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## Senate signals likely confirmation for Cheney

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Senate, burned by the bitter partisan struggle over the nomination of John Tower as defense secretary, is moving with lightning speed on the selection of Dick Cheney with both Democrats and Republicans predicting quick confirmation.

Almost as soon as President Bush announced his choice Friday, Sen. John Warner, ranking Republican on the Senate Armed Services Committee, consulted with Sen. Sam Nunn, the chairman, and told reporters hearings on the nomination would begin this week.

They will probably be related to policy issues, and thereafter the issues of background and financial data will follow and as soon as that

material is completed, the committee will complete its actions and send the nomination to the floor," said the Virginia senator.

The quick schedule, which Warner summed up in seconds, bears no resemblance to the Tower confirmation proceedings that dragged on for nearly seven weeks and ended with a rancorous debate that divided the Senate.

Tower, whose 24-year stint in the Senate included chairmanship of the Armed Services Committee, was dogged by allegations of excessive drinking, womanizing and conflict of interest for his lucrative defense consulting work.

Senate debate on the nomination was unprecedented because of its detailed discussion of Tower's alcohol consumption, questions about the use

### Defense secretary choice meets with favor among Idaho delegation

The Associated Press

BOISE — President Bush's second choice for defense secretary, Wyoming Rep. Dick Cheney, has met with favor among Idaho's congressional delegation.

Sen. Jim McClure, R-Idaho, has known Cheney since the Wyoming Republican was President Gerald Ford's chief of staff, McClure spokesman H.D. Palmer said.

"They served together on the Iran-contra committee. McClure knows him to be a bright man, an experienced legislator, a next-door neighbor and a formal advocate of President Bush's defense views,"

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slinging campaign" against Tower and waging an assault on the powers of the presidency.

Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole, commenting on the Cheney nomination, got in a dig. "This time it will be a confirmation, not an execution," he said.

Whatever the undercurrents of resentment, Bush and Senate Republicans were talking quick confirmation of the 48-year-old Cheney, a six-term conservative congressman from Wyoming who served as White House chief of staff during the Ford administration.

As minority whip, Cheney is No. 2 in the House Republican leadership structure.

"I believe this will go very fast," Bush said in announcing the nomination. "I believe we will have smooth sailing."

The president said Friday he would order the FBI to speed up its background checks to get the nomination moving. "Too much time has been wasted here," he said.

GOP members of the Armed Services panel said they did not foresee any roadblocks to confirmation and there was nothing from Democrats to challenge that assessment.

"I do not know what possible skeletons could exist in that closet," said Republican Sen. Malcolm Wallop, a fellow Wyoming politician.

Warner called Cheney "a wonderful, perfect nomination" while Sen. Strom Thurmond of South Carolina, No. 2 Republican on the Armed Services panel, said the nominee is "a man of integrity and dedication."

## U.S. bishops say meetings won't change church

The Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — U.S. Roman Catholic leaders ended a special meeting with the pope Saturday acknowledging differences with the Vatican but predicting the session won't change the shape of the American Catholic Church.

This was not the bad schoolboys being called home to be disciplined by their father," Archbishop Daniel Piliarczyk of Cincinnati declared.

Pope John Paul II called the extraordinary meeting to discuss how bishops can spread Catholic teaching in an American society strongly influenced by such secular trends as divorce, sexual promiscuity and materialism.

Because of the United States' worldwide influence, the Vatican sees it as a battleground on which the church can win or lose its fight against these trends.

During four days of meetings, Vatican cardinals urged the 85 bishops to assert church teachings more vigorously and bring their often independent-minded flock into line.

Echoing those conclusions, the pope told the bishops gathered Saturday in an underground stone hall: "We are guardians of something given, and given to the Church universal; something which is not the result of reflection, however competent, on cultural and social questions of the day, and is not merely the best path among many, but the one and only path to salvation."

Some U.S. bishops responded that Catholic teachings only can flourish when they take into account a society shaped by democracy and give-and-take.

"Surely there are differences," Cardinal Joseph Bernardin of Chicago said in a report summing up the talks. "But these differences stem from a single, burning desire: to teach and evangelize in the most effective way possible, given the cultural and societal realities of our time."

Speaking for the bishops, he called for clarification on how much dissent can be allowed and said compromise sometimes is needed "to remain in the public debate, and influence public morality."

Bernardin also suggested establishing a commission to increase Catholic influence over segments of American culture, including the media, art, entertainment and economics.

He said the bishops additionally feel an "urgent need" for a theological critique of radical feminism. Elaborating, Cardinal Bernard Law of Boston told a news conference the bishops are against feminism that views the Catholic Church as patriarchal, and therefore flawed.

Cardinal Antonio Innocenti, the prefect of the Vatican's Congregation for the Clergy, criticized some women for asking to be priests, which the church considers a role only for men.



Bobby McGreer, right, and Jeremy Jones enjoy driving to school but question whether 14-year-olds, in general, should be allowed licenses

## 14-year-olds hope to keep licenses

Idaho legislators discuss bill to raise driving age to 16

By JENNIFER KAUTH Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Tom Jackson, 14, wants to get a job this summer. But he says he'll have to get a driver's license first because both his parents leave for work too early to give him a ride.

Fifteen-year-old Shelli Stammerjohn got her driver's license last summer so she could help her mom with the errands.

And Jason Black, also 14, plans to get his license this summer so he can drive a tractor to and from fields on his uncle's

Older drivers — C6

Jerome dairy.

While Idaho legislators wrestle with whether to raise the driving age to 16 from 14, kids in the affected age group are nearly unanimous in their support for driving privileges.

Folks responsible for teaching them to drive, meanwhile, are less enthusiastic.

"It's hard to have a blanket law, but in general I would say 14- and 15-year-olds are too young," said Gordon Carter, owner

of Professional Driving School in Twin Falls.

Of more than a dozen teens interviewed Friday at Vera-C. O'Leary Junior High School, all but one said 14-year-olds should be allowed to have a driver's license.

"Most 14- and 15-year-old kids stay super-careful when they get their driver's license," said Bill Riley, 14, "because once you have your driver's license, you don't want it taken away."

"I'd be upset if they took my license away because of my age," Stammerjohn

said. "I'm mature enough to drive and I'm a good driver."

The teens did say some young drivers may be too irresponsible or too immature to drive and they like the idea of having some sort of check to weed out those teens.

Only one teen wholeheartedly agreed with lawmakers who say kids shouldn't drive until they're 16.

"I have my driver's license and I know," said 14-year-old Bobby McGreer, as he leaned against his red 1976 Fiat X19. "I

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## Poll finds Americans pleased with Bush's presidency so far

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Most Americans approve of President Bush's performance in office, even though they are split over whether he should have withdrawn John Tower's name from nomination as defense secretary, according to a Newsweek poll released Saturday.

The copyrighted poll, conducted by the Gallup Organization, showed that 62 percent of those interviewed said they approved of Bush's handling of the president's job, compared with 16 percent who disapproved and 22 percent who said they did not know.

Thirty-two percent said Bush was performing better than they expected, while 26 percent said he was not doing as well as they expected and 30 percent said his performance was about what they expected.

Forty-six percent said he should have withdrawn Tower's nomination and chosen someone else, while 43 percent said he handled the nomination properly and 11 percent said he should have fought harder on Tower's behalf. The Senate rejected Tower's nomination on Tuesday and Bush on Friday nominated Rep. Dick Cheney, R-Wyo., for the job.

The Newsweek poll also said 62 percent of those questioned said they expected economic conditions in the United States to be the same a year from now, while 23 percent said they expected conditions to be better and another 23 percent expected them to be worse.

## Federal agents seek clues about bomb planted on van driven by captain's wife

The Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Federal agents with brooms and metal detectors focused Saturday on the burned-out wreckage of a van driven by the wife of the Navy captain who mistakenly ordered the destruction of an Iranian passenger jet.

Officials said the case was being investigated as a possible terrorist attack.

The home of Capt. Will Rogers III, commander of the USS Vincennes, was sealed off and he and his wife, Sharon, were in hiding. Officials confirmed the couple received at least one threatening call about the missile strike on the airliner.

The van remained in the cordoned-off intersection where it exploded and burned Friday moments after Mrs. Rogers got out when she heard a noise witnesses described as "two loud pops."

There also was increased security at the several military facilities in San Diego, the nation's largest Navy complex.

The van was the center of intense scrutiny Saturday by investigators from the FBI and other federal agencies, who had a command post set up nearby.

"We are into an exhaustive, painstaking, lengthy investigation to determine what type of bomb it was, what was used in it, how it was detonated," said Thomas Hughes, agent in charge of the San Diego FBI office. "There are fragments... that would lead one to believe this was a pipe bomb."

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# Labor rallies boost spirits of striking Eastern workers

MIAMI (AP) — Labor rallies boosted the spirits of striking Eastern Airlines workers Saturday while the struggling carrier attracted travelers "like gangbusters" to its bargain Northeast shuttle and worked to restore routes.

Joe Scott, an Eastern spokesman in New York, said the shuttle remained popular Saturday, but ticket lines at LaGuardia Airport were not as long as they were Friday.

spokesman Jim Best, an Eastern pilot for four years, discounted that report, saying "So far they are still hanging tight with us. As far as we can tell the line is still holding solid."

# Idaho

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Palmer said.  
"To look at it in a broader geographical context, we are of course glad to have finally gotten someone from the Mountain West in the cabinet able to speak for our region on other issues," he said.

Cheney—His nomination is contrary however, to Mr. Bush's position that he wouldn't pick sitting members of Congress.

But Republican Rep. Larry Craig had no reservations about Cheney's experience.

# Bomb

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However, he said at a briefing Saturday that it had still not been determined whether it was a pipe bomb.

York, was notified and offered protection, the FBI said.

"This could have been perpetrated for some other reason unknown at this time," Hughes cautioned.

# Today's weather

## Skies may be partly cloudy today

Twin Falls, Burley, Rupert, Jerome and Gooding: Partly cloudy today. Light winds. Highs lower to mid 60s. Partly cloudy tonight. Lows in the lower to mid 30s. Monday, increasing clouds with a chance of rain. Highs upper 40s to the upper 50s. Tuesday, Caspar Prairie and Wood River Valley: Partly cloudy today. Light winds. Highs mid 40s to mid 50s. Partly cloudy tonight. Lows upper teens to lower 20s. Monday, cloudy with a good chance of rain except snow higher peaks. Highs upper 30s to the lower 40s. Windy.

says a frontal system that entered western Idaho Saturday. Expected the most force over northern parts of the state. The southern end of the front was very weak and brought little change in the weather to the south.

mostly dry highways across the state Saturday night.

National weather table with columns for city, high, low, wind, and other weather details.

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# 5 die in twin-engine plane crash in Virginia

MANASSAS, Va. (AP) — A twin-engine plane crashed in a field just north of the Manassas Airport shortly after takeoff Saturday, killing all five people aboard, state police said.

the engine, and that's all we know. After that, the plane lost altitude and it crashed," police Sgt. R.S. Koveill said.

to be shown to prospective buyers in Manassas, Koveill said. The plane was refueled at Manassas Airport and had just taken off when it crashed in a field between the airport and the city of Manassas.

# Drivers

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don't think you're responsible enough when you're only 14."

whose ability to drive I would question, while there are others I would trust with any of my own cars," Carter said.

school could also get their licenses. Last year's version would have exempted teens only for agriculture-related work. Exemptions would require a signature from both a parent and an employer, Beck said.

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And more adults wreck than kids," Jackson said.  
Though apparently a cherished belief among youngsters, that opinion is not supported by statistics. According to a 1987 state Transportation Department study, 14- and 15-year-old drivers had only 1.5 percent of all Idaho drivers' licenses but accounted for 2.8 percent of all accidents in the state — nearly double their share.

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# Discovery countdown on schedule

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — The space shuttle *Discovery's* countdown was running smoothly Saturday and back on schedule for Monday's launch, after high wind stalled the countdown for seven hours during the night.

There were no reasons to believe the launch would not go as scheduled, said Robert Crippen, NASA's deputy director of shuttle operations.

"We don't have any significant issues that we are working," Crippen said after a Saturday afternoon mission management meeting. He added that the weather was expected to cooperate for Monday's liftoff.

Launch preparations were stalled for seven hours after wind gusting to 40 mph slowed some of the final maintenance and testing on *Discovery* late Friday. Loading of liquid oxygen and hydrogen fuel for the spacecraft's electricity generating fuel cells, scheduled to have started at midnight, was delayed until 7 a.m. Saturday.

Ronald L. Phelps, launch preparation test director, said the countdown schedule had a planned eight-hour hold. That hold was reduced to one hour, and workmen cleared the launch pad and began loading propellants.

By then the wind had calmed considerably.

"Losing those seven hours really didn't hurt us much," Phelps said. Despite the problems, he said, the countdown has "been one of the smoothest ever."

*Discovery's* liftoff is set for 8:07 a.m. Monday. Forecasters predicted improving weather through the weekend with clear skies and calm winds by launch time.

Once in orbit, the crew will deploy a \$100 million communications satellite and conduct scientific experiments during five days in orbit.

Monday's launch will be the third since NASA's shuttle flights resumed after the hiatus that followed the explosion of the shuttle *Challenger* in January 1986.

*Discovery's* commander, Navy Capt. Michael J. Smith, and his pilot, Air Force Col. John E. Blaha, practiced shuttle landings early Saturday in a training aircraft modified to handle like the shuttle. All of the crewmen later spent an hour flying "38 jets."

Others on the crew are Marine Col. James F. Buchli, Marine Col. Robert C. Springer, and Dr. James P. Baglan, a physician.

The astronauts arrived at the Florida spaceport Friday and said that after a four-year wait they were ready for orbit.

The crew originally was named in 1985 to fly a mission the following year. But the Challenger explosion that killed seven astronauts delayed all shuttle flights.

*Discovery's* launch is the first of seven scheduled this year. NASA hopes for routine, monthly shuttle flights by 1992.

# Truck driver sentenced to 4 years for rampage

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A trucker described by his family as a gentle man driven to desperation by personal problems has been sentenced to four years in prison for a car-rampaging rampage that terrorized motorists for 40 miles.

Although a county probation report recommended that Charley Tom Lee be placed on supervised probation, Superior Court Judge Judith Chirfin sentenced him to state prison, saying his actions had excited fear and terror in drivers.

She said some people had told her: "This was the commuter's greatest fear, as reliant as we are on our cars and the freeways."

Lee, 26, of Haltom City, Texas, pleaded guilty Nov. 18 to five counts of assault with a deadly weapon. He has been jailed since the May 18 incident in which about 30 cars were rammed but no one was injured.

He drove at speeds of up to 80 mph from Temple City to Los Angeles before California Highway Patrol officers stopped him at gunpoint on the Hollywood Freeway.

In a letter to the judge, Lee apologized and said he still could not explain the outburst.

His mother, grandmother and wife testified that Lee was a nonviolent, responsible family man before the incident.

# IRS giving more wrong answers than last year

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Internal Revenue Service said Friday its telephone "assistors" are giving even more wrong answers than last year and the agency promised to waive penalties for taxpayers who can document the erroneous information.

"So far this year," calls to the IRS toll-free numbers are producing answers that would lead to errors on taxpayer returns 30.8 percent of the time, the agency said. At this time last year, the error rate was about 28 percent.

"We are not pleased... with our performance with respect to accuracy," Robert LeBaube, IRS director of taxpayer services, told reporters. "It is our every intention to see this error rate go down as quickly as possible."

LeBaube said the agency will not penalize a taxpayer for an error caused by faulty advice from an IRS

employee if the taxpayer can provide the name of the employee, the question asked and the date of the wrong answer. The IRS took a similar stance last year.

"We are not out to cause pain and suffering of people in any way," LeBaube said.

He said the massive changes included in the 1986 tax overhaul — which was hailed by congressional backers and then-President Reagan as simplification — and the sheer number of tax bills enacted must carry a lot of blame for the confusion among IRS employees.

"Since 1976 there have been 138 public laws modifying the Internal Revenue Code," LeBaube said. "Since the Tax Reform Act of 1986 there have been 13 public laws changing the code, and in 1988 alone there were seven public laws affecting the code."

As an example, LeBaube explained, there was a time when it was simple to answer a taxpayer's question about his or her personal exemption.

"Under the new law," he said, "a 'simple' question on the dependency exemption can require as many as 42 probing follow-up questions to get the correct answer for a particular taxpayer in a particular set of circumstances."

The General Accounting Office, an arm of Congress, did its own testing of IRS employees during the 1988 return-filing season and found the agency provided wrong answers to 36 percent of test questions. One of the main problems, GAO found, was the failure of IRS employees known as "assistors" to probe callers for additional information.

The IRS has 5,000 assistors, many of them part-time employees, an-

swering taxpayers' toll-free telephone calls this filing season. About 1,500 of that number are new to the job. These workers, who earn from \$6.50 to \$11.70 an hour, must have at least a high school education and undergo a minimum of five weeks' training.

"They are not accountants or tax lawyers," LeBaube noted. "I don't think the economy could support giving us 5,000 tax assistants to answer calls."

Through last weekend, the telephone system had received 16.5 million calls since Jan. 1, compared with 16.9 million for the same period a year ago.

About 45 percent of the calls are seeking answers to specific questions about filing out a return. About 84 percent of callers get through to the IRS on the first or second try, LeBaube said.

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## 16 areas hit decade-high ozone smog readings

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sixteen areas of the country registered their highest readings of ozone smog this decade in 1988, according to a survey by a private research group.

Another 15 areas — cities and rural locations — had their highest ozone smog readings of the past five years, said the study released Friday by the U.S. Public Interest Research Group.

The organization is a self-styled, national non-partisan research and lobbying group on consumer and environmental issues, financed by citizen contributions.

In another indication of worsening air across the country, the report found that smog levels in 32 cities exceeded federal safety limits 10 or more days last year.

Thirteen of the 32 cities had 20 or more days of extremely unhealthy air by exceeding the federal limits.

"Today, 19 years after Congress

set the national goal of safe, healthy air quality, we are faced with a situation in which an estimated 96 areas, in which 150 million people live, are too polluted to meet one or more of the air quality standards," the report said.

The report used state government information to collect data on ozone in 67 areas — cities or rural areas — and data on carbon monoxide from 21 areas. Significant amounts of either gas result in unhealthy air.

Ozone, the primary component of smog, is a gas formed when two other pollutants, hydrocarbons and nitrogen oxides, combine in the presence of sunlight. Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless and poisonous gas produced by incomplete combustion of carbon.

In looking back to 1980 the study found that in 31 areas surveyed the peak level of ozone smog in 1988 was higher than it had been in five years.

## Bush unveils new L. America debt plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration has shifted gears and put forward a new plan to deal with Latin America's debt crisis — one that envisions major reductions in the billion-dollar debt burden.

The proposal, unveiled Friday by Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady before an audience of international bankers, members of Congress and leaders of international lending institutions, is getting generally positive reviews.

Brady called for a "great cooperative effort" among all nations to solve the 7-year-old crisis.

"Our objective is to rekindle the hope of the people and leaders of debtor nations that their sacrifices will lead to greater prosperity in the present and the prospect of a future unclouded by the burden of debt," Brady said.

The plan marks a shift from Reagan administration policy under the so-called "Baker Plan," which opposed writing off the obligations of the debtor nations.

The plan, devised in 1985 by then-Treasury Secretary James A. Baker III, now secretary of State, suggested a voluntary increase in loans by

the commercial banks in return for basic economic reforms by the debtor nations.

Instead, the new proposal endorses voluntary efforts on the part of commercial banks to forgive part of the \$400 billion they are owed by the largest debtor countries, such as Mexico, Venezuela and Brazil.

"And to encourage the banks to forgive portions of the debt, the administration is calling on the International World Bank and its sister organization, the International Monetary Fund, to help provide guarantees for the remaining debt owed by the poor countries."

A frequent critic of the Reagan policy, Sen. Bill Bradley, D-N.J., termed the new proposal "a significant change of direction."

He warned, however, that it would have no chance of success unless the administration created a special post of "debt ambassador."

Michel Camdessus, managing director of the IMF, praised Brady's initiative as "timely and welcome."

Camdessus said he looked forward to working with Brady to implement the plan, and urged other countries to give it "a positive response."

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### Upheaval at Eastern won't help big labor

A long-simmering dispute between Eastern Airlines and its mechanics and baggage handlers union, The Machinists, has erupted into a bitter slugfest in which neither side will give in, but which Eastern is likely to win.

Organized big labor knows that both time and economics are on the side of the company.

A reorganization of the company under bankruptcy protection will leave a smaller, leaner Eastern flying. Once again, it will be the employees who are hurt the most. Before the strike, Eastern had 31,000 employees. It now has 1,500.

Thousands will be permanently displaced, or if they can find work in the airlines industry, at lower wages. In Florida alone, where Eastern has a major presence, the economic loss is estimated at \$500 million.

None of this needed to happen, but emotions and personalities have gotten in the way. Frank Lorenzo, Eastern's chairman, has been called everything, including Satan, by angry unionists.

But he is no different, in our view, than hundreds of corporate executives in the 1980s who have come to realize that marketplace economics and not inflated union demands are the driving force in American labor relations.

To put this in perspective, we should recall that the baggage handlers make upwards of \$35,000 annually, which seems like a lot of money to make sure the right bags go to Miami and Atlanta. There is a legitimate question if the work is worth that much in this day and age of service industries.

A key ingredient of airline deregulation has been the downward trend of both broad union power as well as the de-escalation of wages. President Ronald Reagan set the tone for the change with his firing of striking air traffic controllers and the industry has been an angry, contentious one every since.

But as in steel, autos and in much of the British labor environment, renewed competitiveness in the airlines has meant a shift of power away from the unions and toward entrepreneurial management.

Lorenzo may be the least likable of the new airline managers, but he is hardly the only one who has gone toe to toe with the unions and won.

Now, the hotheads in the union seem to have adopted a "no prisoners" with respect to their strike, defiantly promising to extend it to other transportation companies and industries. The courts, backed by the police powers of the executive branch, may have to prevent that from happening.

The tactic seems designed to force Congress and the White House to intervene, but the real motive is to make a stand on behalf of organized labor in general and their own union in particular.

With a deregulated industry firmly in place, we see little way in which this tactic can succeed.

Lean, tough companies, headed by imaginative managers, and backed by a sympathetic White House, are the wave of the future. Bloated unions, with their dinosaur wage scales, are not.

The Machinists can make a stand all they want, but to us, it looks more like Custer's Last Stand than any new dawn for unionism.

### 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.

## Mixed messages unfair to Rushdie

By denouncing the death threats against Salman Rushdie and simultaneously chastising the novelist for writing "The Satanic Verses," some of the world's religious leaders send forth mixed signals.

They concede that putting a price on an individual's head is uncivilized and barbaric. On the other hand, they say that Rushdie went too far when he wrote passages that, in the eyes of many Moslems, blaspheme the founder of their faith.

During the last few weeks, this view has been voiced by a number of non-Moslem religious sources, including Cardinal John O'Connor of New York, Rabbi Avraham Shapira of Israel and L'Osservatore Romano, the newspaper of the Vatican. The Vatican paper's comments of March 5 — Rome's first, and somewhat tardy, official response to the affair — were more explicit in their criticism of Rushdie than in their condemnation of the threats against him.

"It is certainly fair to ask what kind of art or liberty we are dealing with when, in their name, people's most profound dimension (their religious faith) is attacked and their sensitivity as believers is offended," read part of the comments from

Patrick Ercolano

Rome. As I understand that paragraph, it states that the freedom of Rushdie — and, by implication, of anyone — to express himself is secondary to the spiritual beliefs of others, no matter what dangers those beliefs may pose.

That is a disturbing notion, particularly to those of us who live in a country where the freedom of self-expression is perhaps our greatest liberty. It should be disturbing even to those of us who take our religion very seriously. To many of us, the state, by the freedoms it grants, is not only separate from the church but also more important to our day-to-day existence.

That is not to denigrate the idea of church. But as countless Eastern-bloc citizens could attest, the open practice of religion is difficult in a society that forbids many basic rights, such as the right to speak (or write) one's mind.

The U.S. traditions of free speech and the separation of church and state are not practiced or even admired worldwide. Nevertheless, non-

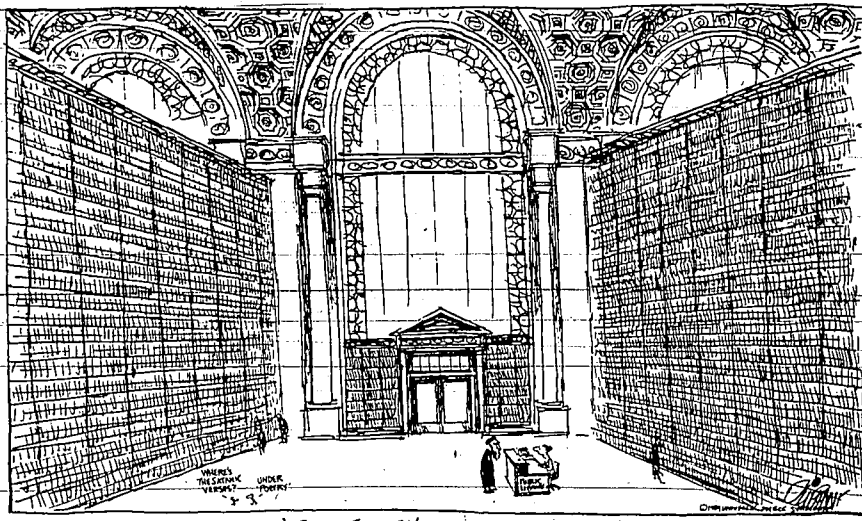
Moslem religious leaders tend on shaky moral ground when they seem to place the questionable tenets of one group above the sanctity of human life.

They also put themselves in the position of having their motives questioned.

Is it too cynical to suggest that those leaders, from New York to Rome to Jerusalem, make such statements in order to bolster obedience to religious authority? With the Rushdie case making headlines around the world and the mainline faiths shrinking or splintering, these leaders may believe that they can use the Moslem-inspired spiritual fervor of the moment to make a pitch for increased religious belief across the board.

Mutual respect among faiths is one thing. It is, in fact, admirable. But it is quite another thing, and much less admirable, when men of God fail to give unconditional support to Rushdie in his predicament and possibly use his situation to score some benefit in the name of religion.

Patrick Ercolano covers religion for The Baltimore Evening Sun.



BURN THEM? YOU MEAN, ALL OF THEM?

## Corporations must manage better

WASHINGTON — Americans' fear of flying "increased dramatically" between 1983 and 1987, and a majority now believes that flying on commercial airlines is more dangerous than five years ago. In addition, over the last two years, the public perception has increased that "the federal government's efforts to improve flight safety are inadequate."

These findings, from the latest Gallup Poll on the subject, were made public one week before the Eastern Air Lines strike began. While they don't address the specific issues that prompted the strike, they help to explain why the labor-management stakes in this dispute are so important now and for the future.

They extend far beyond Eastern or even the airlines. The major issue centers on the way major U.S. corporations and businesses have been managed in the 1980s, an era typified by what Ivan Boesky, the imprisoned former corporate-takeover king, approvingly called "merger mania." It also centers on the governmental climate that

Haynes Johnson

something more than such as wages, hours, work rules and conditions. That's what prompted the pilots, who ultimately forced Eastern into bankruptcy, to not crossing the machinist union's picket line, into taking their self-destructive stand.

The public understands that this battle transcends ordinary union disputes and says something about the state of the country. It also understands that something has been seriously wrong with national air travel in the deregulated atmosphere of the last decade. In the public mind, as the polls show, the two go together.

You don't have to be an expert on airlines to grasp these facts. All you have to do is fly regularly. Prices, service and routes have been affected adversely. Serious questions are being raised about maintenance, inspection and governmental oversight of the airlines and their equipment.

Statistically, the number and rate of accidents have declined in the last year. But enough evidence exists

about aging airlines and malfunctioning equipment to create legitimate concern about safety. The recent United Airlines cargo-door tragedy was only the latest incident to trigger alarm.

The larger issue here goes beyond safety or service, despite their obvious importance. It has to do with the permissive governmental atmosphere that let the raiders run wild throughout corporate America and, for private profit motives, pick off great institutions like so many pawns. The raiders prospered, but the companies and the nation were left poorer. It also has to do with the government's failure to exercise proper regulatory oversight over such matters of public concern as aging and deteriorating nuclear plants and as the sheer mismanagement, greed and fraud that led to bankruptcy of the nation's thrift industry.

Eastern's doomed strike suggests that these questions are coalescing into a formidable public issue.

The private vs. public tide is turning. Just how much was

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## Letters/ Congress, SIS prompt readers to comment

### Be realistic about Congress

We should all stand up and give ourselves a Polish salute. A slap on the forehead with the palm of the hand. We don't seem to be able to separate the idealism of democracy from the reality of what's happening in Washington.

We want our congressman to have the education of a lawyer, the tender touch of a nun, the morals of a deacon, the wisdom of a sage and the pocketbook of a big lady.

Which one of us would jump at the chance to run up a \$200,000 campaign debt, purchase a home in Washington for \$600,000, furnish it for another \$50,000, purchase a second auto for Washington, pay property taxes and insurance on this, plus the home in Idaho, and expect to pay all of these expenses from our congressional salary?

A congressman makes \$89,500 plus another 25 to 30 percent in speaking fees. That amounts to \$116,000. The annual payments on the above obligations would come to \$108,000. Would you like to feed a family of four on the difference?

If you would not run for Congress on these grounds, why are they?

Which of the following questions could you answer by saying, "large, monopolistic

corporations?"

1. Who owns your local mall, pays minimum wage, hires part-time help with no vacation benefits or retirement?

2. Who is in Washington lobbying for the national budget dollars to go to defense and against spending in areas such as education, housing for the poor etc.?

3. Who has loaned billions of our dollars in savings to Latin America, built industries there and has instituted the use of death squads, puppet governments and battered for Americans?

4. Who is seeking to monopolize the cattle industry and wants to pay cattlemen a wage for raising the meat packers' cattle?

5. Who owns over half of the news media, is killing the two-party system and can intimidate any political figure in Washington today?

6. Who groomed Ronald Reagan for presidency then collected in 1981 by having \$2.6 billion of profit, did not pay any taxes, got millions in a refund from the I.R.S. and was allowed in 1986 to purchase R.C.A. and N.B.C. without a whimper from any congressional watchdog? (G.E.)

not paying him a large enough income to insulate him from corruption?"

ROBERT F. BEREMTZ  
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### Citizens can stop SIS, NPR

A lot of Magic valley people I talk to seem a little disheartened today. They seem to feel that it is too late to stop the SIS, too late to stop the Department of Energy's plans for a nuclear weapons complex over the Snake River Aquifer. They feel that the government will always get its way and that there is nothing anyone can do to stop it.

I can see why they might feel that way. INEL's people from DOE come to the Cassin/Minidoka area and put on a seminar to tell them how they can profit from the INEL, and the next thing we know Centers of the Moon is going to be a national park with a highway running through it that goes to the front door of INEL! So, part of the Magic Valley becomes co-opted by the lure of federal dollars into thinking "that maybe a nuclear weapons complex isn't so bad after all."

Well, I'm writing this letter to tell you all that we can stop it! We can stop it! We can stop the SIS! We can stop the NPR! We can

stop the DOE's plans for Idaho! This money that's being dangled in front of the Cassin/Minidoka people is our money, taxpayers' money. That's one of the main reasons that we are the government. We are the BOE. We hold the purse strings. We can control what our money is spent on.

We told Congress we didn't want them to have a 50 percent raise and they listened. The people in New York state didn't want the nuclear power plant proposed for Long Island and they stopped it. We can stop the nuclear weapons plants planned for Idaho, too.

There are people who make decisions about how to spend our tax dollars, and we all need to write to them and tell them what we want them to do. Tell them that you want no site preparation or construction funding released to the Special Isotope Separator project at INEL.

The following is a list of the names and addresses of members of Congress that we all need to write to right away (the DOE is going to ask for money for the SIS in a couple of weeks); all should be addressed "The Honorable Senator or Representative ...

Reps. John Spratt (S.C.), 1118 Longworth

- House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515; Pat Schroeder (Colo.), 2410 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515; Ron Dellums (Calif.), 2136 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515; Albert Bustamante (Texas), 1116 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515;
- Marylin Lloyd (Tenn.), 2262 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515; Marvyn Dainoff (Texas), 336 Cannon House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515; James Bilbray (New.), 431 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515; Lane Evans (Ill.), 328 Cannon House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515; Norman Sisisky (Vt.), 748 Cannon House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515;
- Senators J. James Easton (D.Neb.), Carl Levin (D.Mich.), Jeff Bingaman (D.N.M.), Pete Wilson (R.Calif.), Timothy Wirth (D.Colo.) and Sam Nunn (D.Ga.). Their address is: U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. 20515.

It is up to all of us to stop what the Department of Energy wants to do to Idaho. Write and let these Congress members know what you want.

ULAHWTI  
Twin Falls

**Opinion**

# Freshman representative quickly learns how PACs generate funds

NEW WASHINGTON — When we last left Rep. Ron Machtley, R-R.I., he had just arrived here as a freshman, having dethroned one of the proverbial lions of the Democratic Party, House Banking Committee Chairman Ferdinand J. St Germain.

