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## Nicaragua issue pits hawks against doves

By GEORGE GEDDA  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Reagan's speech Sunday night in defense of his Nicaragua policy will cap perhaps the most intensive tug-of-war between hawks and doves on a foreign policy issue this city has seen since the Vietnam era.

Reagan has been relentless in his pursuit of congressional approval of \$100-million in aid, including \$70 million in military assistance, to the Nicaraguan resistance. Not a day has gone by for the past two weeks without a public statement by Reagan in defense of his proposal.

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His critics have not been able to dominate the media the way Reagan has. But the president so far seems unable to translate his own high degree of personal popularity into broad-based congressional support for his policy.

Both sides in the debate are bringing heavy pressure on lawmakers. "I feel caught between the rhetorical cries on either ex-

treme of the question," Rep. Paul Henry, R-Mich., said Thursday.

Following Reagan's nationally televised speech Sunday night, Sen. James Sasser of Tennessee will deliver the Democratic response. House and Senate votes are scheduled this week.

If the proposal is not approved, the administration says, the United States might be forced to introduce American troops to stop the "red tide" from spreading to the U.S. border.

But critics, led by House Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill, say the administration has it backward. Approval of the request will lead

### Speech televised

ABC, CBS, CNN and NBC will carry President Reagan's speech, expected to last about 20 minutes, live Sunday at 6 p.m. MST.

inexorably to a U.S. troop commitment, they maintain.

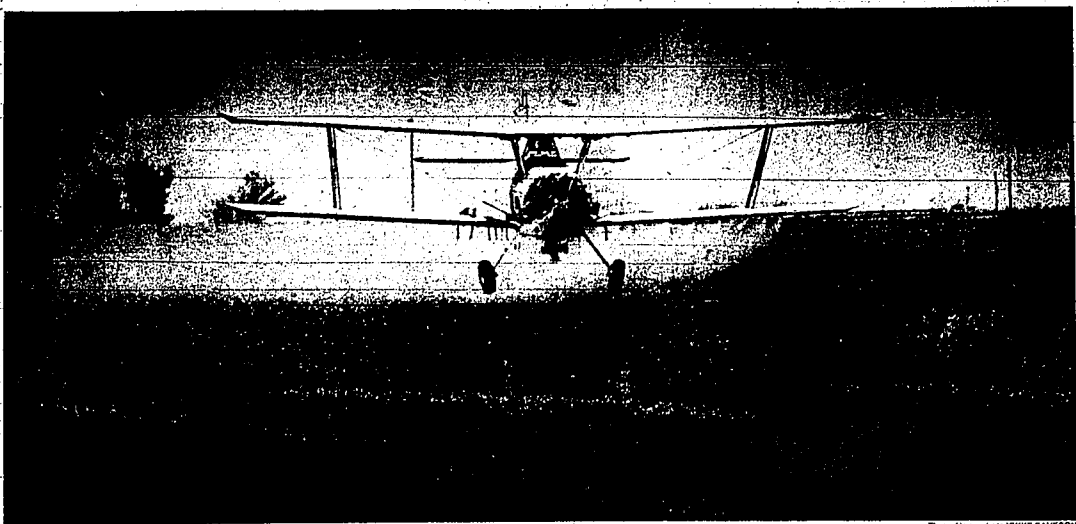
Passions have been running high, and some Democratic opponents have angrily accused

administration officials of questioning their patriotism.

The administration has unleashed White House communications director Patrick Buchanan in the campaign. He wrote 10 days ago that the Democratic Party will have to decide whether it stands with Reagan on the issue or with Nicaraguan President "Daniel Ortega and the communists."

This prompted Rep. Mike Barnes, D-Md., to complain of "red-baiting tactics." Buchanan's thesis was too much even for some Republicans. Sen. Nancy Kassebaum of Kansas said it was absurd to assume that

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A crop duster swings low over a farmer's field in the Kimberly area while making an application run in this photo taken last summer

Times-News photo/IRVY GAVESON

## Shultz, Russian agree on negative

By BARRY SCHWEID  
The Associated Press

— STOCKHOLM, Sweden — U.S. Secretary of State George P. Shultz and Soviet Foreign Minister Nikolai I. Ryzhkov agreed Saturday that U.S.-Soviet relations have taken a disappointing turn since the Geneva summit four months ago.

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"We agreed neither of us is satisfied with developments since that time," Shultz said after he and Ryzhkov met for an hour and 45 minutes at the Soviet Embassy. Ryzhkov said he agreed.

The meeting ran 45 minutes longer than planned and took place after both men attended funeral services for Swedish Prime Minister Olof Palme. The socialist leader was assassinated Feb. 28 on a street in downtown Stockholm.

It was the first high-level talk between the superpowers since President Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev met in Geneva last November.

Shultz described the session as a "very frank exchange," diplomatic but not a session in which participants disagreed sharply. But he said both sides agreed that Geneva set a "good basis" for the superpowers' relationship.

Ryzhkov suggested the United States and Soviet Union consider a mutual freeze on underground nuclear tests.

"What is needed now, is for the United States to consider that proposal," Ryzhkov said.

Later, Shultz met with President Kenneth Kaunda of Zambia and discussed independence for South-West Africa, also called Namibia, a territory governed by South Africa. Kaunda also reiterated his opposition to U.S. aid to rebels fighting to overthrow the Marxist government in neighboring Angola.

In Moscow, the official Tass news agency said.

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## What's in those agricultural sprays?

They can cause problems, but some say we don't know enough about them

By KENNETH A. BROWN  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Agricultural chemicals are so routinely used around the Magic Valley that the subject hardly seems newsworthy.

The "news" occurs when there are problems.

In 1984 and again in 1985, a massive federal spraying program doused several million acres of Idaho with the insecticide malathion in an effort to control grasshoppers.

Last summer, a spraying program to control noxious weeds on public lands was brought to a sudden halt by an appeal of Idaho Natural Resources Legal Foundation, a Boise-based environmental group



**Agricultural Chemicals**

Who's watching? First in a series

concerned about possible health effects of the herbicides.

In 1984 a spill involving the herbicide dinitrophenol in Rupert sent 12 people to the hospital. At the same time, the Buena Vista neighborhood in Twin Falls was in the midst of a struggle to have pesticide warehouses in the neighborhood relocated. Residents

believed the pesticides were linked to a series of health problems they had been experiencing.

Despite incidents such as these, agricultural chemicals are widely used in Southern Idaho. In 1985 Magic Valley farmers raised more than \$60 million worth of potatoes, sugar beets, beans, and other crops — using a variety of chemicals to

### Health effects — B1

ensure both the quality and quantity of their crops.

Since Rachel Carson's "Silent Spring" appeared in 1962, agricultural chemicals have been a public concern — often feared as a threat to human health and environmental quality.

"Silent Spring" publicized and, to a certain extent, sensationalized the environmental risks of chemicals such as DDT. The result was an increased public awareness of the potential risks of agricultural chemicals and some national reform.

Much has changed in the in-

tervening years. Today, there are new chemicals and stricter laws for both the chemical industry and the farmer in the field.

The use of agricultural chemicals raises two sets of questions for Idaho — one economic, the other related to health.

• How critical are agricultural chemicals to Idaho's farming industry? Do their benefits really compensate for their high cost? Are they necessary in the volumes used?

• What risks do agricultural chemicals pose for human health and environmental quality? Is any level of exposure safe? Is anyone monitoring the health effects of chemical use on individuals, or on

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## 100 missing in hotel's rubble

By S.V. SUPPIAH  
The Associated Press

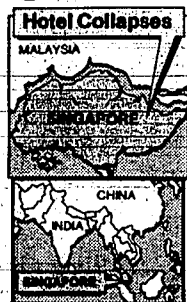
SINGAPORE — A six-story hotel collapsed here and hope faded for about 100 people still thought to be missing under a 100-foot-high mound of rubble Sunday 15 hours after rescue operations began. Four people were confirmed dead.

Nine people were pulled injured from the wreckage of the 67-room Hotel New World after it collapsed at 11:20 a.m. Saturday, said Lim Siam Kim, director of the Ministry of Home Affairs.

No Americans were known to be at the hotel.

The Hotel New World is in a low-income district in this Asian island nation, and was frequented by Indian and Malaysian tourists.

"We did not hear any sound when we used sensitive instruments to get sounds of those who were trapped," Lim said. When asked what chance the trapped people had of surviving, he was silent.



The state-owned Singapore Broadcasting Corp. quoted officials as giving the number of bodies removed as four.

A 29-year-old salesman at a nearby store, who gave his name only as Mohammed, said he felt the walls shake and turned around to see the hotel collapsing, with little chance for anyone to escape.

"Like a horror film — the building tumbled down," he said in an interview published in the Sunday Times. "This was all over in seconds."

A police officer on the scene, asked about the prospect of finding survivors, replied, "Your guess is as good as mine."

"See for yourself what we are up against," he went on, pointing to the towering pile of concrete floor slabs.

No explanation was given for the tragedy, but Home Affairs Minister Shanmugam — Jayakumar — told reporters officials would investigate the possibility of structural defects or gas explosions.

He said there had been reports of strong odors of gas from the building after the accident, but gave no further details.

## Cuts could put health in jeopardy

By JANE ROBISON  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — More children will be catching communicable diseases and fewer crippled children will receive help as the automatic Gramm-Rudman budget cuts take effect, a local health official said on Friday.

"We're going to have to cut some programs down and limit the number of people we see," said Gerald Hurst, administrator for the South Central District Health Department. "We can't serve everybody with the funds we have."

Currently, the health department is operating under a 4.5-percent holdback of state funds, imposed by Gov. John Evans. And the Gramm-Rudman bill, an automatic budget reduction bill passed by Congress, means a loss

of another 20 to 25 percent in federal funds, Hurst said.

In "people terms," Hurst said the health department "will no longer have the money for surgery to help as many children with cleft palates, cleft lips and heart problems."

Also, fewer children will be immunized, possibly leading to more outbreaks of measles and whooping cough. And health officials already are seeing the effects of trying to cover a large area with a few people.

Last year, 135 cases of measles were reported among junior high students in the Minidoka-Casalia area. If 90 percent of the students had been immunized, that outbreak would not have occurred, said health nurse Cheryl Becker.

Instead, only 70 percent are immunized because the health department no longer has enough people to send to each town to

immunize children locally. And parents are not voluntarily bringing their children in to one main office for the vaccinations, Hurst said.

Last year's measles outbreak cost \$12,000 for the health department to pay for it. Hurst said he did not know where the money would come from if a similar outbreak occurred this year.

"It's very discouraging," he said.

Now health officials are keeping a wary eye cocked on the spread of whooping cough. Thirty cases, the largest number since 1967, were reported last year, and 17 have been reported so far this year, said Robert Medlin, state Immunization Program Coordinator on Friday.

"If the trend continues, we're going to see a resurgence of diseases that one time were thought to be eradicated," he said.



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## Agency blasted for inaction

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — The use of a pesticide blamed for removal of milk products in eight states should have been banned by a federal agency that outlawed its manufacture in 1983, Sen. Dale Bumpers said Saturday.

Health officials said Friday that traces of the chemical, heptachlor, had been found in the milk of as many as 10 breast-feeding mothers but said the finding did not warrant a switch to formula.

The women's doctor, however, said they should stop breast-feeding. Officials have quarantined nearly 100 dairy farms in Arkansas and Missouri where cattle had eaten feed contaminated with the pesticide, the manufacture of which was banned after scientists linked it to cancer when fed to laboratory rats. Herds in Oklahoma are being tested.

Stores in those three states, as well as Texas, Louisiana, Kansas, Tennessee and Mississippi, have removed from their shelves milk products believed to have come from suspect dairies.

## TWA increasing flight rate

NEW YORK (AP) — Trans World Airlines was flying about 75 percent of its scheduled flights Saturday, its busiest day since the beginning of a nine-day-old strike by flight attendants, a company spokesman said.

The 5,700-member Independent Federation of Flight Attendants, meanwhile, complained to the Federal Aviation Administration that TWA's replacement flight attendants are violating FAA regulations.

The union said Friday the FAA had taken a "cavalier attitude" to its allegations that replacement crew members had been seen drinking alcoholic beverages prior to flights and that planes had taken off without the cabin doors secure.

Sally McElwreath, a TWA spokeswoman, said the airline's training of replacements was in full compliance with FAA regulations. "TWA has been using 750 newly hired workers and 1,500 company employees on loan from their other jobs with the airline since the strike began March 7, the airline said.

## Nurse charged with murder

ALBANY, Ga. (AP) — Officials of Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital say its former patients have nothing to worry about following the arrest of a nurse on a charge of murder in the mysterious heart attack death of a patient.

Nurse Terri Rachals, 24, of Albany was held without bond Saturday at the Dougherty County Jail, charged with murdering Andrew Daniels, 73, an abdominal access patient, with an injection of potassium chloride on Nov. 14. She had been with the hospital six years.

Dr. Douglas Calhoun, medical director of the intensive care unit, said Friday the eight patients in addition to Daniels suffered cardiac arrest in the hospital's intensive care unit in November, compared to the normal "three or four" such cases each month. Several patients died.

## Turf battle blamed for deaths

NEW YORK (AP) — A turf battle between a Cuban-émigre gambling ring and the Lucchese organized crime family has led to slayings of at least eight people, including a man killed last month before a line of movie-goers, authorities said.

A war over storefront betting parlors led to last month's murder of Pedro Acosta, 37, said to be a lieutenant in a Cuban ring known as The Company, according to Manhattan District Attorney Robert Morgenthau.

Prosecutors charged last week that the killing was ordered by Robert Hopkins, 38, a reputed associate of the Lucchese family. Hopkins, charged with second-degree murder, was released Friday on \$1 million bond.

Morgenthau charged that Hopkins ran more than 100 betting parlors in the city, bringing in \$500,000 a week.

## Steelworker agreement near

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Negotiators for the United Steelworkers and LTV Steel Co. were close to an agreement Saturday that could become a benchmark for the other Big Six steelmakers, a union spokesman said.

"There are still some differences, but the union is satisfied that the targeted date for completion of the package will be met," spokesman Gary Hubbard said as marathon bargaining continued for a third day.

Although the contract doesn't expire until July 31, the nation's second-largest steelmaker had set Saturday as its deadline for a settlement.

"There will be some labor cost reduction to the company," Hubbard said, "but we don't look at this as a concession agreement because our members will get a contractually guaranteed change in equity for any economic reductions." He said that by equity he meant stock, profit sharing and cash.

# Formal agreement reached on papers

The Washington Post

NEW YORK — The United States and the Philippines Saturday exchanged "formal" diplomatic notes agreeing that the United States will turn over copies of documents seized from former Philippine president Ferdinand Marcos by the U.S. Customs Service that might reveal the sources and extent of the deposed leader's wealth.

Justice Department lawyers, however, told U.S. Court of International Trade Judge Dominick L. DiCarlo that the United States would not release the 1,500 documents before the judge's ruling Monday on whether Marcos' attorneys may obtain a temporary restraining order delaying the release.

In Washington, Jovito Salonga, the head of a Philippine commission investigating Marcos' finances, met with Undersecretary of State Michael H. Armacost for about two hours Saturday. Salonga said he had been "assured of full cooperation by the U.S. government" and said he expected the documents to be turned over early in the week.

In the exchange of diplomatic notes Saturday, the State Department referred to a March 6 agreement to provide copies of the documents

"as part of the ongoing tradition of law-enforcement cooperation between the two governments." The March 6 agreement, however, was not in the form of a diplomatic note, which carries weight before the Court of International Trade.

Richard Hibeby, an attorney for two Marcos representatives, told the court that the diplomatic note had been handed to him only minutes before the court session and was an attempt to justify the government's action "ex post facto."

Hibeby, arguing on behalf of Marcos representatives Ramon Azurin and Gregorio Arana, said Marcos has a right to privacy under the Constitution not to have documents that he owns publicly distributed.

Salonga and Rep. Stephen J. Solarz, D-N.Y., whose House Foreign Affairs subcommittee is probing Marcos' alleged ownership of \$350 million in real estate here, vowed at a news conference this week to cooperate "in the effort to uncover the hidden wealth of the Marcoses and their cronies in the United States."

The investigators and the government, however, have been faced with a federal court action in Hawaii that prevents the U.S. government from releasing the documents.

# Marcos reportedly asks for permission to move

NEW YORK (AP) — Deposed Philippines President Ferdinand Marcos has asked the United States to help him obtain permission to settle in Spain, Mexico or Panama, The New York Times reports.

The newspaper in its Sunday editions quoted U.S. government officials as saying Marcos and the State Department had made serious inquiries with those countries, but they declined to say what the nations' responses were.

Marcos fled the Philippines on Feb. 25 with an entourage of 90 family members, staff and friends after a rebellion that installed Corazon Aquino as president. Marcos is staying at Hickam U.S. Air Force Base in Honolulu, Hawaii.

"I think that if he finds a respectable place to go with reasonable

housing and other arrangements, he will leave the United States," the Times quoted a senior Reagan administration official as saying.

The official added, however, that Marcos would be allowed to reenter the United States if he wanted.

The officials told the newspaper that Marcos was unhappy in Hawaii because of complaints about his wealth and past activities, and that he feared legal action in the United States against him.

The officials said Marcos' top choice is Spain, which controlled the Philippines until being defeated in the Spanish-American War in 1898.

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### Color of one's skin not a factor in crime

When violent crime is discussed these days, it isn't long before the subject turns to a connection which has long been made in private, but only recently gained widespread attention.

That is the relationship of race to violence. Depending on who is doing the talking, you are likely to hear one comment or another about how minority races have higher crime rates. Sometimes, the comment is couched in the careful language of research; sometimes, it is a prelude to an ugly racial slur. One recent local letter writer, for example, wondered in print how the Idaho homicide rate would decline if crime by Hispanics was taken out.

Fortunately, such expressions are not the rule. The subject of racial crime is getting renewed attention. In a recent Washington Post article, for example, black writer Edward Sargent wrote of the high chances — something like one in 21 — that a young black male will be the victim of a murder. In some cities, the ratio is even higher.

"To prevent such black males from committing murder," he writes, "society must do many things, including eliminate poverty, change conceptions of masculinity, reduce use of drugs and alcohol, and teach conflict resolution skills for young males. It is up to us blacks to call a cease fire."

The problem, Sargent writes, is that "society doesn't care much because the victims are black, too."

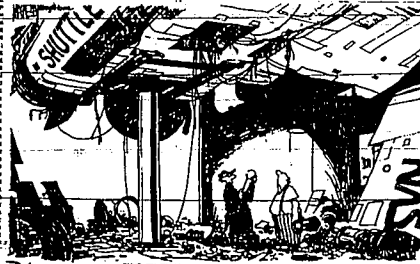
It may indeed be difficult for Idahoans, living as we do in virtually a lily-white state, to relate to the issue. Indeed, we suspect many of the people who have moved here — or back here — in the past two decades, have done so specifically to escape urban strife, crime and racial issues.

One public official in this valley told us as much; we cannot recall him being as vehement on any other subject.

But it is an issue, nonetheless, which affects all Americans. Cynics and racists may say that it minorities kill each other, so be it.

How does that make any improvement in the lot of all of us as Americans? We may not have, in Idaho, a large minority population. We should know all too well that crime is a function, not of the color of a person's skin, but of economics, personal and family values and a complex set of social constraints.

Millions of Americans live with this threat daily. That we do not in Idaho should not make us less, but more concerned.



### Letters welcome

The Times-News welcomes letters to the editor but will reject those it considers libelous or in bad taste. Each letter must be signed and should include the writer's mailing address. Letters of more than 400 words may be edited for length.

## Bryan's words of 1890's apply to American farmer today

Richard N. Goodwin

...ingly cultivated. The politician began to respond with a customary, soothing offer of help. Then struck by a sudden attack of apolitical honesty, he interrupted himself in mid-sentence to say, "The truth is, Charlie, nobody cares. Nobody in this city gives a damn." An exaggeration? Perhaps. But not much of one. The reality is that we intend to stand apart in casual curiosity while, over the next year or two, hundreds of thousands of farmers are stripped of their independent toll. "We are," reported a leading economic paper in one of those mind-numbing euphemisms characteristic of modern media, "at the edge of a farm shakeout." The agonized faces, the tears, the occasional suicides have been brought to us in living color by the mindless screen that, because it illustrates without explanation or passion, transforms compassion into transient curiosity that seems to pass as quickly as

the camera moves from Iowa and Nebraska to the "Wheel of Fortune," where the American dream still flourishes. In our age of corporate bureaucracy, what could appear more normal than the abandonment of all farming to the indifferent mercies of corporate agriculture — the triumph, we are told, of superior efficiencies, economies of scale, the ultimately benign principles of free enterprise and the competitive struggle? But this is a myth, a lie, which makes all of us accomplices in accelerating destruction. The fact is that the small farm is more economically efficient than is corporate agriculture. It can, acre for acre, produce a better product at a better price — an ability supposed to be the source of competitive success. It is not superior production that has undone the farmer but the power of money and the actions of a Department of Agriculture that, for more than one administration, has at public expense faithfully served the corporations that are about to complete their conquest of American agriculture. These intricate relationships require some

accurate oversimplifications. Agricultural corporations have not expanded because they are better farmers. They had access to large amounts of capital. And they used it to buy the land. Money yielded not only growth but also the ability to dominate a nationwide system of distribution and marketing limiting the access of smaller farmers. The economic dislocations of recent decades also helped drive up the price of farmland, tempting some farmers to sell out and others to increase their debt. When demand slackened and prices dropped, the inevitable arrived: bankruptcy and foreclosure for individuals who, unlike the corporations, lacked the reserves to endure less prosperous times. Undoubtedly many farmers are the victims of their own miscalculations. But it is equally true that, while unoppressed by money matters, they were seduced by banks that lavishly, even recklessly, extended credit based on their own economic misjudgments. Now, being hard-pressed, these banks seek compensation for their errors by taking the land. For the farmer, of course,

there is no compensation. This misfortune may seem unavoidable, but only if we view it as a contest for survival between farmers and their banks. But it is more than that. It is a national responsibility, the consequence of national economic and political policies. We are readily prepared to roll over, even forgiving, billions of dollars in unpayable debts from foreign countries while abandoning our farmers to the hazards of the times. This seeming inconsistency dissolves under the awareness that in both cases we are protecting the banks, which can easily foreclose on low farmers but not the country of Peru. We can see, even measure, the human distress that is the consequence of this attack on the American farmer. We have no way to gauge the loss to America — an immense and valuable heritage destroyed not by obsolescence but by uneconomic power and by the indifferent selfishness of a country unwilling to protect this essential element of our health as a national community. Richard N. Goodwin is a writer and commentator in Concord, Mass.

## Legal ways to recover Marcos' millions

WASHINGTON — The new Philippine government believes that former President Ferdinand Marcos and his family misappropriated millions, perhaps billions, of dollars of public funds, and that most of the loot is hidden in the United States.

The new government is attempting to get it back. The situation is reminiscent of the flight of the shah of Iran in 1979. The Khomeini government was convinced that the shah and his family had made off to America with at least \$25 billion and demanded that the United States deposit this sum as a ransom for the release of Americans being held hostage.

Lloyd N. Cutler

— President Carter refused on principle. Besides, our best intelligence was that the shah had taken out at most some \$50 million, plus large but worthless shareholdings in Iranian companies, and that most of the money was in Switzerland and not in the United States.

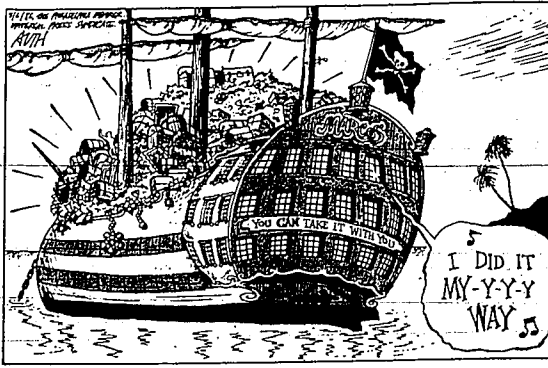
In the final negotiations, we did agree to freeze the shah's American assets until Iran could make its case that they had been misappropriated, but hardly anything was found. The Marcoses' superior efficiencies, economies of scale, the ultimately benign principles of free enterprise and the competitive struggle? But this is a myth, a lie, which makes all of us accomplices in accelerating destruction.

But if the Aquino government can make a preliminary showing to an American court that it has substantial evidence of misappropriation, it could obtain an injunction restraining Marcos and his party in Hawaii from disposing of such assets before the Philippine government has an opportunity to prove it is the rightful owner.

This proof could then be developed in a Philippine civil court action against Marcos and his departed retainers, assuming, as is likely, that the Philippine government could successfully serve them with process in Hawaii. (Marcos could not be extradited on a civil charge, and Reagan has discretion to refuse extradition on a criminal charge.)

The Philippine court judgment could then be enforced by an American court against the Marcos party and their U.S. property, so long as the American court satisfied itself that the Philippine trial was a fair one.

The Philippine government could also bring its own civil action against Marcos and his retainers in U.S. courts to recover stolen property located in the United States.



In such an action, the liberal American discovery procedures would require the Marcos group and its American financial agents to testify and produce records concerning holdings anywhere in the world.

In any such court proceedings, the Marcos group would not enjoy sovereign immunity, and even if Reagan should want to, he could do nothing to protect them against the all-embracing grasp of the American legal system.

Like other private residents of this country, Marcos and his friends stand exposed to the travails and costs of lawsuits American-style. What the Aquino government will get out of it all depends on how much the Marcos clan really got away with, and how much they were short-sighted enough to slash within the reach of American laws and lawyers.

Marcos and his friends may also have violated American criminal-conspiracy laws relating to the misappropriation of foreign aid, the payment of bribes and the nonpayment of American taxes. The U.S. government is now investigating such charges.

Whether this will be a help or a hindrance to the Aquino government depends on how much accepted the American authorities will allow to the records and other evidence they acquire, and when this access is permitted.

Our government's "detention" of the property and records the Marcos party carried to Hawaii can also be a help or a hindrance. Because of the manner of the party's arrival, the Customs Service detained these items and is now making an inventory to decide whether they can lawfully be imported.

And since the property and papers are claimed by both the Marcos party and the Aquino gov-

ernment, the United States has quite properly decided to leave the ownership issue to our courts.

It plans to file what lawyers call a bill of interpleader, which gives the court control over the detained items, and the right to decide who gets them.

The crucial question, however, is whether the administration agrees to let the Aquino government have access to the papers pending the court's decision on ownership, or whether the Department of Justice, which may already be reading the papers, will try to keep them to itself until its own criminal investigations are completed.

The data in Adelaide's immortal line from "Guys and Dolls," could be the "12th of Never." But the administration's record of cooperation with the Aquino government so far suggests a happier outcome.

Aquino can obtain one other personal satisfaction from the American legal system.

Under our Alien Tort statute, which permits one alien to sue another for a legal wrong committed abroad in breach of the law of nations, she and her family could bring a damage action against Gen. Fabian Ver or another Marcos retainer, perhaps even the former president himself, for participating in the conspiracy to murder her husband.

Assuming the necessary proof becomes available, the weight of an American court judgment in world public opinion would be of even greater value than the amount of the damage award.

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## At times it's prudent to buy the bullets

WASHINGTON — Prudent politicians are averse to answering hypothetical questions.

They have problems enough with questions posed by immediate events. And in diplomacy, studied ambiguity about the future is often prudent. But there are moments, and this moment of decision on aid for Nicaragua's Contras is one, when Lord Curzon's axiom is apt: Know your own mind and make sure the other guy knows it, too.

The hypothetical question that the President and everyone voting on the issue should answer is: What if Costa Rica is next?

If Congress kills aid to the Contras, it will kill the last impediment to the consolidation of Sandinista Stalinism. Suppose the Sandinistas mean what they say about waging a "revolution without borders." Suppose their military and destabilizing capabilities are aimed next at Costa Rica, which is democratic and unarmed. What then?

The President and opponents of his aid proposal should be specific. Perhaps the President should propose for Costa Rica the kind of guarantee Britain gave Poland in 1939, and every congressman and senator should say whether he or she approves of such a pledge; and if not, why not.

It is one thing to vote against aid for the Contras on the ground that the Contras can not succeed or the Sandinistas are not as dangerous as they are cracked up to be. It is something very different to vote against the Contras while also flinching from answering the question, "What if the Sandinistas are that dangerous?"

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Letters/Legislature's action questions intelligence of state's voters

Idahoans should have votes on lottery issue

Again the Legislature questioned the intelligence of the Idaho voters. They voted not to allow the citizen voters of this state to vote for or against the state lottery.

Check your religion with the word of God

Here I go again. I read in Sunday's paper heading, it said "Know your word." I thought to myself, how true.

Jesus was saying my church, a kingdom, shall be spiritual. I must be born again. This is the divine spirit of God fills your heart and life that we might have power with God like we should.

Coming to agreement could save time, money

H.B. 466, drafted by the Department of Water Resources, is asking for more money to help clear up the logjam they have on water right hearings.

any justice. In your letter you said Louisiana's per capita income is \$10,888 today. "Right-to-work." Dwight, the federal minimum wage is \$3.35 per hour, or a person working 40 hours per week (if he or she is lucky) at \$3.35 per hour is only making \$6,432 per year or \$91.16 a week more than minimum wage.

Foreman is responsible for work done by crew

In regard to Mr. Beer's comments (Tuesday, March 11). Nicaragua will have to face Palestinian combatants. (Managua Domestic News Service, July 22, 1980)

force when is the foreman of a work piece not responsible for the work turned out by the people under him? You say you were a foreman. I think you put your foot in your mouth on this one.

Truth hard to locate but lives forever

The quest for knowledge has always been greater in some people than others. This becomes quite clear as we read our history books.

Accepting evolution does not necessarily mean that one does not believe in God or a supreme power with laws that are devastating when broken.

Race in 2nd District concerns Gooding voter

Primary elections are coming up soon. Do you know who the candidates are? I don't. Do you know their stands? I don't.

loudest mouth. I'm tempted to vote against Chadband simply because he tries to make points by making loud accusations. Some of them might be true, but I don't like his attitude.

Most Idahoans prefer to have state lottery

To the state of Idaho: Can we have a state lottery? Seems that most of us want a lottery but the Mor... people — which are trying to kill... of our state are against gambling, although they crowd the Nevada gambling houses to gamble.

Memorial backs Reagan on Contra aid

I introduced a joint memorial in the Idaho House of Representatives to support President Reagan's position on aid to the Freedom Fighters of Nicaragua.

J.F. 'Chad' Chadband

Sandinistas from North Korea and Vietnam. According to the July 23, 1979 issue of U.S. News and World Report, the PLO soon began shipping arms directly to the Sandinistas.

new fighting side-by-side with the Sandinistas to defeat the Freedom Fighters (Contra) rebels (The New York Times, Sept. 2, 1984).

J.F. 'Chad' Chadband is a Republican state representative from Idaho Falls.

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State opinion on funding vote

The issue of aid to the Contras in Nicaragua is being a vote in Congress this next week, and the larger issue of negotiated settlement in Central America is a critical one for our time.

Barbara Bellus Upp

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### Color of one's skin not a factor in crime

When violent crime is discussed these days, it isn't long before the subject turns to a connection which has long been made in private, but only recently gained widespread attention.

