became the community exhibits."

"He beat me," Creed recalls, "but he had a 40-acre farm and I only had a couple of acres."


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Creed

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 Creed continued showing garden and farm produce through last year, when he planted his garden on some donated ground and still managed to rake in a good collection of first-place awards.

He can recall the early years of the fair when only one building — the present merchants building — was available for exhibits. Live stock was shown outside or in simple shelters. When he first became involved, he said, the horses, cows, mules and other large animals were housed in a structure that consisted of a west wall and roof with open sides. Only a post separated each of the animals and they were tied beside the posts for display.

Working many years with the Twin Falls Grange in the community-exhibitors — also prepared and entered — his produce — individually.

At one time there were 14 granges in strong competition for the blue, red, and white ribbons and for the prize money in community exhibits. This year, reports are that there will be none.

The reason, Creed says, is that like himself, most of the grange members are too old to want to continue the hard work, and the young people are not interested. Granges, he says, are just about out of existence because no younger people are interested or willing to join and carry on the grange programs.

The Creeds lived in Missouri for about six years, but they kept up their fair competition in that state, says Creed. Back in Twin Falls in 1925, they resumed farming and their prize-winning produce began showing up in the fair's produce and flower building again.

From about 1923 to 1925, Creed says, there was no fair except for the 4-H and FFA events, because there wasn't any money.

Creed says that in the individual produce competition, he was only beaten once when a man from Paul brought his produce from out of county and took the first-place ribbon. However, Creed collected more ribbons and won more money because he had more individual winning exhibits.

Creed recalls that produce in the early fairs was excellent quality, a tribute to the area's fame as a top farming locality in the nation. But now, he says, there is much more variety and more classes because of the new types of produce that have been developed and found suitable to area soil and farming conditions.

"We didn't even know what a delicious apple was in the early days of the fair. They weren't grown here then," he recalls.

Creed supervised the produce building for two years and, at one time, judged the fair in Gooding County.

He also was responsible for starting the junior gardeners division and once paid the prize money for the best individual display by a junior gardener.

"I met with the fair board to suggest a junior garden division.

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Riding up to the top

Rodeo showcases cowboys trying for a shot at pro ranks

By SCOTT TUDEHOPE
Times-News writer

FILED— They call it the Twin Falls County Fair and Rodeo, and there's a reason why rodeo gets equal billing.

It's a major event, that's why. Wednesday through Saturday at 8 p.m., rodeo fans will be able to see up-and-coming athletes pit their talents against stock provided by Salt Lake City's Swanny Kerby, and listen to announcers Jay Harwood and Zeb Bell.

Fair Manager Tom Shouse explained that this type of rodeo is a showcase for men and women wanting to break into the professional ranks.

"What they're looking toward is a way to earn their PRCA (Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association) card," he said. "The way to do that is to earn so much money at rodeos like this one."

Shouse said he wasn't able to say exactly which professionals would show, but that a number of locals could be expected to compete.

Miles Loughmiller of Hollister and Mike Tows of Filer are expected to compete in the bareback riding. Shouse said, while Jackie West of Buhl and

Tim Chadwick of Hollister will enter calf roping. Chadwick's also signed up to be in steer wrestling.

Shawn Jones of Filer, a former Wildcat contestant in state high school bareback competition, has entered, as has Eric Kaset of Twin Falls in team roping. Twin Falls High graduate Tim Van Ostran is back in calf roping, and his father, Terry Van Ostran, can be seen in the team roping.

Barefoot racer Lisa Chadwick of Castleford has entered, as has Scott Brown of Twin Falls in bull riding and saddle bronc riding.

Shouse said some of the cowboys currently ranked in the top 15 by the PRCA were expected to enter, but he did not have the full registration list at presstime.

Stock contractor Kerby, who in a press release claims he "hasn't strayed very far" from his native Utah, and has been with the sport "since the invention of the wheel," he said.

Although not a pro cowboy himself, Kerby, 61, competed in county fairs and local rodeos in Utah before becoming a professional contractor shortly after World War II.

Announcer Harwood, who lives

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Cowboy Mickey Young of Jerome leans back and takes a spirited bronc for a ride

Creed

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They were so busy they didn't have time to hear my plan but told me to get together with Cecil Calhoun (a fair board member) and work it out," Creed says.

"They said they would pay for whatever we came up with, and they did," Creed added.

The Pete Creed special award still goes to the outstanding junior gardener each year but is now sponsored by the Twin Falls Exchange Club.

The division was the outgrowth of Creed's interest in young boys and girls in his neighborhood who came to admire his garden and ask questions. Most had no gardens at their own homes.

Gradually he taught them how to plant and grow produce and his renown as a youth garden leader grew. At one time, he says, seed companies were sending him enough free seeds every year to keep the youth gardens and his own going.

"I think it was about 15 years ago that we added the youth garden division to the fair," Creed says. "Now in the past few years these kids have come back in the open division as my competitor, and their kids are bringing some good vegetables into the junior division."

According to Creed, who has won over 2,700 ribbons and awards, the secret of a winning display is to know produce maturity and know what the judges will select. Most judges, he says, want fairly small, uniform produce. It doesn't count with the judges if it's the largest in the building — they want it to be uniform and at its peak of maturity, Creed says.

In addition to entering the Twin Falls County Fair, the Creeds also entered the East Idaho Fair in Blackfoot until fair officials there ruled out any entries not grown in their own counties. Creed says he thinks they did this to get him out because his produce was always larger and bet-

ter, due to the longer growing season in Twin Falls County and the greater variety that the season will produce.

On a wall just outside of the Creeds' retirement center room is a framed display of 67 ribbons. All of them were earned in the 1963 fair at Blackfoot. Creed said he entered 85 displays and won awards with 67 of them.

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Support program outlook isn't sweet

World sugar glut worries USDA

By DON KENDALL
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Agriculture Department officials say a world glut of sugar has forced prices so low that some large U.S. processors may forfeit millions of pounds to the government instead of repaying federal price support loans taken out on 1984 crop inventories.

"It's got us concerned," said Ross Ballard of the department's Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service. "We don't want it, but we're willing to take it." Ballard and other department officials said Monday that the lowest world sugar prices in 15 years have put pressure on the U.S. support program, which guarantees much higher prices for domestic sugar. At the same time, import quotas restrict the amount of foreign sugar that can enter the U.S. market.