Not only had this political innocent toppled a 28-year Washington institution, he had done it with a mere whisper of support from those vilified creatures of the capital known as political action committees (PACs), which — as Machtley learned only too well — are loath to give money to anyone except incumbents.

This put Machtley in a quandary. He saw the unfairness of the system (St Germain beat him 30 to 1 in PAC fund raising before the election), but he also saw the perils of bucking it. "I want to do something meaningful and not just self-sacrificing," said the new incumbent, thinking now of a 1990 challenger.

A couple of funny things happened to Machtley while he was wrestling to square this circle. He was assigned to a sought-after committee — House Armed Services — that holds sway over a wealthy and powerful industry.

And this week he had a PAC fundraiser of his own.

Braving slick streets and a perilously icy, steep stairway to the Capitol Hill townhouse where the new kid on the block was holding court, lobbyists and PAC managers came by the scores. The nametags on lapels and those waiting on a table for PACs that had RSVP'd in advance, read like the Fortune 500.

First among equals was the defense and aerospace crowd that supplicates before Armed Services: Raytheon, Textron, Martin Marietta, Hughes, McDonnell Douglas, General Dynamics, General Motors, Lockheed, Motorola, Northrop, Unisys, Ball Corp., Litton. (This, an aide pointed out, covered about one-fourth of Washington's defense

**Dale Russakoff**

industry PACs.) Next came the financial lobbyists, many thanking Machtley in muffled tones, followed by knowing chuckles, for bumping off St Germain, a nemesis to all but banks and loans. Among them: Bank of Boston, Manufacturers Hanover, J.P. Morgan, Sears, the Independent Bankers Association.

Leavening the mix was a healthy dose of the health-care crowd (the doctors, the hospitals, the nurses, the ophthalmologists, the pharmaceuticals), the energy industry (the oil companies, the utilities), the construction industry (the materials makers, the general contractors, the subcontractors), a tobacco lobbyist, small businesses and a couple of unions.

An aide to Machtley estimated the haul at \$25,000 to \$30,000. This comes atop \$72,000 in PAC funds that have been coming in since late in the campaign to cover his sizable debt from 1988. Thanks to the fund-raiser, the debt is almost fully covered.

It wasn't a bad one-night showing for a freshman Republican in his

first foray at PAC fund raising. As Rep. Dick Cheney, R-Wyo., chairman of the House Republican Conference, put it in wishing his new colleague well: "Ron, take care, good luck. Looks like you're going to raise a lot of money."

The 40-year-old Machtley, enthusiastic and talkative as dark suits began to fill the townhouse, was surrounded by lobbyists all night. One would compliment him on winning the congressional squash tournament. Another would ask how he, as a New Englander, viewed Washington's panic in the face of snow and ice. Another would mention delicately that it was a, a-hem, novel idea to invite reporters to his fund-raiser.

"I didn't see why not," said the new congressman. "I think we can do these things in the open."

Machtley, a lawyer and Naval Academy graduate who had never sought public office until last year, allowed that this was his first full-dress Washington PAC fund-raiser — as an honoree or a guest. Some things about it surprised him.

"I don't think anybody has talked to me about a single issue all night," he observed. "I think people are

genuinely interested in just congratulating me and saying they'd like to see me succeed."

Some had other matters in mind, of course. "We hope, being a Republican, he'll support some of the public policies we support," said an auto-industry lobbyist. "He has a vote on the floor." said a financial-industry lobbyist, "and we never know what issue of ours may come before him."

The money and attention may have comforted Machtley in his quandary, but they didn't resolve it. Having decided there's nothing wrong with taking PAC money, he said, the question is where to stop. To be sure, he said, he will stop short of St Germain, who got \$350,000 from PACs before Election Day and was under investigation for chumminess with financial-industry lobbyists.

"He'd become too much a part of the system, and power corrupts absolutely," said citizen-politician Machtley, who had just been treated to a hearty round of handshakes and checks from the system he ran against.

Dale Russakoff writes for The Washington Post.

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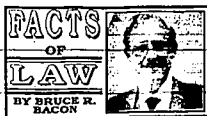
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Continued from Page A4 expressed by conservative columnist William Safire in his New York Times commentary on the Eastern strike:

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Haynes Johnson writes for The Washington Post.



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# Police arrest lawyer on extortion charge in 1988 kidnapping

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — A lawyer was arrested Saturday on extortion and perjury charges in the July 1988 kidnapping of the elderly wife of a multimillionaire former business associate.

Federal authorities said Newton Alfred Winn, 64, of St. Petersburg, Fla., was arrested in a parking lot in De Land, Fla., said Wayne Taylor, agent in charge of the FBI in Mississippi.

Taylor said there is no information on the whereabouts of Annie Laurie Hearin, 72, wife of businessman Robert Hearin, who was abducted from the couple's Jackson home July 26.

No trace of her has been found, except for a letter in her handwriting, postmarked Atlanta, sent to Hearin a couple of weeks after her disappearance that urged him to comply with a ransom note left when she was abducted.

Winn was charged with extortion in connection with the mailing of that letter, Taylor said. He also faces charges of lying to a federal grand jury on Aug. 3, when he denied any knowledge of the disappearance, the agent said.

When asked if Winn was a suspect in the actual disappearance of Mrs. Hearin, Taylor would say only that "he has been arrested on extortion and perjury charges."

"We intend to pursue the kidnapping aspect of the investigation just as intensely as we ever have," he said. "And the same applies to the efforts to locate Mrs. Hearin."

Taylor said Hearin, who did not attend the news conference, was "pleased with the progress" made in the case. The family, which also includes two grown children, had pleaded for Mrs. Hearin's release, saying she needed medication for a potentially fatal intestinal ailment.

Winn was held in Baker County Jail in MacClenny, Fla., and was scheduled to appear before a federal magistrate in Jacksonville, Fla., on Monday, the FBI said. Authorities say he will then be brought to Jackson.

He was one of 12 people named in a crudely phrased, typewritten ransom note found at the Hearins home

shortly after Mrs. Hearin disappeared. The note said Hearin had wronged the 12 and demanded that Hearin pay an unspecified amount of money to them.

All of them are current or former franchisers with School Pictures of Mississippi. Hearin was once its largest stockholder and remains on its board of directors. The company, which takes classroom photos, used Winn and the other 11 in the early 1980s, claiming the franchisers owed money from loans, materials, and film processing fees.

The day after getting the letter from his wife urging him to comply with the ransom note, Hearin reportedly paid nearly \$1 million total to the 12, calculating the amounts sent to each based on how much was involved in the lawsuits. Several of the 12, including Winn, returned the money, Taylor said.

After Winn was sued by School Pictures in 1983, he was ordered to pay \$153,000. After that, he and School Pictures continued to battle in court because he failed to pay the judgment against him, according to a statement released by the FBI.

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# FAA receives reports of miswiring in Boeing jets

SEATTLE (AP) — The Federal Aviation Administration has received 59 reports of miswiring or faulty plumbing in cargo-hold and engine fire-suppression systems of Boeing commercial jets since 1981, officials said.

FAA officials said 32 of the problems were found by airlines between March 1988 and Jan. 31, when the agency issued an airworthiness directive ordering checks of all Boeing aircraft built since Dec. 31, 1980, and flown by U.S. operators, covering 741 planes in all.

The other 27 problems have been

found since Jan. 31, the latest on Thursday.

None of the discrepancies directly affected the airworthiness of the aircraft, the FAA said in a news release Friday, but the agency said flight crews could have been misled into taking the wrong action during an in-flight engine or cargo compartment fire.

All of the problems were corrected before the planes were returned to service, the FAA said.

Of the 27 problems found since the Jan. 31 order, six were on U.S. air-

craft and 21 on foreign planes.

Eleven of the problems were in engine fire warning and suppression systems: five on 737-300s and 737-400s, three in 767s, two in 757s and one in a 747. Sixteen problems were found in cargo compartment fire warning and suppression systems, 13 in 747s and three in 767s.

Boeing Co. said it is redesigning some parts and overhauling test procedures to try to prevent future errors.

Meanwhile, a letter dated Jan. 26 from Leroy Keith, local manager of

the FAA's Aircraft Certification Service, to Boeing officials renewed concerns about delays in reporting safety problems to the federal agency, the Seattle Post-Intelligencer reported Friday.

Boeing learned of crossed wires in a 757 cargo fire-suppression system last August but reported the problem four months later, Keith noted.

"Until now, I had been encouraged that there were definite improvements," his letter said. "The 757 issue, however, indicates that more needs to be done."

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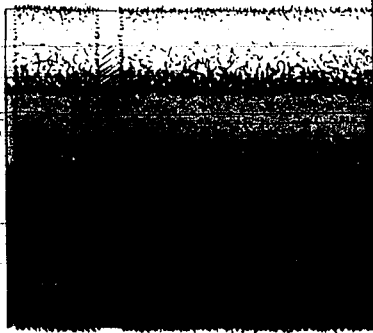
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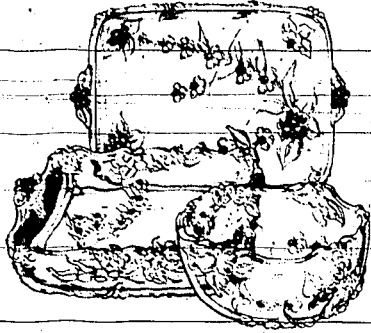
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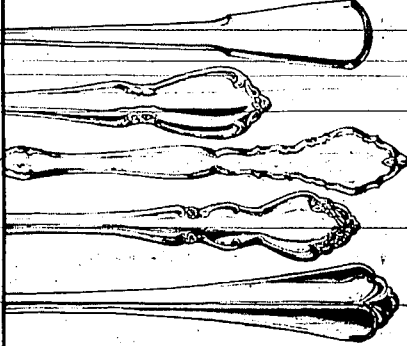
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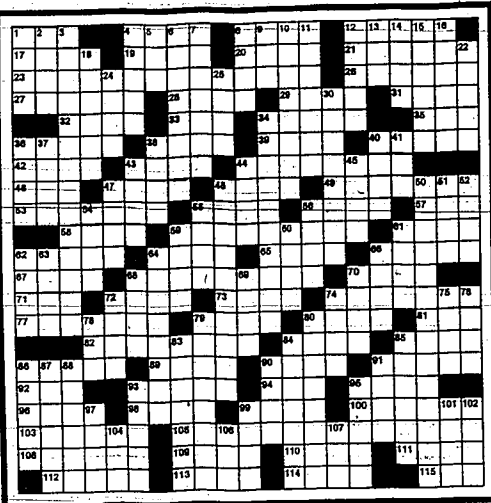
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- Portnoy's creator
  - Goose genus
  - Walk to and fro
  - Southwest wind
  - Indian city
  - Furnished
  - Inhabitant: abbr.
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  - Hush-hush gp.

## Student suspended over haircut

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — The mother of an elementary school pupil has ruled out the barbershop for her son even though he was suspended because of what school officials contend is a martini glass design shaved on his scalp.

The school principal said Thursday the hair design, which the mother contends is an hourglass, encourages alcohol abuse.

"My son has missed three weeks of school because of a haircut," said Debra Muhammad, whose 11-year-old son, Isaih, attends Robert E. Lee Elementary School. "I've never heard of anything like this in my life. I could see if he was a troublemaker. But for a haircut?"

Mrs. Muhammad said Isaih's older brother has the same hourglass design carved in his hair.

Principal Gregory Muzik said all the youngsters has to do to get reinstated is get a haircut. "I'm not saying the child is out of school

forever," he said. "There has to be some willingness to cooperate."

Hair carvings have become popular among students, Muzik said. Most designs depict the name of sports heroes or somebody's initials and are no problem. But any design that seems to encourage drug or alcohol abuse or Satanism is prohibited, the principal said.

Only one other Lee pupil has run afoul of the rule, Muzik said, and that boy's parents promptly took him to a barbershop. But Mrs. Muhammad said a haircut for Isaih is out of the question.

"It's the principle," she said. "Other kids have the same haircut, but he has been singled out."

Isaih was suspended under the Richmond school division's standards of student conduct, which give principals wide latitude in enforcing rules on appearance, Muzik said. It bars students from immodest, unhealthful or distracting appearance.

Muzik conceded the design in the boy's hair could be subject to interpretation and said it is unlikely an 11-year-old even knows what a martini is. But in his view, and that of two teachers at the school, it is a martini glass.

"It's clearly alcohol-related," Muzik said. "A strong stand has to be taken. It's a significant enough problem."

## Bobcat wimp needs training

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — A bobcat turned wimp is being sent to Texas for survival training.

The 35-pound male cat has been in captivity at the Swope Park nature center since September, when it blithely entered a home. Naturalist Kevin Hogan said the cat, which obviously had been around humans, was as tame as a domestic cat and would not survive if placed back in the wild.

Hogan said the feeble feline was being sent today to "real bobcat experts," Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation Inc. in Boerne, Texas.

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## Special dispensation will allow Catholics to eat meat on St. Patrick's Day Friday

By The Associated Press

It will be a grand St. Patrick's Day after all for millions of Catholics who faced the disheartening possibility of eating their cabbage and potatoes straight up.

Some fellas named O'Connor and Quinn and a few of their pals have decided to make a wee bit of an exception. March 17 to the rule forbidding Roman Catholics from eating meat on Fridays during Lent.

The "special dispensations" granted by bishops in Irish enclaves throughout the country in recent days will permit many of the nation's 53 million Catholics to have their corned beef and eat it, too.

"We're very grateful that they understand that fish doesn't have any place in a good Irish stew," said Dorothy Cudahy, who will be grand marshal of the St. Patrick's Day parade in New York City.

Up until the 1960s, the Catholic Church banned meat on all Fridays. It was a penitential practice in

commemoration of the death of Jesus Christ on a Friday and also in expressing sorrow for one's sin," said the Rev. Michael Walsh, head of the Office of Pastoral Research and Practices for the U.S. Catholic Conference.

The rules changed in 1966 when Pope Paul VI issued a papal document allowing church leaders in each country to establish their own rules on doing penance.

In the United States, bishops decided to encourage Catholics to do other forms of penance most of the year, but kept the Friday ban on meat during Lent, which runs from Ash Wednesday to Easter.

"The basic principle is that it is good for the soul to do some sort of penitential practice," said Bill Ryan, deputy director of the Office of

Media Relations for the Catholic conference.

But individual bishops still hold the right to grant special dispensations, and that's just what many did after they realized St. Patrick's Day falls on a Friday this year.

They include Cardinal John O'Connor of New York; Archbishop John Quinn of San Francisco; Cardinal Bernard Law of Boston; and their counterparts in Chicago, Cincinnati; Buffalo, N.Y.; and Newark, N.J.

The prelates have asked those who eat meat on St. Patrick's Day to observe another day of abstinence or do some other additional act of penance.

Individual Catholics always remain free not to follow the fasting

regulations for "just and serious cause," Walsh said, but the bishops' action "kind of eases everybody's conscience."

"We have an old expression in the Latin — *Ecclesia est benigna mater*: The church is a kind mother," said Monsignor William Stanton, pastor of a church in predominantly Irish South Buffalo.

"Her children are feasting, and why not?"

One observer in San Francisco said Quinn was just a step ahead of his flock with the dispensation.

"Sure, sure, sure, they'll all be eating corned beef, especially in the places where it's free," said John Whooley, publisher of the Irish Herald newspaper. "The archbishop was wise to do that because they'll all be eating it anyway."

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# Cybill Shepherd disagrees tabloids calling her 'difficult'

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Actress Cybill Shepherd says she is seething in the tabloids with a reputation for being difficult because she tends to her 16-month-old twins while on the set of the TV series "Moonlighting."



**CYBILL SHEPHERD**  
Enjoys being a mom

"Mostly it's all garbage," Shepherd said in Sunday's editions of The Tennessean newspaper. "I know I'm a good mother. My kids are near-the-'Moonlighting' set with me all the time. That's part of what causes me to have a reputation for being difficult."

"I won't ignore them. I know they may be a nuisance in the eyes of some people, but everybody at the studio who matters was told I was going to do it. The twins don't nurse as much now, so they're not quite so much trouble," she said.

## Police arrest rock star Bon Jovi for trespass

NEW YORK (AP) — Rock star Jon Bon Jovi ended up in handcuffs after he and some friends were caught trespassing on a closed skating rink in Central Park.

Bon Jovi, 27, of Rumson, N.J., his girlfriend and another couple were arrested by a Parks Department

patrol officer and taken to the Central Park Precinct station house early Friday morning, police said.

"They were given summonses for trespassing at Wollman Rink and released within an hour, leaving plenty of time for Bon Jovi to perform at a sold-out concert Friday night at the Nassau Coliseum.

A spokesman for the group said Bon Jovi, who was booked under his real name, John Bongiovio, and the

rest of the band were off Thursday night and Bon Jovi and his friends left their hotel room to take a carriage ride in Central Park.

"When they couldn't find a hansom cab, they decided to go ice skating in their shoes and sneakers."

## Ice skating star Dean injured in car race

MELBOURNE, Australia — Former Olympic and world ice skating champion Christopher Dean suffered back-and-neck injuries in a motor racing crash Saturday at Calder Park near here.

Dean, who has achieved worldwide fame with skating partner Jane Torvill, was driving a Holden Commodore in a 10-lap challenge race when he lost control of the vehicle.

A witness said Dean's vehicle skidded into the outside wall of the oval speedway suffering damage to the front and rear ends.

Dean suffered a whiplash injury and aggravated an old back complaint, according to a Calder Park spokesman.

Although the injuries were not considered serious, doctors sent Dean to Melbourne's Prince Henry's hospital for precautionary X-rays. A hospital spokesman said Dean had not been treated and the X-rays were not urgent.

recordings "Sue" and "Gotta Have Money," was released Friday on \$100,000 bond.

## Barbadians cheer queen following visit

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados (AP) — Hundreds of Barbadians cheered Britain's Queen Elizabeth II as she boarded a British Airways Concorde jet Saturday, ending a four-day visit during celebrations of the 350th anniversary of this former British colony's parliament.

Prime Minister Erskine Sandiford and Governor General Sir Hugh Springer bade the queen farewell as she boarded the blue, white and red jet and about 300 Barbadians cheered as she looked back and waved from the boarding ramp.

About 100 members of the Barbados Defense Force stood at attention and a police band played a fanfare.

The queen's husband Prince Philip, who accompanied her on the trip, flew to the British dependency of Bermuda Saturday for an official visit, and was scheduled to travel to Canada Sunday.

compared to Judy Holiday, who created the role onstage in 1966 and later won an Oscar for the film.

"I know, accepting the challenge of the role, that I might fail," she said in an interview in Saturday editions

of the New York Post. "A lot of actresses who are known and who are risking a reputation, rather than an unknown and risking nothing, would not do this role," she said.

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## Carroll O'Connor recovering from heart-bypass surgery

ATLANTA (AP) — Carroll O'Connor, who played the irascible Archie Bunker on television's "All in the Family," had coronary bypass surgery Saturday at Atlanta's Emory University Hospital.

O'Connor, 64, was doing fine after five hours of cardiac bypass surgery, in which doctors performed six grafts to repair damage around his heart, said hospital spokeswoman Judy Smith.

He was scheduled to remain in Emory's cardiovascular intensive care unit for two or three days, then move to a standard hospital room for another week or so of recovery, Ms. Smith said.

"The doctors say his cardiac function is good. He's doing well," she said.

O'Connor's surgery was ordered Friday after a physical examination at Emory indicated the need for coronary artery bypass, according to his publicist, Maggie Begley.

An angiogram test was performed because of a "positive stress test" on O'Connor during a routine physical examination by his physician in nearby Covington, where the actor was filming, Ms. Smith said.

O'Connor, who now stars as Police Chief Bill Gillespie on NBC's "In the Heat of the Night," was accompanied to the hospital by his wife, Nancy.

David Gerber, chairman of MGM-UA Television, the show's producers, said studio officials would meet this weekend to determine what effect the star's hospitalization might have on the show's schedule.

Gerber said, however, that production of the show was proceeding as usual. He said 18 of the planned 22 episodes already had been completed.

O'Connor is best known for his portrayal of Archie Bunker, an outspoken, bigoted Queens, N.Y., family man, on the trailblazing comedy "All in the Family." The show began on CBS in January 1971.



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## Police arrest singer Rush on drug charges

VICKSBURG, Miss. (AP) — Blues singer Bobby Rush was arrested on a charge of possessing about 1 kilogram of cocaine after a police officer stopped to help him with his broken-down van.

Rush, 51, of Jackson, whose real name is Emmett Ellis Jr., has denied any knowledge of the foot-long plastic pipe found under his van before being arrested Thursday by police Capt. Robert Dowc.

The pipe contained a substance believed to be cocaine, surrounded by a spicy substance which can conceal drug odors from trained police dogs, authorities said.

Rush, who is best known for his

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**RFK's son won't run for governor, splits with wife**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. Joseph P. Kennedy II ended speculation he would run for Massachusetts governor in 1990, saying he did not want to campaign while serving his congressional district and caring for his children.

Kennedy, 36, also announced Friday he was separating from his wife, Sheila, and said it was a factor in the decision not to run.

The eldest son of the late Robert F. Kennedy was considered the early frontrunner for the 1990 race to succeed Gov. Michael S. Dukakis.

Kennedy left Boston on Friday for an undisclosed location to spend the weekend in seclusion with his 8-year-old twins, said Chuck McDermott, the congressman's top aide and long-time friend.

"This has been a very painful day for me and my family," Kennedy said in a prepared statement. "As a father, my principle obligation and deepest personal desire is to assist my children through the most difficult time in their lives."

"I also have a commitment to serve the people of the 8th Congressional District. Therefore, I feel it impossible at this time to take on the added burden of running for another office. To end any further speculation, I wish to make it clear that I do not intend to run for governor."

Kennedy, the first member of the

**Policeman cleared in window-washer shooting in Miami**

MIAMI (AP) — A judge ruled that a policeman committed no crime when he shot a street car-window washer to death last August, but he said the officer abused his authority and failed to control himself.

County Judge Morton Perry cleared Officer Efrain Grillo after a two-day fact-finding inquest used in investigations of police officers.

"I am on the record here and now as saying this officer used poor judgment," Perry said. "If there are many more like him around, I'd be very concerned."

Grillo currently is relieved of duty for allegedly fondling a prostitute in September in an unrelated incident.

On Thursday, Perry said there was insufficient evidence to disprove Grillo's account of the shooting of Larry Davis, a homeless man who earned small change by washing car windows in traffic.

Grillo, who had arrested Davis earlier in the day but found him back at the same window-washing spot later, said the two argued and Davis lunged at him with a knife.

One witness, Turner Williams, who also washes windows, claimed the knife belonged to Grillo, not Davis.

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**D.C. delegate to be investigated**

WASHINGTON (AP) — District of Columbia Delegate Walter Fauntroy could become the first congressman investigated by a special prosecutor if Attorney General Dick Thornburgh approves.

The Justice Department's criminal division on Friday asked Thornburgh to appoint an independent counsel to investigate a possible payroll-padding scheme involving Fauntroy, the district's non-voting delegate to the House.

The request came after a three-month FBI investigation into allegations that Thomas John

Savage, the son of Rep. Gus Savage, D-Ill., did little or no work in fellow Democrat Fauntroy's office.

David Runkel, a spokesman for Thornburgh, said the request had been submitted but the attorney general had not yet reviewed the report. Runkel added that he did not know when Thornburgh would decide on the case.

The appointment would be authorized under an order issued last August by then-Attorney General Edwin Meese III, setting up the procedure to deal with charges of wrongdoing against

members of Congress. Officials of the executive branch of the federal government can be subject to investigation by special prosecutors under a separate law, and Meese himself was twice investigated by independent counsels.

In the Fauntroy case, Savage earned \$21,298 while on Fauntroy's payroll between September 1987 and June 1988. During that time, the younger Savage also swore in notarized Illinois election documents that he was living full time in Chicago, where he was running for a state House of Representatives seat.

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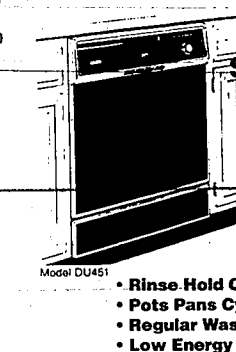


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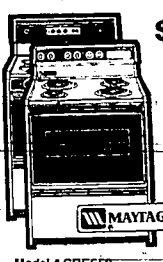
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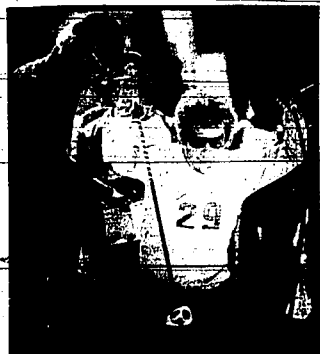
Almost 300 come to Sun Valley to participate in the 1989 Special Olympics Winter Games



Peggy Grossman of Ketchum gives daughter Courtney a hug



Spectators at the Nordic finish line cheer for Harrison Ramer during Saturday's time trials of the Idaho Special Olympics



Michael Dalpiaz prepares at the start

By BARBARA NEWEIRT  
Times-News correspondent

SUN VALLEY - Nearly 300 of the most dedicated athletes from across the state are in Sun Valley this weekend participating in the 1989 Special Olympics Winter Games.

This is the second time Sun Valley has been the site of the winter games, with host families from the community providing lodging and moral support for the special athletes.

After qualifying in local trials, the mentally handicapped athletes move up to the state qualifications. First-place winners in each category will be eligible for the International Winter Special Olympic Games in Lake Tahoe, Nev., the first week of April.

"They work so hard to get here," said Special Olympics spokesman Johann Levy. "It's helped so many of them it's given a lot of them a whole new lease on life."

Participation in the events bolsters each youngster's self-esteem, Levy said. "They all feel like winners," she said.

"I knew I'd come in first," beamed Connie Lyon of northern Idaho's Silver Valley after her slalom run.

"They were all cheering me as I came down," she said. That made her feel especially good, she added.

Time trials were on Saturday in both alpine and nordic skiing events as well as figure skating.

Final competition is today with a celebration dinner at Louie's in Ketchum followed by closing ceremonies at the Elkhorn Mall at 6:30 p.m. and a dance beginning at 8 p.m.

Olympic Gold Medalist and Sun Valley resident Gretchen Fraser has been named honorary head coach for the games and other local celebrities such as Peter Cetera and Mariel Hemingway will present the awards to the participants as their events are completed.

Anthony Kennedy Shriver, youngest son of Sargent and Eunice Shriver and nephew to the late President John F. Kennedy, will attend the games as a representative of the national office of the Special Olympics.

Shriver will spend several days in Idaho promoting a new program, "Best Buddies," which integrates college students with mentally impaired individuals. He also plans to visit Burley High School, which has been named as the International Special Olympics 1988 School of the Year.

## Farmers file against state

Hawkins growers say they should have been protected

By ANNETTE CARY  
Times-News writer

BOISE - Farmers with beans missing or tied up in bankruptcy proceedings of Hawkins Co. Ltd. have turned on the state, filing tort claims accusing the state of inadequately protecting their interests.

But Department of Agriculture Director Dick Rush, while sympathetic to farmers, shrugs off the complaints. Although an investigation of the Hawkins-warehouse failure continues, he said that the state had little chance of detecting the problem because Hawkins apparently had "more than one set of books."

"We have to rely on information that is given us," he said in a recent interview.

According to a May inventory, the warehouse was short 6,475 hundredweight of pinto beans. There were no shortages of great Northern, pinks, small reds, small whites, kidneys or black turtles. The company was required to make up the shortage.

Six months later, however, the company's year-end audit in November revealed 115,000 hundredweight of beans, roughly valued at \$3.5 million, was missing from the warehouse.

"It's just a supposition but logic is on my side" that a company can't go that short in a few months, said Rep. Tom Morrison, R-Gooding, a retired bean warehouse manager.

Attorney Jim Reid, representing former warehouse manager Jerry Hawkins, said he is not convinced there are shortages. But if there are, there's a reasonable explanation, he said.

"I don't think my client has engaged in anything that could be remotely considered criminal," he said. He also said he was not aware of any incorrect books ever being given to the Department of Agriculture.

The status of beans stored in the Filer bean warehouse has been uncertain since Nov. 22, when the state and Hawkins' directors agreed to suspend trading after the director discovered inventory discrepancies. The state seized the warehouse Dec. 8 and took over its management. The company entered bankruptcy proceedings in January.

Three law firms have filed tort claims against the state on behalf of clients.

Stephen Kvanvig, Greenwood and Stone of Twin Falls has filed on behalf of 31 farmers. Weaver and Melanson • See HAWKINS on Page B2

## Legislation would require better records

By ANNETTE CARY  
Times-News writer

BOISE - The Department of Agriculture could better protect farmers from commodity warehouse failures with proposed legislation.

But the bottom line is that the state can't regulate people from going broke, says Department of Agriculture Director Dick Rush.

"For 200 years elevators have gone out of business," he says.

On the House agenda is a proposal that would require better financial information from warehouse owners. The state is already requiring some financial information from companies.

But Idaho, like most other states, has no accountant or certified public accountant to review the information. A state bill scheduled to come up for a vote in the House this week, creating a warehouse indemnity fund, would solve that problem.

A \$5 million insurance program is going to need people with strong accounting backgrounds," Rush says.

Dealers and warehouse operators would be required to provide a statement of net worth before being issued a license and they would be required to give the state a reviewed financial statement prepared by a certified public accountant. Now statements must be compiled by an accountant, but a review is not mandatory.

"That will help, but it's far from a panacea, Rush says. Hawkins Co. Ltd. of Filer, currently in bankruptcy proceedings, "foiled a lot of people," Rush says. "I number of people were surprised. Its own bank had financial people reviewing it monthly."

The failure of the warehouse left First Security Bank holding a note for \$1.5 million and Klein Brothers Co., a large bean warehouse firm, also is a lien holder.

"It's not as easy to know what's happening as you'd think," Rush says.

The matter is complicated when the state receives incorrect financial information, he says. "If someone wants to provide accurate information it's difficult for us when we don't get into the warehouse but once a year."

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## Farm credit lawyer says large battles are key

By MARTA CLEAVELAND  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - "Beating your head against individual loan officers is important," said a renowned agricultural credit lawyer, but larger-scale battles are the real keys for farmers to win the current struggle with lenders for workable loan restructuring.

Farm borrowers of the Farm Credit System and Farmers Home Administration are in the process of trying to work out loan restructuring plans as required by the Agricultural Credit Act of 1987.

But Jim Massey, director of the Farmers Legal Action Group, says the farmers aren't doing very well, and the two lending institutions are ignoring the law.

Massey calls the 1987 credit act "a rotten law." While

the section dealing with FmHA is fairly tight, the Farm Credit portion is "a convoluted mess," he said.

"We've got to change the law and make it enforceable."

Congress has scheduled oversight hearings in April in Washington to review the Farm Credit System's loan restructuring progress. And Massey expects Congress will examine FmHA, too, in May or June.

The Idaho Rural Council is pushing for Congress to hold additional oversight hearings in every state so more farmers can testify.

Massey discussed credit issues at the council's first statewide meeting in Twin Falls Saturday.

Massey won a federal class action lawsuit against FmHA in 1987 that halted all foreclosure actions by the government lender. His group called FLAG continues to represent farmers' legal interests in credit disputes.

FLAG has identified issues in the 1987 credit act it will attempt to get changed.

"The law isn't working very well for a lot of people," Massey said. "If the law were working the way Congress intended, the credit fight would be over."

He urged farmers to provide Idaho's congressmen with facts and horror stories about restructuring abuses at the upcoming hearings.

"We're at a real turning point with agricultural credit," he said. Congress must either insist the law be enforced or admit it never intended for it to work in the first place, he said.

The Credit Act's provisions for FmHA restructuring are much better than those for Farm Credit, he said.

FmHA's restructuring process, "in principle, is as

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## Bellevue plans sewage system

By ROBERT DOYLE  
Times-News correspondent

BELLEVUE - Bellevue's City Council has taken its first step toward a city owned and operated sewer system by listening to three engineering firms competing for the design and construction contract.

The council heard proposals from CH2M Hill of Boise, Forsgren Associates of Rexburg and, in a joint proposal, JUB Engineers Inc. of Twin Falls and Sawtooth Construction Inc. of Ketchum.

The council will make a decision soon, Mayor Wayne Douthitt said. The city needs to award the con-

tract soon because of the timeline for grant applications. Bellevue hopes to pay for the project - estimated at about \$37 million - with about \$2 million in grant money and \$1 million on local taxes. The grant deadline is Oct. 1.

In the meantime, the council must pass a sewer bond - tentatively set for June - select a site for the plant and have all plans and applications in to the State Water Pollution Control Board and the Environmental Protection Agency, the two sources of the anticipated grant money.

Based upon their experience, Forsgren engineers told the council that plant location is often the most con-

troversial issue, requiring extensive public hearings - the open lagoon treatment process, the most feasible and least expensive means of treating sewage, is prone to odor problems and neighborhoods are reluctant to have such plants in their immediate vicinity.

With such anticipated objections in mind, the council discussed the possibility of pumping the city's effluent north three miles to the Hailey City Treatment Plant should the city have problems locating a plant in Bellevue.