That is the relationship of race to violence. Depending on who is doing the talking, you are likely to hear one comment or another about how minority races have higher crime rates. Sometimes, the comment is couched in the careful language of research; sometimes, it is a prelude to an ugly racial slur. One recent local letter writer, for example, wondered in print how the Idaho homicide rate would decline if crime by Hispanics was taken out.

Fortunately, such expressions are not the rule. The subject of racial crime is getting renewed attention. In a recent Washington Post article, for example, black writer Edward Sargent wrote of the high chances — something like one in 21 — that a young black male will be the victim of a murder. In some cities, the ratio is even higher.

"To prevent such black males from committing murder," he writes, "society must do many things, including eliminate poverty, change conceptions of masculinity, reduce use of drugs and alcohol, and teach conflict resolution skills for young males. It is up to us blacks to call a cease fire."

The problem, Sargent writes, is that "society doesn't care much because the victims are black, too."

It may indeed be difficult for Idahoans, living as we do in virtually a lily-white state, to relate to the issue. Indeed, we suspect many of the people who have moved here, or back here in the past two decades, have done so specifically to escape urban strife, crime and racial issues.

One public official in this valley told us as much; we cannot recall him being as vehement on any other subject.

But it is an issue, nonetheless, which affects all Americans. Cynics and racists may say that if minorities kill each other, so be it.

How does that make any improvement in the lot of all of us as Americans? We may not have, in Idaho, a large minority population.

We should know all too well that crime is a function, not of the color of a person's skin, but of economics, personal and family values and a complex set of social constraints.

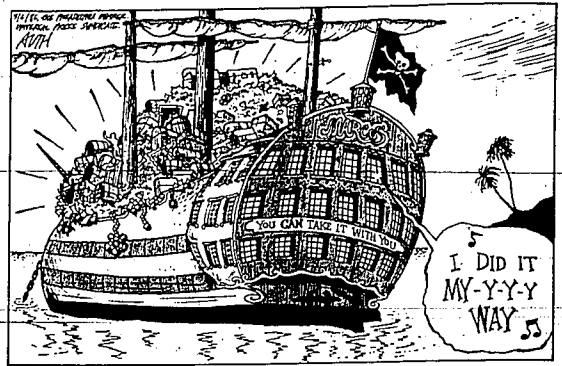
Millions of Americans live with this threat daily. That we do not in Idaho should not make us less, but more concerned.

### Legal ways to recover Marcos' millions

WASHINGTON — The new Philippine government believes that former President Ferdinand Marcos and his family misappropriated millions, perhaps billions, of dollars of public funds, and that most of the loot is hidden in the United States.

The new government is attempting to get it back.

The situation is reminiscent of the flight of the shah of Iran in 1979. The Khomeini government was convinced that the shah and his family had made off to America with at least \$25 billion and demanded that the United States deposit this sum as a ransom for the release of Americans being held hostage.



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President Carter refused on principle. Besides, our best intelligence was that the shah had taken out at most some \$60 million, plus large but worthless stockholdings in Iran. The shah, and that most of the money was in Switzerland and not in the United States.

In the final negotiations, we did agree to freeze the shah's American assets until Iran could make its case that they had been misappropriated, but hardly anything was found.

The Marcos millions or billions in this country may also turn out to be an iridescent dream. But several legal channels are open to President Corason Aquino to find out what is here and prove the government's right to get it back.

President Reagan cannot issue a freeze order, as in the case of the shah's assets, because he has not previously declared the kind of emergency threat in the area of the Philippines that is the statutory requirement for such an order, and he has no basis for doing so now.

But if the Aquino government can make a preliminary showing to an American court that it has substantial evidence of misappropriation, it could obtain an injunction restraining Marcos and his party in Hawaii from disposing of such assets before the Philippine government has an opportunity to prove it is the rightful owner.

This point could then be developed in a Philippine civil-court action against Marcos and his departed retainers, assuming, as is likely, that the Philippine government could successfully serve them with process in Hawaii. (Marcos could not be extradited on a civil charge, and Reagan has discretion to refuse extradition on a criminal charge.)

The Philippine court judgment could then be enforced by an American court against the Marcos party and their U.S. property, so long as the American court is satisfied that the Philippine trial was a fair one.

The Philippine government could also bring its own civil action against Marcos and his retainers in U.S. courts to recover stolen property located in the United States.

In such an action, the liberal American discovery procedures would require the Marcos group and its American financial agents to testify and produce records concerning holdings anywhere in the world.

In any such court proceedings, the Marcos group would not enjoy sovereign immunity, and even if Reagan should want to, he could do nothing to protect them against the all-embracing grasp of the American legal system.

Like other private residents of this country, Marcos and his friends stand exposed to the travails and costs of lawsuits American-style.

What the Aquino government will get out of it all depends on how much the Marcos clan really got away with, and how much they were short-sighted enough to stash within the reach of American laws and lawyers.

Marcos and his friends may also have violated American criminal-conspiracy laws relating to the misappropriation of foreign aid, the payment of bribes and the nonpayment of American taxes. The U.S. government is now investigating such charges.

Whether this will be a help or a hindrance to the Aquino government depends on how much access the American authorities will allow to the records and other evidence they acquire, and when this access is permitted.

Our government's "detention" of the property and records the Marcos party carried to Hawaii can also be a help or a hindrance. Because of the manner of the party's arrival, the Customs Service detained these items and is now making an inventory to decide whether they can lawfully be imported.

And since the property and papers are claimed by both the Marcos party and the Aquino gov-

ernment, the United States has quite properly decided to leave the ownership issue to our courts.

It plans to file what lawyers call a bill of interpleader, which gives the court control over the detained items, and the right to decide who gets them.

The crucial question, however, is whether the administration agrees to let the Aquino government have access to the papers pending the court's decision on their ownership, or whether the Department of Justice, which may already be reading the papers, will try to keep them to itself until its own criminal investigations are concluded.

The date, in Adolalde's immortal line from "Guys and Dolls," could be the "12th of Never." But the administration's record of cooperation with the Aquino government so far suggests a happier outcome.

Aquino can obtain one other personal satisfaction from the American legal system.

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### At times it's prudent to buy the bullets

WASHINGTON — Prudent politicians are averse to answering hypothetical questions. They have problems enough with questions posed by immediate events. And in diplomacy, studied ambiguity about the future is often prudent. But there are moments, and this moment of decision on aid to Nicaragua's Contras is one, when Lord Curzon's axiom is apt: Know your own mind and make sure it is known to you.

The hypothetical question that the President and everyone voting on the issue should answer is: What if Costa Rica is next?

If Congress kills aid to the Contras, it will kill the last impediment to the consolidation of Sandinista Stalinism. Suppose the Sandinistas mean what they say about waging a "revolution without borders." Suppose their military and destabilizing capabilities are aimed next at Costa Rica, which is democratic and unarmed.

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Treaty, which must be changed if SDI is to exist.

Many critics of aid to the Contras say that the President has failed to produce evidence with the Sandinistas. There they go again, blaming America first. Can they not credit the Sandinistas' sincerity as revolutionaries?

Contra leaders, pushed into contortions by Congress, say this will be a deal that will continue if they cannot do the job in 18 months. But what is the job? The Contras suggest it is to get the Sandinistas to the negotiating table. But setting such a deadline tells the Sandinistas how long they must stay away in order to win. Anyway, communist regimes have been stans on the planet for 68 years and never has one been talked down from totalitarianism to pluralism.

A sufficient reason for funding the Contras is independent of a belief that they can win a military victory or compel the Sandinistas to accept diplomatic cauterization of their festering infection in Central America. The reason is bleak but serious: We should support any struggle that burdens the Soviet-Imperial system.

We fund the Afghan resistance although there is no realistic hope that Afghanistan will be anything other than integrated into the Soviet bloc. We do it to maintain a debilitating fever in the Soviet system. The Contras can contribute to a better world by delaying the day, when Sandinista power is consolidated and the dynamic of democracy is the consequence of this festering infection in Central America. The reason is bleak but serious: We should support any struggle that burdens the Soviet-Imperial system.

If people demonstrate, ideally, but political hygiene is not the point—are willing to die shooting at appendages of the Soviet empire, it is prudent for us to buy the bullets.

George Will writes for Newsweek.



WR. THAT'S YOUR TROUBLE, RIGHT THERE?

### Letters welcome

The Times-News welcomes letters to the editor but will reject those it considers libelous or in bad taste. Each letter must be signed and should include the writer's mailing address. Letters of more than 400 words may be edited for length.

## Bryan's words of 1890's apply to American farmer today

After a century-long struggle for survival, the American farmer is about to be illiquidated — overcome by the combined forces of national indifference, corporate greed and government enmity.

Exactly 90 years ago, when the war against the small "family" farm was still young, the most powerful spokesman for agrarian America, William Jennings Bryan, gave voice to the farmers' beleaguered frustration in terms that would also describe today's distress, had we not lost the gift of eloquence.

"We have petitioned," he told the Chicago Democratic convention, "and our petitions have been scorned; we have entreated, and our entreaties have been disregarded; and we have begged, and they have mocked when our calamity came."

Last week, in tones of similar anguish, the Democratic Party chairman of a leading farm state telephoned an influential Washington politician, an adviser to past presidents, detailing the distress of constituents — already crushed into poverty — and how to be driven by bankruptcy and foreclosure from the land that they had so lov-

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ingly cultivated.

The politician began to respond with a customary, soothing offer of help. Then, struck by a sudden attack of apolitical honesty, he interrupted himself in mischievous to say, "The truth is, Charlie, nobody cares. Nobody in this city gives a damn."

An exaggeration? Perhaps. But not much of one: The reality is that we intend to stand apart in casual curiosity while, over the next year or two, hundreds of thousands of farmers are stripped of their independent lot.

"We are," reported a leading economic paper in one of those mind-numbing euphemisms characteristic of modern media, "at the edge of a farm shakeout."

The agonized faces, the tears, the occasional suicides have been brought to us in living color by the mindless screen that, because it illustrates without explanation or passion, transforms compassion into transient curiosity that seems to pass as quickly as

the camera moves from Iowa and Nebraska to the "Wheel of Fortune," where the American dream still flourishes.

In our age of gigantic economic bureaucracies, what could appear more normal than the abandonment of all farming to the indifferent mercies of corporate agriculture — the triumph, we are told, of superior efficiencies, economies of scale, the ultimately benign principles of free enterprise and the economy's "aggle"? But this is a myth, a lie, which makes all of us accomplices in accelerating destruction.

The fact is that the small farm is more economically efficient than is corporate agriculture. It can, acre for acre, produce a better product at a better price — an ability supposed to be the source of competitive success. It is not superior production that has undone the farmer but the power of money and the actions of a Department of Agriculture that, for more than one administration, has at public expense faithfully served the corporations that are about to complete their conquest of American agriculture.

These intricate relationships require some

accurate oversimplifications. Agricultural corporations have not expanded because they are better farmers. They had access to large amounts of capital. And they used it to buy the land. Money fueled not only growth but also the ability to dominate a nationwide system of distribution and marketing, limiting the access of smaller farms.

This flow of capital — along with the economic dislocations of recent decades — also helped drive up the price of farmland, tempting some farmers to sell out and others to increase their debt. When demand slackened and prices dropped, the inevitable arrived: bankruptcy and foreclosure for individuals who, unlike the corporations, lack the reserves to endure less prosperous times.

Undoubtedly many farmers are the victims of their own miscalculations. But it is equally true that, while unsophisticated in money matters, they were seduced by banks that lavishly, even recklessly, extended credit based on their own economic misjudgments. Now, being hard-pressed, these banks seek compensation for their errors by taking the land. For the farmer, of course,

there is no compensation.

This misfortune may seem unavoidable, but only if we view it as a contest for survival between farmers and their banks. But it is more than that. It is a national responsibility, the consequence of national economic and political policies. We are already prepared to roll over, even forgive, billions of dollars in unpayable debts from foreign countries while abandoning our farmers to the hazards of the times. This seeming inconsistency dissolves under the awareness that in both cases we are protecting the banks, which can easily foreclose an Iowa farmer but not the country of Peru.

We can see, even measure, the human distress that is the consequence of this attack on the American farmer. We have no way to gauge the loss to America — an immense and valuable heritage destroyed not by obsolescence but by uneconomic power and by the indifference, selfishness of a country unwilling to protect this essential element of our health as a national community.

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**Nation**

# Reagan says leftists posed as Contras

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan charged Saturday that agents of Nicaragua's leftist government, posing as anti-communist rebels, "murder and mutilate ordinary Nicaraguans" to discredit the guerrilla forces.

Devoting his weekly radio address to Nicaragua for the second straight week, the president said Congress must resume military aid to the rebels because "negotiations with the Nicaraguans/communists have failed again and again."

Rep. Thomas S. Foley, D-Wash., delivering the Democratic response, said the Reagan administration has paid only "lip service" to efforts by Latin American nations to negotiate a settlement.

"Incredibly, we may be walking into the quicksand with our eyes wide open," said Foley, the

House majority whip.

Reagan is delivering a televised address at 6 p.m. MST Sunday night to marshal support for his plan to provide \$70 million in military aid and \$30 million in medical and logistical supplies to the Contra rebels.

The House, controlled by Democrats, is scheduled to vote Thursday on the president's plan. Military aid was barred by Congress last year.

Reagan said new intelligence shows that Tomas Borge, the Nicaraguan interior minister, "is engaging in a brutal campaign to bring the freedom fighters into discredit."

"You see, Borge's communist-operatives dress in freedom fighters' uniforms, go into the countryside, then murder and mutilate ordinary Nicaraguans," he said.

"This, then, is why I am asking the Congress to provide the Nicaraguan freedom fighters, not only with much needed humanitarian aid, but with military supplies. They must be given the means to fight back."

Miriam Hooker, press officer at the Nicaraguan Embassy, when asked to comment on the president's charge, responded, "The only thing we can say is that it is absolutely false."

"Reagan said he has appointed three special envoys to Central America in the past three years who have made almost 50 trips to the region, "eager to engage in a serious dialogue. There have been 10 "high-level meetings with representatives of the Nicaraguan communists," he said.

"Each time, we left empty-handed," said the president.

# Lawmakers' talks with Sandinistas gain little

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (AP) — A member of a U.S. congressional delegation, Rep. Robert Walker, R-Pa., said Saturday after meeting Sandinista government officials that outside pressure is needed to change the situation inside Nicaragua.

Nine Republican members of Congress arrived Friday in Nicaragua, met with opposition and government leaders and left Saturday morning for a stop in San Salvador, capital of El Salvador, before returning home Saturday night.

The visit came less than a week before Congress is to vote on President Reagan's proposal

to give \$100 million in military and other aid to the Contra rebels fighting to overthrow the leftist Sandinista government.

The delegation met Vice President Sergio Romeriz on Friday and returned a Reagan administration proposal to reopen bilateral talks with the Sandinistas. If they will have church-mediated talks with the Contras.

Romeriz called the proposal "outside intervention in the affairs of Nicaragua" and said he did not enter these kind of dialogue with any kind of forces directed and financed by the U.S. government.

One U.S. official, who attended the session who refused to be identified for protocol reasons, called the talks "cool but frank," and said no new ground was broken.

In remarks to reporters at the Sandino Airport before leaving, Walker said the visit "in a large part strengthened my viewpoint that we must do something to provide outside pressure to get some changes in Nicaragua."

"We helped the Sandinistas at the time they overthrew Somoza, so we have done it before when we saw tyranny take over in this country," Walker said.

# Ships buck big waves in wreckage recovery

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Navy and civilian ships bucked strong winds and thunderstorms Saturday in efforts to recover three large pieces of Challenger's booster rockets, more of the crew cabin and additional remains of its astronaut.

The USS Preserver returned to the search area 15 miles offshore where parts of the space shuttle's flight deck and some of the crew members' remains were recovered last week.

The civilian salvage vessel, Stena Workhorse moved into position to grapple and hoist to the surface heavy parts of the solid-fuel rocket boosters.

rocket exhaust, leading to the detonation of the large external tank during liftoff.

One of the large pieces to be recovered by the Stena Workhorse normally used as an offshore platform by the oil industry in the North Sea, was a 500-pound lower portion of a booster.

"The problem is we don't know whether it's from the right or left booster," said Burnette. "We don't know whether any of these large pieces are from the right or left SRBs, so we're going to bring them all up."

Two other ships that started out to the 351-square-mile recovery zone in the Atlantic turned back to port several hours later after encountering heavy seas, said Lt. Cmdr. Deborah Burnette, a Navy spokeswoman. Most of the flotilla of search ships had been forced into port by storms late Thursday and all day Friday.

A crucial missing piece in the investigation of the Jan. 28 shuttle explosion is the aft segment of the right booster rocket. Investigators believe its bottom seam leaked hot

Video and still photos show that the 4-by-5-foot chunk, lying in 650 feet of water 32 miles northeast of Cape Canaveral, is torn along its bottom joint, officials said. But they have seen no evidence of fire damage.

The Stena Workhorse, which has a lifting capacity of 100 tons, also was to haul up a 6-by-18-foot piece of booster weighing 2,250 pounds and lying on its side in about 400 feet of water, plus a piece estimated to be 10 by 14 feet, the Navy spokeswoman said.

# Some marchers to continue

BARSTOW, Calif. (AP) — Members of the failed Great Peace March began folding up their tents and heading home Saturday, but about 400 hikers said they would continue under a different banner.

A new organization, Great Peace March Inc., was announced at the disintegrating campground 120 miles northeast of Los Angeles, where PRO-Peace founder David Mixer tearfully acknowledged Friday that his plan for an across-the-nation anti-nuclear weapons march had died.

PRO-Peace failed to raise \$100,000 it said was needed by Friday to get the marchers across the Mojave Desert to Las Vegas. PRO-Peace said about 950 marchers were in the camp when it failed. California Highway Patrol officers said the number was closer to 500.

Those who decided to leave Saturday

day braved an icy 40 mph wind as they walked or hitchhiked along Interstate 15 to Barstow, 10 miles from the campsite, to catch a bus or train home.

"It's like these people are my family now. I don't want to leave them because I don't want anything to happen to them," said Rose Germaine, 40, of Los Angeles, as she departed.

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# Angry pickets keep marching at Hormel

AUSTIN, Minn. (AP) — Striking meatpickers maintained pickets outside Hormel's flagship plant Saturday, but ripped the international union affiliation from their placards to express anger with the parent union's decision to end support of the walkout.

"I think we'll keep on doing what we're doing to win our struggle here. It's our jobs... I think what the international did to us will bring us closer together as a union," said Duane Jendorse, a member of Local P-9 UFCW action, which came one day after P-9 approved a resolution seeking to reconcile differences with the parent union and asking UFCW International officials to meet with P-9's executive board.

"The international is not willing to support its locals, then what is unionism?" Jendorse said. "People will be asking why the international sanctioned us seven months ago and now has turned its back on us."

A rank-and-file meeting was scheduled Sunday to discuss the UFCW action, which came one day after P-9 approved a resolution seeking to reconcile differences with the parent union and asking UFCW International officials to meet with P-9's executive board.

The international United Food and Commercial Workers union announced Friday in Washington that it was cutting off \$40 weekly strike benefits for P-9 members

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# Dissimilar views join in petition drive

By DEAN MILLER  
Times-News Staff

BOISE — Facing growing public interest in having a lottery on the 1986 ballot, the lion laid down with the lamb last week in the Idaho Senate.

Pick whoever you like to be the lion, but Sen. Vernon Lannen, D-Pinehurst, and Senate President Pro Tem James Risch, R-Boise, are a dissimilar pair.

And by collaborating with the Republicans in the plan to bring the lottery to a citizen vote, Lannen may be in trouble with his party.

Privately, some Democrats were furious with Lannen, saying that by teaming with Risch, he pulled the rug from under Risch's Democratic opponent in the upcoming election, Larry La Rocco.

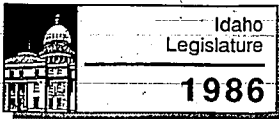
Rep. Jeanne Givens, D-Coeur d'Alene, was less angry with Lannen, but said the move will hurt La Rocco. "It's an issue that Larry La Rocco could not afford to lose, but I will not question the sincerity of Senator Lannen," she said.

Lannen is a towering Democratic gadfly. At six-foot-four, he is a frequent critic of the Republican majority and delivers his jabs in made-for-television sound bites that refer to the Republicans as "rats in a trap" and "a fog who are 'circling and honking.'"

Risch is a mid-five-footer and the recipient of most of Lannen's criticism, which he parries with his own acerbic wit and mastery of the sub-put-down.

Putting all that aside momentarily Friday morning, Risch led Lannen and 24 other legislators through a press conference to announce that they had found a way to get around the constitutional prohibition against the Legislature approving a lottery.

By generating a petition drive to place the matter on the ballot, the two lawmakers hope to satisfy what they say is a virtual public lust for a



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vote on the matter. Though Risch is himself an opponent of the lottery as a means to help fund state government, he said Friday that polls indicate 80 percent of Idaho voters want the chance to decide the issue for themselves.

Meanwhile, observers said Lannen had crippled La Rocco, while allowing Risch to steal the show and defuse criticism La Rocco could have leveled at him as the leader of a Legislature that has not moved quickly on the lottery issue.

"I don't think this is pulling Senator Risch's fat out of the fire, his fat is still in the fire," Lannen said Friday.

He said that by being photographed as the first to sign the initiative petition, Risch didn't save himself any criticism. "It isn't going to replace a lack of leadership... La Rocco will articulate that well," Lannen said.

Risch denied political motives for serving as architect and chief attorney for the initiative project. "There's no question that the people in the county want to vote on that, they want action and leadership to do something."

Still, he says he will not personally vote for the lottery. "It's about as regressive a tax as you can possibly get," he said.

Rep. James Stolcheff, D-Sandpoint, the House minority leader, said the lottery initiative will not hurt or help any candidate. He said he has heard no grumbling from Democrats and thinks that if the measure appears on the ballot it will increase the number of voters who turn out.

"Large turnouts generally help Democratic candidates," Sen. John Peavey, D-Carey, said Friday. Peavey, who is the minority caucus chairman, said the measure may boost Mormon voter turnout in southeast Idaho, which could mean a bigger conservative edge for the so-called right-to-work referendum, which is also on the ballot for next fall.

Whether it helps or hurts in the end, the lottery initiative is a nuisance right now for Rocco sym to Work Committee Director Gary Glenn.

Glenn said Friday that he will have to redesign most of his bumper stickers and posters if the initiative gets on the ballot.

With only the right-to-work referendum on the ballot, his bumper strips would have said "Yes on One."

But the lottery initiative will be Initiative One on the ballot, and the two "Ones" might be confusing.

Beyond that confusion, Glenn said Friday he is sure that if the lottery initiative brings out more voters, it will only help the right-to-work referendum.

Idaho AFL-CIO President James Kerns, who will soon be fighting the referendum full-time, said Friday a large turnout will help him defeat the measure, if anything.

"I don't see it making a great deal of difference," Kerns said.

Whatever the political fallout of Lannen and Risch's alliance, it will likely mean an unusually high turnout for a non-presidential year election. With two controversial questions on the ballot, Idaho voters are likely to be more motivated than usual to exercise their right to vote.

# Agency budget paring continues on PUC bill

BOISE (AP) — The Senate, meeting in a rare Saturday session, approved the first 1987 spending measure to come to the floor as legislative budget writers continued paring away at the basic operational requests of state agencies.

The \$2.6 million budget for the Public Utilities Commission, which now goes to the House, is slightly below the amount authorized for the current year, reflecting the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee's campaign to hold spending near or even below current levels.

Although the committee's critical concern has been frugal allocation of depressed general tax receipts, it has extended that philosophy to agencies and departments receiving their financing from other sources. The PUC, for example, is under ten by assessments on the utilities it regulates.

Handled with little discussion, approval of the bill followed the budget-setting committee's latest drafting session. It saw endorsement of a reduction in 1987 state spending for the new Commerce Department despite repeated statements by lawmakers from both parties that the state must begin encouraging expansion of existing businesses and attracting new business if Idaho's economy is ever to rebound.

The panel did approve a nearly 5 percent increase in 1987 financing for the Corrections Department. But while allowing for higher spending to accommodate increased inmate bed space at facilities in Orofino and Cottonwood that has somewhat eased overcrowding, the proposed budget blueprint again denied any money for higher operating expenses due to inflation or replacement of

equipment. "It's ridiculous," a fuming Al Murphy, corrections director, said as the panel adjourned after setting his budget. "There's nothing for inflation. There's nothing for capital outlay, and I don't think there's enough for personnel."

The prison system is already under federal court scrutiny because of inmate allegations of unconstitutional conditions involving security and medical and other services, and Murphy said the failure to provide the additional \$1 million he had sought would do nothing to improve the state's standing with U.S. District Judge Harold Ryan.

Murphy said he would seek technical changes in the budget proposal from the panel next week that would give him more administrative flexibility and help ease the impact of the lower request.

# Legislature sends to Evans measures to control AIDS

BOISE (AP) — A package of bills intended to increase the state's control over the spread of acquired immune deficiency syndrome, AIDS, has cleared the Idaho Legislature.

"When it gets to be a threat to the general population, then we must take steps," Senate Health and Welfare Committee Chairman Denton Darrington said Saturday as the Senate unanimously approved both bills, sending them to Gov. John Evans.

One bill would place AIDS in the same legal category as venereal diseases, requiring the state be notified of cases and giving public

health officials the powers "to track down and isolate this disease as quickly as possible."

The other requires the use of all reasonable means to determine whether a sperm donor has the antibody linked to AIDS in his blood and prohibits the use of such sperm in artificial insemination.

The legislation was part of a seven-bill package introduced in the House last month. The other five proposals, much more far-reaching than the two that have cleared the Legislature, remained bottled-up in House committees.

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## FCC OKs time-of-day ruling

BOISE (AP) — The Federal Communications Commission has upheld Idaho utility regulators' contention that time-of-day telephone service should be provided free of charge.

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission in January 1985 rejected a proposal from Pacific Northwest Bell to provide the service for 25 cents a call to its approximately 29,000 customers in the Lewiston, Lapwai, Craigmont and Grangeville areas. The company appealed the PUC

decision to the FCC, but the federal panel's Common Carrier Bureau agreed with the state commission's ruling.

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# Leroy blasts Andrus as race heats up

BOISE (AP) — Republican Lt. Gov. Dave Leroy has charged that former Democratic Gov. Cecil Andrus for 20 years was a "no-growth candidate and proud of it," but now he wants to come off as a "born-again businessman."

Leroy criticized Andrus, who announced last Monday that he was a candidate for governor, for the corporate tax breaks should be repealed to improve Idaho's tax structure.

"Tinkering with taxes is not going to solve Idaho's government problems or Idaho's economic problems per se," Leroy said during taping of the KTVB Viewpoint program Friday, scheduled to air at 4:30 p.m. Sunday.

Economic expansion is the answer for the state's problems, Leroy said. "I don't favor increasing taxes, period," he said, adding that this was the worst possible time to raise taxes because the economy is depressed.

Asked if that meant he thought it was a mistake for the Legislature to raise the sales tax from 4 cents to 5 cents on the dollar for 15 months, Leroy said: "No, I don't. This was a



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tough crisis time. Idaho has to pay its bills. We have needs in education. We have needs in other necessary services. We reached the point where we had no choice but to do that on a temporary sales tax

basis."

Leroy hedged on support for making the sales tax permanent were he elected governor.

"That will have to be evaluated in the climate of the times in which the Legislature takes the action and makes the offer," he said.

Leroy refused to rate the work of the Republican-dominated 1986 Legislature.

"I don't regard defending the Legislature or attacking the Legislature as the proper role of gubernatorial candidate for either party," he said.

Andrus has criticized the Legislature for ignoring the problems of the state, and Republican leaders in particular for a lack of leadership.

Leroy said he would leave it up to local school boards to deal with teachers who want to teach that homosexuality is an acceptable lifestyle, one of the most controversial issues handled during the current legislative session. He said he also would leave it up to local boards to decide if creationism should be taught along with evolution in public schools.

Leroy also said he did not want to second-guess the Legislature's decision to put a proposed constitutional amendment allowing a state-run lottery on the November ballot. "Those people are elected to present the views of their constituencies or to state their own conscience."

Leroy said he favors mandatory statewide day-care licensing as long as it is done by the cities and counties. He said there also should be a religious exemption to prevent conflicts between church and state.

Leroy said a main difference between he and Andrus is over right-to-work. He said Andrus received \$5,000 from the same Pittsburgh International Steelworkers Union that "pulled the plug" on an agreement between more than 2,000 Bunker Hill miners and potential buyers of the mine in 1982.

Leroy said Andrus wants to be so flexible on the wilderness issue that he won't tell people how many total acres he favors for wilderness.

Leroy has said he favors no additional wilderness in Idaho. Andrus has talked about specific areas he favors for wilderness.

# POW license plates OK'd

BOISE (AP) — The Senate has given final legislative approval to creation of a specialized vehicle license plate for former military prisoners of war.

"There are not enough opportunities given to use to recognize those members of the armed services who were the unwilling guests of hostile forces," Sen. Jerry Thorne, R-Nampa, said Saturday as the bill was unanimously sent to Gov. John Evans.

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# Political bug didn't bite Stubbs in House stint

By DEAN MILLER  
Times-News writer

BOISE — How is the Twin Falls County Republican Party going to keep its chairman down on the farm, now that he's seen the lights of the vote scoreboard in the Idaho House chamber?

It won't be hard, Chairman Mark Stubbs said Saturday.

Having served as a replacement for Rep. Jeff Stoker, R-Twin Falls, for a week, Stubbs said he has caught the political bug, but cannot afford to pursue it.

"I would if I could afford the time, but we the and his law-firm partners have a real growing practice," he said.

Two weeks ago, Stubbs was just another Idaho trial lawyer, testifying in front of the House Judiciary, Rules, and Administration Committee in opposition to proposed laws limiting the speed and size of tort-claim awards.

Last week, he stood on the floor of the Idaho House to debate and vote against the measure.

During his short tenure, Stubbs debated in favor of the sales-tax increase that swept through the

Statehouse this week, and argued with fellow Twin Falls Republican Rep. Donna Scott over a bill that would have allowed political parties to require candidates to win at least 20 percent of the vote at party conventions before being added to the primary election ballot.

Scott sponsored the bill and Stubbs stood as Twin Falls County party chairman to oppose the measure.

As a lawyer, he said he enjoyed serving in the Legislature because of the direct impact a member can have on the making of laws.

As a temporary member of the

Idaho House, Stubbs said he found ultra-conservatives less closed-minded than they appear to be in news accounts of controversial issues.

While they are unwilling to budge on some issues, on others they can be swayed, Stubbs said.

And, though he would name none, there are some members who are closed-minded on 90 percent of the issues that come before the Legislature and should be defeated in 1986, Stubbs said.

Stoker was in Salt Lake City this week to be with his father, who was in a hospital there for heart surgery.

# United Savings chairman, financial officer quit

BOISE (AP) — Robert Glaisyer, chairman and president of United First Federal Savings and Loan, and the company's chief financial officer have resigned, and an officer from a Seattle savings and loan is handling day-to-day operations until a replacement can be found.

The resignations come at a turbulent time for Idaho's largest savings and loan organization.