According to agency figures, the department's Commodity Credit Corp. has loans outstanding on 484.3 million pounds of refined beet sugar at a national average support price of 20.76 cents per pound for a total of more than \$100 million. Loans on 919.3 million pounds of raw cane sugar at 17.75 cents a pound total \$263.7 million.

Thus, in all, processors owe around \$384 million in loans made by the CCC on about 700,800 tons of sugar, based on holdings as of Aug. 21.

In addition, the CCC owned outright some 231.5 million pounds of beet sugar that was turned over in lieu of loan repayment earlier this year. Virtually all of that came from forfeitures by Great Western Sugar Co., which, along with its subsidiary, Northern Ohio Sugar Co., filed for bankruptcy last March.

The sugar supports are keyed by law to the processors, who are required to pay sugarcane and sugarcane producers prices that reflect the support levels. In all, there are only about 30 processors who get the benefits.

"There's no way that we could write a loan to the man who grows sugarcane or sugarbeets, so we have to deal with the next step up... the first step where the commodity can actually be stored," Ballard said. "So we deal with the processor."

No one is predicting that all the sugar now under loan will be forfeited by Sept. 30, when the loans come due. But the potential is there, and that is what concerns USDA officials.

Robert D. Barry, a sugar specialist in the department's Economic Research Service, said there is "a definite likelihood that we might see further forfeitures" because of the low prices. On Aug. 19, sugar for future delivery on the New York market in November was 20.41 cents per pound. On Monday, it was still only 20.7 cents.

Comparatively, the so-called world price of raw sugar, based on averages at Caribbean ports, dropped to less than 2.8 cents per pound in May and currently is still only about 4.3 cents.

The government's "market stabilization price" or objective under the program is 21.57 cents a pound. According to USDA economists, sugar market prices need to be at the stabilization level or higher to prevent sugar from being forfeited to the government.

"If you take the numbers, it would probably pay these processors to forfeit, rather than to redeem their loans," Barry said.

However, Barry said there is another side to the issue that makes it more complicated than

simply the current price of sugar. Many of the processors want the current federal program to continue with the supports and protection against foreign sugar.

When Congress returns next month, it will resume debate on a new farm bill, which includes an extension of the current sugar program.

Barry said that some supporters would like to be able to

say that the sugar program has operated in recent years without much cost to the taxpayer. Massive forfeitures could alter that claim.

The import quota for 1984-85 was announced last September at 2,552,000 tons, down 16 percent from 3,050,000 tons in 1983-84. A decision on 1985-86 quotas will be due by mid-September.

Total U.S. sugar use is expected

to be about eight million tons this year. Retail prices have been relatively stable at around 36 cents a pound the last three years.

Department officials said that sugar payments traditionally gain a certain notoriety because so few processors share in them. But benefits to wheat farmers, for example, are spread out among thousands

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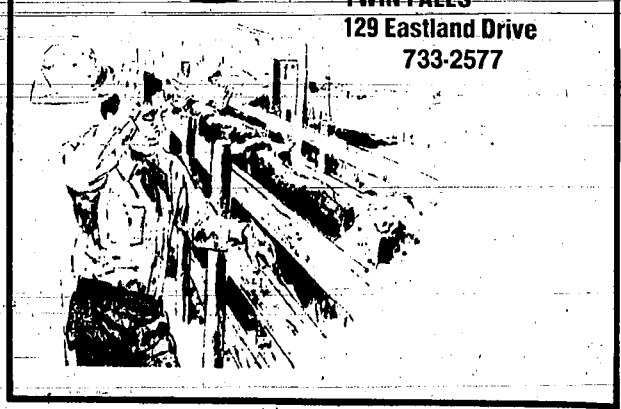
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Rodeo

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in Sacramento, Calif., is a five-time National Finals Rodeo announcer and general manager of the Indian National Finals Rodeo. He's making his first appearance in Piler and works for the U.S. Public Health Service and the Bureau of Indian Affairs Health Service.

Bell, well-known locally as a Twin Falls radio announcer, is a three-time NFR announcer and has also worked the PRCA Nationals and high school nationals. He's an employee for KZZZ Radio and is associated with Cactus Pete's in Jackpot.

The clowns hired for the four-day extravaganza are Bobby "Toad" Cook of Big Rapids, Mich., and the team of Leon and Vickie Adams of Stuart, Okla.

Cook had worked bulls and crowds from Mexico City to Alberta, and manages a steel fabrication plant in Michigan, ac-



ording to his press release. The Adams travel with a pair of trained bulls, and their act was chosen as "outstanding" at the last PRCA final.

Leon Adams made his first break into the big ranks of PRCA rodeo with a now-famous "Roman ride" (one leg on each animal) of Brahma bulls in the 1960s. His act includes the ride, aboard Brahmas Geronimo and Apache.



Easy rider

Leon Adams, pictured here with Brahma bulls Twin Falls County Fair rodeo. A new bull, Germano and Red Cloud, will perform at the Apache, has replaced Red Cloud in Adams' act

USDA scientists are enthusiastic about insect-killing trees

WASHINGTON (AP) — Agriculture Department scientists are enthusiastic about the bug-killing potential of neem trees that are native to tropical areas of Asia and Africa.

Neem leaves and seeds have been used for centuries to help control insects in the tropics, says Hiram Larew of the department's Agricultural Research Service. Now, neem products show promise when sprayed on flower and nursery crops. They also are being tested for cockroach control.

Larew and a colleague, Victor Adler, have been working on the neem project at the agency's laboratory in Beltsville, Md. A report on their work was released Wednesday.

A commercial product containing neem is under review by the Environmental Protection Agency for use on vegetable and ornamental crops. Neem-based products for cockroach control are not yet ready for commercial use, but experiments have shown promise, the report said.

"As natural products, neem insecticides are probably biodegradable and environmentally safe, although not all tests are complete," Larew said.

Neem trees are scarce in the United States but thrive in the Caribbean and could do well in southern Florida and Hawaii, the report said. About 50 of the trees are growing at USDA stations and other locations in southern Florida. More than 500,000 were planted in recent years in Haiti to beautify roadsides.

Among 50 insect pests inhibited by neem extract in laboratory tests are: Mexican bean beetles, Colorado potato beetles, North American grasshoppers, California red scale, tobacco budworms, carpet beetles, striped cucumber beetles, confused flour beetles, milkweed bugs, citrus mealybug and naval orangeworms.