Based on preliminary figures provided by the competing engineering

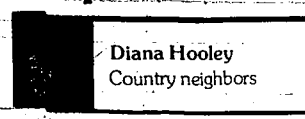
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## There's no catching up with mom

My mother is 20 years older than me. When I was growing up the distance between our ages seemed much greater than it is now. I worry that I'm catching up with her. I'll never happen though. Today is her birthday and she's way ahead of me, like she's always been.

Mom was born March 10, 1933, in Bluewell, W.Va. She was a self-confessed hillbilly, raised in Butt Hollow, a narrow mountain valley largely populated by the Butt family.

One vacation back to West Virginia, I had the pleasure of becoming acquainted with Hester Butt. Hester was, for a brief time in my mother's life, a mentor. Hester made parties for the church youth on the weekends. When I knew Hester, I discovered she also liked to chew tobacco and spit the juice in a coffee can next



Diana Hooley  
Country neighbors

to her rocker. In these environs and with these people, my mother grew up. She went to school, like everyone in her generation. I sometimes think, in a one-room school house grade one-eight; right next door was the Mount Hermon Missionary Baptist Church where every Sunday Vern, my mother's mother and my grandmother,

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# Farm

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much as we let ever hope to get until there are a lot more farmers getting elected to Washington," Massey said.

But in practice, he said he is getting mixed reviews about its success.

"At a one-on-one level there are millions of glitches," he said, some intentional, some mistakes.

FLAG is currently doing a dollar analysis of FmHA's rate of successful loan restructures. The organization is also considering several lawsuits against FmHA for what it considers violations of the credit act and federal bankruptcy law.

As for Farm Credit, he said, it is "cheating with its interpretation of the credit act. If they don't want to deal with you, there are 100 ways in the bill to deny restructuring, and that wasn't the intent of Congress."

Farm Credit's restructuring formula won't accept a restructuring plan unless a farmer can cash flow in one or two years, he said. Farm Credit re-

fuses to consider longer term solutions to the problem because the system is striving for a short-term fix, he said.

Farm Credit administrators also refuse to enforce the borrowers-rights provisions of the act, he said.

He cited several things farmers should do.

— "People need to go through the restructuring process and give it your best shot."

He urged borrowers to use the appeals process if their loans are turned down because if they don't exhaust their proper remedies, they cannot sue in court later.

— Resize the initiative.

— "Don't blast FmHA just because it has been in the hands of ideological droolers for years," Massey said.

FmHA has made mistakes, he said. It made mistakes during the Carter Administration when it handed out money in bushel baskets. It

made mistakes during the Reagan Administration by trying to put itself out of existence.

But it has an important role to play. It can be useful again if proper control can be regained, he said.

"I have the greatest sympathy for FmHA country managers," he said. For years they were evaluated on how much money they could loan out. Then in 1981, they were told to start getting back all the money they had so recently been pressured to lend.

Massey said even farmers who have had their restructuring plans accepted are not out of the woods. Most of those aren't going to work because they cash flow at a 100 percent debt/asset ratio and history has proven that farmers with debt/asset ratios greater than 70 percent can't make it.

Simply getting credit is not the ultimate solution, he said. The only way for those restructuring to work is for farmers to make more money and that means getting higher prices for their commodities.

# Hooley

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raised the roof off the church with her booming contralto.

Grandma Verna, long dead from cancer, still lives among us in certain peculiar ways. She taught both myself and my mother to sing and we both love to send church readings, just as she did. Also, unhappily, inherited, Verna's large, ankleless legs. They are the legs of a good peasant and I don't doubt that before our American hillbilly descendants came a whole galaxy of hearty Helgas from the old country who loved to milk cows and swing a beam beer.

The one comment I will always remember my mother making about her physical appearance growing up is: what she didn't get up from, she got wrapped around her calves and ankles. With her big legs in tow, mom always appeared to swagger every-

where she went.

As a pretty, young 18-year-old waitress in Bluefield, W.Va., she must have attracted more than a few young men swaggering from table to table. This was her wild time. She smoked and drank and, finally, flirted with a handsome taxi cab driver named Ernie.

Ernie, my father, eventually married Nina, my mother. She moved north with him then, to pursue his truck-driving dream and bare seven children. Wherever mom went, though, she found a church to unroof with her contralto. And that was a good thing. Along the way she needed the support of faithful people. She had a little boy die and she suffered along with her husband as he battled alcoholism.

Late in life my mother went back to an old love, school, and managed

at the age of 48 to get her nursing degree. After my father died she moved out West to be close to me and my family. We were always close. Now she is nursing full time and going to Bible college full time.

My mother is 86 and she wants to be a missionary — maybe in Africa or maybe in Red China if that country ever opens up to heaven-sent foreign interventions.

She'll be a hit wherever she goes. She's got big strong legs, a grand voice and a glorious head of white hair. I think she looks like a female Moses. As I said, I've always believed my mother was far ahead of me. In 20 years a person can develop a lot of strength of character.

Dianna Hooley writes her bi-weekly column from her farm home near Indian Cove.

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# Sewage

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firms, the total cost of the project is estimated at \$3 million.

Costs to Bellevue homeowners would vary depending upon the type of treatment plant constructed and the availability of the grant funds, but monthly bills could range from \$14-\$23. Homeowners would pay for the construction of a sewer line from

their property to the city's main line located at the street, estimated at \$500-\$1000 depending on the length of the line.

Initially, there would be no hook-up fee, with a fee charged after a six-month moratorium. Costs of the fee were not determined.

With 55 percent of Bellevue residents falling in the middle to low in-

come range, the possibility of government assistance money to defray monthly fees and installation costs is a distinct possibility for some Bellevue residents.

Douthit hoped for early resolution in selecting an engineering firm, and if all goes according to schedule, construction would begin in the spring of 1990.

# Warehouse

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"There's no protection against a crook," says Rep. Tom Morrison, R-Gooding, a retired bean warehouse manager.

Both support proposed warehouse indemnity fund legislation. Under the current proposal, farmers would be assessed 0.2 percent of the value of their crop and would be reimbursed from the state fund at 90 percent of its value if the warehouse fails.

Legislation to protect farmers from warehouse failures may be receiving more attention because of the failure of Hawkins, but the problem is not unique to Magic Valley or Idaho.

In the last five years, six Idaho commodity warehouses have failed, according to an informal Idaho Department of Agriculture survey. That's a par with other states with agriculture-based economies.

Of the 14 states responding to the survey, all had some failures. In the case of Iowa, with 569 licensed warehouses and 448 licensed commodity dealers, 47 have failed, Washington, with 91 licensed warehouses compared to Idaho's 122, had seven failures. And Montana, with slightly fewer warehouses and licensed dealers than Idaho, also had six failures.

Other states also share Idaho's lack of resources for auditing ware-

houses. Idaho examiners visit each licensed warehouse an average of 1.2 times per year. An exam a year was about average for surveyed states, with only Nebraska and Oregon doing them more often.

Other states do little better than Idaho with financial expertise. Illinois has three accountants keeping tabs on the financial condition of 1,566 businesses. Only Iowa and Indiana had a certified public accountant on staff.

"I think all states are saying they need more financial information," Rush said.

# Hawkins

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of Buhl has filed three times that many claims.

Both claim the state failed to properly inspect Hawkins warehouse and failed to discover discrepancies in the amount of beans in storage compared with the beans that should have been in storage.

They also claim that the state should not have continued the licensed operation of the warehouse once violations were known.

Attorney John Melanson said there may be evidence to show that these state crop problems were more severe than was indicated before the warehouse was shut down.

However, both firms are somewhat vague in their allegations. Attorney Richard Greenwood said that there's

a good chance that the warehouse was short more than 6,475 hundredweight in May, if six months later it was short a third of its capacity.

"We don't know," he said.

But the firm proceeded to file tort claims against the state to meet a six-month deadline, he said. Tort claims must be filed before suits can be brought against the state, although not all claims result in suits.

An additional claim has been filed on behalf of investor Kent Taylor, who held receipts for 10,500 sacks of pinto.

He alleges that despite the discovery of shortages of pinto beans, the Department of Agriculture failed to follow reasonably prudent auditing procedures to account for the shortfall. The state also failed to supervise

the warehouse properly after the May inspection to evaluate and investigate further shortfalls, he claims.

"I think we took very strong enforcement action," Rush said.

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# Obituaries



**Opal M. Kirkman**

**TWIN FALLS** — Opal Marie Kirkman, 67, of Twin Falls, died Thursday, March 9, 1989, at her home following an extended illness.

She was born April 6, 1921, in Filer, the daughter of Grover and Ella Pate Barton. She attended schools in Filer and graduated from Filer High School in 1938. She married Garth Kirkman at Filer on Dec. 24, 1939, and they had resided in the Magic Valley since that time.

She was an active member of the Twin Falls Church of the Nazarene and was active in the Christian Women's Club for 20 years.

Surviving are her husband of Filer, two daughters, Karen Kirkeide of Jacksonville, Fla., and Vicki Jane Kirkman of Salt Lake City, Utah; three brothers, Robert Barton of

Renon, Nev., Mel Barton of Baker, Ore., and Pete Barton of Modesto, Calif.; six sisters, Lois (Wheeler) Buhl, Dorothy Starnay of Filer, Audrey Schroeder of Burley and Vi Sharp Filer; and three grandchildren.

The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Twin Falls Church of the Nazarene with the Rev. Aaron Knapp officiating. Burial will follow in Sunset Memorial Park. Friends may call at White Mortuary Monday from 3 to 8 p.m. The family suggests memorials to the Twin Falls Church of the Nazarene building fund.

**Walter E. Chapman**

**TWIN FALLS** — Walter E. Chapman, 75, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, March 11, 1989, at his home following a sudden illness.

He was born Oct. 6, 1913, in Springfield, Ohio, and moved to Bellevue in 1919. Prior to his marriage to Katie Kohler on May 2, 1944, he worked for Moran-Gatliff Association. He lived in Bellevue and worked at the Triumph Mine for 16 years until it closed. For two summers he worked for the Bureau of Land Management Fire Control on the Kinnelon Lookout Station. He then worked for the Sun Valley Company in Sun Valley for 29 years as a maintenance engineer in the summer and as a ski lift operator in the winter. After the Sun Valley Corporation sold out, he worked for the Holiday Inn in Ketchikan until he suffered a stroke. At that time he and his wife moved to Twin Falls to retire.

In Hailey he was a member of the Hailey Aerie No. 634, Fraternal Order of the Eagles and served as Sec-

retory/Treasurer and President until 1977.

Surviving are his wife of Twin Falls; one daughter, Marlene Merritt of Twin Falls; one son, Edward Chapman of Filer; one sister, Ruth Taylor of Dayton, Ohio; one grandson, Allen Chapman of Filer; and two great-grandsons. He was preceded in death by his parents, one sister and three brothers.

A graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Hailey Cemetery. Friends may call at White Mortuary Monday from 3 to 8 p.m. and Tuesday from 3 to 8 p.m. The family suggests memorial contributions may be sent to the College of Southern Idaho Athletic Department c/o Fred Trenkle.

**Edna C. Moss**

**HAZZELTON** — Edna Christine Moss, 80, of Hazelton, died Friday, March 10, 1989, at West Magic Care Center in Twin Falls of natural causes.

She was born July 11, 1908, in Galeburg, Kansas. She married to Charles Moss in Elko, Nev., and he died in June 1961. She has been a resident of Hazelton since 1936, moving there from Kansas. She has a long-time telephone contract manager in Eden, Shoshone and Hazelton.

Surviving are one brother, David N. Clough of Aradaco, Colo., and many nieces and nephews.

The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Monday at White Mortuary. Friends may call at White Mortuary today from 3 to 8 p.m. Burial will be at the Hazelton Cemetery.

# Services

**TWIN FALLS** — A private graveside service is pending for Gordon Wayne Cannon, 63, of Twin Falls, who died Tuesday. Arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary. The family suggests memorial contributions may be given to the United States War Veterans or to the Paul Pine Chapel, Rt. 1, Box 448, Paul 83347. They may also be left at White Mortuary. Cremation took place in Salt Lake City, Utah.

**TWIN FALLS** — The funeral for George William Cleveland, 80, of Boise, and formerly of Twin Falls, who died Thursday, will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Summers Funeral Home in Boise with Sam G. Smith officiating. Private family interment will follow. Memorial contributions may be made to the Elka Rehabilitation Hospital, 204 Fort Park, Boise 83702. The Idaho Rose Society, 5090 Spaulding, Boise 83706, or to the Idaho Horticultural Society (Ogilvie Horticulture Book Garden) 2456 East Old Penitentiary Road, Boise 83712.

**RUPERT** — The funeral for Ruby Hall, 75, of Renwick, Wash., and formerly of Rupert, who died Thursday will be at 2 p.m. Monday at the Hansen Mortuary Chapel 710 Sixth St. In Rupert with Pastor L.G. Miezner officiating. Burial will be in the Riverside Cemetery in Heyburn. Friends may call at the Hansen Mortuary Chapel this afternoon and evening and prior to services on Monday.

**BUHL** — The funeral for Carl Hendrix, 79, of Buhl, who died

Thursday, will be at 11 a.m. Monday at the First Christian Church in Buhl with the Rev. Art Freund officiating. Burial will follow at the West End Cemetery. Friends may call at the Farmer Funeral Chapel today from 1 to 3 p.m. Suggested memorials may be made to the Idaho Language Association or to the charity of your choice.

**KIMBERLY** — The graveside service for Sylvia A. Cunningham, 68, of Kimberly, who died Wednesday, will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Sunset Memorial Park with the Rev. Homer Wakup officiating. The family suggests memorials may be made to the Amber Thacker Liver Transplant Fund, in care of the Kimberly Christian Church. Arrangements are under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

**JEROME** — A memorial service for Charles Stewart Blake, 68, of Jerome, who died Tuesday, will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the How-Robertson Funeral Chapel with the Rev. William Last officiating. Burial will be done at the Jerome Cemetery.

**TWIN FALLS** — The funeral for Stephen J. Daniel, 67, of Twin Falls, who died Tuesday, will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel. Burial will be at Filer L.O.O.F. Cemetery. The family suggests that any memorial contributions for her children be sent to the Dorcy and Marie Trust Fund, c/o 224 W. Main, Twin Falls.

**HAZELTON** — The funeral for Nellie Sova, 79, of Gooding and for-

merly of Gooding, who died Thursday, will be at 11 a.m. Monday at the Gooding Christian Church with the Rev. Harold Hake officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Demarys Gooding Chapel.

**TWIN FALLS** — The funeral for Joyce M. Joy, 66, of Twin Falls, who died Wednesday, will be at 2 p.m. Monday at White Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Perry Dodds officiating. Friends may call today from 3 to 8 p.m. at the chapel. A graveside service will be Friday, March 17, at Cedar Valley Memorial Garden Cemetery in Waterloo, Iowa. The family suggests memorial contributions may be given to the Mountain States Tumor Institute.

**TWIN FALLS** — The funeral for John M. Denton, Westlake, 26, of Twin Falls, who died Tuesday, will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at White Mortuary Chapel. Friends may call at the chapel on Monday from 3 to 8 p.m. Interment will be at the Hazelton Cemetery. The family suggests memorial contributions may be given to the Bobby Westlake Memorial Trust Fund and may be left at White Mortuary.

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Released

John Adams, Mrs. Harold Moore, Mrs. James Miller, Mrs. Tim Peterson, Mrs. Charles Sostanovich and Mrs. John Tate, all of Twin Falls; Terry Berrett of Kimberly; Dale McIntyre of Jerome; Charlotte Thomas of Gooding; and Florence Vaux of Hansen.

Births

Daughters to Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Astle of Detroit, and to Mrs. and Mrs. Glenn VanPatren of Buhl.

Admitted

Betty Gowen, Rex Jones, Dolly Stone and Louise Wolkington, all of Burley; Edna Johnson, Leann McCurdy and Joyce Larson, all of Rupert; Ben Leo of Heyburn; Jean Davila of Paul; Brenda Bunn of Wendell; and Nancy Garner of Twin Falls.

Released

Edna Hickman, Ginny Juarez and baby, Steven Mueller, Frances Myers, Catherine Richardson, Dolly Stone and Margaret Thomas, all of Burley; Kerri Jo Weber and baby, Kelly Dressed and baby and Juan Gonzalez, all of Heyburn; Mildred Coy and Kathie Clark and baby, all of Rupert.

Births

Babies to Mr. and Mrs. Rick Larson of Rupert, and to Mrs. and Mrs. David Garner of Twin Falls.

## Recent Medicare changes mean increased taxes for seniors

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1990	37.50	950
1991	39.00	800
1992	40.50	960
1993	42.00	1,050

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# Wood River Valley mayors describe 'state of the city'



LARRY YOUNG  
Ketchum mayor

**By KRISTAN WATKINS**  
*Times-News correspondent*

KETCHUM — Wood River Valley mayors gave their "state of the city" addresses before the Ketchum/Sun Valley chamber of commerce last week.

Ketchum Mayor Larry Young spoke about Ketchum's priorities and said the 28th ranking of chamber marketing in the city's well-publicized priorities list is misunderstood.

A number of local residents attended last week's council meeting to complain about some of the rankings the council gave to city projects. The relatively low priority given to the chamber's marketing of the area and parking space downtown drew the

most criticism.

Young said some rankings reflect the reality of limited resources.

"The 28th ranking of chamber marketing is not indicative of how the council feels about marketing," Young said. "The council has a difficult time allocating city money when we see other priorities."

Projects the council considers important include directional signs for the town, which was ranked highest, the river project, sidewalks, parking lots and acquiring land to protect the cities hillside.

The city operates on a budget of \$3.8 million of which \$725,000 comes from an option tax and \$768,000 from property tax, Young said.

Sun Valley Mayor Ruth Lieder said

Sun Valley's budget is much higher at \$10 million, because Moritz Community Hospital is funded through the town.

Much of Sun Valley's budget will be spent on community improvement, such as roads and bike paths, Lieder said. "Keep in mind that Sun Valley's goal is to zero in on the tourism."

Lieder declined to comment on the controversial proposed Lane Ranch development because its initial approval has been appealed. Some local residents appealed the Sun Valley Planning Commission's approval of the project. The City Council now must have a public hearing on the matter.

Hailey Mayor Paschal Drake focused on the housing crunch in Hai-

ley. Drake said that last summer the real estate market boomed in Hailey, and that rental property has been scarce. "We have people working in Hailey and commuting from Twin Falls," Drake said.

Drake's comments on housing sparked some debate as to the lack of

affordable housing in the valley.

"This summer could be the biggest real estate year ever," said Drake.

Young said that the Ketchum council has done little concerning affordable housing. "We haven't really addressed it to my satisfaction," Young said.

# Council pushes for Craters national park

**By JaNE NE BUCKWAY**  
*Times-News correspondent*

SHOSHONE — The Shoshone City Council has reaffirmed its commitment to help create a national park at the Craters of the Moon National Monument.

The council will write letters to Idaho's congressional delegation in support of the project. The decision followed a video presentation to the council last week by local resident Begie Hatmaker, one of the project organizers, of the proposed park.

"We sent over 2,000 signatures on petitions, but now it seems bulk mail from people supporting the project is what we need," Hatmaker said. "Someone will get America's 50th national park, and it might as well be Idaho for our Centennial next year."

The National Park Service is studying whether to create a national park at Craters. A recommendation to Congress is expected by fall.

Hatmaker said the video was produced to "help get the word out," about the geologic, wildlife and archeological resources of the proposed park area.

Hatmaker told the council Shoshone area residents, who were instrumental in starting the national park idea, are working closely with Craters of the Moon Development Inc., a support group in the Mini-Cassia area, to promote the idea.

And she told the council the original benefit to Shoshone from increased tourism due to a national park continues to be the main focus of her efforts.

The City Council adopted a resolution of support for the park idea when it was first presented in 1987, but Councilman Jerry Baltazar asked Hatmaker, "The city has not been too involved in the process to this point, is there anything we can do now?"

Hatmaker suggested the letters of support from the council.

In other business, Mayor Tim Ridinger told the council Shoshone's new, \$80,000 garbage truck is being used.

He said city residents will be required to keep the allies clear of weeds, debris, storage items, firewood and garden plots to allow the truck space to travel.

The new vehicle is much more efficient than the old truck, he said. Driver Juan Ugalde makes only one trip a day to the landfill instead of multiple trips using the old truck, Ridinger said.

The council declared the old garbage truck and a backhoe as surplus property to be sold to the highest bidder. Interested parties can contact Shoshone City Hall.

In related business, the council told City Attorney Laverne Loynd to check into the city's lease-purchase agreement with First Security Bank in

Shoshone to see if it prohibits the city from collecting garbage if the city stops the yearly lease.

Loynd told the council that is how the contract reads. He suggested the council ask for a public vote if it makes such a large purchase in the future.

"The intent of the law is that you not indent the taxpayers without their consent," he said.

Ridinger told Loynd the council used a standard procedure used by other cities in the state. "The lease-purchase is perfectly legal and correct, and does not indent this or future councils. If another council chooses not to continue leasing the truck they can end the contract."

The council instructed him to negotiate further with the bank to make adjustments in contract wording.

The city made a \$48,000 downpayment on the vehicle and the contract calls for an \$8,000 annual payment for the next four years.

In other business, the council approved a tree-planting planned by the PEO Sisterhood in honor of Helen Love. The tree will be planted in the Mary-L-Goodying park-to-honor-Love, wife of former Lincoln County Journal Publisher Herb Love. Helen was an active supporter of park projects and cultivated volunteers to spend many hours planting flowers and caring for plants in the park.

# 2-car accident involves deputy; 2 hospitalized

TWIN FALLS — A Twin Falls County sheriff's deputy and two Twin Falls women were injured in a two-car accident Saturday afternoon east of Twin Falls.

Deputy Arthur H. Rebolloza was on duty driving toward Kimberly on Kimberly Road when a car driven by June R. Newman pulled out in front of his patrol car and they collided at the intersection near Sunrise Lumber Co., according to Idaho State Police and sheriff's department reports.

Newman, 64, of Twin Falls and her daughter, Penny Dee Newman, 23, both suffered broken bones and were taken to the Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital where they remained Saturday night in stable condition.

Rebolloza, 31, of Kimberly, was treated and released from the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. He was wearing a seatbelt.

The accident was reported at 1:50 p.m. It is still under investigation.

# Reimbursement to hospitals questioned

WASHINGTON (AP) — Pocatello's two hospitals are being cheated out of more than \$1 million in federal assistance each year, say Idaho's three Republican members of Congress.

If passed, the bills introduced by Sens. Jim McClure and Steve Symms, and Congressman Larry Craig, will force the federal government to reconsider its Medicare reimbursement to Pocatello and Bannock

regional medical centers.

Hospitals in cities less than 50,000, such as Pocatello, are reimbursed at a lower rate than their counterparts in larger towns. The 1980 census puts Pocatello's population at just over 46,000.

But the three lawmakers say the two facilities are treated unfairly because they also serve Chubbuck, a community of 7,000.

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**Resource group meets**

GOODING — The annual banquet and business meeting of the Wood River Resource Conservation and Development Association will feature a slideshow presentation about last summer's fires in Yellowstone National Park.

The event will be Thursday at the Lincoln Inn in Gooding. Magistrate Judge R. Barry Wood will be master of ceremonies and the program will be presented by John Black of the Boise Interagency Fire Center.

A social hour will begin at 6:30 p.m., with a prime rib dinner at 7:30. Cost is \$8.85 per person. Association sponsors and anyone interested in the Wood River Resource Area are invited to attend.

The Wood River Resource Area includes Blaine, Carnas, Gooding and Lincoln counties. Everett "Buck" Ward of Richfield is the chairman.

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 Wednesday: Turkey and noodle soup, crackers, ham and cheese sandwich, baked beans, applesauce and chocolate milk.  
 Thursday: Beef lasagna, tossed salad with dressing, garlic bread, stick, fruit cocktail and milk.  
 Friday: Macaroni and cheese, mixed vegetables, pineapple, lime gelatin, hot roll with butter and milk.  
**BLISS**  
 Monday: Barbecue beef sticks, green beans, cinnamon rolls and milk.  
 Tuesday: Chili dogs with cheese, carrot and celery sticks, applesauce and milk.  
 Wednesday: Sweet and sour chicken, buttered carrots, chocolate cake and chocolate milk.  
 Thursday: French pie sandwich, tater tots, peaches and milk.  
 Friday: No school lunch; school dismissed at 12:50 p.m.  
**BUHL**  
 Monday: Breakfast: Banana muffin with jelly, fruit or juice and hot chocolate or milk; cereal; fruit or juice and milk. Lunch: Tacos with grated cheese and hot sauce, green salad, french fries and milk.  
 Tuesday: Breakfast: Blueberry pancake with syrup and hot chocolate or milk; cereal, fruit or juice and milk. Lunch: Submarine sandwich, tater tots and fruit.  
 Wednesday: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, fruit or juice and hot chocolate or milk; cereal, fruit or juice and milk. Lunch: Chili fiesta sticks, carrot sticks, buttered beans and peach delight.  
 Thursday: Breakfast: English muffin with jelly and hot chocolate or milk; cereal, fruit or juice and milk. Lunch: Canadian bacon pizza, french fries and fruit.  
 Friday: Breakfast: Cheese toast, fruit or juice and hot chocolate or milk; cereal, fruit or juice and milk. Lunch: Fish sandwich with tartar sauce, french fries, green applesauce and chocolate milk.  
**BURLEY**  
 Monday: Turkey with gravy, mashed potatoes, buttered mixed vegetables, whole wheat roll, fruit and milk.  
 Tuesday: Spaghetti with meat sauce, buttered peas, fruit, bread sticks and milk.  
 Wednesday: Chili, celery sticks, fruit, sweet roll and milk.  
 Thursday: Hamburgers, lettuce, catsup, pickles, french fries, fruit and milk.  
 Friday: Sliced ham, scalloped potatoes, buttered peas, Jell-O squares, hot roll and milk.  
**BURLEY JUNIOR HIGH**  
 Monday: Chik niks, french fries with catsup, pineapple, school fudge, milk, salad bar and burrito.  
 Tuesday: Baked-potato-turkey-gravy-and-cheese or ham and cheese, mixed fruit, milk, roll, honey butter, salad bar and spaghetti.  
 Wednesday: Chili or burrito, vegetables and dip, cinnamon roll, milk, salad bar and enchiladas.  
 Thursday: Cheeseburger or hamburger or burrito, french fries with catsup, apple, milk,

salad bar and finger steak.  
 Friday: Taco, hamburger or hot comba, tater tots with catsup, strawberry shortcake, chocolate milk, salad bar and corn dog.  
**CASTLEFORD**  
 Breakfast served daily.  
 Monday: Linda's Line - Soup and sandwich daily.  
 Tuesday: Breakfast: Pancakes. Lunch: Corn dogs, french fries, fruit, dessert and milk.  
 Wednesday: Breakfast: Cinnamon rolls. Lunch: Ham and cheese sandwiches, carrot and celery sticks, baked beans, dessert and milk.  
 Thursday: Breakfast: Pancakes. Lunch: Corn dogs, french fries, fruit, dessert and milk.  
 Friday: Breakfast: Cereal. Lunch: Deli sandwich, green salad, french fries, cookie and chocolate milk.  
**DIETRICH**  
 Monday: Sloppy joe, salad, apple crisp and fruit and milk.  
 Tuesday: Turkey and homemade noodles, buttered carrots, mixed fruit, milk and bread and butter.  
 Wednesday: Tacos, buttered corn, pudding, fruit and milk.  
 Thursday: Vegetable soup, cinnamon rolls, fruit, crackers and milk.  
 Friday: Enchilada casserole, refried beans, salad, fruit and milk.  
**GOODING**  
 Monday: Beef fingers, whipped potatoes, biscuit with honey butter, peaches and milk.  
 Tuesday: Tuna sandwich, vegetable soup, fruit, cookie and milk.  
 Wednesday: Cheeseburger, french fries, celery sticks, fruit and milk.  
 Thursday: Turkey sub, green beans, chocolate cake, peas and milk.  
 Friday: Hot dog on bun, tomato soup, fruit salad, cookie and chocolate milk.  
**HAGERMAN**  
 Monday: Soft-shell taco, lettuce, cheese, pineapple, berry turnover and milk.  
 Tuesday: Turkey gravy, mashed potatoes, fruit Jell-O main cup, hot roll and milk.  
 Wednesday: Finger stacks, green beans, sliced peaches, oatmeal muffin and milk.  
 Thursday: Crispy fish, coleslaw or vegetable, banana, cornbread and milk.  
 Friday: Chili with cheese, peas, green salad, cinnamon roll and milk.  
**HANSEN**  
 Monday: Crispy steak, french fries, fruit salad, cornbread with honey butter, milk, soup and sandwiches.  
 Tuesday: Spanish rice, tossed green salad with dressing, french rolls with butter, fruit, milk and a la carte bar.  
 Wednesday: Chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes and gravy, peas, hot rolls with butter, peaches, milk and nacho bar.  
 Thursday: Hot turkey sandwich, green beans, cranberries, milk and a la carte bar.  
 Friday: Chili, crackers, vegetable dipper, coleslaw, fruit, milk, chocolate milk and bar.  
**IDAHO STATE SCHOOL**  
 Monday: Homemade chili, cheese slices, french grapes, crackers and milk.

Thursday: Barbecue beef in a murchikin with melted cheese, buttered brussels sprouts, orange and grapefruit wedges, Ripe Krispie cookies and milk.  
 Wednesday: Lasagna, tater tots, buttered cauliflower, dark sweet cherries, bread and butter and milk.  
 Thursday: Chicken noodle soup, submarine sandwich, later rounds, banana half and milk.  
 Friday: Baked ham, hash brown, terrage cheese, blushing pears, bread and butter and milk.  
**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN**  
 Monday: Hamburger on bun, pickle chips, french fries, special sauce, fruit, extra-pine cookie and milk.  
 Tuesday: Spaghetti with meat sauce and cheese, green salad, garlic bread, apple slush and milk.  
 Wednesday: Pancakes, sausage patty, pineapple breakfast bread, cherries and applesauce and milk.  
 Thursday: Oven-fried chicken, parsley-buttered potatoes, rolls, fruit, assorted cookies and milk.  
 Friday: Irish delight, cheese sticks, rolls with butter and jam, fresh applesauce, shamrock cookies and milk.  
**JEROME ELEMENTARY**  
 Monday: Chicken burger, tater tots with catsup, fruit, applesauce cake and milk.  
 Tuesday: Tuna salad, lettuce, cheese, sour cream, salsa, tomatoes, guacamole, fruit, fudge brownie and milk.  
 Wednesday: Chicken chunks, sweet and sour sauce or honey, french fries and catsup, fruit, oatmeal cookie and milk.  
 Thursday: Canadian bacon pizza, tossed green salad, fruit, chocolate chip cookie and milk.  
 Friday: Grilled cheese sandwich, potato soup, celery sticks, peanut butter brownie, ice cream and milk.  
**JEROME**  
 All main line meals served with french fries, french fruit and milk daily. Also: salad bar, self-serve bar, hamburger line, soup and sandwich bar and a la carte items.  
 Monday: French bread pizza and yellow cake.  
 Tuesday: Chicken nuggets and peanut butter cookie.  
 Wednesday: Corn dogs and Jack Homer bar.  
 Thursday: Chicken burger and berry cobbler.  
 Friday: Sea burger and pudding pop.  
**KIMBERLY**  
 Breakfast served daily.  
 Monday: Burritos, hash browns, baked beans, rolls and butter, pudding and milk.  
 Tuesday: Lasagna, corn, coleslaw, french rolls with butter, peach half, milk and salad bar.  
 Wednesday: Creamed chicken, mashed potatoes, biscuits with honey butter, green peas, surprise cake and milk.  
 Thursday: Tostada casserole, green beans, carrot sticks, corn bread and honey butter, milk and one-half roll.  
 Friday: Fish burger and bun, au gratin potatoes, California blend vegetables, peas, milk and salad bar.  
**MINDOKA**  
 Monday: Chicken nuggets, buttered green

beans, strawberry shortcake, roll and milk.  
 Tuesday: Turkey poor-boy on whole wheat bun, tater tot, fruit cup and chocolate milk.  
 Wednesday: Corn dogs, mixed vegetables, nut cup, french fruit and milk.  
 Thursday: Student's choice.  
 Friday: Tuna and noodles, buttered green beans, hot rolls, green Jell-O and pears, cherry turnover and milk.  
**MURTAUGH**  
 Monday: Oven-fried chicken, hash brown, salad, rolls and butter, fruit and milk.  
 Tuesday: Student's choice.  
 Wednesday: Fish triangles, french fries, coleslaw, hot rolls with jelly, fruit and milk.  
 Thursday: Tuna sandwiches, chips, carrot sticks, fruit, dessert and milk.  
 Friday: Open menu.  
**RICHFIELD**  
 Monday: Chili, cheese, crackers, cinnamon rolls, vegetable sticks, applesauce and milk.  
 Tuesday: Bean burrito, catsup, salsa, crisp green salad, fruit and milk.  
 Wednesday: Baked ham, scalloped potatoes, carrot and celery stick, whole wheat rolls, fruit and milk.  
 Thursday: Soft-shell tacos, cheese, lettuce, fried rice, oatmeal cookies, apples and milk.  
 Friday: Chicken sandwich, french fries, vegetable sticks, robbler with whipped cream and chocolate milk.  
**TWIN FALLS**  
 Elementary Main Line  
 Monday: Cheese burrito, vegetable dipper, spiced applesauce, brownies and milk.  
 Tuesday: Cook's choice.  
 Wednesday: Beef tacos, lettuce, cheese, tomatoes, fresh fruit, snickerdoodle cookie and milk.  
 Thursday: Pig-in-a-blanket, tater tots with ketchup, orange quarters, nutri-bear cookie and milk.  
 Friday: Italian spaghetti, buttered green beans, break sticks, peach cobbler and milk.  
**TWIN FALLS**  
 Junior High Second Choice Line  
 Monday: Soft-shell burrito, lettuce, cheese, spiced applesauce, brownies and milk.  
 Tuesday: Cook's choice.  
 Wednesday: Potato bar, dinner roll, pineapple chunks, snickerdoodle cookie and milk.  
 Thursday: Chicken fillet sandwich, tater tots with ketchup, orange quarters, nutri-bear cookie and milk.  
 Friday: Ham and cheese sandwich, french fries with ketchup, buttered green beans, peach cobbler 4" x 10".  
**VALLEY**  
 Monday: Lasagna, green salad, french roll and butter, cheddar pears and milk.  
 Tuesday: Wieners and baked beans, mixed vegetables, hot roll and butter, peaches and milk.  
 Wednesday: Cheeseburger, lettuce, tomato, pickle, french fries, green beans, french fruit and milk.  
 Thursday: Pizza, green salad, peach halves, cookie and milk.  
 Friday: Vegetable beef soup, peanut butter sandwich, applesauce, surprise cake and milk.