"There are some problems we are working with the organization to rectify," said Linda Pomarantz, public information officer for the Federal Home Loan Bank in Seattle, which regulates United First Federal.

al. But "they are not problems that would cause the failure of the institution. They are working through problems like any business."

Glaisyer, whose resignation was accepted by the United First Board on Wednesday, said he was not forced to leave the savings and loan because of financial difficulties.

"I wanted to do something else. I have been in the business for 20 years," said Glaisyer, 39, who has headed the organization since 1975.

"I was involved in a lot of other business interests, and I was interested in pursuing them," he said, adding his business holdings included

manufacturing operations and real estate.

He said he did not know specifically why Jerry Aldape, who was promoted to chief financial officer about nine months ago, resigned.

Aldape confirmed his resignation but declined to elaborate.

Joseph Glaisyer, 38, Robert's brother, who was mayor of Meridian from 1979 to 1984, said he had been serving as United First's acting chairman since the resignations were accepted Wednesday. He is a United First director and president of its subsidiary, United First Security Mortgage Co.

He said he had turned the day-to-day operating responsibilities over to Charles Hoag, a vice president at Washington Federal Savings and Loan in Seattle, who will run United First until a new president is found.

He said the Federal Home Loan Bank in Seattle did not require United First to accept the services of Hoag. "We talked to the Federal Home Loan Bank and got a consulting arrangement made during the interim time until we can find somebody to run this institution."

Ms. Pomarantz confirmed that the Federal Home Loan Bank did not order new management.

# Envirosafe employees' suit settled

SEATTLE (AP) — A federal lawsuit contending Envirosafe Services of Idaho Inc. discriminated against some employees for filing a safety complaint over conditions at the company's Owyhee County hazardous waste dump has been settled out of court, a U.S. Department of Labor official said.

Jim Lake, Northwest regional administrator for the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, said Envirosafe has agreed to divide

\$25,000 between five employees at its disposal site near Grand View.

OSHA files suit against the company in U.S. District Court in Boise last June, alleging that Envirosafe retaliated against the workers by laying them off for exercising their legal right to file a safety or health complaint, Lake said. The suit asked that Envirosafe be ordered to rehire the laid-off employees, pay back wages plus interest and reinstate rights and privileges for the workers.

While agreeing to settle the suit out of court, Envirosafe admitted no wrongdoing or violation of the 1970 OSHA Act, Lake said.

The safety complaint arose after two workers at the Grand View dump were hospitalized in April 1984, complaining of dizziness, numbness and trembling while working with toxic chemicals. The company later agreed to OSHA recommendations that it upgrade protective gear and safety training for employees.

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# Craig wants agency chief investigated

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, has asked the General Accounting Office to investigate some charges that Stuart Staller, chairman of the federal Consumer Product Safety Commission, used government resources for personal purposes.

Craig said in a statement issued Friday that he has received "serious allegations" and material from "credible sources" indicating that Staller used commission attorneys to research whether his wife could claim back pay as a political appointee at the Environmental Protection Agency.

"Particularly now, with the squeeze on for federal dollars, this blatant personal use of federal funds, if true, is totally unacceptable," Craig said.

Staller could not be reached for comment on Saturday.

Craig is the ranking minority member of the House Government Operations Subcommittee on Commerce, Consumer and Monetary Affairs, which has oversight responsibility for the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

The Idaho Republican said he had been given an affidavit signed by an attorney for the commission who contends he was assigned to research the back-pay issue.

Craig said other "serious charges" also had been raised against Staller, and he urged the GAO to look into all of them.

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# Evans' criticism ignores real cause of economic mess, Stivers claims

BOISE (AP) — House Speaker Tom Stivers says Gov. John Evans is overlooking some important factors in his criticism of the Legislature's sales tax bill.

Evans on Thursday announced he's allowing the sales tax bill to become law without his signature, meaning Idaho's sales tax becomes 5 percent starting April 1. But he said the Legislature's approach to solving state financial problems has several serious deficiencies.

By enacting only a temporary tax increase, the governor said the Legislature is almost guaranteeing the next legislative session will have to go through "this year's agonizing and divisive" budget work.

Stivers made a rare speech on the House floor on Friday, disputing the governor's message and saying Evans has ignored the real causes of Idaho's economic problems, the nationwide recession and uncontrolled spending by Congress.

"The message attempts to espouse the time-worn theory that we should respond to reduced state revenue and cuts in federal programs by a vast overhaul of our tax system coupled with increased state support and spending," said Stivers.

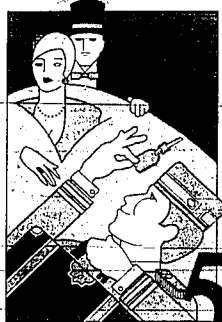
"The majority party has acted responsibly in this economic crisis with as little trauma to the taxpayer as possible," Stivers said. "The majority party also intends to act responsibly in appropriating funds for fiscal year 1987 with a discerning attitude to make cuts in every area possible in state government with the clear dedication of providing necessary funding for the critical needs of state government, including education," he said.

Rep. Harold Reid, D-Craigmont, defended the governor's statement that it was unfair to keep adding to the sales tax. "We need to be fair with the taxpayers' money. It's not fair to put it all on the sales tax," he

said. Majority Floor Leader Jack Kennevik, R-Boise, said the Democrats refused to go along with many other proposals to solve the budget problem.

"We have to work together," he

said. Minority Leader James Stolcheff, D-Sandpoint, finally ended the discussion when he said: "Roses are red, violets are blue; let's kiss and make up and go home by 2."



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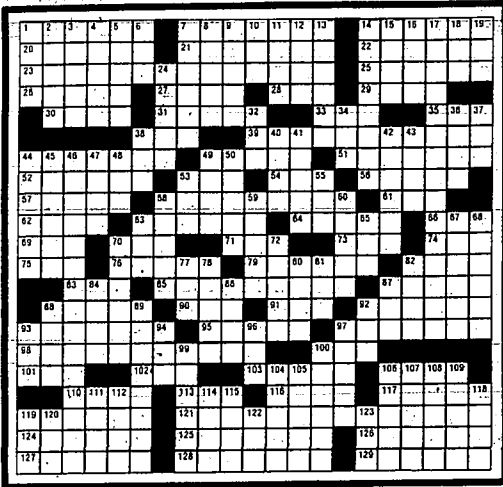
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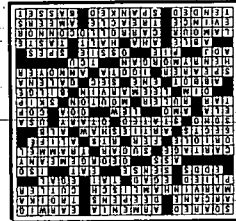
By Neil Mc Carthy

Edited by Herb Ettenson

- ACROSS**
- Toward
  - Erivan's land
  - Pincer-equipped insect
  - Secret
  - Intentional
  - Russ. Chorse vehicle
  - NY-born composer
  - Knife maker
  - Worked busily
  - Mild oath
  - Siamese
  - Tantamount in Tours
  - Byrnes and Roush
  - Intuit
  - Consumes
  - Equal, prof.
  - Onager
  - NY-born labor leader
  - Healing charge
  - Kind of cane
  - Brainfin
  - Baltimore athlete
  - de-lance
  - Liamon: abbr.
  - What —
  - Religious groups
  - NY-born bandleader
  - Priestly vestment
  - London district
  - Set forth formally
  - Eared seal
  - Doa Passos trilogy
  - Guido's note
  - I love to
  - Cassius
  - Oldtime comic Lehr
  - Black-tailed gazelle
  - Conical spool of cord
  - Roofing material
  - Strawbedge
  - Kind of fur
  - Omnit
  - Indistinct
  - NY-born macho actor
  - Hold bottom
  - Monastery head
  - Comp. dir.
  - Wine word
  - Lead ore
  - Lance user
  - "Have — girl for you"
  - Past
  - NY-born comedian
  - Fl. word
  - School letters
  - Part of speech: abbr.
  - Bakery item
  - Actor: Davia
  - Goddess of hope



- DOWN**
- Up to
  - So, that's it!
  - Stop
  - Palais
  - Sarong wearer
  - NYcom TV bigot
  - Manifest
  - Mania
  - Arab VIPs
  - Cared for
  - Took to the woodshed
  - Long hound
  - DOWN
  - Coarse com
  - Vatican vestment
  - Pretty pungent
  - Really rented
  - Bagnold and Markey
  - Lion's lair
  - Wise sayings
  - Equip again
  - Steeple
  - Jackydowns
  - Pinocchio
  - Cozy abode
  - Twelve- of yore
  - More pallid
  - Catchall phrase
  - Cut — (dance)
  - Church court
  - NY-born publisher-columnist
  - Eye part
  - Mamie's man
  - Beaked fish
  - Author Herrmann
  - Urg
  - Rip
  - Snickers
  - Popeye's Olive
  - Ripen
  - Com units
  - Before graphic or doxy
  - Former Br. antecolore
  - Ludwig or Jennings
  - Pamper
  - Interlace
  - NY-born actor
  - "Wizard of Oz"
  - Water
  - Pacino and Markey
  - Smith
  - Paying stone
  - Archangel
  - Monk's title
  - Made a lap
  - Coral Island
  - Water retention
  - Dray
  - Rival of 1000
  - TV Howard
  - Well-grounded
  - Emerge
  - and your class
  - Best
  - Shoe width
  - Fall to follow
  - Plowed
  - Heckney
  - Strike with horror
  - Room in Roush
  - Small apartment or eye
  - Orlet sections
  - Slaves of old
  - 109 Stockpile
  - 111 Tie
  - US publisher
  - Dwell on persistently
  - Zone
  - Quondam
  - Permit
  - 120 St.
  - 122 Operated
  - 123 Heckney



### Patient sees home

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Artificial heart patient Murray Hayden went home for a visit Saturday and went into his house for the first time since he left in February 1985 to receive the Jarvik-7 pump, hospital officials said.

Hayden, 59, had made two other van rides, including one to his home in the Louisville suburb of St. Matthews, but had not gone inside.

"He went in for a short time after the photographers left," said Humana Hospital Audubon spokeswoman Donna Hazle.

Hayden had been confined to the hospital for nearly a year before he left the grounds in January to travel to a nearby apartment.

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### Underwater pogo jumper goes for mark

NEW YORK (AP) — The unofficial world's champion underwater pogo stick jumper — 3,303 jumps in 8½ feet of water — said Saturday he's not ready to sit back and rest.

"The end of March, I plan to somersault Paul Revere's ride," he said. "I've always been inspired by Paul Revere."

Talk of 12.98 miles of somersaulting would be idle in some quarters. But Ashrita Furman already holds the Guinness records for somersaulting, hand-clapping, milk-bottle balancing, stretcher bearing and wreath making.

Furman, 32, jumped underwater on a pogo stick Friday for 3 hours and 20 minutes. But he hadn't been able to contact the Guinness Book of World Records yet to confirm that his feat was a record.

He climbed into 8½ feet of water with his pogo stick, a weight belt and a mask and snorkel.

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**World**

# Former political allies break from Marcos, form new party

The Washington Post

MANILA — Stating that they were "shocked" by former president Ferdinand Marcos' accumulation of hidden wealth, some of his key allies in the Philippine National Assembly announced a definitive break Saturday with the former leader.

At a press conference, former labor minister Blas Ople, a longtime Marcos associate and a member of the assembly, announced the formation of a new political party that would cut all links with Marcos. The new group will be called the Nationalist Party of the Philippines.

Ople and other members of Marcos' crumbling New Society Movement have accused the deposed president of attempting to give them directions by telephone from his exile in Hawaii. U.S. officials were quoted last week as saying Marcos had made more than \$1,000 in telephone calls to the Philippines,

apparently in an effort to continue exercising political influence here.

"We're leaving the party because we don't like taking orders from Hawaii," said another assemblyman, Manuel Collantes.

Ople, 59, managed Marcos' election campaign and held senior positions in his governments for 19 years. Nevertheless, he enjoyed a reputation for outspokenness despite his loyalty to the former president and was believed to have presidential ambitions of his own.

Ople, who has been designated to lead the new political party, apparently hopes that by breaking with Marcos and by acquiescing in President Corazon Aquino's rise to power, he and other members of the breakaway group will be able to prolong the life of the existing legislature and turn themselves into a viable opposition.

But Aquino is under heavy pressure from many of her sup-

porters to scrap the existing system and declare a revolutionary government to govern until a new constitution can be written and new legislative elections held.

Aquino government officials are talking about holding new legislative elections late this year.

Many Filipinos seem to doubt that Ople and his colleagues will succeed in forming a viable new party.

In their view, the former Marcos loyalists waited too long to make their break with Marcos and must have known a great deal about his hidden wealth well before they decided to bolt the party.

Ople told reporters Saturday that the evidence was now unmistakable that Marcos had set a "record of organized pillage without precedent in our history."

"We feel he has betrayed our hopes and our trust," said Ople.

It was unclear just how many supporters the new party will have.

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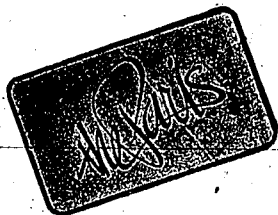
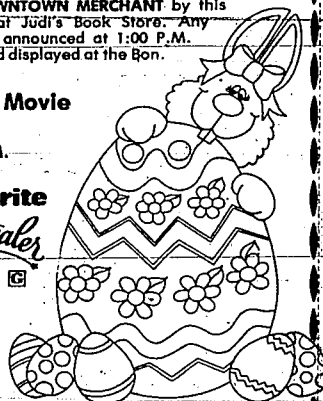


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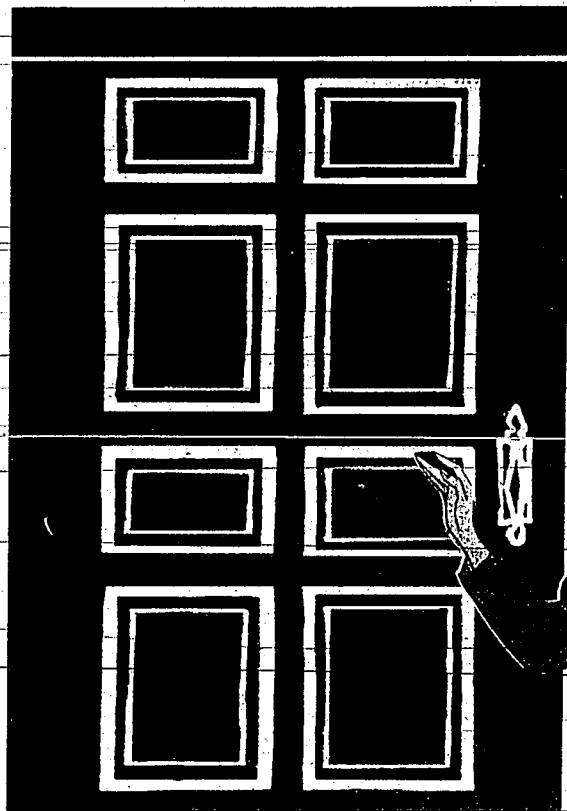
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# Tass calls Reagan plan 'camouflage'

MOSCOW (AP) — The official news agency Tass on Saturday dismissed the latest U.S. proposal to limit nuclear tests as a move designed to "camouflage its obviously negative stand on ending all nuclear explosions."

The Tass report from Washington was the first Soviet reaction to Reagan's announcement Friday that he sent a "new, very specific and far-reaching proposal" on nuclear testing to Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev.

Reagan's proposal outlined new measures for verifying compliance by both nations with two unratified nuclear test ban treaties negotiated in 1974 and 1976.

Reagan also invited Soviet observers to a test blast in Nevada planned next month to see how the monitoring system works.

"This proposal, which the White House described as highly specific and far-reaching, has proved, in the opinion of official observers, to be a new U.S. administration political maneuver aimed at evading a concrete answer to the Soviet Union's proposal on ending all nuclear testing," Tass said.

Gorbachev declared a unilateral nuclear testing moratorium on Aug. 6, 1985, to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima, Japan, in World War II.

Gorbachev later extended the moratorium through the end of March. He said last week in response to a letter from six non-aligned nations that the Soviet ban would continue as long as the United States refrains from test explosions.

"Reagan's proposal is of a very limited character and concerns only technical problems of verification," Tass said.

The agency reported U.S. plans to conduct nuclear tests in Nevada the third week in April.

"To camouflage its obviously negative stand on ending all nuclear explosions, the U.S. administration has again resorted to the already familiar propaganda gimmick, by proposing that the Soviet Union send its scientists to watch these tests," Tass said.

"The Soviet Union is known to favor control over an end to nuclear explosions, but it is against an end to the tests being replaced with observers," Tass said, concluding: "Disarmament without control is impossible, but control without disarmament is meaningless."

# 93-car chain collision kills 5

COURTENAY, France (AP) — Ninety-three vehicles piled up in a massive chain-reaction collision Saturday, killing five people and injuring 67, police said. Officials said traffic had been moving at a high speed despite dense fog.

Seventeen people were listed in serious condition at local hospitals after the crash on Autoroute A-8, about 110 miles south of Paris.

Police said four cars caught fire and three people burned to death in one of them.

Ambulances had to struggle past a 2½-mile tangle of cars and trucks to reach the injured. Some victims could not be reached for more than an hour, police said, noting that the pileup spilled over into emergency lanes.

# French to vote for assembly

PARIS (AP) — The French vote Sunday for a new National Assembly in an election that may force Socialist President Francois Mitterrand to govern for the first time with a conservative legislature and premier, or resign two years early.

The Socialists were viewed as certain to lose the absolute majority they have held in the lower house of Parliament for the past five years. All polls predict the united conservative and centrist opposition will win enough seats to take solid control of the 577-seat assembly, which wields virtually all legislative power.

In a simultaneous election, voters also will choose representatives to local councils in France's 22 domestic and four overseas administrative regions.

Major issues such as unemployment and the economy have been largely overshadowed by debate over an anticipated power transfer between a conservative premier and Mitterrand, who has two years to go in his seven-year term.

Never in the 28-year history of the Fifth Republic has a president been faced with a hostile parliament and prime minister. Mitterrand has hinted he may resign rather than submit to the conservative program.

Final polls last week indicated the conservative Rally for the Republic party and the centrist Union for French Democracy, which forged a joint platform, will win enough seats to control the assembly. But the campaign has been lackluster and parties on both sides fret about abstentions and the 17 percent of voters indicated by the polls to be still undecided.

# General imprisoned; Ecuador now calm

QUITO, Ecuador (AP) — A rebel general who took over an air base with hundreds of supporters was jailed at an isolated army post and calm returned to Ecuador Saturday after a week of tension and turmoil.

Gen. Frank Vargas, who had been fired as air force commander and chief of the Joint Armed Forces, was captured Friday night after he was found hiding in a military commissary at Quito's Mariscal Sucre air base.

Vargas was found about six hours after 2,000 army soldiers, backed by tanks, smashed their way onto the base and retook it in a battle that left four dead and 11 wounded.

Army officers said when Vargas was discovered he opened fire with a sub-machine gun and

wounded three soldiers, but surrendered when he ran out of ammunition.

Vargas was flown immediately to an army post in Ecuador's eastern jungle and will be held there until a military trial is convened, a government source said.

More than 200 troops who backed Vargas were captured in the fighting, but officials said most were released Saturday.

The government said the state of emergency imposed by President Leon Febres Cordero early Friday would remain in effect until "absolute normality" returned.

The measure suspends constitutional guarantees and allows government censorship. Four radio stations were temporarily closed for broadcasting "alarming" news.

# Mourners hail ANC

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — Tens of thousands of mourners halted the outlawed African National Congress with songs and banners Saturday, turning four funerals of slain blacks into the boldest display yet of support for the guerrilla movement.

Elsewhere, officials said rioting at a strike-bound gold mine killed six black miners and a black security guard and injured 176 miners.

Coffins at three funerals Saturday were draped in the green, gold and black flag of the ANC and police bans on political speeches were defied.

Police used tear gas against the crowds at two funerals. At a third, they charged into mourners with batons and ripped T-shirts with

slogans from them.

"We are not here to mourn, but to take further the spear of liberation," Aubrey Mokoena of the Release Mandela Committee declared at one funeral outside Cape Town. Nelson Mandela led the guerrilla wing of the ANC until he was sentenced to life in prison in 1964 for plotting sabotage.

Greg Kukard, a spokesman for Rand Mines Ltd., meanwhile said that workers at the Blyvooruitzicht Gold Mine, about 45 miles west of Johannesburg, went on a rampage Friday afternoon.

Police said their gunfire killed three workers. Kukard said two miners were killed by the mob. Police did not say how the other two victims were killed.

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## Ag-chemicals: A hazard to health?

By KENNETH A. BROWN  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — On Dec. 3, 1984, a leak at the Union Carbide plant in Bhopal, India, killed 2,500 persons and seriously injured 100,000 more. The leak was the most serious industrial accident in history. Although the chemical industry in America has had an excellent safety record, the Bhopal disaster was a sobering lesson of the potential for widespread impacts when something goes wrong. The Bhopal disaster was also a lesson in the potential risks of agricultural pesticides. The deadly chemical involved in the Bhopal leak was methyl isocyanate (MIC). It is the raw material for several modern pesticides, including Temik and Furadan, which are widely used in Southern Idaho.

Both Temik and Furadan are considered highly toxic by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. One person who is concerned with the potential health effects of agricultural chemicals is Roger Pollard of the U.S. Animal Plant and Health Inspection Service office in Twin Falls. Pollard directed the 1985 grasshopper-spraying program, which used a liquid chemical, malathion. When the spraying program was running full-bore last summer, several trucks a week, each carrying 4,000 gallons of malathion, were com-

ing into the state. "I'm glad I didn't have ultimate responsibility for the malathion being transported into this state," says Pollard.

Even small quantities of the highly concentrated form of the pesticide being transported in the trucks can kill.



### Agricultural Chemicals

Who's watching?

First in a series

"The potential for a Bhopal in America is certainly within the realm of possibility," Pollard says. The Magic Valley has not been immune from pesticide leaks and spills. In April 1985, an agricultural chemical — the highly toxic herbicide 2,4 dinitrophenol — spilled from a truck near Rupert. Twelve people were sent to the hospital, suffering from chest pains, headaches and nausea. Victims had skin contact with the chemical and inhaled the fumes. Lawsuits over that accident are still pending. In October 1985, a leak of

anhydrous ammonia at Curry Crossing, west of Twin Falls, forced a temporary evacuation of nearby residents. But no injuries were reported.

Beyond chemical spills, a pressing concern of environmentalists and health officials is the potential health effects from long-term exposure to low levels of pesticides. Nationally, some disturbing trends have emerged.

Studies by the National Cancer Institute have found that professional pesticide applicators are more likely to die of lung cancer than any other occupational group.

In California, studies by the state Department of Health have found abnormally high rates of cancer near Fresno, in the state's heavily agricultural Central Valley. The high-cancer rates seem to correlate with residents whose water supplies were contaminated with DBCP, a pesticide which has been used in California as a soil fumigant. Studies by other health officials found abnormally high rates of cancer in children near the towns of Fowler and MacFarland, also in the Central Valley.

On Long Island, N.Y., studies by officials from the Suffolk County Department of Health Services and State University of New York's School of Medicine at Stony Brook suggested that groundwater supplies contaminated with the insecticide Temik may be linked to symp-

toms of nerve damage in area residents. These studies are isolated incidents. Nationally, there is only limited scientific data to document health problems of agricultural chemicals in the field. Most data consists of the complaints or informal accounts of those who believe pesticides are damaging their health.

While the clustering of cancer rates in some areas is disturbing, chemical companies point out that most of the problems attributed to pesticides in the field have never been documented in the laboratory. "It's very difficult to prove a

link between pesticide use and cancer," says Dr. Charles Scott, a Boise toxicologist who has performed safety and health testing for major pesticide producers.

In the case of birth defects and cancer, people often "accuse a chemical" even "if there wasn't an exposure," Scott says. Manufacturers of agricultural chemicals believe they are fighting a "cancer phobia" in the American public. The perception of the public, they say, is that cancer rates have soared in the U.S. as chemicals have become more widely used.

But studies show quite a different trend, says a Dow Chemical publication on the health risks of pesticides. One study cited in the booklet is the Department of Health, Education and Welfare's age-adjusted graph of U.S. cancer rates.

When lung cancer is plotted separately, the DHEW's study shows that cancer rates in the U.S. have been steadily declining during the past 30 years for all forms of cancer except lung cancer.

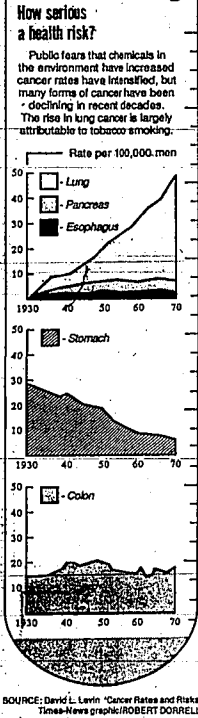
Confirming a link of a chemical to a health problem requires showing that the chemical is present, that exposure has occurred and that there is a way through which a pesticide could cause the problem. The investigation procedure requires monitoring and documentation, which are now all but absent in Idaho.

State epidemiologist Charles Brokopp headed the state's Pesticide Hazard Assessment Project in the 1970s, which ended when federal funding ran out. Brokopp said the program was able to document the presence of pesticides in only 20 percent of the cases. Today, there are no studies in Idaho examining potential health effects of agricultural chemicals, and none by Magic Valley area physicians and hospitals.

"The effects of chronic exposure at low levels is simply not being done," said Brokopp. "The reason is that you don't experiment on humans. The EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) is relying on manufacturers to develop tests."

Effectively, the result is that there is no data available on the long-term effects of ag-chemical exposure, Brokopp said. Some environmentalists believe the high cancer rates now being discovered in areas with pesticide-contaminated groundwater call for more regulatory action. "Why do you need dead humans to show that pesticides cause cancer?" asks Lawrence Mott of the Natural Resources Defense Council in San Francisco. "There is a fine line between scientific accuracy and doing nothing."

Mott and others believe the government should be doing more. "See CHEMICALS on Page B2



**Documented risk**  
A group of 993 structural pesticide applicators with 20 years or more experience were tested for various degenerative diseases, including cancer and respiratory ailments. The results indicated this group may be running a higher cancer risk than the national average.

Cause of death	Cases expected	Cases observed
All causes	36.7	39
All cancer	7.9	14
Lung cancer	2.8	5
Circulatory diseases	19.9	15
Respiratory diseases	2.4	4
Emphysema	0.7	1
Cirrhosis of liver	1.0	0

SOURCE: David L. Levin "Cancer Rates and Risks" Times-News graphic/ROBERT DORRELL

SOURCE: National Cancer Institute Study Times-News graphic/ROBERT DORRELL

## Stoker puts office in residential zone despite council ruling

By ANNETTE CARY  
Times-News writer

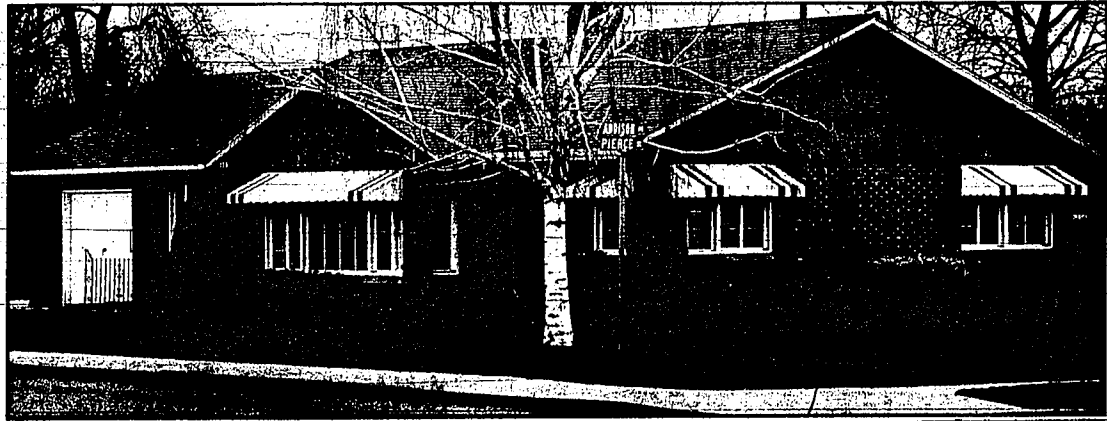
TWIN FALLS — State Rep. Jeff Stoker has opened a law office on a section of Addison Avenue zoned for residential use, three months after the Twin Falls City Council turned down his request to rezone the area to professional use.

Twin Falls City Attorney Shae Bengoechea says the city will take legal action against Stoker. "He has not yet determined whether re-zoning an injunction or filing charges is the best way to handle the matter, in part because he has been busy preparing for a related suit Stoker has brought against the city," he says.

However, the city cannot allow the action to go unchallenged, he says. "If we allow him to do it, it's setting a precedent for others to violate City Hall (decisions) after a valid hearing," Bengoechea says. "If we let him do it, we will have the same problem with others."

Stoker contends that he is breaking no law by opening his office. The city's zoning ordinance is invalid, he says, and he cannot be held to a law that does not exist.

"If I believed their ordinance was valid, I would never do this," he says. He decided to move to the Addison Avenue office when owners of his old office building found new tenants, he says. He also believes that the move was necessary to force a court decision on the validity of the city's zoning ordinance, while protecting his interest in opening an office on Addison Avenue, he says.



State Rep. Jeff Stoker maintains his new law office at 733 Addison Ave. doesn't break the law because the city's zoning ordinance is invalid. Times-News photo/SKYE SAEVONSON

ing ordinance, while protecting his interest in opening an office on Addison Avenue, he says. If the city does move to obtain an injunction against him, it will have to prove that the ordinance has been properly adopted.

city decides that the ordinance is valid, he will have the right to keep the office open even in an emergency, he declared and the zoning ordinance is re-adopted without notice, Stoker maintains. Any correct

legal procedures were not followed when the 1979 master zoning plan was amended and updated. The most current ordinance re-adopts the original zoning plan with specified changes. Although it designates that the master copy, is at-

tached, there is no copy of the 1979 plan attached for public inspection, Stoker says. The city also failed to follow correct procedure when publishing the latest changes in the master zoning plan, he says. State law is clear on

what parts of the original plan had to be published along with the ordinance that included changes, he says. No part of the original plan was published when changes were made, he says. "See STOKER on Page B2

## Basic school math Administrators mostly dealing in minuses

By KENNETH A. BROWN  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Numbers fill the chalkboards in board rooms of the Twin Falls School District, as administrators play the high-low game. The high side, a list of fuel, electric and water bills, totals \$482,071 — or more than \$300 per pupil.

At the district paid \$24,324 in fuel, \$37,565 in electric bills and \$1,085 for water and sewer costs. Total of \$48,974. In 1985, costs had risen to \$137,546 for fuel, \$14,711 for electric and \$30,314 for water and sewer. Total of \$182,571 — or more than \$300 per pupil.

On the low side, the School District is second from the bottom in the amount of money it receives per student from the state. While Idaho Falls spent \$1,585 per student in 1985, Twin Falls spent \$1,562 per student. The state average was \$1,575 per student. Among schools in Twin Falls County, Twin Falls School District also falls at the bottom. Per student, Castleton spent \$1,200, Murtaugh spent \$2,682 and Kimberly spent \$1,775.

The reason for the bottom ranking are low property assessments and a state equalization formula that isn't equal, says Superintendent Carl Snow.