Catfish production shows big gains

WASHINGTON (AP) — Production of farm-grown catfish continues to show big gains from year-earlier levels, according to the Agriculture Department.

In July, the department's Crop Reporting Board said Wednesday, catfish production was an estimated 14.2 million pounds, up 17 percent from July 1984. Growers received an average of 76 per pound, up 2 cents from a year earlier.

Catfish production in the first seven months of this year was reported at 113.4 million pounds, up 23 percent from the same period in 1984.

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Milk production in July totaled 12.4 billion pounds, a record for the month and 8 percent above the year-earlier level, the Agriculture Department says.

Production in the first seven months of 1985 was 83.3 billion pounds, up 3 percent from the same period of 1984, the department's Crop Reporting Board reported this week.

An estimated 11.1 million head of milk cows were reported in July, 3 percent more than a year ago. Those averaged 1,120 pounds of milk during the month, an increase of 56 pounds from July 1984.

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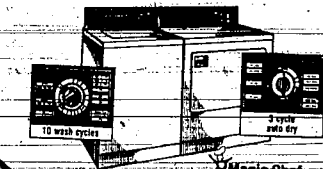
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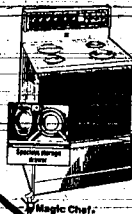
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Authorities try to defuse confusion

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal authorities are concerned that an outbreak of vesicular stomatitis, a viral disease of livestock, could be confused with the more deadly foot-and-mouth disease.

The Agriculture Department said "Wednesday" that vesicular stomatitis, which causes blister-like lesions in horses, cattle, swine, sheep and goats, has been found since June 1 on 59 premises in Colorado, 58 in New Mexico, and two in Arizona.

Bert W. Hawkins, administrator of the department's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, said most of the cases involve horses, although some occurred in dairy cattle.

"Our primary concern is that vesicular stomatitis not be confused with foot-and-mouth disease, since both have similar clinical symptoms," Hawkins said.

Vesicular stomatitis causes weight loss in most infected animals and decreased milk production in dairy cows, but is rarely fatal. Foot-and-mouth disease, currently not known to exist in the United States, is a devastating livestock disease which spreads rapidly once established.

"Because the two diseases can be distinguished from one another only by laboratory tests, it is important that livestock owners report to their veterinarians such symptoms as blisters on the mouth, tongue, teats, feet and other exposed areas of an animal's skin," Hawkins said.

In the last outbreak of vesicular stomatitis, in 1982-83, livestock on about 500 premises in eight states were infected.

Egypt wants to purchase grain under export subsidy program

WASHINGTON (AP) — Egypt has formally issued another notice that it wants to buy U.S. grain under a special \$2 billion export subsidy program designed to help American farmers meet foreign competition.

Agriculture Secretary John R. Block said Friday the "tender" by Egypt calls for offers from U.S. exporters for 300,000 metric tons of wheat, about 11 million bushels. On Aug. 14, Egypt gave notice it wants to buy about 150,000 tons of flour, equal to about 200 million bushels of wheat.

So far, Egypt is the only country to show an interest in buying U.S. grain under the special program, which was announced May 15. Sometimes called export P1K, the program provides free-government-owned grain to exporters for lower prices charged to a designated foreign buyer.

Algeria was designated first, on June 4, and Egypt, on July 2. Another offer was made to Egypt

on July 26. And North Yemen was designated this week as eligible for the special program.

"Not only would Egypt get a special price break under the export P1K program, the Agriculture Department earlier announced an \$80 million credit package to help Egypt buy U.S. wheat and flour. A similar \$20 million line of guaranteed credit was provided for North Yemen.

The idea of the program is to expand flagging U.S. farm exports, and to make U.S. grain competitive with that of the European Community, which uses export subsidies to help sell surplus farm products.

If Egypt buys the entire 300,000 tons of wheat, it would have an estimated U.S. farm value of about \$31 million based on a recent average price of \$2.81 per bushel, according to the department. A metric ton is about 2,205 pounds and is equal to 36.7 bushels of wheat.

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Israeli wrangling

Down on the Kibbutz, American cowboy shows 'em how its done

By NICOLAS B. TATRO
The Associated Press

VERED HAGALLIL, Israel — Art Gaytan, his Leston tilted back and his silver championship riding-buckle glinting in the sun, pointed at the docile gray mare. "This," he declared, "is a happy horse."

Only minutes earlier, the mare had reared up with thrashing forelegs, fighting to shake off its rope. Now she stood quietly, the rope lying on the ground, as Gaytan drank lemonade in a chair just in front of her, defying her to move.

Two dozen Israeli horsemen, leaning over the corral fence, nodded to each other and grinned at the American cowboy, impressed with Gaytan's speed in taming a horse with a reputation for unruliness.

Gaytan, 53, a horse trainer from the Paddock Riding Club in Los Angeles, was brought to Israel by the Israeli Cattle Breeders Association and held several week-long courses to teach cowboys, breeders, trainers and weekend wranglers the fine art of handling horses.

He also took time out to ride the range on a two-day cattle roundup in the Golan Heights, near this northern Israeli dude ranch.

"Physically and mentally, the Israeli cowboy is as tough as any in the business. That's because life here is tough," Gaytan said during a break from the course.

"They have good knowledge of cattle, but my job is to teach them more about their horses."

At the Kanaat Yohanan kibbutz, a collective farm near Haifa that raises 300 head of beef cattle, Gaytan instructed cowboys gathered from nearby ranches and farms, teaching them roping, cutting and how to break horses.

At first, the Israeli cowhands were skeptical about what they could learn from the American.

"Everybody said, 'What is he going to do, teach us how to ride? I don't know how to ride!'" recalled Yonathan Yuvel, 35.

But now Yuvel and his partner Gil Cutler, 28, tell the story of the wild Arabian stallion from a neighboring kibbutz that nobody could even break.

"For months they had tried to break this horse and they brought it here as a last hope. In three days, Art had him broken," said Yuvel, pointing to a chestnut stallion in the kibbutz's new stable.

the fences to move their sheep herds or just do it out of malicousness. It's either use horses or get a helicopter," said Cutler, who like most Israeli cowboys wears Western ranchwear in favor of blue shorts, sandals and straw hat.