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# McClure renews campaign to close voting simultaneously nationwide

WASHINGTON (AP) — Idaho Sen. Jim McClure is pushing once more for a simultaneous closing time for polls across the nation during the general election, saying Western voters are cheated by projections.

"My candidate won the election, but that doesn't change the fact that network projections discourage Westeners from voting," McClure said Friday.

"The incentive to vote in a democracy is the one-man, one-vote principle; knowing your vote counts

as much as anyone else's," the Idaho Republican said. "If you already know who has won before you step into the ballot box, you've had your vote taken away."

The legislation that would set simultaneous poll closures in the four time zones of the contiguous 48 states is identical to a bill McClure supported in the last session of Congress. Passage would have no effect on polls in Hawaii and Alaska.

The three major networks have pledged that if the measure becomes

law, they would not broadcast projections of a state's final tally until the polls closed in that state.

The networks are in a fierce competition to be the first with the winner, and unfortunately, their interests take precedence over the best interests of Westerners," McClure said.

McClure is one of several Western senators supporting the bills, which is co-sponsored by Alaska Republican Sen. Ted Stevens and Sen. Brock Adams, D-Wash.

# Idaho/West

## Authorities nip credit card scam in bud

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — A Nigerian man accused of trying to use a photograph of movie star Tom Cruise for identification in an alleged credit card scam has been charged with fraud, authorities said.

Solon B. Onibis was charged Friday in U.S. District Court with mail fraud, credit card fraud, bank fraud and embezzlement, as well as unauthorized use of a Social Security number.

Onibis, who was described as being in his late 20s, may not be using his real name, according to Dave Miller, spokesman for the Portland office of the FBI.

The picture of Cruise appeared on a fake Pacific University identification card.

Other pictures used appeared to be rock stars and one picture bore a strong resemblance to Brooke Shields, Miller said.

Onibis was arrested Thursday afternoon when he went to a private post office box to pick up a credit card he fraudulently applied for, Miller said.

He said that since 1980 groups of Nigerians have entered the United States as illegal aliens or by posing as students and have been conducting the scam around the country.

Miller said similar scams operated by Nigerians have been found in the last six to eight months in 15 states, including the cities of Atlanta, Seattle, Cleveland and Dallas.

Onibis was being held at the Justice Center jail pending formal indictments by a federal grand jury, Miller said.

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## Court rejects appeal of death penalty

BOISE (AP) — The conviction and death penalty ordered for Gene Francis Stuart in the torture-slaying of a 3-year-old child has been upheld by the Idaho Supreme Court.

The court on Friday ruled that 2nd District Judge Ron Schilling properly rejected Stuart's bid for post-conviction relief.

But two justices said they accepted Stuart's claim his rights were violated by the plea-bargaining process.

Justice Byron Johnson, supported in part by Justice Stephen Blistine, said when the prosecution offered Stuart a deal whereby the death penalty would not be imposed if he pleaded guilty to murder, that improperly forced him to decide between his constitutional right to a trial and going to sentencing under that recommendation.

Stuart, an automobile refinisher, was convicted of the Sept. 19, 1981, death of Robert Miller, 3, son of a woman with whom Stuart was living in Orofino.

The sentencing judge described the case as "the victim, a toddler, was subject to some very depraved, brutal and demoralizing physical and mental abuses."

The prosecution alleged the child was beaten over a period of time for alleged transgressions against Stuart's strict behavior standards. It was the first use of a state law allowing prosecutors to call for the death penalty for murder cases involving intentional torture of the victim.

The Idaho Supreme Court in 1985 upheld the conviction and death sentence. Stuart's attorney, Robert Kinney of Orofino, filed a petition for post-conviction relief, denied by Schilling.

The Supreme Court agreed with Schilling that procedurally, most of the 12 points raised by Kinney were covered in the original appeal, and couldn't be brought up again.

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## Sen. Garn refuses to taint his space novel with sex

WASHINGTON (AP) — Utah Sen. Jake Garn says he had to fight hard to guard his dream of writing a novel expressing the joy and beauty of space travel, from being tainted by steamy sex scenes.

Garn said when he saw a draft of his book, which he co-wrote with Stephen Paul Cohen, he was alarmed.

"I told them that if that's the way the book will be, then the project ends right now. I told them all that had to come out," Garn said.

After his flight on the Discovery four years ago, Garn said he dreamed of writing a non-fiction book to trace aviation advancements through the career of his father — who flew in World War I — and Garn's own military aviation career, culminating in the shuttle flight.

He met an agent and talked to the interested publisher, but realized such a project would take too much time.

"No one could really help me, because only I know a lot of the information. I still hope to do it someday, but it won't happen until I leave the Senate," he said.

"It wasn't just that I am a Mormon senator from Utah and may be prudish; it just was not accurate. Astronauts do not talk that way. They are good people and professionals, not gutteramps," the Republican senator added.

So the publisher suggested writing a novel, which wouldn't take so much research and would allow another writer to help. It would still allow Garn to share his feelings about space.

Garn said he and Cohen worked out the plot together. Cohen developed the characters introduced at the beginning of the book, and Garn supplied the descriptions of the space program and life in space.

But Garn, who rode on an April 1985 space shuttle mission as a congressional observer, said he is happy with the final version of "Night Launch," which will be released on April 28.

The basic plot is that a four-nation space shuttle flight is being launched to help foster world peace. But one of the astronauts turns out to be a terrorist and hijacks the shuttle,

"It still has one affair in it, but nothing explicit. The most explicit thing is two French kisses, but that's nothing compared to what's on soap operas every day," Garn said.

## Police standoff ends peacefully

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Two teen-aged boys, wanted in the beating of a California man, surrendered early Saturday morning after a three-hour standoff with Salt Lake City police.

The two, ages 18 and 14, were cornered by officers on the roof of a duplex on the city's east side following an alleged assault on Robert Tolson, 48, of Pacific Palisades, Calif., said Lt. Bill Gray. Tolson was purportedly struck on

the head with a wooden block shortly before 10 p.m., and the youths allegedly then fled to the vacant duplex nearby.

Tolson, apparently vacationing in Utah, was treated at Holy Cross Hospital and released, police said.

Gray said the police department's Special Emergency Response Team secured both floors of the duplex while negotiators tried, and eventually succeeded, in talking the boys down.

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# McClure pushes for pea, lentil pesticide

WASHINGTON (AP) — Northern Idaho and eastern Washington pea and lentil growers remain without a legal herbicide to fight weeds and Sen. James McClure wants new U.S. Agriculture Secretary Clayton Yeutter to explain why research to develop one has stopped.

At a Senate Appropriations subcommittee hearing last week, the Idaho Republican asked Yeutter why pea and lentil growers are not getting some help from the Department of Agriculture in their search for a

replacement to dinoseb. Until this year, pea and lentil farmers used the chemical to control broadleaf weeds. But an Environmental Protection Agency ban on the herbicide has left growers without an effective or affordable alternative. Dinoseb also is used in southern Idaho to dry potato vines before harvest, and as weed control on seed crops, grapes, snap beans and soybeans.

But the EPA released research in 1986 linking the chemical to possible

birth defects or sterility in farm workers who handle it.

McClure said the agency's ban on dinoseb has been compounded by a USDA order late last year for its scientists to focus on basic rather than applied research.

The senator said he agrees with the philosophy that applied research should be left to the private sector, but that an exception should be made in the case of dinoseb.

"I totally disagree with this approach when a replacement chemi-

cal is necessary to save a specific industry," McClure said, adding that pea and lentil growers are faced with "an order that says get rid of something for which there is no alternative. The private sector obviously will work on that, but meanwhile farmers go broke."

Yeutter promised a response. The Palouse area of northern Idaho and eastern Washington produces about 40 percent of all the dry peas and 25 percent of all the lentils grown in the United States.

# Salt Lake 'snake-aholic' continues venom research

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The first time William Haast brought home poisonous snakes, his horrified mother left home for three days. She came back only because she knew her son's fancy wasn't about to slither away.

At 78, Haast remains a self-described "snake-aholic," a dynamo of a man who just weathered his 148th snake bite. It is little surprise it was the serpent, not Haast, who passed on.

Haast is founder and director of the Miami Serpenterium Laboratories, a combination lab and tourist attraction he started in 1946 in southern Miami.

He relocated the lab to Salt Lake City in 1964 to concentrate solely on venom research and production.

Haast claims to be the first to standardize snake venom and produce it for research use. His clients

include Wyeth Laboratories, the only producer of antivenins in North America, and almost every university in the country.

Haast was in his lab collecting venom from a saw-sealed pit viper on Feb. 28 when the serpent bit the lower part of his left thumb. Not overly concerned, he waited to see if the weekly venom injections he has given himself for 40 years would provide immunity to the poison.

When the bite was still bleeding after 24 hours, he took himself to the hospital and was diagnosed in critical condition, the venom robbing his blood of the ability to clot. Doctors said he could have bled to death from a bump or fall. "I guess I excited every hematologist in town. They dug up all the information they had on snake bites," he said.

Haast praised extraordinary ef-

forts in his behalf to obtain antivenins from as far away as England, Iran and the Soviet Union. The Bush administration helped ease passage of the medicines through customs.

"Those people involved in getting the antivenins are the heroes of the story. All I am is the result of an accident," he said.

The night before Haast was bitten, he and Nancy Harrell, who helps direct the lab, went to a local steak house for what she called "anything goes day."

Sometimes at the end of the month Haast abandons a strict routine that includes eating animal protein only on even days of the month and never touching refined sugar.

That night he consumed four chocolate sundaes.

The next day, Harrell said her companion was a little hastier than

usual in his work. "He was really buzzing around the lab that day," she said.

Haast hates elevators and always walks up the 11 flights to the condominium he shares with Harrell. He admits he might have gone a little too far the night before the bite.

"When I let myself go, I really let go," he said.

# Woman charged in stabbing death of husband

BLACKFOOT (AP) — In a courtroom just around the corner from where she married Curtis Hansen less than two months ago, Nancy Lynn Hansen was charged with first-degree murder in his stabbing death.

Bingham County Sheriff Roy Nelson said Hansen, 27, died of a single knife wound to his chest early Thursday morning. The stabbing happened during an argument at the couple's home southeast of Firth, Nelson said.

Magistrate James Martisch appointed a public defender to represent Mrs. Hansen, 24, and scheduled a preliminary hearing for next Thursday.

She was being held without bond Friday in the Bingham County Jail.

Her children, ages 2 years and six months; were in the custody of the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare.

Nelson said Mrs. Hansen called the Bingham County Sheriff's Department about 3 a.m. Thursday, saying an ambulance was needed at her residence. Sheriff's deputies were dispatched along with the ambulance, he said. When they arrived, they found Hansen dead.

Mrs. Hansen was treated at Bingham Memorial Hospital for a minor cut on her arm, then booked into jail. Sheriff's Capt. Bill Gordon said officers had responded to the Hansen residence on several occasions recently to investigate domestic violence complaints.

Each filed battery charges against the other Feb. 15, when a Bingham County deputy went to their home in response to a domestic violence complaint, according to court records.

A Bingham County Magistrate Court clerk said Hansen came to the court on Feb. 17 seeking a restraining order to bar his wife from their home. The order was not issued that day, the clerk said, because court regulations require a "cooling off" period and a hearing.

Magistrate Court records in Bonneville County show Mrs. Hansen filed a domestic violence petition there on Feb. 17, asking for a protective order against her husband; but on the next working day, she asked that it be dismissed.



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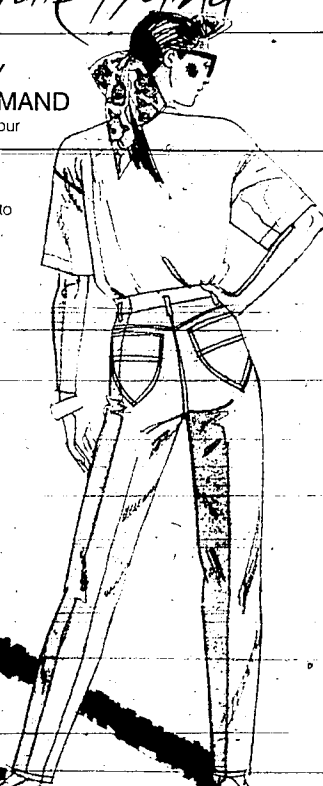
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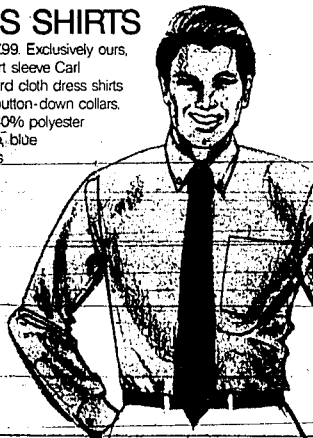
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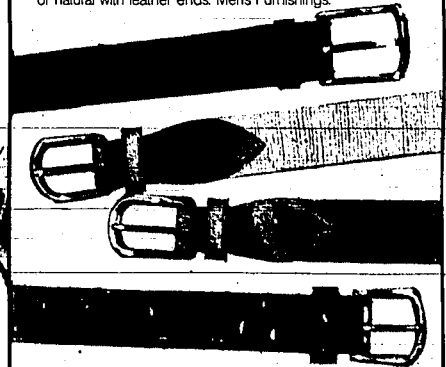
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### Utah Guard in S. Korea exercises

PUSAN, South Korea (AP) — Annual military exercises in South Korea began this past week with more than 150 Utah National Guard members participating in the joint training United States-Korea operation.

"Our primary mission is to deploy with the I Corps," said Col. Robert Miller, executive officer of the Salt Lake City-based artillery corps.

The Utah Guard's objective is to practice moving men and equipment from the Beehive State South Korea in the event of a military emergency.

Without such exercises, Miller said, the troops wouldn't be able to carry out their assignment in the event of war.

"The more that we can practice, the bigger message we send out to whoever might be a threat," he said.

Guard members started the deployment by trucking their equipment to western Utah's Tooele Army Depot, where it was moved by rail to Tacoma, Wash. The equipment was then shipped to Pusan.

The Guard next flew to Korea, met their equipment in Pusan and drove the military hardware to a field headquarters set up in the northern part of South Korea.

"The second major objective of this exercise is to practice our wartime mission in Korea so we have people who have seen the environment and who have worked in both the Republic of Korea Army and the I Corps staff on an exercise plan," Miller said.

Last summer, a major artillery called FIREX was conducted in Utah's West Desert. It simulated the same logistical training and transport activities without the troops ever leaving the country.

Lt. Col. Ken Craig, the logistics officer for I Corps, said the major difference between the Team Spirit exercise and FIREX is that Team Spirit is conducted in the place where soldiers might actually be assigned to fight someday.

"FIREX set the groundwork," he said. "The only thing it didn't do was to test the inter-operability between us and the Republic of South Korea military. There were no language problems to overcome."

Overseas missions like Team Spirit show the increasing importance the reserve and National Guard units have to national defense, said Brig. Gen. James M. Miller, I Corps commander.

### Dubois rancher accepts cattle loss in February cold

DUBOIS (AP) — Clark County rancher Ab Laird, who lost 1,435 head of livestock during last month's arctic blast, has accepted the disaster as an unfortunate part of living in mountains.

"We just take it in stride. I guess the way it turned out was unavoidable," the 80-year-old Clark County commissioner said.

The blizzard paralyzed the Dubois area in early February when it plunged wind chill temperatures to 100 degrees below zero and buried buildings and stranded livestock in 18-foot snow drifts.

"The winter storm killed 835 head of cattle and 500 sheep on the Laird ranch when ice formed on the animals' mouths and nostrils, suffocating them."

It was just too strong a wind, just too cold with the wind we did have, and too many days at too low temperatures," Laird said.

The dead animals were hauled to Golden Valley Packers Inc. in Roberts, where the beef hides were stripped for tanning. The carcasses were quartered and sent to a pet food producer in Utah.

Laird said he received no money for the salvage operation and had no insurance to cover the livestock losses.

"They had to be cleaned up and we were probably lucky to get it done," he said, adding that local authorities ordered disposal of the animals to reduce health risks.

Laird said the family herd, which was reduced to 130 cattle and 600 sheep, may be built to its original size, but "not in my lifetime, of course."

The Idaho Cattle Association is soliciting monetary and livestock donations to help the Laird family.

Gary Glenn, the association's executive vice president, said about \$4,000 has been collected and livestock donations will be turned over to the Lairds in May.

### Morton Thiokol finds scratches on shuttle rocket

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — After two successful space shuttle launches, intensive tests and examinations of Morton Thiokol's redesigned booster rockets have revealed one minor mystery, a company spokesman said.

For some reason, the metal "capture features" added to the booster's field joints in the wake of the 1985 Challenger disaster have exhibited small scratches called "fretting," said Morton Thiokol spokesman Rocky Raab.

However, Raab said in an interview from Cape Canaveral, Fla., the scratches pose no

threat to flight safety and the aerospace manufacturer is convinced its booster "really is the best rocket motor ever made."

As in the past flights, the solid-fuel boosters that will hurl Discovery skyward on Monday carry special instruments to track every nuance of their two-minute performance.

The instruments, modified versions of the kind used on six full-scale booster test firings at Morton Thiokol's Wasatch Operations in northern Utah, are intended to "record the actual flight environment to compare with the

test environment," Raab said.

"That's to ensure that the tests are accurate for predicting flights, and that no unexpected phenomena occur," he said.

Raab said that "except for the scratches, which did not occur during the test firings, and the harmless loss of small pieces of cork insulation on the earlier flights, there appear to be none." The capture feature consists of a metal-to-metal lip that helps hold the joint together under the intense stress of firing.

Indeed, he said, engineers have speculated

the scratches may have been caused by wave action in the ocean, where the boosters fall after spending their propellant and are towed to land by ships.

He said that while safety isn't an issue, the reusability of the rocket casings may be. The cases are designed to be used repeatedly.

"It's not clear yet," Raab said. "The bad news is that because we don't understand it, we've proposed to NASA that we put instruments on the towback to record what happens, but they haven't funded that yet."

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# Rebs run up lead, hold off N. Mexico St. for Big West

Los Angeles Times

LONG BEACH, Calif. — All those reasons that 18th-ranked Nevada-Las Vegas isn't supposed to go far in the National Collegiate Athletic Association tournament were looking like so much foolishness midway through the second half of the Big West Conference tournament final Saturday.

When Barry Young hit a three-pointer from deep, deep in the corner with just more than 10 minutes left in the game, UNLV led New Mexico State by 17 points. In the past two days, the Rebels dismissed UC Irvine and Cal State Fullerton — two teams they lost to during the season — with ease.

But the Rebels, a team Coach Jerry Tarkanian says doesn't play well when it plays cautiously, turned tentative. They would score only five more points in the game, allowing New Mexico State to inject some tense moments into a 68-62 Rebel victory that gave UNLV its fifth tournament title in seven seasons — and the automatic NCAA tournament bid that goes with it.

That bid was something UNLV had coming in any case. For New Mexico State (21-10) it is not so clear. "I think they deserve a bid," Tarkanian said.

New Mexico State Coach Neil McCarthy cited the Aggies' 12-4 record in their final 16 games — two of those losses to UNLV.

The Aggies will await with many another team for word from the NCAA Sunday.

UNLV (26-7) has been an explosive team all season. But its 1-4 record against ranked opponents and its trouble with free throws have made the Rebels something of a puzzle.

UNLV beat N.C. State, but lost twice to Oklahoma, and once to Arizona and Louisville. To some observers, that means the Rebels don't stack up. To Tarkanian, that means the Rebels have a killer schedule.

"I don't think anybody in the country played as tough a nonconference schedule as we did," he said.

The other noted weak point for UNLV has been free throw shooting.

The Rebels were making only 62 percent from the line. But Saturday, that was not a problem. UNLV hit 21 of 29 shots (73 percent).

## Ball State 77 E. Michigan 76

TOLEDO, Ohio (AP) — Paris McCarthy scored two free throws with four seconds left and No. 19 Ball State, profiting from a mistake by Eastern Michigan's Kory Hallas as time expired, beat the Hurons 77-76 in a Mid-American Conference tournament semifinal game Saturday.

Hallas, apparently, thinking the Hurons trailed by two instead of three points, drove in for a layup as the game ended rather than trying a 3-pointer that would have forced overtime. Hallas had hit a 3-pointer with 1:36 to play to pull Eastern Michigan within 74-73.

## Stanford 95 UCLA 86

INGLEWOOD, Calif. (AP) — Todd Lichti scored 23 points and freshman reserve Adam Keefe had 22 on Saturday as 12th-ranked Stanford took command early and went on to beat UCLA 95-86 in a Pacific-10 Conference tournament semifinal game.

The Cardinal will meet top-ranked Arizona, 26-3, in Sunday's championship game. The Wildcats advanced by beating Oregon State 98-87 earlier Saturday.

The Cardinal led all the way and held a 48-29 advantage at halftime. Stanford extended its lead to 25 points on a pair of free throws by Lichti with 17:02 remaining. The Bruins rallied in the late going, but couldn't get closer than nine points.

## Georgetown 85 Pittsburgh 62

NEW YORK (AP) — Charles Smith scored 26 points and No. 3 Georgetown blitzed Pittsburgh with a 20-0 first-half run that carried the Hoyas to an 85-62 rout in the Big East tournament semifinals.

Georgetown, 25-4, the regular-season conference champion, advanced to Sunday's finals against fifth-ranked and second-seeded Syracuse, which beat No. 11 Seton Hall 81-76 in the other semifinal.

## Missouri 88 Kansas State 83

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Anthony Peeler and Doug Smith keyed an 11-3 run beginning the second half and No. 10 Missouri used its height advantage to beat Kansas State 88-83 Saturday in the semifinals of the Big Eight tournament.

The Tigers, 26-7 and 6-4 under interim coach Rich Daly, met No. 2 Oklahoma in Sunday's title game. With Daly subbing for head coach Norm Stewart, who underwent cancer surgery in February, Missouri



Colorado State's Pat Durham skies over a UTEP player

finished second to the Sooners in the regular season.

Smith and Peeler each made quick baskets to open the second half and Mike Sandbothe's bank shot ended the run with Missouri holding a 50-33 lead over the Wildcats, 19-10.

## Florida State 80 S. Carolina 63

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — Derrick Mitchell scored 20 points and Tony Dawson added 17 Saturday, leading 14th-ranked Florida State past South Carolina 80-63 in the semifinals of the Metro Conference tournament.

Florida State, 22-6, which won the regular-season conference title, plays No. 16 Louisville in Sunday's championship game. Louisville beat Memphis State 71-70 earlier Saturday.

South Carolina, 19-10, shot 29-for-70 and had two long scoreless streaks in each half. The Seminoles shot 29-for-50.

## Stanford 66 USC 61

INGLEWOOD, Calif. (AP) — Howard Wright scored seven of his 16 points in the final 3:10 Friday night, leading 12th-ranked Stanford past Southern Cal 66-61 in a quarterfinal of the Pacific-10 Conference tournament.

The victory was the 10th straight for Stanford, 25-5, which has won 12 of its last 13 games and 20 of its last 22.

Southern Cal, 19-22 and the No. 10 seed, had upset seventh-seeded Arizona State 94-82 Thursday night.

## Illinois 89 Michigan 73

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP) — Kenny Battle scored 22 points and Kendall Gill added 19 Saturday as fourth-ranked Illinois beat No. 8 Michigan 89-73 to clinch second place in the Big Ten.

Rumeal Robinson scored 22 points for Michigan, 24 and 12-6, and Loy Vaught added 15 for the Wolverines. Glenn Rice, the Big Ten's leading scorer, was held to 14 points.

Illinois, 27-4 and 13-5, set a school record for victories in a season.

## Arizona 98 Oregon State 87

INGLEWOOD, Calif. (AP) — Sean Elliott scored 21 of his 29 points in the first half Saturday as top-ranked Arizona overpowered Oregon State 98-87 in the semifinals of the Pacific-10 Conference tournament.

Anthony Cook had 15 of his 21 points in the opening 20 minutes for the Wildcats, who stretched their winning streak to eight games and earned their 18th victory in their last 19 games.

The Wildcats, 26-3, made 20 of 28 field goal attempts in the first half and built a 62-33 lead.

## Duke 69 Virginia 58

ATLANTA (AP) — Danny Ferry scored 23 points after going scoreless in the first 16 minutes, leading No. 7 Duke past Virginia 69-58 Saturday in the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament semifinals.

The defending tournament champion Blue Devils, 24-6, seek their third title in four years. Sunday against No. 9 North Carolina, which

beat Maryland 88-58.

Virginia, 19-10, has lost 15 straight to Duke since a 109-86 victory in the 1983 tournament.

Ferry, who missed his first six shots and was scoreless until a layup with 3:30 left in the half, scored the Blue Devils' final six points before halftime for a 32-16 lead. The Cavaliers made only 4 of 27 shots, 15 percent.

Ferry continued his hot streak in the second half, scoring six of Duke's first 10 points as the Blue Devils moved out in front 41-23 on Ferry's basket with 16:54 left.

## UNLV 99 Fullerton St. 83

LONG BEACH, Calif. (AP) — Stacey Augmon played a spectacular second half and scored 10 of his 29 points during a 12-0 run that boosted No. 18 Nevada-Las Vegas to a 99-83 victory over Fullerton State Friday night in the semifinals of the Big West Conference tournament.

## Oklahoma 76 Iowa State 74

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Tyrone Jones' 3-point shot with one second left — Oklahoma's only 3-pointer of the day — gave the second-ranked Sooners a 76-74 victory over Iowa State in the semifinals of the Big Eight Conference tournament Saturday.

Victor Alexander, who scored 26 points for Iowa State, had given the Cyclones a 74-73 lead with 35 seconds left on a shot from inside. The Sooners then missed three shots and Alexander was fouled on the rebound with eight seconds remaining.

Alexander missed the front end of the one-and-one, Oklahoma rebounded and Mookie Blaylock found Jones on the left wing. Jones spun and, while tightly covered, rattled in the game-winner.

## Syracuse 81 Seton Hall 78

NEW YORK (AP) — Sherman Douglas scored 27 points as fifth-ranked Syracuse made 12 of its last 14 free throws Saturday to advance to the championship game of the Big East tournament with an 81-78 victory over No. 11 Seton Hall.

The Orangetan, a weak free-throw shooting team for years and a 61 percent team this season, will meet on Sunday the winner of Saturday's other semifinal between No. 3 Georgetown and Pittsburgh.

The winner will receive an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament but all four semifinals are expected to receive berths in the 64-team field.

The victory was the 17th straight by the 27-6 Orangemen over Seton Hall, 26-6. Syracuse is 19-1 against Seton Hall since the Big East started 10 years ago.

## N. Carolina 88 Maryland 58

ATLANTA (AP) — J.R. Reid scored 17 points and ninth-ranked North Carolina took advantage of Maryland's icy shooting hand Saturday to advance to the finals of the Atlantic Coast Conference with a 88-58 victory over Maryland, which played without hospitalized coach Bob Wade.

The Tar Heels, 26-7, go to the finals for the 17th time in the 36 years of the tournament. Wade missed the game when he collapsed moments after Friday's victory over top-seeded North Carolina State. He remained in an Atlanta hospital Saturday and school officials said he was resting comfortably.

## Iowa 87 Indiana 70

IOWA CITY, Iowa (AP) — Roy Marble, Ed Horton and B.J. Armstrong, playing their last home game, led No. 15 Iowa to an 87-70 victory Saturday over a sixth-ranked Indiana team that kept four starters on the bench after clinching the Big Ten title.

Marble had 19 points and Armstrong and Horton 18 apiece as Iowa snapped a four-game losing streak to finish the regular season 22-9 overall, 10-8 in the league. Indiana, finished at 25-7, 15-3.

## UCLA 64 Washington 54

LOS ANGELES Times

INGLEWOOD, Calif. — UCLA struggled through all but the last 10 minutes of a 64-54 victory over Washington in the quarterfinals of the Pacific 10 Conference basketball tournament.

Washington led at halftime, 25-23, at one point holding the Bruins without a field goal for almost 6 1/2 minutes in the first half.

The Huskies, though, never got too far ahead because they went more than five minutes without a field goal at about the same time.

## Florida 62 Georgia 61

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Dwayne Davis put in a rebound with eight seconds left to give top-seeded Florida its only lead of the game and a 62-61 victory over Georgia in the Southeastern Conference tournament quarterfinal Friday.

The Gators, who finished first in the regular season SEC race, trailed by as many as 14 points and were behind by 11 at halftime before they began their comeback. They didn't score their first basket until the game was nearly five minutes old.

## Louisville 71 Memphis St. 70

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — No. 16 Louisville, down by nine points with 3:32 left, scored the final 10 points of the game to advance to the Metro

Conference finals with a 71-70 win over Memphis State Saturday.

Freshman Everick Sullivan made the first of a one-and-one free throw situation for the winner as the Cardinals, defending tournament champions, advanced to the finals for the fourth straight year.

Memphis State scored eight points in a row to take a 58-50 lead with 8:48 left, but the Cardinals cut the lead to 62-61 with 5:16 to go before Memphis State scored eight straight points to take a 70-61 lead.

Then Louisville began its run. LaBradford Smith's three-point play with 1:46 left cut the deficit to 70-69. Then Sullivan hit the second of two free throws to tie it with 1:07 left.

## Florida 76 Tennessee 71

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Livingston Chatman, who scored 25 points, broke a 61-all tie with a free throw and added a field goal 18 seconds later in leading Florida into the

Southeastern Conference championship game with a 76-71 victory over Tennessee Saturday.

The Gators then stretched the lead with four throws in the final minutes. Clifford Lett had 17 points for Florida, while Doug Roth led Tennessee with 14 points and 11 rebounds.

Florida will square off against Alabama, an 83-79 winner of Vanderbilt, in Sunday's final.

## Alabama 83 Vanderbilt 79

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Alvin Lee scored 24 points, including three straight 3-pointers during one stretch, as Alabama moved into the Southeastern Conference championship game with an 83-79 victory over Vanderbilt Saturday.

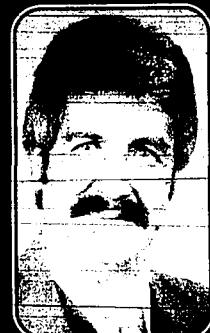
Vanderbilt hit 11 of 19 from 3-point range, including a tournament-record six by Barry Booker. But Alabama also hit its 3-pointers (seven for 10), outrebounced the Commodores 34-25 and shot 55 percent from the field.

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## Making the decision to quit driving

### No law says when driver should give up license

By LORAYNE ORTON SMITH  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — When does one become too old to drive a car safely?

While concerned children often call driver's license examiners and insurance agents pleading with them to stop their older parent from driving, there's no law defining at what age a person must quit driving. Nor is there ever likely to be such a law, says Twin Falls County Sheriff Jim Munn, because the ability to drive varies by individual.

The decision to get rid of one's car is usually perceived as a milestone marking the end of an active lifestyle and is often an emotional one to make.

Munn doesn't see elderly drivers as a problem except "once in awhile" and says many people voluntarily quit driving when they feel they are not alert enough. He views this as a "good, common sense attitude."

Statistics compiled by Idaho's Department of Transportation suggest that older drivers are using their common sense. In 1987, drivers age 75 and older accounted for 4.1 percent of the licenses issued in the state and 3.1 percent of the traffic accidents. While 18-year-old drivers, accounting for just 2.1 percent of the state's licensed drivers two years ago, were responsible for 5 percent of the accidents.

Most people tend to drive less as they get older and avoid driving at night or during rush hour traffic, Munn says. But as long as seniors can pass the driver's tests there's no reason to make them quit driving, the sheriff adds.