Most of the property in Twin Falls County is agricultural, which is assessed at a lower rate than property in bluffs. Snow says that the state also affecting the matter is property tax. In Idaho, which resulted in a one-percent cap on the amount that a county, city or school district could raise on property taxes, thereby limiting taxing ability. Even when a \$20 million shopping center comes in, we won't get a penny more in taxes for schools," says Snow, because the new industry "does not increase the taxing base. Users are already being limited to a percent. If I use devices the existing base among more taxpayers."

The bottom line for administrators is to cut costs where possible, such as purchasing coal directly from the mine in Utah; contracting with a trucking company, and saving between \$30 to \$40 a ton for 1,500 tons of coal a year. "When you see these figures, and realize how much we've done with the little we've had, it makes you appreciate how frugal this district and board members have been in running our schools," says Snow.

## Disposal options suggested

By KENNETH A. BROWN  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Several options are open to small-quantity generators of hazardous waste seeking to comply with upcoming federal laws for hazardous waste control, says Patrick Stoll with the state Division of Environment. New federal regulations, which may take effect as early as April 1, will expand the scope of federal hazardous-waste disposal laws to many businesses which had been able to avoid such regulation in the past.

One of the first intents of this is to reduce the actual volume of

waste, Stoll said. In their search to comply with the upcoming federal regulations, he said, businesses may be able to meet the federal regulations through sending their wastes to a recycler, making changes in their operating procedures to reduce their waste output, or investing in equipment for reprocessing wastes into a reusable form.

"We encourage people to look at other options before disposal," he said.

New regulations, scheduled for completion by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on or before March 31, will require businesses

generating as little as 220 pounds of hazardous waste per month to dispose of that waste in EPA-approved disposal sites as well as use EPA-approved carriers to transport that waste to the disposal site.

The new requirement means in some cases that those generating as little as one-half of a 55-gallon drum of waste will be affected.

Since the Resource Recovery and Conservation Act was passed in 1976, only businesses which generated more than 2,200 pounds of hazardous waste per month were required to use EPA-approved disposal sites. The original intent of the law was to

foreclosure was filed with the court March 5, according to court records. The notice of sheriff's sale was issued March 11. According to the stipulation, the total sum due as of Jan. 6 was \$15 million. The figure included the note, interest and \$25,000 in attorney fees and costs. "See SAVAGE on Page B2

## Sheriff's sale set for Savage lands

By PAT MARCANTONIO  
Times-News writer

KIMBERLY — Several parcels of the W.B. Savage Ranches, a family farming operation southeast of Kimberly and Hansen, will be sold at a sheriff's sale April 4 to satisfy a \$1.5 million debt. The company and family

members, Joseph S. and Helen Savage, were defendants in an action filed in 5th District Court by the Twin Falls Bank and Trust. The bank sought repayment of \$1.3 million in principal on a promissory note dated April 29, 1984, plus interest, attorney fees and costs, the bank says. A stipulation of terms of the

# Waste

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cover small quantities, down to 220 pounds per month. Stoll says...

While the 220-pound lower limit may seem low, Stoll said, these...

While it is a federal program, enforcement will generally be the responsibility of the Division of Environment. State penalties can run up to \$10,000 per day per violation, Stoll said.

involved could still be responsible for cleanup costs. "You still do have some finite responsibilities," Stoll said.

"Recycling," he added, "is a more difficult question." The problem is that liability for recycled waste has not yet been clearly defined in courts.

For wastes which cannot be cut below the 220-pound-per-month limit through recycling—or operational changes, Stoll said incineration provides an ideal solution because the waste (and liability) is actually destroyed.

Unfortunately for businesses in Idaho, there are currently no incinerators operating in the state. Incinerators are operating in Texas and Southern California, but Stoll said the costs are probably too high for those to be economically efficient for businesses in the state.

Checking the reliability of transport contractors and hazardous waste disposal sites is going to be a "big problem," Stoll said.

Stoker He contends that there are similar problems with the city's master zoning map. "If they haven't complied with the law, there is no valid ordinance and no zoning laws in the city," he says.

# Club calendar

The 'Club Calendar' is published weekly in the Times-News. Items for the calendar should be brought to the Times-News office in Twin Falls, or mailed to: The Times-News, Box 516, Twin Falls 83303. The deadline each week is Thursday noon.

### TUESDAY

- Buhl Duplicate Bridge Club
Palms play begins at 7:30 p.m. at Lincoln Courts community building, 1310 Main St.
Burlley Rotary Club
Dinner at noon at the senior center.

### WEDNESDAY

- Birth Alternatives Before You
Meets at 7:30 p.m. in the conference room at the KLIK Building, Blue Lakes Park, Twin Falls.
Burl Senior Citizens
Dinner at noon at the senior center.

Waste article with photos of Stoll and Stoker. Includes photos of Larry Craig and Richard Stallings, and Jim McClure and Steve Symms.

The Idaho Vote
The following is a summary of votes cast by members of Idaho's congressional delegation during the week ending March 14.
House
Richard Stallings Democrat
Steve Symms Republican
Senate
Jim McClure Republican

# Date set for school addition bids

By BARBARA NEIDWERT Times-News correspondent
HAILEY - Architects are finishing plans for bid packages for a new addition to the Hailey Elementary School, with bids scheduled to go out in April.

After hearing comments from a concerned school district patron in February, the architects included larger windows in the classrooms which can be opened to allow more natural light and ventilation.

McLaughlin Architects has also been proceeding with preliminary work on the Carey School, which is scheduled for renovations as part of the district's improvement plan.

# Savage

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The family retained the right of possession and to redeem the property until Dec. 31, 1988, the stipulation stated.

appraisal commissioned by the bank. A good portion of the operation will go on sale, said Fred Decker, the Savages' attorney. He added it was a sad situation, which is occurring to other farmers.

# Chemicals

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erment needs to look more closely at the possible health risks from chronic exposure to pesticides.

# Services

- BURLLEY - A funeral for Ora Loveless Thomas, 79, of Jordan, Mont., and formerly of Burley, who died Tuesday, will be held Monday at 2 p.m. at McCulloch's Chapel in Burley. Burial will be in Pleasant View Cemetery.

# Obituaries

- Kerry Lou Lauderback
TWIN FALLS - Kerry Lou Lauderback, 56, of Nampa, and formerly of Twin Falls, died Saturday morning in Nampa after an extended illness.

Stoker
The council denied a zoning change for the remainder of the avenue when owners of homes in the adjoining residential streets objected.

# Hospitals

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
Curtis Eason, Clifton Albert McKay and Kathleen B. Ploger, all of Twin Falls; Ted Koepnick of Kimberly; Orval Hymas of Burley; Edward E. Strout of Gooding; and Sandra Jones, Mrs. Charles Latham and Sandra Jane Gervin, all of Buhl.

two generations. She had no further comment.
Part of the Savage operation had once been part of the historic UIC Construction Ranges. The U.C. Company was established at the turn of the century by the LDS Church to raise horses for construction. Decker said.

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Kimberly School District announces trustee openings
KIMBERLY - Kimberly School District Superintendent Dr. Richard H. Bauscher has announced that School District 414 will have trustee position openings in the May election.



# SAFE makes headway against teen suicide

By LORI OSTLER  
Times-News correspondent

**JEROME** — A newly created community group called SAFE, Suicide and Family Education, is gaining ground in its efforts to address the issue of teen stress, depression and suicide, said organizer Roy Parton, counselor at Jerome High School.

"We've saved them (teens) from drowning and we've already thrown life preservers," Parton said. "Now we need to teach them to swim."

Parton told the Jerome School Board last week that concern has resulted in a community-based effort.

"When you bring people together, you get

maximum benefits," he said.

He said that school districts in Gooding, Wendell and Shoshone have expressed interest in the program.

He said that the Jerome County Farm Bureau plans to bring in a psychologist to Valley High School to conduct a program for parents dealing with teen-age stress.

SAFE will obtain support through private donated funds, Parton said. The group plans to contact local organizations, such as churches and businesses, to help fund the program. It is a community problem and they need to share in it, said Parton.

SAFE is sponsoring a seminar dealing with teen stress, depression and suicide Tuesday from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Jerome High School

auditorium.

Featured speaker is George Gunn, a Nampa High School counselor, and the Nampa High School drama club will dramatize vignettes of stress experienced by students in secondary schools.

Barbara Mecham, a Jerome High School counselor, introduced to board members a "peer counseling" program being formed at the high school. The program was recommended by George Gunn when several suicides created a crisis situation in Jerome last fall, Mecham said.

She explained the purpose of peer counseling is to identify students and teachers who are natural helpers. This is done by a survey ballot sent to all students who list the

names of peers and teachers who they would feel most comfortable talking to.

Mecham said that they have already done some preliminary balloting, and hope to acquire about 30 students, with approximately eight to 10 per grade level.

In every school, she said, there is someone who is an informal source of help.

These students and staff members are then invited to a retreat for about 30 hours of intensive training. Once trained they can serve in any crisis situation, she said.

Funding for the program is obtained from businesses in the community.

Mecham stressed that students have requested immediate attention to the suicide issue. She told board members that the pro-

gram needs to be implemented this school year if possible.

The retreat has been slated for April 18-19 and designated as a school function. Cathedral Pines, an organizational camp north of Ketchum, is a possible site for the retreat.

Students who have attended the retreat will meet twice a month as a type of ongoing maintenance in discuss specific issues.

Board members gave their approval for the program and suggested obtaining students from the eighth grade to attend the retreat as well. Including younger students would be a benefit, they said, because they could help next year unlike the seniors who will soon graduate.

## Magic Valley

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### Panel: Low teacher salaries strap education

By RONDA TAYLOR  
Times-News correspondent

**BURLEY** — Six prominent Mini-Cassia citizens discussed the status of education in Idaho during a Saturday morning session of the Idaho Reading Council's spring reading conference in Burley.

Fifth District Judge George Granata, Rev. David Henry, Detective Jim Higgins, Minidoka School Superintendent Gene Snapp, Ore-Ida plant manager Dee Nelson and Dr. Gary Corless all have or had children in local school districts. They expressed their opinions, both as parents and as community leaders, about how well the education system is working.

"Most of us are high on education, as far as our product is concerned," moderator Sherry Fillmore summarized the discussion. However, lack of money to hire and keep good teachers was seen as a problem.

The public "holds teachers in high esteem, but they're not willing to pay us for what we do," Snapp told the audience.

He cited concern about the lack of young people going into the education profession in Idaho. Currently there are only five, out of the more than 200 teachers in Minidoka County, who are less than 25 years old. Snapp believes that young teachers are going to other, higher paying, states. Thirty thousand dollars a year should be the minimum salary to pay teachers "what they are worth," according to Snapp.

Many panel members said inadequate social and communication skills contribute to a child's problems in school and in life. Granata said that 95 percent of the convicted felons he sentences have not graduated from high school. He thinks that the education system is not entirely to blame, since family background is also responsible for this dilemma.

Dr. Corless, a member of the Cassia County School Board, called for educators to begin teaching in innovative ways. He introduced statistics showing that while Idaho's per pupil expenditures and teacher wages are among the lowest in the country, SAT scores for 1984 rank Idaho students as 14th in the nation.

Nelson urged the teaching of technical and communication skills to area students. He said that Ore-Ida is examining ways of eliminating the jobs of the unskilled laborers it currently employs. A long-range goal of the plant is to replace those employees with computers and robotics. Educating children so they can have a future in a technological society should be a goal, Nelson said.

Henry emphasized that education can open doors for individuals while Higgins encouraged teachers to "strike a spark" in each pupil.



Dr. Gary Corless, a Casla County school trustee, discusses the economics of quality education

### Post office due

#### Wendell to get larger building

By TERRELL WILLIAMS  
Times-News correspondent

**WENDELL** — U.S. Postal Service officials have decided Wendell needs a bigger post office with more parking space for its customers.

The present location on East Main Street has about 1,000 square feet inside and only three or four parking spaces in front. The postal service moved into the building in 1955.

At the Wendell City Council meeting Thursday, Harold Wilson, postal supervisor from Boise, and Kent Holbrook, postal building management officer from Utah, explained preliminary plans and requirements for the new post office in Wendell.

They anticipate needing about 2,688 square feet of interior space on a site of about 36,000 square feet. The site being considered, about 5.5 city blocks, is large enough to allow building set-back space, off street parking, landscaping and room for building expansion.

An existing building could be renovated, Holbrook said, or a new one may be built.

"We're not locked into a certain plan," he added.

Holbrook asked the council to approve boundaries of the general area where the post office could be located. Council members voted to extend the area from 5th Avenue to the north to F Street on the south, and for two blocks on each side east and west of Idaho Street.

Wilson said the post office is a

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### Blaine voters to decide school override

By BARBARA NEIWERT  
Times-News correspondent

**HAILEY** — Blaine County voters will be going to the polls Thursday to determine the fate of a \$1.6 million override levy for the school district.

This is the eighth override the Blaine County Board of Trustees has requested since the 1 Percent Initiative was passed by Idaho voters in 1979 and the first of many override elections to be held throughout the Magic Valley this spring.

"I think the reception (to the override) is very positive," said Superintendent David Noonan. "If there is an enemy out there, that enemy is false."

School Board Chairman Frank Rowland agrees that people are generally supportive of the district, but are becoming tired of continued overrides.

"I have virtually received no negative comments at all," Rowland said.

The override election will be held from noon to 8 p.m. Polling places are Bellevue Elementary School, Carey School, Hailey Elementary School,

Hemlingway Elementary School and Sun Valley City Hall.

Pre-registration is not required, but voters must be at least 18 years old, a U.S. citizen and must have resided in Blaine County for at least 30 days prior to the election. Absentee ballots are available by calling the district administrative office.

The estimated annual cost to taxpayers for the proposed override on an owner-occupied home is \$75.45 per \$50,000 of market value.

The trustees are asking voters to approve the same amount as last year, reflecting a "no growth" budget which involves further tightening within the district, Noonan said.

The override is used in the operating budget to pay expenses for staff salaries, textbooks, supplies, utilities and other costs associated with running the district.

If the override levy should fall, nearly 30 percent of the district's total income would be lost.

"A symbolic 'no' vote will really just hurt the kids," Noonan said.

He said a contingency plan had not been

developed in the event the override fails, but plans for faculty and program reductions would be drawn up immediately.

Not all district patrons are enthusiastic about passing another override.

Chet Kelly, owner of a small mechanic shop in Carey, said Friday he is opposed to the amount of the override.

He said he understands how little money the district receives from the state, but feels with so many small businesses going broke and farmers declaring bankruptcy, the amount of the override is too high.

The district currently receives \$457 per student per year from state funds, as compared to the average of \$1,336 that other districts receive.

This amount is figured according to the state's equalization formula which is used to distribute educational tax revenues throughout the state. The formula is designed to spread the wealth of the state so students in districts with sparse populations or low property market values will not have a lower quality education.

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### Review ordered for Big Wood River flood plain plan

By DAVE LEWIS  
Times-News correspondent

**KETCHUM** — A review of a plan that will alter the flood plain of the Big Wood River was ordered by the City Council on an eight-lot subdivision on the north end of Ketchum.

The review, that could evolve into a comprehensive study on flood plain management for the city, will attempt to determine if a plan submitted by Don Bren of Galena, engineers and California, will improve the dynamics of the stream and if he should be allowed to build within the 100-year flood level of the river.

The council ordered the review with the blessing of Bren's representatives. The property owner will pay for the review that includes his portion of the river.

For the review, the city is considering hiring Benk Consultants Inc. of Portland, Ore., a firm that specializes in stream rehabilitation. A member of the firm gave a presentation on the stream rehabilitation to the Blaine County and city officials last week.

The council ordered the review because of his concern over alterations within the flood plain and objections from the Idaho Department of Fish and Game to Bren's plan.

Bren wants to reduce to six the number of building lots within the 21.4-acre block that lies on the west side of Idaho 75 north of the Adams Gulch Road.

The developer also wants to move the four southern lots to the west into the flood plain of

the Big Wood River to allow more room for the raised building, homesites and highway. The two northern lots would remain unchanged.

The city annexed the block last year as part of the large Bigwood development that will wrap around the Bigwood Golf Course on the north end of town. The original plan had all lots within the block out of the flood plain.

Bren's plan, developed by Galena Engineers and McLaughlin Architects, both of Ketchum, would raise the four southern lots to about two feet above the 100-year flood level and replace natural flood channels with a man-made channel that would run between the homesites and the highway.

The plan calls for placing riprap around only the raised building pads and architect Jim McLaughlin claimed the property owners would not riprap along existing stream bank to prevent erosion of their land.

McLaughlin said the plan was preventative in that it attempts to solve the erosion and riprap problems before they occur rather than during an emergency as most streamside property owners do.

"We feel we're proposing something that is a little more realistic," he said.

However, Fish and Game Region 3 Biologist Ted Grogan disagreed. He said the agency prefers all building outside the flood plain to allow the river to set its own course.

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### Tight budget forces teaching staff cuts

By JANENE BUCKWAY  
Times-News correspondent

**GOODING** — Gooding schools have joined the list of Magic Valley schools cutting teaching staff to keep the budget balanced.

Superintendent Lester Diehl recommended to the Gooding School Board Tuesday that the district cut two and one-half teaching positions from the staff.

The recommendations were formulated by a citizen's committee formed earlier this spring to look at ways to save money. Diehl said the teachers at each of the district's three schools also provided information on what areas could be cut.

"The teachers have been very cooperative," he said. "I am proud of their willingness to help."

The proposal calls for one position to be eliminated from the Gibbons Elementary School staff by not replacing a teacher who has resigned, one art teacher position eliminated from the secondary staff with the remaining teacher to work half-time at Fragg Junior High and half-time at Gooding High School.

The committee also recommended that the junior high counselor work half-time as a counselor and half-time as the high school business teacher. The current business teacher will then teach half the business program and take over for a half-time English teacher whose position will be eliminated.

The cuts are being proposed to offset the loss of approximately \$100,000 in state funds, Diehl explained. The loss comes from a holdback in expected funds.

In addition, Diehl said Gooding has lost approximately two and a half "funding units" because of declining enrollment. District enrollment records show the student population has declined from 1,107 in September 1985 to 1,065 at the start of this school year.

"The district is solvent," Diehl said.

"We are not hurting at present but we cannot continue to operate at the same level and stay out of trouble," he added.

In recent years, Gooding has been able to keep up to a six-month operating reserve. The reserve had dropped to just over a month's worth of funds last year, and Diehl said the reserve could

be exhausted by the end of this fiscal year.

"It is very dangerous to operate without something in reserve," Diehl said.

"We can prove we have a financial emergency and I recommend you take action on these recommendations as soon as possible," he told the board.

The district needs to adopt a "reduction in force policy," Diehl said. He suggested discussing a possible policy with the district's teachers before taking action.

The board agreed to take action on the matter at their April meeting unless discussions with the teachers or changes in the financial picture require a special meeting before April 8.

In other business Tuesday, the board refused a request to have a Gooding bus pick up two students in Tuttle. The students live in the Hagerman School District but attend classes in Gooding. Diehl said the students were welcome to attend Gooding schools, but the district cannot cross another district's borders to transport them to school.

"We don't need that kind of a lawsuit problem," he said.

# Chamber, Kiwanis pursue school traffic signal

## Postal

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 focal point of a city and should be as centrally located as possible.

"We don't want to make it inconvenient for anyone," he said. "We'd like to keep it in the core of the business community."

George Benson said he would like to sell his land between 4th and 5th avenues as a building site. Mitchell Benson and John West will offer land on the north side of the M & W parking lot as a building site. Melvin Jones, owner of pasture land at the end of 1st Ave. West, also has expressed interest in selling his property. City Clerk June Holm said.

Council member Marshall Howden said the ideal place for a new post office would be on the empty quarter block next to City Hall, located in 1981 by a fire. Unfortunately, he said, the area is not big enough.

Wilson said the quarter block might be considered, since there would be street parking available

and Wendell ordinances would not require the building to be set back. "I wouldn't rule it out," he concluded.

Holbrook said the council can decide on the area for a post office but has no say in selection of the specific site.

"In about six months, he said, the post office will advertise for a building site. Bids will be sent directly to Seattle, where postal officials will view the land or buildings offered and then they will select a site.

The council, he said, will not be contacted again.

Ideally, Wilson said, the post office land and building will be leased instead of purchased. If a new building is built, Holbrook said, it will be like the new post offices recently built in Hagerman and Glenns Ferry; rectangular and landscaped.

"I think you'll be pleased with the end result," he said. "It will be nice—a good addition to the community."

The present post office in Wendell has 561 boxes, including temporary boxes set in the lobby. At times, says the postmaster, all the boxes have been rented.

In addition to boxes at the post office, Wendell has about 900 rural patrons.

By TERRELL WILLIAMS  
 Times-News correspondent

WENDELL — Chamber of Commerce members in Wendell are joining local Kiwanis Club members in pulling a traffic control signal at the elementary school.

However, the new signal light for Idaho Street, a state highway, must first be approved by the state highway department.

Kiwanis member Bob Burks told

the chamber Wednesday that the light will cost an estimated \$4,000 plus labor.

The highway department has to take a traffic survey. To see if the light is warranted, he said, and city residents must support the project.

Chamber members were given signature sheets to circulate in Wendell and the surrounding area in support of the traffic signal. Without highway department approval, Burks noted, the light could be a

liability to the city.

Wendell Mayor Otto Lemke and Wendell School District Superintendent George Crawford both spoke in favor of getting a traffic light at the school.

Chamber President Jack Hyder said the light would help the serious traffic problem after school.

"If we could save a life, that's what we're after," he said.

The Kiwanis Club has been trying to get permission for the light for

more than a year, Burks noted.

In other business, Chamber Vice President Darwin Yoder reported on recent correspondence with Wendell's "sister city" of Wendell in North Carolina.

"They're very interested in exchanging information and culture," he said.

The eastern Wendell, Yoder said, was named after Oliver Wendell Holmes.

## Levy

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 So, the higher the market values for homes in the county, the lower the district receives in state funds.

Of its \$5.6 million budget, Blaine County will get 12 percent, or approximately \$185,000, from the state, leaving 88 percent to be generated locally. This compares to the average district which receives 70 percent of its budget from the state, Noonan said.

The timing for the override election was an important factor in staging a successful campaign for the district. It falls just prior to spring break, allowing more people to vote.

Another reason, Noonan said, is to have time to make necessary staff reductions and allow staff to seek other teaching positions.

## River

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 If left unaltered, Chu said, the river, its fisheries and streamside ecosystems would remain healthier.

"This (the original plan) was progress to get the building lots out of the flood plain, and I think this is a step backwards to put them back in and go through all the radical changes," he said.

Chu also criticized a hydrologist's study on the plan done by Dr. Charles Brockway of the University of Idaho. That study concluded the plan would be as effective as the natural flood plain in dispersing the energy of the flooding river.

Chu said Brockway's study only considered the plan developed by Bren's designers and failed to consider any alternatives that might be better. It also addressed only the flow of water and the effects of the plan on the fisheries or streamside ecosystems.

The council nearly split in its opinions on the plan.

Councilmen Larry Young and Tom Held said they believed the new plan is an improvement from the original.

"I find it a more functional dissipation of the energy of the river," Young said.

Councilwoman Suzanne Orb said she does not believe the plan is an improvement over the old. To get her support, she said, the plan would have to be better than the original.

Councilwoman Sue Wolford said the plan is attractive, but leaves her and the city in a dilemma. She said the normal response of property owners to eroding banks during a flood is to riprap to stop the erosion, even if their homes are not close to the stream.

She said she doubted that Bren or future property owners could assure they would never riprap along the stream bed. Riprapping affects the downstream property and river characteristics by speeding the water in a channel, she said.

Wolford said, however, it is best for water to dissipate its energy by inundating the flood plain, which Bren's plan tries to allow for.

Wolford suggested a further study, and asked for Beik Consultants because they have hydrologists, engineers and biologists who could study the effects of the plan on the entire river system.

She said she is confident Beik personnel would give an objective report on their conclusions.

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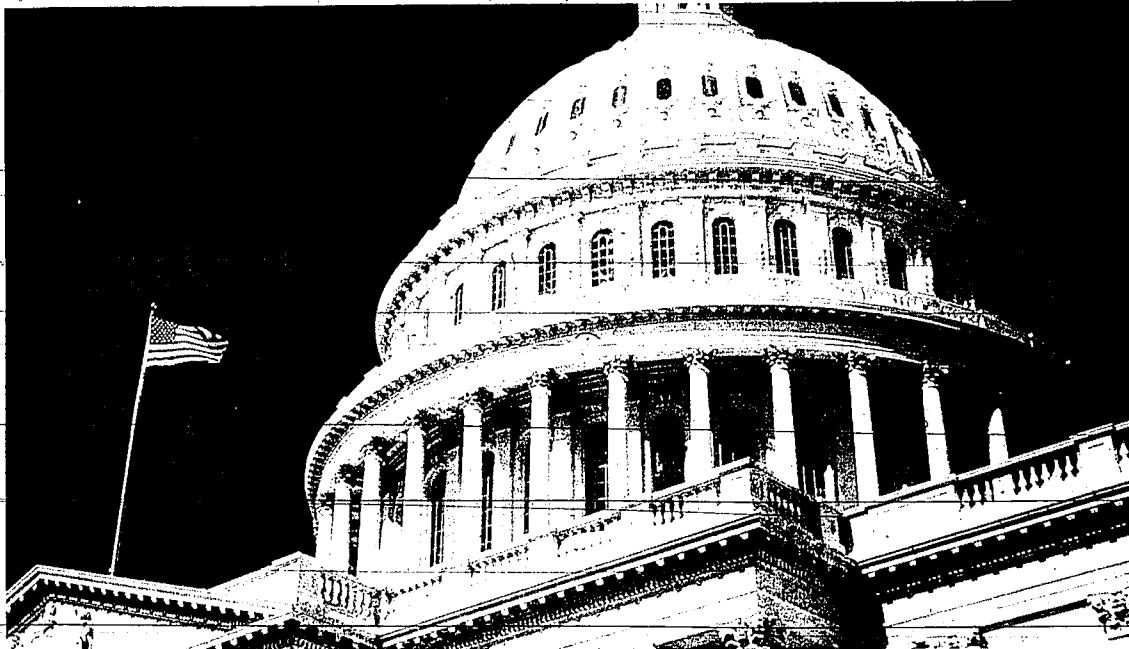
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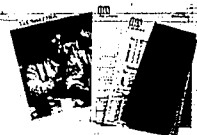
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# Rain abbreviates baseball exhibitions

By The Associated Press

The Baltimore Orioles split their squad and their record Saturday as rain washed out almost all of the exhibition baseball games in Florida.

George Brett smashed a three-run homer to power the Kansas City Royals over one group of Orioles 8-3. In the other game, a three-run homer as the other group of Orioles blanked the Atlanta Braves 3-0.

Washed out by rain were the New York Mets vs. Cincinnati at Tampa; Minnesota vs. Boston at Winter Haven; Detroit vs. St. Louis at St. Petersburg; Toronto vs. Pittsburgh at Bradenton; Philadelphia vs. the Chicago White Sox at Sarasota; Texas vs. Montreal at West Palm

Beach; and Los Angeles vs. Houston at Kissimmee.

In Arizona, California edged Cleveland 5-3. Milwaukee stopped Seattle 7-4. Oakland defeated San Francisco 6-4 and San Diego downed the Chicago Cubs 15-8.

In Fort Myers, Fla., Brett homered in the first inning off testing pitcher Dennis Martinez following a two-run homer by John Shelby hit a two-run homer off winner Bret Saberhagen before the right-hander called them to retire the last eight batters he faced.

Cal Ripkin Jr. and his younger brother, Billy, played in the Orioles' infield for the first time together. Cal had two hits, while Billy went hitless.

In Miami, Dwyer accounted for all of the scoring with his first homer of the spring as the Orioles blanked Atlanta. Storm Davis, Rich Bordi and Tippy Martinez combined to hurl a four-hitter for Baltimore.

Dwyer's homer in the fourth inning after Fred Lynn singled and Eddie Murray walked.

Rick Burleson had three hits, including a two-run single, to lead California over Cleveland in Tucson, Ariz. Cory Snyder had a solo home run, his second of the spring, for the Indians in the eighth inning.

Right-hander Tim Learcy hurled a five-inning one-hitter, striking out four and retiring 10 consecutive batters in one stretch to lead Milwaukee to victory in Chandler, Ariz. Five Seattle errors in the first

inning helped the Brewers jump out to a 5-0 lead.

In Phoenix, Ariz., rookie Jose Canseco hit two solo home runs to power Oakland over San Francisco. Last year's minor-league player of the year, Canseco hit his first homer in the third inning and his second in the sixth.

Chris Codrillo retired 13 Giants in a row during his five-inning stint to get the victory.

Rookie Benito Santiago hit a grand slam homer in the fifth to cap an eight-run inning as San Diego routed the Chicago Cubs in a split-squad game in Mesa, Ariz.

Leon Durham had a solo homer and rookie Tony Woods hit a three-run shot for the Cubs, while Carmelo Martinez and Sandy Alomar also homered for San Diego.

## Domowitz sets new powerlift record

ONTARIO, Ore. — Two weightlifters from the Magic Valley had some success at the Northwest Bench Press Open in Ontario, Ore. on Saturday.

Fred Domowitz, Castelford, set a new meet record of 400 pounds in the 275-pound weight class. He missed on his subsequent attempt of 435 pounds.

In the 242-pound weight class, Andrew Koleski, who works for Independent Meat Co. in Twin Falls, took first place with a press of 355 pounds. His subsequent attempt of 380 pounds was disqualified.

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# Hawks pin seventh defeat on Knicks

NEW YORK (AP) — Dominique Wilkins scored 29 points and Randy Wittman hit the go-ahead jumper with 47 seconds left as the Atlanta Hawks defeated New York 106-101 Saturday night.

The victory was Atlanta's 12th in its last 14 games, while New York has lost 11 of 12.

Trailing 92-91 midway through the fourth quarter, the Hawks held the Knicks to three points in the next 3 1/2 minutes as Wilkins and Wayne "Tree" Rollins combined for nine points, giving Atlanta a 100-95 advantage with 3:09 left.

## Mavericks 108, Jazz 98

DALLAS (AP) — Rolando Blackman scored 10 of his 23 points in the fourth quarter and Derek Harper added 24 points Saturday night as the Dallas Mavericks defeated the Utah Jazz 109-98 in an NBA game.

The Mavericks, who led by as many as 10 points early in the final period, watched the Jazz pull to 96-91 on a layup by Karl Malone with 4:17 to play.

But a three-point play by Jay Vincent, a 10-foot jump shot by

Blackman and a free throw by Harper helped Dallas extend the advantage to 102-92.

After Utah ran off five straight points, Blackman scored two baskets to put the Mavericks back in the lead, and Utah got no closer than eight the rest of the way.

## Bulls 125, Bucks 116

CHICAGO (AP) — Terry Cummings scored 30 points, 11 of them in overtime, as the Milwaukee Bucks downed Chicago 125-116 in an NBA game featuring the return of Michael Jordan to the Bulls' lineup.

Sidney Moncrief added 27 points as the Bucks spoiled the return of Jordan, who played for the first time since breaking a bone in his left foot Oct. 29.

Moncrief scored 13 in the fourth quarter, winning a duel with Jordan, who played 13 minutes in the game and scored 12 points.