Yehuda Avni, who operates the Vered Hagallil dude ranch with his wife, Yona, and son Glora, offered the instruction course here to promote Western-style riding for "weekend cowboys," who far outnumber the few hundred full-time cowpunchers.

"Israel is a young society and we haven't yet discovered what to do with our leisure time," said Avni, 59, who has a stable full of Arabian horses that he breeds as a hobby and uses for trail rides in this area overlooking the Sea of Galilee.

"For most of our history we didn't have the time, the facilities or the wherewithal for horseback recreation. Now that

we do have these things, what we need is some coaching," he said.

Most of those attending the course here were middle-class farmers, such as Yohanan Merkev, 37, a breeder of Arabian horses who paid about \$300 for the six-day course.

Merkev said he began raising Arabians as a hobby and now has turned it into a business on his kibbutz, selling some horses abroad this year for the first time.

"Part of what we are doing is an ideal: to bring back a lost tradition that was part of this country for 3,000 years," he said.

David Moses, secretary of the 750-member Israeli Horse Society, said Western-style riding is only beginning to catch on in Israel but interest in horses is booming.

"We had a show recently for Arabian horses and more than 3,000 people turned out," he said. "We only expected one-third as many and there was no room."

Export estimate is lowered again

By DON KENDALL
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — For the fourth time in six months, the Agriculture Department has lowered its value estimate of U.S. farm exports in the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, and another a decline is in the works in 1985-86.

As it looks now, the department reported on Wednesday, the farm export value is expected to decline to a six-year low of \$32 billion, down 16 percent from more than \$38 billion in 1983-84.

In another forecast three months ago, farm exports were indicated at \$33.5 billion. The new report showed a \$1.5 billion decline from that mark, and indicated the slump will extend into next fiscal year, beginning on Oct. 1.

"Current global supply and demand estimates indicate that fiscal 1986 agricultural exports may continue to decline," largely reflecting reduced grain and cotton exports, the report said.

This year's slide "is attributable to sluggish demand,

increased foreign supplies and the ability of competitors to undercut U.S. prices," the report said.

Imports of agricultural products, meanwhile, are expected to rise to a record of \$30 billion this fiscal year from a 1983-84 level of \$18.9 billion.

Although lower prices for some major commodities such as grain and soybeans are mostly responsible, the actual quantity of shipments also has declined. Those are forecast at 129 million metric tons, down 10 percent from 143.6 million tons last year.

In the previous export analysis on May 22, the volume of shipments was forecast at 137 million tons this year. A metric ton is about 2,205 pounds.

At 129 million tons, 1984-85 shipments will be the lowest since 1976-77 when they totaled 112 million tons, according to USDA records. At that time, however, exports were rising and the following year jumped to 137 million tons. They rose to record levels of more than 160 million tons in the early 1980s.

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USDA to adopt drug testing of veal calves

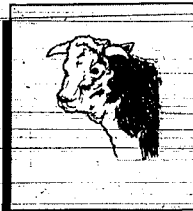
WASHINGTON (AP) — The Agriculture Department will adopt permanently this month a program put into effect last year to detect illegal traces of sulfur and antibiotic drugs in young veal calves slaughtered for food.

Donald L. Houston, administrator of the department's Food Safety and Inspection Service, said the in-plant testing program has "proved successful in reducing the incidence of drug residues in young calves."

Since the tighter rules began on an interim basis in June 1985, the violation rate of drugs in so-called "bob veal" calves has been cut in half, from 5 percent to 2.5 percent.

Houston said the program will become a permanent part of the agency's monitoring procedure on Sept. 9.

The testing program is limited to young calves up to three weeks



old or 150 pounds in weight. It does not include older calves raised for "fancy" veal, the source of such cuts as veal chops or roasts.

Under the program, suppliers must certify to that their calves do not contain illegal levels of drug residues. Federal inspectors verify the guarantees by testing random carcasses from each group of certified calves.

U.S., Soviets to resume youth exchange program

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States and the Soviet Union have agreed to resume a program for the exchange of young agricultural specialists, beginning next year.

Agriculture Department officials said Tuesday that an agreement was reached in Moscow by Agriculture Secretary John R. Block and Soviet Minister of Agriculture Valentin K. Mesyats.

A tentative decision to resume the exchange program was reached last June at a meeting in

Moscow of a joint committee on cooperation in the field of agriculture.

Approximately 80 young agricultural specialists from the two countries participated in the exchange program while it operated in 1976-79.

Plans call for a group of up to 15 young people from each country to be involved in the exchange program for 12 weeks next summer. The National 4-H Council, with policy guidance from the USDA, will administer the program.



Royal ride

Held Peterson of Jerome takes a queen's ride around the ring at the 1984 Gooding County Rodeo. Peterson, the current Twin Falls Western Days PRCA Rodeo queen, will compete against 12 other royalty hopefuls during fair week for the tie of Miss Rodeo Idaho, 1985.

Thailand may undercut U.S. corn sales

WASHINGTON (AP) — As if American farmers didn't have enough export competition, Japan is looking at the possibility of buying corn from Thailand, says the Agriculture Department.

The department's Foreign Agricultural Service said recently that the Japanese Feed Trade Association is thinking about buying 10,000 metric tons of corn from Thailand if the price is right, and the quality is guaranteed. That would be about 394,000 bushels.

Recent Thai corn sales to South Korea reportedly were at prices about \$6.50 per ton below the U.S. price, a saving of 16.5 cents a bushel. Japan has not imported

corn from Thailand since 1981 because of a problem with contamination by aflatoxin, which can occur naturally when certain kinds of molds are formed, the agency said.

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Area businesses find giving awards can be rewarding

By KENNETH A. BROWN
Times-News writer

FILER — Many local businesses have a longstanding involvement with the Twin Falls County Fair. In addition to ribbons and premiums awarded by the fair, a number of businesses have added cash and gifts on their own.

For many, adding to the fair's awards has become something of a tradition. Participation has become something the company has always done. Most view participation now as a way of showing their support for competitors, particularly area children and teenagers.

The Twin Falls Bank & Trust Company's "Open to the World" Steer Show, for example, was started in the 1950s or 60s, according to Curtis T. Eaton Sr., Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer for the Bank.

"We see it as a window for highlighting agricultural pursuits in the valley," said Eaton, who served on the fair board. "Also," Eaton said, "there's the idea that livestock plays an important role in the economy of the valley."