In addition to the obvious use of a car in "fetching" groceries and running errands, much of the volunteer work which helps make older people's lives productive necessitates having a car. "To have a car is almost a requisite for most volunteer work," says Marci Donner, director of the Senior Companion Program at the Office on Aging in Twin Falls.

No one wants to take responsibility for the fateful decision that an individual can no longer legally operate a vehicle. Dan Obenchain, longtime Twin Falls insurance agent, says he's had many clients' children call and request him to "tell my mom or dad the insurance company won't renew their policy."

But Obenchain says this is not

the responsibility of the insurance companies. It is a common industry practice, he says, to request a physical statement after age 70. This is not a physical exam, he says, but a statement attesting the driver has no physical problems that will impair ability to drive.

For those who see no reason to quit voluntarily, the decision of who can or cannot drive falls directly upon the examiners in the driver's license bureau in each county. And Beverly Fox, supervisor in Twin Falls County, does not take this responsibility lightly.

"We try very hard to be fair because we know how important it is to keep a driver's license," Fox

**'We try very hard to be fair because we know how important it is (to keep a driver's license)...You can't have an age limit. You have to take it on an individual basis.'**

**— Beverly Fox, Twin Falls County license bureau supervisor**

she says. She agrees "you can't have an age limit. You have to take it on an individual basis."

Visitation requirements are well defined. People who cannot pass the 2040 vision requirement for at least one eye are advised to see an eye doctor, or, if their corrected vision is 20/30, they can be issued a daytime-only license.

Dr. Robert Welch, a Twin Falls ophthalmologist, says it's "quite common" for people to come to his office because they can't pass the driver's eye test, which also requires 100 degree of side vision.

"Sometimes a change of glasses will allow them to get a license, but in some cases, because of eye disease, we can't help them," the doctor says. "And that's very sad."

The most common eye problems among older persons, in order of occurrence, are cataracts, macular degeneration, glaucoma and various diseases of the optic nerve.

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Noma and Earl Walker, Twin Falls, gave up driving years ago, and now get around town with the help of bus, friends

## Close calls often lead to older drivers turning in licenses voluntarily

By LORAYNE ORTON SMITH  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Earl Walker, 87, Twin Falls, voluntarily turned in his driver's license after experiencing two black outs while driving his car.

"We were lucky both times," said his wife, Noma, 83, who has not driven for many years. The couple was on route to church when the first black out occurred. Mrs. Walker says she thought her husband was driving awfully close to the curb and when she saw a bicyclist in front of them she became alarmed.

"I could see Earl was completely out of it," she says. She reached over and turned off the key but the car continued on through a red light. Since it was Sunday morning there was little traffic and their car did not hit anyone.

The Walkers say they now ride the Trans TV bus whenever they want to go and friends regularly take them to church.

"So we get along all right," Mrs. Walker

says. "We don't go that much anymore."

After Hazel Kleinkopf had two small accidents, she, too, decided it was time to give up driving.

The 81-year-old Jerome woman says there were no injuries in her driving mishaps. But she got "all upset" because of her nerves and got her car into the wrong gear, striking a pillar in a parking lot.

Since her health problems also made it difficult for her to cook and live alone, Kleinkopf moved to a residential care home, where she no longer has to worry about household chores. When she needs transportation she relies on the Jerome Senior Center van or friends.

Janet Green, 84, Twin Falls, who can no longer drive because of eye problems, has both a brother and a sister who provide transportation.

"I hated giving up driving," the retired nurse says, "but I hate worse not being able to do my own bookwork."

The decision to give up driving is sometimes

a decision to give up one's independence — especially in a rural area where there is little or no public transportation.

"Being able to drive your own car is the last bastion of independence," says Charlie Chambers, manager of Trans IV, which provides federally subsidized bus service in Twin Falls and Burley. About a third of their customers are elderly. Trans IV also provides transportation for 11 of the senior centers in Magic Valley.

"We serve about 2,300 people throughout the eight counties," Chambers says. The bus service, which costs \$1.25 each way, is not as good as having your own car, but it's an alternative, the manager says.

"But in actual practice we can reach only a very few," Chambers says. "There are only so many buses and so many hours in the day." And having to arrange for the Trans IV bus service "day ahead, which the company prefers, is much different, Chambers says "than to just pick the keys off the counter and

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## Robert Stuart Junior High takes 1st in math contest

Robert Stuart Junior High School in Twin Falls ranked first among eight Magic Valley schools in the MATHCOUNTS contest held recently at the College of Southern Idaho.

Vera O'Leary Junior High School was second, followed by Wood River at Halsey; Jerome, Kimberly, Valley, Wendell and Richfield.

The 10 top individual students were **Jeremy Agate, Jerome; Matt Pippitt, O'Leary; Vixay Mitani, Jerome; Keri Ryan, Stuart; Adrien Paulsen, Wood River; Nathan Okelberry, Valley; Dallas Willis, Stuart; Matthew Edger, Kimberly; Diane Christensen, Stuart; and Keith Calkins, Richfield.**

MATHCOUNTS is a national mathematics contest sponsored by the National Society of Professional Engineers and other major governmental and industry agencies. The Magic Valley chapter of the Idaho Society of Professional Engineers, assisted by financial support from many local businesses, conducted the local contest.

**Tony Rodriguez, Oakley**, has been elected president of the student body at Idaho State University, Pocatello. He received 475 votes in the run-off election, compared to 176 for the opposition team.



**Lorayne O. Smith**  
Spotlight

The 1987-88 edition of the Twin Falls High School literary magazine, *Shadows on a Blank Page*, was one of two in Idaho to receive a superior ranking in the National Council of Teachers of English program to recognize excellence in high school magazines.

Student editors were **Jeff Carlson, Sean Howard, Mindy Gilbert and Dave McNea**. It was one of 39 magazines ranked superior nationwide out of 41 schools entered, says **Connie Lyle Woebeke**, faculty advisor.

**Hilary Hopkins** is only a second grader but she has the makings of an outstanding sales career.

The Kimberly Brownie Girl Scout sold 305 boxes of Girl Scout cookies this year, earning her \$50 in cookie bonus bucks that can be applied to any Girl Scout activity.

She plans to use her bonus dollars from this year, along with \$40 earned last year when she sold 270 boxes, to attend a Girl Scout camp that has

horseback riding.

**Hilary**, daughter of **Jim and Gail Hopkins, Kimberly**, has sold more cookies than any other Girl Scout in Magic Valley, according to **Debbie Gold, Eden, Gold**, service unit director of Jerome and eastern Twin Falls counties, says records of the last few years show no one has exceeded Hilary as a salesgirl.

The Twin Falls Immanuel Lutheran School team came home with the Spirit award from the Lutheran Elementary School tournament for grades six through eight in Portland. The award is a traveling trophy for the best sportsmanship, spirit and enthusiasm. The local school took 21 of 28 ribbons in art, **Brian Malone** placed third in math competition and **Mandy Schwarz** received special mention for her violin playing.

The Immanuel boys basketball team took third place, the drill team and cheerleaders received second place and the girls basketball team maintained its perfect record to take the championship.

Lincoln Elementary School in Twin Falls has purchased new movie screens and curriculum materials

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## Armchair traveling can't replace visiting new sites

For a variety of reasons with which many readers doubtless will sympathize — a lack of funds, an aversion to aviation, a settled domesticity — I've never been much of a traveler. Once, several years ago, I talked about this with a friend who's been around the world with numerous stops along the way, and apologized for my blatant provincialism. "Oh, yes," she said with admirable tact, "but you've been around the world in books. That's travel of a sort, and broadening in its way."

It was a kind remark — and a dangerous one, for it comforted me in my insularity and gave me an excuse to perpetuate it. My friend had allowed me to convince myself that to read **García Márquez** is to tour Latin America, to read **Dickens** is to walk the streets of London, to read **Conrad** is to float down the rivers of Africa. Who needs to travel, I asked myself, when the entire world is right there on the shelves, within the pages of the innumerable books that have been my **Baedekers**?

I was if anything confirmed in this belief in 1987 when business took me to California and Hawaii, both for the first time. San Francisco looked quite as I had expected it to, and so too did Hawaii; certain flora of Northern California did catch me by surprise, to be sure, but on the whole what I saw was what I'd been looking for. So I came home and soon settled into the same comfortable old rut, with no sense that there was any particular point to climbing out of it.

Now, though, I have been to London, and it has taught me an invaluable lesson: However close one

may be brought to another place by a book or a film or a television broadcast, there is in fact no substitute for the real thing. London is not an imaginary construct but a real place, and no amount of book-reading or film-watching can wholly prepare one for its actuality. The point of my visit, I realized when it

ended a week ago, was not everything I had expected to find, but everything that surprised me and thus forced me to refabricate the picture of this great city that for years I have kept in my mind.

As is true for everyone who comes for the first time to a universally famous place, London in certain respects was precisely as anticipated. The superiority of its theater, the variety of its shops, the majesty of Westminster Abbey and the buildings of Parliament, the riches of its bookshops, the room temperature of its beers and ales, the reserved courtesy of its citizens — all of this, and more, produced not surprise but the pleasant sensation of familiarity, of being at last in a place one has known all one's life and finding it true to itself.

In that sense my trip confirmed what I had been taught over the years by **Dickens** and **Boswell** and **Greene**, not to mention innumerable films and broadcasts. But what I will remember far longer — what taught me a lasting lesson about the limits of armchair travel — was the utterly unexpected. Nothing, for example, had prepared me for the greenness of London in January. To an American flying in from

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### Perspectives

Jonathan Yardley



# License

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run out and go."  
At least one senior, Stan Gilbertson, 70, Boise, thinks there should be more screening of older drivers to test reaction time.  
"It's real scary, some of the people they let drive," says the Boise man who serves as a volunteer at the Idaho Senior Citizens Lobby in Boise.

# Travel

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the brown and wintry Northeast, the great grassy expanse of Hyde Park seems so brightly green as to be viewed through tinted glasses. It takes only a moment's reflection to understand why — Britain's temperate climate, its frequent rainfall, its ring of water — but this contradiction of the received wisdom that London in winter is gray and gloomy was, to put it mildly, instructive.

So too was the city's architecture and urban landscape. Years of reading Dickens and Boswell, of admiring the drawings and paintings of Hogarth, had left me with the belief that for all its modernization, London remains at the core Dr. Johnson's city. Yet it is not that at all. One finds glimpses of the mid-18th century here and there, in tiny streets and hidden squares, but London today is essentially a Georgian, Victorian and Edwardian city, with all too much late-20th-century concrete and glass. Mr. Pickwick's London is as rare as Peter Stuyvesant's New York: a museum piece rather than a part of the city's daily life.

This is not a criticism — quite to the contrary, Georgian London is magnificent — but a discovery; one that surely must astonish many other visitors much as it did me: London is an imposing city physically, and in areas such as Chelsea and Belgravia an uncommonly beautiful one, but it is not the place that books or films prepare one for.  
Yet another surprise awaits the visitor in the proverbially hospitable British pub. A warm welcome awaits one there; one of my guidebooks advised, but that is nothing except further proof that guidebooks, like all else in life, are to be taken with an ample dose of salt. The truth is that a British pub is a place so intensely private, clanish and exclusive that all but the boldest visitor enters with, if not apprehension, a keen

relative who "hung on" too long, ignoring failing sight or hearing or other health problems which affect their reaction time.  
A senior center director says her mother is 81 and "still does a great job of driving." While an insurance agent confided that his mother who drove until she was up in her 80s "scared me to death."

sense of being alien and — yes — unwelcome. Though this may seem a manifestation of the extreme shyness with which I am at times afflicted, a British friend confirmed that it is a sensation many other visitors have undergone: Britain is a tight little island in both senses of the phrase.

But to American visitors — several of whom, since my return, have spoken to me of this — perhaps the greatest surprise is the servility of the British lower classes. Years of reading may prepare one for the rigidity of the country's class system, but it is quite another matter to encounter that system in the flesh. The hotel in which I stayed was relatively modest and its clientele relatively devoid of self-importance, yet the staff treated all of us as if we were lords and ladies, bowing and scraping at every turn, obsequiously shrinking away if we passed in the hall or on the staircase, calling us "sir" and "ma'am" in every sentence.

To an American, accustomed to the undercurrent of equality if not hostility that energizes transactions in this country between persons of different stations — the sense that, whatever our fortunes, each of us is as good as any other — this open embrace of inferiority is chilling. When I said as much to a middle-class British friend he took no offense, but noted that on his visits to the States he always finds American egalitarianism a bracing relief from his own country's complacent stratification — especially when it finds expression by maids and waiters and others in service who let him know, in whatever fashion, that they are every bit his equal.

I mention this not to be smug about my own country, but to point out that the only way to find out what another country is really like — to learn how myth and reality correspond and diverge — is to go

there; books just won't do. Which is to say that in such of life as remains to me, I've got a lot of going to do.

Jonathan Yardley is a Washington Post columnist.

# Spotlight

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for each classroom, thanks to the Blue Lakes Rotary Club. Funds for the project came from 1988 proceeds from the club's annual pancake breakfast.  
Julie Craig Davis, daughter of Leroy and Joyce Craig, Jerome, has been chosen to participate in a program through Oregon Health Sciences University in Portland to develop an AIDS Disease Status and Progression tool. A pre-med student at Willamette University, Salem, Ore., Davis will participate in education seminars and support groups for AIDS patients.

Laura Frost, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Allen Frost, Twin Falls, was on

the fall dean's list at Lewis and Clark College, Portland, where she is a sophomore.  
Mary Gorrings, Oakley, has completed a special correspondence course for new writers at the Institute of Children's Literature, Redding Ridge, Conn.  
Donna D. Allen, Burley, is on the dean's honor list at Pacific Christian College, Fullerton, Calif., for the fall semester. She is a student in the College of Education.

Barbara Evans, daughter of Sharen Evans, Twin Falls, and Bill Evans, Salt Lake City, has been

named senior financial analyst at Wells Fargo Bank, San Francisco. She is a 1982 graduate of Twin Falls High school and a 1988 graduate of the University of Idaho.  
Misti Dawn Pond, Kimberly, is on the Arkansas College dean's list. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emmett T. Pond, Kimberly, and a senior mathematics major.

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# Drivers

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Strokes sometimes can also "wipe out side vision," Welch says.  
But sometimes older drivers with adequate vision may lack alertness or have other problems preventing them from being safe drivers, Fox says. So examiners "using discretion" can request a road test from anyone.  
The names of drivers of any age with medical problems are sent to the Department of Transportation office in Boise. "I have a whole file drawer of these drivers. Most of them involve vision problems," Fox says. The state then sends these people a letter, requesting they get medical certification each year. People with daytime-only licenses also are included in the file.  
The driver's license office also frequently receives urgent phone calls from middle-aged children saying a parent is coming in to renew a license and "urging us not to pass them," Fox says.  
The examiners can't do that based just on a telephone call. But examiners do have authority to limit the hours an older person may drive — such as from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. to avoid school and rush hour traffic. Or they can limit drivers to a radius of so many miles from home, which allows them to still get groceries, Fox says.  
When poor eyesight or other medi-

cally certified problems exist, the inability to renew a driver's license is indisputable.  
"But, if these problems are absent, Fox says, "We sometimes stretch a point when people fail the road test because we know how vital it is to them."  
The vulnerability of older drivers is reflected in insurance rates.  
Obenchain says on individual policies, few companies raise rates just because of age, but older drivers often lose the "credit" given safe, mature drivers, in contrast to youthful drivers, so premiums may increase after age 70.  
The commercial insurance purchased by Trans IV, a citywide public transportation system which also provides vans for many of the senior centers, is 20 percent higher for van drivers 70 or older.  
Charlie Chambers, Trans IV manager, says about half of the 11 centers which contract for the vans pay the extra amount to cover their drivers over 70.  
"They don't have much choice in drivers," he says.  
Kathryn Wilson, director of the Jerome Senior Center, says her board "gladly pays" the extra amount because "we have two excellent drivers and just because they're over 70, we're not going to get rid of them — that would be like throwing them out the door."

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# Valley happenings

## Sorority chapter meets Monday

JEROME — The Delta Zeta chapter of Beta Sigma Phi meets at 7:30 p.m. Monday at the home of Debbie Hunt, 413 East Main, Jerome.

## Girl Scout week observance set

TWIN FALLS — All Girl Scouts and former Girl Scouts are invited to a songfest and Promise Circle at 3:45 p.m. Tuesday at the First Presbyterian Church, Twin Falls, in observance of Girl Scout week.

## Magic Valley Cowbelles to meet

TWIN FALLS — Magic Valley Cowbelles meet at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Mandarin House. For more information call Angie Pullin, 423-5873.

## Jerome Civic Club schedules speaker

JEROME — Forrest Hymas, Jerome, will speak to the Jerome Civic Club at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Jerome Memorial Library.

## Speaker to talk on heart health

TWIN FALLS — Joan Parr, extension home economist for Cassia County, will speak on heart health at the Twin Falls County Extension Homemakers Council at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at 634 Addison Ave. W. For more information call 734-9590.

## BBB representative to give speech

BURLEY — A representative from the Better Business Bureau of Eastern Idaho will speak to the Burley Chamber of Commerce Monday at noon in Price's Cafe.

## AARP chapter will have speaker

TWIN FALLS — Bill Chigbrow, manager of the Sawtooth chapter, American Red Cross, will speak to the Magic Valley chapter of AARP at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center, 616 Eastland Drive.

## Dairy Wives' Spring Fling set

TWIN FALLS — Keith Geilman, director of marketing for Ward's Cheese Company, Richfield, will speak at the Dairy Wives' Spring Fling at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at Canyon Springs Inn. Registration begins at 10 a.m. with a craft demonstration at 11 a.m. and a style show from M.C. Renney's following the noon luncheon. The Sawtooth Clorgers will perform at 1:30 p.m.

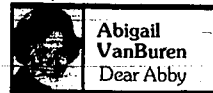
## Junior high to serve Irish stew dinner

TWIN FALLS — Robert Stuart Junior High School's annual Irish stew dinner will be served from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday. Tickets, available at the door, are \$3 per person or \$15 per family. Children under 5 will be admitted free. Proceeds will be used to buy audio/video equipment for the school.

## Port of Hope director to give speech

TWIN FALLS — Barry H. Meyers, executive director of the Port of Hope, will talk about his trip to the Soviet Union at the monthly meeting of the Twin Falls Chapter, Professional Secretaries International, at 5:30 p.m. Thursday at the Sodbuster restaurant. All secretaries in Magic Valley are invited. For more information call Alberta Murschel, 734-5180, or Barbara Reed, 736-1301.

# Should mother tell twins about father?



Abigail VanBuren  
Dear Abby

**DEAR ABBY:** I have twin daughters who will soon be 5 years old. Their natural father broke up with me when I was 3 months pregnant with them. Since then, I have been married to a wonderful man who has been with me since the girls were 4 months old. The twin's natural father gave all legal rights to my husband. As far as I am concerned, my husband is their natural father.

The problem is that both our families and a few close friends know about this and think we should tell the twins about their natural father. My husband says if we don't tell them the truth they might resent it if they ever find out.

I don't want to tell them. Do you think I should? And if so, should I show them the letters and pictures that I have kept? If I do tell them, when should I tell them?

— MOMMY OF TWINS

**DEAR MOMMY:** If both families and a few close friends know, you can be sure someone will tell your

daughters. Save the letters and pictures until they start asking questions about their real father. (They surely will.)

Genetics play a very important part in our lives, and every person has the right to know the medical histories of both parents.

Tell them as soon as they are old enough to understand. At age 6 or 7 seems appropriate.

**DEAR ABBY:** My fiancé and I had a terrible fight, and now I'm not sure I want to go through with the wedding we're planning to have in June. This would be his second marriage and my first. He is a professional man with two nearly grown children by his first wife, from whom he has been divorced for 10 years. I am in my mid-30s and have supported myself since I was 20

years old. The blowup started when he asked me to sign a prenuptial agreement. I was so hurt and insulted, I tore it up! Abby, I am very much in love with this man, and if the marriage should go wrong, I'm not the type to take him to the cleaners and he knows it, so why is a prenuptial agreement necessary?

— STILL SMARTING

**DEAR STILL SMARTING:** Smarten up. Today approximately 50 percent of all marriages end in divorce. As I said in my new book, "Dear Abby on Planning Your Wedding" (Andrews and McMeel), a prenuptial agreement is an excellent idea for BOTH parties should the

marriage end in death or divorce. It does not necessarily mean that he doesn't trust you. Please don't fault him for wanting to ensure that his children by his first marriage are well-provided for. In a prenuptial agreement, you should retain your own attorney to protect your interests. This has nothing to do with trust or the lack of it. It's common sense and beneficial for all parties concerned. Trust me.

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Sunday — Center closed  
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Monday  
Crafts and quilting — 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
Bingo — 6:30 p.m.  
Tuesday  
Bingo — 1 p.m.  
Tax Aide — 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (by appointment)  
Movie — 10 a.m.  
Blood Pressure — 9 a.m. to noon.  
Wednesday  
Crafts and quilting — 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
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AARP meeting — 10 a.m.  
Thursday  
Grocery Delivery  
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## Wedding



Jennifer and Michael Falash

## Hovey-Falash

TWIN FALLS — Jennifer Hovey and Michael Falash were married Dec. 30 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Twin Falls.

Officiating was the Rev. Larry Veder. Melanie Lavoie sang the Lord's Prayer.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Hovey of Twin Falls, and parents-of-the-bride—Mr. and Mrs. Bob Falash of Coeur d'Alene.

Jacqueline Clark of Scottsdale, Ariz., sister of the bride, was the bride's maid of honor and Pam Parsons, Kay Kinsey and Melanie Lavoie, all of Boise, served as bridesmaids.

Wayne Hunsucker of Boise, was

best man and Mark Falash, brother of the bridegroom, and Eric and Lars Hovey, brothers of the bride, served as groomsmen.

A reception was held at Canyon Springs. Serving were grandmothers of the bride, Mrs. Cal See of Milton Freewater, Ore. and Mrs. C.V. Hovey of Twin Falls, Mrs. Eric Hovey, sister-in-law of the bride and Mrs. Bob Franklin, grandmother of the bridegroom.

The bride is completing her senior year at Boise State University.

The bridegroom is associated with Kretzenbeck Constructors, Inc. as a general contractor. The newlyweds reside in Boise.

## Shamrock sale to help fight muscular dystrophy

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Buy one of the shamrocks on sale at several area retailers this month and you'll be helping to fight muscular dystrophy.

Thanks to the help of Southern Idaho Distributing, the shamrocks are on sale at area 711a bars, Albertsons and other locations, said Melissa Walker, program coordinator.

The shamrocks will be sold for \$1 through St. Patrick's Day, March 17.

Walker said the program, also sponsored by the Magic Valley Jaycees, has been very successful so far. One area business — the 711 owned and managed by Kay and Jay Shepard — has sold more than \$525 worth of shamrocks, she said. All proceeds will be used to fund muscular dystrophy research.

## CSI computer class will start March 21

TWIN FALLS — A College of Southern Idaho computer-aided drafting short course scheduled to begin March 6 has been rescheduled to start March 21.

This is an introductory class including a study of hardware, software, digitizing tablet, storage, plotting, graphics, vocabulary and keyboarding techniques. Prior drafting knowledge is required.

The class meets from 7 to 10 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays for three weeks and the fee is \$85. Todd Schwarz, CSI drafting instructor, will teach the class. Students can preregister in the Taylor Building records office.

## Western Swing course set

TWIN FALLS — Another Beginning Western Swing course has been scheduled by the College of Southern Idaho Continuing Education Division. The advanced level Western Swing class has been cancelled.

The new beginning class will be held from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Monday's beginning April 3 in the Elks Building ballroom. Fee for the five sessions is \$30 per couple or \$15

for an individual.

The Refresher Typing class has been rescheduled to begin April 8 and continue through May 13. It meets from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Saturdays in room 211 of the Shields Building. Fee for the six sessions is \$25.

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## Historical Society plans fashion show

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Dresses from 1800 to 1940 will be featured at a fashion show presented by the Twin Falls Historical Society for the Twentieth Century Club luncheon Tuesday.

The event will be held at noon in the Turf Club. Organizers say one vintage-fashion-of-

special interest will be a blue satin and black lace ball gown worn by the late Emily Claiborn, Kimberly, to the 1963 Governor's Ball.

The public is invited, but reservations must be made in advance by calling Carme Smith, 733-2782, or Dorothy Roberts, 734-1425. Admission to the show and luncheon is \$6.55.

## Local blood donors fall short of 120-pint quota

TWIN FALLS — Gary Woodland received a 10-gallon donor pin at the Red Cross blood drawing this week.

Donors failed to meet the 120-pint quota either day. There were 113 donors on Monday and 92 on Tuesday.

Bill Chigbrow, chapter manager, said the demand for blood products continues to increase. Future drawings in the Magic Valley are scheduled for March 28 in Jerome, April

6 at the College of Southern Idaho; May 5 in Gooding and May 8 and 9 in Twin Falls.

Other top donors at last week's local drawing were Adeline Auferheide, nine gallons; Ron Carr, seven; Dennis Butler, six; Marilyn Patterson, JoAnn Packer and Ray Critchlow, five; Virginia Koehn, three; Edward Bortz, Thomas Trout, Judy Sommer, Ed Mueger, two gallons, and David Romans, H. Ann Gorgen, and Leila Shepherd, one gallon.

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## Engagements

### Chapin-Beem

TWIN FALLS — Harry and Marjorie Chapin of Twin Falls, announce the engagement of their daughter, Denise Marie Chapin to Timothy Beem, the son of Mrs. Frances Herick of Twin Falls.

Chapin is a graduate of Twin Falls High School. She is employed at Cactus Pete's in Jackpot, Nev.

Beem is a graduate of Twin Falls High School. He is also employed at Cactus Pete's in Jackpot.

The wedding is planned for May 13 at the First Christian Church in Twin Falls.



Denise Chapin and Timothy Beem

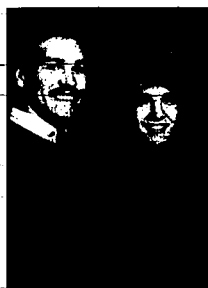
### Wagner-Menchaca

CALDWELL — Ms. June Wagner of Caldwell, announces the engagement of her daughter, Rhonda S. Wagner to Juan N. Menchaca, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Juan Menchaca of Hagerman.

Wagner attended Middleton High School and the College of Southern Idaho. She is employed at Fred Meyer.

Menchaca also attended Middleton High School and the College of Southern Idaho. He works for Meridian Auto Sales.

The wedding is planned for May 13.



Juan Menchaca and Rhonda Wagner

## Anniversaries

### The Clarks

BUHL — Mr. and Mrs. George W. Clark will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday.

A private dinner is being planned by the couple's children Dennis Clark, of Buhl, and Fred Clark of Twin Falls, and spouses.

Clark and Beulah Ford were married March 18, 1939, in Southwest City, Mo. They moved to Castleford in 1946 and then to Buhl in 1950.

They were self-employed in the

trucking business until 1986 when they retired. The couple has four grandchildren.



Beulah and George Clark

### The Hensons

TWIN FALLS — Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Henson, of Evanston, Wyo., and formerly of Twin Falls, are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary.

Henson and Edna Viola Williams were married March 14, 1939, in Missouri. Mr. Henson has been retired for many years and Mrs. Henson will be retiring shortly from a nursing career.

They currently reside in Evanston, Wyo., but will be moving back to their home in Twin Falls in April.

The couple has four children, 14 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



Ralph and Edna Henson

### The Wilsons

RUPERT — Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Wilson, of Rupert, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception Saturday.

Friends and relatives are invited to call from 2 to 4 p.m. at the First Pentecostal Church, 100 N. Meridian Rd., in Rupert.

Wilson and Elizabeth Louise Milligan were married Feb. 20, 1939. They have lived in Twin Falls for many years prior to moving to Rupert, where they have lived for more than 16 years. Mr. Wilson worked for Keith's Used Cars and Bonanza Motor Company, both in Burley and also worked for Diamond Laundry in Glens Ferry. Mrs. Wilson retired from the Ore-Ida Company in Burley.

They have been active in the First Pentecostal Church. They were also members of the Nazarene Church.

The event is being given by their sons, Jerry Wilson of Temple, Calif., Jim Wilson of Logan, Utah and Terry Wilson of Twin Falls; and their daughter, Verna Sherrets of Twin Falls. The couple has nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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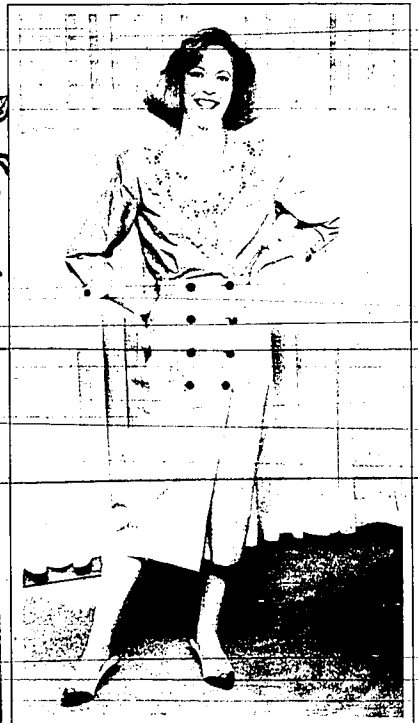
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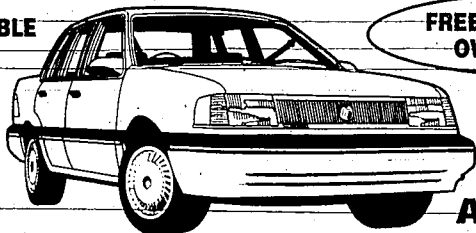




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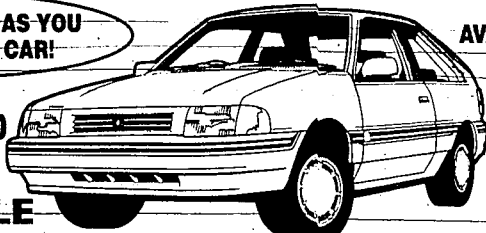
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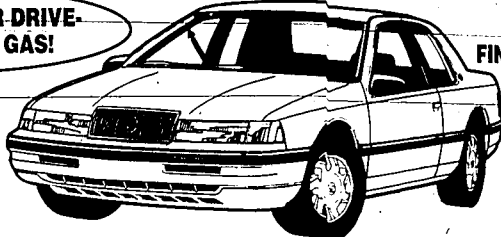
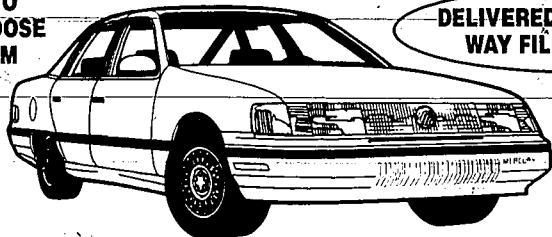
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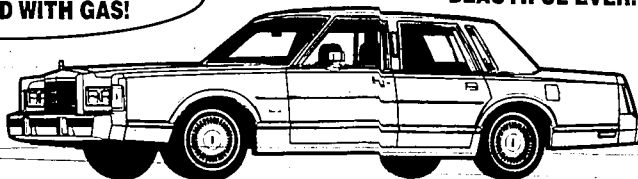
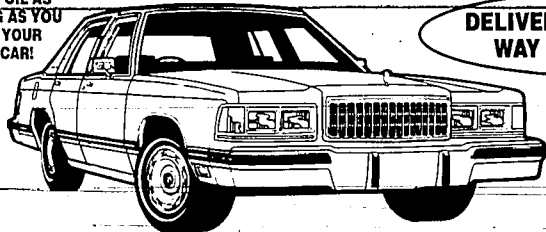
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## Bean farmers struggle over contract question

By MARTA CLEAVELAND  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — To contract or not to contract, that is the question nagging at bean growers.

The dry bean market is high, quite high. But will it stay that way?

"Some farmers are doing some real soul searching right now," said Ken High, manager of Kelley Bean Co. in Filer.

Farmers who believe the market will go down are likely to sign contracts for their beans, which are being offered around the valley in the range of \$22 to \$25 a hundredweight for pinto beans. Or they may scratch a lot of their bean acres for one of the other profitable commodities such as potatoes or hay.

Farmers who believe the market

will stay high or maybe even go higher, perhaps as a result of another drought elsewhere in the country, will refuse contracts and wait on the open market.

"We don't know what's going to happen with the market," High said. "But we're pretty optimistic."

"Sales are good, exports are good, and consumption is up 18 percent in the last three years, he said.

"Pinto planting could be up a bit, which gives us some concern. We don't want the quantities we had 1986 and 1987," he said.

In 1986, the high pinto quantities weren't a problem because much of the supply was pre-sold to Mexico. In 1987, the numbers were again high, but there was no market for them and the bottom fell out.

The white bean market is under

pressure now from the harvest in Chile, High said. He refused, however, to predict that the price will drop as a result.

The pinto market, on the other hand, is experiencing a shortage. "There simply aren't enough beans," he said.

"The current shortage and high prices are going to stimulate planting, but it won't get out of hand because of competition from other crops," he said.

Most commodities prices are at profit levels, so there is competition for those bean acres.

"There isn't one crop you can't make come out in the black on paper," he said.

Idaho bean production was not much affected by the 1988 drought. Yields averaging 1,690 pounds per acre were in the normal range.