## Nets 102, Cavaliers 100

RICHFIELD, Ohio (AP) — Buck Williams hit a baseline jumper with five seconds remaining and blocked John Bagley's shot at the buzzer,

giving the New Jersey Nets a 102-100 victory over the Cleveland Cavaliers in an NBA game Saturday night.

Olis Birdsong led balanced Nets' attack with 23 points, while Albert King scored 24 and Mike Gminski 23 for the Nets. Williams had 17 rebounds to go with his 14 points.

## Rockets 148, Clippers 116

HOUSTON (AP) — Akemot Ola-

juwon returned to the Houston lineup after a 14-game absence and had 19 points and nine rebounds while leading the Rockets to a 148-116 NBA victory over the Los Angeles Clippers Saturday night.

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# Iona may free coach

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"It has been indicated that Iona may be damaged by this kind of activity," Brother John Driscoll said. "In which case, we would seek to understand what these damages are, who did the damage, and in what way appropriate repayment or restitution or recompense would be made."

Driscoll said he had not yet received an official report from the school's lawyers.

He said he wanted Kennedy to clear up "the untidiness and even the unseemliness of what is taking place."

Kennedy, named to the Florida State job Thursday, said Friday that Iona Athletic Director Rick Mazzuto had released him from the remainder of his four-year contract, which Mazzuto has denied.

On Saturday, Driscoll said of the coach, "We're still paying him. He is still on the payroll. We still have a valid contract. Unless we mutually release each other, I expect him to be here as head coach on Tuesday." The school president explained that Kennedy would not normally be at the school over the weekend and that Monday, St. Patrick's Day, was a school holiday.



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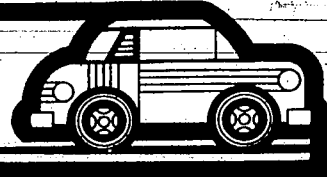
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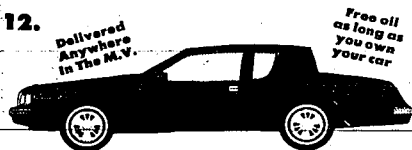
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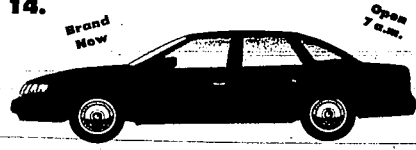
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## Jail ministries: Faith cuts through cell bars

By LORAYNE O. SMITH  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Every Sunday morning Robert Koch drives from his Twin Falls home to Gooding to share his faith with an unlikely group of people — some of whom probably aren't even interested. Koch, who works for a local refrigeration firm, conducts weekly "church" services in the Gooding City-County jail.

He's been doing this steadily for the past six years, continuing the ministry begun by his father-in-law the Rev. Don Mason, of the Gooding Assembly of God Church, who still works with prisoners who request counseling.

"It's a real ministry and he has a calling for it," says Koch's mother-in-law.

The Masons, who have another son-in-law who is a Gooding policeman, have a family joke that "one puts them in jail and the other preaches to them."

Koch's concern for those whom secular society, including many church members, would rather forget stems from his experience as an assistant chaplain in the military service. And it goes beyond Sunday services, for he often visits the wives and families of prisoners and gets church members to provide a helping hand when needed.

Koch is but one of several dozen men throughout Magic Valley who, supported by their wives, quietly carry on a prison ministry in all the Magic Valley jails and a few even extend their concern to the state penitentiary in Boise.

The emphasis of their "unsung but visible faith is to let jail inmates know that though they have made bad choices and "hit bottom," God still loves them. Then the volunteers demonstrate His love by helping prisoners with practical as well as spiritual problems.

The ministry is a loosely structured but cooperative effort carried out by both lay people and clergy from many denominations as well as members of prison church organizations such as the Gideons and the Full Gospel Businessmen's Association.

Gideons, for example, give Koch Bibles which they have replaced with new ones in area jails, for use in his Gooding jail ministry.

In Twin Falls, Sunday services are conducted at the county jail on a regular basis by four groups with backing support from other churches. These include Calvary Chapel's music group led by Brent Huehner,



Volunteers Bob Jenkins, left, and John Glandon visit a prisoner in a visitation cell in the Twin Falls County Jail in this 1985 photo

## Officers' cooperation is key to success

By LORAYNE O. SMITH  
Times-News writer

But the ministry is not confined to Sunday services, Bible studies and individual visiting with prisoners goes on throughout the week in Twin Falls, Jerome, Burley and Halley jails.

The Gideons, a non-denominational nationwide Christian men's group under the leadership of Gordon Griffith in Twin Falls, conduct Tuesday night Bible studies at the local county jail. He arranges for different ministers to lead the study each week. Then on Saturday mornings Gideons members distribute Bibles and "talk to prisoners individually about the love of Jesus," Griffin says.

On Thursday nights, Griffith and Glandon usually visit inmates at the

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TWIN FALLS — Prison ministry anywhere hinges upon the cooperation of the law enforcement officers operating the facility, says the Rev. Roy Tidwell, pastor of the interdenominational Valley Chapel at Bellevue.

"It all depends upon the attitude of the sheriff, whether he believes in punishment or rehabilitation," says Tidwell who goes weekly, or as called, to the Halley jail. The Blaine County sheriff is very cooperative with volunteers who bring not only spiritual, but practical help, he says.

The cooperation seems widespread. Almost every individual interviewed at his jail ministry mentioned the supportive attitude of local sheriff's officers. Not only is this the key to getting inside the jail, but also the officers provide the only protection volunteers have against any possible disturbance.

The cooperation works both ways, for, as John

Glandon of Set-Free Ministries in Twin Falls says, if a majority of prisoners believe faith there is much less likelihood of disturbances and violence.

Jerome Deputy Jim Gerdon agrees. He praised the volunteers who bring God's word to inmates of area jails.

"They deserve a lot of credit," the deputy said. Prisoners look forward to their visits, "especially the kids," he says, referring to many youthful offenders.

Like any kind of volunteer activity, more people always are needed in the jail ministry. But no one should just decide to go to a jail alone without any previous experience.

Tidwell, who has had training in prison volunteer work, says it is important to have training and the best way to get it is to accompany someone used to this type of ministry. The sheriff also works with newcomers, he says.

Gordon Griffith, Twin Falls, a Gideon member whose prison ministry is highly respected by his

associates, says several local Gideons are working for credentials so they can "follow the men after they are sentenced" to the state penitentiary. Nine sessions are required before one can minister in the state prison, he says, but anyone can accompany an experienced Gideon.

Although working with prisoners is primarily an individual effort and not an organizational activity, several of the area men cooperate with nationwide groups such as Prison Fellowship, begun a decade ago by Charles Colson after his imprisonment for his involvement in Watergate during the Nixon administration.

Griffith, who goes to the Boise prison weekly, says he works with Harley A. Brueck, state director of Prison Fellowship. He calls the group a "very effective ministry."

A Prison Fellowship seminar is scheduled April 13 at the minimum custody facility of the penitentiary in Boise, with Lyle Evans, Mountain Home, as instructor. Billy Braun, Boise, former Twin Falls resident, will provide music.

## Girl Scouts, Brownies honor baby girl with gifts (but no cookies)

Girl Scout week March 9-15 was heralded in Twin Falls by the arrival of little Nichole Cornia, who was the first baby girl born last week at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

The 6-pound, 13-ounce daughter of Jody and Karen Cornia of Twin Falls checked in at 9:20 a.m. March 9. She and her mother were presented with a welcome gift, by members of Brownie Troop 64 on behalf of the entire Girl Scout organization in Twin Falls. Nichole has a 4-year-old sister and a 2-year-old brother.

Blake Humphrey, son of Dr. and Mrs. Miles Humphrey, Twin Falls, has been chosen by the Idaho Affiliate, American Diabetes Association, to represent Idaho at the ADA Youth Leadership Congress in Arlington, Va., April 18-21.

The Twin Falls high school student, who has diabetes, has been a counselor at the ADA's Camp Hodia for three years.

The 16-year-old is a cross-country runner, belongs to the varsity debate squad and currently is public relations chairman of the Debate Club. He has participated in German Club, Student League, AFS activities and community fun runs.

The Twin Falls County Search and Rescue will be getting some new equipment soon thanks to a significant financial donation given by the volunteer unit by the Twin Falls Moose Lodge No. 62.

Law Hoffman, lodge civic affairs chairman, recently presented a \$1,000 check to Jim Sharp, rescue unit commander. The money was raised from a dance and auction at the Moose Hall, according to Ron Cawell, who has held top posts in both groups. He said Irvin Eilers, Kimberly, of Messersmith Auctioneers donated his services for the auction for which businesses donated items. Funds also were raised from a drawing for half a beef and pork.

The Search and Rescue will use some of the donation to get new repelling ropes, used for rescuing people from the canyon.



Lorayne O. Smith  
Spotlight

Center has received the Hospital Corporation of America's Excellence in Community Service award. The local hospital is one of six facilities among the 466 managed or owned by HCA to receive the recognition for outstanding performance with the United Way campaign.

Sue Summers, hospital community relations director, will serve on the United Way advisory group and attend a planning conference in Atlanta in mid-June. She will be the 1987 campaign chairman for Magic Valley United Way campaign.

Brent Carter, Kimberly High School senior, is one of 15 students to receive the prestigious University Club scholarship at Utah State University, Logan. The stipend pays four years of tuition and fees in addition to \$700 per month. The son of David and Virginia Carter, Kimberly, he was chosen from more than 450 contenders. He is active in speech competition, belongs to pep band, is president of the National Honor Society chapter and has received honors for excellence in science and foreign language.

Five Magic Valley students at Idaho State University vocational-technical school have earned the opportunity to represent Idaho Vocational Industrial Clubs of America in June at the National Skill Olympics in Phoenix, Ariz.

They include Terry Bennett, Rupert, who will compete in welding; Dave Suchan, Paul, extemporaneous speech and diesel mechanics; Richard Hunsaker, Declo, welding; Dennis Weeks, Rupert, auto body repair, and Christy Carney, Twin Falls, cosmetology.

Joan E. Edwards, director of development at CSI, has been elected chairwoman of the special

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## Tots thrive at college campus care center

WALLA WALLA, Wash. (AP) — They take a piggyback ride on "big brothers'" shoulders, help bake bread, measure the rain, climb on "grandmother's" lap, examine a spider. Life at The Kids' Place is as imaginative as pinafiores and tin soldiers.

This day-care center at Whitman College was created from scratch by a few parents in search of "normal" lives for their children. In spite of an age in which mom's career likely allows little time for bread baking, and grandmothers probably live in another state, 49 preschool patrons of The Kids' Place get lots of love and attention. And they enjoy a variety of imaginative activities.

Resources of the college, as well as nearby facilities of this small southeastern Washington community, provide opportunities not available to most day-care centers.

Big brothers — really fraternity

men from across the street — come every day to help build great cities of colored blocks, show which piece of the puzzle fits, or serve as an airplane to ride on. Residents of a senior citizens' home a few blocks away, standing in for grandparents, are ready with soft laps, hugs and stories during regular visits from the children.

In the college planetarium, the children take imaginary journeys to the stars. They explore a wild world of small animals and birds in the Whitman Museum of Natural History, and bake clay community art center.

A drama professor donates time each week to help nourish creative skills and build confidence through dance. Student volunteers help out, and in return take advantage of a real-life laboratory to explore such topics as early language development.

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## Railroad ties lead to retirement income

By LORAYNE O. SMITH  
Times-News writer

WENDELL — Jack Francis has been buying and selling railroad ties for 40 years, and although the product is a common one, his business is one with little competition.

The retired Wendell farmer, says he believes he and his brother, Norman, are some of the few people in southern Idaho who deal with the durable wood which once supported railroad tracks.

They have obtained ties from rail tracks in all the surrounding states as well as throughout Idaho.

The square wooden lengths which are treated with creosote to last a lifetime, Francis says, are widely used by farmers for fence posts. The Wendell men over the years have sold to many individuals and to wholesale farm equipment and fencing businesses in Idaho and Utah. They also have developed a market for the ties for use in landscaping.

The ties become available in two ways — when the rail beds are replaced and new ties installed, or increasingly in recent years, as spurs lines are abandoned by the Union Pacific Railroad.

The Francises remove the ties themselves and, since the railroad company is glad to get rid of the material, equitable arrangements are easily worked out.

"We can come in and do the job problem," Francis says.

Often the men obtain the ties on an "exchange basis" or at minimal cost, he says. He says the business was begun for supplemental income to help him educate his six children. It got both men "out of debt" and now is a satisfactory retirement business.

A native of Idaho, Francis was born Dec. 23, 1918, in Malad, but his parents moved to the West Point district near Wendell in the fall of 1923. Francis and another brother, Tony, who now lives in Plogree, attended the old Clear Lakes country school in the Snake River Canyon through eighth grade, then walked the seven or eight miles to Buhl High School.

"We had a standing excuse for absence or tardiness because of the distance we had to come," the farmer-businessman says. They would leave home between 5:30 and 6 a.m., and if they got to the old Cavanaugh ranch by 8 a.m., they knew they'd got to school on time.

After graduating in 1937, Francis went into the service, enlisting in the Navy in World War II. After his marriage to Kathleen Hulei, they purchased land from her father west of Wendell.

"We've been on that farm ever since," Francis says, although he is

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## Elder



Jack Francis stands in a load of the railroad ties he sells to the public in Wendell





# Weddings

## Anderson-Cook

TWIN FALLS — Monica Anderson became the bride of Roger Cook Dec. 20 in the LDS Temple in Salt Lake City.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Joe Allen, Twin Falls, and Roger Anderson, Burley, and the bridegroom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Ross Cook, Twin Falls.

Following the ceremony a dinner was hosted by the bridegroom's parents at the Marriott. The newlyweds also were honored at a reception Dec. 21 in the Fourth Ward LDS Chapel in Twin Falls.

Musical numbers were presented by the bride and groom and nieces, nephews and cousins of the couple.

Rayette Wright, sister of the bride, served as matron of honor. Melanie Lamborn was maid of honor with Caryn Crowley and Melani Anderson, sister of the bride, serving as bridesmaids.

Galen Staley was best man with Stan Cook, Jerry Cook and Russell Anderson, brothers of the couple, as groomsmen.

Special guests were Mary O. Cook, Salt Lake City, and Frank Manning and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Anderson, Burley, grandparents of the couple.

Sharilyn Bodett, sister of the bride, attended the guest book. Kristina Swenson and Kim Herbert were gift attendants, assisted by Brandon and Valerie Heiner, Alcesa Bodett, Verleca Bradshaw, Mike Herbert and Brett Bartlett.

Reception assistants included Laura Bradshaw, Margie Woodhouse, Joni Anderson, Maria Glenn, Linda Heiner, Sharon Starley, Karen



Monica and Roger Cook

Anderson, Inalee Herbert, Mary Bartlett, Sandy Cook, Mary Cook, Dan Wright, Lisa, Stacie and Misty Herbert, Amy Bartlett, Katie, Monica, Heather, Kristen and Cindy Cook and Brittany Bradshaw. After a trip to McCall the couple resides in Provo, Utah, where they both attend BYU.

## Bennett - Wormsbaker

TWIN FALLS — Diane L. Bennett and Carl A. Wormsbaker were married Feb. 14 in the Twin Falls First Presbyterian Church.

Joel Smith of the Community Christian Church officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Gayle and Mary Bennett, Twin Falls, and the bridegroom's parents are Clifton Wormsbaker, Twin Falls, and Nancy Wormsbaker, Kimberly.

Mary Ellen Bennett was maid of honor for her sister with Neva Wormsbaker and Brenda Bennett as bridesmaids.

Tony Bennett was best man with Curtis Wormsbaker and Tim Harney as groomsmen.

Julia and Jeremy Bennett were flower girl and ringbearer.

A reception was held following the ceremony. Gayle Bennett sang, accompanied by Mrs. Phillip Lively. Kim and Jasmine Bennett were hostesses and Linda Bartlett and Patti Harney served. Dawn Tavernia attended the guest book.

The bride, a graduate of Twin Falls High School, has been



Diane and Carl Wormsbaker

employed with Starlite Services of Ormon Beach, Fla.

The bridegroom, who graduated from Kimberly High School, is employed at Moyie's Milk Ranch.

Following a trip to Sun Valley, the couple resides in Twin Falls.

## Wuebbenhorst-Boutler

BUHL — Edith Wuebbenhorst, residents now of Idaho Falls, son-in-law and daughter of the bride. Mrs. Boutler were united in marriage A.G. Biswell, Gooding, former Buhl resident, and a niece of the bride, Retirement Center in Idaho Falls was a special guest.

A reception was held following the ceremony. Boutler is a retired Mrs. Jack Grant, former Hazelton businessman.

## 29% meetings unnecessary — survey

NEW YORK (AP) — One of the most frustrating parts of any businessperson's day is trying to reach an associate on the telephone and to be told "I'm sorry, he's in a meeting," notes MIS Week.

Reporting on a survey of 100 of the nation's top companies, the computer management information systems journal says that executives say they attend 16.5 hours of meetings a week. This adds up to 825 hours for a 50-week year (with two weeks off for vacation), says the publication, and means that executives spend 21 full 40-hour weeks at meetings per year. Of this total, executives told the survey-takers that a full 29 percent — or six full weeks of meetings — were useless or unnecessary.

# Engagements

## Wiseman-Monroe

TWIN FALLS — Mr. and Mrs. Norman "Duke" Wiseman, Twin Falls, announce the engagement of their daughter, Ann Marie, to Jeffrey George Monroe, son of Evelyn and Tom Edwards, Moscow.

Wiseman, a 1982 graduate of Twin Falls High School, will graduate from the University of Idaho in May.

Monroe, who graduated from Moscow High School and attended the University of Idaho, is employed at Quality Inn in Pullman, Wash.

The couple is planning a May 17 wedding at Living Faith Fellowship in Pullman.



Ann Marie Wiseman

## Trounson-Banks

WENDELL — Mrs. Wes Trounson, Wendell, and Calvin Poulton, Vernal, Utah, announce the engagement of their daughter, Lisa Marie Trounson, to Michael Ray Banks, son of Mr. and Mrs. James C. Long, Boise.

Trounson, a 1984 graduate of Wendell High School, attends Boise State University and is employed at Busters in Boise.

Banks, who graduated from Borah High School in 1979, attended Boise State University and also works at Busters.

The wedding is scheduled for May 24 in Boise to be followed by a reception at the Red Lion Downtown in Boise.



Lisa Marie Trounson

## Keeping abreast

NEW YORK (AP) — For business travelers on the road a significant amount of time, one of the major inconveniences is the lack of facilities normally easily available at the home office.

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# Club calendar

The "Club Calendar" is published weekly in The Times-News. Items for the calendar should be brought to the Times-News office in Twin Falls, or mailed to: The Times-News, Box 546, Twin Falls, Idaho. The deadline each week is Thursday noon.

- MONDAY**
- Buhl Chamber of Commerce
  - Meets at noon at the Ramona restaurant.
  - Buhl Senior Citizens
  - Lunch at noon and cards at 6 p.m. at the senior center.
  - Hagerman Senior Citizens
  - Breakfast from 9 a.m. to noon at the senior center.
  - Monday Bridge Club
  - Meets at 1 p.m. at the YFCA building in Twin Falls.
  - Shoshone Al-Aten
  - Meets at 8 p.m. at the senior center.
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  - Twin Falls Al-Aten
  - Meets at 8 p.m. at the First United Presbyterian Church, 209 Fifth Ave. N.
  - Twin Falls Al-Aten
  - Meets at 8 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 209 Fifth Ave. N.
  - Twin Falls Overeaters Anonymous
  - Meets at 7:30 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 209 Fifth Ave. N.
  - Wendell Senior Citizens
  - Dinner at noon at the senior center on West Avenue A.
  - I. B. Perrine Toastmaster's Club
  - Meets at 7 p.m. at China Gardens, Twin Falls.

# Senior menu

- Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center  
949 Fourth Ave. W.
- Menu**
- Monday — Irish stew.
  - Tuesday — Meat loaf.
  - Wednesday — Chili.
  - Thursday — Fried chicken.
  - Friday — Macaroni and cheese, ham slices.
- Activities**
- Monday — Crafts and quilting 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., pincholé 1 p.m., bingo 7 p.m. Tax aid — appointments necessary.
  - Tuesday — Bingo 1 p.m.
  - Wednesday — Tax aid — appointments necessary; crafts and quilting 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; grocery orders must be called in by Williams IGA for Thursday delivery.
  - Thursday — Grocery delivery, pincholé 1 p.m., bingo 7 p.m.
  - Friday — Pincholé 1 p.m.
  - Sunday — Dance 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

# Ageless Senior Citizens

- 310 Main St. N., Kimberly
- Monday — Cornbeef and cabbage, baked potato, lettuce salad, biscuit, butter, rhubarb and cookies with raisins.
  - Wednesday — Scalloped potatoes with ham and cheese, slaw with carrots, bread, butter, green beans and apple pie with cheese.
  - Friday — Fried chicken, potatoes with gravy, squash, lettuce salad, bread, butter and plum cobbler.
- Glenns Ferry '76 seeks classmates**
- GLENN'S FERRY — The Glenns Ferry High School class of 1976 will hold its 10-year reunion July 4-6. Committee members need to locate the following classmates: Dan Feeney, Clinton Sharp, Taml Powell, David Manning, Brian Manning, Tim Pournier, Julie Williams, Claudia White, Chris Dayhoff and Janet Simmons.
- Anyone with information about these members is asked to contact Denise Whitlock King, Route 1, King Hill, ID 83433, phone 366-2222; Peggy Pruitt Campbell, Box 721, Glenns Ferry, phone 366-7312; or Patti Lemminge Allen, Route 1, Box 126, King Hill, phone 366-7420.

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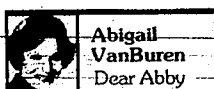
# Biological mom marks adopted daughter's birth

**DEAR ABBY:** My daughter just turned 10. On her birthday I shed a few tears. I wish I could have held her and told her all the things a mother should tell her daughter when she turns 10.

I wish I could have dressed her up and put ribbons in her hair, and ridden the merry-go-round with her until we both got sick, then laughed ourselves silly rolling down hills in the park!

I also said a little prayer of thanks for having made the decision 10 years ago to give her up for adoption. I was barely 16 and wanted my daughter to have a better life than I could provide for her.

I feel confident that the parents who were blessed with her can give



**Abigail VanBuren**  
Dear Abby

her what I could not and will love her as much as I did.

I pray my daughter realizes that it was not for lack of love that I gave her up, but because my love was brave and fierce and mature enough to let her go when I was but a child myself.

I pray that when she is 18 she will decide to look me up through an adoption search group, and we will meet again. The last time I held her

tiny hand she was only 10 days old.

Until then, my thoughts and prayers are with her and her parents, and her birthdays will be an especially lonely time for this mom.

—HOPEFUL IN L.A.

**DEAR HOPEFUL:** Are you aware that biological parents can register with International Soundex Reunion Registry, P.O. Box 2312, Carson City, Nev. 89702? Adopted children may also register, and when they become legal age, if both parties are registered and want to find each other, a match is made.

Send a long, stamped, self-addressed envelope to the above registry, requesting Soundex Forms.

**DEAR ABBY:** Problems! Problems! My fiance and I are invited

to the wedding of a couple we have known for a long time. They owe us \$200. We would ordinarily spend \$100 for a wedding gift, but as long as they owe us \$200, we plan to deduct \$100 from what they owe us, and call that our wedding gift.

How should we word the card? — FRIENDS

**DEAR FRIENDS:** You may word the card any way you wish — bearing in mind that any reference to their debt would be in the worst possible taste at this time.

# 4-H week activities set

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls County 4-H Club members will observe 4-H week March 17-22 with special activities.

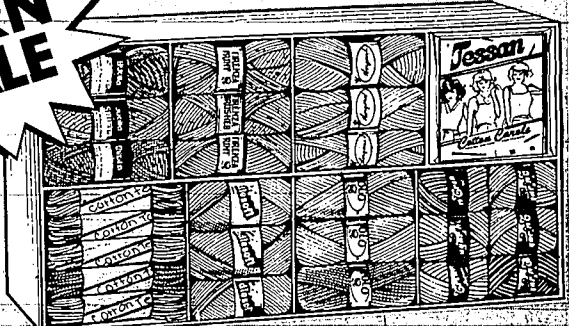
A family skating party is set for 7 p.m. Monday at Skateland in Twin Falls. Window displays have been arranged throughout the county, and a dog show is planned for Saturday at the Blue Lakes Mall.

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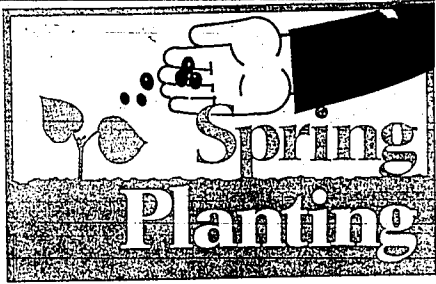
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Second in a series

## Hazards hover over orchards

By BOB FREUND  
Times-News writer

**BUHL** — After 10 good peach crops in a row, Aldie Powers and his neighbors in the Magic Valley's fruit belt are watching the mercury intently this year.

Danger hangs in the air over their prolific orchards. Abnormally mild temperatures have revived the groves of cherry, peach, pear, apple and apricot trees out of winter dormancy at least three weeks early. Fragile buds are emerging now instead of in mid-April, and they will be followed by defenseless flowers.

Cold temperatures in the next 12 months could numb the early growth back to sleep for good, taking with them the season's fruit crops, they fear.

"I had this happen once about 18 years ago," says Powers, who runs Powers Orchard north of Buhl with his wife and son. "Everything had bloomed out nicely." Then temperatures dropped below freezing on April 18 and wet snow arrived, he remembers.

"I cleared off the following night. It got as quiet and still as death. We didn't have enough fuel left to stuff a bird after that," Powers says.

In the spring, a few degrees can mean the difference between a bountiful harvest and empty baskets. This early, the prospect of cold weather pouncing is more routine than remote.

"It's better-than-even odds

they're (fruit growers) going to have some frost problems because of the warmer weather we had earlier," says horticulture expert Dale Beck, Twin Falls extension agent.

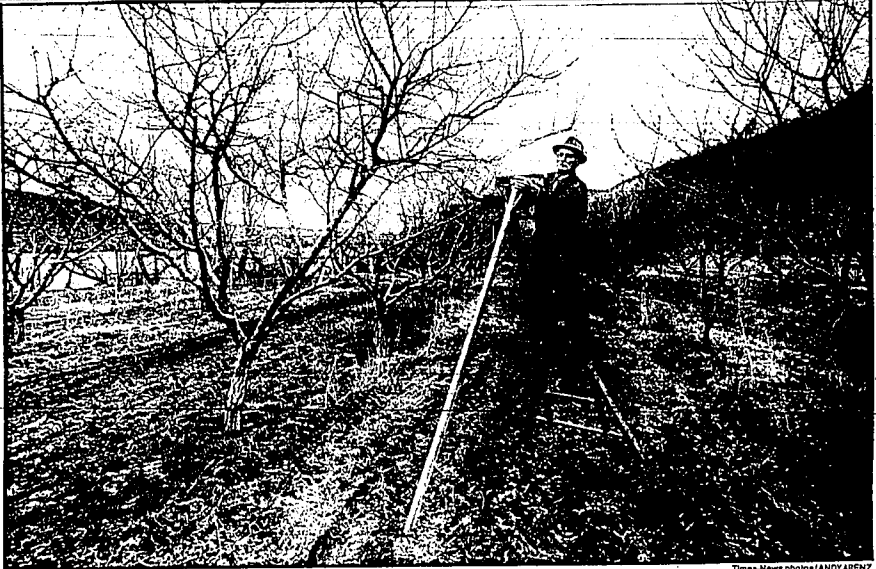
"Two years ago, I froze on the first of May," says Roger Akland, who operates his family's Akland Orchard northeast of Buhl. Bill Galkin, officer in charge of the National Weather Service office at Kimberly, says that as recently as 1984 the mercury dipped to 23 degrees on April 28 and 26 degrees on May 7. The average low now is below freezing at 29 to 29 degrees, he reports.

The buds now are sprouting and starting to swell in preparation for flowering. At this stage, they are susceptible to abnormally low temperatures, below about 20 degrees (F).

However, the major threat will come if another burst of warm weather opens the buds into flowers. Temperatures much below freezing at night can be devastating. "Any time the bud is open, the pistil — which is sort of the little fruit — will get killed," says Powers. "They're full of sap and delicate."

The chill of death can come quickly. An open cherry blossom will freeze in a half-hour at a temperature of 28 degrees, Beck says.

Growers have few ways to prevent freezing. If the cold should swoop into their orchards, in some areas of the country, smudge pots throw out heat and fans circulate the heated



Aldie Powers checks the development of fruit buds on a peach tree in his riverside fruit orchard south of Buhl



A peach tree twig shows signs of early blooming

air. But fuel is expensive and results are uncertain. "I've known of people putting a lot of money into smudge fuel and wind up (with) a completely lost crop, plus the big cost of fuel," Powers says.

Coating the crops with water also is a possibility, Beck says. The water actually warms up the flowers. "What happens is the latent heat from the water is given up to the flower and prevents it from freezing," he explains.

However, that method also can cause damage. Sprinkling too long or

at the wrong time can lay weighty sheets of ice on the trees, breaking their limbs.

Location also is a prime factor. Magic Valley growers generally don't own the equipment for either operation for those reasons and because it rarely is needed.

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## Peach tree spray guards spud crop

By BOB FREUND  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — Peach trees throughout fruit-growing areas in the western half of the Magic Valley are being sprayed to protect this season's potato crop.

The Idaho Potato Pest Management Association is completing its annual campaign to eradicate the green peach aphid, which carries potato leafroll virus.

The idea is to kill the overwintering eggs of the green peach aphid before these aphids can build to high numbers in the spring and move into the potato crops," says Ed Bechniski, integrated pest management coordinator with the University of Idaho Cooperative Extension service in Twin Falls.

The spraying began during the first week of March and normally takes about three weeks. Sprayers contracted by the association annually treat between 5,000 and 7,500 private trees in Gooding and Jerome Counties and in parts of Twin Falls and Elmore counties, he says. Commercial orchards are not covered, but their growers spray those.

The spray is an oil that smothers the aphids. If they aren't killed, the

aphids hatch and can easily acquire the leafroll virus from culler potatoes, infected plants or other ways," says extension potato specialist Gary Kleinschmidt.

The aphids feed on potato plants, infecting them as they go. The virus attacks the potato tubers, causing net necrosis. Although some varieties of potatoes are not threatened by the virus, the Russet Burbank is especially susceptible, he says. The virus has caused serious crop damage in the past, Kleinschmidt says.

Although a small group, the Idaho Potato Pest Management Association raises \$11,000 each year to fund the spraying campaign. The cost is about 25 farmers who contribute one-half cent for each hundredweight of potatoes marketed.

Only a few non-members contribute, but many potato growers benefit, Bechniski says. A larger pool of contributors would help spread the costs for the spraying and for a new survey of peach trees, which will be necessary soon, he says.

In one way, the spraying may be no effective. "A lot of people think it's not needed any more," Bechniski says.