The bank offers a total of \$810 in premiums in the competition. The grand champion steer also wins the Harry Eaton Memorial

Trophy, given in the memory of Eaton's father who passed away in the early 1970's.

Idaho First National Bank participates in the "Open to the World" Steer Carcass Show with a \$100 prize for the Reserve Champion. The bank also gives special awards in the "Big Western" Register of Merit Qualifying Show for Herefords.

"It's something we've been doing for a while," said Carl Grinstead with the bank's office in Filer.

For the Amalgamated Sugar Company of Twin Falls, awarding sugar prizes in a variety of baking contests is a "very old tradition," according to Leonard Kerbs, agriculture manager for the company.

Amalgamated Sugar awards ten and five pounds of sugar in such baking contests such as cookies, leed cakes, and pies.

"It's a way of showing our appreciation to local customers, particularly the wives of men who are growing beets for us," Kerbs said.

Other businesses in the Magic Valley also give awards for competitions related to their field of business.

Cosentino's Country Store in Hollister, for example, gives \$25 to

the winners of the Grand Market Steer, Grand Market Lamb and Grand Champion Market Hog contests in the 4-H and Future Farmers of America division.

"We've been involved with program for 4 to 5 years," said Paul Cosentino. "We like to support the kids and we also sell Purina feeds which is why we're interested in the animal competitions."

Rangen Inc. of Buhl has a similar interest, behind its involvement. Rangen gives "sheep pelts" in the different classes of the fair's sheep competitions. "We've been in the agricultural business for over 50 years," said Gene Stubbs of Rangen. "In the fair we always go by animals," he added. "It's a way of supporting the youth in their programs."

One of the newer competitions awarding prizes is the photo-competition. Inkley's of Twin Falls will be presenting a plaque to the photographer whose work is judged best as "Judge's Choice."

Theresa Jensen, Assistant Manager of Inkley's said it is their second year of participation.

"We're trying to promote the photo contest," Jensen said. "We'd like to see it eventually become a professional show."

Cattle breed from Switzerland reaches the million mark in U.S.

LENK, Switzerland (AP) — It took some pulling and coaxing to get the guest of honor off a cattle wagon and into the center of attention.

The guest at a recent ceremony here was Edelweiss, a brown and white Simmental calf that had become the symbol for nearly a century of links between Swiss and U.S. cattle breeders.

The four-month-old animal was a gift from a breeder here in the lush Bernese Oberland Valley to rancher Lowell Keller from Mandan, N.D., for having registered the one millionth Simmental in the United States.

Keller and about 50 other American ranchers and their families turned out at the Lenk cattle demonstration arena along with U.S. ambassador Faith Ryan Whittlesey.

Simmentals have been exported for centuries but they began being registered in the United States just 16 years ago, but they now are the fourth-largest herd in the United States and are found in all 50 states, said Alfred Rueggesser, general secretary of the Swiss-based World Union of Simmental Associations.

The breed now number about 42 million worldwide, Rueggesser added in an interview.

Contacts with American breeders go back to 1896, indicating the hardy breed has been grazing U.S. pastures at least

since then, Rueggesser said.

Registration began after the U.S. Simmental Association, based in Bozeman, Mont., was founded in 1899.

From 2,800 registered in 1970, the number of Simmental registries shot up to 264,157 in 1975 and 612,514 by 1980, Rueggesser said. Keller broke the one-million mark in April. The count includes all cattle with 50 percent or more Simmental blood.

The driving force behind the Simmental explosion in the United States is U.S. meat industry's desire for leaner products, Rueggesser explained.

The mainstay U.S. breeds, Hereford and Angus, had become fatty by the 1960s, he said. Crossing them with Simmentals,

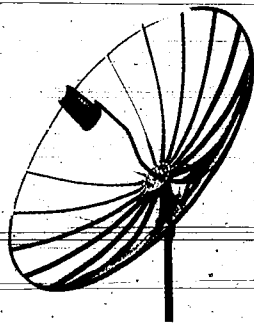
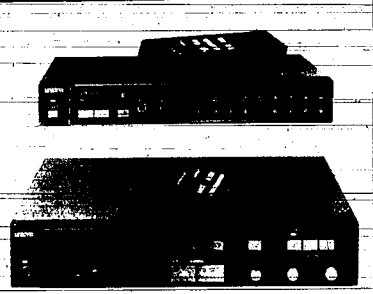
known for their tasty, lean meat, seemed to be a solution. By contrast, in Switzerland the breed is prized mainly for milk.

After exports of Simmentals made their name well-known outside Switzerland, Lenk has been host to a rising number of tourists for tours of the cows' original breeding grounds, said tourist office director Hans Pörrer. Vödlers, alpine players and a banquet with local breeders are a part of the program for such visitors, many of whom are American cattle breeders.

For the milestone gift calf, it'll be a while before it can graze in its new homeland. After quarantine in the United States and paperwork, Edelweiss will probably be in the North Dakota pastures by spring.

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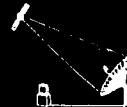
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Chicken-growing trade grows up

Broiler firms boom in East,
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By MICHAEL ABRAMOWITZ
The Washington Post

Whirring and clicking nonstop, the conveyor belt sweeps the baby chicks along their fateful route. Clustered closely around the belt are about a dozen workers separating the males from the females. Further down the assembly line, more workers are grabbing the tiny birds and forcing their beaks up to a nozzle, which dispenses drops of a vaccine which dispenses drops of a vaccine for respiratory ailments.

This is the "sexing" room of the Salisbury, Md., hatchery of Perdue Farms Inc., where more than 1 million chicks get this kind of treatment weekly.

It is the final stage of a process that began about three weeks earlier when workers brought in carts of eggs from farms all along the Delmarva peninsula. More than 300,000 eggs are put into incubation each day, and they will be kept for the next 18 1/2 days at a temperature of 98.8 degrees Fahrenheit and at 62 percent relative humidity, said Kenneth Lambert, manager of the hatchery.

From the hatchery, the birds will be picked up by Perdue trucks and taken to one of the hundreds of chicken houses that dot this swath of farm country. Here a chicken will spend its brief life in close confines with some 10,000 other "broilers," as the bird is known in the business.