The 120,000 acres harvested in 1988 was down considerably from 1987's 162,000 acres.

Prices, on the other hand, were not. The average price for all dry edible beans combined was \$28.20 a hundredweight for the 1988 market

year. In 1987, the average price was \$16.60, according to Greg Mathi, a statistician with the U.S. Agricultural Statistics Service.

1988 prices were the highest since 1980, when the average reached \$28.30. In 1982, the average price fell as low as \$11.70.

The current pinto price of \$31 is the third highest in history; High said.

In 1974, the price was \$55, and in 1981 the price was \$35. Last March the price for pintos was \$14.

The current prices are \$30 for pinks and reds, \$31 for small whites and \$26 for Great Northerns.

Last March, pinks were \$14, reds were \$18, small whites were \$14 and Great Northerns were \$16.

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SPRING PLANTING 1989

## Dry bean planting saves water, yields just as well

By MARTA CLEAVELAND  
Times-News writer

**KIMBERLY** — Breaking the old habit of watering a bean field before planting it would save farmers considerable water without sacrificing on yield, a Kimberly researcher says.

Research conducted last year proved planting beans dry and then watering them produces as good or better yields, uses less water and allows more flexibility in planting times, said Dr. David Carter, director of the U.S. Department of Agriculture research service station in Kimberly.

"If (the farmer) wouldn't get so nervous, he could do a better job of bringing his beans up," Carter said.

But farmers are usually so anxious to get everything ready and planted that they water before planting to save some time, Carter said. But planting dry and then "watering up" can actually provide more flexibility without loss of time, he said.

The benefits of watering up beans were first noted by Kimberly researchers five years ago. While doing a double cropping study, they discovered that growing beans without tillage and planting them dry produced significantly better yields than watering before planting.

"We weren't making side-by-side comparisons but we were getting higher yields from watering up," Carter said.

Several farmers asked for definitive proof, so last summer the researchers did a comparison study of the two watering methods.

Carter used Gallatin's snap beans, a contract green bean, and Viva pink commercial dry beans.

One plot of each variety was pre-plant irrigated the way most farmers in the area do it, totally soaking the ground from furrow to furrow, then waiting for the ground to dry out enough to plant.

The second plot of each variety was

planted dry with no-till preparation and then watered immediately, but only to the edge of the seed row, not soaking the ground.

After that, all the plots were irrigated the same way.

The results were that the snap bean pre-plant irrigated plot yielded 20 bags of beans per acre, while the dry-planted plot yielded 21 bags. Carter emphasized that there is no scientifically significant difference between those results.

The pre-watered plot of pink beans yielded 36.2 bags while the dry-planted plot produced 36.9 bags per acre. Again, there is no statistical difference between those results.

The significance is not in the yield but in the water savings. The dry planting method used four inches less water on the pinks and three inches less on the snaps than the pre-plant watering method.

"You are better off planting beans dry and watering up," Carter said. "I don't want to promote it as a panacea because problems can always arise in any situation, but you sure save water and that was pretty important last year."

Planting dry works better for corn as well. In a test of three varieties, two yielded the same and one produced 1 1/2 times more sweet corn per acre when watered up and it used three inches less water, he said.

Used with conservation-tillage methods, planting dry also allows more flexibility, he said.

When a farmer pre-plant irrigates he has to wait for the field to dry out, and then he has to hit it before it dries out too much or before rains come and makes his watering wasted.

Often the seeds will rot and have to be replanted.

With dry planting, "if the farmer doesn't get in a hurry and he gets his ground ready, he can wait for warm weather, then plant, water and have his crop come up in five days," Carter said.

## Grain prices look promising, but acreage might stay level

The Times-News

**TWIN FALLS** — The market for grains the coming year appears good, but local acreage may not increase much, if at all.

While prices for wheat, corn and barley should be steady or higher than last year, local growers may decide beans are even better. Dry bean consumption and exports are up, helping prices too their highest level since 1980.

Still, grains appear promising.

Winter wheat prices should hold steady this year thanks to the drought last summer, said Mark Samson of the Idaho Wheat Commission.

Samson said he expected winter wheat

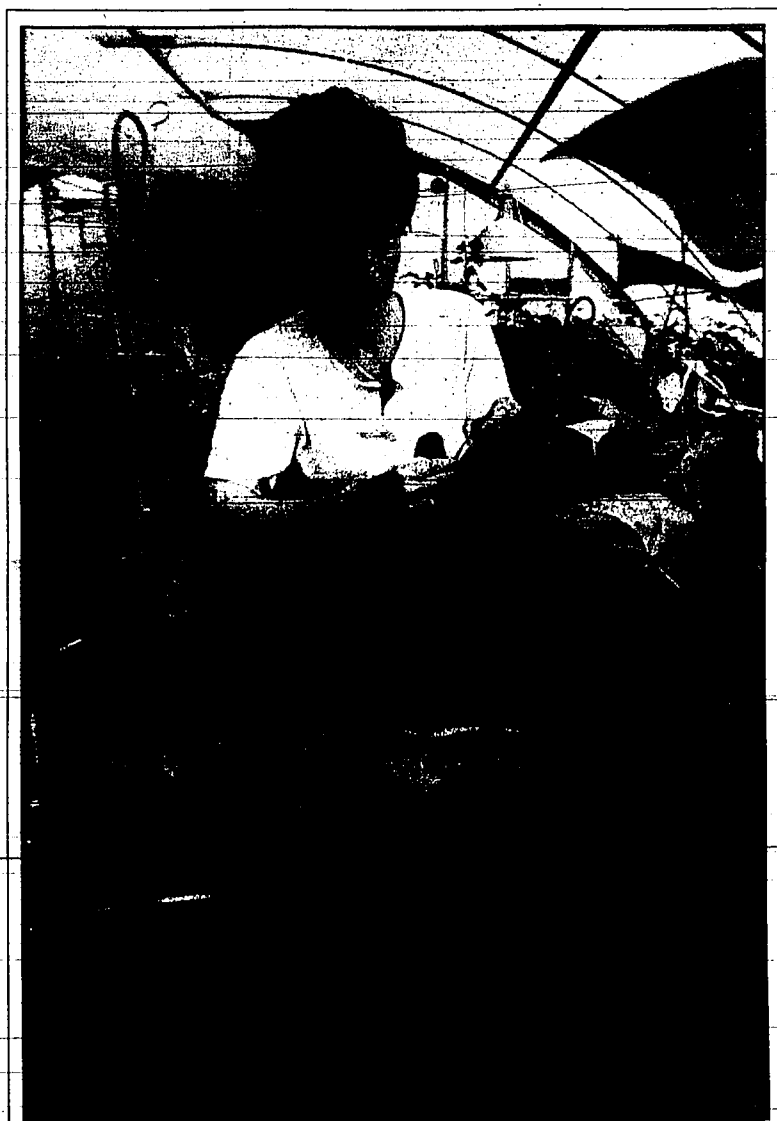
plantings would be up because farm programs allow an increase in planted acres but the dry summer prompted many farmers to plant other crops, he said.

Winter wheat plantings are up only 7 percent from last fall. "There just wasn't enough moisture to get a crop up in winter wheat," he said.

"That and other factors should help keep the market steady for winter wheat growers for this coming season."

"Prices will stay fairly firm," Samson said. "I don't think we're going to see them fall off to the levels we had two years ago." Prices will be within 10 or 20 percent of last year's prices, he said.

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### Caution: bean crossing

Nedra Robinson, a University of Idaho employee, cross pollinates dry bean plants at the agricultural research

center in Kimberly. The project's goal is to create bean plants with genetic improvements that would help farm-

ers. Researchers are looking for plants that resist diseases, tolerate insects and bring increased yields.

## Onions are a risky gamble, but outcome can be rewarding

By TERRELL WILLIAMS  
Times-News correspondent

**TWIN FALLS** — Experienced onion growers say don't invest more than you can afford to lose on this risky crop.

But, if all goes well, there's good money to be made here.

"It's kind of a gamble," said Bob Vodraska, extension agricultural agent for Twin Falls County. "I've seen some growers plow them under. They just couldn't market them."

This perishable crop cannot wait too long for the market to come around, he said.

Also, an onion crop takes more hand labor to grow than most other crops, he said, and by harvest time a grower can expect to have \$1,800 to \$2,500 per acre invested in this edible bulb.

"So if you've got five acres of onions,

you've got quite a bit of capital out," Vodraska said.

Planting the fine onion seed is one major expense, he explained. Next, the crop must be thinned and weeded by hand. Nitrogen needs to be "spoon-fed" in several applications so irrigation water does not wash it below the shallow roots. Drought conditions or high temperatures can limit onion size, disease can wipe out a crop and too much rain at harvest time will leave the bulbs rotting in their wind rows.

"It takes more time and money to raise onions," Vodraska said. "But the return can be quite fair, too. Those in it year-in and year-out do pretty well."

Production of onions in the Magic Valley has increased in the last two years, says Stacey Camp, a crops agent working in Lincoln and Gooding counties. First-time grow-

ers should just plant a few acres to get familiar with the special care involved in raising onions, Camp said. But, he added, high risk often means high return, and in some years the farmers do very well.

"A person should plan on growing them several years," Camp said. "If you just grow one or two years, you might hit bad years. But over a 10-year period, you'd do all right."

Vodraska said the Treasure Valley in the Caldwell-Ontario, Ore., area, has led the region in onion production for the last 10 to 15 years.

But in the last two years, interest in onions has grown in the Magic Valley. He predicted that about 1,000 acres of onions will be grown in the area this year, compared to an estimated 700 or 800 acres last year.

Vodraska credited the increase to potato processors in this area who have decided to

handle fresh onions as well as the spuds.

"They have the processing capacity to produce market potential for onions," Vodraska said. Also, he said, the new onion processing plant in Wendell, scheduled for operation this fall, is sure to increase the onion acreage around the Wendell area.

"If you've got a place to take them, there will be more people interested in producing them," he said.

Leary Link of Parma, secretary of the Onion Association of Idaho and Oregon, said the market was a little better than average earlier this year, but recent prices have been falling.

"Growers might be selling at a loss right now," he said Tuesday. "The prices are pretty volatile on onions. It's not a sure-but crop."

Regional competition and even the success

of growers in southern states will affect the demand on this complicated crop, Link said.

He declined to say what a good price would be. "I'd hate to build up false hopes," he said. "Ninety percent of the time, growers don't get top prices."

Link also said a "good price" would depend on the farmer's cost of production. He estimated that \$4 per hundred weight might be a break-even price.

The national per-capita consumption of onions, including processed onion products, is about 19 pounds per year, Link said.

But even though the demand is steady, perspective onion growers should contact university agents and carefully research production demands and costs.

"We've seen a lot of growers jump into it without really knowing what they're getting into," Link said.

# Oats

## Idaho might not benefit from rise in consumption of U.S. oats

By ANNETTE CARY  
Times-News writer

RUPERT — U.S. residents are expected to be eating twice as much oats by the end of this year as they were at the start of the decade.

But whether Idaho farmers will benefit is questionable.

On the plus side is a new interest by Quaker Oats in Southern Idaho as an oat production area. Last year the company bought a small quantity of Southern Idaho oats. Contracts have been expanded this year in Miradola County and areas east.

But the contracts still are small

enough to be dubbed an experiment, said Bill Gillmore, Quaker's director of commodity purchases. He declined to discuss the specific amount of oats contracted, but state agriculture officials estimate the company is buying 10 times as many bushels.

At least part of the reason the company's looking at Idaho is the increased demand for oats since the discovery that oat bran could reduce cholesterol levels.

Distributors are shipping less than half the oat bran products grocers are asking for, and the allotments will probably continue next year, said Keith Carlson of the American

Oat Association. Companies are having trouble finding the oats to make the product and then finding the milling capacity to process the oats, he said.

State agriculture marketing officials hope the solution lies in Idaho.

Quaker was pleased with the quality of oats purchased last year, Gillmore said. "We don't buy oats on irrigated land anywhere else," he said. That, the climate or the variation grown here may be responsible for their quality.

But getting the harvest processed remains a problem. Now the oats are shipped by rail to Missouri or Iowa

mills, Gillmore said.

Rick Phillips, Department of Agriculture administrator of marketing and development, said the state is hoping Quaker will decide that the high milling quality of Idaho oats will convince the firm to start a processing plant here.

But Carlson said the future of oats in Idaho hinges on the 1990 Farm Bill. The American Oat Association is lobbying for the return of oat production to the Midwest.

The current farm bill restricts feed grain production and makes corn more profitable than oats, limiting the incentive for farmers to grow

the crop, Carlson said.

If the 1990 Farm Bill does not lift incentives for Midwest farmers to grow corn rather than oats, then the future of Idaho oats is bright, he said.

Oats are an easy crop to raise and the price is stable because they are grown under contract, Phillips said. Oats are now selling for \$3 a bushel, partly because of the drought, and next year's contracts are set at \$2.45 a bushel, Carlson said.

That's a substantial increase over the \$1.25 to \$1.75 paid per bushel five

years ago. But it's relatively small potatoes compared with the 20 or more a hundredweight spuds are bringing now.

Still, oats would make a good rotation crop, Phillips said. They are also a good crop for high altitudes, he said.

Last year 1,100 to 1,500 acres of oats were grown in Twin Falls County, but apparently little of that was grown for the table.

That's the key, Phillips said. "The trick is for farmers to grow for human consumption."

# Grains

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Much of the acreage that wasn't planted in winter wheat but could have been will probably be planted in spring wheat, although it doesn't have the higher yield potential, Samson said.

The commission has had reports of winter kill in the northern part of the state, but Samson doesn't think that will be the case in Magic Valley. "I think we had an adequate snow coverage during the cold snap in this area to protect the grain," he says.

Samson warns wheat growers to be on the lookout for the Russian wheat aphid. While he says there isn't much information on how the aphid reacted to the cold weather, "Once we start a warming trend, we'll have to see what infestation levels are," Samson suggested growers check their winter wheat fields frequently.

Silage and grain corn acres should remain unchanged, despite an expected increase in Midwest acres.

Bob Vodraska, crop specialist with the Twin Falls County Cooperative Extension Service, said last year's drought — and resulting corn shortage — likely will prompt Midwest growers to plant more acres this year. But he doesn't expect the price to drop for local growers because of the local market, mostly the dairies.

Twin Falls County averages 15,000-22,000 acres of corn and Vodraska expects about 20,000 this year.

Last year's drought could help Idaho's barley growers.

The drought has prompted many malt barley contractors to look for growers who irrigate their crops, rather than rely on Mother Nature, said Tom Iverson of Bonners Ferry, a member of the newly-formed Idaho Barley Commission.

Southern Idaho is an attractive choice because most of its barley is grown under irrigation, about 55-65 percent, Iverson said. The drought, in fact, made Idaho last year the nation's largest barley producer, he said.

The valley major contractors — Anheuser-Busch and Coors — aren't saying how much they've contracted for the coming year but their interest in irrigated barley is well-known.

"It's certainly no secret that Anheuser-Busch is much more active in soliciting contracts in the Magic Valley area," Tim McGreevy, administrator of the Idaho Barley Commission, said. "It's my understanding that they are increasing their acreage."

Coors, meanwhile, seems to be holding steady from our information," McGreevy said.

"They want to be more or less guaranteed that they will get so many bushels of barley," Vodraska said.

But the total acres may not increase. The change will be among barley growers switching to malt barley from feed barley. In the past

season, about 40 percent of Idaho's barley was the malt variety.

That could increase to about 45 percent this year, with as much as 38-40 percent having high enough quality for the brewers, McGreevy said.

Overseas markets, meanwhile, could provide a boom to both types of barley.

"As far as market prices this year, of course, a lot of things could happen," Iverson said. But he thinks new Secretary of Agriculture Clayton Yuetter will use the Export Enhancement Program to help barley growers. The program subsidizes

U.S. barley exports to compete with the heavily subsidized European market.

But the real purpose of the program is to encourage the European community to drop subsidies for an open market, McGreevy said.

"That's the whole purpose," he said.

Also, the barley commission is working to develop South American markets for malt barley.

Barley growers should be concerned about the Russian wheat aphid for this coming year, according to Iverson.

"It likes barley better than wheat," he says.

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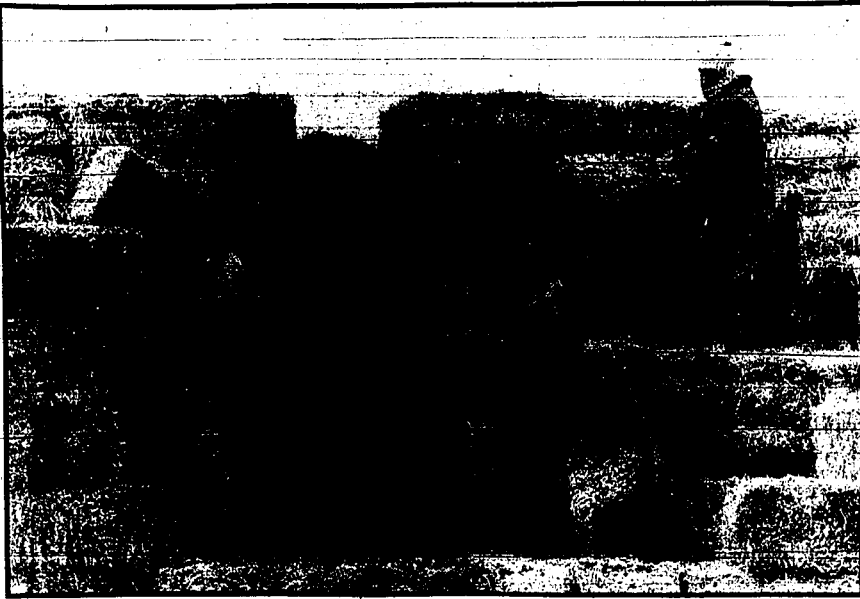
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**Idaho spud growers benefit from U.S. law**

BLACKFOOT (AP) — The nation's fall potato stocks are down from a year ago, which indicates a continuing good market for Idaho growers this season, according to the Potato Growers of Idaho.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture reported that as of Feb. 1, the nation's potato stocks totaled 145 million hundredweight, down 13 percent from a year ago and 6 percent below two years ago. The Feb. 1 stocks were 81 percent russet, 14 percent white and 2 percent red.

**1988 drought will keep hay prices up**

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — The plentiful snowfall in the Idaho area bodes well for the hay crop this season but prices are expected to remain above average, thanks to last year's drought.

The drought last year brought high prices for local hay growers and should continue to affect the market this year, Don Ast of Ast Hay Co. in Hazelton said.

As Midwest crops shriveled in the dry heat, local growers watched prices steadily rise from \$40-\$50 at ton to \$80-\$90. It's dropped some to \$65-\$75 now, but Ast doesn't expect it to drop much more. The winter supply should just about be gone when the new season starts, he said.

"I'll drop a bit, but it won't drop much," Ast said. "We'll start the season with zero stocks. There'll be very little carry-over, if any."

The psychological effect of the low stocks will keep prices up too, even though the region's snowpack promises plenty of water for the

coming hay crop, Ast said. "All markets are based two-thirds on emotion and one-third on fact," he said.

Ast said he doesn't expect farmers will begin switching to hay to take advantage of the good price, though, because of the promising market for other crops, such as the grains and beans. "Some of those other things are far more profitable than hay," he said.

Idaho last year harvested 1.140 million acres of hay, producing 3.881 million tons and 3.4 tons per acre.

These numbers were down slightly from 1987.

Ast expects Japan's new market for oat-hay to be boon to area growers. Japan last year lifted insect restrictions on oats, providing a lucrative market for those wanting to enter it. "It looks like a great opportunity for the northwest," Ast said.

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# Grapes

## Idaho's grapes work harder, make better-tasting wine

By MARTA CLEAVELAND  
Times-News writer

HAGERMAN - California wine grapes are fat and lazy, basking in the endless sun. Their life of leisure gives them no opportunity to build character.

Meanwhile, Idaho wine grapes are in a constant struggle to survive amid the cold winters and the volcanic soil. Idaho's grapes build deep character that is transferred to the wine.

Grapes that grow in areas where their lives are stressed work harder and therefore produce fewer but better grapes, said Stephanie Martin, who co-owns Rose Creek Winery with her brother, Jamie.

That's her explanation for why Idaho wines are better - the soil and the climate. And those factors are why the Hagerman Valley is an ideal place for grape production, and why Rose Creek Winery was established here.

Two Hagerman Valley vineyards sell to Rose Creek - the Hagerman Vineyard and the Select Harvest Vineyard.

All vineyards have different tastes because each has unique soil and water conditions.

"If it's dirty water it'll pick that up. But we have nice clear spring water here," said Jim Martin, Stephanie's father, who is also involved in the family winemaking business.

"In winemaking, it's the soil that counts, not whose name is on the label," Stephanie Martin said. That is why the name of the region where the grapes are grown is so prominently displayed on the bottle. All of Idaho is currently considered one region.

Sweet wine grapes such as chardonnays and especially rieslings flourish here. The hot days and cool nights keep the important acids in the grapes.

Idaho soils can produce two tons of grapes per acre, while California soil can produce five tons.

The vines in Idaho are pruned back to prevent them from producing more than two tons because the quality of each grape suffers from too much volume, she said. The vines receive no fertilizer because they are supposed to suffer. But they need continual pruning and weeding.



Times-News file photo

### Local grapes are given character by the Idaho weather

A vineyard is a huge commitment, Martin said.

"We've planted grapes for retired people but they won't take care of them. They think it's a romantic idea, but they don't want to do the work," she said. "Every time someone comes in and says, 'I'm going to put in an acre of grapes,' I tell them not to. I'm tired of having to go in and try to save their vines."

"I won't plant any more unless it's for a farmer who is committed," she continued. "Every vine takes individual hand pruning. You can't do it with machines."

In France, the average family vineyard is two acres because a family cannot care properly for more than that, she said. Five acres is a good-sized vineyard.

The vines grow five years before they produce grapes, seven years before they produce good white grapes, and 10 years before they'll produce good red ones.

"In France they say the vines are

children until they are 25 years old," Martin said. "But they can produce well into their 60s."

No vineyard in the entire Northwest is 25 years old yet, she said. Her brother, Jamie, planted three acres of vines in the Hagerman Valley 10 years ago.

Rose Creek buys from only three vineyards in the area, but as other vineyards mature, they will contribute too.

The drought the past two years did not affect the grape harvest, Martin said.

"Vines take less and less water as they get older. We normally stop watering in August anyway," she said.

The greatest concern for the grapes is a spring frost after the buds have opened. The cold can wither the buds, cutting yields significantly.

But overhead sprinkler systems have all but eliminated even that threat.

## Hagerman's Rose Creek reaps rewards as new Idaho wineries begin to blossom

By MARTA CLEAVELAND  
Times-News writer

HAGERMAN - Rose Creek 1985 is grape, reported the February issue of "Decanter" magazine with the results of a recent international wine-tasting panel in England.

"The best American wine for me, Rose Creek 1985 from Washington state, was as good as any wine in the tasting," one judge wrote.

"We're selling wine like crazy in London right now. We could become world famous and the local people might never know about it," said Stephanie Martin, who joined her brother, Jamie, in the wine-making business in 1984.

Rose Creek Winery in Hagerman, the third largest in Idaho and the only one in the Magic Valley, is described by Martin as a typical family winery producing about 5,000 cases a year.

"We're trying to be like a local village winery and cater to local tastes," she said. "This area has no wine tradition, so people drink what they like."

In the Northwest, Johannesburg riesling is the most popular wine, hence most of Rose Creek's wines are of that sweet variety. In the rest of the country chardonnay reigns supreme.

The Martins were born in Jerome and raised on potato farms in Eden and Burley. Ten years ago,

Jamie Martin planted a three-acre vineyard in Hagerman because he needed an excuse for moving back to the Magic Valley, and he considered the climate and

soil ideal for wine grapes.

Stephanie Martin knew nothing about wine when she entered the new family business.

To learn she recommends: "Read the coffee table books and you've got it."

They now have more than five years and numerous awards under their belts, but Martin points out, "When it comes to wine you've got to hang in there for a couple hundred years."

New small wineries are springing up all over Idaho, she said, and

interest in growing grapes is increasing.

Bill Sowe, a Twin Falls native, started the Indian Creek Winery near Kuna and has already won a contest for best chardonnay.

The Martins hope Rose Creek eventually will grow to producing 10,000 cases.

By comparison, Idaho's largest winery, Ste. Chapelle near Caldwell, owned by Sen. Steve Symms' family, produces 125,000 cases a year.

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**Aphids**

# Preventative insecticides aren't likely to keep away aphids

By MARLENE FRITZ  
Special to The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Idaho grain growers who hope a preventive insecticide for Russian wheat aphids will be cost-effective in their spring wheat crop will most likely be disappointed, according to entomologists with the University of Idaho-College of Agriculture.

By the time the wheat has emerged and the aphids are migrating from winter into spring wheat, the insecticide will probably have worn off, said Dr. Robert Stoltz, UI

extension entomologist in Twin Falls.

Stoltz said growers who plant in early April will find that their planting application of insecticide will be inactive by mid-May.

"Meanwhile, we're hoping the insects will not build up to such high numbers that they're migrating out of winter wheat into spring wheat until after mid-May or early June," he said.

Russian wheat aphids are much more damaging in young grains than in more mature plants. In young wheat, infestation of 10 percent of

tillers is considered sufficient to warrant spraying, compared with 15 to 20 percent in wheat beyond the flowering stage.

Stoltz said 100 percent of Magic Valley wheat fields had "some percent of infestation" by mid-November last year.

"Last year was an extremely beneficial one for aphid reproduction in the fall," he said. "We still had winged aphids flying in the middle of December."

Stoltz said at-planting application was recommended on last fall's early-planted winter wheat both be-

cause of the "extremely large populations of Russian wheat aphids flying out of the volunteer grain" and because of the typically large populations of oat-birdcherry aphids moving from corn into wheat. Oat-birdcherry aphids are the principal carriers of barley yellow dwarf virus in Idaho wheat. Russian wheat aphid populations dropped dramatically between fall and spring last year.

"They survived the winter, but then they disappeared in the spring," Stoltz said. The cause could have been the effects of warming, fungal disease or moisture — or a combination of the three — or some unknown factors.

"Our best estimate is that hopefully that will happen again this year and that the populations will build up slowly enough in winter wheat that we won't have significant migration into spring-planted cereal grains until later.

"But if the colonies didn't suffer a lot of mortality, the populations will be huge and we'll have aphids flying into the spring wheat before mid-May."

Populations of Russian wheat aphids dropped 25 to 30 percent between November and December, Stoltz said. Weather and soil conditions have prohibited adequate sampling since then.

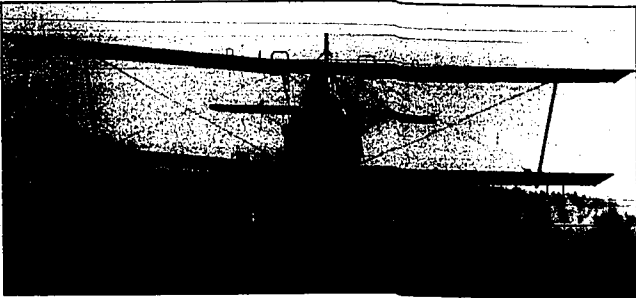
Stoltz said the "luckiest we're going to be is to spray the spring wheat

once — and that the later-planted spring grains are going to be more apt to have to be sprayed."

Dr. Susan Halbert, UI aphid specialist at Parma, said the overwintering survival of Russian wheat aphids is known to be "variable from field to field" and that the "only way

to be safe is to go out and look at your fields as soon as the snow melts."

Marlene Fritz is assistant agricultural editor at the University of Idaho's Agriculture Information Center.



Most insecticides have worn off by the time aphids migrate from winter to spring wheat

## '88's huge spud crop could mean less '89 acreage

By DIANA SCHORZMAN  
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — The state's large potato crop last year and the good prices it fetched may mean less acres planted this year but it's too early to know for sure, potato experts say.

The 1988 potato crop was the fourth largest potato crop on record, said Gary Kleinschmidt, extension potato specialist for the University of Idaho.

Total acres planted into potatoes in Idaho in 1988 was 350,000, up 3 percent from 1987, but John Rooney, executive director of the Potato Growers of Idaho, says it is too early to make any acreage predictions for the coming year.

"So many other factors are involved, such as alternate crops," he said. "With beans being up and hay and wheat being up, people may look at planting something other than potatoes."

Rooney says growers are paying a lot of attention to the other crops which will be a factor in deciding what to plant this year.

But high prices for potatoes, created by a shortage, may urge many to stay with the crop. Growers are getting \$8.99 a hundredweight. That's nearly double the average price of about \$4 and up three times over last year's prices of \$2.50-\$3.50.

"Anytime you're above \$6 you're talking pretty good money," Denny Keegan, of Keegan Inc., potato fresh packers, said.

Even if the market appears good

### Potato growers to be given 2 new varieties

By DIANA SCHORZMAN  
Times-News correspondent

ABERDEEN — Two new potato varieties will be released to potato growers in Idaho this year.

According to Stephen Love, potato development specialist at the University of Idaho Research and Extension Center at Aberdeen, these are the first new varieties to be released from an Idaho breeding program in the last 10 years.

The releases are an early Russet variety and a new chipping potato. The Russet is different from the Russet Burbank, commonly grown in the Magic Valley, Love said.

"It has the kind of quality of the Burbank, but it matures three to four weeks earlier," Love said, so it will help Idaho farmers get into earlier potato markets in the fall.

The early Russet should be more valuable than other early varieties because "it has the capability to be either processed or run through the fresh market, and that's important to Idaho growers," Love said.

The early Russet will be released by the end of this year.

Already released is a new chipping potato. Currently, the chipping industry in Idaho is small but growing, Love said.

Chipping potato acreage in Idaho has "more than doubled in the four

this year for potatoes, the number of acres planted may not rise. "Traditionally, the year after a good price year is not another good year, so the experienced growers won't over-plant."

Kleinschmidt does not feel that last year's dry summer affected the potato crop. "Some fields did prematurely die last year, but the crop was above the one-year average," he says.

The soil moisture looks better now than it did last at this time, but it may be too early to plant. "Plant when the soil temperature is 45 degrees and warming, and don't plant in cool, wet soil," Kleinschmidt said. "Planting in cool, wet soil forms clods. The clods stay in the fields all summer until harvest and increase potato bruising."

The university recommends that

growers take a field test, particularly for nitrogen, on potato ground before planting.

"Add enough nitrate nitrogen to bring it up to 20-25 parts per million," says Kleinschmidt. "Also, if the farmers are using a starter fertilizer, I recommend placing it above the seed piece rather than below. This gives a little better result."

Planters are easily modified to do this, he said. "The seed looks like it will be in excellent shape this spring," Kleinschmidt said.

Farmers hope February's cold weather will take its toll on the green peach aphid, which transmits potato leaf roll virus. Depending on summer temperatures and unless they migrate from western Idaho, Kleinschmidt doesn't expect much of a problem this year.

The Jerome and Gooding areas spray their peach trees, but the Burley-Rupert area had a problem last year. The virus migrates to the tubers and causes the death of tissue that results in a cull potato.

The Russet Burbank is the most commonly grown potato in the Magic Valley, but Kleinschmidt says the Norkoth Russet, an early fresh pack potato, is increasing and replacing the Norgold Russet that suffers from a hollow-heart problem.

The chipping potato industry in Idaho is also increasing.

"After planting, we'll have to wait and see what happens," says Kleinschmidt. "So much depends on the summer weather, whether it's too hot or too cold."

Current information on potatoes is available for farmers from their county extension agents.

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# Beets

## Amalgamated Sugar expands acreage

By MARTA CLEAVELAND  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — This spring, there will be more sugar beet growers and more sugar beet acres than ever before in the Magic Valley.

Amalgamated Sugar Co. is taking on more of both.

"The increase is tied to one thing — factory performance," said Leonard Kerbs, agricultural manager of Amalgamated's Twin Falls district. "They're increasing production every day, so we need to contract more beets."

The factories have become more efficient, the equipment better and the people smarter, said Vic Jaro, the Twin Falls factory superintendent. For example, the tower defuser that extracts the sugar from the beets was designed to process 4,500 tons a day, but in 1988, Jaro was able to run 6,600 tons.

The company runs a regular and an early harvest. This season, it will increase its early-harvest acreage 15 percent, from 6,000 acres in 1988 to 7,000 acres this year in the Twin

Falls district, and from 10,000 to 12,000 acres in the Mini-Cassia district.

The regular harvest acreages will remain the same as last year — 19,500 in Twin Falls and 70,000 in Mini-Cassia — but this year, none of the beets grown here will be trucked to the processing plants in Nampa and Nyssa, Ore., as they have been in the past.

"The beets that are grown here will stay here," Kerbs said. "We need enough tons for 159 days."

The factory's regular "campaign" is from early October through mid-February. But since 1982, the plant has run an "early harvest" using beets harvested beginning in early September. The early-harvest beets are smaller so tonnage is lower, but the early run is still profitable for both factory and farmer.

Kerbs plans to contract with some new growers for the early harvest this year. He has had a mile-long waiting list since 1981 of farmers who want to grow beets for Amalgamated.

The early harvest "allows a new

grower to get his toe in the door, so to speak, so when an older grower retires he can step in," said Jaro.