## Supplies of fertilizers plentiful, prices steady

By BOB FREUND  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — A good supply of fertilizers and agricultural chemicals will be available to nourish crops during the 1986 planting season, dealers in the Twin Falls area say.

There's also good news for farmers in prices. Costs of the fertilizers and pesticides are likely to stay close to last year's level and, in some cases, trend downward.

As with last year, though, the general picture is broken by one important chemical for potato and sugarbeet farmers, Union Carbide Corp. says its Temik-brand aldicarb pesticide will be in short supply, due to the closure of its ingredients

plant in West Virginia for more than six months ending in February.

"The product is an allocation," says Ken Aldridge, marketing manager for Temik. "We're trying to treat every crop area the same."

Farmers are beginning to trickle in to buy fertilizers for planting, Ron Novacek, plant manager for Wefco Fertilizer in Buhl says.

Weather permitting, "I would expect a big push probably will be in about two weeks," he says. "Most ground still is wet and some farmers are delaying buying their fertilizers because of uncertainties in planting due to farm legislation in Washington, Novacek says.

In general, nitrogen products including ammonias are in good supply.

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## Utility's rate request a financial wild card

### Canal charges showing little change

By BOB FREUND  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — Magic Valley canal companies generally have held their operating and maintenance charges steady this year, helping farmers control watering costs.

An exception is the Twin Falls Canal Co., which is trying to rebuild its funds from lower-than-expected hydropower revenues last year.

But there is a major financial wild card in the wind for any growers who use electricity to pump water to their crops. Idaho Power Co.'s recent request for a 27-percent boost in power rates will affect irrigators as it will all other classes of customers.

In filings with the Idaho Public Utilities Commission, the utility is seeking increases in both its demand charge, which basically is a

service fee, and its energy charge.

Idaho Power wants to increase the demand charge to \$2.98 for each kilowatt of power, a 27.4 percent more than the 1985 fee of \$2.34.

The company is asking for a new energy charge of 3.06185 cents for each kilowatt hour used, 27.7 percent more than 1985's 2.397 cents.

"We have no idea what we'll get," says Jim Worstel, Idaho Power agricultural engineer. However, some farmers may be looking at different alternatives to cutting water bills, depending on the extent of the increase, he says.

Currently, Idaho Power's typical irrigation customer is paying about 55 cents per day for each horsepower of pumping capacity. Typical season cost is about \$45 per horsepower in southern Idaho," Worstel says. Pumps generally run about 100 horsepower for a 160-

acre system.

However, costs for high-lift systems, which involve raising water more than 300 feet, can be significantly higher.

With charges rising, farmers can reap some significant savings by concentrating on energy efficiency, says Dorrell Larson, extension irrigation specialist based at Parma.

"I think they'd be surprised at what leaks cost," he says. "The average leak in our line tests added about 3 1/2 horsepower per lateral. Defective sprinkler nozzles and loose joints waste lots of water, he says.

Tightening up the system could save 4 or 5 percent — possibly more — on energy bills, Larson suggests.

Farmers also should water for the right reasons. "You irrigate by soil moisture, not by

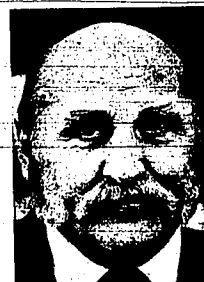
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## Range, desk work earn Hall of Fame honors

**TWIN FALLS** — The Southern Idaho Livestock Industry Hall of Fame has inducted five new members, some for their work on the range and some for their work behind a desk.

Domingo M. Aguirre of Mountain Home, Jack F. Ramsey of Filer, Dick Stafford of Twin Falls, Roy Thornburg D.V.M. of Burley and Harry E. Wilson of Jerome were honored last week at the Hall of Fame's annual banquet. They join 126 other area people in the livestock business who have been recognized by the association since 1960.

The 1986 honorees are: Domingo M. Aguirre, 65, has been a leader in land conservation, working closely with the U.S. Soil Conservation Service to develop the potential of



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Independent insurance agency remains

Financial house 'marriage' dissolves

By BOB FREUND Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The business marriage that created the Twin Falls financial-house of McDougl Berg Sinclair, leaving behind what may be the largest independent insurance agency based in Idaho.

"At the beginning of 1986, it was decided that...we get strictly back into the insurance business," says Greg McDonald, now president of the McDougl Berg agency.

But the triumvirate never could gather under one roof because the Twin Falls headquarters was too small. "We couldn't get Securities in this building," said McDonald.

Trade winds



FRANK McDONALD Burley office manager

Frank McDonald has been appointed manager of the Burley office of McDonald Berg Insurance Company president Greg McDonald.

The five Magic Valley auto parts stores have joined Carquest, a national buying and marketing group based in Tarzton, N.Y.

The Mobil Travel Guide has presented its 1986 Four-Star Award to two resorts at Sun Valley.

Tractor kills man

BLACKFOOT (AP) — A Bingham County man was killed in a farming accident at his home when the tractor he was driving overturned and pinned him, authorities said.



STEVEN K. BERG He's bound for Sacramento

way" says Zane Lindley, president of the brokerage. There was also little sense to merging computer systems to economize, he said.

Cuts planned in exploration

NEW YORK (AP) — Two of the biggest U.S. oil companies have announced sharp cuts in exploration spending because of the collapse in the price of oil.

Exxon Corp., the world's largest oil company, said it would reduce its capital and exploration budget by 25 percent to \$8 billion this year.

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Lindley said. On Dec. 31, 1985, he, stockbroker Fred Nelson, and commodities broker Alex Sinclair bought Sinclair & Co. back, splitting off one word on the nameplate.

The surviving company now is called McDonald Berg, but the Berg nameake also is leaving. After more than 13 years in the Magic Valley, Steven K. Berg recently announced he will take a top position with Henderson and Dryer, a property and casualty insurance firm in Sacramento.

In an interview, Berg said the move offers a chance to concentrate more on commercial insurance lines and places him in succession for the top spot at the firm.

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Some SBA interest rates fall

TWIN FALLS — Interest rates for the Small Business Administration's Section 503 Loan Program have fallen, says Joseph Herring, executive director of the Region IV Development Association.

Fixed rates are now 8.112 percent for 15-year loans; 8.216 percent for 20-year loans; and 8.271 percent for 25-year loans.

Field corn seminar at Parma

PARMA — The University of Idaho's College of Agriculture is offering a two-day seminar on field corn production and use Monday and Tuesday in the Canyon County Courthouse in Caldwell.

SPOKANE — Metropolitan Mortgage & Securities Co. Inc. of Spokane has announced a new offering of variable cumulative preferred stock.

The company, which handles real estate contracts, government securities and corporate bonds, is issuing 1 million shares at a par value of \$10.

NFO plans cash flow meeting

TWIN FALLS — The National Farmers Organization is sponsoring a "Meeting to Cash Flow Agriculture" Thursday at the College of Southern Idaho.

Utahns join China trade trip

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A group of Utah businessmen from small manufacturing companies in electronics, test equipment, food processing and packaging equipment will join in a trade mission to the People's Republic of China in June.

Beesley heads business college

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Kenneth H. Beesley, director of International and Administrative Services for the Materials Management Department of the Morgan Church, has been appointed president of LDS Business College.

Cherry Coke offered in Idaho

ATLANTA (AP) — Coca-Cola-U.S.A. has announced that diet cherry Coke is now available in metropolitan Salt Lake City and in eastern Idaho.

Workers asked to accept cuts

ST. ANTHONY (AP) — The Idaho Forest Industries was prompted by operating losses totaling \$1.3 million since 1984 to ask workers at its St. Anthony saw mill to accept pay and benefit cuts of \$2.07 an hour as an attorney for the Coeur d'Alene-based firm.

The only thing that could close the mill is a sharp, sustained drop in stud prices, he said Wednesday.

Plywood plant sold at auction

SPRINGFIELD, Ore. (AP) — The Weyerhaeuser Co. plywood plant here was sold piece by piece Thursday during a day-long auction.

# Higher prices a way to limit thirst for water

By DON KENDALL  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A Washington think-tank, Resources for the Future, says that Americans should find ways to limit their thirst for water and that higher prices may be one answer.

Bad habits, poor policies and finite resources are catching up with us, says the group in its report.

"Old ways of thinking about the allocation and costs of water are be-

ing challenged, and our approaches to water development—and use—are going to have to change. In fact, the rift between water cost and scarcity is going to be a major resource issue for the rest of the century."

Resources for the Future describes itself as a non-profit, non-advocacy research organization that specializes in policy analysis concerning natural resources.

The report was circulated recently to herald a new book put together by

a team of experts under the group's supervision. The book was edited by Kenneth L. Frederick, a senior fellow at Resources for the Future.

"Americans take low-cost, high-quality water for granted," the report said. "While three-fourths of New York City's water is not even metered, most Europeans pay for water that we. This helps explain why they use as little as one-quarter as much water as we do for municipal purposes."

Moreover, the report said, people living in dry regions of the United States use more and pay less for water than those in wet regions, the reverse of what actual markets in water would permit.

"For example, the Western states consume 10 times as much water per capita (mostly for irrigation) as Eastern states with four times the rainfall," the report said. "And prices for urban water in the East generally are twice as high as in the West."

The analysts found that as these facts become better known—and as Americans face increasing shortages—conflicts grow over water use.

Environmentalists are vying with farmers and industries to save the dwindling number of free-flowing streams. Hydropower plants compete with irrigators for rights to river waters. Cities, struggling to meet growing demands, run into opposition from conservationists, manufacturers and farmers.

"To resolve these conflicts, changes are going to have to be made in government policies, especially those that prevent scarce supplies from flowing to their most valued uses or that discourage conservation—policies that date from an era when water resources were

abundant relative to demand," the report said.

Frederick and his colleagues argue that the old ways of allocating water served well when supplies could be provided at low cost to new users and without harm to existing ones, the report said. But those conditions no longer exist in most of the United States.

New demands on lakes and rivers now often conflict with fishing, wildlife preservation and hydropower production. Therefore, the costs of increasing supplies for households and farms are growing.

"We must begin to find ways to control water and demand as well as supply," the report said. "As in Europe, that is likely to mean pricing related more than is now the case to the scarcity of the resource; that is, higher water prices."

Some of the major points and im-

plication cited by the report:

- Although even the driest areas of the United States will not soon run out of water, most regions have run out of water that can be managed as a free or low-cost resource. Water shortages are likely where supplies are mismanaged and kept from flowing to their highest-value uses. This means that agriculture probably will have to give up water to other uses.
- Uncertainties over the right to use or sell water present a major obstacle to transferring water to higher valued uses and providing incentives to conservation.
- Reliance on litigation and special-interest legislation to resolve uncertainties over water rights often aggravates existing problems.
- Society as a whole loses when water prices are kept artificially low and water use is restricted to protect particular groups.

## Nourish

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Says Fred Zerza, spokesman for J.R. Simplot Co., which produces and markets fertilizers and chemicals.

Simplot is a major supplier of phosphate fertilizers, which now are available in satisfactory quantities. But a cutback in operations at another company, in Rock Springs, may result in tight supplies during the application season in certain regions, Zerza says.

The Ortho Fertilizer Division of Chevron Chemical Co. is completing a new phosphate plant at Rock Springs, Wyo. It is scheduled to start production by the fall of this year and will supply this area, Chevron announced recently.

"Prices for nitrogen and ammonia show signs of edging down a little from 1985, Zerza says. That drift would continue a trend started last year, when prices dropped 5.6 percent from the previous year."

Supplies of secondary elements

also appear hefty, says John Platt, sales representative for Smith & Arducci Inc. in Twin Falls.

Sulfur, the leader in the secondary group, is in surplus right now, and wholesale prices have dropped 2 percent this year, he says. The price has decreased 20 percent in the past five years, Platt says.

Smith & Arducci also is very active in sales of micronutrient, used in small doses with specific crops. Prices for zinc, copper, manganese, boron and other micronutrients generally are steady as are supplies, he says. Micronutrients spark enzyme activity and aid general plant functions.

Most agricultural chemicals to control weeds and insects will not be purchased early in the spring, although some pre-planting compounds are applied in mid-April. However, Novacek says dealers and farmers already are anxious about Temik supplies. "I think we'll be

very lucky to get 50 percent of what we usually use," he says. The price of Temik has dropped dramatically up, he says.

Aldridge says Union Carbide has not raised prices to distributors and cannot control price hikes in the distribution chain. "The only thing we could hope is that growers will be able to obtain Temik at a reasonable or fair price," he says.

Union Carbide has expanded production capacity at the West Virginia factory to boost future supplies. Greater amounts may be available later in the growing season due to the greater capacity, Aldridge says.

## Orchards

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difference between life and death," Powers says.

If temperatures do turn against the fruit crop, the costs could be great. Powers Orchard raises the equivalent of 7,000 bushels of fruit yearly from more than 1,200 trees. A hard frost could ruin trees in his family's orchards. If temperatures turn against the fruit crop, some fruit may be saved. But, the more severe the frost, the more would perish. There is a possibility that the entire crop could be lost, or that what little remains may be uneconomical to harvest, the expert says.

A recent cooling in daytime temperatures headed off one threat

early this month. "If we would have had another week of warm weather, we would have had some real disasters on fruit trees, because they would have gone and broken the buds," Beck says.

The buds are plumping up, but temperatures in the 40s and cloudy conditions recently have slowed the development. If the weather slowly warms, the fruit trees will thrive and crops will ripen early, Beck says.

But the worry for growers is what comes next. "I think they're just cutting their fingers and praying a lot," Akland says.

Powers agrees. "If we'd have had a normal February, we would have been all right, but we're approaching real danger right now."

## Fame

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12 years and also was selected Grassman of the Year in 1969.

In community affairs, Stafford has been coordinator for the Johnny Horizon annual clean-up campaign in Twin Falls County and has served on the Twin Falls School Board. The Idaho Youth Ranch also has honored him for contributions of beef.

Stafford and his family are world travelers, having visited 90 countries, he said. Stafford would not reveal his age.

Roy Thornburg, D.V.M., Thornburg, 62, treated beef and dairy cattle, sheep, horses, swine and other animals for more than 39 years in a private practice at Burley. The veterinarian made the first confirmed diagnosis in the Mini-Cassia area of yellow fever in cattle and of tularemia in sheep many years ago.

He served as president of the Magic Valley Veterinary Association and served as president of the Idaho Veterinary Medical Association in 1958. He also chaired the Idaho Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners during a four-year term on that state commission.

Thornburg instructed 4-H youth, Boy Scouts and Future Farmers of America members in animal disease prevention throughout his career.

Active in many community and fraternal groups, he was president of the Burley Toastmasters Club. Thornburg retired from his veterinary practice on Dec. 1.

Harry E. "Hap" Wilson, Wilson, 64, is a lifelong livestock producer and farmer. He and his son

Ted and families graze close to 20k head of cattle in two different areas. They also raise hay, grain, beans and feed corn on 280 acres of land.

Although originally in the dairy business at Jerome, Wilson switched to a successful calf packaging operation which still continues. He purchases calves in the fall; feeds them during the winter, packages them for buyers and then sells them in the spring, he says.

Wilson splits his herd between the Milner allotment, which runs between the Milner-Gooding and the Northside canals east of Jerome, and the North Butte area near Shoshone.

He currently is president of the Milner Cattlemen's Association. Under his leadership, ranchers in the area have installed underground pipes for watering livestock on the bureau of Land Management property and aided management practices such as plantings of grasses.

Wilson also has contributed to other conservation efforts, winning the Jerome County Grassman of the Year in 1969 and Soil Conservationist Award in 1964.

Wilson has been an effective lobbyist for the livestock industry, becoming a key figure in state legislation to clarify herd districts on public lands.

In other government affairs, he served on the Jerome Highway Board for 24 years and is a past president of the Idaho Highways Association. Wilson also has held positions on county committees for federal agencies, such as the U.S. Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service.

## Water

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calendar or when your neighbor does," he says. That means checking soils.

This year, farmers could be lulled into delaying irrigation too long because snow melt and rain have put plenty of water into the ground. If planting is earlier than usual, first irrigation also may be necessary earlier than usual, he says.

The Cooperative Extension Service, Idaho Department of Water Resources, and the Bonneville Power Administration are distributing a series of nine leaflets about energy-saving irrigation practices, Larson says. They should be available in the next two weeks from county extension agents.

Irrigation districts and canal companies throughout the Magic Valley generally report no increase in operating or maintenance fees this year. Listed below are major canals, their irrigators, number of customers served, acreage served, size of canal systems and anticipated date for filling up their canals.

- Twin Falls Canal Co. — \$13 per acre, up \$2.50, 4,000 customers, 202,700 acres close to 1,000 miles, around April 1.
- Highline Canal Co. — \$28 an acre, 25 customers, 4,000 acres, 16-18 miles, last part of April.
- Northside Canal Co. — \$10 a share, 3,800 customers, 170,000 acres, 1,000 miles, about April 1.
- Big Wood Canal Co. — \$11.75 a share, 1,100 customers, 98,000 acres, 575 miles of canals, April 1 from American Falls Reservoir, May 1 from Magic Reservoir.
- Salmon Falls Canal Co. — \$5.20 a share, down \$1 from 1985, 193 customers, 30,500 acres, 318 miles, first part of May.
- A&B Irrigation District — \$27 the acre, 600 customers, 77,000 acres, 600 miles, about April 15.
- Minidoka Irrigation District — \$15 an acre north side, \$14.75 south side, 2,500 customers, 75,000 acres, 477 miles, April 14.
- Burley Irrigation District — \$26 an acre, up \$1 from 1985, 1,000 customers, 48,000 acres, 700 miles, about April 15.
- Oakley Canal Co. — \$10 a share, 200 customers, 12,000 acres, 50 miles, undecided.
- Milner Low Lift Irrigation District — \$27.70 for customers on new rate, \$22.50 for those on old rate, 83 customers, 15,540 acres, 200 miles, about May 1.

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**Dick Stafford**

Stafford farms and ranches south of Twin Falls. He has raised Hereford and Angus cattle, and, in past few years, has experimented with more unusual crossbreeds such as Charolais, Brangus and Chianina.

Stafford owns a herd of 130 beef cows. Farming also is a major enterprise, though. He raises beans, hay and grain on 400 acres of land.

Stafford has worked years to conserve soils. He chairs the Snake River Soil Conservation District for

# Farming

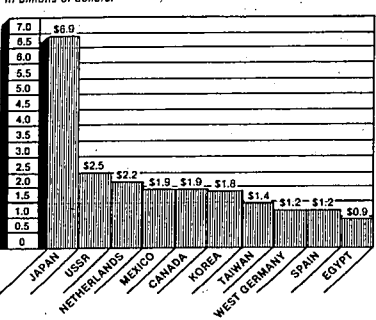
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By DON KENDALL  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A huge global supply of major agricultural commodities continues to weigh upon U.S. farm exports and the market prices paid to hard-pressed American producers, according to the latest Agriculture Department analysis.

Heavy buying by the Soviet Union has helped ease some of the supply pressure on U.S. soybeans, but prospects for a recovery in grain and cotton exports have suffered another blow.

"Sluggish world demand, increased production in some importing countries, large supplies in exporting countries and anticipated lower U.S. crop prices next season are hurting this season's export movement," the report said Monday.

"Soybean export prospects continue to improve, mostly reflecting added strength in Soviet soybean demand."

Projected wheat exports for 1985-86 were reduced 50 million bushels to about 900 million bushels, compared with more than 1.4 billion bushels in each of the two previous years.

The outlook for corn exports was cut 100 million bushels from a month ago to less than 1.3 billion bushels, compared with 1.84 billion bushels in 1984-85 and 1.67 billion in 1983-84.

The outlook for wheat and corn prices is unchanged from levels indicated on Feb. 10 — wheat, in a range of \$3 to \$3.20 per bushel this marketing year, and corn at \$2.30 to \$2.50 per bushel. In 1984-85, wheat and corn averaged \$3.38 and \$2.62, respectively, at the farm.

Many foreign buyers expect U.S. prices to decline further as lower price supports authorized by Congress in the 1985 farm bill take hold. The Reagan administration, supported by lawmakers, sought reductions in U.S. price supports to make American commodities more competitive overseas.

The outlook for cotton also is clouded by a record global supply and sluggish demand.

Exports of U.S. cotton in 1985-86 were projected at 2.3 million bales, down from 2.8 million bales in February and more than 6.2 million bales exported in 1984-85. The farm price of cotton in the first five months of the 1985-86 season averaged \$5.5 cents per pound, compared with \$6.7 cents in 1984-85.

Soybean exports were projected at 770 million bushels, an increase of 20 million bushels from the February forecast. Shipments in 1984-85 were about 598 million bushels.

The Soviet Union has bought more than 1.4 million metric tons of U.S. soybeans this year — about 52 million bushels.

Despite the improved soybean exports, the large supply globally and in the United States is weighing on prices. The report said the U.S. farm price of soybeans in the 1985-86 marketing year is expected to be in the range of \$5.05 to \$5.35 per bushel, unchanged from the February outlook.

The farm price of soybeans in 1984-85 averaged \$5.85 per bushel, and in 1983-84 when drought cut U.S. production, the farm price was \$7.81 per bushel.

## Northwest shipments cut in half

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Wheat exports in Oregon and the Pacific Northwest are down more than 50 percent from a year ago, says the president of the Oregon Wheat Growers League.

Jack Hay, a wheat grower from The Dalles, said the state's wheat farmers hold the Reagan administration responsible for the 125 million bushel decline.

"The whole Oregon economy depends on exports," Hay said. "We worked very hard to help increase our foreign sales of wheat and now we find out that the administration is gutting the program."

Hay said he and a mission of other Wheat League and Oregon Wheat Commission representatives were to leave Friday for a week of lobbying in Washington, D.C.

Hay said large cuts in export enhancement programs and in Foreign Agriculture Service financing of U.S. Wheat Associates' marketing programs have compounded problems caused by rule changes in export provisions under the farm bill.

The government's "bonus bushel" program, which allocates more wheat to foreign buyers to equalize differences in currency rates brought about by the strong dollar, has been cut by half, from \$2 billion to \$1 billion, Hay said.

He also protested the administration's scaling from \$6 million to \$3 million the Foreign Agriculture Service's marketing funds to the national wheat group, which helps promote and sell American wheat abroad, "at a time when we need it the very most."

"This administration is the meanest administration," Hay said. "He maintained the programs being cut are in there for a reason, and that's to get rid of wheat, to buy down this price."

"Mountains of surplus grain have continued to depress the price of wheat and throw the law of supply and demand off balance. The government supports wheat's price and pays 7 cents a bushel to store it annually."

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## Soviet grain crops survive bitter cold

WASHINGTON (AP) — The world's inventory of wheat and coarse grains, which includes corn, could rise to a record 288.5 million metric tons this summer, with the United States holding more than all other countries combined, according to the latest Agriculture Department figures.

Global output of wheat and coarse grains in 1985-86 is forecast at nearly 1.35 billion tons, but only around 1.27 billion tons will be used, the department's Foreign Agricultural Service said this past Tuesday in a monthly report.

Thus, the figures showed, the inventory at the end of the 1985-86 season is expected to rise to 288.5 million tons from 212.7 million tons at the end of last year.

Of that amount, the United States is expected to account for 164.5 million tons of the carryover grain, the report said.

A metric ton is about 2,205 pounds and is equal to 36.7 bushels of wheat or 39.4 bushels of corn.

In the case of bumper harvest crops, Last year's total Soviet grain harvest has been estimated by USDA at 190 million metric tons, one of the largest since the record of 237.4 million tons in 1978. No forecast has been issued for the 1986 harvest.

Soviet grain imports in the 1985-86 international marketing year, which will run through June 30, are expected to total 34 million tons, a reduction of one million tons from estimates a month ago, the report said. Imports of corn and other so-called coarse grains were reduced by two million tons, while wheat imports were increased by one million tons.

The Soviet Union has been buying large amounts of U.S. corn and soybeans, but relatively little wheat.

"Under a long-term agreement, the Soviets have bought 6.1 million tons of corn for delivery through Sept. 30 but only 153,000 tons of wheat," the report said. Additionally, U.S. soybean sales this year total more than 1.3 million tons.

A metric ton is about 2,205 pounds and is equal to 36.7 bushels of wheat or 39.4 bushels of corn.

"The report said one reason the Soviet Union is scaling back imports of coarse grain may be Moscow's purchases of feed quality wheat from Europe and Canada.

"Given the Soviet Union's heavy use of wheat in domestic (livestock) feed rations, and the large supply of feed quality wheat around the world this year, it would not be surprising for the Soviets to have purchased significant quantities of feed wheat," the report said.

## U.S. boosts world grain, wheat stocks

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Soviet Union's fall-planted crops of winter grain, mostly wheat, probably survived the bitter cold of February and early March, says an Agriculture Department report.

"In most cases, a protective snow cover preceded the coldest weather, protecting most winter grains from widespread winter-kill," the department's Foreign Agricultural Service said March 10.

"Recently, temperatures moderated to above freezing over winter grain areas, melting snow. The southward extent of the early March snow cover lies from the central Ukraine through the lower Volga, which is normal for this time of year."

Weather and crop developments are watched closely for signs that the Soviet Union might need more foreign grain to meet needs, or less

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# 'Killer' bees buzzing way closer to Rio Grande banks

By DON KENDALL  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The Africanized honey bee, renowned in movie fiction as a deadly killer, is still buzzing and swarming its way north to the United States.

It could cross the Rio Grande from Mexico in 1988 or 1989, the Agriculture Department said earlier this month.

A team of USDA bee experts said the bees — hybrid descendants of fierce African queens accidentally loosed in Brazil in 1957 — are now in southern Guatemala.

Richard Cowden, head of the bee program in the department's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, was asked at a news conference how the public will be able to tell when the Africanized bees arrive in the United States.

"You'll know it because there will be enough fanfare, I think, along with it" as the bees move north across Mexico to the United States.

Although Cowden said the odds favor the bees entering the country in the area of Brownsville, Texas, he said it might be possible for some to interbreed with some commercial bees and enter from Baja California.

The Africanized bee is difficult for non-experts to distinguish from the regular European honey bees in the United States. But the Africanized bees didn't come by their fierce reputation without reason.

Individually, the sting of an Africanized bee is no more venomous than that of an ordinary honey bee, but USDA research has shown that Africanized bees inflict 10 times as many stings on a target than domestic bees.

And they have a sensitive defense mechanism that is easily triggered. They attack in greater numbers and pursue intruders greater distances and for longer periods of time than domestic bees.

Cowden was asked whether it might be prudent for local fire and police departments to set up special bee swat teams as some have done in the Panama Canal area.

"We certainly hope that that isn't necessary," he said. "We just can't project what would happen, as far as public reaction is concerned."

Cowden illustrated the ferocity of the Africanized bees by noting sting test results. On comparative scale, the European bees found in the United States scored a 3, compared with 28 for Brazilian bees and 68 to 70 for Venezuelan bees.

Bee experts are concerned that the invasion of Africanized bees will disrupt the highly developed U.S. bee industry, which provides vital pollination services for many crops, in addition to honey.

Another USDA bee expert, Hachiro Shimanuki of the Agricultural Research Service, said he expected the first impact of Africanized bees would be on the pollination services offered by professional beekeepers.

If the "killer bee" reputation prevails, Shimanuki said "the beekeeper would become sort of an endangered species" as it became more difficult to move bees around the country to pollinate crops — and to find farmers willing to allow bees onto their property because of the potential hazard.

Some of the Africanized bees were found in California last year, perhaps coming in with some oil field equipment from South America. Quarantines and massive search efforts were carried out before the threat was curbed.

## Prices still rebounding for soybeans

WASHINGTON (AP) — The farm price of soybeans has shown signs of strengthening in recent months, according to an Agriculture Department analysis.

"After hitting a harvest low of \$4.85 a bushel (last fall), prices climbed to \$5.16 in January," the report said Friday. "Stronger prices are probably a result of the government's loan program."

As of Jan. 1, U.S. soybean stocks were about 1.8 billion bushels. Of that amount, 545 million bushels were under government price support loan or owned outright by the department's Commodity Credit Corp. By Feb. 12, loan and CCC holdings had grown to about 610 million bushels.

Despite the hopeful signs, the department forecasts soybean prices at the farm will average only \$5.05 to \$5.35 per bushel over the 1985-86 season, down from \$5.85 in 1984-85 and \$7.81 in 1983-84, when the supply was much smaller.

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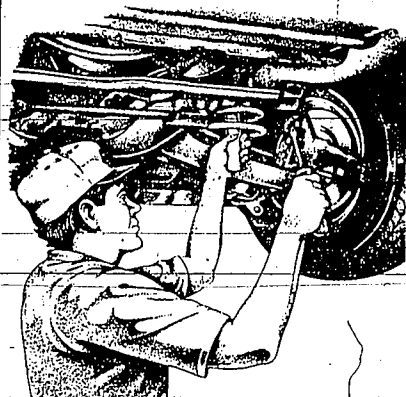
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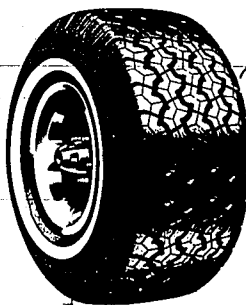
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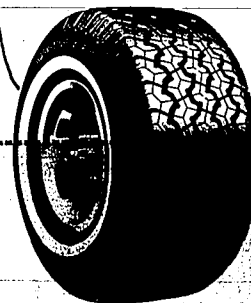
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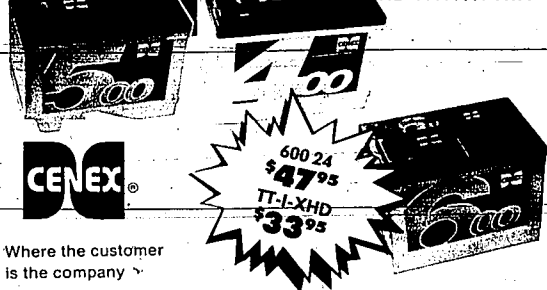
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# Utah Farm Bureau official sees better times

By BOB BLACK  
The Associated Press

**SALT LAKE CITY** — The current crunch in agriculture has many Utah farmers wondering how they're going to buy the seed for this year's crop, but a Utah Farm Bureau official sees a better future ahead.

"I believe there is a bright future for a whole lot of farmers and ranchers if they can just get through this adjustment period we're going through," said the bureau's chief administrative officer. "If you had a little money, there never was a better time to buy a farm."

Farmers nationwide are poring over their financial reports, many of them "awash" in red ink. Low prices and overspecialization have many seeking out new professions and others looking for more exotic crops they hope will balance their books.

But Wallentine says the farmers who stay with Utah's traditional

cash crops — cattle, dairy, hay and some grains — will survive in the coming years.

"That's what's going to pull us through," he said. "Some farmers could adapt themselves to limited markets," but Utah's land and climate are best suited to cattle and dairy production.

It won't be easy for farmers, many of whom have exhausted their cash reserves and are living off their equity. A common complaint is that it costs farmers more to produce their crops than the market is willing to pay.

"The forces of the economy are clearly requiring much greater efficiency on the part of individual producers in order to survive," he said. "Unfortunately, those who came into agriculture in recent years and borrowed money at high interest rates are being stressed the most right now. In many cases, those are the younger and middle-aged farmers."

"It's a very serious social tragedy," he said. "Many of these people are nearing their productive years."