Automation is no less prevalent in the chicken house than in the hatchery, as farmers working like clockwork deposit feed, formulated through computer modeling, for the chickens to eat. Twenty years ago, farmers say, it took more than 2 1/2 pounds of feed to produce a pound of chicken. Today, thanks to dramatic scientific advances in the genetics and nutrition of chicken breeding, it takes less than two pounds.

At the end of about seven weeks, the Perdue trucks will return once again to carry the chickens, which now weigh about 4 1/2 pounds, to their final destination: one of the company's six "processing plants." A processing plant is the chicken industry's euphemism for slaughterhouse. In little more than an hour, a live chicken will be killed, cut up and prepared for delivery — as soon as the next morning — to a supermarket somewhere along the Northeast corridor.

This entire cycle, or something very close to it, is repeated in the facilities of eight other companies here on the Eastern Shore. It is the stuff of the modern broiler business, a national business that got its start in these parts more than 40 years ago and that has since undergone sweeping scientific and industrial transformations.

For the men who run the business now, today's highly in-

tegrated, automated industry is a far cry from the ramshackle wire chicken coops they tended as youths. David Bruning, a Maryland farmer who has been growing chickens since 1956, says, "It's like the difference between a Model-T and a BMW — the business has so changed."

The story of this transformation is the story of the Delmarva chicken industry, one of the most competitive of the eight major production areas in the country. A number of the industry's bellwethers do some or all of their production here, including Perdue, Holly Farms Foods and Con Agra Inc. And nearly 500 million broilers were produced here in 1984, ranking the region fourth in national production, according to figures assembled by the Delmarva Poultry Industry, a trade association.

The region — an area 100 miles long and 60 miles wide, made up of parts of Maryland, Delaware and Virginia — is perhaps the most densely concentrated chicken-producing area of them all, said Bill Stephens, DPI's executive assistant. Included is the most productive county nationwide: Sussex County, Del., where about 150 million broilers are grown annually.

Plus, Stephens is quick to add, it all started here.

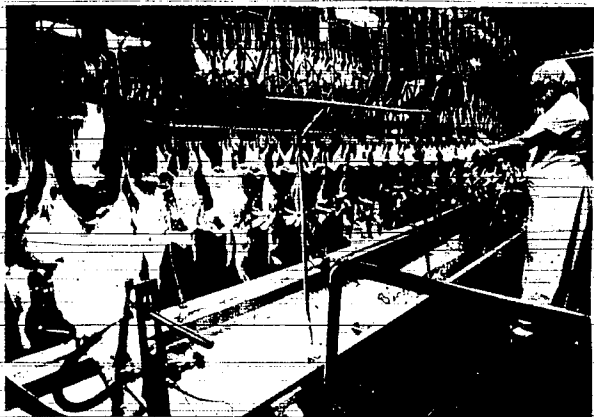
That was back in 1923 according to research by George Chaloupka, a University of Delaware poultry specialist. Wilmer Sims of Ocean View, Del., was reportedly the first commercial broiler producer, growing 500 chickens in a 16-foot-square broiler house. It took 16 weeks to grow the first flock, and the broilers averaged 2 1/4 pound live weight. They sold for 62 cents per pound.

Until then, many people had backyard flocks, but the idea of growing chickens just to produce meat for consumption was scarcely new, said William Hatfield, the editor of Broiler Industry, a trade journal. He said, "Delmarva was the first to really, truly, commercialize the practice."

In the beginning, the business was a fragmented one. As recently as 20 years ago, said Stephens, there were up to 20 companies on the peninsula, and they were involved with a variety of jobs, from running the hatchery or the breeder farms to operating a feed mill or processing plant.

That number has shrunk to nine as part of the relentless process of consolidation and integration that has marked the broiler industry since its inception. The companies that remain are fully integrated, usually owning at least one hatchery, feed mill and processing plant, while contracting out the actual growing of the chickens to some 3,000 farmers around the peninsula.

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Balancing act

Vicki Adams, shown here during her act, 'One County Fair' rodeo with her husband Leon. The 'Little Indian,' will appear at the Twin Falls, Adams' act has been cited by the PRCA

Low yield

Oregon service sticks to low forecast for '85 wheat yield

PENDLETON, Ore. (AP) — With the wheat harvest nearly over in Oregon, the state Crop and Livestock Reporting Service is sticking with the forecast that the yield will be 20 percent lower than last year.

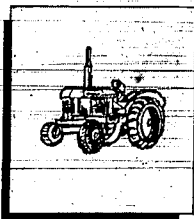
Oregon farmers are expected to harvest 52.8 million bushels of winter wheat. Statistician Roy Ledbury said the USDA has scaled down its estimates in both Washington and Idaho, where dry weather appears to have taken an even bigger toll than realized a month ago.

Together, Ledbury said the three states are expected to produce 213.9 million bushels of winter wheat, down 21 percent from last year.

Ledbury said harvest is about 80 percent over in Oregon, where yields are expected to average about 55 bushels per acre. That's an eight bushel drop from last year's record 63 bushels per acre.

In parts of Umatilla County, where rainfall was off 20 percent, yields are about half what they were last year.

Ray Neil, a buyer for Pendleton Grain Growers, said growers are reporting 55 to 60 bushel yields around Athena, where 100 bushel yields were not uncommon in other years.



However, Neil said the drop wasn't as drastic in the lighter soiled areas around Pilot Rock and New Elevator, west of Pendleton.

Nationwide, Ledbury said USDA is forecasting a winter wheat crop 11 percent smaller than last year.

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Cattle fed for consumer market decline

WASHINGTON (AP) — Cattle being fed for the consumer market as of Aug. 1 in the seven major beef states totaled 6.39

million head, down 6 percent from a year ago and 7 percent fewer than two years ago, the Agriculture Department said last week.

Feedlot inventories as of Aug. 1 in the seven states, which account for about three-fourths of the nation's beef, and their

percentages of a year earlier, included:

Arizona, 237,000 head on Aug. 1 and 64 percent a year earlier; California, 432,000 and 79; Colorado, 600,000 and 93; Iowa, 570,000 and 92; Kansas, 1,345,000 and 103; Nebraska, 1,250,000 and 108; and Texas, 1,890,000 and 90.

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EPA proposes ban on pesticide daminozide

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Environmental Protection Agency said last week it wants to ban use of the pesticide daminozide, used mostly on apples to promote uniform growth, because it causes cancer "effects" in laboratory mice and rats and may pose an unreasonable risk to public health.