Kerbs expressed surprise at how many calls he has gotten this year from farmers wanting to grow beets. He had thought the higher prices of other commodities would have taken the pressure off beets.

Though other commodities are paying better now than in recent years, beets have been a steady source of profit.

In 1987, the most recent year of figures available, growers earned an average \$38.70 per ton statewide, but growers in the Twin Falls district averaged \$40. The yield was 25.6 tons per acre that year, "a benchmark crop," Kerbs said. Farmers grossed more than \$1,000 per acre.

In 1988, the average yield per acre was 22.8 tons, still considerably above the historical average yield of 22.8 tons.

The historical high price was \$16.90 per ton in 1980, and in 1983 it was \$18.50, said Greg Mull, a statistician with the U.S. Agricultural Statistics Service.

"The quality of the beets is better than it was five years ago," Jaro said. "In the last five years we've seen a marked improvement in the beets and in growers' willingness to grow better beets."

Since Amalgamated began its quality control program in 1984 to increase the sugar content in beets without losing tonnage, 92 percent of the Twin Falls district growers have joined.

"The trick was to show them that quality pays. Before it was tonnage," Jaro said.

The growers' contract is based on quality. Growers are paid by the ton, but rates vary based on sugar content and other quality factors.

How much growers are paid depends, too, on the price Amalgamated can get for the sugar.

"The grower shares in the market fluctuations. If the price goes up, he gets more. If it goes down he gets less," Jaro said. "It's more a partnership arrangement than it is for other commodities. When the company makes more, the growers make more."

## Sugar beets hard to grow, but good money

By DIANE SCHORZMAN  
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — The old-timers called them "mortgage breakers."

Roger Stutzman, a Buhl-area farmer, says they're one of the better cash crops today.

They're talking about sugar beets. Stutzman raises 70-80 acres of sugar beets every year, contracted to Amalgamated Sugar Co. in Twin Falls.

Raising contracted sugar beets provides a steady income for farmers, and therefore, "the competition for acres is very keen," Stutzman says.

But they're not an easy crop to grow. "Beets are a difficult crop to get up, and they aren't vigorous plants," he says. They are subject to powdery mildew, a disease that interferes with the plant's photosynthesis process and can kill it.

Fertilizing the crop is critical too. Too much fertilizer and it depresses the sugar percentage, says John Gillian, research and extension sugar beet specialist with the University of Idaho research station in Kimberly.

Beet growers also have a short planting window, the result of an attempt to maximize profits. The

longer the beet is in the ground, the higher the sugar content and the profit. But the earlier the grower plants, the greater the chance of bud weather. Growers, thus, are constantly walking the fine line between maximizing profits and freezes that can kill the crop.

Beets in the Magic Valley are usually planted the first part of April, which historically has "dry enough soils and is beyond the killer freezes of the earlier parts of the year."

The key to the successful grower, says Gillian, is preparation. Regardless of weather conditions and disease problems, there are always some growers at the top of the head and some at the bottom, he says.

"It's because these people are prepared," Gillian said. "They've gone ahead and done their homework you might say before they are forced to make decision."

The successful grower has his equipment working and ready to go when the short planting window opens, sometimes just three or four days. Gillian said more than once he's known of growers who couldn't get repair parts for their equipment before the planting window closed.

The successful grower also has tested his soil before planting, Gillian said. Being prepared will be more critical this year, Gillian said.

Beet growers had little chance for ground work last year after harvest because of the rains. As a result, soil testing and fertilizing wasn't done and some will have to be done this year, he said.

Despite the risks, sugar beets have their advantages. "I know that sugar beets are a very stable crop if growers are able to secure a sugar contract. If a guy gets a good crop of beets up he's going to make a few bucks."

Beet growers are paid according to tonnage and sugar content. Growers are allocated a certain number of acres of regular beets on their contract.

Any extra acres are filled with early beets or risk beets. Although Stutzman gets some of his seed from Amalgamated Sugar, he also experiments with several different varieties every year to see which ones work better for him.

Sugar beets are planted 3 to 8 inches apart in a good, firm seed bed. Stutzman space plants his beets at 6 inches so they don't need to be thinned out later.

The plants emerge in about two weeks, and once you get them up you use herbicides or a crew of people with hoes to control weeds. Stutzman has done it both ways and says the cost is about the same.

## UI provides computer ag info

IDAHO FALLS, (AP) — Idaho farmers and ranchers can pick up the latest information about agricultural markets from a University of Idaho computer bulletin board.

Among the items on the bulletin board are reports on crop production, cattle on feed, milk output, potato stocks and monthly U.S. Agriculture Department outlooks.

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# Snowmold

## This winter's weather ideal for snowmold, bad for wheat, barley

LOGAN, Utah — This year's weather brought farmers in southern Idaho and northern Utah a high potential for snowmold, a disease that can damage thousands of acres of wheat and barley.

The ideal condition for snowmold is when the snow falls before the ground freezes then lingers through February," said Terry Tindall, Utah State University Extension soils specialist. That was the case this year.

Even in those areas where the soil was frozen initially, the deep insulating snow elevates the soil temperature above freezing and creates conditions conducive for snowmold to develop, Tindall said.

Snowmold is a peculiar disease that gener-

ally occurs under snowpack areas covering winter small grains. The disease is unusual because of its ability to grow and develop in the cold.

Tindall said removing snow is a practical and economically feasible way to reduce damage from snowmold. He and other researchers at USU have been working to develop practical methods of melting snow early.

"Removing snow earlier changes the soil environment through exposure to colder temperatures, which reduces the ideal snowmold environment," he said.

Early snowmelt can be achieved by spreading a dark material, such as graphite,

over the snow surface. Tindall said many farmers and fertilizer dealers have developed equipment that can be used to mix the graphite with a common solution fertilizer. This mixture is then sprayed on the snow.

Tindall said the dark particles intercept the sun's radiation, heating the particles and radiating that heat to surrounding ice crystals.

"The melting occurs only during daylight, which allows the water from the snowmelt to soak into the soil and decreases water runoff that commonly occurs in the spring," he said.

Tindall's experiments show very little nitrogen fertilizer loss through this method of

application, and no significant differences compared with traditional spring nitrogen applications.

The graphite or darkening agent can be spread on one of three ways:

- Mix the graphite at rates between 12 and 18 pounds per acre in combination with solution fertilizer (urea ammonium nitrate) at rates up to 100 pounds per acre of nitrogen. This can be applied by using a Snowent equipped with a stainless steel tank and spraybooms.
- Apply the graphite aerially, which requires lower rates of graphite and fertilizer.
- Apply the darkening material only with no fertilizer. This is done by spreading fur-

nace ash or graphite on the snow surface with a converted granular fertilizer spreader. The rates are 200 pounds per acre for fly ash and 12-18 pounds per acre of graphite.

"Some of the local farmers have been quite imaginative, and have developed graphite spreaders for their specific needs," Tindall said. The first two weeks of February is usually the best time to apply the dark materials, Tindall said.

Agricultural dealers with access to graphite and information on application techniques include Intermountain Farmers and Bear River Fertilizers in Garland. Additional information is available from county offices of USU Extension.

### Sheep broker earns import permit

EUGENE, Ore. (AP) — A Brownsville sheep broker has received a permit to import live sheep from New Zealand after filing an unfair trade practices complaint against the U.S. government, officials said.

Lee Bachrach, president of CT&H sheep brokerage, was issued a permit by the U.S. Department of Agriculture allowing 27,000 lambs to be shipped to Portland for slaughter, according to his attorney, Jeff Bachrach.

According to the permit, the lambs must be quarantined for 30 days in New Zealand and another 30 days in this country. The Pacific voyage is expected to take an additional 18 days.

Bachrach said Monday that CT&H has a binding contract with the Department of Agriculture for a second permit, which will allow importation of another 27,000 lambs.

"These are feeder lambs intended for slaughter," Bachrach said. "They will not breed and do not go out to pasture."

He said the permits were issued as part of an infor-

mal settlement of a complaint filed against the United States.

Bachrach had alleged that federal regulations governing sheep importation were unreasonable.

"They were simply an attempt to block the imports," Bachrach said.

A spokesman for the New Zealand Embassy in Washington, D.C., confirmed the complaint was filed and an initial settlement reached.

"We have made some good progress with the United States on those issues, but there are still aspects of that complaint that are under negotiation," the spokesman said.

Agriculture officials could not be reached for comment.

Bachrach imported 9,600 lambs last year, but his plans to bring in more were sidetracked when the government issued more stringent regulations.

Bachrach said one of the new regulations that has been waived would have required that the lambs undergo costly blood tests for a disease called akabane.

### Farm group likes new Iowa law

DES MOINES — The National Farmers Organization has hailed Iowa legislation designed to inspect grain test equipment and to offer grain quality premiums to producers, according to an official.

"We hope this bill will present a challenge to other states," said Tim Ennis, NFO specialties director.

The grain quality bill has these key provisions:

- Providing the secretary of agriculture with additional authority to regulate the purchase and sale of grain by inspecting grain test equipment and prohibiting further use of test equipment not in compliance with standards.
- Requiring parallel premiums and discounts if the grain purchase price is discounted for being below standard weight: grain of higher than standard weight must receive an equivalent premium. Similar parallel discount and premium requirements are included for levels of foreign material, moisture content and damaged grain. The seller is given the option of averaging loads.
- Resolving disputes concerning grading, dockage, moisture content or other market factors by state ar-

bitration.

"NFO supports this grain quality bill for two principle reasons," Ennis told legislators. "The first is a simple matter of fairness to all parties concerned. Quality is not free and it can be improved, preserved or lost depending on incentives. This bill provides for positive incentives to improve and maintain the highest level of quality..."

"We believe, as a matter of fairness, if grain of a lesser quality than standard deserves a discount, and we agree it does, then a premium at least equal proportion is also fair for grain with quality above standard."


"Secondly, quality is good for business. And users of low-produced grain, especially users in the export market, have repeatedly expressed a desire for high quality..."

The Iowa grain quality bill's parallel premium and discount provisions will be made effective 30 days after the secretary publishes notice that at least three states representing 30 percent or more of the national production of the affected grain require a premium to be paid based on the same factors.

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### Idaho wheat prices hit 14-year high

BOISE (AP) — The market for Idaho wheat soared another 5 percent in February to hit its highest level in over 14 years, the government reported.

The preliminary estimate for the average price the past month, was \$1.43 a bushel, 21 cents higher than a month earlier to mark the fifth straight month the market has been over the \$1-plateau.

Fueled by the grain shortage created in other major producing states

by last year's drought, the Idaho average pulled to within a dime of the \$1.53-a-bushel price posted in November 1974.

Only once in the last decade, May 1983, had the average monthly wheat price Idaho even hit the \$1 level.

Analysts were still finalizing the preliminary February report for other commodities, but the markets a month earlier moved higher for crops as well as some livestock.

Although two straight years of drought and federal land-iddling incentives reduced overall production of commodities in the state, actual losses in irrigated crops like wheat and potatoes were limited.

Potato growers, bringing in their fourth largest harvest on record, have benefited significantly by drought losses in other major producing states. Last month, the market average was \$5.40 a hundredweight, the highest price since April 1985.

### Spuds

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years I have been here," he said. "The projections for chipping potatoes last year were 1.2 million hundredweight."

The new chipping variety is a round, white, smooth-skinned potato designed specifically for the chipping industry. Seed is available for planting this spring.

The two new potato varieties are partially the result of the Tri-State Potato Variety Development Program, a cooperative potato-breeding program among the University of Idaho and Washington State and Oregon State universities, and the potato-commissions-of-all-three-states.

Researchers from the potato commission began the program in 1984 to strengthen potato breeding programs in their states. The main purpose of the program is to breed new potato varieties to meet the needs of the potato industry. New potato varieties are released only every few years, Love said, but work is being done on the breeding program all the time.

"It's a very unique program because it involves funds and effort

coming from three sources — the universities, the USDA and the potato commissions," Love said.

Congress now allocates \$600,000 a year to the universities for their potato-breeding programs. One-third of the money goes to each state, "and we run our own programs within our own framework," Love said.

The university plants 100,000 new selections, or varieties, of potatoes every year.

"At the end of that first growing season we turn them up and select them primarily for visual appeal," Love said. "Do they look like an Idaho potato?"

Love says only about 2 percent of these potatoes are saved to be planted again the following year. Evaluation on these selections may take as

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"We've been in the pits for the last 10 years. What a tremendous change in attitude this spring for farmers and everyone," High said.

Dry bean seed contracts will also pay better this year.

"We're starting this year at the same level or higher than we ended last year," said Gene Jaegels, manager of Agri-Sales Inc. and president of the Western Bean Dealers Association. "It was a wild year last year. We started out low (in price) and went up as we were contracting."

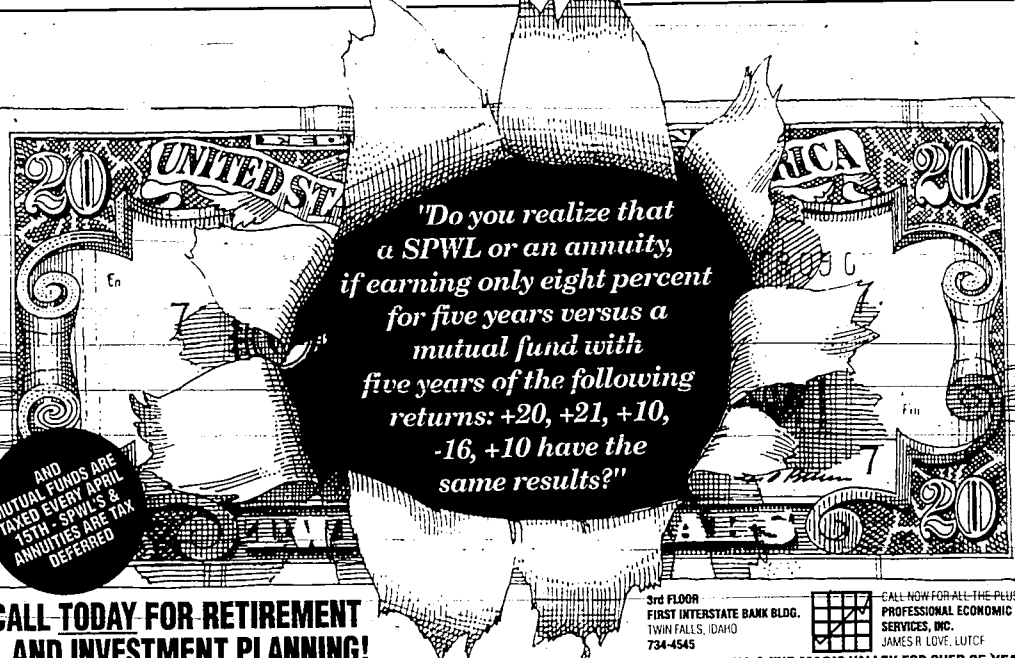
"That is not going to be the case this year," Jaegels said.

A lot of local growers do contract their beans.

Eighty-five percent of the snap bean garden seed in the world is grown here under contract, he said.

There is no telling yet whether another drought will hit other bean-producing parts of the country. Some dry areas that have received little winter moisture have been identified, but a good spring wash could quickly erase the problem.

"I wouldn't want to put any money on the weather," Jaegels said.



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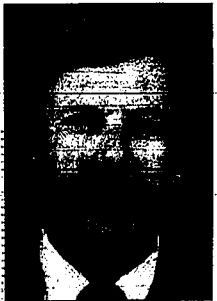
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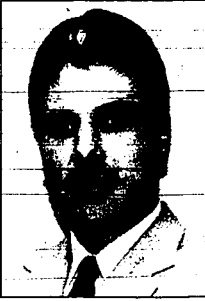
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tional functions, loan processing and marketing at the branch. She began her career with the bank in 1979.

Jerry Wolfe has been appointed foreman and designer of Engberg's Furniture in Twin Falls. He has worked with the company for seven months.

## Sustainable agriculture conference starts Friday

**CALDWELL** — A conference on "Sustainable Agriculture: Is It Right for Idaho?" will be held Friday and Saturday at the Snake River Regional Studies Center at the College of Idaho.

The conference will feature experts from three of the leading private experimental farms in the nation, including keynote speaker Dr. Wes Jackson, founder and director of The Land Institute in Kansas. Jackson will speak on "The Necessary Marriage of Agriculture and Ecology" at the opening dinner at 6:45 p.m. Friday.

The national debate over agricultural chemicals and the protection of groundwater has opened a new chapter in American agriculture. Before the federal government entered the arena, private research groups had been endeavoring to reduce soil erosion, maintain soil fertility and control pests with minimum use of chemicals.

Now that the federal government has mandated that a portion of its research dollars be invested in the pursuit of low-input, sustainable agriculture (LISA), the pace of change is quickening, said W. Lamar Bollinger, director of SRS.

"The public's attitude toward groundwater protection and soil erosion is undergoing profound change," Bollinger said. "Various citizen initiatives in California, and different federal and state legislation are mandating reduced use of chemicals on the farm."

"Sweden has mandated a 50 percent reduction in pesticides within

five years," he said. "Nearly half of the centers-for-sustainable-agriculture have been established within the last two years. The handwriting on the wall foretells impending changes in modern agriculture; and wisdom dictates the advantage of being prepared."

Three talks are on the agenda for Saturday morning:

• Dr. William Liebhardt, director of sustainable agriculture at the University of California, Davis, and research director at the Rodale Institute in Pennsylvania from 1981-87, will give the opening talk, "Forces Driving Change in American Agriculture."

• David Granatstein, of Washington State University, director of sustainable agriculture for dry-land farming in the Pacific Northwest and former research director of the Land Stewardship Project, will speak on "Redefining the Bottom Line in Agriculture."

• Jackson will close the morning session with the theme, "New Roots for Agriculture: Promises and Pitfalls."

A panel discussion in the afternoon will address soil conservation, groundwater protection, pest management and rural community. Following the panel, the same topics will be pursued in smaller group work sessions.

At 5:30 p.m. the play, "Planting in the Dust," will be performed.

The dinner Friday costs \$9, and registration for Saturday, including lunch, is \$5. For information, call 459-5214.

## Ag. seeks applications for export grant

**BOISE** — Applications from private food processors for a federal export assistance grant program known as Targeted Export Assistance are being sought by the Idaho Department of Agriculture.

"Any private exporter of food products is eligible. Companies must demonstrate unfair foreign trade practices that have harmed their marketing efforts."

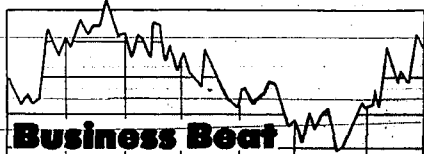
Eight Idaho companies have received more than \$400,000 in TEA funding this fiscal year, up from \$86,800 last year, said Dick Rush, Agriculture Department director.

"I am confident we can do even better in securing funding for our

private-sector marketing initiatives," Rush said.

The Agriculture Department has received TEA funding to promote Idaho food products in Australia and the state's sweet Spanish onions in Japan, Taiwan and Singapore.

TEA funding must be appropriated annually by Congress and is managed by the USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service. Idaho's participation in this federal program is made easier by its membership in a regional trade organization — WUSATA — the Western U.S. Agricultural Trade Association which represents the 11 Western state departments of agriculture.



## Business Beat

### S. Idaho Rural Council meets Tuesday

**JEROME** — The Southern Idaho Rural Council will meet at 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Woods Family Restaurant in Jerome. The speaker will be Kathy Sarsely. She will discuss how different advocacy organizations can help each other.

### People supervision seminar is Tuesday

**TWIN FALLS** — A seminar on how to supervise people will be put on by National Seminars Inc., from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday at the Canyon Springs Inn.

It will present practical, real-world techniques of effective supervision. The cost is \$69. The seminar qualifies for six-tenths of a continuing education unit.

For more information call 1-800-258-7246.

### Weed control annual meet in Pocatello

**POCATELLO** — The South Idaho Weed Control Association will hold its annual spring meeting at 9:30 a.m. Thursday at the Littletree Inn in Pocatello. Anyone interested in weed-control practices is invited. For more information call 529-1020.

### SBA rep offers business counseling

**TWIN FALLS** — A representative of the Small Business Administration's Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE) program will be in Twin Falls Thursday to provide free business counseling. Information on the SBA lending program will also be furnished.

Appointments should be made in advance by calling the Region IV Development Association at 734-0580.

### Potato promo group meets in Denver

**DENVER** — "Potatoes Enter Life in the Fast Lane" is the theme for the 17th annual meeting of the national Potato Promotion Board being held in Denver from Thursday through Saturday.

"Our theme fits in with the presentations our board members will be hearing," said President Bob Mercer. "Last year they approved a change in our advertising from nutrition to convenience. This year they'll hear the details of how this exciting new strategy was introduced and what we proposed for the future."

For more information call (303) 758-7783.

### Miller re-elected to credit group board

**POCATELLO** — Vernon Miller of American Falls has been re-elected chairman of the board of Eastern Idaho Production Credit Association. Ed Freiburger of Rupert has been re-elected vice chairman.

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## Labor offers new publication

**SEATTLE** — A new publication titled "Major Laws Administered-by-rights," labor standards for migrant and seasonal agricultural workers, and advance notice of plant closings and mass layoffs, among others. "Businesses often experience difficulties interpreting labor laws. The department prepared this publication to provide guidance and clarification," said Jerry Jensen of the department's administrative office.

The publication includes brief summaries of federal labor laws and their applicability to businesses. These laws deal with federal minimum wage and overtime, child labor, prohibitions against polygraph

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## Livestock: Beef industry surges; lambs down



Cindy Leypoldt comes home for lunch every day to get the cows fed early; here she maneuvers the tractor while Mike Lapray unloads hay for the small herd of cattle in Buhl

## Low cattle numbers, high demand boost beef prices to record levels

By MARTA CLEVELAND  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Miss USA 1989 just happens to be a Texas cattle broker and promoter of the beef industry. During the recent pageant, she told millions of viewers why beef is a good choice.

Her endorsement is only the latest feather in an already fine cap that the cattle industry has donned this spring. Low cattle numbers and high prices are creating demand from feedlots and profits for cow-calf operators.

"The news nationally is good, but in Idaho it looks even better," said Gary Glenn, executive vice president of the Idaho Cattle Association. "We're definitely profitable."

"The cattle industry has had positive returns over the last three years and will continue to have them for the next two years," predicted Ron Gustafson, with the U.S. Department of Agriculture Economic Research Service.

Various factors have contributed to one of the longer stretches of good times the cattle industry has seen in some time.

First, per capita consumption of meat — including red-meat and poultry — has passed or tied record levels every year since 1982, Gustafson said.

"We have record retail beef prices at the

present time," he said. Second, supplies are limited by the smallest national herd since the early 1960s, Gustafson said.

The number of beef cattle slaughtered in 1988 was down 7 percent from 1987.

"But in spite of the smaller numbers, we've got more cattle in 1989 than a lot of

cattle-feeding state, had 238,000 cattle on feed in January. That number has been rising steadily from 159,000 in 1987 and 135,000 in 1988.

At the same time, Idaho's total cattle population is up only slightly from last year, from 510,000 then to 520,000 head now.

Replacement heifers have increased in number from 82,000 in 1987 and 90,000 in 1988 to 95,000 in 1989.

Nationally, replacement heifers are steadily climbing too, up almost one-quarter million since last year to 5.5 million head.

"This is another indication of a turnaround in the building process," said Bob Tratz, with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Statistics Service in Boise.

Because cattle feeders are anxious to keep their lots full and cattle numbers down, 1989 will be a very good year for cow-calf operators. The return per animal for cow-calf operators the past few years has been \$45 to \$50. It will be more this year, Gustafson said.

"At the national level, feeders are having to pay top dollar for calves and cattle to put in their lots," Glenn said.

On the other hand, the high prices feeders are getting when their turn comes to sell will be offset somewhat by equally high feed costs.

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people thought we had," Gustafson said. "We're well on our way to increasing the cattle herd."

"The herd size will almost certainly grow this year," he added.

Cattle numbers are up somewhat in Idaho, which is currently the 12th largest

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A mother ewe keeps a watchful eye as youngsters look on with curiosity

## Wool prices reach highs as lamb profits are down

By MARTA CLEVELAND  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The outlook for the Idaho sheep industry is a mixed bag of 15 percent cheer and 85 percent caution.

"We're looking at a strong wool market this spring. But the price picture with lamb is not quite so rosy," said Stan Boyd, director of the Idaho Sheep Commission.

Wool prices are at all-time high while lamb prices are down. But wool prices only represent 15 percent of the producer's return. The other 85 percent comes from lamb sales. And Idaho's sheep population is at its lowest level since 1884.

"The industry is definitely on a downswing," said Bob Tratz, an agricultural statistician with the U.S. Agricultural Statistics Service in Boise.

Wool prices have climbed steadily, from an average of 64 cents a pound in 1985 to 67 cents in 1986 to 89 cents in 1987, and now stand at \$1.10.

"Wool prices are quite good," Tratz said. "1988 prices are the highest we've ever seen."

The prices, averaging \$1.10 per pound in Idaho and \$1.07 nationally in January, have not dropped below \$1 since January 1988, he said.

"The polyester fad is over," Boyd said. "People want wool and wool blends again." At a recent forward contract sale in Idaho, high-grade wool brought \$1.42 per pound, a 50 to 60 cent increase over recent normal prices, Boyd said.

On the other hand, lamb prices are slowly recovering from a trench hit last summer after reaching a historic high in 1987.

"Last year was a real seasaw," Boyd said. "Prices started above average in the spring and dropped through the summer then began climbing again."

Lamb prices hit an all-time high of \$81.70 per hundredweight in May 1987. The price in

### Lambskin garments — F2

Idaho had never been above \$80 before then.

Current lamb prices, at \$64.10 in Idaho, have climbed slightly from a long-term low hit in August at \$55.30, Tratz said. A year ago they were at \$77.

"This year, we are cautiously optimistic about prices a little better than last year," Boyd said. He hopes they will reach the high 60s.

But the fluctuating uncertainty of lamb prices has brought the Idaho sheep population to its lowest point since 1884.

Stock sheep and lamb stocks in Idaho on Jan. 1 totaled 277,000 head. This compares with 305,000 head a year ago.

Breeding ewe numbers, totaling 220,000 head, are down 11 percent from last year. "These numbers set a new record low," Tratz said.

The sheep and lamb inventory in the United States totaled 10.8 million head on Jan. 1, remaining basically steady from a year ago, according to the Agricultural Statistics Board.

The peak of Idaho's sheep population was 2.6 million in 1918. The national high was 56.2 million in 1942.

The Idaho sheep population will remain steady this year, Boyd predicted. Lamb prices will have to go up measurably before herd sizes will see an increase.

One of the industry's major problems has been distribution, Boyd said. It is difficult arranging a system that allows lamb to be offered year-round. Seventy percent of Idaho lambs are shipped to market in a three month period, he said.

As a promoter of lamb, Boyd said he hates to spend a lot of time and money persuading restaurants to offer lamb dishes, then not be able to guarantee them a regular supply.

But the sheep research station in DuBois is working on the problem, he said.

## Farmers plant — and worry

The group of farmers visiting together all agreed: sleep was out. Why should a farmer sleep when he could sit with a calculator, conversing electronically in the wee hours of the morning on the cost of fertilizer or the price of registered seed?

Then again if he didn't feel like communicating with the calculator, he could drum the barometer arrow to a standstill. Or he could analyze, word-for-word and with the help of a dictionary, the extended forecast. At which point, if he was a very poor speller, he might stumble onto the fact that a "frieze" has nothing to do with whether or not he should start plowing.

If all else fails at 3 a.m., he could talk to himself: "I can do it. I know I can. Why worry about \$80,000 or \$90,000? It's just money. It's not happiness, peace or truth for heaven's sake. What's a little risk? After all, I like to farm — more in the day, than at night — but I don't need 10 hours of sleep every night. I don't even need five."

I always question the nature of a profession like farming which can cause a human being to forgo biological functions, like resting and sleeping, for worrying. Even more interesting are the reasons why, despite all the uncertainties and the risks of the profession, each spring as sure as trees bud, farmers plant.

I've heard some interesting though largely romanticized speculation on the subject. Those who spend most of their time making a living in buildings like to fantasize the outdoor farm life. Farmers farm, they say, because farmers like to live close to the earth in a more natural setting. They are happiest when they can taste the soil — a viewpoint that makes a farmer sound like an earthworm.

Having lived on a farm for the past 13 years, I would like to dispel some of these myths. There are several reasons why farmers farm every spring, but one stands out foremost: once you're in it and your money's in it, it's not very easy to get out of it.

Diana Hooley  
Country  
neighbors

We have considered on occasion getting out of farming. The occasions have usually been years of low commodity prices, like the late '70s and early '80s. It's not so much the hard physical work that scares the farm out of the farmer. These days, we can hire much of our work out, but the risk is our own. And if the pay-off for farming is not equivalent to the risk, the incentive to farm declines correspondingly.

We're coming into this year's spring planting with a mixed bag. Commodity prices always could be better. But they are better this year than they have been in many years past.

The weather has been phenomenally nasty. The sub-zero front of February found the birds mating more to keep warm than out of instinct. After the Big Chill came the Big Thaw. We survived here in Indian Cove, even though a full quarter mile of Indian Cove Road disappeared for three days under a stream of melted snow and ice. The ground still has some frost in it.

Though the spring has been sluggish (in prior years some farmers had their spring wheat planted at the front of March) and we haven't been out in the field much, we've still been farming.

It's a farmer's nature. The spring comes and even if he can't get into the fields to plant by day, he can think about it at night... after night... after night.

Diana Hooley writes a twice-monthly column from her farm home near Indian Cove.

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## Livestock hall of fame will induct 6 new members at banquet

By DONNA SCHORZMAN  
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Six new members will be inducted into the Southern Idaho Livestock Hall of Fame at its annual banquet Tuesday.

The banquet will be at the Western Plaza Hotel, formerly the Holiday Inn, in Twin Falls and tickets are \$15. A social hour from 6:30-7:30 p.m. precedes the banquet.

Richard "Pejo" Van Dyk, Winlow Beck Whiteley, Vern France, Raymond E. Butler, Richard S. Anderson and Doran Butler are the ranchers to receive the honor.

"Pejo" Van Dyk has a farm operation with 600 acres, five pivots and 1,200 cows with a better replacement program.

This operation has grown from 40 acres he bought in 1971 when he moved to Idaho. At that time he had

a double-10 herringbone barn with washpen and milked 110 cows.

Van Dyke and his wife, Marie, met at a church youth group in 1950. They have been married for 37 years and have raised five children.

Winlow Beck Whiteley is an Idaho native, born and raised in Oakley, where he followed his father into farming. Whiteley introduced cattle into the family farming operation in 1939. He now runs 9,500 head, including feedlot-cattle, dairy-replacement and range beef cattle.

Whiteley married his wife, Dorothy, in 1934. They have three sons and three daughters. Three of their children are following in the family tradition and still live in Oakley.

Whiteley has been active in the potato industry as well as the livestock industry. He is a charter member of the National Potato Council and served two terms as its presi-

dent. He still serves on the steering committee.

Vern France owns and manages the family's 4,500-head custom feedlot in Gooding, where he was born and raised. France married his wife, Carol, in 1966 and the couple has two teenage daughters.

France also owns and operates France Transportation Inc., a commercial livestock hauling business, and runs a 500-acre farming operation.

France has served on many posts in the cattle industry and is currently district vice-president on the Board of Directors of the Idaho Cattlemen's Association and convention chairman of the organization.

Raymond Butler lives in the Kimberly area where he was born and raised. His present ranch operation consists of 60 leased acres and 1,000 acres of leased ground. About 1,300 of those acres are irrigated.

Lately the Butlers have been using Longhorn bulls to breed first calf heifers and then Beef-Master bulls for the second-calf cows.

Butler and his wife, Esther, have two sons and one daughter.

Richard Anderson will be 73 years old this spring. He was born at Marshfield, Idaho, which is now Declo. Anderson grew up trailing cattle. His family lost their ranching operation in 1932 when the mortgage company took over the outfit.

Anderson then went on the professional rodeo circuit and it was there that he met his wife, Helen. They married in 1935 and bought a ranch at Albion.

Anderson and his wife have one son and one daughter, both of whom are in the livestock business.

He is currently president of the Albion Valley Livestock Association, chairman of the Water District and master of the Albion Grange.

Doran Butler is also an Idaho native. He was born on Spring Cove Ranch in 1919. His father was born only six miles away in 1888.

Butler married his wife Helen in 1944. They attended college together where Butler majored in animal husbandry.

The couple has five daughters and two sons.

Butlers' present operation consists

of 400 irrigated acres. The current Spring Cove herd consists of 120 registered females and 80 commercial females.

Butler has been active in community and industry organizations and in 4-H. He is still a member of the national and Idaho cattlemen's associations and serves on the public lands committee.