Farmers will see some changes in the coming years. In the immediate future, they'll have to deal with Congress's new farm bill, which is expected to take 40 million to 50 million acres of land out of production.

Genetic research is improving the yield per acre of land, and Wallentine said farmers one day could produce the same amount of crops they do now, but on about half the land.

"I'm a great believer in the scriptures and the Lord said there is plenty for all," he said. "In the eternal race between the stork and the plow, sometimes the stork has won."

Technological developments could once again give the "plow" the edge, and Wallentine says he hopes the Utah Legislature will help. The Farm Bureau and 17 other agricultural organizations are ask-

ing the Legislature for \$1 million a year to establish and fund a biotechnology program at Utah State University.

"For example, researchers at the U.S. Department of Agriculture believe within three to five years we may have grain crops almost completely protected against frost," he said. "The world has plenty of capacity."

Some farmers have exploited trends in American buying habits. Wallentine said turkey producers are doing a good business because consumers are looking for lean poultry. Dairy groups are trying to encourage milk consumption in lieu of soft drinks, and beef farmers also can increase demand for their products by educating the public that lean red meat is low in calories, he said.

Also, farmers are looking to tap the overseas markets that until recently have been dominated by

American producers. A strong U.S. dollar and increased production by some foreign producers have cut into that market, he said.

Utah fruit growers, for example, can reverse the trend by growing a dark apple popular in Asian countries. Some farmers are looking into marketing crops with a specific country in mind, but Wallentine said Utah farmers can do better by growing their traditional crops and learn-

ing to market them better. Agriculture ranks third in Utah's economy behind manufacturing and mining. Still, it accounts for about 21 percent of the state's employment and \$2.5 billion a year worth of economic activity.

"We call it the most basic industry," Wallentine said. Even though Utah is an urban state, he said, "so much of the social structure" has rural roots.

## 250 dairy farmers offer bids to sell out

**HYRUM, Utah (AP)** — Lorin Burnett is among 250 Utah dairy farmers who have submitted bids to have his herd liquidated so the nation can slash its supply of surplus milk.

In Burnett's case, he offered to get out of the dairy business this past week if the government pays him \$30 a hundredweight for not producing milk.

Burnett's bid is about twice the estimated statewide average of \$13 to \$14, said Utah Dairy Commission Director Clint Warby, and so his offer to give up some 300 cows may be hard to sell.

The buyout is part of a federal campaign to curtail milk production by exporting or destroying 800,000 milk cows and 12 billion pounds of milk.

Producers who get out will be paid the amount they bid, based on a percentage of their production when they were in business.

Dairy men who stay in business fund the program, paying 40 cents for each hundredweight of milk they sell. Next January, the assessment will drop to 25 cents for the calendar year.

The assessment itself should cause herd liquidations, dairy industry officials note.

"The 40 cents will put a lot of dairy men under," said Burnett, estimating the program will cost him \$1,300 a month.

Warby said some producers who stay in business may be tempted to boost their production further to meet the assessments. That would be counterproductive to the intent

of the program.

"I think they knew that in advance. You are dealing with a compromise that was done by Congress. One element felt there was a need to limit the number of cows, another thought there should be a reduction in price," he said.

"Some will go out now, with the shirt on their back (through the buy-out program). But there will be some dairymen who did not participate in the bidding who, two or three years down road, will lose everything they have because they did not put a bid in. But they had the chance," Warby said.

Farmers around Utah have submitted bids ranging from under \$7 to as high as \$104 a hundredweight, says the federal Agricultural and Stabilization and Soil Conservation Service.

The bids submitted by Utah farmers will be forwarded to Kansas City, Mo., where ASCS officials will evaluate them and determine which will be accepted.

"If some states have a greater surplus of milk than others, the program reserves the right to go to those states and buy out producers there even if bids are higher," said Ted Hendrick, executive director for ASCS in Morgan and Weber counties.

About one-sixth of the 120 dairy farmers in the two counties submitted bids ranging from \$10 to \$35, Hendrick said.

In the state's largest dairy-producing area, Cache County, a fourth of the dairy farmers submitted bids ranging from \$7.99 to \$70 a hundredweight, the ASCS office in-

Logan reports.

Despite the production readjustment, Warby said Utah will have plenty of milk to supply the market.

Comparing prices, he said that in January 1989, 2 percent milk sold for \$1.77 a gallon in Utah stores; last month it was still \$1.77. But prices are higher out of state, he said,

elling a \$2.10-a-gallon charge for 2 percent milk in Nevada.

"Utah milk prices have remained steady while the consumer price index has gone up. Milk is still a fantastic buy at the grocery store," said Warby. "It should stay that way at least another six months. If it does go up, it will be due to market forces."

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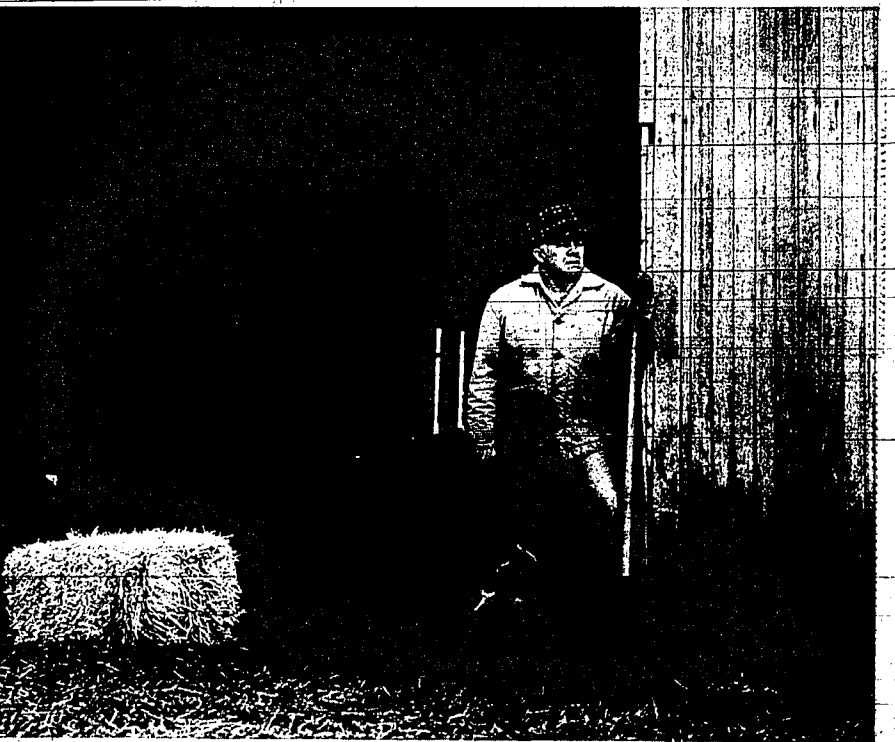
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# Scientists say El Nino may return but effects less severe

By MALCOLM RITTER  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — El Nino, an unusual warming in the Pacific Ocean that triggered billions of dollars in weather-related damages in 1982-83, may be on its way back in less severe form, scientists said Thursday after two independent analyses.

A computer projection suggests an El Nino, which can trigger rains and droughts over widespread parts of the world, will reach its maximum late this year, researchers from New York's Columbia University said.

And in Washington, a top government expert said rising Pacific Ocean temperatures off the South

American coast and changes in air pressure over the Pacific may be signaling development of an El Nino.

"This is not a forecast, it's an advisory," said Eugene Rasmusson of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. "Some signs indicate an El Nino may be coming, but not all the signs."

One other sign, a change in sea level, has not yet taken place, he said.

Rasmusson and the Columbia scientist, Mark Cane and Stephen Zebiak, agreed that any new El Nino will be less severe than the 1982-83 version, which was the worst in a century. But it could still mean drier than normal weather in Australia,

Indonesia and maybe southern Africa, with excess rain on the west coast of South America, and possibly northern Chile and Argentina, Zebiak said.

Effects on North America are harder to predict, but it could mean a wetter and cooler than normal winter in the southeastern United States and unusual warmth from Alaska to the Northwest Pacific coast, Zebiak said.

"We're about as sure as we can be" that another El Nino is coming, Cane said. The prediction of moderate severity is "a bit more uncertain," he said.

Other scientists said the computer model is promising but not yet pro-

ven.

El Nino is an unusual warming of the eastern tropical Pacific, which occurs every few years and can last a year or two. The name is Spanish for "the Child," referring to the Christ child because the first indications are often noticed around Christmas with the failure of the anchovy crop of Peru.

In the wake of the 1982-83 El Nino, severe storms lashed the west coast of the United States, the first typhoon in 75 years hit French Polynesia, Australia suffered the worst drought in 200 years and China faced floods in the south and drought in the north. That El Nino was blamed for between 1,300 and 1,500

deaths worldwide, with damages of \$2 billion to \$8 billion.

For their prediction, Cane and Zebiak used a computer model that focuses on surface water temperature in a patch of the Pacific that straddles the Equator, reaching from near the South American coast to a north-south line passing just east of Hawaii.

The model is designed to simulate the atmosphere and the ocean, using wind data up to a given month to predict what happens to ocean surface temperatures in following months.

The model suggests an increase in surface temperature peaking at 1.9 degrees centigrade above normal in October-November 1986, Cane said. Six computer runs, starting with different months, agree on the trend, and such consistency was always correct in "predicting" past El Nino events when the model was run with

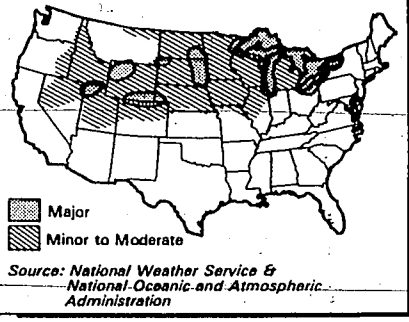
old data, Zebiak said.

On these historical trials, focused on the past 15 years, the model sounded no false alarms in its predictions but also yielded no clear forecast on a couple of occasions, researchers said.

The Columbia model has shown "apparent predictive value" for past El Ninos, said James J. O'Brien, meteorology and oceanography professor at Florida State University in Tallahassee. "We will know in a few months whether this is an occasion in which this model is correct."

John M. Wallace, atmospheric sciences professor at the University of Washington in Seattle, said the model still hasn't passed the critical test of predicting an El Nino before it occurs. It also ignores "a number of things which at least some scientists in the field believe may be important, or even fundamental, to the prediction problem," he said.

## 1986 Spring Snowbelt Flood Potential



## Farmers gain on field work

WASHINGTON (AP) — Farmers across a wide swath of the country were able to use "warm and mostly dry weather" to gain on spring field work during the past week, according to the government's Joint Agricultural Weather Facility.

But wet conditions hampered work along the west coast and upper Corn Belt, the facility said this past

Tuesday in its weekly report.

"Seedling gained momentum in the southeast and in Texas," the report said. "Soil moisture was becoming short in the southeast and in most Plains states."

Winter wheat was reported in "mostly good to fair" condition during the week of March 3-9.

## Cooler temperatures give trees a reprieve

BOISE (AP) — Fruit trees that were fooled by recent warm weather into swelling for bloom gained a reprieve with lower temperatures, said southern Idaho county extension agents.

Maux Barnes, a forecaster for the National Weather Service, predicted the weather would remain stable this past week.

"We're not looking for any drastic changes," Barnes said.

The spring-like temperatures in late February and the first week in March caused premature bud action and commercial-fruit-growers worried that the season was arriving too quickly.

Canyon County Extension Agent Darrell Bolz said warm weather could make buds swell up and blossom. But cooler temperatures at the end of the week slowed the process.

"Fruit growers are concerned," Bolz said. "But there isn't a lot they can do about it. Old man weather's going to take his course."

Extension Agent Dale Beck said

cooler weather in the Twin Falls area also slowed bud development.

Several factors can determine cold-weather damage to a fruit crop. The stage of bud development (partial or full bloom) and the stage of fruit development, plus the intensity and length of a cold spell determine the effect on the fruit.

Extension agents said different forms of hail are available to warm up orchards in case of freezing temperatures.

"Most (growers) today use some sort of wind machine to bring in warm air," Bolz said. "But, even that depends on if there is an inversion and warm air can be brought down."

Some fruit growers use smudge pots and gas heaters to generate heat.

Bolz said fruit trees could be hit by frost even in May.

Barnes said light freezes were expected this week. Highs were expected to be in the mid-40s to low 50s, with lows in the mid-30s to low 40s.

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# New secretary ducks query about filling No. 2 position

By DON KENDALL  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — If Agriculture Secretary Richard E. Lyng has a favorite candidate for the Agriculture Department's No. 2 job, he isn't talking publicly about it.

"I guess I'd like to get someone who is just like I was," Lyng joked when asked this past Wednesday about filling the post of deputy secretary.



**RICHARD E. LYNG**  
Deflects question with joke

Lyng served as deputy under John R. Block during President Reagan's first term, resigning in January, 1985, to start his own consulting firm. John R. Norton of Phoenix, Ariz., succeeded Lyng, who was named to succeed Block, who resigned last month after five years.

Norton quit on orders from the White House so that USDA would not be top heavy with Westerners. Lyng is a native of California, and Norton has extensive farm holdings there.

Lyng, with less than a week on the job, was asked at a get-acquainted meeting with reporters if he planned to campaign this fall for Republican candidates.

"I don't know," Lyng replied. "Secretaries of agriculture are often not wanted. At this point, I suspect that I'm at the peak of my popularity."

Lyng refused to predict where the nation's farmers, exports and other elements of agriculture would be at the end of his tenure in three years.

In 1980, after Reagan's first election, many Agriculture Department economists and others predicted the era of huge crop surpluses had ended, and that rampant world hunger and land shortages were possible.

"I learned a lesson there," Lyng said. "You're foolish, in agriculture, to try to predict too accurately. . . . It could turn around so fast that it would astonish you."

And that is what has happened. Bumper U.S. and world crops have rebuilt stockpiles to record levels, and American farmers have faced declining prices, reduced land values and sagging incomes.

"Pressures have mounted on Capitol Hill for quick action by the ad-

ministration to make more government loans available for spring expenses. Reagan announced Tuesday that an additional \$750 million will be shifted within the Farmers Home Administration to handle operating loan demand.

Also, White House spokesman Larry Speakes said Wednesday that Reagan would sign a resolution urging the USDA to advance farmers part of their 1986 crop price support loans at the time they sign up for the program. Normally, the loans are available at harvest.

The resolution had been snarled in Congress over wording that the administration said could make such loan advances mandatory. Now, with the word change worked out between Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., and Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, the advance payments are clearly optional.

But Lyng said that "we're not considering any kind of advance on price support loans to farmers this year and had made that position clear during his recent Senate confirmation hearing."

Lyng said this week's decision by federal regulators to ease pressure on commercial banks so they can

reduce cash reserves and take advantage of certain bookkeeping procedures will help farmers.

Those changes are expected to help pave the way for more guaranteed loans by banks under Farmers Home Administration programs, including recent interest buydown assistance from the agency.

At his confirmation hearing, Lyng said boosting U.S. farm exports was a top priority. New legislation allowing "export enhancement" through subsidized sales to selected countries will be one of the tools, although he declined to be specific.

Lyng said he plans to take care not to engage in any activities that suggest "even the appearance of a conflict of interest."

When he resigned more than a year ago as USDA's deputy secretary, Lyng formed a consulting firm with another former department official, William Leshner, who had been chief economist and farm policy expert.

Lyng and Leshner represented a number of agricultural interests, including dairy clients. Lyng said that as secretary he will remove himself from decisions on "anything that remotely approaches the issues that I was involved in."

"And I'm not going to go back to work for the A.M.I. and I'm not going back to be a partner of Bill Leshner's," he said. "When I'm through with this, I'm going to retire."

# Rancher fights for land in court

SPOKANE (AP) — Whitman County rancher Ray Smith is acting as his own lawyer in U.S. District Court in a battle to save a 2,500-acre parcel of his ranch from government foreclosure.

The so-called constitutional patriot owes the Farmers Home Administration \$971,540 for one of three loans the federal agency gave him in 1978. The government is seeking title to his ranch land near Hay on the Snake River, which was collateral for the loans.

Last September the former Washington cattleman of the year lost another parcel of his wheat and cattle ranch land near Lacrosse after failing to meet a repayment timetable.

The government gave Smith a \$143,318 credit from that foreclosure.

Smith grilled former FmHA chief Ray Toll of

Wenatchee this past Tuesday about a chronology of FmHA loans made to R.D. Smith & Sons Inc.

His line of questioning suggested his defense was that repayments he has made weren't pro-rated over the full term of the various loans.

"Can you tell me when the (loan summary) was made up?" Smith asked Toll. "I've been trying for years to get something like this."

Toll, who retired last year as state loan supervisor for FmHA, said the summary was completed "at 8:30 last night," after the beginning of the non-jury trial earlier Monday before Judge Justin Quackenbush.

"Was the Farmers Home Administration a partner in this operation?" Smith asked, showing Toll a pile of documents.



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## Rights advisors plan meeting in April

WASHINGTON (AP) — An Agriculture Department civil-rights advisory panel will meet next month in Baton Rouge, La., to review department policies and procedures.

The Citizens' Advisory Committee on Equal Opportunity also makes recommendations for changes in USDA programs and services to ensure they are free of discrimination.

The meeting, scheduled for April 7-9, will be open to the public. Anyone wishing to speak or file written statements before or after the meeting, should contact Lawrence Bomb, Associate Director, Equal Opportunity, Office of Advocacy and Enterprise, USDA, Room 2305, Auditors Building, 14th and Independence SW, Washington, D.C. 20250. Or telephone (202) 447-5681.

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# Spring planning for '86 tougher than usual

By DON KENDALL  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Farmers and ranchers who put more animals on supermarket shelves are having more problems than usual trying to plan their operations and financing for this spring.

Agriculture Department economists, who by now usually have a fairly good idea of feed supplies, prices and the attitudes of livestock producers. It's different this time.

"The whole total picture is a lot of uncertainty," USDA economist John Nalivka said early in March. "And it has a lot of things that we've never dealt with before."

Nalivka said the depressed agrarian economy is a factor as cow-calf operators decide whether to hold onto heifers and add to their breeding herds, or to use them as replacements and mark time for another year or so. If it's too tough financially, more heifers and cows will be sent to market.

Even for those producers not in a serious financial bind, it's a tricky time for making decisions, the economist said. Last week, the department's Economic Research Service reported that the usual agency forecasts "are clouded by the new farm bill" and the Gramm-Rudman balanced-budget law, which is forcing the USDA to cut back on many of its programs.

Crop producers were supposed to begin signing up Monday for 1986 programs, including programs for corn and other feed grains that bear heavily on livestock production. But the signing was postponed several days because of a legislative snarl in Congress, adding to the uncertainty.

Another unknown is the "whole herd buyout" program aimed at sending surplus dairy cows to slaughter over an 18-month period. The effect of that program on 1986-87 beef supplies and prices is anybody's guess.

Meanwhile, the U.S. cattle inventory as of Jan. 1 was reported at 105.5 million head, the lowest for total cattle numbers will probably continue to decline through 1987.

"Producers will need a period of higher returns before they will start to retain more heifers, reversing the current downward trend of the cattle cycle," the report said.

Hog inventories are the smallest since 1968, with the fewest breeding animals since 1961. But that has not reduced pork output as much as might be expected according to the number of pigs produced per 1,000 breeding animals is up sharply, and pork imports have more than doubled in recent years.

Poultry production is expected to increase moderately in 1986 as a result of high returns last year. However, constraints on housing and processing facilities may limit gains, the report said.

Market prices of Choice-grade steers are forecast to average in the range of \$60 to \$66 per 100 pounds this year, based on the Omaha, Neb., market, compared with \$58.37 in 1985.

Prices of slaughter hogs are forecast at \$43 to \$49 per hundredweight, compared with \$43.77 last year, the report said.

## Crunch point: hit

# Food production tops consumption

By ROBERT LEE ZIMMER  
The Associated Press

DECATUR, Ill. — The world is increasing its food production faster than its consumption and has reached "an agricultural crunch point," a U.S. State Department official said Thursday.

"Some people in this world who grow crops are going to be badly hurt," said Dennis Avery, the agency's senior agricultural analyst. "We are in a trade war right now."

Avery said that in the last four years, world production of feed grains and oilseeds has increased 60 million metric tons more than world consumption, and that "does not count surpluses of such secondary products as cheese and meat."

He told Millikin University's annual agribusness conference that other nations are bringing new land into production and improving crops to boost yields. As their production surpasses local demand, they compete with the United States by exporting.

"New knowledge and investments are raising farm output all over the world, and the pace of discoveries and added productivity apparently are picking up speed," Avery said.

The United States, meanwhile, has become "the world's shock absorber," taking land out of production and buying farmers' grain at prices higher than the world market, said Jeff Idelman, a commodity analyst for the Illinois Farm Bureau.

Idelman said other nations tell the United States: "Thank you very much. We'll sell it this year while you store it." He said the Europeans subsidize their farmers with high prices and then hold "blue light specials" to dump the surplus grain on the world market at cheap prices.

Now, he added, the United States has slashed its internal loan rates paid farmers for their grain. The change is aimed at forcing the price low enough to sell the grain to overseas buyers instead of storing it at taxpayer expense.

"It is clearly something that is feared by other countries," said Idelman. "Personally, I don't think it will work over night. It's not an easy job to rebuild market share once it's gone."

He said it could take several years before other nations are forced to reduce their production.

Idelman said the Europeans, for example, won't be able to continue to pay high subsidies to farmers and dump surplus grain at even lower prices to undercut the United States.

"The finance ministers are going to say, 'This is absolutely insane; we can't sustain this,'" Idelman said.

Avery said more farmers worldwide will be competing for customers. "If the U.S. does not pursue farm market opportunities more vigorously, and more successfully, than we have in the past few years, other farmers in other countries have demonstrated their willingness to step in line ahead of us," Avery said.

Idelman said the new corn loan rate — down from \$2.55 to \$1.92 a bushel — should end the farmer practice of taking the loan and forfeiting the grain because market prices were lower than the loan rate.

Now, he said they should "sell out above the (new) loan rate ... take your deficiency payment and call it a day."

The deficiency payment is the difference between the average market price for corn and the government's \$3.03 target price.

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## Cyanide may be tried to clean out squirrels

CHALLIS (AP) — The use of 1080 cyanide poison is being considered by some Custer County ranchers in the battle against ground squirrels encroaching on their fields, says County Agent Jim Hawkins.

The county's ground squirrel problem centers around Mackay and Stanley, he said. The rodents have reportedly eaten a large percentage of the grain crops raised at ranches in those areas.

The program depends entirely upon the private sector, Hawkins said. Local grain producers will bear the cost of the out-impregnated cyanide and the helicopters that will spread the poison, he said.

If begun, the program would have to be conducted during the first two weeks of May, Hawkins said. That's just after the squirrels have started coming up of semi-hibernation and before the females have produced offspring, he said.

At least 15 Little Lost River area ranchers last fall expressed interest in the program during a meeting with Hawkins. A similar ground squirrel control program has been used with great success for the past two years at Camas County, he said.

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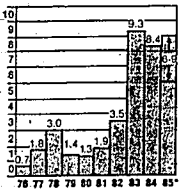
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# Payments to farmers up, crop sale proceeds down this year

## Direct government payments to farmers

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By DON KENDALL  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Government payments to farmers are rising sharply this year, while proceeds from cash marketings of crops and livestock are dropping to a seven-year low, according to Agriculture Department economists.

Overall, cash receipts from the sale of commodities may be from \$130 billion to \$134 billion in calendar 1986, down from an estimated \$140 billion to \$142 billion last year.

According to USDA records, that would be the lowest cash receipts for American farmers since sales totaled \$131.8 billion in 1979. Nearly all of this year's decline will be due to lower crop receipts.

The figures were included in a new outlook report circulated this past week by the department's Economic Research Service. A summary of the report, showing 1986 farm income projections, was released last month.

Crop marketings are expected to total \$59 billion to \$63 billion this year, down from \$70 billion to \$72 billion estimated in 1985.

"Declines of a fifth or more are

likely to occur in cash receipts for food grains, feed grain and hay, and cotton," the report said. "Wheat, corn and sorghum receipts will probably show the sharpest drops."

For livestock, total 1986 receipts may be in the range of \$68 billion to \$72 billion, down slightly from last year. A slight improvement in prices is expected to almost offset a reduction in marketings.

"Assuming average growing conditions in 1986, direct government payments could easily eclipse 1985's

\$9.3 billion, which included \$5.2 billion in PIK disbursements," the report said.

That was a reference to the 1983 payment-in-kind program in which farmers got free surplus commodities as part of their compensation for taking land out of production. Last year's direct government payments, without PIK, totaled \$7 billion to \$9 billion.

In 1986, the report said, as much as three-fourths of the payment total — projected at \$10 billion to \$13

billion — could come as "deficiency payments" to crop producers. When market prices fall below a target

level, deficiency payments are due to help make up the difference. One big reason for lower market prices is a reduction in government price support loan rates, which act as a floor under commodity prices. Congress in last year's farm bill froze target prices but gave the ad-

ministration authority to reduce supports.

The resulting large spread between targets and loan rates will make deficiency payments an essential element in farm income for the next couple of years," the report said.

In its earlier summary, the agency said 1986 net farm income may be in the range of \$21 billion to \$25 billion.

## Sugar price rebound hit hard by inventories

WASHINGTON (AP) — The world price of sugar in the first quarter of 1986 rebounded from the 15-year low recorded last year, but further increases will be dampened by large global inventories, the Agriculture Department says.

The average price of raw sugar put aboard ship at Caribbean ports was 4.04 cents per pound in 1985, the lowest annual average since 1970, the department said Thursday in a new outlook report. Prices in the first three months of 1986 probably will average about 5.3 cents per pound, which still would be below the 10-year average.

The U.S. market price for raw sugar averaged 18.68 cents per pound in the fourth quarter of 1985, well below the target or "market stabilization price" of 21.5 cents sought under federal law.

But U.S. prices since have risen to near the MSP, averaging 20.83 cents in February, the report said. The recent price strength was attributed to "trade uncertainty about the U.S. supply situation."

When U.S. sugar prices fall below the MSP, there is a likelihood that domestic producers will default on their government price support loans, meaning the government could wind up with large quantities of surplus sugar.

The dumping of cheaper foreign sugar is prevented through a system of quotas, which allow designated countries to sell some of their sugar at the higher U.S. prices. The quotas are adjusted to reflect changes in U.S. domestic production, which normally isn't enough to meet consumer needs.

## Huge supply may cut acreages for potatoes

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hard times and huge supplies may force the nation's potato farmers to cut 1986 acreages by as much as 10 percent to 15 percent, according to an Agriculture Department analyst.

Based on recent trends, this year's plantings could decline to 1.2 million to 1.3 million acres from 1.4 million acres in 1985, the department's Economic Research Service said in a recent outlook report.

The potato industry faces a 20 percent drop in cash receipts for the 1985 potato harvest to around \$1.5 billion from \$1.86 billion in 1984. Last year's potato harvest was a record of 404.1 million hundredweight, up 11 percent from 1984.

If growers reduced plantings by as much as indicated now, 1986 production could drop to around 363 million hundredweight.

"Today's fewer potato farms and larger average acreage have not solved the age-old tendency to produce cyclical surpluses," the report said. "Growers typically react to higher or lower market prices by expanding or reducing acreage, but long-run production has kept pace with population growth," the report said.

Based on recent indications, the 1985-86 season average price for potatoes at the farm may be around 54¢ per hundredweight, 30 percent below the \$5.69 average for the 1984 crop.

## Small budget assailed

PULLMAN, Wash. (AP) — President Reagan's budget for fiscal 1987 would decimate the nation's agriculture schools, says a new report written by Washington State University's agriculture dean.

"For farmers and ranchers to regain their competitive edge and re-establish viability, they must have new cost-reducing production and management systems," Dean James Ozbun said.

"Our science and education system must develop these systems and transfer them to the point of need. We believe the president's proposal will endanger our capacity to do this."

Reagan's budget includes no increase for agriculture research and eliminates several animal health,

pest science, rangeland and water quality projects.

The president also wants a 59 percent cut in cooperative extension programs and the elimination of a graduate fellowship program for farm scientists.

Ozbun wrote the 30-page report as chairman of the division of agriculture of the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges.

Ozbun's committee of 12 farm school administrators from Iowa, Arizona, Alabama, Maryland, Florida and New Mexico asks federal budget writers to give special consideration to nutrition education, water quality, graduate fellowships and agricultural competitiveness.

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# Superfarms small potatoes compared to other industries

**By DON KENDALL**  
*The Associated Press*

WASHINGTON — The number of superfarms, each selling more than \$1 million worth of products a year, has grown rapidly and vastly over the past decade, says an Agriculture Department report.

"If matched against the giants of most other industries, they would barely be noticed," the report said. "In agriculture, however, they stand out because U.S. agriculture is populated by much smaller farms."

"The million-dollar-plus farms account for only about one out of every 350 farms in the United States. Yet, they take in more than \$1 out of every \$5 worth of commodities sold."

"Unless farm conditions during the last few years have altered the

trend, the million-dollar-and-up farms represent one of the fastest growing sales classes in American agriculture," says economist Paul Velde of the department's Economic Research Service.

The report, in a new issue of the agency's *Farm Income* magazine, was based on Velde's study of 1982 farm census information.

Velde found that superfarms increased by nearly 50 percent from 6,220 in 1978 to 9,150 in 1982. Despite the growth, superfarms accounted for less than one-half of 1 percent of the 22.4 million U.S. farms in 1982.

Although nearly half of the 1978-82 growth was related to inflation and higher prices for farm products, many of the superfarms topped the million-dollar mark through greater sales volume, reflecting new invest-

ment, expansion or consolidation.

Whatever the reason, the superfarms rang up sales receipts of \$30.3 billion in 1982, accounting for 23 percent of total U.S. farm sales. Comparable sales in 1978 were \$20.3 billion, 21 percent of the total.

The total land occupied by superfarms in 1982 was 47.4 million acres, an increase of about seven million acres from 1978. That represented 4.8 percent of the 984.8 million acres in farms in 1982.

"There are more than a thousand of these million-dollar farms with fewer than 50 acres," Velde said. "In fact, one-third of all superfarms have less than the U.S. average of 40 acres."

Many of the big-money operations do not need extensive land holdings for specializing in livestock, poultry or egg production. Others grow high-value crops such as oranges, grapes and commercial flowers.

Livestock operations accounted for the most superfarms with 2,774 in 1982, followed by poultry and egg

farms, 1,245; dairy operations, 1,038; fruit and tree nut farms, 812; field crops, excluding cash grain, 774; and vegetable and melons, 725.

Farms specializing in horticulture totaled 685 in 1982, and there were 610 cash grain farms producing more than \$1 million in sales.

California had 2,398 superfarms, one-fourth of the 1982 total, followed by Florida, 643; and Texas, 618.

Velde said the 1982 census figures "seem to raise again the old issue" of whether bigger is better, and what can be expected from the rise in superfarm numbers.

"Certainly, the United States has seen and survived the big, highly concentrated nature of other industries," he said. "In some other firms, but in agriculture we are still dealing with thousands of firms producing nearly all commodities — far too many to exert monopoly power on food prices."

In fact, some superfarm operators say that consumer prices might actually decline because of the

economies of scale they claim are inherent in larger operations. Velde isn't so sure.