The agency said it would submit its proposal to its Scientific Advisory Board on Sept. 12 for review at a Sept. 26 meeting.

Daminozide, sold under the trade name Alar by Uniroyal Co., breaks down into another chemical, 1,1-dimethylhydrazine or UDMH, which EPA said also has been shown to cause cancer in animals. Both the pesticide and its breakdown product have been found as residues on food.

Jack Moore, assistant administrator for pesticides and toxic substances, was quoted as saying the risks of daminozide are long-term and he has no im-

mediate concern about existing foods that may contain residues.

The agency's announcement did not state the magnitude of any "unreasonable risk." Spokesman Al Heier said he understood that the average risk of developing cancer from eating treated apples over a lifetime was between one in 10,000 and one in a million, but there "may be some extremes" about which he was not informed.

Heier referred questions to

specialists who their office said were tied up in meetings.

Renée Petoskey, spokeswoman for Uniroyal in New York City, said the company believed one of the principal animal studies EPA relied on "did not conform to accepted scientific standards and procedures."

"We have tested the product for 30 years and never found anything to call into question the safety of daminozide," she said. Uniroyal "is going to support it in

the EPA proceedings."

About 825,000 pounds of daminozide are used each year, EPA said, with three-quarters going to apples, 12 percent to peapods and the rest to a variety of other vegetables and fruits.

Ending its use would cost apple growers about \$31 million and peanut growers about \$2 million, and could increase the retail cost of apples by up to \$1.90 per bushel, EPA said.

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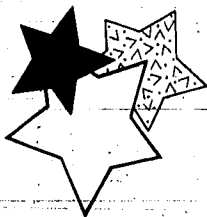
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Quiet current marks farm crisis

Effects are largely kept below the surface in Kansas town

EDITOR'S NOTE — At planting time, agricultural experts testified that the family farm was on the brink of extinction. Now it is harvest time. Well, if one farm town is typical, there most certainly is a farm crisis, but its manifestations are measured in terms quite different from yield per acre.

By JULES LOH
The Associated Press

CLAY CENTER, Kan. — A few weeks ago a Kansas farmer stepped out of a barn, sat in his pickup and reached for the shotgun in the rack behind him. He held the muzzle in his mouth for 45 minutes before a soft-talking deputy snatched it from him by surprise.

The farm crisis is real. You would never guess it, though, walking down Main Street in Clay Center, a northeast Kansas town of 5,000 in the middle of the farm belt.

None of the stores are boarded up as, say, in a Pennsylvania steel town. Mothers tend to their errands. Children play on the lawn of the grand old stone courthouse. Businessmen crowd lunch counters at noon. In the neighborhoods, sturdy clapboard houses "with porch swings and shade trees are well tended, and occupied. On weekends, all nine tables at the local lounge are reserved and the sound you hear above the clinking of pool balls is laughter.

A sense of prairie pride is evident, too. A sign at the Cedar Court Motel notes that Clay Center is 1,357 miles from New York, 1,483 miles from Los Angeles.

"Right here," said Ned Valentine, a fourth generation Clay Centerite, "you are about as close as you can get to everywhere at once." Clay Center, in attitude and appearance, could be any farm town in any year in any decade: content, secure, self-sufficient, way out in the rural lonesome minding its own business. Except that when news of that episode with the shotgun reached Clay Center nobody was particularly surprised.

"MY BUSINESS," Tom Wilson was saying, sipping coffee at the Cedar Court, "is two to three times better than before 1980. I have as much business as I can handle." Prosperity? Not exactly. Wilson is a collection agent. His business is repossessing trucks and tractors and such because of defaulted loans.

The farm crisis is real, all right. But, at least in Clay Center, its manifestations are beneath the surface, a wicked current eroding a riverbank.

D. Elton McIntosh Jr., like his father before him, is president of Peoples National Bank, which has served Clay Center for more than a century. McIntosh knows his

customers by name. They are his neighbors. "We have not had to foreclose on anybody yet," he said, "but I'm afraid a lot of losses are just being delayed." Farmers are shopping for loans to pay off another bank, to pay the interest on a loan for a tractor that has already been sold. This is where we are now. A point is reached where you have to say no. The next step is to sell out.

About 380,000 of the nation's 2.4 million farmers fall into the group agricultural statisticians call family farmers — not corporate farmers or part-time farmers, but farmers, like those in Clay County, for whom the farm is their only livelihood. They bear a disproportionate share of the farm debt, a disproportionate share of the misery.

OF THAT NUMBER, about 400 do business at the Gilbert Grain Co. in Clay County. So Gary Gilbert, who runs the elevator, is in a good position to know how they are dealing with that misery.

"We're in the sixth year where 60 to 70 percent of our farmers are having a negative income, taking a loss, but we're still hanging on," he said. "We do what is needed to survive — turn back some land to the Federal Land Bank, whatever it takes. I'm optimistic. I believe we're going to see this through because of what we are. We are survivors."

That said, Gilbert also has seen how six years of stress has chewed at the farmers of Clay County. "Early in the harvest you could see smoke rising from the wheat fields every day. Double cropping,

Burning off the stubble to get in a second crop. Now these people know better than to double crop. It hurts the land and drives down prices even further. Desperate men do desperate things."

Just so, Gilbert also knows of a man who took an overdose and called his sister — a cry for help, which was answered; and of another man who closed the garage door with his car running and called no one.

"I've seen neighbors fall out over little things they would have worked out before, like who was polluting — the creek. I've seen marriages break up. These are proud people and they can't handle the idea of their neighbors saying, 'He failed in farming. I don't know of anyone saying that, but that's what they perceive others are thinking and they get vindictive, hostile, blaming everybody who helped them go broke.' Man sold me too much fertilizer. Banker sold me too much land."

"They believe they've been lied to and don't know what to believe in anymore, who to trust. They were told to plant fencerow to fencerow and they did and look where it got them."

EVERY FARMER you talk to in Clay County repeats that phrase, fencerow to fencerow, usually with a sneer. It is said to have been the advice of former Agriculture Secretary Earl Butz in the early '70s, and it was what every farmer wanted to hear.

"It was good advice, too" — for a while. Prices rose, land values rose, credit there for the asking. "If they could have," Gary Gilbert said, "they would have

planted from the center line in the road to the living room rug."