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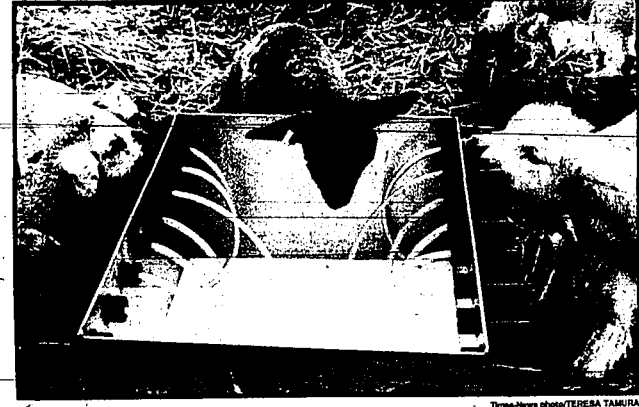
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## Lambskin garments gain in popularity

DENVER — Lambskin garments reached new popularity heights in 1988, but so did the cost of raw material for domestic lambskin tanners, according to the Daily News Record, a leading textile publication.

As a result, many lambskin tanners say they have cut back produc-

tion. Although prices began to stabilize in 1989, the high cost of producing lambskin products last year opened up markets for pigskin and cowhide companies.

The average price quoted on high-quality lambskin currently is \$2.75 a foot. Pigskin is \$1.50 to \$1.75 a foot,

and prices on a basic cattlehide side run about \$2 a foot. There is a big lamb market at the better end. It is only in the lower-to-moderate ranges that cowhide has been in more demand because of the high price of lambskin, says Mark Loshen, L.B. International, a tanner of cowhide and lambskin.

## Aquaculture industry expands

WASHINGTON — The fish production industry has been growing 20 percent per year in the United States since 1980.

In 1987, total aquaculture production was about 375,000 tons. Commercial fishing provided 1.8 million tons of edible fish, and imports accounted for 4.6 million tons. The recreational catch was a little less than 500,000 tons.

Catfish, salmon, trout and crawfish made up 90 percent of U.S. aquaculture production in 1987, with catfish the leader by a wide margin, reports a recent issue of the U.S. Department of Agriculture Farmline magazine.

Total aquaculture production in 1987 was valued at more than \$650 million. Catfish, trout and bait fish were the three leading products, by value. Catfish was first at over \$275 million, bait fish was valued at \$70 million, and trout at \$60 million.

Aquaculture is defined as the production of aquatic plants or animals in a controlled environment. It is growing because Americans are eating more seafood than ever before. In 1987, consumption of fish was 20.2 pounds per person, up from 17.1 pounds in 1980 and 15.9 pounds in 1970.

Increased consumption is due to changing consumer preferences, the growing Asian population, increasing household incomes, and more aggressive marketing by processors and retailers, said economist Michael Dieks of the U.S. Economic Research Service.

Health concerns also affect consumer demand. Analysts have found there is a strong perception that fish products have greater health benefits than red meat.

As U.S. income continues to grow, consumer demand for fish will in-

crease and supplies will tighten. As a result, prices are likely to increase as they did last spring. During that time, increasing feed prices in the aquaculture industry, plus consumer demand, drove up the prices of all fish.

Aquaculture, which is a booming industry in the Magic Valley, provides only 7 percent of U.S. fish consumption.

**With a total worth of \$60 million, trout were 3rd behind catfish and baitfish in U.S. aquaculture production for 1987**

Commercial fishing and imports together provide a little less than three-fourths of U.S. seafood. Recreational catches account for 20 percent.

Most initial ventures into aquaculture in the United States developed as an alternative to traditional agriculture in the late 1970s and early 1980s.

Faced with a strong market for fishery products and weak markets for other commodities, some farmers began to diversify into aquaculture, Dieks said. As feed became more efficient and more area was developed for ponds, raceways and pens, farmers expanded their operations, and stocking rates increased. A marketing structure developed, and aquaculture grew rapidly.

There are public or private aquaculture areas in every state, but the large commercial enterprises are concentrated in areas where management, capital and marketing services are available.

For instance, catfish are bred in about 20 states that have relatively warm climates.

Mississippi has more than three-fourths of the catfish sales with about one-fifth of the producers and 64 percent of the acreage. But Mississippi does not have new sources of high-quality water available to sustain the current level of industry expansion.

Aquaculture provides a market for traditional commodities. It uses approximately 650,000 tons of domestic grain products for feed.

The trout's cold-water diet contains a high percentage of fish meal, 20-30 percent, and a wider variety of feeds such as wheat products, wheat germ, cottonseed meal and soybean meal and oil.

The catfish industry alone uses 300,000 tons of soybean meal or roughly 1.5 percent of total U.S. production. Analysts estimate that if aquaculture continues to expand at its current rate, the industry could consume almost 2 million tons of soybean meal and 2.15 million tons of domestic grain products by the year 2000.

But that's not all that this industry has contributed to the economy. Aquaculture has provided alternative employment and income opportunities to farmers. Farm acreage otherwise devoted to traditional commodities can be turned into production facilities for fish or shellfish.

Rural economies benefit from aquaculture because fish processing plants, which must be located near aquaculture production centers, are labor-intensive. Studies indicate that 220 new jobs are created within the catfish industry for every additional 10 million pounds of fish produced. An additional 1,100 jobs are created in related industries.

been above \$50," Tratz said. Steers and heifers averaged \$70 in January. The all-time high for steer and heifer prices was \$77.50 in April 1979.

Calf sales for \$87.50 in January. Calves hit a historical high price of \$93 in March 1988, Tratz said.

"We're bumping back up against that now," he said.

## USDA follows weather closely

WASHINGTON — Timely spring and summer rain, in addition to favorable temperature patterns, will be the key to summer crop prospects, says the Agriculture Department.

While the drought patterns, based on the long-term Palmer Drought Index, still show a large area of severe or moderate drought, precipitation expected between now and the end of April can further improve soil moisture levels and yield potential of wheat areas in the Great Plains, said Norton D. Strommen, USDA's chief meteorologist.

There is little correlation between the negative Palmer Drought Index values we are seeing during the winter months and the prospective crop yields for this year, Strommen said.

USDA is monitoring the daily weather events for all major crop areas and analyzing the data for crop development and yield implications.

## Beef

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"At \$100 a ton, hay costs two to three times what it did a year ago," Glenn said. And feed grains are high, too, because the drought caused a shortage.

Twenty dollars per animal is a good return for a feedlot.

Cattle feeders can expect tighter profit margins, Glenn said. Prices on feeder cattle will be range in the mid-\$70s per hundred-


weight this spring and will drop to the low-\$70s in the summer and fall, Gustafson said. But break-even on a lot of those cattle is the high-\$70s.

Cow prices, averaging \$44.60 per hundredweight in January, were down from \$45.20 a year ago.

"If liquidation doesn't continue, that may firm up again," Tratz said. Cow prices reached their all-time high of \$57 in 1979.

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# Buffalo farming serves expanding clientele — and a few tourists

By JANE BUCKWAY  
Times-News correspondent

**GOODING** — Ah, the majestic buffalo. This symbol of life in the Old West has taken a new role in modern agriculture.

Vern France late this summer will finish his first year in the buffalo feeding business. He has average 700-1,300 head at his feedlot near Gooding. The buffalo provided him with a "new opportunity," he says.

"We were getting along fine the way we were, just feeding cattle, but I kinda like a new challenge now and

then and this gives me an opportunity to try something new," France said.

The buffalo in France's feedlot come from the prairies of Wyoming where they were calved in a ranching operation owned by Bud Flocchini of San Jose, Calif.

Newly weaned buffalo calves are transported to Gooding from Wyoming and raised on special feed until they reach the "slaughter weight," of about 1,000 pounds. France then transports the animals on the France Trucking Co. to Jones Custom Meats in Rigby for slaughter. Flocchini is a meat purveyor who

owns and operates a meat processing and packing plant in San Jose and the buffalo meat is prepared and packaged for sale at his plant.

The Idaho-fed buffalo is sold to specialty restaurants and stores and used for export. France says the growing health concerns over red meat has fueled demand for the buffalo meat. "It is low in cholesterol and fat, and a lot of it is sold in health food stores," he said.

The market demand exceeds the amount of meat that can be supplied. "He (Flocchini) keeps my lot full and more are coming," he said.

The buffalo are handled and fed similar to beef, and the meat is processed under federally inspected conditions, France said.

But the size and nature of buffalo did require some changes in the facilities and procedures at the France feedlot. "They are still wild animals and can be difficult to handle, but as long as we remember that, we don't have any problems," he said.

His pens, chutes and other handling facilities are "over-built" compared with what is used for cattle, France said.

A mature buffalo with its massive

head and shaggy coat can stand six feet at the shoulder; and males frequently exceed 2,000 pounds. More than 25,000 of these uniquely North American animals are flourishing in the wild, according to estimates.

France said he was a little skeptical of the buffalo project at first: He has helped run the family cattle feedlot since 1971, eventually becoming owner and manager. Flocchini approached him early last summer with an offer. "But I turned him down three times," France said. "The more I looked into it, the more ... beneficial it looked," he said.

One attraction is stability. While cattle remain in feedlots on a seasonal basis, buffalo stay for about a year, France said.

Profits are similar to cattle feedlots, he said. "My margin is probably the same as it is on comparable beef animals," France said.

He says the operation has generated a lot of interest in the neighborhood.

When tourists visit southern Idaho they frequently want to see vestiges of the romantic Old West, "we can show them the buffalo at least," France says.



Vern France shipped these 20-month-olds off to market. He raises bison as "a new opportunity and challenge"

# Many producers can improve marketing

By MARTA CLEAVELAND  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — Livestock marketing, unlike many other aspects of ranching and farming, lacks obvious game plans or instant solutions.

"Often we would like to have the chemical or vaccine that can solve the problem, but there is no such thing in marketing," said Bill Hazen, Twin Falls County Extension livestock agent.

No strategy works best for everyone. No ideal set of steps for making money raising livestock can be prescribed. A good marketing strategy is based on individual criteria such as long-term goals, feed costs, cash flow needs and capitalization.

"Most producers need to do a better job of marketing," Hazen said. "They do a good job with what they've always done. What they don't do is take a good look at other alternatives."

Only a systematic approach to studying the options will work, he said.

"We sit down with producers individually to work a marketing plan that is right for them," Hazen said. The University of Idaho County Extension Service uses the FIM-PAC computer farm finance and budgeting system to test how specific marketing changes will affect cash flow, input costs and bottom line. The computer program makes it easy to see on paper how changes in marketing strategy will affect the whole farming operation before actually going ahead with it.

Producers need to look hard at what their costs are and make sure those costs don't exceed the profits at the other end, said Ron Gustafson, with the U.S. Economic Research Service.

The two most exciting developments in livestock marketing are video auctions and the Magic Valley lamb and wool pool, Hazen said.

Last spring, a video auction that connected buyers and sellers across the country via satellite sold 45,000 head of calves in two days, Hazen said. "That basically set the national market price," he said.

Hazen recommends cattlemen take a serious look at video auctions as a marketing option.

The advantages for the seller are being able to fix the contract terms the way he wants them. He can set the shrinkage percentage and use his own scales. It also gives him access to farm more buyers nationwide than local sale barns can provide.

The disadvantages for sellers are they can't haggle one-on-one. And because the animals must be sold in truckload quantities, smaller producers do not have the volume to participate, unless they go in with neighbors.

The biggest problem in marketing is deciding when to sell, Hazen said.

There are many options: a producer can sell his calves in the fall, he can winter them himself, he can winter them on a feedlot, he can winter feed them light and then fatten them on grass in the spring.

Marketing plans should look at least two years down the road because changing a marketing strategy can affect cash flow and disrupt other parts of an operation.

Springers and pairs will be bringing a good price this spring because drought areas are rebuilding their herds now, Hazen said. A springer is a heifer about to calve. A pair is a cow and her calf sold as a unit.

Some people are making money by buying springers and then selling them several months later as a pair after they calve, he said.

Although sheep are not yet being

sold by video auction, the local sheep industry has been using marketing pools for more than half a century, Hazen said.

The Twin Falls County Lamb & Wool Pool has been in existence for 72 years. In the past it has also collectively marketed pigs and cattle.

This year, the three last remaining large pools in the Magic Valley will combine. The Mini-Cassia, Twin Falls County and Lincoln County lamb and wool pools will form the Magic Valley Lamb Pool. "The advantage is we can offer large lots to buyers and make those lots easier to find and buy," Hazen said.

Lamb numbers are too few for each producer to market separately the way cattlemen do.

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**Agriculture**

# Wet March lifts irrigators' hopes, but season could still be dry

By N. S. NOKKENTVED  
*Times-News writer*

**TWIN FALLS** — March, entering like a sudden lion, brought rain — lots of rain — to the Magic Valley.

Three months of below-normal precipitation had dried up the optimism that came with an unusually wet November, but recent rain, has brightened the outlook for the planting season.

"It looks like it could be a little better than last year, but not much," said Jack Eakin, manager of the Twin Falls Canal Co. "As far as water goes, 1989 at least won't be any worse than 1988."

October, a dry month in a dry year, had no precipitation. An unusually

wet November, however, lifted hopes that the drought was over. November precipitation at 3.02 inches was 2.01 inches above normal.

December precipitation was 0.66 below normal, January 0.87 below normal and February 0.3 below normal. The three dry months brought the water year accumulation to 0.1 inch below normal.

The first "soggy" week of March brought the accumulation up to 5.19 inches for the water year. With 1.15 inches, early March brought the water year accumulation back up to 0.29 inch above normal. But the calendar year is still 0.78 inch below normal, said Bill Galkin of the National Weather Service in Kimberly.

Water year accumulation — lost ground to below normal precipitation

during February, said Rog Carlson, water master of Water District 1.

The total snow pack in watersheds was above normal in most areas. At the end of February the snow pack ranged from 94 percent to 110 percent of normal. The result, if precipitation remains normal during the spring, would be a run off about 90 to 95 percent of normal, he said.

Carlson said all reservoirs are expected to fill by sometime in April — except Jackson Lake, which just had fill restrictions lifted this year.

Because soils are extremely dry following two dry years, about 10 to 15 percent of the snow pack will be lost to replace that moisture. Ground water — drained by the Snake River — have not been replenished in the past

and it will take some time to build up those base flows, Carlson said.

"It would take some significant storms to change the situation between now and April 1," said Rich Yanke of the Soil Conservation Service.

At worst the water supply will be better than last year, he said.

In the valleys, however, the soil is not at all dry. Early-November precipitation saturated the ground and froze. The early March rain has thawed and soaked farmlands in most areas, Galkin said. The moisture is timely for local crops, he said.

Irrigators still should be cautious, Eakin said.

"A good November doesn't make a good winter," he said. If the weather turns dry, this year would not be

much better than last year, he said.

The canal company usually spends much of the winter repairing the extensive canal system. This year, however, the cold has been spared.

"We haven't gotten as much done this winter as we wanted," Eakin said.

The outlook for this year's planting

weather looks like cool with nearly normal precipitation.

The 30-day forecast calls for nearly normal temperatures and precipitation, said Scott Kaiser of the National Weather Service in Boise. The longer-range 90-day forecast calls for temperatures a little below normal and just about normal precipitation.

## Strong demand for farm goods expected

By MARLENE FRITZ  
*Special to The Times-News*

**TWIN FALLS** — A University of Idaho agricultural economist says a few clouds are gathering on the economic horizon, but the general economy "seems headed for another reasonably good year."

"According to C. Wilson Gray, of the UI Cooperative Extension Service in Twin Falls, this bodes well for the farm sector, as demand for farm products will likely continue at strong levels — especially for meat, oil seeds, fruit and vegetables."

"Because demand is up for agricultural products, Gray said producers will be tempted to buy land, equipment and livestock to meet it."

That means total farm debt will likely increase in 1989 as both short-term credit and long-term credit lines expand to accommodate demand.

"It is noted that interest rates have crept upward recently as inflation appears to be on the increase. If these rates outstrip inflation, farmers could be faced with higher production costs and a stronger dollar, which could reduce exports to other countries."

"Production is expected to rebound — except in the unlikely event of another drought, Gray said — but increases in production probably will not be great enough to substantially affect prices of most commodities."

Forecasters are placing net farm income for 1989 in the \$45 billion to \$50 billion area. Gray said that "even though government payments will drop to nearly \$11 billion this year, farm income

will be high by historical standards."

Since the farm depression of the 1980s, many operators have delayed purchases of new equipment and are giving it serious consideration this spring. But Gray said many still have a high debt-as-a-ratio or lack the cash-flow to meet large payments.

He called caution "a bit of a necessity in 1989."

**'Total farm debt will likely increase this year as ... credit lines expand to accommodate demand.'**

— C. Wilson Gray, UI Cooperative Extension Service, Twin Falls

easily assume the responsibility for new equipment and for real estate purchases.

Paul Patterson, UI extension agricultural economist in Idaho Falls, agreed that economic strategies that are completely appropriate for some growers are totally inappropriate for others.

He said that, "as a general consideration, producers should work on reducing debt to the greatest extent possible, in particular if they have carry-over debt from previous years."

Producers with high tax liability can offset some of that through machinery acquisition, Patterson said. But he cautioned that "just because the accountant says you should do something for tax purposes, that doesn't mean that is the best decision to make, when other factors are taken into consideration."

He said that consistently maximizing after-tax revenue, not minimizing taxes, should be the "bottom line" in producers' financial strategies.

The UI College of Agriculture can help producers assess their economic positions through the FINPACK financial analysis program. Other planning tools are also available for budgeting and record-keeping. Interested producers should contact Gray at 734-3600 in Twin Falls, Patterson at 529-8376 in Idaho Falls or their county extension agent.

## Study reports on farm deaths in children

**CHICAGO** — A study of farm-related deaths in children in two states suggests that the lack of adult supervision is a key factor in these farm fatalities.

In addition, the research notes, there is a need for safety devices on farm equipment to reduce this mortality.

Published in "Pediatrics," the journal of the American Academy of Pediatrics, the study states that although 55 percent of the deaths in the study are due to moving machinery (tractors, wagons, trucks, non-machinery-related injuries, especially

drownings, account for a substantial number. Most fatalities could have been prevented, the study says, by building fences around bodies of water or installing protective cabins on tractors.

The researchers, from the Centers for Disease Control, the Illinois Department of Health and the Wisconsin Department of Health and Human Services, explain: "It is unfortunate that the lack of adequate safety standards to protect people on the farm already denounced by previous researchers) 10 years ago still exists."

Farming, say the authors, is the second most dangerous occupation in the nation next to mining.

The authors further comment that development of effective environmental protection programs on farms will require major changes in farm safety policy.

"Passive environmental protections should be present whenever children live in the proximity of machinery or bodies of water," say the authors.

"Other types of injury prevention, such as educational measures, appear less likely to be used and effective."

Data was collected on farm-related injury deaths among children up to 9 years of age in Wisconsin and Illinois; states with large rural populations,

from 1979 to 1985. In Wisconsin, the average annual farm-related mortality rate was 3.2 deaths per 100,000 rural children. In Illinois, the corresponding rate was 1.5. Rates were three times higher among boys than girls.

The study found that farm-related injuries were an important cause of mortality in Wisconsin children, especially in those 1 to 4 years of age. The higher Wisconsin rates might be due to the fact that the state has many more dairy farms as compared to crop farms in Illinois.

Dairy farming machinery generally has more exposed moving parts and is "used" more or "in" farm buildings, rather than only in fields.

Marlene Fritz is assistant agricultural editor for the University of Idaho's Ag Communications Center.

## Conservation plan goal met

**WASHINGTON** — More than 65 percent of highly erodible U.S. cropland now has a conservation plan as required by the 1985 Farm Bill.

Conservation plans have been completed for 89.2 million acres of the more than 140 million acres of highly erodible cropland that have been determined to need plans so far.

**U.S. farm program changes**

**WASHINGTON** — The federal farm program is different in some ways this year from last year. The following are some changes:

- For the first time, all farmers must meet the federal definition of being actively engaged in farming to be eligible for subsidies. They have until April 14 to deliver the required information to the Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Service.
- No paid land diversion. In 1988, there was a 10 percent land diversion for feed grains.
- Smaller acreage cutbacks of 10 percent for all grains except oats with 5 percent. These percentages are down from 27.5 percent for wheat and 20 percent for corn, sorghum and barley in 1988.
- Target prices are down 3 percent.
- Loan rates are down 7 percent, except for oats, which is down 6 percent.
- Any portion of farmers' base may be planted to oats without losing base of original crop.
- Advance deficiency payments will be in cash. In 1988, advance payments were half in cash and half in certificates.
- There will be no separate 0/92 sign-up. Regular program and 0/92 enrollment end the same day, April 14.

according to Wilson Sealing, chief of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Soil Conservation Service.

"We met our goal of having conservation plans on 65 percent of highly erodible land by Jan. 1," Sealing said. "Our next goal is to have all of the plans completed by the end of 1989. Our job is to help farmers significantly reduce erosion on their cropland and stay in business."

To stay eligible for USDA programs, farmers and ranchers with highly erodible cropland must have conservation plans approved by their conservation districts by Dec. 31. They have until Dec. 31, 1994, to implement the plans.

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# Rising input costs will cut into profits farmers make this year

By MARTA CLEAVELAND  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - Rising input costs are the down side of a promising up-scale agricultural price this year. While commodity prices remain strong and local water supplies are shaping up, operating input costs - all the expenses that go into growing a crop - generally will see a fairly sizable increase this spring, due in part to increased demand and rising costs for raw materials. Demand for inputs is expected to be up this year as planted acreages will be higher, said Robert Smathers, a University of Idaho agricultural economist. But higher production expenses, combined with smaller government deficiency payments, are expected to cause net cash income to decline in 1989 by \$1 to \$2 billion, according to U.S. Department of Agriculture statistics. The price of seed will show the most dramatic increase of all input

costs, Smathers said. He expects seed to be up between 10 and 20 percent. Chemical costs will jump substantially. "I think an increase of 10 to 15 percent in chemical costs will be typical," he said. Pesticides, herbicides and insecticides will all go up. Prices for all three chemical products rose last year for the first time in the 1980s. Pesticides rose 2 percent, herbicides rose 4 percent and insecticides rose 3 percent, USDA figures show. "Demand for pesticides in the Pacific Northwest was high last year, and should be even higher this year if the Russian wheat aphid persists," Smathers said. Dealers are passing on their higher liability insurance costs, and manufacturers are handing down their additional costs of complying with new Environmental Protection Agency chemical review and registration fees. Fertilizer prices, too, will probably

rise about 10 percent this year, Smathers said. Last year, they rose an average 13 percent due to low U.S. inventories, stable-to-increasing domestic consumption, and a strong export market for nitrogen and phosphate fertilizers. Potassium chloride prices rose a full 37 percent in 1988. This year, tighter regulations by the U.S. Department of Transportation to include anhydrous ammonia as a hazardous waste and to govern its packaging and transportation will likely keep pushing fertilizer prices up, he said. Potash prices will likely rise this spring even above the record high costs experienced last spring, he said. New farm machinery costs could rise 3 or 5 percent this year. "The biggest thing in farm machinery is the price of materials," Smathers said. "Ball bearings have gone sky high and those costs are affecting retail prices." Most of the good used machinery has been bought up, and farmers are

forced to go to the new-machinery market, he said. Demand for farm machinery in the Northwest has been high, Smathers said. Still, new machinery purchases will be nothing like they were in the 1970s, he said. Farmers are more job-conscious now and are buying more with cash. Predicting fuel prices in 1989 is difficult because prices depend on the ever-uncertain activities of OPEC, Smathers said. "You're looking at an increase but it's hard to put a percentage figure on it," he said. Because leased gas is being phased out of use, the price will gradually rise as suppliers stop offering it and competition for the remaining leased fuel increases. The farm financial picture has continued to improve with the almost universal rise in commodity prices. The number of farms with debt/asset ratios above 40 percent fell from 22 percent in 1987 to 15 percent in

1988, according to Russ Withers, an agricultural economist with the University of Idaho. After a decline of 7 percent in 1987, non-real-estate debt held about constant in 1988 and little change is expected in 1989, he said. "Credit is an important input," he said. Interest rates for agricultural loans are higher this year, following the general national lending trend. Agricultural credit rates are usually between 1 percent and 3 percent above the prime interest rate, Withers said. Wages for hired farm workers may show an increase of 5 to 8 percent during 1989, according to Clark Seavert, who is an Oregon State Uni-

versity agricultural economist. The average wage in the Pacific Northwest last year was \$5.74 an hour, up 14.8 percent from 1987. Electric rates are expected to remain stable through the crop season, Smathers said. Higher input costs will definitely take a bite out of anticipated profits this year. However, the big push in agriculture for the next decade will be Low-Input, Sustainable Agriculture (LISA), an alternative farming system that originated with USDA as a way of offsetting increasing environmental problems, Smathers said. LISA may prove to have positive economic benefits for farmers as well, he said.

## Fertilizer placement important, neglected

By MARLENE FRITZ  
Special to The Times-News

**TWIN FALLS** - Precise fertilizer placement is critical to maximum plant response, but 90 percent of the time Magic Valley growers don't achieve it. Dr. Larry Robertson, agronomist with the University of Idaho Cooperative Extension Service in Twin Falls, said the economics of fertilizer placement are primarily responsible. "Some of these placement procedures are more costly than broadcast procedures because it takes different equipment that is a bit more specialized," said Robertson. Another reason was offered by Robert Vodraska, UI agricultural extension agent in Twin Falls County. "The guys get in a big hurry in spring. Maybe they need to slow up

and take a little more time, evaluate what they're doing - but they're only got so many days to put the crop in." When fertilizers are not properly placed, they are less available to the crop because they are "diluted" in the soil. This occurs particularly with phosphorus applied in high pH - or alkaline - soils. "If growers have a pH that would give a low availability of phosphorus, then placement would show more advantage than broadcasting," Robertson said. Soil type and crop both influence where fertilizer bands should be placed. For cereals and most row crops, Robertson said it is normally considered that a band of phosphorus a couple of inches deeper than the seed and two or three inches to the side of the seed row has the most ad-

vantage. In alfalfa, however, banding should be in the upper portion of the soil profile - not below the root zone. Dr. Brad Brown, extension agronomist and research soil scientist at the UI's Southwest Idaho Research and Extension Center at Purbach, said reports from other areas of the country "indicate that banding can be as much as twice as effective as broadcast application of phosphorus." But he said growers should first make certain that phosphorus is actually a limiting factor in their soils by having their soil tested. According to Robertson, unlike phosphorus, nitrogen generally performs well when broadcast because it moves into the soil profile where plant roots can absorb it. Nitrogen can also cause germination injury to

seed, so it should not be placed closer than two inches. Vodraska said farmers who use proper placement methods for fertilizers "are protecting the environment somewhat - through the increased efficiency of the fertilizer band." He said most Magic Valley farmers "are probably doing a pretty fair job of fertilizer placement. On the whole, most of them are pretty concerned about what's happening out there." But Vodraska said there are "always the exceptions" who "may not know or maybe don't care. Some of them are using techniques that are outdated. They need to learn some of the more recent research and do a better job." Marlene Fritz is assistant agricultural editor at the University of Idaho's Ag Communication Center.

## Chemicals

*While there is some public pressure against farm chemicals, use continues to increase*

**WASHINGTON** - Tradeoffs between economic and health issues are central to many of the debates over agricultural chemicals. The economic issue is basically that the productivity and profitability of many sectors of modern agriculture depend on the use of chemicals. The health issues include concerns about groundwater quality, chemical residues in meat and other foods, and the exposure of farmers and farmworkers to chemicals. Economists Stan Daberkow and Katherine Reichelderfer of U.S. Department of Agriculture's Economic Research Service are studying the issues underlying attempts to satisfy both environmental concerns and farmers' efforts to maximize profits, given existing farm programs, technology, and economic conditions. Daberkow and Reichelderfer say that the high demand for agricultural chemicals shows that farmers are motivated to maximize profits through higher yields. The higher yields are usually achieved by increased use of relatively low-cost fertilizers, pesticides, and other inputs purchased off the farm. However, as the economists also note, there is some public pressure to reduce the use of agricultural chemicals and to encourage the use of alternative methods of production. Case studies in the Corn Belt and the Northwest have shown that, under certain circumstances, low-input farming can generate as much profit as conventional farming. But farming methods emphasizing reduced agricultural use are still not widespread in U.S. agriculture. On the contrary, the major trend throughout this century has been to use more purchased inputs, Daberkow says. Since 1900, total production expenses, including the cost of pesticides and fertilizers, increased from 45 percent of gross farm income to more than 80 percent. In 1987, herbicides were used on more than 95 percent of corn and soybean acreage and 60 percent of the wheat acreage in this country. Total pesticide use in U.S. agriculture reached an estimated 820 million pounds (active ingredients) in 1986, up from 335 million in 1965. The value of nitrogen fertilizer in promoting corn growth was well established by 1965, about 75 pounds per acre of commercial nitrogen being applied to 88 percent of corn acreage. By 1987, 98 percent of corn acreage was being treated, with applications averaging 132 pounds per acre. The aggregate use of nitrogen fertilizer on corn, soybeans, and wheat has more than doubled since 1965. About 4.6 million tons were applied

on the three crops in 1965 and 10.3 million tons in 1987. Daberkow and Reichelderfer say that evidence provided by agricultural scientists indicates that rates of fertilizer use may sometimes be higher than necessary for optimum levels of plant nutrition. Thus, chemicals currently may be overused considering the possible dangers to underground and surface water quality, food supplies, and farmworkers' health and safety. One of the reasons for the increased chemical use is that those inputs cost less than labor and farm machinery to achieve similar results. Over the last 40 years, the costs of labor, as well as capital and land, have increased much faster than the costs of agricultural chemicals, say Daberkow and Reichelderfer. Another reason agricultural chemicals are used in increasing amounts is the extra time and expertise that alternative production methods may require. Federal commodity programs, which use past yields as a basis for determining base acreage, might have encouraged the more intense use of fertilizers and pesticides to increase yields, the economists say. But the programs that often require producers to idle a portion of their acreage in order to qualify for price supports may reduce the total load of pesticides and fertilizers used. A lack of flexibility in cropping patterns built into the government programs. For example, if higher prices for a non-program crop encourage its production in a given year, the farmer must consider the loss of base acreage in deciding whether to switch

crops. The possibility of substituting soybeans for corn can create such a dilemma. Some researchers have suggested that, if chemical use is determined to be excessive, one way to encourage lower rates of use would be to impose fees or taxes on the purchase of chemicals. Given the production benefits of chemical use, a tax would have to be high to discourage their use, the economists say. Taxes would increase production costs and possibly raise commodity prices, they add. If farm income supports could be separated from the effect that commodity programs have on the types of crops planted and the intensity of production efforts, agricultural chemical use may be reduced, say the economists. Such a change would involve discontinuation of the short-term acreage reduction programs that periodically cut the overall use of chemicals. Finally, management, education, and information could reduce reliance on agricultural chemicals, say Daberkow and Reichelderfer. Examples include limiting the use of applications, adopting more sophisticated testing of the soil and plant tissues to determine the best application rates, and monitoring pest levels more closely. Uncertainty and imperfect information may lead to excessive use of agricultural chemicals, and could be offset by training, education, and extension of new information leading to reduced demand, say the researchers. For example, weather forecasts are valuable tools in making the best use of pesticides. Training which reduces errors in assessing pest damage could help in decisions to substitute labor

and management for pesticide use, as has been shown by pest control studies in orchards. New technology can help reduce environmental damage and health risks. Examples include nitrogen-fixing grasses, biopesticides, improved carrier material to keep nutrients near the roots and pesticides near the pests, and crops genetically engineered to resist insects. Technological improvements could allow farmers to maintain or increase productivity, but initially could be expensive. Farmers must be convinced that new technology would ultimately increase their profits, Daberkow says. There is little market incentive for private development of low-input systems that would reduce the use of conventional or traditional agricultural chemicals, the analysts say. However, should agricultural inputs become more expensive or regulatory actions ban their use, the private sector would probably devote more resources to developing replacement products. If environmental issues are to have higher priority and if greater use of low-input production methods is to be achieved, the analysts say that some form of government intervention might be necessary. But they contend that regulation and other forms of direct intervention to change price signals could be ineffective if agriculture experiences another boom in export demand and commodity prices. Under these conditions, it would be even more difficult to achieve the goals of maintaining profits and a competitive international market position, while also improving environmental conditions.

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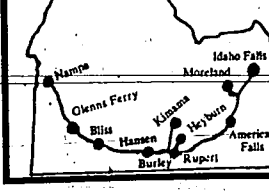
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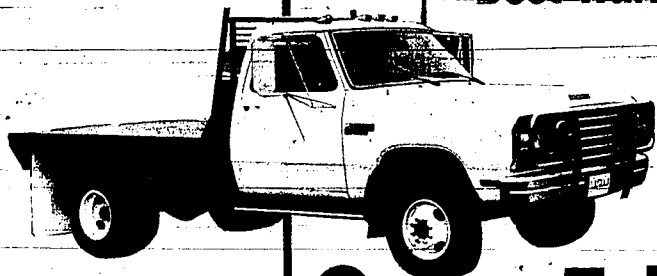
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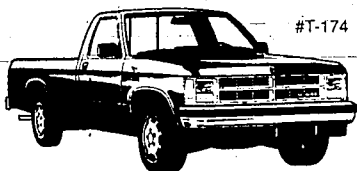


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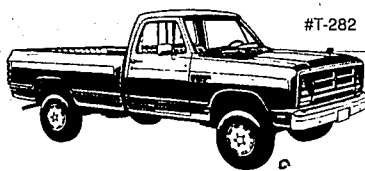
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