"Even if larger farms operated more efficiently, the savings may be absorbed in the marketing process and wouldn't necessarily be passed along to consumers," he said.

On the other hand, Velde sees some evidence of greater productivity and efficiency with large farms. For example, superfarms report greater yields for some crops, compared with much smaller farms.

Corn growers with farms in the million-dollar class harvested an average of 122 bushels per acre in 1982, compared with 112 bushels for farms in the \$100,000 to \$29,999 annual sales class, and 91 bushels for farms in the \$10,000 to \$39,999 sales class.

Farms in the \$500,000 to \$699,000 sales class had yields roughly equivalent to those of superfarms.

Velde said that in contrast to previous years, the 1982 data showed that farms in the million-dollar sales class "appear to be more efficient than their smaller counterparts when measured in terms of returns to investment, for instance."

But Velde cautioned that the 1982 census information only measured the averages of the various sales categories.

"It doesn't mean that every large farm is more productive or efficient than every small farm, or that all large farms are productive or efficient," Velde said. "And it doesn't take into account the relative status of particular commodities or regions of the country."

## Seagoing systems keep rows straight

**By ROBERT LEE JIMMER**  
*The Associated Press*

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — To keep waves, curves and angles from spoiling rows of corn and soybeans, Southern Illinois University researchers are developing a guidance system to help farmers plant in a straight line.

"It uses a computer to combine ultrasonic sensing and 'dead reckoning' — two systems used by ships on the high seas — said Richard Patterson, a professor of agricultural mechanization at SIU at Carbondale.

"The computer monitors both guidance systems four times a second," said Patterson. "It decides which has the best data and provides direction to the farmer."

Straight rows are important economically to farmers. A crooked row can lead to crop loss when harvest machinery is driven through the fields, and planting overlapping rows wastes seed.

Many farmers use planters equipped with a long arm that makes a fine line in the dirt. They watch that marker to make sure each row is planted parallel to the other and the center. But the long markers are difficult to maintain and create hazards around fences, trees and power lines, said Patterson.

"The SIU system was designed by one of Patterson's graduate students, Bernard Fehr, now at Michigan State University."

Patterson stressed that although laboratory tests of the guidance system were successful, "it's not a production-ready, marketable product. It's just 'in the research stage.' He would like to field test the system this year.

In the sonar system, a small groove is made in the soil at one side of the planter and sound waves bounced off the ground locate the marker and guide the farmer. Patterson said it is similar to the way sonar on Navy ships locates submarines.

At the same time, a light beam projected from the planter is reflected off the tires to determine that the wheels rotate at the same rate. If the planter's path is not absolutely straight, one wheel rotates faster than the other and the farmer will be alerted, said Patterson.

The dead-reckoning system is useful when, for example, the planter is moving across a grassy strip where the ultrasonic sensing device will not work, said Patterson.

In a ship, dead reckoning means finding one's position based on measurements of the ship's motion, not on outside landmarks such as stars.

The driver never knows which system is giving him directions, Patterson said, adding that the entire system involves only "a couple of hundred dollars in hardware," but took many hours of design and computer programming.

"There are a lot of these concepts around — this is just one," said Patterson. "If it is developed commercially, it probably will combine lots of ideas from various research projects."

Under the computerized system, guidance could be given by a needle that would move to show a planter was getting off course, and the farmer could make the necessary correction manually. But the data eventually may be used to steer the tractor in a straight path automatically, he said in a telephone interview.

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# Vietnam economic recovery may depend upon agriculture

By DON KENDALL  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In the decade since unification of its war-torn North and South, Vietnam "is still a nation searching for recovery," an Agriculture Department report says.

A key to recovery may be agriculture, and in recent years Vietnam has made some progress,

boosting food production an average 8 percent a year from 1976 to 1984. But the report added that heavy foreign debt, lack of investment capital, raw material shortages and Vietnam's continuing occupation of Cambodia are major obstacles.

"There has been some progress in increasing rice production and replanting rubber, but the rebuilding of basic industries has been an uphill fight," according to Leslie Ross, an economist in the department's Economic Research Service's International Economics Division.

## Meat packers fight fee hike

WASHINGTON (AP) — Meat packers and processors, represented by the American Meat Institute, are launching a series of regional meetings to help head off the Reagan administration's bid to charge user fees for federal meat inspection.

"The meetings," announced this week by AMI officials, also will include discussions of price reporting and industry initiatives for boosting consumer demand for red meat.

Briefings for packers and processors will be held in April in Cincinnati, Chicago, Omaha, Denver and Philadelphia.

Meanwhile, AMI President C. Manly Molpus, has informed Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., by letter of the industry's opposition to user fees, which it calls a meat tax.

Helms, chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee, was told that meat inspection "is not an industry prerogative but a public health measure which has been publicly funded since its inception in 1906."

Molpus noted that a similar proposal was rejected by Congress a year ago. The user fee plan for the fiscal year that will begin next Oct. 6 would cost the industry an estimated \$365 million.

"The AMI has begun a systematic review of all plant procedures and inspection procedures to identify those areas where cost reductions can be realized without compromising the wholesomeness and safety of meat," Molpus said.

Meanwhile, he added, "We need your support in advancing such an exercise in lieu of the discredited meat tax proposal."

Ross supplied the information for the report, which was published by her agency in Farmline magazine. Hampering Vietnam's agricultural and industrial growth is a continuing dependence on imports, a slowdown in export growth and low foreign exchange reserves, she said. The Soviet Union and other Eastern European nations are Vietnam's main trading partners.

"Even though Vietnam will receive about \$2 billion worth of Soviet aid this year, the aid will not offset Vietnam's deteriorating financial position," Ross said. "Export volume rose 29 percent in 1982, but only 9 percent in 1984."

Ross said that some of Vietnam's political actions, including its occupation of neighboring Cambodia, have resulted in the cancellation of foreign aid from China and Western Europe. With a population of around

60 million, Vietnam maintains the world's fourth largest army. The farm sector is Vietnam's major export earner and a major supplier of the country's processing industry. Other than rice, crops include corn, peanuts, tea, rubber, coffee and sugar.

But Vietnam agriculture is still largely unmechanized. Better water control is needed, and an acute fertilizer shortage threatens productivity gains. Also, a streamlined bureaucracy and better economic planning are needed, the report said.

Some decentralization of government authority may take place, Ross said. Meanwhile, consumer subsidies are being reduced. Those are the largest single government expenditure, amounting to 7 percent of the 1984 total gross domestic product.

"In the last 10 years, Vietnam has started the process of rebuilding the economy and has had modest success," she said. "But more foreign trade, technical assistance and economic reform are needed if that growth is to continue."

## Sterile eggs may be fertile tactic

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — State officials will release sterilized gypsy moth eggs in eastern Multnomah County this spring in an experiment aimed at eventually eradicating the voracious insects.

The laboratory-bred eggs will be released over a square-mile area, said Jeff Miller, an entomologist with Oregon State University. No date has been set as yet.

Researchers hope the sterile male moths that emerge from the eggs will mate with many female moths, which as a result will produce no offspring.

"For a small and localized population like this one... The evidence indicates that this control measure could work well," said Miller, a member of the state gypsy moth task force. "We wanted to give this technique more of a trial and the situation fit the needed criteria."

The sterile eggs are produced by laboratory irradiation of adult moths.

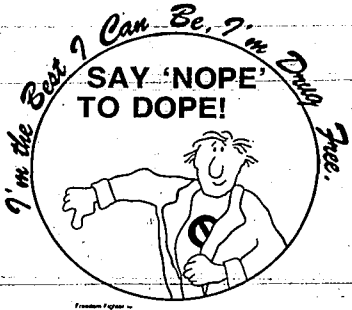
Traps will be placed in a 12-square-mile area surrounding the release site to see if the moths leave the experiment area.

Miller said the program has one drawback: For the year they're alive, the sterile moth larvae will defoliate some trees in the area.

Gypsy moths, which have devastated areas on the East Coast, have been a major problem in Lane County, where a quarantine begun in 1984 remains in effect for 1,350 square miles. Wood products, household outdoor items and recreational vehicles must be inspected before leaving the quarantine zone and firewood is not supposed to be taken out of the area.

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# Job retraining gives idled workers new hope

By CAROLINE E. MAYER  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Over the past seven years, Karen Houser has been laid off four times — each time by a major U.S. manufacturer that was ceasing back domestic production as a result of foreign competition.

"After the first three dismissals, Houser, 39, had to fend for herself — not only battling the state bureaucracy for unemployment benefits, but more importantly, conducting her own job-search campaign.

"Like most other laid-off workers across the country, she also faced alone the frustration of needing new skills to compete in the job market.

"That pattern changed, however, last summer, when General Electric Co. dismissed her after two years as an assembly-line employee in its Columbia, Md., plant.

"Unlike Houser's previous employers, GE set up a special re-employment center for Houser and 600 colleagues who were laid off after GE decided to shut down its domestic microwave-oven production. Three hundred more employees are scheduled to be laid off by the end of this year.

"Finding work for those semi-skilled workers with proficiencies not highly sought by other area firms has not been easy. To date, only about 150 have found new jobs, and for the most part, at far less than the relatively high wages they were being paid at GE.

"Most made \$9.57 an hour as assemblymen," commented the re-employment center's director, Michael Hickey. "Now they are accepting jobs for \$6 to \$8 an hour."

The centerpiece of the GE Re-employment Center, which is funded with \$400,000 from GE and \$100,000 from the state of Maryland, is retraining — offering employees a wide variety of courses to provide them with new sets of skills in fields that promise more secure and lucrative jobs in the future.

Houser is one of 14 employees now taking advantage of what GE likes to describe as a "new beginning," participating in a five-month electronics-technology course to enable her to repair electronic and computer equipment when she graduates in June.

Nearly 120 other employees have taken a two-week soldering course to teach them how to assemble printed circuit boards for electronic equipment, a skill valued by many local employers.

Meanwhile, 175 other workers have enrolled in a variety of other courses ranging from word processing and cosmetology to culinary arts.

"The training is significant, because it gives employees a chance to have jobs in industries with a future; they do not have to stay in smokestack industries where there is little future," Hickey said.

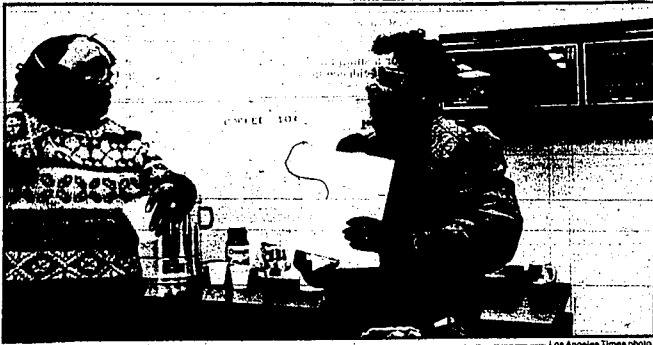
"Like most members of the Fortune 500, GE continues to prune its U.S. work force to meet the expanding challenge of foreign competition. Overall, its work force has dropped from 400,000 in 1980 to 300,000 today.

"Unlike many companies, however, GE has tried to cushion its layoffs by offering employees help in finding new jobs or learning new job skills. The assistance is an essential part of GE's competitive strategy, needed not only to bolster the morale of remaining employees, but also to maintain GE's reputation among consumers, GE officials said.

"According to a congressional report released in February, more than 1.5 million workers lost their jobs between 1979 and 1984 because of plant shutdowns or relocations.

"Most of these employees were middle-aged people who had had a long — stable — work history," noted young workers who moved from job to job, concluded the Office of Technology Assessment, Congress's scientific and analytical arm.

"Manufacturing jobs — especially production jobs — will continue to



Laid-off employees Mary Brown, left, and Lovina Bristol work at GE re-employment center

decline," OTA said. "The most vulnerable jobs are those of unskilled and semiskilled production workers. These jobs are not only the easiest to automate, they are also the easiest to move overseas."

Of the 11.5 million displaced workers, only 60 percent had obtained new jobs as of January 1986, the OTA found. And for the most part, these jobs were in lower-paying fields, with 80 percent of those who found jobs reporting at least a 20 percent cut in pay.

Given these numbers, labor experts stress that re-employment and retraining efforts such as GE's are critical to the country's economic future.

"Retraining and job-search education are more important than severance income" when laying off workers, commented Jerome M. Rosow, president of Work In America Institute. "Training is very productive to the local community as a whole, because it continues to make available skills of people already in place.

Even more important, from the standpoint of the individual, retraining doesn't represent an abandonment. The company isn't saying, 'Our business is closed. All we owe you is a year's pay. You take the money and find yourself a job.'

Rather, the company is retraining an individual for his past record, and he does not become a total victim in the dismissal process.

For GE, retraining programs are far from new. Over the past five years, as the appliance powerhouse began shutting down many of its domestic plants, it set up guidelines for plant closings to make the process less painful for its employees.

Chief among the guidelines is advance notice — at least six months and more, if possible, to give employees adequate time to adjust.

Additionally, GE has set up an income-maintenance program to make the dismissal more palatable.

At Columbia — a non-union plant — employees who have worked for GE for more than two years are eligible for income-extension aid. For every year they have worked, the company has donated a week's salary to a special fund that draws interest.

With a layoff, employees either can draw the money out as a lump sum or receive the money as a supplement to unemployment insurance to make sure employees are paid at least 60 percent of their base salary while they are looking for work.

Thus, if a worker's base salary was \$100 a week, and he was getting \$175 in weekly unemployment benefits, he would be entitled to receive an additional \$65 a week from the GE fund to give him 60 percent — \$240 — of his base salary as long as his money in the income-extension fund lasts.

It became evident a few years ago that Columbia's microwave facil-

ties would meet the same fate of other GE facilities that were being closed as competition stepped up in the microwave market.

"You could see the handwriting on the wall," commented Joe Carando, Columbia's plant manager. "We couldn't compete."

There are at least 50 different suppliers of microwave ovens, another GE official noted. "It is a highly competitive market where we don't have a major share as we do in the sale of refrigerators or electric ranges. . . . We made a touch-

business decision and decided that, instead of putting our money into researching, developing and manufacturing microwave ovens, we should invest our resources where we feel we have a better shot at winning."

GE will continue to sell microwave ovens under the GE and Halpoint brand. But the ovens will be made by foreign manufacturers under contract to GE. It also will continue its production of conventional GE ovens at the Columbia plant, maintaining jobs for half of the 1,800-member

work force that existed a year ago.

Given the persistent rumors over the past few years, employees were not surprised when GE made Columbia's fate official last March. At that time GE said it didn't plan to make its first layoffs until September.

However, sluggish sales pushed that schedule up so that Houser and 300 other employees were dismissed in June 1985, when the company stopped making over-the-range microwaves. (The plant still produces counter-top ovens, but that line is scheduled to be halted this fall — resulting in another 300-employee layoff.)

The revised layoff schedule forced the re-employment center — which had hoped to have three months to set up its counseling, job search and retraining courses — to speed into

action.

First, the staff of the center, which is housed in the same building where 1,100 over-the-range microwave ovens used to be produced daily, asked state unemployment officials to come to the plant and sign up employees for unemployment benefits to minimize the red tape and time employees would have to endure if they had to go down to the state and county offices on their own.

Then its four professionals began counseling employees, individually and in group sessions, on how to find new jobs. With another 300 employees laid off in September, these sessions continue today.

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# OPEC not likely to gain any price hike, oil analysts think

By ROBERT BURNS  
The Associated Press

BRUSSELS, Belgium — Faced with a traumatic decline in oil prices, OPEC ministers will attempt to devise a strategy this weekend to reverse the slide by cutting production, but many analysts predict the effort will fall because of bitter divisions within the decaying cartel.

The analysts said Thursday that they expect sharp clashes between OPEC's traditional factions, led on each side by Saudi Arabia and Iran, and foresee an inconclusive meeting that could drive prices lower.

"It's going to be ferocious," Joseph Stanislav of the Paris office of U.S.-based Cambridge Energy Research Associates, said in predicting the mood of the meeting. "The stakes have never been higher."

Representatives of the 13 members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries will meet here in the ballroom of the Geneva hotel starting Sunday, searching for a solution to their crisis that has left the world flooded with cheap oil and sharply cut their share of the market.

They also are planning to meet Wednesday with representatives of several non-OPEC oil producers, said James Audu, a spokesman at OPEC headquarters in Vienna, Austria. They will discuss possible joint ac-

tion to push up prices.

Audu said he did not know which non-member countries would attend the meeting, although reports have said they would be Oman, Malaysia and Mexico.

The price decline has been welcomed by many economists because it will restrain inflation. But the oil refining and drilling industry has been severely hurt, and several major companies have cut spending as a result.

Exxon Corp. and Chevron Corp. announced reductions in exploration budgets totaling \$3.6 billion on Thursday, blaming the uncertain outlook on oil prices.

Many analysts said they saw little chance of an agreement that could push oil prices back up because too many OPEC countries think they cannot afford to limit production, fearing they will lose more customers to non-OPEC rivals.

At the same time, however, the members are facing staggering financial losses, which already have forced Saudi Arabia and Indonesia to drastically revise their spending plans.

Erar F. Holmes, chairman of Shell Transport and Trading Co., a London-based unit of oil giant Royal Dutch-Shell Group, said that if oil prices held at the current average of about \$15 a barrel, OPEC would lose about \$60 billion in revenues this

year.

Holmes said that OPEC was playing a "dangerous game," and that he expected prices to stay low or fall further until OPEC cut its production.

Antoine Elzir, an oil analyst in the Paris office of DRI Europe Inc., a private consulting firm, said he saw little chance that the meeting would reach agreement on a significant cut in output.

Even if the members reduced production to as low as 14 million barrels a day from the current level of about 17 million, prices likely would not break the \$20-a-barrel level for several months, he said.

Oil prices have tumbled by about one-half from nearly \$30 a barrel before OPEC's last meeting in December, when it ended four futile years of trying to prop up unrealistically high oil prices by limiting supplies.

It vowed instead to fight for an undefined "fair share" of the world oil market, even if it meant pushing prices drastically lower from the levels the cartel had dictated during the 1970s, when it dominated the market.

But prices fell faster than anyone had predicted, and OPEC has not increased its market share. Instead, its output has fallen by about 1 million barrels a day and provides less than a quarter of the oil used

worldwide.

OPEC also has failed in its other key objective: to force major non-OPEC oil producers — mainly Britain and Norway — to relinquish part of the market they had won in recent years. The two North Sea producers combined now pump about 3.5 million barrels daily, more than any OPEC member except Saudi Arabia.

Moreover, OPEC's poorer members, such as Nigeria, Ecuador and Indonesia, have been battered by the price collapse and may be ready to forget all the December talk about winning a "fair share" of the market, analysts say.

## Turner offers better interest on MGM deal

Los Angeles Times

HOLLYWOOD — Turner Broadcasting System Wednesday sweetened the interest rate to 10.25 percent from 10 percent on \$40 million of notes that it will issue as part of the financing package for its \$1.25 billion purchase of MGM-UA Entertainment Co.

Turner's hike in the interest rate counter to what is happening in the bull market in bonds, where yields are moving sharply lower.

The apparent reason, the announcement indicates, is that Turner has fallen short of a majority of consents from holders of the ap-

proximately \$400 million in MGM-UA notes needed to make certain amendments to the indenture on those notes. Consents had been obtained on \$4 million of the notes as of Tuesday, and only \$6 million of them have been tendered for Turner notes in the swap.

Turner exchanged the deadline for the reschedule offer on the notes to March 31 from March 21.

The change in terms on the notes also will result in a further delay in the sale closing. MGM-UA spokesman Arthur Rockwell now puts it at March 24 or 25. He said that 50 percent of the consents by MGM-UA note holders could be ob-

tained by Friday, permitting the revised offer to become effective by next Tuesday.

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# FTC says some state regulations cost consumers heavily

By RANDOLPHE SCHMID  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — State regulations limiting the establishment of new auto dealers and home health care services cost consumers an estimated \$3.2 billion in 1985, according to two studies released Thursday by the Federal Trade Commission.

Laws restricting new automobile dealerships cost consumers an estimated \$3.2 billion in 1985, according to one study by the commission's Bureau of Economics.

And the second report said laws requiring home health care firms to prove they are needed before going into business raised costs by \$46 million in 1984, without improving care.

The analyses showed that these restrictive state laws "are not in the best interests of the American people," said Terry Calvani, acting chairman of the commission.

Calvani said his agency wants to alert consumers, state officials and regulators to these studies, in hopes of encouraging reconsideration of the laws where they exist, and to prevent other states from enacting them.

The commission found 36 states which legislate Relevant Market Areas for auto dealers, restricting the establishment of new dealerships in the vicinity of existing dealers selling the same make of cars.

Under Relevant Market Area laws, the existing dealer can protest to the state if a new dealer is proposed for his area. If that occurs, the car manufacturer must justify the new dealership, often with the result that the new sales firm does not go into business, the FTC said.

The study looked at 13 states where such laws were in effect, and

found prices of new autos averaged 5.14 percent higher than in states without the laws.

Extending that finding to all 36 states with such laws, would mean consumers spent an extra \$3.2 billion on cars in 1985 because of the dealer restrictions, the study concluded.

"This study shows that these laws benefit auto dealers at the expense of consumers, who pay higher prices for new automobiles," reported David Scheffman, acting director of the commission's economics bureau.

The greatest impact of the laws, the study went on, is in rapidly growing areas. In such areas this lack of competition forces car prices as much as 7.6 percent above similar communities without restrictive

laws, the study said.

The report on home health care led to similar conclusions, estimating that state restrictions on new companies cost consumers an additional \$46 million in 1984.

There are 33 states, plus the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, where a "certificate of need" must be obtained before a home health care service can be established. These services include such things as nursing, physical and occupational therapy and other medical services brought to the home.

States justify these laws as helping prevent costly duplication of services, the report said. Officials favoring the rates say they promote economic efficiency.

However, the study concluded that the opposite may be true for the \$6.7 billion home health care business.

"Certificate of need regulations impose barriers to entry in the home health care field, resulting in reduced competition and increased costs and prices. In addition, there is no evidence that the regulations provide any benefits," Scheffman said.

Retarding the entry of new businesses may deny consumers the benefit of innovative or cheaper services, the report said. These businesses do not gain from so-called economies of scale which affect many businesses, because it takes relatively little capital to set up such a company, the study said.

About 70 percent of all home

health care is provided by not-for-profit organizations such as visiting nurse associations, the commission found. However, some such services are also provided by local governments and by companies which do operate for profit.

States which had laws restricting new auto dealers, as of 1984, were Alabama, Arizona, California, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada.

Also New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas,

Utah, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia and Wisconsin.

Jurisdictions which the commission said "currently" require certificates of need for at least some providers of home health care are Alabama—Alaska—Arkansas—Connecticut—Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Iowa, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada.

Also New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Vermont, Washington, West Virginia and Wisconsin.

## Restructuring plans hinge on repayment

Los Angeles Times

Western Union Corp., which last turned a profit in 1982 and last year reduced its work force by more than a fifth, has announced a major reorganization aimed at slashing debt costs and improving profits. The comprehensive restructuring will require completing negotiations for repayment of \$321 million in bank debt and swapping existing debt issues for new notes and common stock.

A crucial step calls for raising up to \$200 million in new capital to enable Western Union to make a \$120 million payment to its bank creditors by June — a precondition for their agreement to reschedule the remaining debt for repayment over five years.

The plan also calls for merging Western Union, a holding company, into its main subsidiary, Western Union Telegraph Co. Shareholders will vote on that proposal at the May 15 annual meeting.

The holding company was formed in the early 1970s to enable Western Union, whose communications business was entirely government regulated, to diversify into unregulated fields, a spokesman said, and developments since then have made that structure unnecessary.

"With the proper financial structure in place, we believe Western Union can re-establish its position in the telecommunications industry," Chairman Robert C. Levanthal said in a statement released with the company's filing of its contemplated restructuring with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The restructuring was accomplished over four months, Levanthal added, assuming approval by shareholders and creditors.

Western Union's common stock dropped \$1.125 a share to a new 12-month low of \$7.375 as 775,000 shares changed hands on the New York Stock Exchange. The stock had traded for \$14.375 last Aug. 30.

Western Union's outside auditors have qualified both the company's 1984 and 1985 financial statements, citing uncertainty over whether financing can be obtained to meet its debt obligations.

The company lost a record \$367.2 million last year. About \$300 million of that was a special charge taken in the fourth quarter, primarily to reflect a write-down in the value of aging communications equipment.

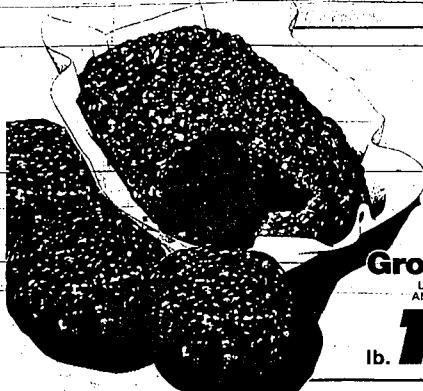
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Secretary Joanna Budge shows off new, old Popsicles

Treats too messy

## Popsicles to lose that second stick

ENGLWOOD, N.J. (AP) — The two-stick Popsicle, created during the Depression so that slurrers could share with a friend, will be mostly phased out to please mothers who think the big treats are too messy, its maker says.

The change applies to Popsicles sold in supermarkets in boxes of 12, which make up 80 percent of sales, said Popsicle Industries' marketing vice president Paul Kadin.

Twin-stick Popsicles still will be sold individually at convenience stores, amusement parks and sidewalk pushcarts, he added.

The smaller size is "more in keeping with the amount and shape mothers want to give to their kids," Kadin said.

"The mothers who are the primary purchasers, have been very dissatisfied with the inconvenience and messiness of the twin-stick size," he said, citing marketing studies conducted in Birmingham, Ala.; San Antonio, Texas; and Phoenix, Ariz.

The new, bullet-shaped Popsicles will weigh 1 1/4 ounces compared with the twin-stick size that is 2 1/2 to 3 ounces, depending on the dairy that produces it for the company, Kadin explained.

The new popsicle will be shipped to supermarkets in April by the company, a division of Sara Lee Corp. of Chicago. It will contain vitamin C and a higher level of flavoring, Kadin said, a recipe that also will be used in the old-style popsicles made after them.

The new Popsicles will sell for about 9 cents above the current \$1.50 price for 12, because of inflation and the recipe changes, he said. The company makes more than 1.1 billion cold treats a year, but does not disclose how many are Popsicles.

When Popsicle Industries opened its doors 63 years ago, it offered a one-stick treat.

The two-stick variety emerged during the Depression when the company thought it could win over customers by selling the treat for a nickel and saying it could be split with a friend, Kadin said.

"It was an effort to share the wealth," recalled 64-year-old Ray Brown, chairman of the Department of Popular Culture at Bowling Green State University.

Through the years, consumer surveys began to show that mothers felt the twin sticks were messy—and difficult to break apart. The sentiment became stronger in recent studies, Kadin said.

At the same time, supermarkets began to sell more of the Popsicles than convenience stores did. And the treats are sold 12 to a pack in the grocery stores, making it unnecessary to split the Popsicle in two.

So Popsicle decided to change its ways.

"Maybe they are suggesting that people don't have any friends," quipped Michael Rockland, chairman of the American Studies Department at Rutgers University.

And Brown, at Bowling Green, speculated that "maybe society is getting selfish and we don't want to share. What I buy mine."

# Buyers welcome Microsoft's offering

REDMOND, Wash. (AP) — The long-awaited public offering of Microsoft Corp. common stock was met by an eager market Thursday.

More than 3 million shares were snapped up at prices ranging to \$8 over the pre-opening \$21 price.

When the over-the-counter market opened, the price, placed at \$21 the night before, jumped to \$25.50 for the first sale, then to \$29 in the first two hours of trading before settling back to \$23 by noon and where it later closed.

It was the most active issue of the day with 3.6 million shares changing hands, considerably more than the offering of 3.1 million shares.

"It's absolutely wild, amazing," said Doug Taylor, a broker for Foster & Marshall in Seattle. He said he and others he talked with couldn't recall when a stock offering had been bought up so quickly.

The high price seemed to reflect investor confidence in the company, one of the powers of the personal-computer software field. As recently as last month, some analysts had predicted the stock would fetch \$16 to \$19 a share.

Bernard Goldstein, a partner in Broadway Associates in Fort Lee, N.J., said Microsoft had a history of excellent performance.

"There is nothing shabby about the profit margins in this company. They are quite impressive," he said.

Of the 3,995,000 shares offered, 2.3 million were issued and sold by the company and 765,000 were being sold by stockholders. About 75 percent of the stock remained before the trading in the hands of the company's two founders, chairman William H. Gates III and Paul G. Allen, who has since left to start another company.

Institutions, mutual funds, and brokerages were expected to dominate the trading action, though some traders said smaller investors would likely get some of the stocks.

Microsoft has no long-term debt and the stock offering was seen largely as the fulfillment of a promise by Gates that employees someday would have a market in which to sell their shares.

The net proceeds to the company, about \$50 million, from its portion of the offering will be used for general corporate purposes, principally working capital, product development and capital expenditures, the company has said.

Microsoft, based in Redmond, is 11 years old. It designs, develops, markets and supports a product line of microcomputer systems software and "applications" software for business and professional use.

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## T-bill yields drop

WASHINGTON (AP) — Yields on 52-week Treasury bills fell to 6.61 percent in Thursday's auction, the lowest level in eight years.

The Treasury Department sold \$9 billion in bills with the average discount rate down from 7.19 percent at the last auction on Feb. 15. The rate was the lowest since 6.55 percent on Jan. 4, 1978.

The sale attracted bids totaling \$22.5 billion. The investment rate, which is higher than the discount rate, averaged 7.06 percent with a \$10,000 bill selling for \$9,331.70.

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## Plant completes tests

SAN LUIS OBISPO, Calif. (AP) — The second reactor at the Diablo Canyon nuclear power plant completed full-power testing and began commercial operation Thursday, Pacific Gas & Electric Co. said.

The plant's Unit 1 reactor has been producing power commercially since May 1985.

The two units at the \$5.6 billion plant together churn out up to 2.2 million kilowatts of electricity enough to supply 2.2 million people, the company said.

Representatives from the state Public Utilities Commission were at the plant Thursday to certify Unit 2's commercial operation, said utility spokesman Ron Weinberg.

Work on the plant, on the coast 175 miles northwest of Los Angeles, began in 1973 after a long licensing fight.

Critics claim the plant is dangerously close to an earthquake fault, but the utility maintains it is safe.

In its first 10 months, Unit 1 ran 92.5 percent of the time, company vice president George A. Maneatis said in a news release. He called that one of the best records in the industry.

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Responses are solicited only from prospective contractors who have had recent experience in loan servicing of farm borrowers. At least two (2) years appraisal experience in chattel property is required. Prospective contractors must evidence knowledge of commercial farming operations, farm crop production, farm machinery and livestock, ability to prepare reports describing stages of crop growth, condition and potential yield, plus conditions of machinery and livestock, as well as the ability to document discussions with borrowers concerning disposition of security property and other matters pertinent to the loan account.

Interested contractors should inquire at the FmHA County Office located at 157 Main Street, Gooding, Idaho 83330, telephone 934-4468 by 4:30 p.m., Tuesday the 25th of March, 1986.