Then came 1980. The export business went sour as other nations — many using U.S. technology — got in the act, selling grain cheaper. "The dollar value rose, prices fell, land values fell. The downward spiral hasn't quit yet. In early summer, Clay County farmers were predicting a bumper wheat crop at \$3 a bushel — too much rain in 30 days

hurt the yield. The price fell 40 cents, not enough to make a profit, make a dent in the interest payments. Maybe next year — if the creditors will go along. "When I told one old farmer the price of wheat had gone down," Foster Kretz recalled, "he said, 'Good, if it had gone up I'd probably have had a heart attack.' There's still a sense of humor out here."

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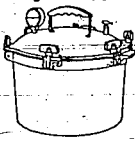
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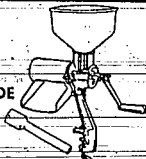
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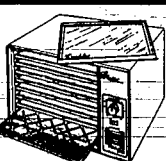
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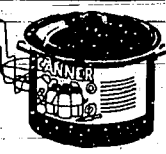
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KRETZ, WHO raises horses, also is the auctioneer of long-standing in Clay County, a job that keeps him close to the people. He knows them all. The auction business, by the way, is lousy. "Plenty of bargains," Kretz said, "but nobody has any money. You can't even draw a decent crowd anymore."

"I've known these people for 40 years," Kretz said. "It might not show here in town, but I've never seen such gloom. It's hard to say in words what these people are going through. Worst. I've ever seen, and I remember the Depression."

"Take Don Martin: In 1960 he and Lois borrowed \$2,000, rented a farm and bought a tractor. In 20 years they had produced six children and a fence row, could show a net worth on paper of \$2 million. This was what farming in America was supposed to be, wasn't it? — work hard, produce, expand, retire and leave it all to the kids.

The paneled walls and shelves of the Martins' living room are festooned with blue ribbons, 4-H awards, athletic trophies, agitations, a framed copy of Vince Lombardi's "The Ijabit of Winning," and a framed color photo of Don and Lois and six handsome children, eight achievers.

When the bottom fell out, the pattern for the Martins was similar to others, except on a larger scale. For instance, He bought 800 head of cattle, but the price he could get wouldn't pay his expenses. If the price held, a larger herd would at least let him break even. He bought 300 more. The price did not hold. It fell. His loss: \$250,000. That was just one deal.

NOW DON MARTIN is on the very brink of going under completely, although he said, if he does everything exactly right and has a little luck he might survive. Even if he does, the damage to his pride and his family has already been severe.

"It was always Don's wish for

the three boys to come back and farm with him," Lois said. "Even if the farm could support us all, I doubt they would come back. The strain of all this has just been too much on the family. We have deep problems."

More than any understanding loan officer, Lois Martin credits Jim Henry with rescuing hers and her husband's sanity.

Henry is a 65-year-old hog farmer over at Langford. Two years ago, through a program of the Methodist Church, he began gathering together groups of people in the same financial boat to discuss their woes and swap experiences and solutions. "It's a salvage operation," he said. "I don't like to call it that, but that's what it is."

THE SMALL GROUPS have swelled to meetings of as many as

90 to 100 people. They listen to lawyers, accountants, clergymen and to one another. Don and Lois Martin attend regularly and Don often speaks.

"I could give you statistics," Henry said, "but to be brief, divorce is up, child abuse is up. In a small community west of here there were six divorces in two months. Unheard of. The county in Kansas with the greatest alcohol consumption is a rural county. These people are going through a wringer. They worry about what their neighbors think, especially what their in-laws think. We try to restore at least their self-esteem."

"Farm people, rural people, Kansas people, are proud people, independent people. It makes it all the harder to endure what they are enduring."

Well, Clay Center has known

adversity before. The town's earliest citizens drew the wagons in a circle at what is now Fourth and Lincoln and fought off Indians. Succeeding generations endured drought, flood, fire, tornadoes. An invasion of grasshoppers once wiped out everything green.

The grain elevator man, Gary Gilbert, is right. They are survivors. But the banker has to be right, too. There's a limit.

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Chickens

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is straightforward: They provide the chicken house and the labor, while the company provides the chickens, the feed and technical expertise. The farmer is paid a set fee, about \$150 per thousand birds, plus a bonus depending on performance, industry officials say.

The consolidation process is one industry officials expect will continue, given the ever-more complicated technological demands of the business. "Poultry is a lot more capital — and labor — intensive. It takes a lot of money. To some smaller operators have trouble making that kind of investment," says Russ Danzig, Con Agra's Delmarva controller. Con Agra, the country's largest broiler producer, puts out about 1.3 million birds a week at its plants on the peninsula.

A cyclical business that runs on very narrow profit margins when it is profitable, the broiler industry tends to weed out the smaller operations in times of trouble, producers say. They say that a revival of the wretched times that prevailed in the business up until about two years ago could well prompt even more contraction in the marketplace.

For now, however, the nine companies on the Shore are enjoying the fruits of two of the more profitable years ever in the industry. Most are privately held firms, and their executives are silent as to exact income figures. But in 1984, Stephens says, the poultry industry as a whole achieved a 3.5-cent net return for each pound of chicken produced, following a net loss in 1983. Comparable profits are expected in 1985.

Various explanations are advanced for this surge: an expanding economy, the growing health consciousness of the American people; the relative, cheap cost of chicken compared



with other meats; declining feed costs; and, perhaps most important, the rise of a whole new fast-food market.

Although fast-food chicken is no new concept, as any connoisseur of Kentucky Fried Chicken knows, a dramatic change in the industry was ushered in two years ago when McDonald's unveiled its Chicken McNuggets, according to Broiler Industry's Haffert. Haffert says McDonald's huge demand for deboned chicken accelerated the trend toward production of what is known in the business as "further processed" chicken. Further processing can include doing just about anything to a chicken after it is cut up — from deboning and marinating it to producing TV dinners.

Although the trend is only beginning to infiltrate Delmarva, it reflects one of the most important developments in the broiler industry: the change from a production-oriented to a demand-driven business.

"The business in general has become more market-oriented," says George Adkins, executive vice president of Townsend's Inc., a relatively small Delmarva broiler company. "Producers look at what the marketplace demands and try to supply that market, rather than just growing chickens — and trying to sell them."

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